

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**OLIVE SCHOOL
CEMETERY**

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located in SE cor of Sect. 2, Twp. 29S, Rge. 21 E.

Olive School District No. 32 was located on a plot of ground described above, and several graves were in the NW part of the plot, possibly 200' W & 75' N from the SE cor. of this section. A Mrs. Stevens who lived about 3/4 mi. E of this on the S side of the road, attended the school here when she was a girl many years ago, and recalled seeing several tombstones at that time--possibly more than we found today. The school house has been gone many years. Mrs. Stevens recalled the Gawthrop and Little families.

The location might also be described as 12 mi W of Girard, then N 2 mi. on the road to Walnut.

One good sized granite stone is standing (the first copied below), and the others are all falled & close by it, as though gathered at this spot.

(granite) Gawthrop Emily C. 1854-1871 Mary J. Carson 1850-1884

(fallen) Thomas Fitzgerald born July 11 1824 died Feb 24 1873 aged 44 ys.

(fallen) J. E. Little son of S. J. & H. Little died Mar 1 1875 aged 15 y's 5 m's.

(fallen; badly eroded) Mary wife of J. (S?) Carson died Aug 2 18 (84?) aged 33 yrs. 9 mo 26 ds.

(Fallen, broken, badly eroded) (Gawthrop?) born April 29 1854 died

(apparently the last 2 were older stones that were replaced by the first large granite stone).

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Carson
Fitzgerald
Gawthrop
Little

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11-8-1973 Mrs. Thurman Rhudy of Girard stated that she attended the Olive School at this location about 2 years in the early 1920's, and she recalled quite a number of stones, perhaps 25. There was an effort to get these bodies removed to regular cemeteries, and she thought all but about 3 or 4 were moved out. She recalled the names of Little, Carson and Fitzgerald as families in the community, and believed Sam Little and wife were moved from here. She said they referred to it as the Little Cemetery at that time.