

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**SHIRLY - STATE PARK
CEMETERY**

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The name of "Shirly Cemetery" seems to have been the older name for the State Park Cem.

Mr. Orval Taylor, R. 2, Girard, Ks., tells that his father Albert Taylor was left an orphan and was not being treated very well by a family with whom he was staying. Mrs. Hiram (Eliza A.) Taylor then took him in and raised him and was very good to him. Orval believes there was no blood relationship between the two Taylor families, but Albert Taylor thought so much of his foster mother, Eliza A., that Orval still places flowers on her grave each memorial day, in this cemetery.

Orval has part of "History of Kansas" by Andreas, 1883, p.1114, which has a biography of Hiram Taylor. This states that Hiram married Miss Eliza A. Carlton in 1869, and she died in 1880 and is buried in the SHIRLY cemetery, Washington Twp.

We note also a Carlton stone there.

A check of land records in the Register of Deeds office showed no "Shirly" names on this section, but did show that John Q. Ralph rec'd a W.D. 1-18-1880 from the K.C. F.S.&G. RR, for a part of the above section.

The 1870 census of Crawford Co. shows the following in Washington Township

#19 - 19	Shirley, Peter	55	Farmer	---	400	Ohio
	" Catherine	48	keeping house			Ohio
	" Albert	18	farm laborer			Ill.
	" Amelia	17				Ill.
	" Winchester	15	farm laborer			Iowa
	" Joseph	10	attending school			"
# 20 - 20	Ralf, Wm. J.	35	farmer	----	200	Ohio
	" Susan	25	keeping house			"
	" Rebecca	3				Ind.
	" Mary E.	10/12				Mo.

The Genealogical Soc. of SE Kans. at Pittsburg has a copy of stones in this cem. made by Mrs. R. P. Emmitt. Included were these two which we did not find. Likely they disappeared after Mrs. Emmitt copied them:

Edwin son of H. E. & A. Taylor died Nov 2 1875 age 1 yr. (perhaps H. & E. A.?)
 Mahala dau. of W. J. & S. Rolph born April 4, 1874 died Sept 20, 1875

SHIRLY CEMETRY OR
STATE PARK CEMETERY

Located about mid-way along the W side of Sect. 32, Twp. 29 S. Rg. 25 E.
which is about 2 1/2 mi S of the "7-mile corner" N of Pittsburg & E of Girard.

A sign states "Lone Star Grange Project". It is neatly kept, and all the
stones have been whitewashed. We estimate the size as 75' frontage along the
highway and about 200' deep E-W.

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Carlton?	Henderson
DeLaBarr	Herrin
Geary	Ralph
Headley	Taylor

(base, no stone, to N side of cem.)

- (n) Cassa born Oct 18 1879 died Jan 21 1881
- (e) Children of R. J. & R. E. Herrin (verse dimmed with whitewash)
- (s) Ophlis C. born Jan 8 1881 died Feb 17 1881

(3 stones broken & eroded)

(dove design) Charles W. son of L. H. & S. C. Geary died Sep 4 1878 aged 13 yr & 18 ds.

(ftst) E G —

(base of hdst, stone missing)

(broken ftst:) P. S.

(Girard Press: LaCov
Item: John Ralph, 8
mo. old son of Wm. &
Susan d 8-4-1876.)

John F. son of W. J. & S. Ralph born Dec 28 1875 died Aug 5 1876

(design of finger pointing up) Susan wife of(broken, reset, part missing)
(verse illegible)

.....(part missing) died Feb 10 1879 aged 31 y. 4 m. & 21 d. Asleep in Jesus,
blessed sleep. From which none ever wakes to weep.

James W. son of L. R. & A. E. DeLaBarr born Dec 1 1872 age 2 yrs. 1 mo. 9 ds.

(ftst. by tree) J. F. R.

OK

" D. W. H.

(broken) Nannie dau. of W. M. & (Carlton?) born Oct (5?) 1871 died Sept (17?) 187
(verse on part standing) our circle . On earth we will meet her no more.
She is gone to her home in heaven, And all her afflictions are o'er.

(hdst or ftst:) no name; also another with L.T. and one with N. C.

(other ftsts:) J. W. D. G. H. H. E. H. (last to following stone:)

(rose design) Ellen wife of J. J. Henderson born June 3 1846 died March 21 1877
She was a kind and affectionate wife, a fond mother, and a friend to all.

(clasped hands design) Eliza A. wife of Hiram Taylor born Feb 8 1850 died (set in conc)

2 rocks mark 2 graves

(lamb atop small stone, head broken) Docki W. son of J. B. & S. Headley died
Sept. 10 1882 aged 7 ys 9 ms 2 ds.

(Copied Jan. 10, 1971 by William & Jessie Cuthbertson.)