

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**TROGDON
CEMETERY**

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Crawford County Genealogy Society

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Located NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30 Twp. 27S Rg. 25E.

This is 1 mi E. and 1/3 mi. N of Cato, then back in across a pasture about $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. or more to the E. It is located on a rise of ground with Drywood Creek not far to the SE. The town of Drywood, which is no more, was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. or more to the S. on the other side of the creek. A very pretty location.

The cemetery may be about 100 ft. NS and 150 ft. EW, and is well fenced with a new looking barbed wire fence and steel posts. There are 3 cedars and some other larger trees, and much underbrush and weeds. It is possible we missed stones in the entanglement, but searched carefully. Some graves are marked only with rocks. There is a yard gate at the NW corner.

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Oldest birth date: Rev. Ure Trogon
b 1807 d 1865

Oldest death date: John K. Hale
d 1-30-1865
(b. 5-17-1815)

Copied 11-7-1970 by Wm. Cuthbertson & E. R. (Ernie) Stevens of Girard, Kans.
Revisited and rechecked some stones 2-13-1975.

Directed to site by Dale Smith, great-grandson of Nels Smith, who lives on his grandfather Peter Smith's farm $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. W of Cato.

(5 Owen stones just inside gate at NW corner. They are homemade, of concrete with wire-embedded lettering.)

Vaughan W. Owen B Apr 29 1922 D Feb 3 1923 Owen

Mary A. Owen B May 28 D Aug 23 1920 Owen

Sarah D. Owen B May 25 1821 D May 15 1898 Owen

Hattie E. Owen B July 3 1860 D Mar 9 1920 Owen Mother (Holly Bible)

Vaughan W. Owen born Mar 21 1853 dec. Dec 16? 1933 Owen Father

(single stone, fallen, fenced with wire fence around single grave)
John D. Seybolt born in Romulus Seneca Co. N.Y. Aug 5 1812 died June 4 1880

(fallen) Robert F. James died Mar 31 1894 aged 54 y 8 m 22 d (AOUW)

(base, no stone)

(fallen & broken) Margret dau. of R. F. & (I. or L.?) James born July 18 1885
died Mar 19 1887

(fallen) (Lamb design) Charles W. son of R. F. & E. James born & died Mar 20 1892

(fallen) Benjamin F. Stockton born Apr 14 1840 died Apr 1 1869

(fallen) Elizabeth H. dau of R. F. & E. James born Mar 12 1883 died Feb 29 1884

Sarah E. James born May 14 1866 died Sept 14 1866

John W. James Jr. born March 14 1852 died Jan 16 1870

(very worn) Huldah C. dau of W. R. and E. James born Sep 16 (1870?) died Feb 6 1877

(fallen) William Curtis son of W. R. & Emma James born Aug 13 1879 died July 3 1892
(base:) Death has borne away

Our darling from our side (FBst) W. C. J.
Just in the morning of his day
In youth and love he died.

Robert E. son of R. F. & L. James born Dec 10 1872 died Jan 17 1882

(rocks outline a grave)

John K. Hale born May 17 1815 died Jan 30 1865 aged 49 yrs. 6 months and 13 days.
(FBst) J. K. H.

(new-type large red granite stone) Trogdon Son Oliver R. 1854-1 873 Son Samuel M.
1848-1865 Fath. r Rev. Ure 1807 1865 Mother Rebecca nee Walker 1812-1 873

(fallen & broken stone lying directly E of large stone above)
Rev. Ure Trogdon departed this life Aug 5 1865 aged 57 yrs. 11 mos. and 28 days.
A Protestant Methodist Preacher

Samuel Mc Trogdon departed this life Aug 5 1865 aged 16 yrs. 9 mos & 28 days.

Oliver R. Trogdon departed this life March 15 1873 age 16 yrs 11 mos 16 dys

(red granite hdst) Richard Marlin son of Frank & Freda Trogdon May 31 1923

(pile of cut native stones, larger than a grave, not piled in order)

(E end) William Dent born Feb 16 1828 died Dec 1 1869

(small rock in E end by fence)

(stone, native rock, shaped rounded top, no visible inscription)

(S part near fence) metal mortuary marker, old, no name

" E. H. Tuttle 1841-1908

(rock, no name)

(fallen) Gussie Ray son of G. C. & Mary E. Mason born Feb 18 1895 died July 1 1895

(dove design) Kittie May Mason born Mar 24 1889 died Mar 17 1891

One by one earth's ties are broken
As we see our love decay
And the hopes so fondly cherished
Brighten but to pass away
One by one our hopes grow brighter
As we near the shining shore
For we know across the river
Wait the loved ones gone before.

Osker son of G. C. & M. E. Mason born May 27 1878 died Aug 6 1861

(rock) (N end) M. A. Buck
(S end) (L. J.?) Buck

(note: in 1975 Mr. Gerald P. Wood and his cousin Miss Enid Dunlap visited the grave of his g-g-fa & her g-fa Wm. Dent (above), and believing Wm. & Polly Dent's son was buried there, they dug in the earth and found the fallen stone of the boy:)

Joseph E. Dent born April 10, 1852 died Feb 16 1868 (to the left of his father's stone)
He is not dead but sleepeth.

Hetzer graves: Mrs. Leverich of 110 E. Forest, Pittsburg, Kans., 3-31-1971, states that her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hetzer are buried in the Trogdon Cem., she believed there was a marker at one time, but may be gone now. Also Mrs. Leverich's mother Mrs. Delia Hetzer and Mrs. Delia Hetzer's infant son Alonzo are buried there, but never had markers.

10-14-1972 Mrs. Opal Palmer Marshall, formerly of this vicinity, stated that many graves were moved from Trogdon Cem. to the Large Cem., N of Cato in Bourbon Co.

3-1974 Gerald P. Wood of Ft. Scott states that his g-g-fa Wm. Dent was Civil War vet. Also bur. are Wm's wife, Polly Dent, who d 1915; Also bur. was an aunt of Mr. Wood's, Polly Preston, who was bur. 1879, less than a year old. Many yrs. later Mr. Wood's g-fa. W. A. Preston moved as much as he could find of the dau.'s remains to the Large Cem.

Miss Enid Dunlap of near Arma, Kans., is a grand-dau. of Wm. Dent. She recalls when quite small she attended the funeral of her grandmother, Polly Dent, and that she was buried to the right or south of her husband, William Dent. Polly was born Nov. 14, 1830-31, and died March 28, 1915.