

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**WILLIAMS
CEMETERY**

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Crawford County Genealogy Society

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Located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 33 Twp. 27 S. Rge. 24 E.

This is 2 mi. E of highway #7 at Farlington, then 2.4 mi. N to Drywood Creek, then another .3 mi. to the new Steele residence (which is on W side of county road in Sec. 32), then back to the E in a pasture nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. The Steele residence might also be described as being just less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of the N line of Sections 32 & 33. The cemetery appears to be about 200 yds. W of a N-S fence which divides the former "Redlon Ranch" on the east from the Steele farm where the cem. is located. The cemetery is in a grove of trees, including one evergreen, and just to the SE of a little draw. It was approached on foot across a pasture from the SW, due to brush directly to the W of the cem.

This cemetery is about 100 ft. square and was once fenced, but only posts remain in places, and cattle graze the land. Only two stones are still standing, and these leaned badly. There were 3 or 4 rows of graves in the S central part; we found no graves in the rest of the cemetery, but no doubt some are unmarked, and several bases of missing stones are visible. Carl Martinson, an old-timer in this neighborhood, helped locate the spot, and recalled that a Russell infant was buried there many years ago, but no marker was found today. Footstones with initials "M", "W", & "J" possibly stood for Moore, Williams and Johnston, or other names we did not find.

Mrs. Ivan Hewett of Girard, formerly of Farlington, was a Williams, and those buried here are relatives, but not ancestors. She stated that at one time the mother of John & Harmon Russell lived where the Steele residence is now located, and Mrs. Russell did much to reclaim the cemetery, built fence, reset stones, etc.

A second visit to this old cemetery, in 1973, located 5 more stones under leaves, etc., which had not been found on the first trip. A pitchfork was used to locate these markers.

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Froggett
 Johnston
 Mitchell
 Moore
 Nance
 Russell (not found)
 Williams

(copied 10-2-1970 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Carl Martinson)

Sedelia J. Moore born Jan 23 1836 died Jan 29 1883 (rose design) (ftst: S.J.M.)

Paul B. Williams died Feb 24 1880 age 23 yrs. 3 m. & 10 ds.
Free from all cares and pain, Asleep my body lies
Until the final trumpet Calls the dead to Christ.

(eroded stone, illegible)

Ansel Williams born Nov 12 1824 died Oct 24 1868

(this stone still standing; design of hand with finger pointing up)

Mary A. wife of Ansel Williams died Aug 28 1884 aged 50 ys 9 ms & 29 ds.
Rest mother rest in quiet sleep While angels.....

Robert A. Froggett born Sept 25 1805 died Feb 14 1871 (ftst: R.A.F.)

(only granite stone in cem) Johnston, Herndon C. 1821-1904 at rest.

.....(broken) died Dec 4 188.....

Alice dau of S. & A. G. Johnston born June 19 1883 died Sept 25 1884 (ftst: A.J.)
Thou art gone little Alice Sweet child of our love,
From earth's fairy strand To bright mansions above.

Carl son of S. & A. G. Johnston died Mar 11 1895 aged 5 ms & 3 ds
Sleep on sweet babe and take thy rest,
God called thee home he thought it best.

(this stone still standing):

Laura I. dau. of W. D. & Jane Nance died Aug 14 1881 age 8 m 23 d.

Nancy wife of Lawrence Johnston died June 20 1869 aged 80 years.

(shaft type, small, lying on side:) (G) (no name, nor did base have name; probably part of Paul B. Williams stone.

(broken piece with poem:) Dear Mother.....

Several bases with no visible stones; Ftsts: J.M.M., A.E.J., R.E.M.,

(copied 4-12-1973 by Wm. Cuthbertson & E. R. Stevens)

(broken) Martha J. wife of B. Mitchell born Apr - 1846 died Dec 4 1882

(fallen) Rispa E. dau. of B. & M. J. Mitchell born Sept 1 1867 died ...12-1878

" Leondo son of B. & M. J. Mitchell born Apr 28 1885 died Aug 26 1885
Gone but not forgotten.

Lodosky dau. of H. C. & M. A. Johnston born July 30 1860 died Sept (6?) 1874

(fallen) Polly dau. of H. C. & M. A. Johnston born Sept 20 1857 died July 5 1884
Dearest Polly thou hast left us Here thy loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God who has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

(fallen & illeg.)Johnston.....