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Cemetery and Burial Site photos by Phil Wizer

The James Eagle Headstone in Big Springs' Eastview Cemetery

Eagle joined Co. F, 2nd Regiment of the Kansas Militia in Big Springs. In 1864, he was killed in the Battle of the Blue, Jackson County, Mo. and buried in Big Springs Eastview Cemetery. He left a wife and three sons, one of whom founded the Eagle Cigar Co. in Topeka. Please see pages 6 and 7 about ordering information for this historic guidebook.

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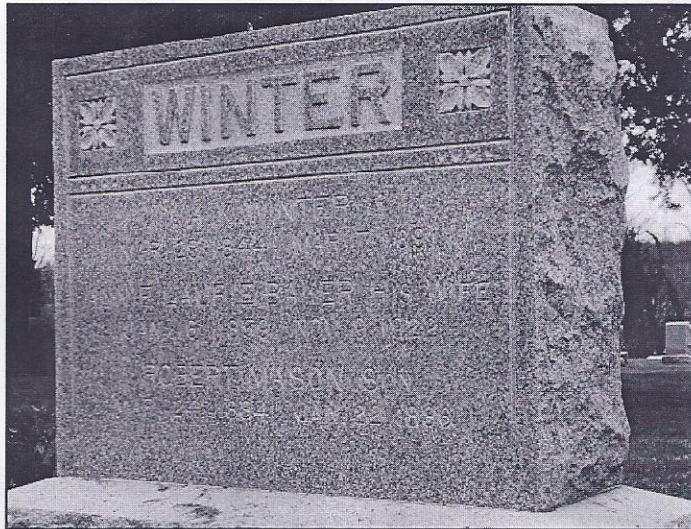
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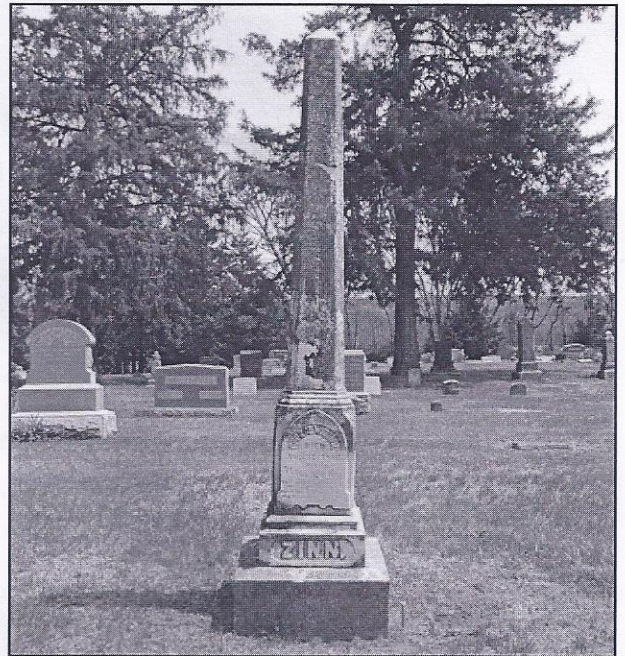
Lecompton Township's



As the legend goes, Col. Albert Boone, the grandson of Daniel Boone, and Dr. Aristide Rodrique were sent by Washington D.C. to locate the new Kansas Territory's capitol site. Both were smitten by the hills of Lecompton overlooking the Kansas River, and it was from that high vantage that Colonel Boone spotted his first Bald



Winter Family

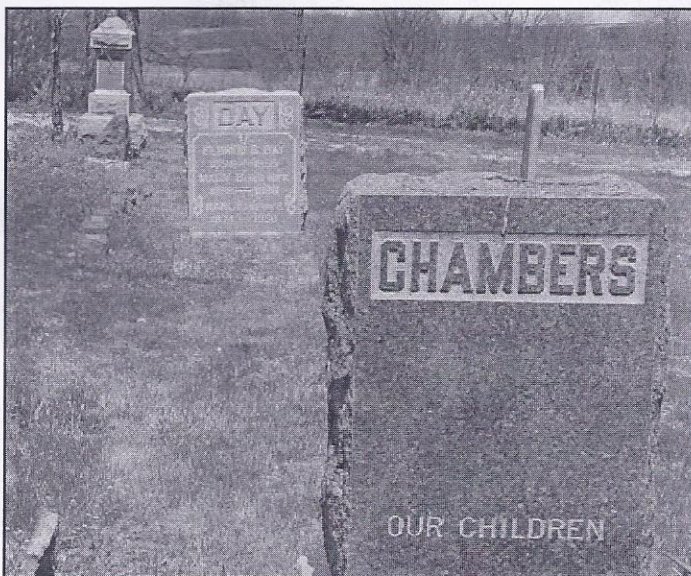


Zinn Family

Maple Grove Cemetery Lecompton, Kansas

The cemetery is owned and administered by the Board of Trustees of Maple Grove Cemetery. It is located two miles west and ½ mile south of Lecompton on Road 1023. The cemetery consists of three acres on the east side of the road. An additional two acres on the west side of the road was purchased later. These two tracts comprise the cemetery today.

George Zinn and Moses McCall both came to Kansas in 1854 and settled in Lecompton Township. Their properties had a common north-south boundary. Geo. Zinn later located a family graveyard on the west side of his property.

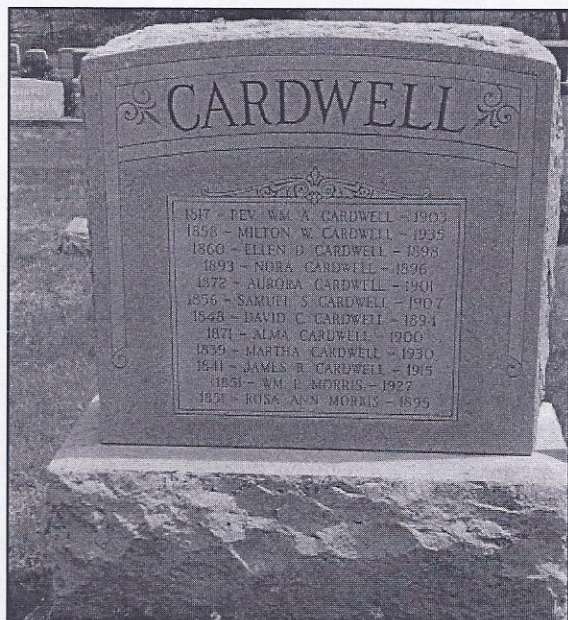


Day Family

Maple Grove Cemetery



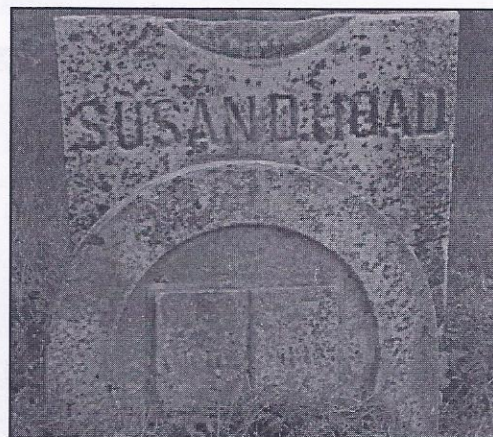
Eagle. He named the town Bald Eagle but for political reasons it was later changed to Lecompton, honoring Judge Samuel LeCompte. The cemetery, however, remained The Bald Eagle Cemetery and Dr. Rodrigue was its first inhabitant. It would take World War II to change that.



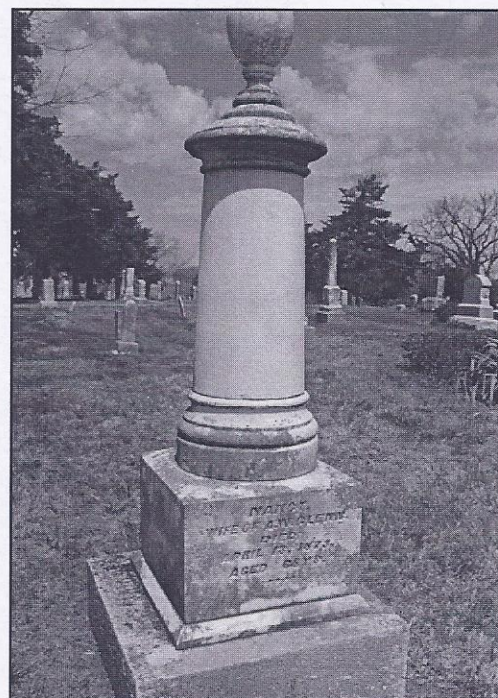
Rev. Cardwell Family

The first burial was that of his daughter, Sarah Ann Zinn, in 1862. This tract afterwards became a community graveyard., but was also used by the town. It was situated in the Zinn, Morris, McCall, Glenn neighborhood. There was no organization. Neighbors were sextons and undertakers, and until 1875, there were no records.

From the records of November 13, 1875: The Articles of Incorporation of Maple Grove Cemetery Association, State of Kansas, Douglas County. It is hereby certified that G. W. Zinn, G. W. Morris, James A. Davidson, John Ferris, and Moses McCall have associated themselves together under the name and title of Maple Grove Cemetery Association for the purchase of a burying ground in the county of Douglas, State of Kansas, under the general corporation laws of the State of Kansas.



Susan D. Hoad

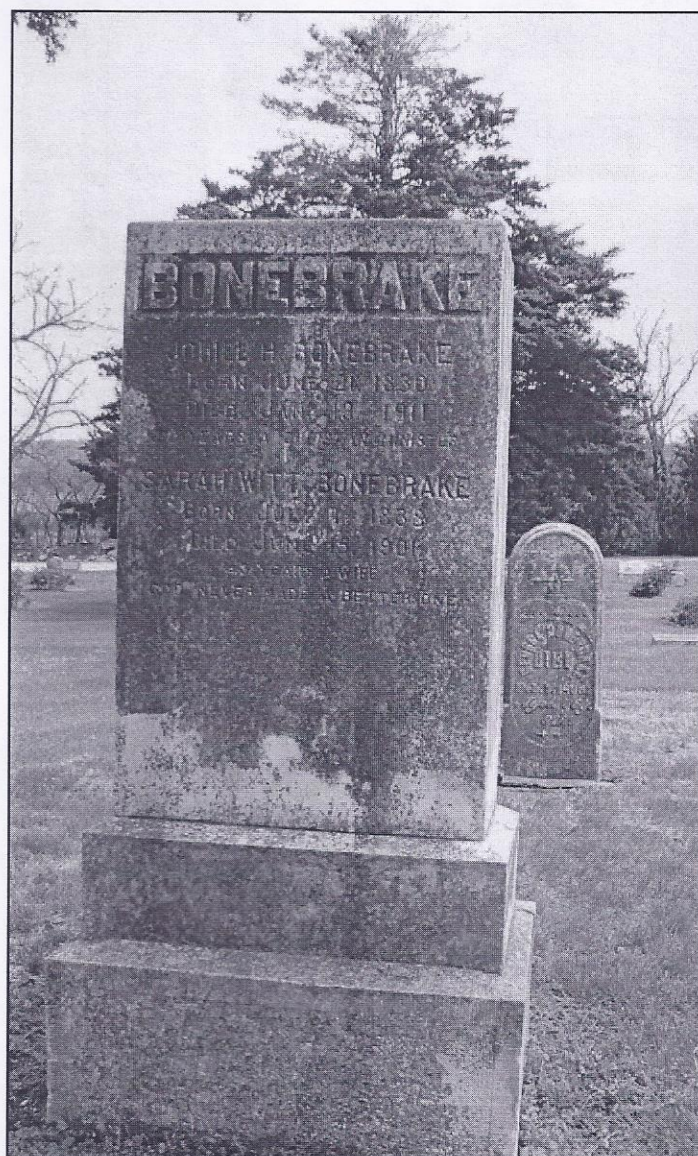


Glenn Family

Maple Grove Cemetery, *continued*



Maple Grove Cemetery



Dr. Bronebake Family

Topoka Capital—October 25, 1942

OKA 3 Lecompton Cemetery of 1854 Moved for U.S. Rock Quarry

Lecompton, Kan., Oct. 24.—(Special)—The old Lecompton Cemetery, east of Lecompton, has been moved by the Kaser Construction Company to a plot nearby in order to quarry rock for Government war bases.

The old cemetery was located on the west slope of the large hill east of town, overlooking the Kansas River, a very unsuitable location and difficult of access. It had long since been abandoned and was used for a cow pasture. The old cemetery was easily found for it was located south and east of the depot, upon a very rocky hill that lies east of the stockyards. A short distance to the north, the Santa Fe Railroad follows pretty closely the winding of the "Kaw" River.

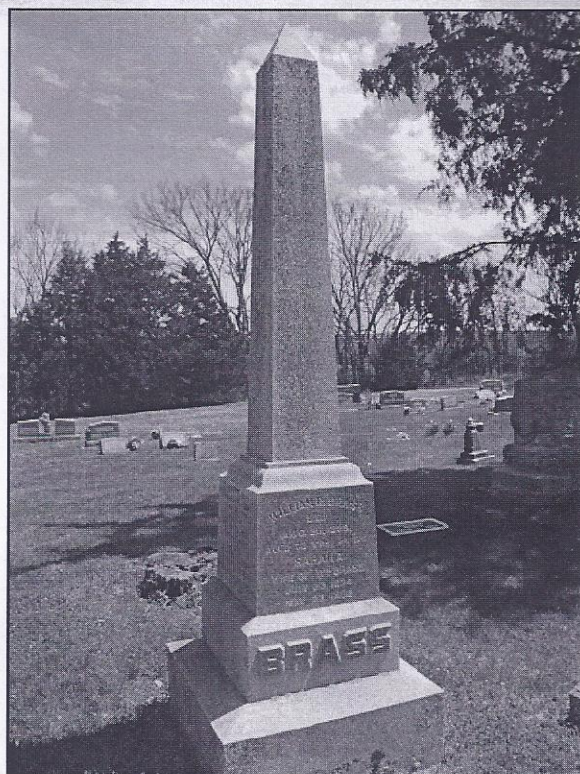
The Lecompton Cemetery was plotted in the year 1854. This cemetery was laid out at the time when many were being slain over the question of whether or not slavery might exist in Kansas, which was reckoned as a free state. A committee was appointed to select the cemetery which was first known as "The Bald Eagle Cemetery," commemorating the time when Colonel Boone, nephew of the famous Daniel Boone, stood upon the hill and shot an eagle. Later the name of the cemetery was changed to "Lecompton."

There were quite a number of graves there, but many were not marked. There were only three monuments, one marking the former resting place of Nelson Bowman, who was a student at Lane University, and was drowned in

the river June 19, 1877. A stone wall enclosed the other two monuments, one a marble slab bearing the following inscription: "In memory of James O'Neil, consort of Alice V. O'Neil, native of Athy Co., Kildare, Ireland. Departed this life in Lawrence on the memorable 21st day of August, 1863. Aged about 41 years." The other, a square monument, has inscriptions on all four sides as follows: "David C. O'Neil, born in Wacking, Va., March 9, 1863, died in Leavenworth, Kansas, July 22, 1867. Alice O'Neil Brown, born in Ashtonshire, England, June 24, 1830. James O'Neil, native of Athy Co., Kildare, Ireland, died August 21, 1863. Anna Victoria O'Neil Wilson, born in Wheeling, Virginia, September, 1857, died in Montrose, Colorado, October 31, 1883."

The first body buried in the cemetery was that of Dr. Aristides Roderiquo, or Roderick, the first physician who located in Lecompton, and also the first postmaster. His son, Andrew, also was buried there. The bodies later were removed and shipped east. Roderiquo's body, when exhumed, was petrified.

Doctor Roderiquo is remembered as one of the committee appointed to select the burial grounds and, too, because it was his son who dared to spit in the face of the territorial governor. The dramatic incident occurred while the son stood upon the steps of the old Legislative Building which now is used by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Roderiquo died of old age two or three weeks after he helped to select the cemetery.



Brass Family

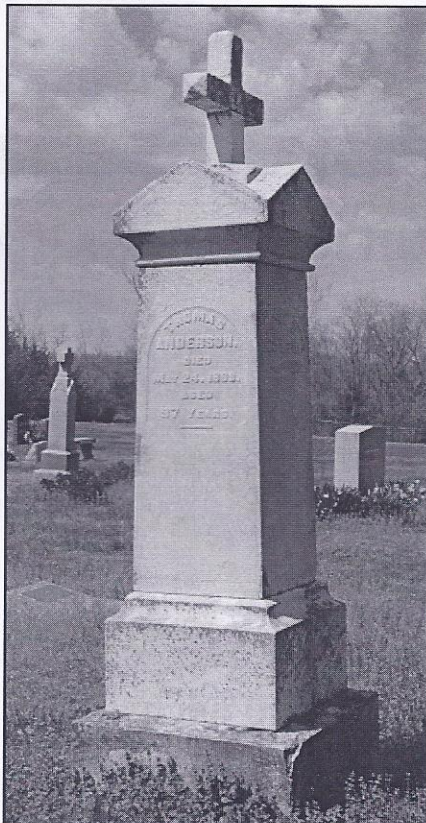


St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Big Springs, Kansas

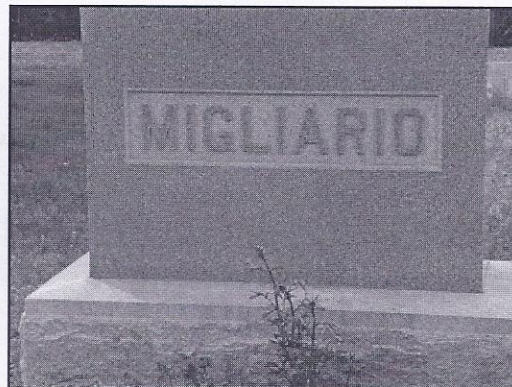
St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery is about one mile west of Big Springs, on land that was adjacent to the St. Peters Catholic Church. Mrs. Amos Custard (Rose Geelan) died in February 1859. According to tradition she is buried on the grounds. At that time, the church was meeting in Lecompton, or in the home of members. Between 1859 and 1865, Amos J. Custard donated five acres of land west of Big Springs to the church.

The first church building, a wooden structure, built in the early 1860s, was located toward the northern edge of the

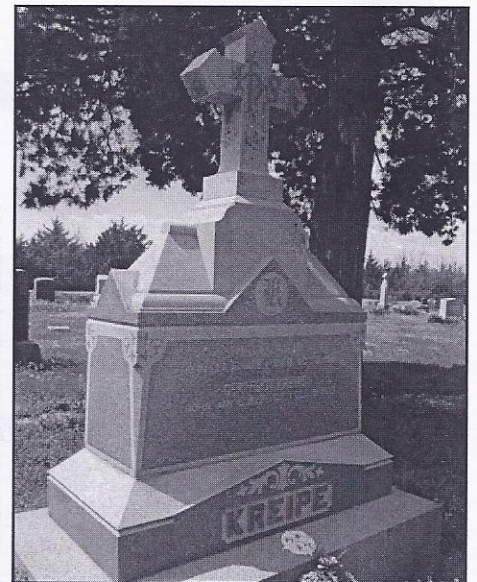
property along the old US 40 highway. This structure was replaced in 1906 by a larger, wooden structure. This building was used by the church many years. It was torn down in 1987. Only the cemetery and two stone pillars remain. About 20 years ago many, including those like members of the Anderson family, worked hard to save the old clap board, classic-styled St. Peter's Church but the funds for preservation couldn't be raised. To preserve the church's heritage artifacts including stained glass windows, statuary, altar railing and other items were incorporated into displays at Territorial Capital Museum.



Anderson Family



THE STONEMASON—Mark Migliario was about 40 when he left Italy to come to Lecompton to help build the Kansas Territorial Capitol Building. That project was abandoned in the late 1850s and Migliario turned to building many of Lecompton's finest stone homes.



THE IMMIGRANT—Theodore Kreipe represented another type of hard-working immigrants, settling in Tecumseh at the age of 20, where he married Gertrude Deister Engleke.

CEMETERIES & KNOWN BURIALS

Of Lecompton & Kanwaka Townships

MAPLE GROVE — LECOMPTON
MIGLARIO/PIONEER
EASTVIEW — BIG SPRINGS
CROWDER/LEWIS — LAKEVIEW
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Known Family Cemeteries

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GROVER — HANSELMAN — INGE
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NICHOLS — PIONEER LADY
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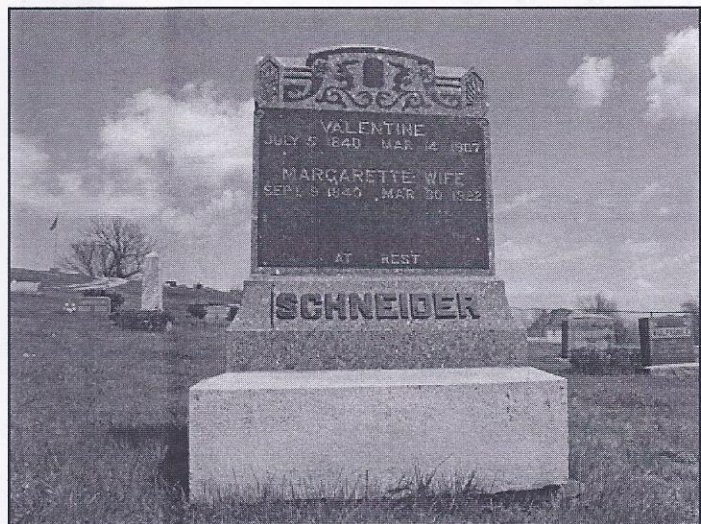
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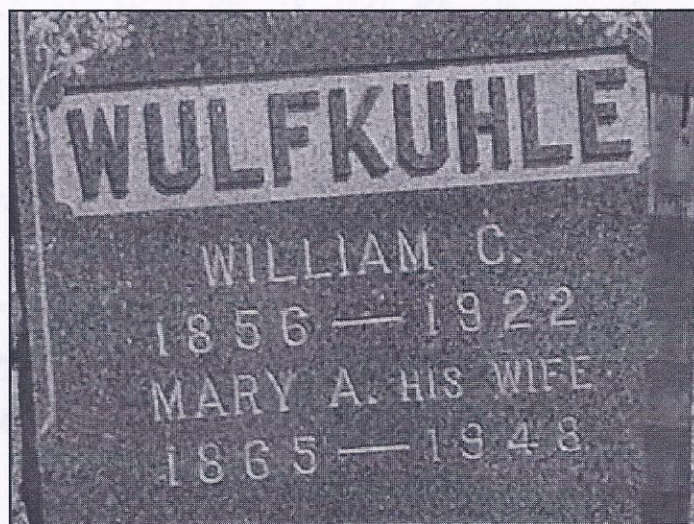
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Stull (Emmanuel Hill on Deer Creek) Cemetery



Schneider Family

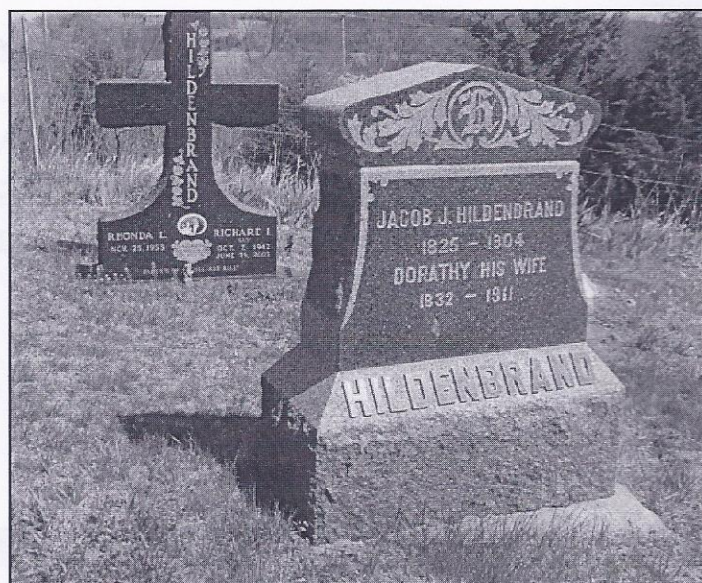


Wulfkuhle Family

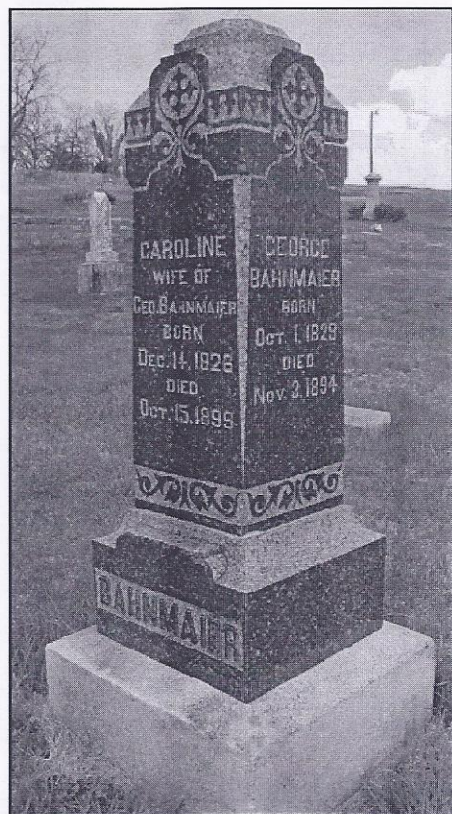
The Stull Cemetery holds the tombstones of many of Kanwaka Township's leading families. The Wulfkuhles, who first settled here in 1858, the Hildenbrands, who donated land and were in part responsible for organizing the cemetery over 100 years ago, and the Schneiders, Damms, Bahnmaiers, Houks, Stulls, Noes and other early Evangelical Emmanuel Church members have many descendants still living in the area.

The cemetery has been expanded to include additional land on the western edge of its original boundary.

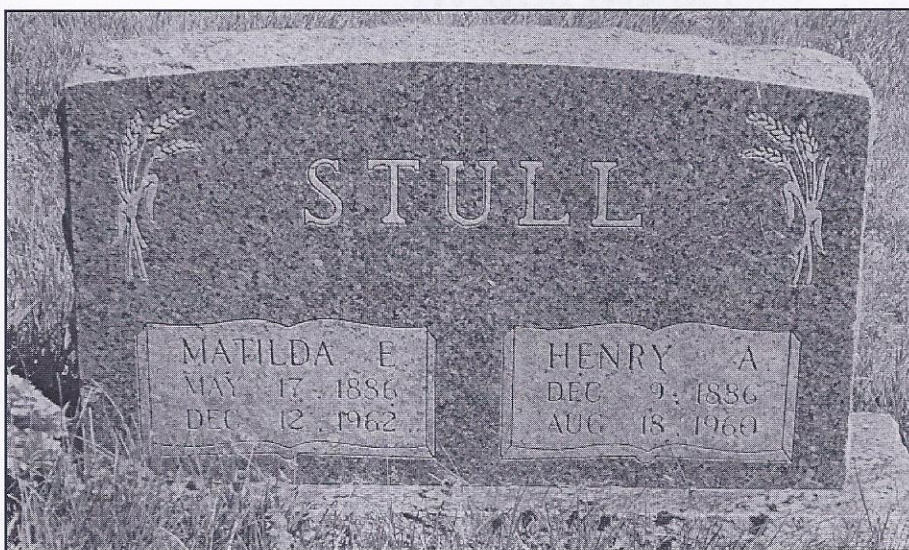
The Stull Cemetery Association owns and administers the cemetery.



Hildenbrand Family

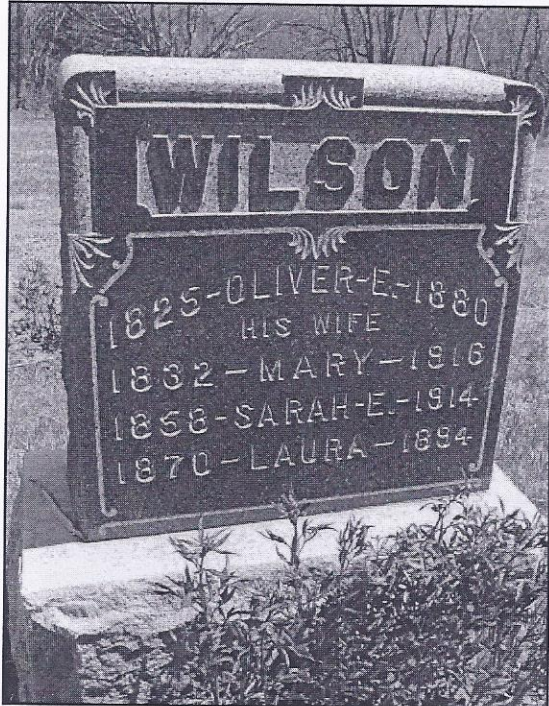


Bahnmaier Family



Stull Family

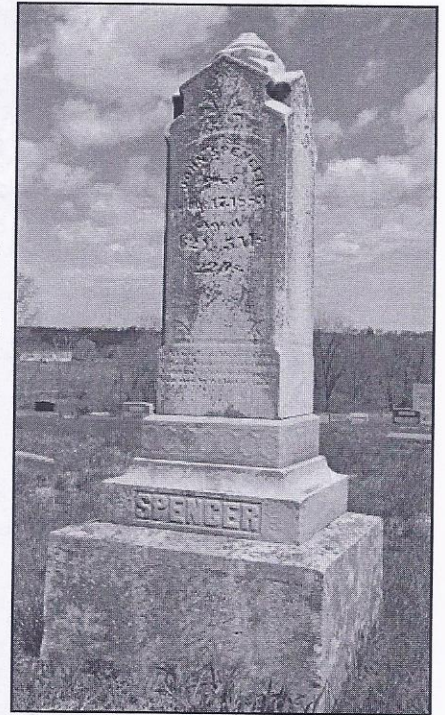
Big Springs – East View – Cemetery



Wilson Family

Owned and administered by the East View Cemetery Company, this cemetery is about 1 ½ miles north of US Highway 40 on County Road 100.

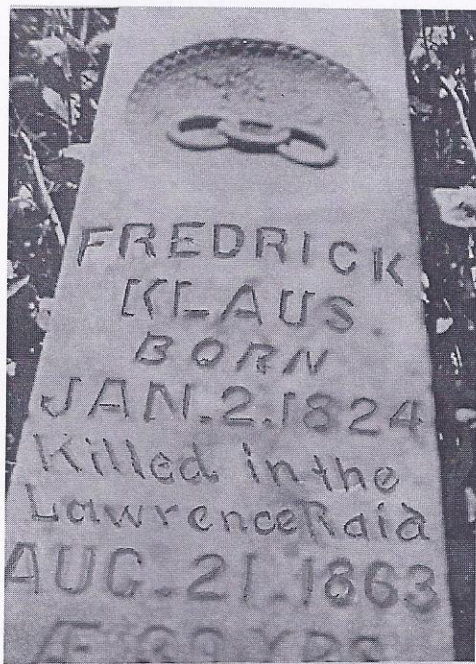
The cemetery was originally dedicated and filed by the Cemetery Company on May 1, 1886. Asa Richardson and wife, Phebe, deeded 2 ½ acres to the cemetery company in June 1882. In April 1885, John W. Chamberlain deeded ¼ acre, "except for what is now occupied by his family's graves and ground for his own grave." The ground was being used for burials before either of these deeds. Sections 1 & 2 were not laid out due to irregular existing graves.



Spencer Family

Lecompton's Private Burial Sites

The Klaus and Shirley burial sites are but two of about 20 private, family cemeteries.



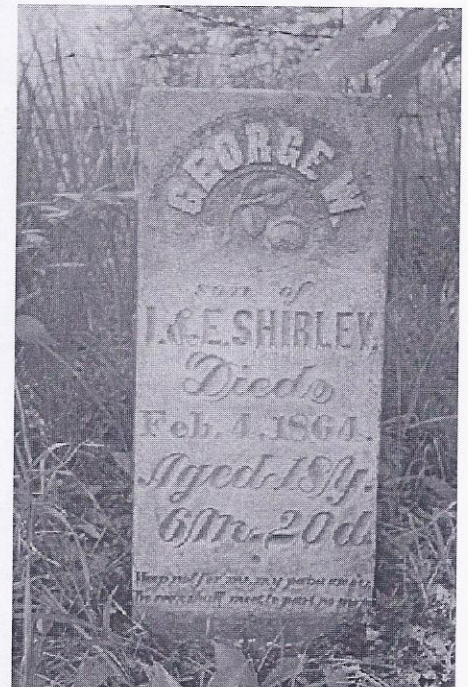
Frederick Klaus was shot while trying to run for safety carrying a little girl, during the Quantrill Raid at Lawrence in 1863.

The Klaus cemetery is located one and one-half mile west and one-half mile south of Lecompton, Kansas. William and Elizabeth Klaus homesteaded this farm in 1856. Those who are buried there now are Frederick Klaus, William Klaus, Jr., and John Klaus. Theodore Klaus was buried there, but his two sons, Siegel and Julius moved his body to the Maple Grove Cemetery. Frederick and William Jr. were killed during the Quantrill Raid at Lawrence. They were stone masons and were working on the bridge across the Kaw River at the time of Quantrill's raid, August 1863. William Jr. and Mayor Callamore (Mayor of Lawrence) had gone down into a well in downtown Lawrence and were smothered when a

burning house roof collapsed on top of the well.

At one time, there were two stones at this country grave site, but one has been stolen. The second one disappeared for a while, but was then returned.

To the right lies George W. Shirley in a private cemetery located three quarters of a mile west and about two miles north of Lecompton on what is known as River Road.



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HISTORIC LECOMPTON TERRITORIAL DAYS

JUNE 26 & 27

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FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 - 9:00pm
Carnival/Games
Ottaway Amusement Inc.

7:00pm
LUMC Cake Walk
In front of the bandstand

6:30pm
Softball Tournament Begins
Contact Jimmy Wilkins 760-4725 to register. Entrance fee is \$150
Registration is on a first-come-first-in basis and only 12 - 14 teams can be entered so
REGISTER NOW!!!

6:30 - 7:30pm
Registration for:
Turtle Race, Frog Race, Bicycle Races, Talent Show

SATURDAY

7:00am - 10:00am
Pancake Feed
Community Building

1:30pm
Civil War Re-enactment/Battle of Fort Titus
Territorial Capital Museum

8:00am
Horseshoe Tournament
Beside Community Building

2:30pm
Bleeding Kansas Play
A re-enactment of an 1850's Town Hall Meeting

Frog & Turtle Races
In front of the park

3:00pm
Old Time Games in the Park
3-Legged Race, Egg Toss & more!

Softball Tournament (cont'd)

9:00am
Pioneer Skills Living History & Demos
Wood Carvers, Old Time Musicians, Native American
Beadwork & Crafts, Potter, Watercolor Artist,
Blacksmith, Tailor, Seamstress, Lace Maker,
Broom Maker, Shoe Maker, Basket Maker, Spinner

4:00pm
Historic Piano Recital
LUMC Sanctuary

Constitution Hall and Lane Museum Open

5:30pm
Bicycle Races (Ages 3 - 10)
Helmets and Parents REQUIRED

10:00am
Parade Line-up
Lecompton Elementary

6:00pm
Ice Cream Social in the Park
Bring your blankets

10:30am
Parade Judging

6:30pm
Main Street Talent Show

11:00am
Parade

9:00pm - Midnight
Evening Concert

Parade Route: Lecompton Elementary,
North on Whitfield, East on Woodson

SUNDAY

11:30am
United Methodist Church Dinner

1:30pm
Civil War Re-enactment/Battle of Fort Titus
Territorial Capital Museum

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OBITUARIES

CASEY, Emmett A., 90, Berryton, died Mar. 5, 2009 at home. He was born Aug. 22, 1918, in El Dorado Springs, Mo., the son of Scott and Essie Wharton Casey. He was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

He married Eola M. Stull on Jan. 12, 1956 in Lawrence. She survives of the home. Other survivors include a sister, Novallene Bernhardt, Tecumseh; 18 nieces and nephews and may great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Olin, Wharton and Cecil, and a sister Ellen Walter. Burial in the Stull Cemetery.

SCOTT, L. Madalyn, 91, Topeka passed away April 22, 2009. She was born Jan. 29, 1918 at Lecompton, the daughter of A. F. and Virginia McCall McClanahan. She graduated from Lecompton High School in 1936. She attended the First Nazarene Church and was a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Survivors include a daughter, Roberta and husband Raymond Hanika, Topeka; two sons, Larry R. and wife Glenda; C. Franklin and wife Sue, both of Topeka; 10 grandchildren and 31 great- grandchildren and 5 great-great grand-children. A sister-in-law, Ruth Carson, Las Vegas, NV.; and many nieces and nephews. Burial in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

GLENN-FAULKNER, Louise L., 94, Topeka, died May 8, 2009. She was born Jan. 11, 1915, in Perry, the daughter of Jesse R. and Edna Pearl Decker Michael.

She married Roy R. Faulkner in 1935. He preceded her in death April 18, 1981. (Roy was known as the Lonesome Cowboy, who sang and played guitar on WIBW with Miss

Maudie) She was a member of the West Side Christian Church and a member of the Lecompton Historical Society.

She married Ivan Francis Glenn on Aug. 24, 1988 in Bentonville, Ark., and lived part time on a farm in Lecompton. He also preceded her in death May 5, 2001.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Sylvia McCollum, McLouth; a step-son, Robert Glenn, Lecompton; a sister, LaVada R. Schlegel, Branson, Mo; and eight nieces and nephews.

Burial in Penwell-Gable Cemetery in Topeka.

O'CONNER, Everett M. 89. Rogers, Ark., died May 16, 2009. He was born 2-18-1920 in Burlington, Ks., the son of Jessie . and Beulah M. Armstrong O'Connor.

He married Harriet Colglazier in 1940. She was the daughter of Harry and LaFaun Colglazier. She preceded him in death, July 28, 2008. They both were members of the Lecompton Historical Society.

Survivors include Glen F. O'Connor of Berryton, Ks.; two children, Melvin C. O'Connor and Cathy L. Tegarden both of Rogers. 3 grand-children; Kevin O'Conner. Fort Worth, TX.; Kari Moreton, Rogers, AK., and Amy Carrington, Gardner, Ks. Graveside services in Stull Cemetery

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