

**Adams - Sowers Cemetery**  
**or**  
**Woolery Cemetery**  
**or**  
**Sowers Cemetery**

**Inquire and please, ask permission to enter private property.**

**Quadrant Map:**

Clifton City

**General Location:**

North of Clifton City

**Congressional Township:**

Township 47-N; Range 19-W

**Section:**

Northeast quarter of southwest quarter of southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 20

**Longitude & Latitude:**

38 49 59 : 93 01 54

**Directions:**

North of the Cecil Porter place, on the east side of the road; about one half mile north of the swinging bridge over the Lamine River.

**Atlas Survey:**

1877 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on A. Woolery land

1915 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on Joe Klenklen land

1978 plat book – some confusion, a cemetery symbol on land adjoining A. Woolery land, on the Wilbert Aurig land

1991 plat book – a cemetery symbol on Wilbert Aurig land

**History:**

On the western side of Clear Creek Township is found the Sowers Cemetery - as it is known today; it isn't very large, but has a good fence around it.

The inscription on a stone there shows that Ignatius Adams died Oct. 13, 1846, and close by is a rock marking another grave, although there is no inscription on it. Another marker, which is rather odd, is made of a natural rock with letters chiseled on it about an inch high; it can be read from some distance as the letters are very clear. The inscription on this one is "Francis Adams, died April 23, 1850". Excerpt from the article: "Clear Creek Township is Interesting Area of County" by Mrs. A. J. Haynes, Correspondent for Boonville Daily News."

Information provided in [green](#) is from Joan Henry, a great great great granddaughter of Francis Adams Sr. or from Justin Watkins. The cemetery is now being taken care of by two brothers who are members of the Adams family. In 1985, they and their uncle cleaned the cemetery and put a fence in front of it. One of the people down the road donated a gate and there is now (2004) a sign on the gate.

I may have joined the Adams – Sowers cemetery with the Old Woolery Cemetery. The Woolery cemetery is in the same section as is noted as being north of the Cecil Porter place, on east side of road; about ½ mile north of the swinging bridge over the Lamine River.

It appears that this Old Woolery Cemetery list was recorded before the Adams-Sowers plot was recorded. A number of grave on the Woolery Cemetery list were not found on the Adams-Sowers plot, but most were duplicated.

Over time the Woolery plot had become so overgrown with brush and weeds that it was probably

impossible to find all the markers. Those that are duplicated generally have corresponding data.

**Updated:**

January 30, 2009 with 34 entries for this cemetery.

Adams	E. W.; died 20 Dec 1861; aged 22 years, 9 months, 26 days
Adams	Francis A., Jr.; born 12 Jan 1812 in Kentucky; died 30 Mar 1887 in Cooper County, Missouri; son of Francis Sr. and Mary Elizabeth née Hambrick Adams; husband of Rachel née Ellis Adams
Adams	Francis S.; died 17 Jan 1897; aged 20 years, 4 months, 27 days
Adams	Francis, Sr.; born 10 Dec 1769; died 23 Apr 1850; by family tradition, he is the son of Godfrey and Lillian or Gillian (?) née Martin Adams; husband of Mary Elizabeth née Hambrick Adams; aged 81 years, 4 months, 13 days
Adams	Ignatius; born 27 or 29 Jul 1810; died 10 or 13 Oct 1846; son of Francis, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth née Hambrick Adams; husband of Julia Ann née Taylor Adams
Adams	James Ignatius; born 30 Mar 1846 or 1844 in Pettis County, Missouri; died Jan 1879 or 18 Jan 1870 in Cooper County, Missouri; son of Francis, Jr. and Rachel née Ellis Adams Sowers; husband of Martha Jane née Ellis; married 06 Feb 1868 in Otterville, Missouri
Adams	Martha Jane née Ellis; born 02 Apr 1850 in Cooper County, Missouri; died 23 Nov 1933 in Cooper County, Missouri; daughter of Isaac Spencer, Jr. and Susan Frances née Howard Ellis.
Adams	Mary Elizabeth née Hambrick; born before 1786; died before 1840. This burial is based upon family tradition.
Adams	Rachel née Ellis; born 26 Sep 1814 in Barren County, Kentucky; died 17 Mar 1887 in Cooper County, Missouri; daughter of Isaac Spencer and Martha "Patsy" née Shipley Ellis; wife of Francis Adams, Jr.; Note: May be buried in Ellis Cemetery in Clear Creek Township; other information has Rachel buried next to Francis Adams, Jr.
Adams	Summer; died 23 Dec 1873; aged 4 months, 14 days; son of Samuel Adams
Baker	Alviza Ethel; born 13 Jan 1887; died 25 Jul 1887; Her stone is flat, easily read and is next to the grave of Helen E. Ball; daughter of William Earl and Alma Ethel née Ball Baker; Alma is the daughter of John Richard and Susan Ellen née Adams Baker and Susan is the daughter of Francis Jr. and Rachel née Ellis Adams. William and Alma Baker are buried at Providence Church Cemetery, Pettis County and John R. and Susan Ball are buried at Union Cemetery, Pettis County, Missouri.
Ball	Helen E.; born 24 Jul 1856; died 15 Oct 1880; aged 44 years, 2 months, 21 days; daughter of John Richard Ball and his first wife Elizabeth Olive Smith who died in child birth; stone is broken
Black	Gleavie; born 12 Aug 1885; died 18 Jan 1886; son of David Alexander and Cemantha Janet Black
Black	Infant son of David Alexander and Cemantha Janet Black; born and died 27 Nov 1880; on the same stone as Gleavie black
Bruce	Lizzie B. née Woolery; born 04 Feb 1856; died 24 Mar 1881; daughter of Andrew W. and Catherine née Thomas Woolery; wife of J. W. Bruce
Ellis	Arminda née Woolery; born 07 Nov 1871; died 29 Sep 1899; aged 22 or 27 years, 10 months, 22 days; daughter of Andrew W. and Catherine née Thomas Woolery; wife of William S. Ellis
Ellis	Benjamin Franklin; born 1810; died 1815; son of Isaac Spencer and Martha "Patsey" née Shipley Ellis; Note: There is a question about where this burial was made. May have been in the Old Ellis Family Cemetery in Clear Creek, Missouri.
Ellis	William Shipley, Jr.; born 23 Feb 1850; died 20 Nov 1885; son of William Shipley, Sr. and Elender née Hughes Ellis; husband of Arminda née Woolery Ellis
Hambrick	Enoch; born before 1755; died 27 Jan 1834; husband of Mary née Johnson Hambrick. This burial is based upon family tradition.
Hambrick	Mary née Johnson; born about 1769; died after 1834; wife of Enoch Hambrick. This burial is based upon family tradition.
Howard	Susan née Adams; born 03 May 1806; died 04 Jul 1883; daughter of Francis, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth née Hambrick Adams; wife of Thomas J. Howard
Johnson	Julia Ann née Taylor; born 14 Feb 1817; died 24 May 1855; daughter of James and Martha America

	née Weathers Taylor; wife of Ignatius Adams, first husband; wife of James H. Johnson, second husband
Jones	Thomas W.; born 12 Jan 1860; died 24 Feb 1861; son of E. W. and Elizabeth Jones
Lawler	Frederick; no dates; child of Timothy and Mary J. Lawler
Lawler	Josiah C.; no dates; child of Timothy and Mary J. Lawler
Lawler	Mary Jane; wife of Timothy Lawler; died 1867
Lawler	Timothy; born 1795; died 1854; husband of Mary J. Lawler
Sowers	John Louis; born 24 May 1852; died 21 Nov 1909 or 1900 in Cooper County, Missouri; husband of Martha Jane née Ellis Adams Sowers
Sowers	Martha Jane née Ellis (Adams_ - first husband; born 02 Apr 1850; died 23 Nov 1933; daughter of Isaac Spencer and Susan Frances née Howard Ellis; wife of James I. Adams, first husband; wife of John Louis Sowers, second husband
White	U. S. Grant; born 20 Jul 1868; died 24 May 1889
Woolery	Andrew W.; died 22 Dec 1882; aged 58 years, 7 months, 7 days; son of Henry and Nancy née Corum Woolery; husband of Catherine née Thomas Woolery
Woolery	Catherine née Thomas; born 04 mar 1822; died 08 May 1897; wife of Andrew W. Woolery
Woolery	George P.; born 02 Jan 1849; died 29 Dec 1881
Woolery	Walter H.; born 18 May 1851; died 05 Feb 1879; son of Andrew W. and Catherine née Thomas Woolery