

Boys Training School Cemetery

Civil Township:

Boonville

Quadrant Map:

Boonville

General Location:

Across Lilly Street from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery

Congressional Township:

Township 49-N; Range 17-W

Section:

Northwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 36

Longitude & Latitude:

38 97 26 : 92 74 05

Directions:

On the grounds of the Missouri Training School for Boys at Boonville, Missouri. This burial plot is back of the multi-purpose building and across the street from St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery.

Atlas Survey:

To Be Determined

History:

The Missouri State Training School for Boys at Boonville was founded in 1887 as a facility for wayward juvenile males. Over the years the school offered educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities supplemented by social service, psychology, medical attention and religious opportunities. The facility was transferred to the Missouri Department of Corrections in 1983 as a medium security center for adult males.

In the nearly 100 years of operation, several boys died of various causes and those without families or with families who could not afford the expense of burial, were buried here in this cemetery.

Markers for the two graves were made in the school workshop and placed for these graves. Also a number of other markers were made at the same time and set out on this plot. But, it is thought there are only two burials here. Information from a former employee of the school in 1981. Note: This is now a state penitentiary. Well as of 2008, the thought of only two burials in this cemetery is wrong.

It is now 2012 and Larry Long of Boonville has made it his objective to obtain all the names of those people buried in this cemetery. One of the records that he read indicated that the Reformatory actually fabricated forty four matching unmarked grave markers and placed them out in the yard without bodies. To date 17 people have been identified from Missouri Online Death Records but only one tombstone has been inscribed.

Updated:

August 13, 2012 with 23 entries for this cemetery.

Andreas	Jesse; born 28 Jun 1898 in maybe St. Louis, Missouri; died 12 Apr 1918 in Boonville at Reform School; buried 15 Apr 1918; son of Martin and Anna Andreas; inmate at Reform School
Brasel	Ernest; born 09 Aug 1900 in Arkansas; died 23 Sep 1921 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 24 Sep 1921; son of F. E. (born Illinois) and Mandy née Dalton Brasel (born Kentucky); single; inmate of reform school; informant H. J. Miller, Boonville, Missouri; died of typhoid fever
Davis	Henry; born 15 May 1897 in the United States; died 20 Jun 1912 of typhoid fever in Boonville, Missouri; buried 22 Jun 1912; aged 15 years; son of Scott and Jane Davis; single; black; informant John Wilson, Superintendent;
Easley	Hersley; born 13 Jun 1896 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri; died 08 May 1912 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 09 May 1912; aged 16 years; son of Bud Easley; single; black; Reform School boy; died

	of tuberculosis; this tombstone is engraved
Ennis	James; born 1910 in Glencoe, Missouri; died 06 Aug 1930 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 08 Aug 1930; father is John Ennis; mother unknown; negro; influenza
Evans	Louis; born 08 Oct 1930 in Tyronza, Arkansas; died 28 Jul 1945 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 31 Jul 1945; aged 14 years, 10 months, 20 days; son of Louis and Mattie née Johnson Evans; black;
Johnson	Frank; born 23 Oct 1899 in Missouri; died 06 Jun 1919 rock quarry, Boonville, Missouri; buried 09 Jun 1919; parents are unknown; died in an accidental fall at the rock quarry; white
Jones	Earnest A.; born 13 Feb 1907 in Jefferson City, Missouri; died 06 Jul 1928 in Missouri River at Boonville, Missouri; buried 13 Jul 1928; parents are James A. and Alpha May née Wilson Jones; white; evidently it took six days to recover the body
Koveroff	Teofall; born 06 Feb 1895 in Alaska; died 27 Dec 1914 at the Missouri Training School in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 28 1914; Eskimo Indian; died from tuberculosis
Lewis	Theodore; born 12 Nov 1894; died 19 Mar 1913 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 19 Mar 1913; son of Henry Lewis (born Ohio) and Unknown mother; died of pulmonary tuberculosis; single black male
Maxin	Dell; born circa 1892 in USA; died 05 Jul 1912 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 06 Jul 1912; parents are Louis and Ada Maxin; white; died of acute indigestion; formerly of Kingston, Missouri
Munch	Roy; born 02 Feb 1910 in Centralia, Kansas; died 31 Mar 1929 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 02 Apr 1929; father is William Munch; mother unknown; white; acute encephalitis
Pryor	Emanuel; born 15 Jan 1896; died 05 May 1913 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 06 May 1913; Son of Miller Pryor; single black male
Rommans	James; born 10 Aug 1903 in Boone County, Missouri; died 16 Nov 1917 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri; burial 17 Nov 1917; son of Robert and Anna née Brooks Rommans; single black male; died of chronic endocarditis
Sinclair	Charles; born 18 Apr 1912 in Macon County, Missouri; died 11 Jun 1929 in St. Joseph Hospital, Boonville, Missouri; buried 11 Jun 1929; father Charles Sinclair; mother unknown; white; spinal meningitis
Smith	Charles; born 03 Sep 1891 somewhere; died 01 Feb 1910 at the Missouri Training School for Boys in Boonville, Missouri; buried 02 Feb 1910; parents are unknown; names of Sherod and Mollie Henderson are listed in the Commitment Book; but Charles merely lived with them for a couple of years; died while pulling down dirt in the brickyard, a large piece of frozen earth slipped down from a twelve foot bank striking him on the head and shoulders fracturing his skull, neck, and spine instantly killing him.
St. James	Joseph; born 05 Dec 1912 in Missouri; died 20 Jan 1928 in Reform School Hospital, Boonville, Missouri; buried 21 Jan 1928; father is Eli St. James; mother unknown; negro; burned to death in a fire in the Missouri Reform School Hospital
Taylor	George; born 16 Feb 1893 in USA; died 19 Jun 1912 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 19 Jun 1912; parents are Herbert and Nellie Taylor; white; died of tubercular meningitis
Thornton	James; born circa 1900; died 03 Dec 1915 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 04 Dec 1915; son of Jack Thornton; single black male; died of tuberculosis of the lungs
Walker	Oliver; born 09 Feb 1899 somewhere; died 03 Dec 1918 in Boonville, Missouri; parents are unknown; white; died of Bronchial pneumonia
Westfall	Frank; born 22 Feb 1902 somewhere; died 18 Dec 1919 in Boonville, Missouri; buried 20 Dec 1919; parents are unknown; white; bronchial pneumonia
White	Lloyd, Jr.; born 24 Feb 1922 in Omaha, Nebraska; died 26 Jun 1937 of accidental drowning in the Missouri Training School Lake; buried 27 Jun 1937; parents are unknown; negro
Wilkerson	Ray; born Jun 1894 somewhere; died 04 Mar 1910 in Boonville Missouri at the Missouri Training School for Boys; buried 06 Mar 1910; parents unknown; died of measles; white; formerly of Fisk, Missouri