

Briscoe Cemetery

Quadrant Map:

Bunceton

General Location:

West of Bunceton

Congressional Township:

Township 47-N; Range 18-W

Section:

Northwest quarter of northwest quarter of northwest quarter of northwest quarter of Section 35.

Longitude & Latitude:

38 48 08 : 92 51 15

Directions:

Road Directions: From Boonville, Mo.; about fourteen miles south on Route #5; on the west (right) side of the Highway, adjoining Hannah Cole State Park.

Atlas Survey:

To Be Determined

History:

"Would Revere Hannah Cole"

"Pilot Grove D. A. R. Plan Wayside Shrine At Her Grave" January 29, 1932

"State Department May Give Aid"

"Plans to form "A Wayside Park" of a plot of Ground at Briscoe Cemetery, the burial place of Missouri's pioneer mother, Hannah Cole, are being considered by the members of the Pilot Grove Chapter of the D. A. R. . The cemetery is located on Highway #5, south of Boonville about 15 miles.

A strip of land about 90 X 200 feet which lies between the cemetery and the highway, has been obtained by the Pilot Grove D. A. R. . According to Mrs. Marshall Rust, State Historian of the Missouri D. A. R. , the plan to build a driveway through this strip to the cemetery.

The aid of the State Highway Department and the State Park Department have been asked, and T. H. Cutler, chief engineer of the Highway Dept. has indicated that Missouri will probably be interested in helping to make this cemetery a shrine to the first white woman settler in Cooper County, Mo.

At the present time, Hannah Cole's grave is unmarked. Last fall, a group of interested citizens gathered at the cemetery, cleared it of brush, and fenced it. The next step is to provide a suitable marker for the grave. The marker will probably be hewn from a large natural stone.

The cemetery itself contains about an acre of ground and the D. A. R. Chapter intends that it shall be made beautiful and become a spot of historical interest to all Missourians.

Col. J. B. Barnes, local historian, who has been aiding the ladies in this work, says the following: "Mrs. Rust and the Pilot Grove D. A. R. are doing the only important and constructive work that has been done by an Cooper County organization in the interest of Cooper County history. The matter of getting a suitable marker is well under way. I have no doubt that the Briscoe Cemetery will become a marked and important historical shrine."

"This cemetery was deeded by William Briscoe to the people of the community in 1867 and consists of one acre. It was a family burying ground as early as 1825. A part of it was used as a plot for the burial of slaves."

"She was Missouri's greatest pioneer Mother."

February 5, 1932 "Boulder will Mark Grave"

"Burial Place of Hannah Cole Will Be Fittingly Dedicated" "A huge limestone boulder from land belonging to the Cole Family has been chosen to mark the grave of Hannah Cole in Briscoe Cemetery.

The boulder will be marked so that the resting place of Missouri's most intrepid pioneer mother will never again be lost to posterity. The grounds between the cemetery and the highway will be landscaped into an attractive driveway and approach to the burying grounds." From the Boonville News

February 9, 1932 "Honor a Pioneer Mother" Kansas City Star

"Later this month, tribute will be paid the memory of one of Missouri's great pioneer mothers, Hannah Cole, who was the first white woman to settle on the present site of Boonville, in February, 1810.

The movement to honor her is being sponsored by the Pilot Grove, Mo. Chapter of the D. A. R. The grave of Mrs. Cole is fifteen miles south of Boonville, Mo. . .

Hannah Cole was the widow of William Temple Cole, who was killed in an encounter with Indians who had stolen his horses. With her nine children and a brother-in-law, Stephen Cole, his wife, and five children, Mrs. Cole came up the Missouri River with Benjamin Cooper, for whom Cooper County later was named. They first settled in the bottom land of Howard County and later moved across the river to what is now Cooper County."

September 9, 1932 "Boulder Delivered at Briscoe Cemetery"

"Mrs. Marshall Rust, Mrs. H. N. (Neal) Simmons, Mrs. Guy Long, Mrs. W. S. Barnes, and Mrs. J. C. Simmons of the Pilot Grove D. A. R. were at the Briscoe Cemetery on Tuesday forenoon to meet State Highway Architect, Mr. Brewster and a party of who were delivering a red granite boulder to be used as a marker for the grave of Hannah Cole. The boulder is a gift of the Highway Department . . . suggestions have been made, and accepted by the sponsors, that the stones used in building purposes on the Cemetery Grounds, come from the thirteen different townships of Cooper County, so that the entire county may have a part in this memorial. . . .

The large granite boulder was secured near Doe Run, St. Francois County, in southeast Missouri. With the smaller stones gathered from all parts of the Hannah Cole County, the historic connection will be complete."

October 31, 1932 From the Pilot Grove Record

"Grave Formally Marked" - "Tablet at Hannah Cole Grave is Unveiled"

"With fitting ceremony, the grave of Hannah Cole, Cooper County's pioneer mother was formally marked last Sunday afternoon, October 30, 1932, but the unveiling of a bronze tablet, set in a large boulder of Missouri granite.

This tablet bears the following inscription: "Cooper County's first white woman settler, whose unflinching courage in facing dangers of the wilderness and a cruel Indian War, entitles her to be called a Pioneer Mother of early Missouri Civilization - 1764 - 1843."

The burial place of Hannah Cole and many of her family, the Briscoe Cemetery on Highway #5 had long lain in waste. Revival of interest in local history and the restoration of historic spots in Cooper County has brought this spot to the attention of the public. . . .

The principal speakers of the occasion were the Hon. W. L. Nelson, U. S. Representative, a native Cooper Countian and Col. J. B. Barnes. Other speakers were: Mrs. Robert Bagnell, National Chairman of the Sons and Daughters of the Republic Club, Mrs. Marshall Rust, State Historian of the D. A. R.; and Mrs. C. A. Stites, Children of the Hannah Cole and Samuel Cole Sons and Daughters of the Republic. ...

Unveiling of the Boulder and Tablet was by Mrs. Mortimer Bunce of Nevada, Mi., a great-grand-daughter of Hannah Cole and Mrs. Gilla Roe, a grand-daughter. Several generations of the Cole family were represented, among them being a great-great-grandson, who represented the Kansas City Star, as reporter for the event. Chapters of the D. A. R. of Pilot Grove, Boonville, Nelson, Sedalia, California, and Columbia were represented in the crowd of three hundred who assembled for widely distant places.

Hannah Cole died in 1843, at the age of 89 years. Just a few years later, her great, grand-daughter, Miss Sue Bunce, was born. This little girl, Sue, lived at the Cole homestead until she was twelve years old. Regularly every Sunday weather permitting her Negro, "Mammy" took her and all the other children, both white and black, large enough to toddle, the distance to the grave of Little Sue's mother, who was buried at the place of her pioneer grandmother, Hannah Cole, of whom the Negro "Mammy" related many stories to eager little ears. Little ones, who later delighted their little children with the stories of their pioneer ancestor. ... Many of these stood the little mound, glowing with pride to have heard the oft repeated stores."

Updated:

January 30, 2009 with 36 entries for this cemetery.

Arnold	Adelia Belle, died 04 Sep 1869; aged 3 years, 2 months, 26 days; daughter of James S. and Melinda Arnold
Briscoe	Andrew Logan, born 02 Jul 1776; died 22 Sep 1858; came to Missouri in 1818; son of William and Elizabeth née Wallace Briscoe; husband of Anne née Kavanaugh Briscoe; married 25 Feb 1796 in Madison County, Kentucky. "From Melton's History: served in the wars of 1812 and 1814, and under Harrison."
Briscoe	Anne née Kavanaugh; wife of Andrew Logan Briscoe; born 23 Jun 1780; died 25 Aug 1858
Briscoe	Charles Edward; died 21 Feb 1856; aged 7 years, 5 months, 13 days; son of Andrew Wallace and Hester Ann née Beard Briscoe
Briscoe	Hester Ann née Beard; died 07 Jul 1851; aged 26 years, 1 month, 12 days; daughter of John M. and Hester Beard of Christian County, Kentucky; wife of Andrew Wallace Briscoe (son of Andrew Logan Briscoe)
Brookshire	Louiza Josephine; died 19 Feb 1862; aged 9 years, 6 months, 3 days; daughter of J. H. and A. Z. Brookshire
Cole	Anne née Son; born 13 Nov 1804; died 1857; no marker; wife of Holbert Cole; Note: There is some question about where Anne née Son Cole, wife of Holbert or Hobert Cole - her name was not on the original recorded list of this cemetery; made by Mr. And Mrs. Farried Cole, Sr. in 1967; recently Mrs. Cole has told us that Annie née Son Cole was buried in New Lebanon Cemetery - that she didn't know why - but her name is not in the list; no maker.
Cole	Belle; no marker; no dates; daughter of James and Nancy née Dickson Cole; no maker.
Cole	Earnest L.; died 13 Oct 1871; aged 2 years, 10 months, 13 days; son of Stephen L. and Josephine née Bryant Cole
Cole	Hannah née Allison; born 1762; died 1843; wife of William Temple Cole (killed by Indians in 1810 in Audrain County, Missouri); First white woman settler of Cooper County, Missouri, whose unflinching courage in facing the dangers of a wilderness and a cruel Indian War, entitles her to be called a Pioneer Mother of early Missouri Civilization - inscription on Bronze Plaque on monument erected by Pilot Grove Chapter of D. A. R. in 1932. "From Melton's history: a towering powerful woman and boss of her brood. She was a hard worker, and asked only that her children follow her to field or feed-lot."

Cole	Holbert; born 20 Apr 1794; died 1857; son of William Temple and Hannah née Allison Cole; husband of Annie née Son Cole; married 28 Dec 1819; no maker.
Cole	Josephine née Bryant; born 18 Aug 1841 in Cooper County, Missouri; died 27 Oct 1881 in Cooper County, Missouri; daughter of William and Elizabeth née Sloan Bryant; wife of Stephen Liberty Cole; married 22 Dec 1857
Cole	Sarah "Sallie" née Briscoe; born 26 Aug 1805; died 14 Oct 1854; daughter of Andrew Logan and Anne née Kavanaugh Briscoe; first wife of Samuel Cole; married 06 July 1823; Note: she bore him fifteen children
Cole	Stephen Liberty; born 03 Apr 1823; died 17 Feb 1903; son of Holburt and Annie née Son Cole; husband of Josephine née Bryant Cole
Cole	Willie B.; died 25 Jul 1862; aged 11 months, 16 days; son of E. and M. F. Cole
Groves	Charles M.; born 05 Oct 1872; died 06 Dec 1874; infant son of William T. and Anna née Morton Groves; second wife
Groves	James I.; born 16 Aug 1856; died 15 Dec 1859; son of William T. and Margaret née Cole Groves
Groves	Margaret née Cole; born 07 Apr 1836; died 19 Jan 1868; daughter of Samuel and Sarah "Sallie" née Briscoe Cole; wife of William T. "W. T." Groves; first wife
Groves	Rebecca A.; born 12 Apr 1862; died 15 Sep 1863; infant daughter of William T. "W. T." and Margaret née Cole Groves; first wife
Groves	Rebecca M.; born 10 Nov 1874; died 18 Jul 1876; infant daughter of William T. and Ann née Morton Groves
Groves	Sally; born 28 Jun 1858; died 05 Dec 1859; infant daughter of William T. and Margaret née Cole Groves
Hughes	Anna K.; died 03 Feb 1862; aged 1 year, 1 month, 20 days; infant daughter of E. L. and S. C. Hughes
Leonard	George W.; born 07 Oct 1843; died 10 Oct 1843; infant son of N. and M. Leonard
Leonard	Margaret; born 30 Dec 1840; died 23 Sep 1841; infant daughter of N. and M. Leonard
McGee	Parmenas; died 08 Dec 1_74; aged 2 year, 3 months, 1 day; son of T. D. and A. McGee
Morton	Rebecca; born 04 may 1825; died 22 Dec 1883
Palmer	Rebecca Ann née Helms; born 11 Dec 1832; died 26 Sep 1916; daughter of George W. and Elizabeth née Ransberger Helms; wife of William M. "Wink" Palmer; married 26 Sep 1854; no maker.
Palmer	William M. "Wink"; born 12 Nov 1827 in Kentucky; died 21 Feb 1859; son of Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth "Betsey" née Lampton Palmer; husband of Rebecca Ann née Helms Palmer; married 26 Sep 1854
Smallwood	Margaret Logan "Peggy" née Briscoe; born 19 mar 1799; died 04 Jun 1853; daughter of Andrew Logan and Anne née Kavanaugh Briscoe; wife of Russell Bushnell Smallwood; married 19 Sep 1820 by Peter Woods
Taylor	Cynthia; born 01 Sep 1834; died 04 Feb 1853; daughter of John and Elizabeth née Calvert Taylor
Taylor	Dorcas Ann; born 1836; died 1837; daughter of John and Elizabeth née Calvert Taylor
Taylor	Elizabeth née Calvert; born Oct 1811; died 1843; wife of John Taylor; aged 31 years, 7 months, 21 days; married 19 Apr 1829; became member of Baptist Church on 28 Oct 1837
Taylor	James Allen; born 15 Apr 1833; died 15 Nov 1834; son of John and Elizabeth née Calvert Taylor
Taylor	Mary Ellen; born 05 Jan 1838; died 1842; daughter of John and Elizabeth née Calvert Taylor
Taylor	Susannah Kavanaugh née Briscoe; born 14 Oct 1810; died 05 Jul 1865; daughter of Col. Andrew Logan and Anne née Kavanaugh Briscoe; wife of William M. Taylor; married 26 Jul 1826. "From Melton's History: a Baptist for 25 years. When asked about death, she said, 'I am not afraid to trust my Lord'"
Taylor	William M.; Royal Arch mason; no dates on stone; husband of Susannah Kavanaugh née Briscoe Taylor; Notes: A Mr. W. M. Taylor was living in June 1855 - he was a delegate to the pro-slavery convention held at Lexington, Missouri. The meeting was to select those delegates was held at Bel Air, Missouri on 30 Jun 1855

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