

## Coleman Family Burial Ground

Inquire and please, ask permission to enter private property.

**Civil Township:**

Pilot Grove

**Quadrant Map:**

Pilot Grove North

**General Location:**

Eastern edge of the City of Pilot Grove, Missouri

**Congressional Township:**

Township 48-N; Range 18-W

**Section:**

Southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 33

**Longitude & Latitude:**

To Be Determined

**Directions:**

Very near Route 135 on north side of road going east out of Pilot Grove, Missouri

**Atlas Survey:**

1877 Land Atlas – a cemetery symbol on the J. S. Coleman land.

1915 Land Atlas – a cemetery symbol on the Stonewall Jackson Coleman land.

1978 Plat Map – a cemetery symbol on the Herman Ries land.

1991 Plat Map – a cemetery symbol on the Harold Ries land.

**History:**

From the "Last Will and Testament" of James S. Coleman, written the 17 day of June, 1897. He named his Heirs and His Real and Personal Property to be divided among them equally; "and I so also, hereby, release and reserve, and exempt from the operations of this, my last Will, the "Family Burying Grounds" situated on my land, and do, hereby will and devise that the such "Burying Grounds" or "Graveyard" be kept and reserved for the use of the Coleman family and their descendants." "Also that said graveyard was not to exceed 100 foot by 100 foot, surrounded on three sides by rows of cedar trees, and lying directly adjacent to the county road near by the same."

It is recalled by older residents, that many years ago, there were a few markers visible from the road, at this place, near the grove of tall Hickory trees – probably the same "pilot grove" of trees from which Pilot Grove, Missouri, took its name. From Johnson History of 1919: "At that time, freighters and travelers to the great southwest, guided their course by a beautiful grove of hickory trees that stood on what is now known as "the Old Coleman Home Place.""

Susan Coleman Johnson supplied these names and dates from the Coleman Family Bible, and said that they were buried in this plot, possibly with other family members and slaves they brought with them from Virginia.

**Updated:**

January 31, 2009 with 2 entries for this cemetery.

Coleman	Samuel, Dr.; born 1791 in Fairfax County, Virginia; died 01 Jun 1847 at Pilot Grove, Missouri; husband of Sarah née Gunnell Coleman
Coleman	Sarah née Gunnell; no dates; wife of Dr. Samuel Coleman