

Grotto Burial Plot

Inquire and please, ask permission to enter private property.

Civil Township:

Boonville

Quadrant Map:

Boonville

General Location:

Boonville

Congressional Township:

Township 49-N; Range 17-W

Section:

36

Longitude & Latitude:

38 97 95 : 92 73 04

Directions:

1200 block of East Morgan Street – Site of old St. Joseph's Hospital – now demolished (2006)

Atlas Survey:

To Be Determined

History:

In May 1911, ground was broken for the St. Joseph's Hospital. In the 1920's the beautiful stone "Grotto" was erected.

The Sisters belonging to the order of St. Benedict appeared before the County Court of Cooper County, Missouri, December term, 1933, and requested that they be granted permission to establish, start, and operate a burial ground for the burial of Sisters who are members of the Sisterhood known as the "Order of Saint Benedict." "It shall be a private burial ground approximately 75 by 100 feet, and located immediately east of the now constructed Grotto upon property owned by the petitioners." It was signed by Sister Mary Gertrude, R. N., secy-treas.

The beautiful stone grotto was erected and paid for by the parents of Sister Gertrude Koechner, Adolph and Helen Koechner of Tipton, Missouri, in the 1920's.

This rock grotto was torn down in April 1989. The bodies had already been moved in 1984, to St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Boonville, Missouri, on the west side, in south part of the cemetery. Some of the original stones were used to build a smaller grotto there. The statues were moved and placed at the newly constructed grotto. The stones say it is dedicated to the Benedictine Sisters, who served from June 13, 1905 to July 31, 1969.

Updated:

January 31, 2009 with 6 entries for this cemetery.

Brechlinghaus	Sister M. DeSales; born 10 Jul 1888; died 15 Dec 1937; "R. I. P." "Requiescat in pace" Latin; "May she rest in peace"; O. S. B Order of St. Benedict
Hamilton	Rev. Fr. John P.; born 22 Jun 1898; died 06 Jun 1967; "Rest in Peace"
Huelman	Sister M. Ildephonse; born 12 Feb 1879; died 22 Nov 1933; "R. I. P." "Requiescat in pace" Latin; "May she rest in peace"; O. S. B Order of St. Benedict
Kirchner	Sister M. Mechtilda; born 22 Jun 1898; died 20 Apr 1944; "R. I. P." "Requiescat in pace" Latin; "May she rest in peace"; O. S. B Order of St. Benedict
Koechner	Sister M. Gertrude; born 24 Jul 1863; died 19 Nov 1944; "R. I. P." "Requiescat in pace" Latin; "May she rest in peace"; O. S. B Order of St. Benedict
Wick	Sister M. Columba; born 17 Nov 1869; died 13 May 1935; "R. I. P." "Requiescat in pace" Latin; "May she rest in peace"; O. S. B Order of St. Benedict

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