

Lilly Family Burial Grounds

Civil Township:

Boonville

Quadrant Map:

Boonville

General Location:

Somewhere on the grounds of the State Penitentiary in Boonville.

Congressional Township:

Township 49-N; Range 17-W

Section:

Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 25.

Longitude & Latitude:

38 97 00 : 92 73 00

Directions:

Somewhere on the grounds of the State Penitentiary.

Atlas Survey:

To Be Determined

History:

At the site of Second Battle of Boonville - Civil War. Information from "Account of Second Battle of Boonville" by Walter Williams; published 24 Dec 1889 and from Melton's History of Cooper County Missouri

"At the eastern limits of Boonville, just to the north, at the foot of the steeply sloping hill, where once was held the Old State Fair, at the western enclosure of the fortifications built by Gen. Nathaniel Lyon, stood the little brick house, quite dismantled and bearing the marks of musket balls and on the windows, panels, and ceilings, the names of soldiers from Iowa, Indiana, and Wisconsin. At the eastern end remained the huge burial mound, built many years before by David Lilly, with white slabs yet resting above the dust of several members of his family."

It is not known if David Lilly's remains rest here. David Lilly was an orchardist and a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Boonville, organized in 1843.

As a child in the 1950s I played all over the, then, Missouri Reform School for Boys. I do not recollect a burial mound anywhere on the site. I recently asked some employees of the penitentiary and they do not know of a burial mound on the site. I once hear that the burial mound had been leveled to make room for a building. – Jim Thoma 2006.

Updated:

January 31, 2009 with 1 entry for this cemetery.

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