

Mitchell Family Cemetery or Dillard Cemetery

Civil Township:

Clear Creek

Quadrant Map:

Clifton City

General Location:

North northeast of Clifton City

Congressional Township:

Township 47-N; Range 19-W

Section:

Southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 21

Longitude & Latitude:

38 83 50 : 93 01 00

Directions:

An old cemetery, located in Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, Missouri in the western part of the section on the present farm of Carl J. Twenter, about a quarter of a mile east of his home, in a woods.

Atlas Survey:

1877 Land Atlas – no cemetery symbol on Jacob Deuschle land.

1915 Land Atlas – a cemetery symbol on Jacob Deuschle land.

1978 Plat Book – no cemetery symbol on Carl Twenter land.

1991 Plat Book – no cemetery symbol on Carl Twenter land.

History:

There are many graves here marked only by native stones at the head. Will calls this the "Mitchell Family Cemetery". Later research reveals that the so-called "Mitchell Family Cemetery" is also known as the "Old Dillard Family Cemetery". Excerpt from article "Clear Creek Township is Interesting Area of this County" by Mrs. A. J. Hayes, Clear Creek correspondent for the Boonville Daily News: "On the Jake Deuschle Farm, now owned by Carl J. Twenter, is found another buying ground. I had often wondered why it was put there, in the woods, off the road. No road leads to the cemetery; one must cross a branch and go up a hill to find it; but I was recently told that an old log school house there and it was used as a "meeting house". No records were ever kept, but it is thought to be very old and it is overgrown with weeds and brush" by Mrs. Hayes. Miss Twenter says there may be as many as fifty graves here; many marked only by field stones, with no date; also that many are children according to the dates.

Some additions are from "Old Dillard Cemetery list, with information from Mrs. Carter's Book: "Early Cooper County Pioneers" published January 25, 1970.

Updated:

January 31, 2009 with 19 entries for this cemetery.

Adams	Lucy Ann née Dillard; born 11 Jan 1845; died 17 Mar 1862; aged 17 years, 2 months, 6 days; daughter of Nicholas and Eliza née Shackelford Dillard; wife of John T. Adams (1840 – 1912); married 28 Aug 1862
Baylor	Clara; born 16 Feb 1830; died 27 Nov 1882
Card	Josiah Hughes; born 03 Mar 1808 in Bedford County, Tennessee; died 06 May 1859 in Cooper County, Missouri; son of William and Sarah née Hughes Card; husband of Sarah née Dillard Card; footstone "J. H. C."
Card	Nancy E.; born 18 Jan 1861; died 06 Apr 1862; aged 1 year, 2 months, 19 days; daughter of James Dillard and Phoebe Catherine née Smithers Card; footstone "N. E. C."
Dillard	Joseph C.; born 06 Oct 1855 in Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, Missouri; died 23 Aug 1916 in

	Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, Missouri as a result of falling from a wagon and being run over; buried 24 Aug 1916; son of Nicholas (born Clear Creek Township, Cooper County, Missouri) and Eliza née Shackelford Dillard (born Kentucky); married; white; informant Laban Retherford, Pleasant Green, Missouri
Ellis	N. E.; born May or March; dates chipped off
Hertzel	Rhinehart G.; husband of Emily H. Hertzel; died 12 Nov 1879; aged 32 years, 9 months
Hughes	George W.; died 12 Feb 1866; aged 19 years, 4 months, 23 days
Licklizer	James W.; died 17 Oct 1871; aged 8 years; son of George W. and Mary Licklizer
Lindsey	Mary Anne "Polly" nee Wood (Riggs); born 1820 or 1821 in North Carolina; wife of Matthew Riggs, first husband; wife of Unknown Lindsey of Cooper County, Missouri; possibly buried here
Lindsey	Mary G.; died 16 Mar 1881; aged 33 years, 6 months, 2 days; wife of E. T. Lindsey
Miller	Harriet; died 31 Jan 1875; aged 47 years; wife of Louis Miller
Mitchell	Eleanor "Nellie" née Dillard; died 21 Sep 1851; aged 54 years, 8 months, 19 days; daughter of James and Marjorie née Majer Dillard; wife of William Fleming Mitchell, first wife
Mitchell	Marjorie Eleanor née Dillard; born 02 Jun 1797 in Tennessee; died 21 Sep 1851; daughter of James and Margaret née Major Dillard; wife of William Fleming Mitchell
Mitchell	Mary A.; did 21 Oct 1851; aged 15 years, 2 months, 9 days
Mitchell	Thomas H.; died 20 Sep 1859; aged 53 years, 6 months
Mitchell	William Fleming; 28 Nov 1793 in Tennessee; died 17 Apr 1865; aged 71 years, 5 months, 19 days; son of Thomas and Elizabeth née Moran Mitchell; husband of Majorie Eleanor née Dillard Mitchell, first wife; husband of Kesiah née Hughes (Ellis) Mitchell, second wife; Kesiah was widow of Willis Ellis and married in 1826; Note that the cemetery records states that Fleming has two wives but lists three; listed in cemetery records as Fleming H. Mitchell
Nelson	Vera née Lockbury; born 25 Jul 1871; died 14 Nov 1894; one line illegible; footstone "N. V."
Smithers	Sarah née Dillard (Card); born 19 Sep 1810 in Kentucky; died 12 Jan 1886 in Cooper County, Missouri; daughter of James and Margaret or Marjorie née Major Dillard; wife of Josiah Hughes Card, first husband; married 24 Dec 1829 in Cooper County, Missouri; wife of John H. Smithers (born 1804 in Virginia), second husband