

Shadrack Morris Cemetery

Quadrant Map:

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General Location:

Southwest of Speed

Congressional Township:

Township 46-N; Range 17-W

Section:

Northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 27

Longitude & Latitude:

To be determined

Directions:

On Greenway Farm

Atlas Survey:

1877 land atlas – no cemetery symbol here, on the J. H. Bear land, which was between two parcels of land in the name of S. T. Morris and adjoining them.

1915 land atlas – a cemetery symbol at this location on the J. H. Bear land, adjoining the Old Groves Family

1978 plat book – no cemetery symbol on the Walter Shirk land

1991 plat book – no cemetery symbol on the Edwin Wassman land

History:

There is some uncertainty about the exact location of this old burial plot: Quoting from Mr. Johnson's "History of Cooper County, Mo.,"

Shadrack MORRIS was born in Kentucky, a son of Hammond Morris, a Virginian, who came West in the early days (about 1818). (He is listed in the McCulloch Cemetery.) Shadrack came west; being the only one of ten children in his father's family thus to emigrate. He spent his last days in the county and was buried on what is now (1919) the John Bear Farm." No mention is made of where his wife was buried.

The following markers for person whom we presume were also buried at that same plot have been located around the residence of the old Ol Groves farm; a short distance from what was the Bears' place. There also was a family connection here. Mrs. Groves having been a Bear before her marriage; sometime, we can't learn when; this old burial plot was destroyed and the markers carried up to this residence.

At present, this is the residence of Mr. And Mrs. Walter Shirk. The stones are in the yard here and in good condition. Information given in red is from the Cooper County Record of Deaths

Updated:

February 1, 2009 with 7 entries for this cemetery.

Arnold	John T., son of L. and N. Arnold; died Sept. 9, 1864; aged 28 years, 19 days. Note: This stone is lying near the basement steps on the south side of the residence beside the market for Leo Arnold.
Arnold	Leo, b. 1813 in Kentucky, died May 8, 1885; aged 72 years, 2 months, 13 days husband of Nancy (Morris) Arnold. Reared by Mr. Hartley White, who brought him to Mo., as a small boy. (Hartley White is buried a Hopewell Cemetery.) Note: This stone is near the basement steps on south side of the residence, beside the stone of John T. Arnold, his son. These stones are also in good condition.
Arnold	Nancy née Morris, died June 20, 1880; aged 64 years, wife of Leo Arnold; daughter of Shadrack Morris and wife; In Memory of Nancy; "Nancy, thou art gone to rest, Thy Toils and troubles are o'er, We hope to meet with thee again, In yon bright heavenly shore." Note: This stone lies on a large cistern top on the north side of the residence. It is a very large flat "slab" market in perfect condition.

H?	Lucinda; born in Wythe County, Virginia; died 30 Aug 1883 in Palestine Township, Cooper County, Missouri; aged 69 years, ? months, 23 days; buried 31 Aug 1883; widower
Slaven	Reuben, b. Dec. 6, 1833; died Nov. 22, 1864; Note: This stone is lying, face down, on the ground, beside the garden fence. It also, is in good condition.
Unknown	A footstone, lying near the machine shed, has "J. T. A." on one side and "I. V." on the other side.
White	Green, son of J. and C. (?) White, died Nov. 22, 1861; aged 24 years, 2 months, 10 days; Note: This stone is also on the cistern top, alongside the above; it is a beautiful large slab market in good condition.

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