

CHEESMAN CEMETERY

ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

This cemetery is located by taking Highway 11 west of Kirksville to Y in southwest Adair County. Take Y north 1.3 miles to gravel road going west. Take this road 1.3 miles west. Cheesman Cemetery abuts this road on the south side up on a hill after you cross Little Muscle Fork Creek Bridge.

In 1978 (Sarah Ella Cheesman Hammons of Rout #1, Box 48, Ethel, Missouri, 63539, (80 years old May 25, 1978 wrote about this cemetery:

“I believe some would be interested to know how some of the cemeteries in Adair County got started. My father was James S. Cheesman and his mother Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell Cheesman. IN the spring of 1898 my grandmother’s brother, James Mitchell, passed away and there were no cemeteries close by and mud was knee deep, so my grandfather Cheesman told Aunt Annie Mitchell, if she would like, they could bury him on a hillside about a mile south of her home on his land, and he would deed an acre of land to the county to be used as a cemetery. James Mitchell was then the first to be buried there. It was name the Cheesman Cemetery”.

History of Cheesman Cemetery

In 1898, James A. Mitchell and his wife, Anna, resided on a farm in Southwestern Adair County near Leoffler. On June 1, 1898 James A. Mitchell passed away. The weather was bad, and the roads were impassible. Thomas B. Cheesman and Sarah (Mitchell) Cheesman his wife and a sister of James A. Mitchell owned the adjoining farm. Seeing a need for a cemetery in the community, Mr. Cheesman offered Mrs. Mitchell a burying plot for her husband on a beautiful hill overlooking the rolling hills of Southwest Adair County.

Mr. Cheesman donated this land for burial with the understanding that he would deed one acre to Adair County for a cemetery. There were four people buried there in 1898. According to the records they were:

James A. Mitchell

Kattie Miller

A Morris child

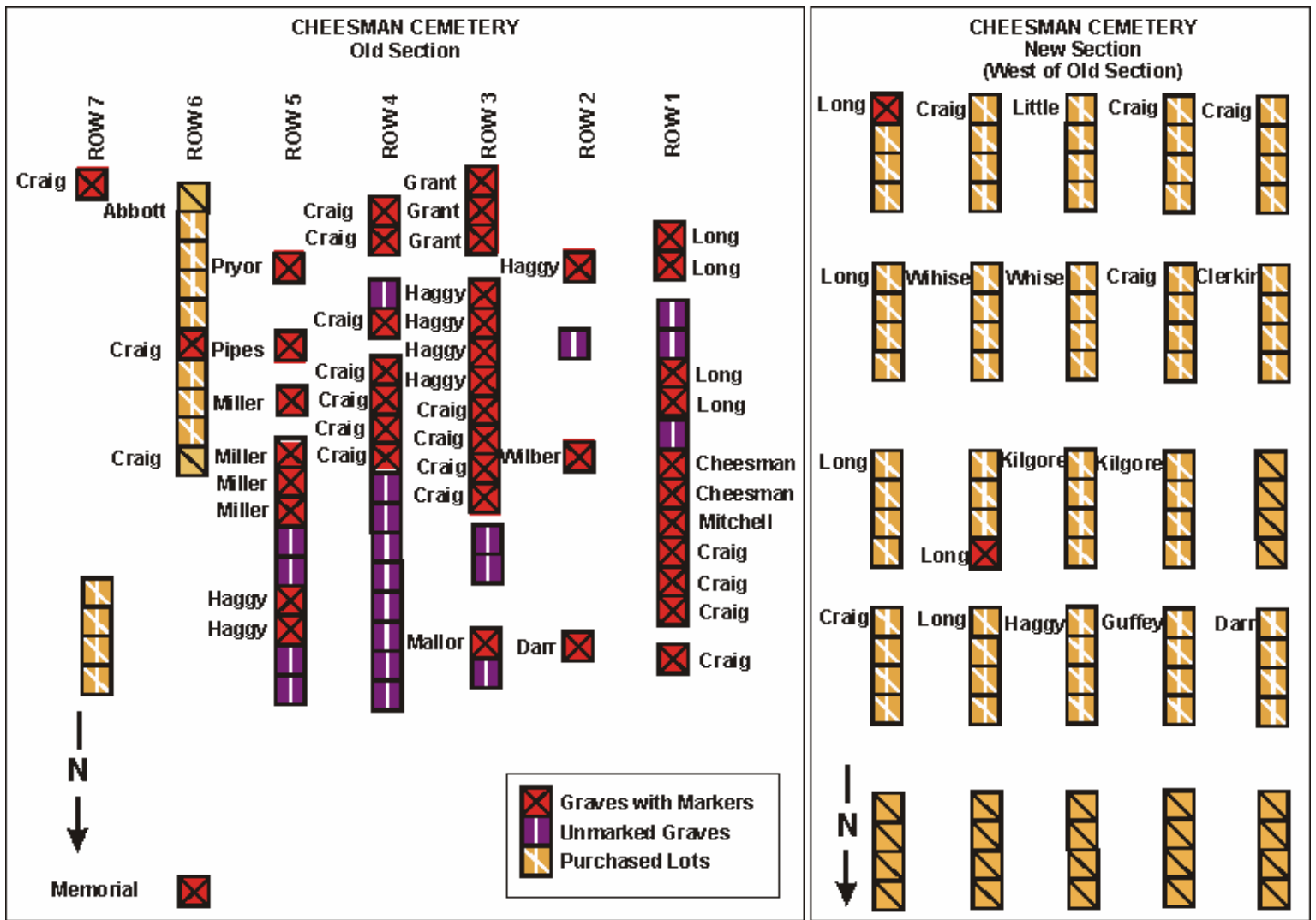
Annie Albright

On August 24, 1903, Thomas B Cheesman and Sarah Cheesman made a warranty deed for one acre to the County of Adair. Thereafter this burying plot was know as the Cheesman Cemetery.

In May 1970 a group of civic minded people decided to orgainze a Cheesman Cemetery Association. Clarence M. Craig was appointed President of the Association. Roy and Hettie Darr donated one-half acre of land and several people donated one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to start the perpetual fund at this time.

Melvin Crain left a bequest of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) a his death in memory of his wife, Pernia Victoria Smith Craig. This gift was to be used for the perpetual care and upkeep of the cemetery.

This history was collected and written by Clarence M. Craig.



Surname	Given Name	Birth	Death
Abbott	Avary	2-5-1898	10-21-1969
Cheesman	Thomas B.	12-3-1822	no date
	Sarah E.	2-6-1826	6-6-1906
Craig	Anna	1898	1963
	Avis	1931	1939
	Cynthia	no date	
	Harold L.	1927	1953
	Jane	1-11-1850	1-30-1910
	Lyle E.	8-24-1920	2-3-1978
	Melvin	1881	1975

	Melvin Richard	2-8-1957	2-9-1957
	Nettie R.	4-30-1912	9-19-1913
	O. J.	1883	1965
	Pernia V.	1892	1941
	Ronald E.	1939	1952
	Thomas C.	3-6-1911	3-6-1911
	Thomas	9-6-1844	10-21-1917
	Dau. of Thomas	no date	
	Walter E.	1885	1961
	William G	3-21-1925	9-8-1970
	Granddaughter of William		
Darr	Thelma Mae	2-28-1905	6-26-1907
Grant	Anna L.	4-2-1916	1-28-1919
	Nettie M.	5-2-1918	1-12-1919
	Nora May	8-23-1887	12-19-1974
Haggy	Alice Avis	3-22-1924	no date
	Barbara Glynn (Galindo) Parents: Everisto Anthony Galindo and Mildred Karr Married: Bobby Lee Haggy	12-10-1933	05-05-2006
	Edna Bethsina Widowed Haggy, Othel Nations, Charles William Opel, Anna	8-29-1998	8-7-1910
	George	1881	1924
	Henry J.	1868	1949
	Henryetta		
	Othel Married Nations, Edna B. Haggy, George Craig, Ida	9-24-1993	1-30-1908
	Infant son of Othel & Edna	12-19-1928	no date
Long	Carlyle	3-13-1935	3-29-1935
	Charles A.	9-1-1921	11-12-1922

	Charles	8-21-1861	no date
	Emma	12-15-1871	7-6-1924
	Orange N.	9-10-1892	3-25-1974
	Wilfred L.	1927	1979
Mallory	George B.	age 29 Y 7M	5-2?
Miller	Margaret E.	1856	1937
	Son of W. T. & Rosa A.	11-5-1909	11-5-1918
	William E.	1851	1915
	William T.	2-22-1885	10-22-1918
Mitchell	James	2-2-1835	6-2-1898
Pipes	Beulah M.	1918	1956
Pryour	Gerald H.	12-24-1908	6-23-1965
Wilber	Dollie		6-17-1908

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