

William Ashley Burial Ground

Inquire and please, ask permission to enter private property.

Civil Township:

Lamine

Quadrant Map:

Billingsville

General Location:

North of Lamine

Congressional Township:

Township 49-N; Range 18-W

Section:

Section 26

Longitude & Latitude:

To Be Determined

Directions:

Road Directions: From Lamine Station go north about 2 miles to intersection of road going north and east (right turn) and follow to a dead end. Between end of this road and the mouth of Moon Creek, on a bluff is the site of the Ashley Graves. This area is also marked as Emmons landing

Atlas Survey:

1877 land atlas – no cemetery symbol in section 26.

1915 land atlas – a cemetery symbol on J. P. Mellor landing in section 26.

1978 plat book – no cemetery symbol in section 26.

1991 plat book – no cemetery symbol in section 26.

1877 land atlas – two cemetery symbols in Section 35; near where the Lamine River flows into the Missouri River.

1915 land atlas – cemetery symbol on Peter Angermann land, which was on also on the 1877 land atlas.

1978 plat book – one cemetery symbol on the McNaughton land, which was once the Peter Angermann land.

1991 plat book – no cemetery symbol at either location in Section 35.

History:

Here is a granite marker on what is thought to be the grave of Gen. William Ashley.

Updated:

January 30, 2009 with 2 entries for this cemetery.

Ashley

General William H.; born 10 Jan 1764; died 03 Mar 1838; Husband of Elizabeth née Moss Wilcox, first husband Ashley, (Crittendon) third husband; Born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Came from Powhattan County, Virginia to Missouri Territory of Upper Louisiana, as it was called in 1803. No more picturesque character was among Missouri pioneers. He helped to promote the Old Bank of St. Louis and was brigadier general of Missouri Militia in the War of 1812. He founded the Rocky Mountain Fur Co., and personally conducted exploration and trading expeditions to the headwaters of the Missouri and into the Rockies.

He was the first Lieut. Governor of Missouri. He was a Whig and was elected to the twenty-second Congress to fill the un-expired term of Spencer Pettis and was re-elected to the twenty-third and twenty-fourth congresses. He obtained congressional confirmation of the grant of 30,000 arpens of land in the present Cooper County to Pierre Chouteau by the Osage Indians. Later Ashley bought the tract from Pierre Chouteau.

It was his dying request that he be buried at the top of one of the Indian mounds, in the bend of the "Great River" the highest point in that locality.

	<p>From a "Tribute to Gen. Ashley" by Judge Roy D. Williams.</p> <p>A picture of this monument is published in the "Boonslick Historical Personalities" published by the Boonslick Historical Society, 1974.</p>
Ashley	<p>Elizabeth née Moss, daughter of Dr. J. W. Moss of Howard County, was the wife of General William H. Ashley at the time of his death on March 26, 1838. Prior to her marriage to the famous fur trader, she was the widow of Dr. Daniel Wilcox of the Boonslick area. After Ashley's death, she married John J. Cirttenden of Kentucky. One of the most popular books written by the late author, Shirley Seifert, entitled "The Three Lives of Elizabeth" is a fictional history of the life of Elizabeth Moss and her three marriages." From "Boonslick Historical Personalities" - Howard and Cooper Counties by William H. Holmes, Boonville, Missouri.</p>

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