

Parsons Slave Cemetery

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Quadrant Map:

Rocheport

General Location:

East of Clarks Fork Crossroads

Congressional Township:

Township 48-N; Range 16-W

Section:

Southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 36

Longitude & Latitude:

To be determined

Directions:

About 2 ¼ miles east of the Clarks Fork Crossroad

Atlas Survey:

1877 land atlas – a cemetery symbol on A. G. Broyles land

1915 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on the Thomas J. Cartner land

1978 plat book – no cemetery symbol on the Wilbur Carmichael land

1991 plat book – no cemetery symbol on the Stephen Birch land

History:

Recorded by Mary Ann and John Kemp.

On Feb 7, 1837 James Parsons purchased 160 acres of land near Clark's Fork, Cooper County, Missouri for \$4.00 per acre, good farming land not far from Boonville and the Missouri River. There he built his house, and grew tobacco and other crops. After James died there on 21 Aug 1861, and his wife, Martha née Sowell Parsons, on 14 Jan 1862, the land was sold to J. T. Kemper of Boonville. In 1925-1926, some of the old slave quarters and grave-yard could still be seen, although the house was no longer inhabitable.

James Parsons created two cemeteries one for family members and the other for his slaves. This plot was enclosed by a fence.

Updated:

February 1, 2009 with 5 entries for this cemetery.

Slave	Uncle Tom "Overseer"; no dates
Slave	Uncle Rufus; no dates
Slave	Aunt Rodey; no dates
Slave	Aunt Mary; no dates; family cook
Slave	Nimrod; no dates