

Prairie Lick Methodist Church Cemetery

Inquire and please, ask permission to enter private property.

Quadrant Map:

Billingsville

General Location:

Southwest of Boonville

Congressional Township:

Township 48-N; Range 17-W

Section:

Southeast quarter of northwest quarter of southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 19

Longitude & Latitude:

38 54 59 : 92 49 33

Directions:

On west side of road going from Route 135 to site of old Prairie Lick station on the M. K. T. railroad between Pilot Grove and Boonville.

Atlas Survey:

1877 Land Atlas – a church and cemetery symbol on B. B. Bryan land

1915 Land Atlas – a church and cemetery symbol on W. L. Bryan land

1978 Plat Book – a cemetery symbol on Ralph Bryan land

1991 Plat Book – a cemetery symbol on Ralph Bryan land

History:

These few facts about the Prairie Lick Church and Cemetery were given by Mr. Thomas Bryan in 1974. He said that his grandfather had given the deed to the land for church and cemetery. The building is known to have served both the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal South faiths.

This cemetery was recorded by the Cooper County Historical Cemetery Association about 1967. The cemetery was in very poor condition at that time. Since it had been left un-cared for, it is badly overgrown with brush and trees.

The following list of graves was made up from the files at the courthouse. The original list having been lost. It is only a partial list.

On the west side of the cemetery there is a section of graves of black people. No records remain of them. It is possible that some stones and bodies have been moved to other cemeteries.

The original land deed of this property states "83/100 of an acre of land was sold by Benjamin Bryan and Marty Bryan, his wife, to Charles Rose, Theodore Clemens, and William H. Hann, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the consideration of \$16.00 – on the date of file: October 16th , 1872, 10:40 A.M. before Austin Babbitt, "J.P."".

Updated:

February 1, 2009 with 20 entries for this cemetery.

Ashmead	Joseph; born 1 Mar 1851, died 14 Dec 1888.
Beadle	Alice; died 21 Jun 1913.
Beadle	Mrs. Robert; died 21 Jun 1913 wife of Robert Beadle; Mrs. Beadle died in a railroad accident in Parsons, Kansas.
Bills	Ransom; no marker; a black man known to have been buried here.

Bryan	A brother of Josie née Bryan Dwyer; son of William L. and Julia née Burns Bryan.
Bryan	Robert; born 27 Mar 1878; died 23 May 1878; infant son of William and Julia née Burns Bryan; no marker but grave enclosed in metal picket fence
Donahue	Infant son of James and Josie Donahue; grave enclosed in wooden picket fence
Dwyer	Infant son of Michael and Josie née Bryan; no marker but known to have been buried here.
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Garpett	Mary Francis née Seats; Mr. Richard Johnson a relative thinks she is buried here.
Kabel	Dollie; born 14 Oct 1891, died 21 Jun 1913; died at the same time and place as Mrs. Beadle; wife of Ben Kabel.
Kabel	Israel; born 22 Oct 1841, died 21 Dec 1905; GAR.
Kabel	Martha; born 15 Jul 1838, died 29 Apr 1907; wife of Israel Kabel.
Messer	Child of Messer family; no marker but known to be buried here.
Nelson	Ambrose, Mrs.; no marker but known to be buried here.
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Shoemaker	George; born 1827; husband of Mary Shoemaker.
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Unknown	Two small foot stones; one with L. B. and the other with L. J. B..
Ziegel	Elizabeth née Baslee; died 14 May 1871 aged 61 years 7 months 16 days; born in Basel, Switzerland; married Andrew Ziegel in Strasburg, Germany.