

LOUTRE LICK CEMETERY

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Pioneer Cemetery Located at Mineola

"Mrs. Frances Darnell of Mineola has recently completed compiling former School Superintendent's Hupe's papers from the years he was superintendent. the scrapbook, made up of approximately 150 pages plus pictures from that period, will be placed in the Montgomery County Library.

Mrs. Darnell has also completed this history of the old Loutre Lick Cemetery in Mineola."....

"The Pioneer Loutre Lick Cemetery is located on Pine Street east of the corner of Pine Street and College Street in Mineola".....

Mrs. Suggett, Regent, Watson- VanBuren Chapter DAR, Montgomery City, requested information on the location of Isaac Van Bibber's grave for a DAR marker. The following is from Mrs. Darnell's reply.

" After consulting several of the older people in the neighborhood, I find that VanBibber graves lie in a cemetery--- "Loutre Lick Cemetery" which is located some distance up the hill north west of the tavern. Mayor Isaac VanBibber, his wife, three daughters and a son in law are buried in the graveyard together with representatives of many of the pioneer families"....

" Out of a number of graves a very few graves can be seen at present....."

Ben Elliott and Ed Wilson have lived in the community. They knew the exact location.....tried to locate them, but find it impossible now.....".

"Buried in the cemetery are Floria Graham, Marian C. Graham, they were the daughters of Robert and Isabella Gailbreath Graham and sisters of Doc. F. Graham."

D. F. Graham knew where his sisters were buried. He realized that the location would be lost in time. He asked Mr. Harvey Scanland if he would give him a deed to the area where the grave were do he might fence it".

"The deed, dated August 10, 1896.....A Certain tract of land, 48 feett. wide and 56 feet wide,.....the said tract having been used for a burying ground years ago is noe designated to be preserved, cared for "in honor" of the dead". About 1901 Ben R. Graham fenced this small tract of land as his father had requested. The fence posts decayed but the wire remained.".... _____ " In 1948 James K. VanBibber wrote Harry Ball, Postmaster at Montgomery City, asking for someone who would copy all inscriptions on every VanBibber stone in the graveyard in Mineola. No stones or graves were found at that time".

"In 1975 the Darnell and Harris families erected a permanent marker in the center of the known footage of the cemetery to preserve the location of the two Graham graves. The stone can be seen from the parking lot of the Mineola Baptist Church".

[note: The stone used is a stone from the first bridge over Loutre River, built in 1886.]

:Loutre Lick Cemetery:

Florian Graham-b. April 22, 1822- d. October 1822

Marian Graham-b. April 12, 1811 in Christian County, Ky. January 12, 1831- Loutre Lick, Montgomery Co., Mo.

Isaac VanBibber-b. Oct. 20, 1771 in Greenbriar County, W.Va., d.Sept. 30, 1840, Montgomery Co., Mo.

Elizabeth Hays, b. June 12, 1776-Fort Boonesborough, Ky.- d. Aug. 3, 1828, Loutre Lick, Montgomery CO., Mo.

Frances VanBibber Cox- a daughter

Another daughter and her husband.