

Pioneer Cemetery: Richmond, Ray County, Missouri

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John C. Richardson was outraged upon learning that the grave of his mother-in-law located in the Missouri River lowlands southeast of Richmond had been washed away in the spring flood of 1844. Wanting to prevent such occurrences in the future, Richardson determined to purchase a burial site on higher ground. With encouragement from fellow Richmond residents, Richardson purchased “high land” for \$80 on North Thornton Street, five blocks north of the Ray County courthouse.¹

The contractual agreement, signed by the “Trustees for the inhabitants of the town of Richmond,” gave Richardson and his heirs the land “forever in trust for the sole and exclusive use and benefit for the inhabitants of the town of Richmond as a public burying ground forever.”² Pleased with his acquisition, Richardson invited residents to purchase family lots in the “Public Burial Ground.” Among those who purchased a family lot was the Peter Whitmer family. In the southeast corner of their sixteen-by-sixty-foot lot, Peter Whitmer and his wife Mary Musselman Whitmer were buried. Near them was buried their son Jacob Whitmer, and about forty feet north from his grave was buried Oliver Cowdery, a son-in-law.

From 1846 until 1875, the Public Burial Ground hosted many grave-side services. But in 1875, all services stopped, for it was concluded that insufficient space was available for additional bodies.³

Interest in the cemetery waned over the next few decades. It was not until 1911, when Junius F. Wells located the grave of Oliver Cowdery in what residents of Richmond were calling the “Mormon Pioneer Cemetery,” that interest was renewed.⁴ With enthusiasm, Wells wrote to the First



*Old Richmond Cemetery, 10 May 1907.
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*Site of the Three Witnesses Monument, probably 1907.
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Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "The grave of Oliver Cowdery is the third from the north boundary of the cemetery. It is forty feet north and seven feet west of Jacob Whitmer's."⁵

His letter was gratefully received, as was his idea that a monument be placed in the cemetery in memory of Oliver Cowdery and other witnesses of the Book of Mormon. His idea spawned plans for placing and dedicating an appropriate monument in the cemetery on the anniversary of Oliver Cowdery's birth, 3 October 1911. An



*Three Witnesses Monument, honoring Oliver Cowdery
Martin Harris, and David Whitmer,
21 November 1911.*

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eleven-foot-high memorial created from three large blocks of dark barre gramli and weighing eighteen tons was commissioned.⁶ Plans for the monument went according to schedule until an extremely hot August shut down work in the stonecutters' sheds. The monument could not be placed in its six-foot foundation until November 1911.⁷

The day of dedication, 22 November 1911, was a most unusual day in the city of Richmond. In a local opera house, Latter-day Saints, numbering nearly 250 including President Samuel O. Bennion of the Central States Mission and twenty missionaries, were seated near forty-five Whitmer descendants and leading citizens of Richmond to celebrate the unveiling of the monument.

Attorney J. M. Farris represented the citizens of Richmond and welcomed the Latter-day Saints and the Whitmer family by stating, "Take possession of the city of Richmond. Today we are your servants."⁸ Musical renditions of "An Angel from on High" and "O My Father" were sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Evan Stephens. The ded-

icatory prayer for the monument was offered by Elder Heber J. Grant: “We thank thee not only, Heavenly Father, for this spot of ground where the remains of Oliver Cowdery lie, but we thank thee, also, because of Father Peter Whitmer, and his wife, and those who were loyal and true to the cause of truth, whose remains lie in this cemetery.”⁹ Following the prayer, plans for a processional to the cemetery and additional services to be held near the monument were canceled because of inclement weather.



*Old Richmond Pioneer Cemetery, showing Whitmer family graves,
21 November 1911.*

*George Edward Anderson Collection
Photo courtesy of LDS Church Archives*

The celebration of that day was memorable and often the subject of speeches given by Latter-day Saints and residents of Richmond. But with the passage of nearly forty years, the event and almost the monument itself were forgotten by Richmond’s residents. By 1949, the cemetery that housed the monument was covered with suckers from thorny locust trees, a heavy tangle of weeds, and tree stumps. Headstones, knocked down or broken off by vandals or children, were scattered about as if they were of no value. The editor of *The Richmond News* described the cemetery as “a wilderness of man-high weeds, poison ivy, matted grass, with the ancient headstones scattered here and there.”¹⁰

Mr. Davidson, a resident of Richmond, reported that heavy foliage in the cemetery provided a cover for lawless acts: “It was a common thing for

people to come, night and day, and commit acts that are not done in the open.” Dismayed by Davidson’s report, the City Council of Richmond authorized funds for clearing “the excessive growth.” Curiously, land merchant Mr. Crispen volunteered to help remove the debris. He personally cut down trees and hauled them to his own property. There he cut them again and again to make fence posts. These posts and an attached fence were soon encircling his planted garden within the cemetery, revealing his intention to acquire title to the property by “adverse possession.”¹¹

Mr. Crispen was foiled in his attempt when disturbing reports about the cemetery were conveyed to the First Presidency of the Church in 1949. The reports led President George Albert Smith to authorize Irvin T. Nelson, a landscape architect at Salt Lake Temple Square, to travel to Richmond and make appropriate arrangements with the city officials to improve the cemetery.¹² President Smith expressed his hope that Nelson would negotiate with local officials to purchase or rent the cemetery, which J. Reuben Clark estimated about forty by forty feet. Other Latter-day Saint leaders believed it to be larger, but none anticipated that it was nearly an acre.

On 3 May 1949, Nelson, in company with Francis W. Brown, president of the Central States Mission, was at the Pioneer Cemetery in Richmond. They witnessed firsthand the dismal condition of the property and the fenced garden. Feeling an urgent need to pursue acquisition of the cemetery, Nelson made an appointment to meet with the city’s mayor, George H. Manley.

At their first meeting, both men agreed that the cemetery had been neglected and that improvements were needed. Nelson, being made aware that the original deed to the cemetery specified that the property “forever”



*Jacob Whitmer Grave Marker,
Richmond Pioneer Cemetery, 1985.
Photo by Alexander L. Baugh*

belonged to the heirs of John C. Richardson and the City of Richmond, pushed the mayor for a lease. Knowing that he was not authorized to enter into a lease agreement, the mayor only ventured an opinion that the city would “give [the Church] a deed for the cemetery or a 99 years lease.”¹³ He asserted that the city would bear the expense of installing a water line and provide necessary water to the cemetery without cost. He then offered to furnish equipment and three city employees to assist in restoring the cemetery to its earlier, pristine condition.

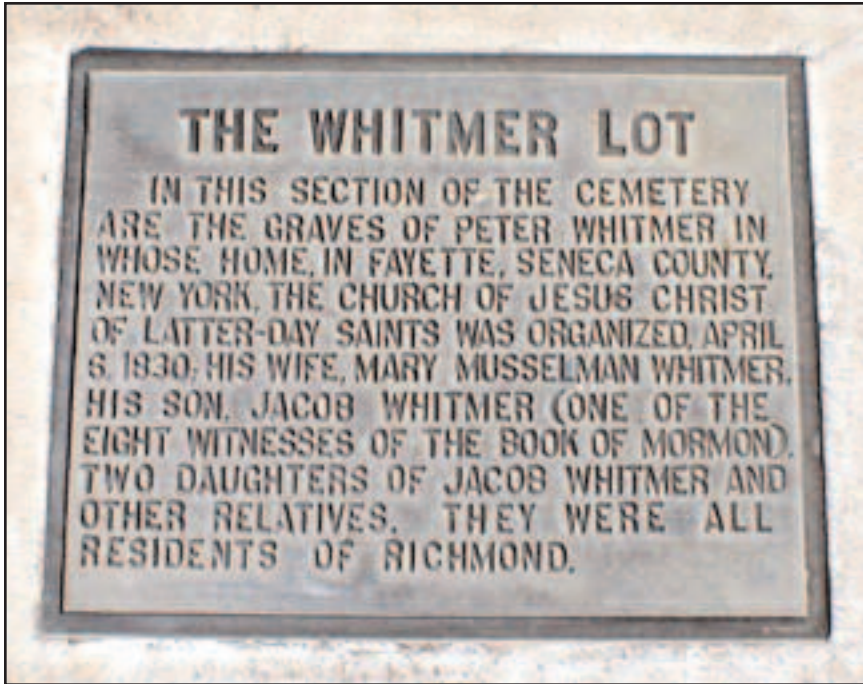
Although the mayor’s offer was generous, Nelson wanted more. He wanted the city to pay for one-half of the lawn seed, trees, and shrubs and one-half of the materials needed to permanently reset the headstones. He also asked that the city deed the cemetery to the Church for the sum of \$1 a year. Not every wish of Nelson’s was well received, but he felt confident that the mayor was amenable to his requests.

Nelson reported to the First Presidency that negotiations to lease the cemetery were progressing and that he needed \$5,000 to restore the cemetery and \$150 each year to maintain it if “priesthood brethren there in the mission have a project or two per year to supplement the work of a man to cut the lawn. The brethren in the office of the Central States Mission feel that they can cooperate fully.”¹⁴ The First Presidency agreed, and the Church Expenditure Committee appropriated the needed funds to Nelson.

The City of Richmond was not as quick to respond. The initial explanation for the delay was, “Our Attorney, Mr. Eugene A. Farris is out of the city and won’t be back until some time in September and as quick as he returns, the Council will take up the matter of leasing or deeding the cemetery to your church.”¹⁵ A clearer explanation was that the “City Attorney did not want to give us a lease,” said Nelson.¹⁶ The attorney’s negative stance did not prevent the Richmond City Council from voting to give the Church a fifty-year lease for the sum of \$1 per year. After the vote, Nelson wrote out a \$50 check. The check cleared the bank on 4 September 1949.

Three days later, the city attorney drew up the lease agreement. The agreement was unacceptable to Latter-day Saint leaders because of the heavy responsibilities placed on the Church for the upkeep of the cemetery. Bishop LeGrand Richards refused to sign.¹⁷

Although the lease went unsigned for a time, work on restoring the cemetery began under the direction of Nelson and his son, Fred. Edgar James and Fred Swafford, employees of the Street Department of the City of Richmond, were assigned to follow Nelson’s lead in the restoration process. Of the two men, Nelson praised Swafford: “Mr. Swafford, foreman, was unbelievably interested and cooperative,” wrote Nelson. “He was tireless in his efforts to render service in every possible manner.”¹⁸ Other Richmond residents were also assigned to help: Boyd Craven, John Davidson, Floyd



*Description of the Whitmer Family Graves,
Richmond Pioneer Cemetery, 1985.
Photo by Alexander L. Baugh*

Joiner, John Donner, V. R. Nelson, Robert L. Stephen, Bert Rodgers, H. A. Fields, Dewey Elliot, F. B. Nelson, Earl Lillard, E. Lane, and John and Curly Lane. Nelson estimated that through their combined labor, the City of Richmond donated over a thousand dollars of manpower for the restoration of the cemetery.

The city also donated a dump truck for twenty-four days to haul debris to a dumping ground two miles south of town. A city tractor was used to plow the ground a depth of eighteen inches. City employees laid a three-quarter-inch water line before leveling the ground and creating a gentle slope on the west side of the cemetery. And city volunteers planted evergreens and oak trees and seeded the cemetery in Kentucky bluegrass.

Most interesting of the labor-intensive process was the uncovering of ninety-five headstones, some that had been embedded as deep as fifteen inches in the soil.¹⁹ Each headstone was carefully cleaned and marked, preparatory to setting the stone in a permanent concrete base. A reporter from *The Richmond News* noted, "A complex mapping and marking system insures that the gravestones will be returned to their rightful places."²⁰

The remarkable transformation of the cemetery caused passers by to stop



Three Witnesses Monument, 1999
 Photo by Alexander L. Baugh

and comment. Members of the Historical Society of Richmond expressed appreciation. D. T. Zimmerman, cashier of the Exchange Bank of Richmond, expressed gratitude and offered to finance a light for the cemetery. He persuaded city officials to assure Church leaders, "Of course the city will bear the expense and pay for the monthly rate of the light."²¹ But of all the well-wishers, it was Mayor Manley who extended the greatest support. "Mayor Manley has been extremely helpful, and we hope this is the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between our church and the city of

Richmond," wrote Nelson.²²

Similar words extolling the mayor's virtues appeared in a feature article of the *Deseret News* on 9 November 1949, along with the reminder, "In 1911 a monument was erected in the old cemetery in honor of Oliver Cowdery and the other witnesses by the Church."²³ Although the article recalled the prominence of Oliver Cowdery, it failed to mention adornments added to the cemetery as restoration efforts moved to completion. Missing in the article was a description of the \$35 bronze sundial placed in the center of the cemetery's crosswalk. Inscribed on the sundial were three words suggested by David O. McKay: "Life-Death-Immortality." It also failed to mention the twenty-five-foot flagpole erected at the south end of the cemetery at a cost of \$40.²⁴ Also missing was mention of the \$310 inscribed bronze plaques strategically placed in the cemetery to explain the historical significance of the site.²⁵

Local newspapers in Richmond did not fail to notice the adornments, but it was the general improvement of the cemetery that captured their fancy. *The Richmond News* reported, "Mr. Nelson took all these scattered stones and laid them with the inscriptions face up, in concrete, in the center of the cemetery."²⁶ *The Ray County Herald* mused, "The entire city of Richmond rejoice over the transformation of the 'eyesore of the town.'"²⁷ Plaudits for the improvements came from more than newspaper reporters. From the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Ray County came, "We, the members of the Ray County Court take this opportunity to commend the renovating and repairing of the cemetery located in Richmond as completed by your Mr. Irvin T. Nelson. He has turned this place from an eyesore into a place of beauty."²⁸ And from the Richmond Kiwanis Club came, "A place that was formerly non-attractive, and interesting to only a limited number has now become easy of access, well appointed, a valued addition to our other spots of beauty, and a place of interest to an ever-widening circle of folks both here and elsewhere."²⁹

The plaudits were wonderful and hid for a time a glaring flaw in the restoration process. The flaw was failure to create a listing of inscriptions that appeared on the headstones. Nothing in the correspondence or writing of Irvin T. Nelson suggests that such a listing was made. Phone calls to the Historical Society of Richmond and officials of Ray County and the City of Richmond left this researcher mystified about the oversight. Even Internet sources, which typically provide clues to historians and genealogists alike, left me frustrated.

The listing that follows is based on faded inscriptions deciphered or interpreted from the aging headstones. It is incomplete but is included within this journal in hopes that the missing information about those buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Richmond, Missouri, may one day be discovered.

Notes

1. The purchased land was 126 feet wide by 311 feet long. It was situated in the northwest corner of Lot A of Lot 1, in the subdivision of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 52, Range 27, in Ray County, Missouri. The original deed for the cemetery was copied from the records of the Ray County courthouse, Book F, 120.

2. Acting as trustees for the City of Richmond were Charles R. Morehead, Joseph M. Lapsley, and George W. Dunn.

3. A new burial site was selected west of the city. A few of the bodies that had been interred in the Public Burial Ground were unearthed and reburied in the new Richmond City Cemetery.

4. Accompanying Julius Wells to the cemetery were John Henry Smith, Samuel O. Bennion, John F. Herrick, and Joseph A. McRae. Junius F. Wells, "The Oliver Cowdery Monument at Richmond, Missouri," *Improvement Era*, 15, no. 3 (January 1912): 251; hereafter cited as "Oliver Cowdery Monument."

5. Wells, "Oliver Cowdery Monument," 253.

6. Engraved on the base of the monument are the names of Joseph Smith (east side), David Whitmer (north side), Oliver Cowdery (west side), and Martin Harris (south side). On the east face of the monument is a replica of the title page of the Book of Mormon. On the north and south faces is the Testimony of the Three Witnesses, and on the west face is a brief summary of Oliver Cowdery's life. Wells, "Oliver Cowdery Monument," 266–67.

7. Deposited in a metal box within the foundation was a copy of the Book of Mormon, the Cowdery family genealogy, steel-engraved portraits of the Three Witnesses, and other memorabilia important to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. See Wells, "Oliver Cowdery Monument," 262–63 for a complete listing of memorabilia.

8. Wells, "Oliver Cowdery Monument," 269.

9. An outline of the program was sent to all General Authorities, mission presidents, stake presidents, and temple presidents. Leaders of Church schools and officers in Church auxiliary organizations also received a program outline. Wells, "Oliver Cowdery Monument," 265, 271.

10. "Mormons Beautify Cemetery," *The Richmond News*, 24 April 1950.

11. Irvin T. Nelson, "Report of Work Done at Old Richmond Cemetery (Burial Place of Oliver Cowdery) Richmond, Missouri, 1949–1950–1951," (n. p.), copy in the possession of the author; hereafter cited as "Report."

12. Nelson was already planning a trip to the Midwest in 1949. He had been assigned by the First Presidency to go to Omaha, Nebraska, to work on the Pioneer Mormon Cemetery. Nelson, "Report."

13. Nelson, "Report."

14. *Ibid.*

15. H. Young to Irvin T. Nelson, City Clerk of Richmond, Missouri, 19 August 1949. Copy in the possession of the author.

16. Nelson, "Report."

17. Even though a formal agreement had not been reached between the Church and the City of Richmond, there was a "gentlemen's agreement" that the Church would maintain the cemetery after the restorative work was completed. Irvin T. Nelson to the Committee on Expenditures, 28 November 1951. Copy in the possession of the author.

18. Nelson, "Report."

19. Nelson noted that three stones had Masonic emblems. Nelson, "Report."

20. "Mormons Are Restoring Old Cemetery Here," *The Richmond News*, September 1949.

21. Harrison Young, Clerk of the City of Richmond to Irvin T. Nelson, 26 June 1950. Copy in the possession of the author.

22. "Mormons Are Restoring Old Cemetery Here."

23. Harold Lundstrom, "Church Restores Historic Burial Place," *Deseret News*, 9 November 1949.

24. Arrangements were made to have the flag raised on national holidays and on July 24.

25. Wording on the plaques was prepared by John D. Giles and approved by David O. McKay on 29 March 1950.

26. *The Richmond News*, 24 April 1950.

27. "Mormon Church Transforms Town's Eyesore into Beauty Spot," *Ray County Herald*, 27 April 1950.

28. Office of the County Court, Ray County, Richmond, Missouri, to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9 June 1950.

29. Richmond Kiwanis Club to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 13 June 1950.

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—, Samuel
 Death date: 1 April 1845
 Age at death: 77 years

ALLISON, George A.
 Father: Allison, A. D.
 Mother: Allison, L. E.
 Death date: 19 August 1869
 Age at death: 9 months, 16 days

ANDERSON, William T.
 Birth date: 1840
 Death date: 1864

William was known as “Bloody Bill Anderson.” He fought with the Quantrill’s Raiders in the Civil War. There is no marker for him in the cemetery.

BARRETT, Annie
 Father: Warren, George
 Spouse: Barrett, Reverend T. W.
 Death date: 2 April 1866
 Age at death: 29 years, 6 months, 8 days

BAYLISS, Wm. R.
 Birth date: 27 February 1858
 Father: Bayliss, T. H.
 Mother: Bayliss, E. A.
 Death date: 31 December 1861

BISBEE, JACOB J.
 Birth date: 24 November 1855
 Father: Bisbee, Iram Packard
 Mother: Whitmer, Mariann
 Death date: 23 December 1855
 Age at death: 29 days

Jacob was the grandson of Jacob Whitmer.

BISBEE, Julia E.
 Birth date: 8 February 1859
 Birth place: of Ray County, Missouri
 Father: Bisbee, Iram Packard
 Mother: Whitmer, Mariann

Death date: 8 December 1859

Julia was the granddaughter of Jacob Whitmer.

BISBEE, Martha Elenora
 Birth date: 6 February 1864
 Birth place: of Ray County, Missouri
 Father: Bisbee, Iram Packard
 Mother: Whitmer, Mariann
 Death date: 22 July 1864

Martha was the granddaughter of Jacob Whitmer.

BLACK, (Son)
 Father: Black, J. W.
 Death date: 3 November 1866
 Death place: Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri
 Age at death: 9 months, 11 days

BLACK, Nancy
 Spouse: Black, Reverend James W.
 Death date: 16 March 1869
 Age at death: 76 years

BLACK, Florence E.
 Birth date: 22 December 1845
 Spouse: Black, Reverend James W.
 Marriage date: 15 June 1863
 Marriage place: Ray County, Missouri
 Death date: 29 January 1866

BRANSTETTER, Daniel J.
 Spouse: Slaughter, Nancy Winnie
 Death date: 29 October 1858
 Age at death: 65 years, 5 months, 28 days

BRANSTETTER, Daniel Jackson
 Birth date: 31 January 1816
 Birth place: Tennessee
 Father: Branstetter, Daniel
 Mother: Slaughter, Nancy Winnie
 Spouse: Ewing, Elizabeth
 Marriage date: 19 October 1841

Marriage place: Missouri
 Death date: 11 October 1849
 Age at death: 35 years, 8 months, 11 days

BROWN, Alex E.
 Birth date: 28 November 1845
 Death date: 21 August 1867

BROWN, Benjamin
 Birth date: 19 June 1772
 Death date: 10 October 1855

BROWN, Charles Allen
 Birth date: 2 March 1853
 Death date: 1 December 1856

BROWN, OSCAR Wilson
 Birth date: 3 July 1856
 Death date: 29 November 1856

BULLOCK, David
 Birth date: 18 December 1793
 Death date: 8 September 1863

BULLOCK, John W.
 Birth date: 5 October 1832
 Death date: 21 January 1876

BURNARD, Susan
 Father: Burnard, A. P.
 Mother: Burnard, Susan B.
 Death date: 3 August 1858
 Age at death: 1 year, 10 months, 18 days

CARSON, Edward D.
 Birth date: 1835
 Death date: 1864

CARTER, Austin
 Death date: March 16 (?)

CHILDS, W. G.
 Birth date: 19 October 1860
 Father: Childs, A. S.
 Mother: Childs, S. J.
 Death date: 25 December 1860

CHILDS, Allie A.
 Birth date: 4 July 1864

Father: Childs, A. S.
 Mother: Childs, S. J.
 Death date: March —

CLENNY, Medora
 Death date: 17 December 1871

COWDERY, Oliver
 Birth date: 3 October 1806
 Birth place: Wells, Rutland, Vermont
 Father: Cowdery, William
 Mother: Fuller, Rebecca
 Spouse: Whitmer, Elizabeth Ann
 Marriage date: 18 December 1832
 Marriage place: Kaw Township,
 Jackson, Missouri
 Death date: 3 March 1850
 Death place: Richmond, Ray,
 Missouri

CRAMER, Felix
 Birth date: 9 October 1862
 Father: Cramer, J. H.
 Mother: Cramer, Sarah C.
 Death date: 17 October 1862

DAVIS, Elva J.
 Father: Davis, Ucelus A.
 Death date: 1855
 Age at death: 4 months, 27 days

DOZIER, Leonard
 Death date: — 23, 1866

DUTROW, Edward E.
 Father: Dutrow, J. C.
 Mother: Dutrow, V.
 Death date: 14 October 1865
 Age at death: 5 years, 1 month, 21 days

Garner, Docia Eliza
 Father: Garner, C. T.
 Mother: Garner, E. B.
 Death date: 23 August 1853

GATES, Geo. R.
 Death date: 16 August 1859
 Age at death: 36 years

George resided for a time in Yellow

Springs, Greene, Ohio.

GRIFFIN, B. O.

Birth date: 24 April 1794

Death date: 23 May 1867

GRIFFIN, G. F. S.

Co. K., 31A., C.A.V.

GRIFFIN, Lucy A.

Birth date: 30 June 1803

Death date: 26 March 1876

HARRIS, William W.

Birth date: 10 October 1833

Death date: 18 September 1861

HUDGINS, Elizabeth Y.

Maiden name: Ewing

Spouse: Hudgins, James Foster

Marriage date: 30 March 1842

Marriage place: Ray County, Missouri

Death date: 23 May 1851

Age at death: 28 years, 6 months, 8 days

HUDGINS, James Foster

Spouse: Ewing, Elizabeth Y.

Marriage date: 30 March 1842

Marriage place: Ray County, Missouri

Death date: 22 December 1862

Age at death: 39 years, 3 months, 18 days

HUDGINS, Nancy

Spouse: Hudgins, William

Death date: 10 January 1862

JACOBS, Carrie Estella

Birth date: 12 August 1857

Father: Jacobs, Wm. M.

Mother: Jacobs, A. M.

Death date: 16 July 1858

KING, Austin Augustus

Birth date: 21 September 1802

Birth place: Sullivan County, Tennessee

Death date: 22 April 1870

Death place: St. Louis, St. Louis,

Missouri

Austin was a democrat, a lawyer, and a colonel in the United States Army during the Black Hawk War. He was a member of the Missouri State House of Representatives from 1834–36. He served as a circuit court judge from 1837–48 and from 1862–63. He was governor of Missouri from 1848–53. Although he was interred in the Richmond Cemetery, a twenty-foot marker in the Pioneer Cemetery extols his contribution to the state of Missouri.

LADOR, Joseph F.

Death date: 25 September 1858

LARSON, Alice

Birth date: 2 June 1812

Death date: April 1848

LIMERICK, Ezra

Birth date: 20 April 1857

Death date: 20 April 1857

LIMERICK, Mary N.

Death date: 13 March 1852

Age at death: 3 years, 11 months

LINER, Henry

Death date: 1859

LUTHER, P. Maria

Spouse: Luther, DeLoss

Age at death: 36 years, 2 months, 20 days

MASON, John

MOORE, Linea

Spouse: Moore, William A.

Death date: February 1863

Age at death: 53 years, 3 months, 11 days

MORROW, Isabella P.

Birth date: 28 March 1846

Father: Morrow, J.

Mother: Morrow, R.

Death date: 24 January 1861

- MOSBY, George R.
Birth date: 28 J— 1823
Death date: 2 October 1849
- OLIVER, Adella F.
Father: Oliver, R. M. A.
Death date: 30 April 1852
Age at death: 7 years, 8 months, 1 day
- OLIVER, Benjamin
Death date: 8 April 1845
Age at death: 23 years, 30 months, 10 days
- PARKER, Belinda
Maiden name: Clements
Spouse: Parker, William B.
Marriage date: 19 August 1864
Marriage place: Ray County, Missouri
Death date: 23 November 1866
Age at death: 20 years, 10 months, 13 days
- PATTON, Andrew J.
Birth date: 1824
- PHILIPS, Eleanor
Spouse: Philips, E. H.
Death date: 12 September 1863
Age at death: 43 years, 8 months, 2 days
- PHILLIPS, Tho.
Birth date: 16 May 1784
Death date: 12 March 1849
- POLLAND, Wm. C.
Death date: 19 February 1847
Age at death: 19 years, 13 days
- POLLAND, Andrew J.
Death date: 8 April 1852
Age at death: 21 years, 5 months, 25 days
- POLLARD, Rosanna G.
Father: Pollard, W. G.
Mother: Pollard, H.
Death date: 23 August 1842
Age at death: 15 years, 6 days
- PRIEST, Benjamin F.
Death date: 27 January 1864
- QUARLES, Lafayette D.
Death date: 18 September 1861
Age at death: 27 years, 4 months
- QUARLES, Martha E.
Spouse: Quarles, J. C.
Death date: 11 March 1864
Age at death: 28 years, 2 months
- RICHARDSON, Fannie
Birth date: 5 November 1856
Death date: 20 July 1857
- RICHARDSON, Frances
Spouse: Richardson, John G., Sr.
Death date: 2 March 1845
Age at death: 45 years, 6 months, 18 days
- RICHARDSON, Fanny
Father: Richardson, Samuel A.
Mother: Richardson, Julia
Death date: 11 February 1859
Age at death: 10 months, 7 days
- RICHARDSON, John Carter
Father: Richardson, Samuel A.
Mother: Richardson, Julia
Death date: 21 January 1855
Age at death: 11 months, 21 days

John was the fourth son of Samuel A. and Julia Richardson.
- RICHARDSON, John G., Jr.
Death date: 13 May 1861
Age at death: 19 years, 6 months, 26 days
- RICHARDSON, John G., Sr.
Death date: 8 September 1847
Age at death: 52 years, 11 months, 22 days
- RICHARDSON, Nathaniel
Death date: 16 December 1849
Age at death: 20 years, 1 month, 20 days

RICHARDSON, (Son)

Father: Richardson, Samuel A.
Mother: Richardson, Julia
Birth date: 17 February 1856
Death date: 17 February 1856

This child was the fifth son of Samuel A. and Julia A. Richardson.

RINGO, Cora Amanda

Father: Ringo, Andrew Hodge
Mother: Wirt, Margaret Simms
Birth date: 14 September 1853
Birth place: Ray County, Missouri

SEARCY, Mary Ann

Maiden name: Patton
Spouse: Searcy, Orville Henderson
Marriage date: 25 February 1821
Marriage place: Bedford County, Tennessee
Death date: 12 September 1872
Age at death: 69 years, 19 days

SEARCY, Orville Henderson

Birth date: 26 February 1800
Birth place: Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee

Father: Searcy, Robert
Mother: Wendell, Elvira
Spouse: Patton, Mary Ann
Marriage date: 25 February 1821
Marriage place: Bedford County, Tennessee

Death date: 2 December 1858
Death place: near Richmond, Ray, Missouri

TANNER, Anna

Birth date: 16 January 1833
Birth place: Caldwell County, Missouri

Father: Whitmer, Jacob
Mother: Schott, Elizabeth
Spouse: Tanner, David
Marriage date: 12 January 1850
Death date: 8 March 1852
Death place: Richmond, Ray, Missouri

TANNER, David

Birth date: 4 July 1824
Birth place: of Caldwell County, Missouri
Spouse: Whitmer, Ann
Marriage date: 21 January 1850
Death date: 10 January 1871
Age at death: 46 years, 6 months, 4 days

TAYLOR, Mary

Spouse: Taylor, Lewis

TEBBS, William Barnett

Birth date: 1 June 1826
Birth place: Green County, Kentucky
Father: Tebbs, George
Mother: Ederington, Elizabeth
Spouse: Ringob, Maria Louisa
Marriage date: 12 January 1852
Marriage place: Johnson County, Missouri
Death date: 21 March 1853

TURNER, George W.

Father: Turner, J. B.
Mother: Turner, Margaret
Death date: 10 (18) March 1848
Age at death: 15 years, 18 days

TURNER, J. B.

Birth date: 5 November 1813
Death date: 26 September 1864

TURNER, Jacob

Birth date: 8 February 1788
Death date: 30 January 1860

TURNER, Margaret

Death date: 14 April 1881
Age at death: 68 years, 10 months, 17 days

VANVOORHEES, —

Death date: 8 February 1868
Age at death: 43 years, 2 months

WHITE, Helen M.

Birth date: 11 August 1857
Father: White, N. A.

Mother: White, N. M.
 Death date: 30 November 1865

WHITMER, Sarah Elizabeth
 Birth date: 6 June 1831
 Birth place: Caldwell County,
 Missouri
 Father: Whitmer, Jacob
 Mother: Schott, Elizabeth
 Death date: 28 April 1852
 Death place: Richmond, Ray,
 Missouri
 Age at death: 20 years, 10 months, 22
 days

WHITMER, Jacob
 Birth date: 27 January 1800
 Birth place: Harrisburgh, Dauphin,
 Pennsylvania
 Father: Whitmer, Peter
 Mother: Musselman, Mary
 Spouse: Schott, Elizabeth
 Marriage date: 29 September 1825
 Death date: 21 April 1856
 Age at death: 56 years, 2 months, 26
 days

WHITMER, Mary
 Maiden name: Musselman
 Birth date: 27 August 1778
 Birth place: Strausburgh, Lancaster,
 Pennsylvania

Spouse: Whitmer, Peter
 Death date: January 1856
 Death place: Richmond, Ray,
 Missouri

WHITMER, Peter
 Birth date: 14 April 1773
 Birth place: Harrisburgh, Dauphin,
 Pennsylvania
 Father: Witmer, George
 Spouse: Musselman, Mary
 Death date: 12 August 1854
 Death place: Richmond, Ray,
 Missouri

WOODWARD, George
 Death date: 23 January 1852
 Age at death: 64 years, 10 months, 24
 days

YINGLING, Jennette
 Father: Yingling, F. I.
 Mother: Yingling, Mary Jane
 Death date: 15 August 1861

YINGLING, MARY JANE
 SPOUSE: Yingling, F. I.
 Death date: 2 February 1862
 Age at death: 24 years