It is UNBELIEVABLE that it is already time for our Annual Spring Meeting!

I always heard that time goes faster as you get older, and I believed that to some degree, but I am fully convinced now!!!

Please try to join us, as we discuss the past, present, and future of Union Campground Cemetery.

Parking is available next to Panera on Elm street, and also behind the restaurant. (The best access is from Elm, but you can get there from National, too).

I do hope many of you can join us, for the fellowship and for helping conduct the business of the cemetery.

If not, know that you will be missed, and to all, God bless

I'm having trouble with the markers. The paint or markings that I have used seems to wash off or fade away. Does any one have any ideas.

Report on Cemetery

I haven’t been very good the last couple of years on reports of the condition of the cemetery. This spring I had a call from Allen Maunu who lives north of Strafford. It seems out of the blue Allen called and said he would like to vacuum the leaves in the cemetery. He came and I went out and helped him. We spent about 8 hours total on the project. It looked great after he got through. You can see a lot when it is just plain dirt without grass and weeds. This is when we need to inspect the cemetery for grave sites and possible burials.

When we finished we talked about the dead trees. I said when the leaves start in the spring we need to remove the dead trees. He said he would take all the wood. That is good for us. He called on Tuesday April 19 and was wanting to work. We took out 5 trees before the chain saw quit. There are a lot of limbs and small stuff that needs to be picked up. Probably a good 1/2 day would make a big difference in the looks of the cemetery.

It won’t be long before we can spray for weeds and vines.

Allen said he would mow for $50 a time. I told him to go ahead at his convenience.

Allen called later and said he had hauled out most of the wood. He still had a couple of cedar logs he will need help with and that he had mowed for the first time.

Larry
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Treasury’s Report
Union Campground Cemetery Association
Submitted by Douglas Rayl, Treasurer
April 29, 2017

Previous Bal $4887.85
(Fall Newsletter)

Deposits:
Dues $175.00

Expenditures:
Josh Dilsaver 50.00
(Web Site)
Allen Maunu 50.00
(Mowing)
Bank Fee 3.00
Total expenses 103.00
Balance $4959.85

*Commerce Bank is now charging a
$3.00 per month for paper statements.
We are in the process of getting it
changed to paperless (of course, it’s
not just a simple on-line procedure).
They waived the fee for us for several
months, but one month we were
charged for it.
My address is:

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or if you have questions just
call me.

417-830-2371

Thanks
Doug

Your support will help pay for the newsletter.
**Lewis, Crosby, Aldridge**  
Father, daughter, granddaughter  
Three generations in our small country cemetery.  
**LEWIS** - James S. Lewis was born 1821 IL. It is believed by some his parents were Paul Lewis and Ann Stewart, but there is not proof. He married Angeline Watson in IL in 1841. Their first child, Sarah, was born in IL in May 1842. Their 2nd child, William B., was born in MO 1844 so they moved to MO about 1843 or 1844 where they remained for the rest of their lives. Their other children, all born in MO, were James Allen b. 1846, Oliver W b. 1862, Mary Permissa b. 1864 and a girl Ulysses Grant b. 1867.

In 1891 Oliver married Julia H Mack b. 1868 MO. They had 2 children but neither survived. Mary first married in 1883 to L.L. Hamblen, then in 1895 to James Rupert Mails. In 1887 Ulysses married Isaac Newton STIVER, the son of Isaac Stiver and Susina (Susannah) Homer, who are also in this cemetery. Their children were Ben b. 1887, Bertha b. 1889 and Ruby b. 1900. No info has been found on son William as of yet.  

**CROSBY** - Sarah married William Asbury Crosby in 1859. Census list Sarah's occupation as a Tailoress. She had 4 children. Daughter Elizabeth Clementine "Clemmie" b. 1860 MO and 3 sons, all born in IL according to census, are Thomas U. b. 1862, James S b. 1863 and William Lafayette b. 1864. The family later came back to MO. No info is known yet about Thomas and James. William married Jennie Spitler in 1906 but was divorced by 1910 having only 1 child, Nellie Mae. William committed suicide in 1941. "Clemmie" first married John H. Kern, divorced, then married John D. Glenn, but by 1920 she was a widow. In 1944 she died in her home from gas fumes that ignited setting her bed clothes on fire.

| ALDRIDGE | Nancy "Nannie" | b. 1873 MO was the daughter of James Allen Lewis. In the 1880 census Nannie and her brother John b. 1870 MO are living with their grandparents James and Angeline. In James probate a document dated 1900 states that son James Allen and grandson John have not been seen or heard from in 7 years (1893). He therefore names Nannie as an heir, however, a later probate document dated 1906 states she is deceased. On May 30, 1890 Nannie married Robert Aldridge b. 1862 MO. Nannie apparently became ill and as Robert was himself also ill she was sent to the Alms House. She came out but later went back in where she died in 1902. After his long illness Robert died in 1918 and is buried in Maple Park. Robert was the son of Rufus Aldridge and Narcissa CHANDLER, an ancestor of our cemetery's current President Robert Chandler.  
**CIVIL WAR** - I submitted a list of names from the cemetery to Jeff Patrick at Hulston Civil War Library, Wilson's Creek Battlefield, of any man remotely of the age to enlist. Of all the men on the list the only person who had any service was James S Lewis. He was in right from the start being mustered in Aug 1862 in Springfield, MO. He was a Pvt. in Co D, 8th Reg't Missouri Calvary. They fought in battles in Missouri and Arkansas.  
by Cynthia Davison  
with assistance from Glenda Myers, descendant of Clemmie.  
*Possible burial*

William C Layton  
**William C Layton**'s parents were Charles Layton and Sarah Foster. (you will see the Foster name deeply ingrained in the Layton family. They were cousins.)  
Siblings of William were

**Horace, Angeline G. Archibald, Susan Ellen, Thomas Foster, Sarah, John Foster, Murana Foster, Virginia J and Charles Robert.** All of the children were born in Spotsylvania County, VA where the Jeffries were from, except Murana who was born in Taney County, MO in 1831 about the time they were all moving to Missouri. Some of the Layton's had settled in Taney County and later some of the Jeffries joined them in Forsyth to start a sawmill, then later advanced the business into Arkansas. They were the first to use the river to float the logs from MO to AR, and later in AR started the very first number 2 pencil factory in the country.

Three of William Washington Jeffries' brothers married 4 of the Layton girls. Thomas Jeffries married Sarah Layton, sister of William C Layton. However, he went to California for the gold rush. He did not come back for Sarah for 15 years and she refused to go back to California with him. Sarah and William's parents were Charles Layton and Sarah Foster. John James Jeffries married Julia Ellen Layton, the granddaughter of Charles & Sarah through their son Thomas Foster. Robert Jeffries married first Ann Eliza Layton, daughter of Augustus Layton and Ellen Scott, then later Martha Layton, of which I have no information on.

Parents of the father Charles Layton were Robert Layton, Sr and Ann Stamps. Both were born in Fauquier, VA, and died in Fredricksburg, Spotsylvania Co, VA.

Parents of Sarah Foster were Thomas Foster and Susanna Mitchell. Both born and died in Spotsylvania Co, VA by Cynthia (Jeffries) Davison  
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**Josie Ann (Giles) Dulin**

Josie was born Josiah Ann Giles, 27 Jan 1846 to William Phillip Giles and Mary Ann Weir. Josie and her 8 siblings were all born in Morgan Co., MO. Her siblings were Elizabeth Jane 1831, Eliza Jane 1832, George W 1834, John 1836, James T 1838, Macolin (a girl) 1840, Virginia 1842, and Mary Ellen 1849. (Note: some descendants have Josie's birth as 1848, but census with her parents in 1850 also puts it at 1846.)

While Josie's mother lived to be 89 (in 1899), her father died in 1853 at the age of only 46. After that the younger kids were scattered about to different families. Two of the children had already passed away before their father died. Macolin died at age 11 and Virginia at age 3. Of the 9 children only 4 made it past the age of 30, and one of them died at 47. James only lived to the age of 17, so it is not a surprise Josie only made it to 20 years of age. It makes one suspect a hereditary condition. As I recall the death certificates online for a few of William's grandchildren all had heart conditions as the cause of death.

Of the 4 children who lived past 30, Elizabeth (Yost), John and Mary (Dempsey - Post) ended up in California. Eliza (Evans) remained in Morgan County her entire life. One brother, George, who made it to the age of 29 also stayed in Missouri.

After her father died, when the kids were scattered about to different families, Josie and her younger sister Mary went to live with the Neal family. That is how Josie came to be in Cooper County, where she later married Andrew J Dulin in 1898. There were other Dulins in the area of this cemetery which were probably relatives of Andrew. The newlyweds moved to Greene County where after only 7 months of marriage Josie died.

Andrew went on to marry Elizabeth Freeman a few years later and they moved to Texas where they remained the rest of their lives.
“THEN AND NOW”

Slowly but surely progress has been made in the restoration of Union Campground Cemetery. The 2 photographs tell their story. Jim and Jean Rayl and their families spent a good 8 years with help of many to fence the cemetery and start the cleaning. After Jim died in late 1998 things seemed to come to an end for another 7-8 years. After 3 months of retirement Hazel & Larry Voris took this latest clean up on as a project. With the help of Doug Rayl, Robb Chandler and several other members of the association, 2-3 Boy Scout projects, and the team from Dr. Billie Follensbee classes from Missouri State University, the bottom picture shows your view today.

I can’t name all the people who have contributed help in the restoration project because I would leave someone out.

Jean Rayl

At the end of 2006 the cemetery looked great and could be mowed with a riding lawn mower. The Ice Storm of 2007 happened. Hazel & I had been to Florida for 60 days leaving on Jan 10, 2007 with the weather in the 70’s.

The first thing we did when we got home was to go to the cemetery. The sight made you want to sit down and cry. It looked like a tornado had hit. With a lot of help from Ben Gravely and his chain saw and many others it slowly took shape again. It wasn’t fun the second time around. The ice storm caused several trees to die with the tops being destroyed. This is what we are doing now.

Hazel & I had the equipment to help move the trees and brush around. We were glad we could do this. We are going to have to turn this over to some younger people in a few years.

Larry Voris
Family Connections

Union Camp Ground is known to be a community cemetery. Most of the people who are buried there lived in the area, however, it also seems to be a family of sorts. Many of the families there are related. Our President Robb Chandler is related to Meals, Dulin, Roper and Aldridge. The Winton and Gimlin were related. Other connections were Lewis to Crosby, Aldridge and Stiver. The Cottrell's were also related to the Stiver's. Others were Looney & Johnson; Appleby & Edmonson; Dulin & Kennedy; Jones & Jarrett; Freeman with Snow and McMurray; and my Jeffries were related to Layton and Thomas, though indirectly to the ones in the cemetery.

There are probably more connections that are not listed here, or have not been discovered yet. The people in the cemetery were more than just relatives. Even if not related, they were friends. They cared about each other. They took care of each other. Even former slaves, once freed, stayed in the area, bought land and are buried here. Many were thought of very highly.

I am sure there were people who were not so pleasant all the time. That is simply the nature of some humans and you are going to have some in every group, but overall, this group seems to be a large group of good, caring Christians.

*By Cynthia (Jeffries) Davison*

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Editors note:

When I read Cynthia’s article on family connections, she had the Chandler’s kin to the Dulin’s. I didn’t know whether Robb was an asset or not, Mollie yes. I always called Vera, Mom. I went to Hazel’s big blue genealogy bible and here is what I found. Edward Russell Dulin married Ollie Chandler. Ollie was a sister to Robb & Mollie’s grandfather Robert Milton Chandler. Edward was the oldest brother of Homer Virgil Dulin (1885) Hazel Dulin Voris’ father. This would make Ed & Ollies Dulin’s children, Bertha & Bill Dulin, Hazel’s first cousins and first cousin to Jerry Milton Chandler, Robb and Mollie father, making them second cousins.