

INTRODUCTION

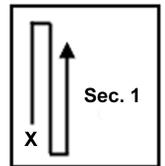
The Vernon County Historical Society and the Tri-County Genealogical Society (Vernon–Cedar–St. Clair Counties) have worked together to publish the completely new and tremendously expanded *Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010*. This new directory incorporates information from the *Cemetery Directory of Vernon County, Missouri* (1979), corrections, and more than 20,000 additional burials from numerous sources such as death certificates, obituaries, funeral home records, newspaper articles, and gravestone surveys. In addition to burials in Vernon County cemeteries, this new work includes known deaths in Vernon County when burial was elsewhere and Vernon County residents who died out of county and were buried out of county. *Vernon County, Missouri Cemetery Directory 2010* has as an every-name index and cross-references maiden names.

More than one hundred burial areas and cemeteries were identified, and the locations of most of the cemeteries have been recorded and are included in this directory. Most cemeteries have some unmarked gravesites and stones for which the engraving is now illegible. A survey listing of existing gravestones in cemeteries was made in preparation of this new directory.

Data has been included through **December 31, 2009**. Burials in active cemeteries are listed in geographic order. **However, burials which occurred after a cemetery's survey was completed may be listed under the heading "Unmarked Burials" for that cemetery.** Cemeteries are arranged alphabetically within the directory. The Table of Contents lists cross-references to alternate cemetery names.

Burials for which there is death information but the specific cemetery, burial location, or disposition of remains is unknown are listed in "Other Cemetery." Burials that are out of county are also listed in Other Cemetery.

Cemetery location, driving directions, and information on how the burials within each cemetery are listed in the directory are given at the beginning of each cemetery listing. Cemeteries which have roads or divisions within them have been divided into "Sections" to assist in locating burials, and sketches (not to scale) indicate those Sections. Burials are listed alphabetically in cemeteries for which discernable rows could not be identified and by natural order in other cemeteries. If rows are "snaked," the listing goes up the first row and down the second, up the third and down the fourth, etc.; see example to the right. Some listings are by individual rows which are identified as Sections. When searching for a specific burial, please consult the cemetery's descriptive information for how the listing was made.



In researching for this book, it was discovered that many dates on gravestones did not agree with information on the death certificate and/or in the obituary. Many times, the year of birth was rounded up (or down). Names are sometimes also different – nicknames, alternate spellings, given and second name reversed, etc. All names and dates from gravestones are included even if no date of death is inscribed.

Care has been taken to make the directory as correct and complete as possible; however we recognize that with more than 51,000 burials, some mistakes have been made. Please submit information on any burial that may have been inadvertently omitted and information for corrections to any burial. Please provide as much of the following information as you can for each correction or addition:

- Name of deceased including maiden name of married women
- Full date of birth
- Full date of death
- Full names of parents including maiden name of mother
- Full name of spouse(s)
- Burial location
- Source of information (e.g. obituary including date and newspaper, death certificate, etc.)

Send this information, along with your contact information, to the Bushwhacker Museum, 212 W. Walnut Street, Nevada, MO 64772.

When using the index, please note that all surnames are listed alphabetically without spaces, periods, apostrophes, etc.; e.g. Van De = VANDE, O'Toole = OTOOLE, McDowell = MCDOWELL, St. John = STJOHN.

A full burial record in the directory will have the following information: Surname, given name or nickname, maiden name, date born-date died, name of other person(s) listed on same gravestone, any notation about the burial, the date a couple wed, name of father, maiden name of mother, name of spouse, and military service. A brief underline "___" in the date indicates that information was not available. Examples of burial records:

SMITH, James B., ___ ___, 1834-Nov 2, 1914. DS: Sarah Smith. Parents: James Smith; Amanda Scott. CPL 151 INDIANA INF. CIVIL WAR UNION.

CARY, Stella May (**RYNARD**); Dec 26, 1875-May 27, 1945. DS: Delbert Cary. Parents: Joseph T. Rynard; Sarah Elizabeth Summers.

Abbreviations used within the directory include the following:

DS: Double Stone - additional burials on a gravestone.

Dau: Daughter

Aged _y[ear] _m[onth] _d[ay]

Months are abbreviated using the first three letters

Sp: Spouse

Cem: Cemetery

Various military unit abbreviations

Missouri required death certificates beginning in 1910. Those which are at least 50 years old are now available on the Missouri State Archives website at [www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/death certificates/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/death%20certificates/) or a copy can be ordered from either the Tri-County Genealogical Society or the Bushwhacker Museum at the address below; include \$3 for each certificate requested. Please send the name of deceased, date of death (or approximate), city or county of death in Missouri if known, parents or other information to help identify the correct certificate, the appropriate fee, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Also include your telephone number in case there are questions regarding your order. Keep in mind that persons who died at the Fort Scott, Kansas hospital or any other location outside of Missouri will not have a Missouri Death Certificate. Persons requiring a certification of death document for legal purposes or one which is not yet 50 years old can contact any Missouri County Health Department, and the fee is \$15.

As with any family history information, researchers are encouraged to verify information with alternate sources.

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