

GOOD SAMARITAN CEMETERY & CITIZENS CEMETERY
AFRO-AMERICAN BURIALS

OHIO TOWNSHIP, NEW RICHMOND, OHIO

Good Samaritan Cemetery is a beautiful, well-kept burial ground located about one-fourth mile out of New Richmond, going North on State Route 132. It is believed to contain only burials of Afro-American families. The 1870 Clermont County Atlas labeled it "Samaritans Cem.," and the 1902 Atlas refers to it as "Colored Cem."

The cemetery is located on a very steep hillside and contains several cedar trees and one giant elm tree, all apparently quite old. It is well fenced, has two gates, and an ample black-topped parking area. The cemetery is under the supervision of the Ohio Township Trustees and is well cared for, mowed and tended by Alfred "Butch" Monson, overseer of township roads and cemeteries. The earliest legible stone is dated 1846. Almost every stone is difficult to read due to damage from fallen trees and branches, vandalism, and the regular weather-wear found in all older cemeteries.

An outstanding feature of the old cemetery is the number of military tombstones it contains: 19 Civil War, and one Spanish American War. All were professionally cleaned and restored in 1992 by Kevin P. Connell, a monument restoration specialist from Cincinnati. They present a particularly beautiful scene as the bright white stones stand out on the steep hillside.

Following you will find every tombstone inscription that could be read, 94 in all, 20 of which were restored military stones. There were many additional nice stones with no inscriptions, many cornerstones, many field stones, and, since it is an old cemetery, some sunken graves. No records of lot owners or burials could be found at this time; perhaps they can be located or will turn up in the future. Funeral Home records show that some 230 burials were made to this location between 1889 and 1925 alone, an indication that many graves are today unmarked.

The cemetery has a visible wide space straight up the middle of the hill, evidently a carriage way or walkway, dividing the cemetery in half. For purposes of assisting visitors in locating graves, I have divided the cemetery into imaginary quarters: "A" and "B" at the roadside, and "C" and "D" to the hilltop.

Reference has also been made to two books: T.P. White Funeral Home Records, 1889 through 1925 by Margie Thomas, (1987); and Clermont County, Ohio, DEATHS, 1856-1908 by Aileen M. Whitt, (1988). If those books contained additional information or information that differed with the tombstone inscription, it is indicated in brackets. All bracketed information was added by the compiler and is not included on the tombstone.

SECTION "A":

Judah A. dtr of R.L. & S. KIRGAN: d 9-6-1846, age 1y 6m 13d.

Jacob THOMAS*2: Co.K 27th U.S.C.T.*7 [*⁴ d 2-2-1898 at NR age 51; *⁵ says Jacob H. THOMAS age 52].

Mary BRYAN: b 12-14-1817; d 4-22-1899; age 81y 4m 8d.[*⁴; *⁵ sp. BRYANT.

Oliver MOORE *2: U.S.Navy. [*⁴ d 4-14-1892 at NR age 50] [*⁵].

Prudence, wife of G. MOORE: d 1-29-1868 [*⁵ says d 1-19-1868 age 42.

Elizabeth POLLARD: b 1824; d 11-11-1891 age 67y [*⁴ says d 10-11-1889 age 60]

George MOORE: b 5-1825; d 5-4-1891 *6 [*⁴ Geo.H. d.at Detroit; bur 5-9-1889] [*⁵ G.H.MOORE d 5-4-1889 age 66]. [There are George Moore cornerstones.]

Charles E. DAVIS: b 4-2-1861; d 2-6-1880 age 18y 10m 1 d. [*⁵ the 1880 Mortality Schedule says he died Mar 1880 age 18].

Wm. D. THOMAS: d 10-28-1860 age 21y 6m 21d.

Lucy A. WILKINS: b 10-17-1807; d 7-17-187? (Stone is broken off).

Ila HOUSTON*2: 1st Sgt.Co.K, 27 U.S.C.I.*7: [*⁴ d 10-4-1900 at Cinn.

Wm. B. JENNINGS: b 4 June 1807 at Port Gilson, Miss.; d 29 June 1866.
Alverta JOHNSTON: b 10-25-1865; d 2-4-1901.
Clarence JOHNSTON: b 4-30-1867; d 2-7-1899, age 31y 2m 7d. [*4].
Henry R. JOHNSTON: b 7-28-1832; d 4-27-1903. [*4 d. at NR age 70] [*5].
Ernest JOHNSTON: b 12-25-1872; d 12-25-1903 [*4 says age 24 yrs; discrep.].
Andy THOMPSON *3: Pvt 8 Ill Inf SP AM War; b 3-10-1870, d 11-8-1947.
Henry JOHNSON*2: U.S. Navy, no dates; [possibly and probably same man as
Henry R. JOHNSTON, 3 lines above.]
Lizzy, wf of James A. BOND: b 2-20-1842; d 11-8-1875, age 33y 8m 12d.
[*5 says Eliza d 12-8-1875 age 32].

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Anna, dtr of J.A. & Lizzie BOND: b 1-13-1875; d 1-25-1875 age 12d. [*5].
James A. BOND: Father 1839-1904 [*4 says d 4-21-1904 at Cinn, age 65].
Willis SCOTT [cornerstones only] [*4 says d 9-19-1892 at NR age 61].
Sarah G. wf of Wm. M. BOLTON: b 12-15-1854; d 10-29-1885.
Sarah Edna BOLTON: b 10-12-1877; d 10-18-1877.
Thomas PERRY *2: U.S. Navy. [*4 says d 12-14-1896 at NR age 79] [*5].

(There are 3 cedar trees with 3 or 4 buried stones at base of cedars.)

Cassius B. DUDLEY, my beloved husband: 1872-1919. [*4 d 1-11-1919 at Cinn.
age 46y 10m].
Elizabeth TONEY: d 9-8-1903 age 54. [*4 says d.8-8-1903 at Cinn, age 71;
same person?] This is a large 4-tier very worn stone; says MOTHER.
Ida TONEY: [This stone is sunken or broken; no further inscription visible.]
Lucy, wf of J. EARLY: d 1-4-1891 age 57y. [*4 says d at Columbus age 65,
bur 1-6-1891] [*5].
Alex. ADAMS *2: Co. K 27th U.S.C.T.*7

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SECTION "B":

Lee BANKS *2: Co I, 9 U.S.Cav. [*4 A man named Lee BANKS d 6-6-1924 at Napa Co., Calif. age 44y 10m 14d.; prob. not this veteran, or error in dates?]
Peter WILSON *2: U.S. Navy. [*4 d 1-11-1895 at NR age 49] [*5].
Daniel LEWIS: d 10-10-1886 aged 65 yrs.
Lillie LEWIS: d 1871 aged 95 yrs.
Jno. ROBINSON *2: Sgt. Co. G. 6th (or 8th?) U.S.C. Cav.*7: [No dates.]
Daughter Lucille Marie MERCER*1: b 6-12-1940; d 8-4-1940. [Illegible; open to differing interpretation.]
Mabel Pitcher ALEXANDER: dtr of Geo. & Bertha ALEXANDER, d 12-13-1884 age 5y 10m 23d. [*5]
Nannie H. [NELSON]: d 2-8-1873 age 3y 2m 19d. \ Children of William &
Parallee [NELSON]: d 8-23-1875 age 3y 6m 24d./ Kate NELSON.
Mahala wf of John FINLEY: d 11-22-1893 age 89. [*4 d at NR] [*5 Death Record says d.11-29-1893, age 75.]
—**Frank DANCY *2:** Co. H. 5 U.S. CHA. [No dates.]
Pheraby DANCY: d 7-26-1908. [*4 d at NR, age 70 yrs.]
Daniel [DANCY?]:*1 The name DANIEL, with no further inscription, is on the top of the stone which is leaning against the other Dancy family stones.
Willie, son of Alonzo & Sarah JACKSON: b 1-5-1880; d 3-7-1881. [*5]
Fannie DANCY: d 10-5-1890, age 17y 6m 1d. [*5]
Eliza J. JOHNSON: [Cornerstones only, Lot 180?] [*4 says she d 10-1-1909 at Indianapolis, Ind., age 82.]
Alma Pierce TAYLOR: b 9-18-1886; d 7-3-1908. [*4 says d 7-3-1907, age 21.]

The next 4 names, 3 HAYDENS and a TURNER, were all on one stone.
Polly HAYDEN: d 7-18-1887.
Louis HAYDEN: d 2-8-1893. [*4 says a person names Lewis V. HAYDEN d 2-25-1894, age 41y] [*5 says L. HAYDEN d 2-10-1894, age 40. Are these records for the same man?]
Ephriam HAYDEN: d 4-6-1895. [*4 says age 58.]
Janet TURNER: d 11-17-1902.

A.C. KING: [No dates.] [*4 says he d 4-5-1895 at NR age 57.] [*5 lists a "Dock A. KING" with the same dates.]
Martha J. KING: [No dates] [*5 says she d 1-1-1908 age 70.]

Harriet [Harding] JACKSON: d 7-30-1902 age 82 y. [*4 gives her middle name and same mo. & day, but 1901.] [*5 also says she d 1901.]
[Damaged stone; only legible inscription is "----- Alonzo June 3, 1916. I believe this would be Alonzo JACKSON, who, according to White's Funeral Home records *4, d. June 4, 1916 at Madisonville, Ohio.]
Dennis ANDERSON *2: Co. C 14 U.S.C.T. [Colored Troops] [No dates. This is possibly and probably the same man as Dennis R. Anderson, whose funeral was handled by T.P. White 6-10-189?]

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SECTION "C":

Annie M. NAYLOR: 1870 - 1889.
Josephine MOORE: 1873-1909. [*4 d.4-11-1909 at NR age 35y 11m 15d.]
Richard JOHNSON *1: [Cornerstone Lot 85; also a moss-covered fallen stone; too difficult to read. *4 lists a Richard JOHNSON d. 1-30-1906 at NR, age 72, buried this cemetery. *5 lists the same data, except age 73.]
Henry PEWITT *2: Co. H 13 Ind.Cav. [No dates; *4 says d.9-7-1904 Clermont Co, age 60; *5 also lists him.]
Cprpl. Richard JOHNSON *2: Co.D 117 U.S.C.I.*7 [This is probably the same man listed two entries above.]
Anna Marie MOORE: 1896 - 1904. [*4 says d.5-6-1904 at NR age 8; also *5.]
Elizabeth TILTON: 1854-1926.
Wm. WILSON *2: Co. C [or G?] 16th U.S.C.T.*7 [*5 lists a Wm. WILSON, d.10-23-1886 age 47; possibly and probably this same man.]
Geo. BOND *2: Co. A 33rd Ohio Inf. [*4 lists a "Geo. BOND, colored," who d.7-28-1890 in Clermont Co.; *5 adds his age as 45.]
Anna L. wf of Richard JOHNSON: b 3-4-1853; d 2-7-1893. [Death recorded *5.]
Virginia A. ASHE: 1850-1913. [*4 says d 5-21-1913 at NR age 62y 8m 15d.]
Georgia B. MOORE, "MOVV": 8-8-1873 - 8-7-1953.
John FITZHUGH: My husband; 1857-1913. [*4 lists a man named John F.D. FITZHUGH, d 2-3-1913 at Cin.City Hosp, age 47y 10m 2d.]

***2 CIVIL WAR STONE:** This stone has been cleaned and restored; the Civil War shield is evident, but no inscription is evident.

Musn. Philip WILLIS*2: Co E 26 U.S.C.Inf.*7 [*4 says d 1-19-1920 at NR, age 76y 4m 0d. This stone is almost in the woods at the hilltop; there was a wild vine with a lovely purple flower blooming the day I recorded this stone. The view at this point is spectacular.]
Mary Ann WEATHERS wf of Samuel ROWLAND: b 2-28-1882; d 12-28-1922 *6. [Very large nice stone in woods; *4 says d. at Detroit, age 40.]

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SECTION "D":

Sallie SMITH: b 5-13-1848; d 3-14-1881.

Fany TRAVIS dtr of Lisa READ: d Feb 1884*1, age 90 yrs. [*5 says d.2-22-1884 age 99.]

Eliza wf of Philip READ: d 11-16-1893. [*4 says d 11-15-1893 at NR age 71; *5 Death Recorded as REED. Fany TRAVIS, above, and Eliza READ are both on one stone; *6 additional epitaph and/or stone cutter's name, which appears to be H. Seigel (or Seibel?).]

Henry PICOUET (or PICQUET?) *2: Co K 42nd U.S.C.T.*7 [*4 says d 12-13-1889 in Clermont Co; *5 spells name as PICQUET, age 65.]

Thomas, son of Lewis & Malinda CRONE: b 4-28-1872; d 11-23-1874, age 2y 5m. [*5 name recorded as CRANE.]

George WORNELL*1: b 3-4-__?__; d 9-2-18??.*6 [*4 lists a George Henry WORNELL, d 9-4-1897 age 16; *5 same.]

Irmina A. WORNELL: b 8-2-1886; d 1-21-1890, age 3y. [*4 spells it WORNELL.]

Silas WORNELL: b 9-17-1831; d 1-19-1888, age 56y 4m.

Samuel PIERCE: Father 1863-1907. [*4 says d 4-15-1907 at 12-Mile, age 44.]

Willie PIERCE: [Stone is upside-down; *4 says d 1-18-1905 at NR, age 16. *5 Death is recorded as William PIERCE.]

Belle, a wf of Lionel ALEXANDER, later wf of Samuel ROLAND: 1864-1917. [*4 says d 11-28-1917 at Detroit, age 55.]

Morris ALEXANDER: b 12-20-1858; d 9-18-1905. [*4 says d 9-13-1905, age 46; *5 with name spelled ALEXANDRIA says d 9-13-1905, age 49.]

Amendia ADAMS: d 4-17-1902 age 58 yrs. [*4 with name spelled Amanzia ADAMS says d 4-18-1902 at Dayton, age 59 yrs.]

Millie NAPIER: d 8-27-1896 age 75 yrs. [*4 & *5 both show the year as 1897.]

Eliza McGILL: 1871-1900. [*4 says Eliza N. McGill d 10-5-1900 at NR age 30.] [Large weathered conch seashell lying at the base of her stone.]

Essex WHITFIELD: b 10-28-1805; d 3-30-1896. [*4 says d. 3-30-1895 at NR age 85y 5m 25d; *5 says age 89; *6.]

George R. PIERCE: 1883-1917 "from Elizabeth." [*4 says d 3-9-1917 at NR, age 34y 8m 20d.]

Edw'd GRAVES*2: Co E 26 U.S.C.I.*7 [*4 says d 11-2-1903 at NR age 58; *5.]

Elizab. HUDSON: b 9-25-1864; d 5-4-1927, age 62y 7m 4d?*1.

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William McKEMSIE: 1845-1907. [*4 says d 10-4-1907 at Batavia, age 75; *5 with name spelled McKENZIE says age 73. This and the next entry are two small stones with a nice fossiled field stone between the two.]

Sarah McKEMSIE: 1846-1903. [*4 says Sarah A. McKIMZY d 8-22-1903 at NR. *5 with name spelled McKINSEY lists her age as 60.]

Howell BOONE: b 2-5-1818; d 12-7-1904; *6 "Thy Will Be Done." [*4 lists the name as Howel BOON, same d.date, d. at NR age 88. *5 says age 85.]

Aley Ann BOONE, his wife: 1837 [or 1839?*1] - 1914. [*4 lists her d as 1-29-1914 at NR age 79y 9m 12d. *5 lists her age as 85.]

Brutus TURNER: 1879-1901. [*4 says he d. 8-1-1901 Ohio Twp age 22; *5 same.]

McGIL*1: 1895-1902. [Stone is broken; this is possibly the stone for a child named Aley Ann McGILL who d. 10-30-1900, age 7. *4]

[Unusual Stone: There is another nice large star-topped stone with unusual iron figures of angels and women imbedded in the stone. There is no visible inscription on the stone.]

NOTES & ABBREVIATIONS:

- *1: Illegible or difficult to interpret. Some stones are worn; some broken; some damaged.
- *2: Civil War tombstone.
- *3: Spanish American War tombstone.
- *4: T.P. White Funeral Home Records, 1889 through 1925 published by Margie Thomas in 1987. This is an excellent reference book, listing the name of the deceased, date and place of death, age, and cemetery.
- *5: Clermont County, Ohio, DEATHS, 1856-1908 published by Aileen M. Whitt in 1988 lists every death that was officially recorded prior to the requirement of death certificates, and gives the book and page of the official death record.
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- *6: This gravestone contains an additional epitaph and/or the engraver's name.
- *7: Abbreviations: b.= born; d.= died; y.m.d.= age, year, month, day.
bur.= buried; wf.= wife; NR = New Richmond.
CT = Colored Troops; CI = Colored Infantry; Etc.

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