

ILLINOIS BEND CEMETERY

ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI

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The Illinois Bend Church and Cemetery are located 6 1/2 miles south of Kirksville on Highway 3, just south of the HH junction, on the west side of the road.

The Dart postoffice and store used to be south of the church. Homer Hawkins was the last to have the store there. In the 1830's an unknown baby was buried in the first grave in the cemetery. The land was given for the church and cemetery by Mike Clem. Daniel, brother of Mike, had the bricks for the church made at his farm, where he had a kiln. Daniels' son, Henry, helped fix the bricks and build the church when he was 14 years old.

The cemetery at one time became overgrown with weeds and hedge so the stones were removed, the cemetery bulldozed, the stones re-set, and a plat was made to ensure proper replacement. This was done by Charles and Mary Bragg Lee to get the cemetery back in a condition to insure maintenance.

Trustees of the church are responsible for care of the cemetery. In 1978 Dale Benner, Oren Soward of Kirksville, and Harold Turner of LaPlata were the trustees.

Illinois Bend Church was originally Methodist, but organized as a Disciples of Christ Church November 28, 1885 by Joseph and E. M. Wenger, F. M. and M. J. Weatherford, Lucy Sebring, Mary Dawdy and Ezekial Bragg.

Information on the church and cemetery was gathered in 1978 by Charles Moore, an elementary teacher in Kirksville, from Mr. and Mrs. Homer Johnson, Rout 1, Kirksville; Mrs. Ora Williams, Rout 4, LaPlata; and from the tomstones.

Surname	Given Name	Birth	Death	Notes	Lot
Allen	Laura	11-5-1851	11-15-1852	dau of R.S. & M.	C-1
Bragg	Ima	aged 7m. 11d.	7-9-1884	dau of M.T. & P.	E-2
Bruner, ?	John	2-12-1826	12-9-1868	stone broken, illegible Old records (DAR)	H-6
Calvin	Mary	aged 51 or 54	8-20-1875	Mrs. Scott Calvin	H-8
Dawdy	Infant	1-15-1875	1-18-1875	son	G-8
	Maud	10-4-1872	10-19-1880		G8
	Myrtle	6-24-1881	12-12-1881		G-8
Fry	Julia A.	8-16-1824	11-26-1875		G-4
	Dr. Moses	2-22-1816	4-29-1889		G-3
	Sarah	11-10-1836	9-19-1919	Alice Ownby Dodson's Grandmother	G-2
Grigler	Capt. Irvine			Co F 12 Mo Cav	G-7
Hall	Marie	aged 26 y. 1m.	12-21-1868	Mrs. N.	G-6
Hickman	Jane	11-3-1827	10-14-1904	see Hagans	D-2
	Susan		11-15-1875		F-1
Hiday	Louise	10-12-1865	6-12-1900	Mrs. A.M.	F-1

Knapply	William	9-29-1838	5-21-1902	negro	A-2
Leegh or Leech ?	Ethel Rose	8-22-1878		dau of G.E. & V.	H-3
	Rev. Joshua	4-2-1801	10-4-1868		H-3
	Sarah	11-3-1813	2-20-1897	Mrs. Joshua	H-5
Meeks	Cynthia E.	10-25-1836	11-19-1871	Mrs. George Meeks	I-5
	Florence	2-18-1883	11-16-1886	dau of G.W. & M.E.	I-7
	Harry	10-2-1871	8-24-1876	son of Wm.	E-6
	Margaret	aged 91	6-15-1900	Mrs. T. J.	I-4
	Maudie	7-8-1875	9-8-1876		E-4
	Son of WM.	9-7-1873	8-29-1876	Son of WM.	E-5
	Thomas J.	aged 72-3-18	6-28-1875		I-3
Miller	Leroy O.	aged 77-7-21	2-7-21		C-1
Musick	Burr	aged 57y 13d	4-17-1887		C-3
Ransom	Jane	aged 61-4-14	8-9-1870	see Martin	E-7
	Jonathan	aged 79-11-21	8-15-1885		E-8
Shafer	Charles	3-24-1837	9-9-1901		H-1
Smith	Garrett	aged 10m 15d	7-14-1869	son of I.M. & E.J.	F-4
Wenger					F-7

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