

Purvis Cemetery
Sumner, Chariton, Missouri

This old cemetery is located along the Burlington Railroad just northeast of Sumner, extending from North Ash St. The cemetery was established in 1863, with all the burials in the 1800s except Thomas Purvis who was buried there in 1924. As with most "forgotten" cemeteries, it is overgrown with grass, weeds, and brambles. Vandalism over the years is obvious with tombstones overturned, some never located, or some simply buried due to time and neglect. The centennial anniversary of this cemetery prompted the Project of the Restoration of Purvis Cemetery by the Community Betterment Committee of Sumner. Volunteer work and contributions were instrumental in preserving what is there today. The earliest list of tombstone inscriptions was that compiled by Irwin Williams about 1935.

BAKER, Roscoe
??-01 APR 1887
Age: 2 Months, 15 Days; Son of J.B. & Alice BAKER

CORDER, Eliza J.
09 MAR 1825-09 MAR 1899
This grave bears a U.S. Flag

CORDER, Vinicent O.
??-12 APR 1890
Son of V. & F.V.; Age 2 Months, 23 Days

DAUGHERTY, Mary A.
??-17 FEB 1891
Wife of Thomas DAUGHERTY; Age 73 Years, 9 Months, 27 Days

DENNY, Walter S.
??-04 AUG 1892
Son of T.J. & M.E. DENNY; Age 11 Years, 6 Months, 11 Days

DIEFENDERFER, Frank Edgar
22 MAY 1882-04 AUG 1885
Son of O.L. & S.J. Diefenderfer

DIEHL, Gracie G.
??-04 AUG 1889
Dau. of Lewis & Nancy DIEHL; Age 8 Months, 22 Days

FULKS, Martha J.
??-23 MAR 1888
Wife of Charles FULKS; Age 59 Years, 5 Months, 16 Days

GARDENER, Nancy O.
??-02 SEP 1895
Age 27 Years, 5 Months, 23 Days
Wife of W.B. GARDENER; Daughter of Ann V. STANLEY

GARRETT, Mary Pearl
??-04 OCT 1894
Daughter of F. & N.C. GARRETT; Age 3 Years, 11 Months

GARRETT, Richard
04 JUN 1804-30 JUN 1885
Husband of E. J. GARRETT

HARDEN, Jesse A.
??-02 FEB 1880
Daughter of G.R. & L.L. HARDEN; Age 5 Months, 24 Days

HARDESTY, Margaret
??-14 MAR 1886
Wife of Richard HARDESTY; Age 76 Years, 8 Months, 14 Days

HARDESTY, Richard Hardesty
??-25 FEB 1889
Age 76 Years, 8 Months, 14 Days

HAYLES, C.H. Hayles
??-23 DEC 1888
Age 45 Years, 11 Months, 16 Days

JONES, Arthur A.
??-22 DEC 1879
Son of Moses & Christina; Age 5 Months, 4 Days

JONES, Eddie H.

11 SEP 1869--26 SEP 1970
JONES, Frank A.
06 JAN 1876--12 AUG 1876
JONES, Fred A.
05 JAN 1876--01 OCT 1876
JONES, John H.
20 MAY 1827--09 AUG 1887
Father of Charlesborn
KELLER, Andrew J.
??--OCT 1886
Son of John & Imogene; Age 3 Years, 2 Months, 18 Days
LINSCOTT, Hubert R.
??--04 APR 1887
Son of P.M. & Wealthy A.; sge 10 Years, 8 Months, 2 Days
MCCART, Henry Clyde
??--28 NOV 1888
Son of W.H. & M.E.; Age 9 Months, 27 Days
PEARSON, Johnnie E.
??--21 NOV 1888
Aon of J.A. & Belle Pearson; Age 10 Months
PERKINS, Lydia
10 MAR 1836--15 JUN 1887
Wife of W.B.
PHILLIPS, Infant
10 MAR 1887 (Only Date)
Son of William & Isabelle
PORCH, James
25 FEB 1808--26 JAN 1891
Step-father of William PHILLIPS
PRYOR, Albert Claud
29 DEC 1889 (Only Date)
Infant son of C. W. & M. V.
PURVIS, Aaron
??--21 DEC 1888
Son of J.G. & Nancy; Age 33 Years, 10 Months, 7 Days
PURVIS, John
03 JAN 1803--15 APR 1867
SMART, Joseph T.
??--06 OCT 1888
Age 70 Years, 6 Months, 23 Days
This stone bears a Masonic Emblem
SMART, Mary A.
??--05 MAR 1863
Wife of Joseph T.; Age 39 Years, 1 Month, 15 Days
SMART, Ray
07 MAY 1890 (Only Date)
Infant Son of L.A. & M.A.
SMITH, Dannie
??--27 JUL 1887
Son of James & N.; Age 3 Years, 1 Month, 15 Days
SMITH, Della
??--27 JUN 1887
Daughter of James & Nannie; Age 1 Years, 1 Month
SMITH, Eliza
??--09 AUG 1891
Mother of J.K.; Age 69 Years
SMITH, James K.
??--20 JAN 1893
Age 48 Years, 1 Month
SMITH, Mary M.
??--20 JUL 1880
Daughter of D. & L.C.; Age 4 Years, 4 Months
SMITH, Nettie
12 SEP 1887 (Only Date)
Infant Daughter of D. & L.C.

SMITH, Peachie
??--21 JUL 1887
Son of James & N.; Age 1 Years, 8 Months, 23 Days

SMITH, Stidman
??--07 JUN 1883
Son of Zion & Francis; Age 28 Years, 15 Days

SMITH, William
??--08 OCT 1872
Son of W. & M.V.; Age 10 Months

SMITH, Zion
04 OCT 1894
Age 70 Years, 5 Months, 23 Days

STANLEY, Jonathan
??--02 JAN 1892
Age 54 Years, 9 Months, 13 Days

STANLEY, Jonathan W.
??--20 DEC 1872
Son of B.F. & Ann V.; Age 1 Year, 1 Months 17 Days

STANLEY, Lovinia
??--04 APR 1875
Daughter of B.F. & Ann V.; Age 2 Years

STANLEY, Montrose
03 AUG 1872--15 OCT 1874
Son of J.R. & S.J.

STANLEY, Rebecca
??--30 APR 1881
Wife of P.G.; Age 31 Years, 8 Months, 25 Days

STANLEY, Vallie
??--29 APR 1881
Daughter of P.G. & Rebecca; Age 2 Years, Months

STANLEY, Vergil E.
??--16 FEB 1890
Son of P.G. & Mollie J.; Age 2 Months, 2 Days

VICE, Nancy
??--26 JUL 1887
Wife of W. D.; Age 44 Years, 8 Months, 18 Days

WAMHOFF, David S.
??--12 JAN 1880
Son of C.B. & M.; Age 11 Months, 5 Days

WATTERSON, Ricy G.
??--23 JUN 1889
Son of Wm. & Minnie; Age 1 Year, 6 Months

WEAVER, Infant
??--02 JUN 1891
Son of W. & Winnie O.