

Taylor Springs Burial Ground

Inquire and please, ask permission to enter private property.

Quadrant Map:

Pilot Grove South

General Location:

To be determined

Congressional Township:

Township 47-N; Range 18-W

Section:

Southern half of section 19

Longitude & Latitude:

To be determined

Directions:

To be determined

Atlas Survey:

1877 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on Thomas Merritt land

1915 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on P. D. McClain land

1978 plat book – no cemetery symbol on Robert Koontz land

1991 plat book – no cemetery symbol on Robert Water's land

History:

James Taylor came to Cooper County from the boot heel area of Missouri; after the New Madrid earthquake about 1817. He had brought with him from his native state of Kentucky a number of slaves (possibly twenty or more); as well as much live stock and a good supply of seed corn. He sold and, even gave away seed corn to those of his neighbors and friends who impressed him as being hard workers and worthy citizens. He became known as "Corn" Taylor. Much of his land had been given to him by the government, in retribution for his land which was lost to the Mississippi River during the earthquake. At one time, he had extensive land holdings in Cooper County.

It is thought that as many as sixteen or more slaves were buried here. There is one large marker here, with the Taylor data. About twenty nine graves were counted here, unknown, except for those listed. Recorded on 18 Jun 1969 by person wish to remain anonymous and Tony Schrader.

Updated:

February 1, 2009 with 4 entries for this cemetery.

Negro	Scott
Taylor	James; born 24 Feb 1763; died 01 May 1846; husband of Mary Taylor
Taylor	Mary née Hampton; born 02 May 1773; died 10 Jul 1838; wife of James Taylor; "She lived a consistent member of the Baptist Church for forty five years and died in the full confidence of the Blessed."
Wright	Harrison; no marker; no dates