Wright County Farm and Alms House

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The "poor farm" most widely remembered was the one east of Hartville. In 1915 a big house was built to house the residents (often referred to as "inmates"), who either due to physical or mental infirmities were unable to take care of themselves, and had no relatives willing and able to take them into their households. This facility operated until around 1940, when old age pensions created a situation where there were willing relatives to take in and care for their elderly relatives.

There is a cemetery on this property formerly known as "The Poor Farm." There are 27 graves in this cemetery. There should be 27 death certificates available to determine who is buried there. However, this is not the case. There is always the possibility that there was an already existing cemetery, but no markers with names are visible.

Here are the names and death dates for the ones buried there according to their death certificates and County Court records:

Mike Cannon February 5, 1923
Harley Carroll September 6, 1923
George Gilleland January 28, 1923

W H Gray June 7, 1920

Henry McBroom January 21, 1922

Frederick A Moffitt July 3, 1931

Rebecca Page December 26, 1922

Mary Gann May, 1930

Katie Stelle December 14, 1920 Charles Johnson February 24, 1921 Betty Johnson January 5, 1933

Sarah Smith Unknown

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