

OXFORD CEMETERY

Although there are no tombstones in this cemetery, it was one of the oldest in the entire county. It began when one of the earliest pioneers, James Love Oxford, lost a child and Mr. Oxford selected a plot of ground on his farm which was 2 miles south from the old Walworth Bridge across the Middle Loup River about a 1/4 of a mile from their small log cabin. Later, most - not all - of the bodies were removed and buried in other cemeteries. Following is a report on those buried there, compiled by Myrtle Oxford Hersh (Mrs. Leonard Hersh, daughter of James L. Oxford) and her son J. Dean Hersh. This Oxford cemetery is situated in Lillian Township on Section 14, Township 19, Range 20, Custer County, Nebraska.

Adam Ash, Mrs., known as Grandma Ash, she was the mother of Jim and Hank Ash
Ash 2 infant Ash babies, babies of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ash, both died very young.
Ash, John, age about 20 years, buried here, died from after-effects of scarlet fever - thought he had recovered, went to well and drank considerable quantity of water when alone, died that night or next day - warned not to over partake. He was the son of Mr. Adam Ash. This John had a son Jim Ash also.
Crawford, Mrs., middle-aged, she earlier married a widower, who by his prior marriage had a daughter Sally Crawford (this Sally later married Clint Parker who had a sister Eva who married Walter Metcalf) This Mrs. Crawford was a sister to Jess Ash (Jess was cousin to Adam Ash)
Lampman, Mrs. (mother of Lew & Silas Lampman) and her baby - buried after Daisy Oxford - never removed. Mrs. Lampman died in childbirth.
Oxford, Daisy, died in 1880 from accidental scald burns at the home of her parents - Mr. and Mrs. James L. Oxford. She died in the winter and many years later was removed and reinterred in the Broken Bow Cemetery.
Oxford, Mrs. James, wife of James L. Oxford - see note at bottom
Sargent, a child of Herb Sargent.

Since the cemetery was in the middle of the field, making shorter rows and requiring more turning for farming, the cemetery fence by about 1928 was in quite bad shape, so several bodies were removed at that time and re-buried elsewhere. It was at this time that Mrs. Jim Oxford and the baby daughter were moved to the Broken Bow Cemetery. Only a few buttons from a dress were found where Daisy was buried so these and some soil were placed in the same coffin as her mother.

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