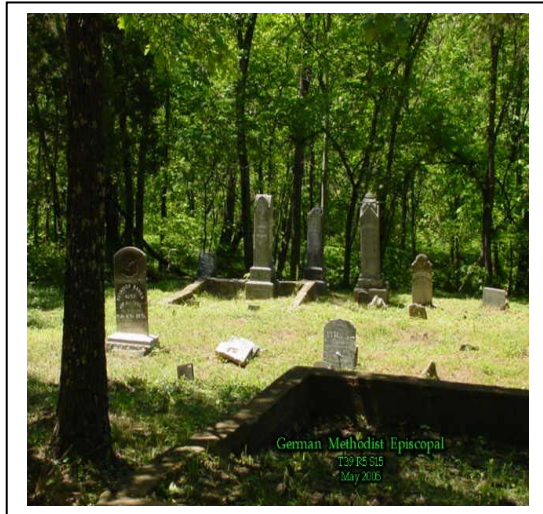


German Methodist Episcopal Cemetery

By Dave Hallemann



This beautiful old church cemetery in the middle of the woods is located in T39 R5 S15 NW¼ of the SE¼.

38° 5' 36" N / 90° 27' 32" W

This cemetery was visited 15th & 16th May 2005 by Dave Hallemann and Jerry McKee.

This tract was first registered by John C. Hoeck on 1st September 1853, Certificate #21320, for the NW¼ of the SE¼ T39 R5 S15, containing 40 acres, for which he paid \$50.⁰⁰.

12 days later on 13th September 1853 John C. Hoeck and his wife Meria sell the tract to John C. Smith, Jacob Smith, Philip Zoolman, John Fanister, and Conrad Jung, trustees for the German Episcopal Church...“for \$50.⁰⁰ specie, the NW¼ of the SE¼ in Township 39 Range 5 Section 15, containing 40 acres.” As recorded in Book L Page 611.

(Note the recorder at the time probably made errors in the spelling of the name of the trustees. It probably should be John Smith, Jacob Smith, Philip Zollman, John Pfinister, and Conrad Jung, however this is a guess on my part as to the correct spelling. Also since the property was transferred 12 days after purchase. It is possible that a religious organization was not allowed to purchase property directly from the government, so Hoeck, who could have been a member, purchased it FOR the church.)

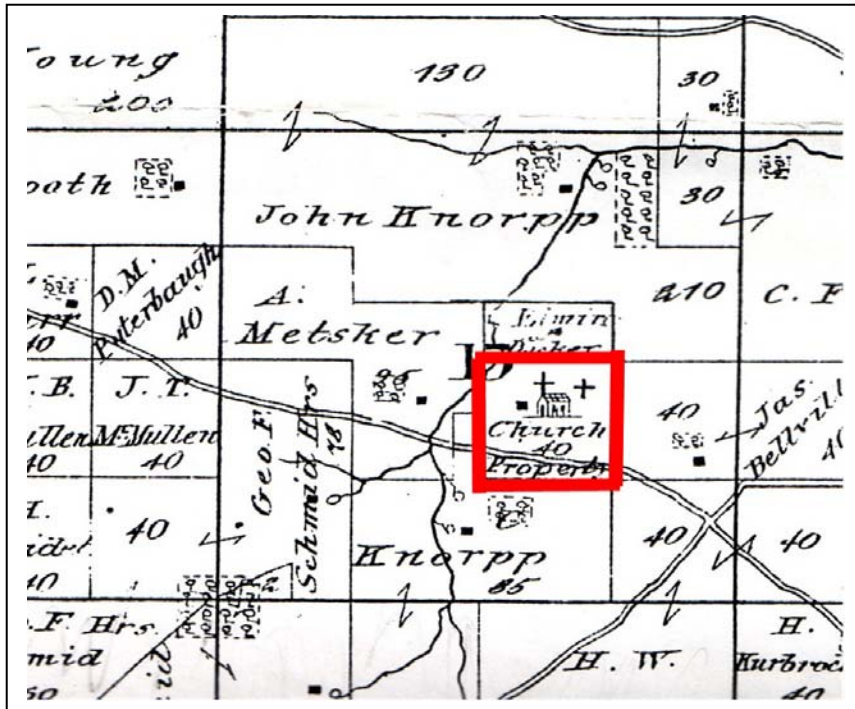
7th December 1888, after being in this location for 35 years, the then trustees Louis Kleinschmidt, William Halter, and Albert Kausler, of the German Methodist Episcopal Church sell to Traugott H. Hasse for \$400.⁰⁰, “All of the part of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 15 Township 39 Range 5 with the following reservations; the said church organization by its trustees reserving a small part as a **Church Burial Ground** described as follows; beginning at a point on the east end of a lane running east and west between said church property and land owned by R. M. Boothe at the base of the hill, and on the north line of said church property land, thence running along the base of the hill in a southerly direction the width of two acres to a point, thence east to a point the width of two acres, thence north the width of two acres to the intersection of the north line of the church property lands, thence along said line to place of beginning, containing four acres more or less. And also the said church organization by its trustees further reserve; a road from the southwest corner of the four acre tract herein reserved at the foot of the hill along said hill at the foot thereof in a southerly direction to intersect the Platin County Road and also the right of way over said forty acre tract of the St. Joe Railroad. Deed being recorded in Book 31 Page 621.

(I could not locate a document giving St. Joe Railroad a right of way across the land. I could have just missed the deed or it could have been bunched with other tracts into one deed. Also the present pastor relates that when the railroad came through it was necessary to go exactly where the original church was located. At this time

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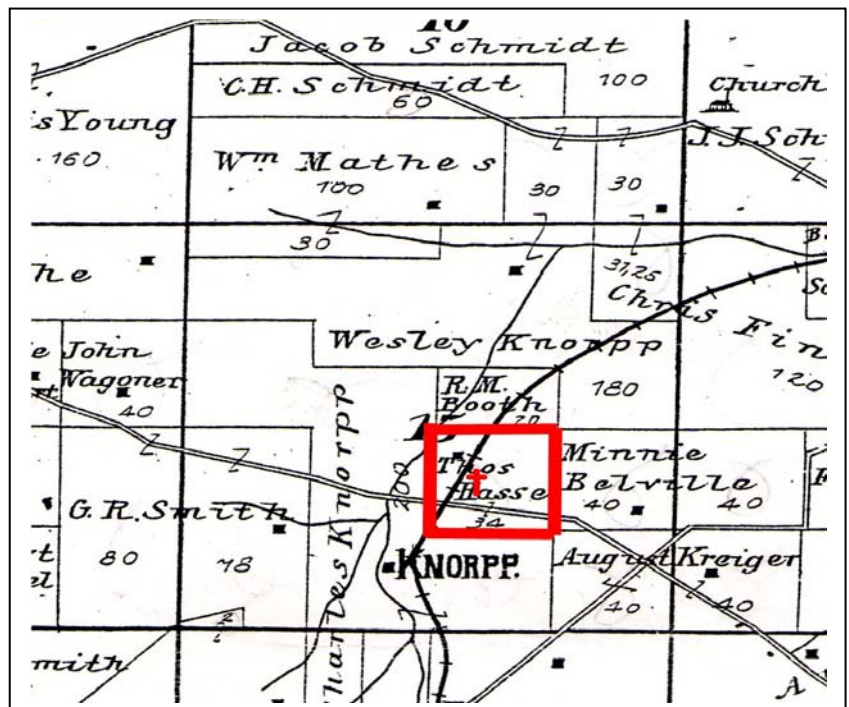
the church split into two groups. One group wanting to build where the present Flucom Dutch Methodist Church now stands on land donated by Jacob Schmid, and one group building the German Evangelical Church where the Hope United Church of Christ Cemetery is at Flucom and Athena School Roads on land donated by Robert Boothe. As fate would have it when they build Highway 67 it took this church also."

With the above deed "reserving" the burial ground we can put an official name to this cemetery as the **German Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery**



The 1876 Historic Atlas shows the church owning the property. Note there is a house, Church and Cemetery denoted on the plat but the railroad is not yet there.

On the 1898 Atlas Thomas Hasse is now in possession of the tract. Note the new church now in Section 11, about 1 mile to the northeast of the original site and the railroad now bisects the original tract.



The following monuments are located in this cemetery;



(Clasp Hands and flower in circle)
Auf Wiederseh'n (Goodbye)

Hier Ruht in Gott

Heinrich Bauer

Gest.

28 Juni 1890

Im Alter Von *(at the age of)*

71 Ja 4 Mo 22 Ta

(German verse on bottom)

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; BAUER, Henry, 6-28-1890, 71 yrs., German; Methodist Cem, M, Sun Stroke)

(Finger pointing up)

Our Sister

Mary Belville

Born.

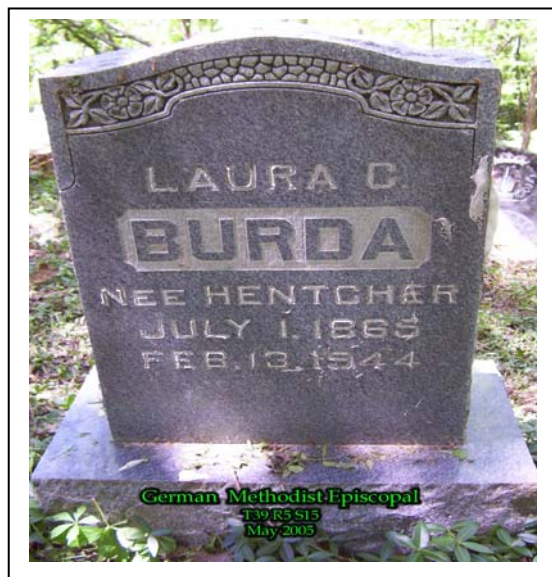
Nov. 26, 1868

Died

Oct. 28, 1888

(German verse on bottom)

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; BELVILLE, Mary, 10-28-1888, German; M. E. Cemetery, F, Consumption)

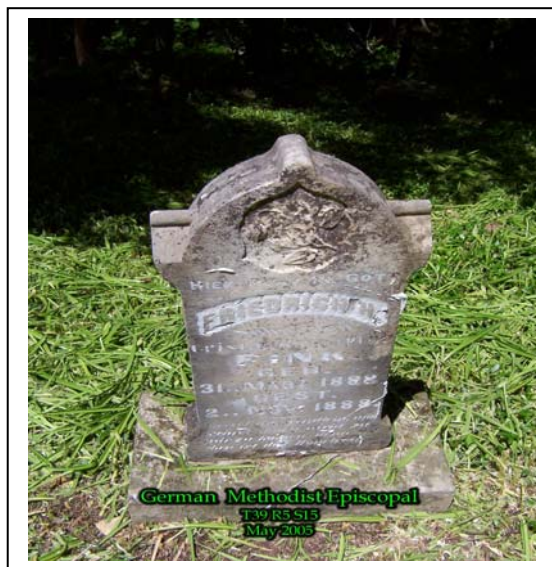


**Laura C.
Burda**

Nee Hentcher

July 1, 1865

Feb. 13, 1944



(Flower in circle)

Hier Ruht in Gott
Friedrich H.
 Sohn Von (son of)
 Christ & Kathrine
Fink
 Geb.
31 Marz 1888
 Gest.
2 Nov 1888

(German verse on bottom)

(Finger pointing to crown)

Hier Ruht in Gott
Adam Fischer
 Geb.
11 Nov. 1828
 Gest.
12 Dez. 1893

(Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records; FISHER, Adam,
 12-12-1893, 65 yrs, 1 mo, 2 days, Old German; Ch
 Cem, Stomach Trouble)



(Finger pointing to crown)

Hier Ruht in Gott
Eva Fischer
 Geb.
21 Mar 18???
 Gest.
16 Sept. 1879

(German verse on bottom)



**Jacob
Halter**

Born
Dec. 2, 1814

Died
Dec. 1, 1902

(Same stone with Margaret)

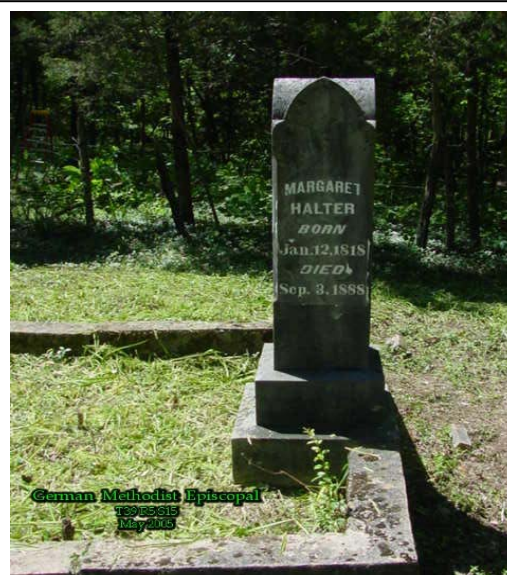
**Margaret
Halter**

Born
Jan. 12, 1818

Died
Sept. 3, 1888

(Same stone with Jacob)

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; HALTER, Margaret, 9-4-1888, 70 yrs. 8 mo., German; ME Cemetery, F, Paralysis)



**Caroline
Dau. Of
C. & B.**

Hartmann

Born
Dec. 31, 1861

Died
Aug. 6, 1862





Hier Ruht Unser Vater
(Here Rest Our Father)

Carl Eduard Hasse

Geboren
9 Apr. 1802

Gestoben
22 Marz 1872

Henrietta Hentcher

Born
Jan. 7, 1824

Died
Dec. 10, 1911

(same stone as Herman)



Herman Hentcher

Born
May 12, 1869

Died
Aug. 15, 1870

(same stone as Henrietta)





Herman Hentcher

Born
Oct. 5, 1820

Died
Dec. 24, 1868

(Lamb in circle)

Herman J.

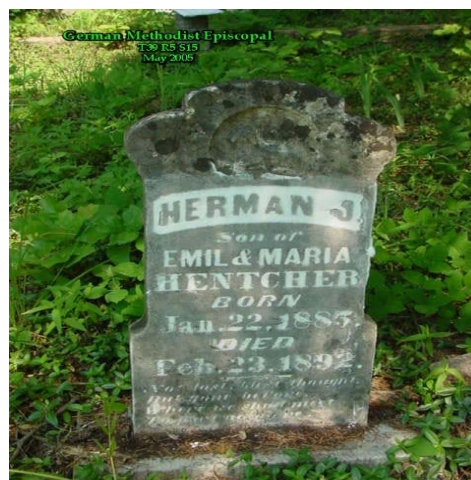
Son of
Emil & Maria

Hentcher

Born
Jan. 22, 1885

Died
Feb. 23, 1892

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; HENTCHER, Herman, 2-23-1892, 7 years, German; Methodist, M, Accident window fell)



Emil F. Hentcher

Born
1850

Died
1923





(Weeping Willow in circle)

Hier Ruht in Gott
Elizabeth Kleinschmidt

Geborne

Pieper

Geb.

25 Dec. 1806

Gest.

13 Jan 1873

(German verse on bottom)

(Tree of Life)

Hier Ruht in Gott
Karl Kleinschmidt

Rest of Monument Missing

From 1971 recording; 1805-December 30, 1866; stone broken by rifle shot; "Und seine erste undzweite gattin Mary K., und Kath K. Und tochter Anna" "Seelig sind die Todten die in Herm sterben"



(Lamb in circle)

Hier ruhet

Carl August

Sohn Von

Wm. & Ernstine

Knorpp

Geb.

d. 9 Oct. 1859

Gest.

d. 12 April 1860



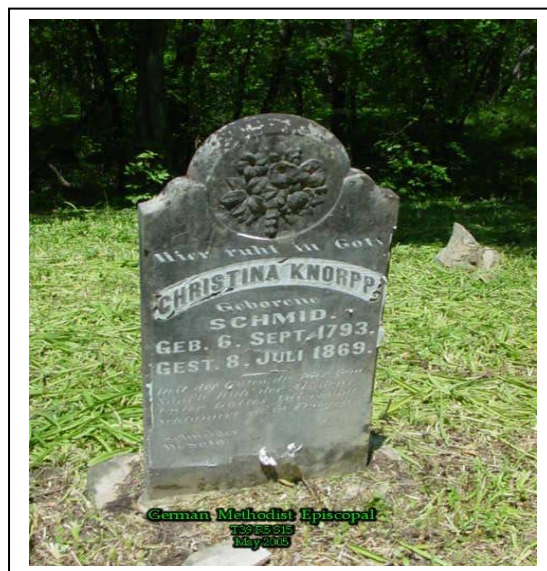
(Flower in Circle)

Hier Ruht in Gott
Christina Knorpp

Geborne
Schmid

Geb.
6 Sept. 1793
Gest.
8 Juli 1869

(German verse on bottom)



(At Rest top of third piece)

Louisa B.

Wife of

John Knorpp

Born

Mar. 5, 1817

Died

??? 29, 1895

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; KNORPP, Mrs. Louisa, 10-29-1895, 78 yrs., German; ME Ch Cem, Dropsy)





(Lamb in Circle)

Hier ruhet

Lucinda

Tochter (daughter) Of
Wm. & Ernstine

Knorpp

Geb.

d. 19 April 1867

Gest.

d. 26 July 1868

(Lamb in Circle)

Hier ruhet

Maria Magdalena

Tochter (daughter) Of
Wm. & Ernstine

Knorpp

Geb.

d. 25 Juni 1863

Gest.

d. 20 Oct. 1863



(Dove in Circle)

Hier ruhet

Unknown

Monument broke through name

Knorpp

Geb.

d. 22 Dec. 1868

Gest.

d. 15 Marz 1869





(Tree in Circle)
In Memory Of
Infant
Son Of
V. & Johanna
Metz
Born
Nov. 15, 1862
Died
Dec. 1, 1862

(Lamb in Circle)
Mary Ann
Daughter Of
V. & Johanna
Metz
Born
Jan. 12, 1868
Died
Aug. 24, 1871



(Lamb in Circle)
Odie E.
Infant son of
John & Louise
Rhineberger
Born
Oct. 27, 1896
Died
Feb. 10, 1897
Gone to Rest



(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; RHINEBERGER, Odie Everett, 2-10-1897, 4 mo., German; Settlement, Burned up)



(Ship Anchor in Circle)
Here rest in peace our beloved father

Jacob G. Schmid

Born
Wurttemberg, Germany

Jan. 12, 1812

Died
Jefferson Co. Mo.
Feb. 21, 1887

He was a resident of Jefferson Co. 55 years with his two brothers and sister who rest by his side. They were pioneers of the early German settlers of the county.

(Ship Anchor)
Our Mother

Katharine Schmid

Born
In Mensfelden,
Aussan?, Germany

Dec. 15, 1822

Died
Apr. 25, 1890



(At Rest)

**Maria
Schmidt**

Born
In Altenburg. Saxony

Aug. 15, 1824

Died
Aug. 7, 1885

She openeth her mouth, with wisdom and in her tongue law of kindness





(At Rest)

**George F.
Schmidt**

Born
In Wittenburg, Germany
Sep. 12, 1808
Died
Nov. 16, 1860

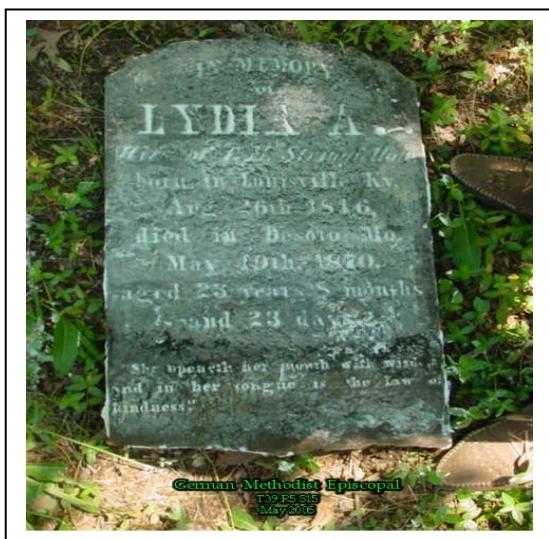
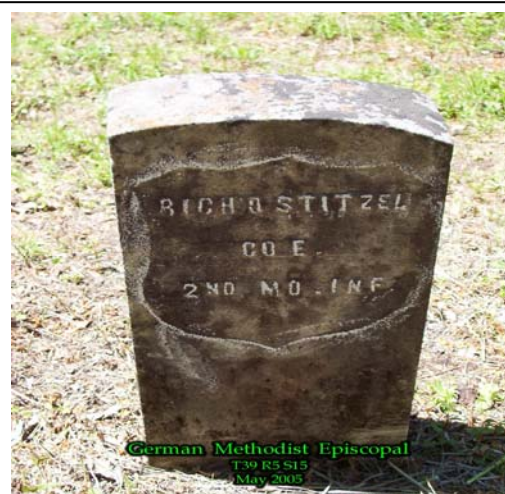
Blessed are the dead who die in the lord.

Union Civil War Monument

Rich'D Stitzel

Co E

2nd MO Inf



In Memory of

Lydia A.

Wife of **F. H. Stringfellow**

Born in Louisville, Ky

Aug. 26, 1816

Died in De Soto, Mo

May 10, 1870

Aged 23 Years 8 months and 23 days

*She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue law
of kindness.*



**Phillip
Zollman**

Born
1802
Died
Jan. 25, 1882

Same stone with Philipina

**Philipena
Zollman**

Nee Volker
Born
1810
Died
Nov. 6, 1880



Hier Ruht in Gott

Paulus Jung

Geb
30 Marz 1834

Gest
19 Juni 1886

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; YOUNG, Paul, 6-19-1886, 52 yrs., German; Settlement, M, Apoplexy)





(Lamb in Circle)
Here Rest
In the Lord
**Frederica S.
Koester**
Wife of
**August
Seypohlowsky**
Born **Nov. 22, 1842**
Died **Jan. 30, 1873**

Gone but not forgotten

Jefferson County Record, Hillsboro, MO January 18, 1917

August SEYPOHLTOSKEY, a well known Justice of the Peace for years a resident of Plattin Township, died recently at an advanced age. Mr. SEYPOHLTOWSKY was and old soldier and his death, with that of Ben BUTLER emphasizes the fact that the Grand Army is passing.

Unknown Fieldstones

*There are many burials marked only by fieldstones.
Check the listing below.*



The following persons are listed in a 1971 recording of this cemetery by Commodore Perry and Amanda "Fern" (Poston) Hill but monuments were not found;

HARTMANN, Charles, son of C. & E. Hartmann, b. December 6, 1863, d. July 6, 1865
KNAPP, Maria E., b. May 1, 1889, d. July 15, 1890, *(I apologize for after 3 visits to this cemetery I somehow lost the picture of Maria, however a monument was there.)*
KNAPP, Rudolph, D., b July 25, 1887, d. June 8, 1888
KNORPP, John G., b. December 13, 1787, d. July 24, 1863, Aged 76 y 7 m 11 d
SMITH, Elizabeth,, Daughter of J. & C. Smith, b September 13, 1856, d. March 13, 1864

The following person are listed in Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records as also being buried in this cemetery;

BELLVILLE, James, 8-1-1890, 18 yrs., German; M.E. Cem, M, Typhoid fever
BRINKMAN, Martin, 7-13-1890, 27 yrs., German; Ch Cem, Accident
HALTER, Minnie, 5-29-1891, 30 yrs, 5 mo., German; M.E.G. Cem, Inflammation Stomach
HERSTEIN, Peter, 7-15-1893, 74 years 8 months 9 days, Old; GY at German; Settlement, M, Kidney trouble
KAUSLER, Albert Hy, 6-9-1915, 85 yrs, 3 mo, 9 days, German; ME Flucom, Pneumonia
KAUSLER, Chester Arthur, 1-21-1896, 1 yrs., German Methodist; Cem, Cholera infantum
SMITH, Mary, 8-7-1885, 60 yrs. 11 mo. 7 days, German; Ch Cemetery, F, Flux
SMITH, Fredericka, 12-7-1898, 92 yrs., Old German; Ch Cem, Old Age
SAUNDERS (LAHNER), Charles, 8-6-1893, 17 years 6 months, Old German Methodist; Cem, M, Fits & Spasms

I would like to thank Cody Polley and his father for their wonderful work cleaning up this cemetery for Cody's Eagle Scout project.

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