

Harrison-England Graveyard

By Dave Hallemann



This badly overgrown cemetery with its beautiful old monuments is located in T40 R5 S11 Survey 392.

38° 12' 40" N / 90° 25' 55" E

This cemetery was first recorded by Frank and Helen Magre and Jean O'Brien on 15th February 1984 and revisited by Jerry McKee and Dave Hallemann on 4th May 2000.

This cemetery is named for the Harrison and England families however the land was originally confirmed to Walter DeWitt as U.S. Survey 392 and

consists of 600.25 arpents or 510.63 acres with the Joachim Creek running thru this tract.

This tract was hard to follow the trail of ownership. I could not find the link transferring the title from DeWitt to the next person, however on 19th August 1856 Thomas Byrant, Edward Warner, David W. Bryant, sold the tract to James R. England for \$2800.⁰⁰ as recorded in Book N Page 246.

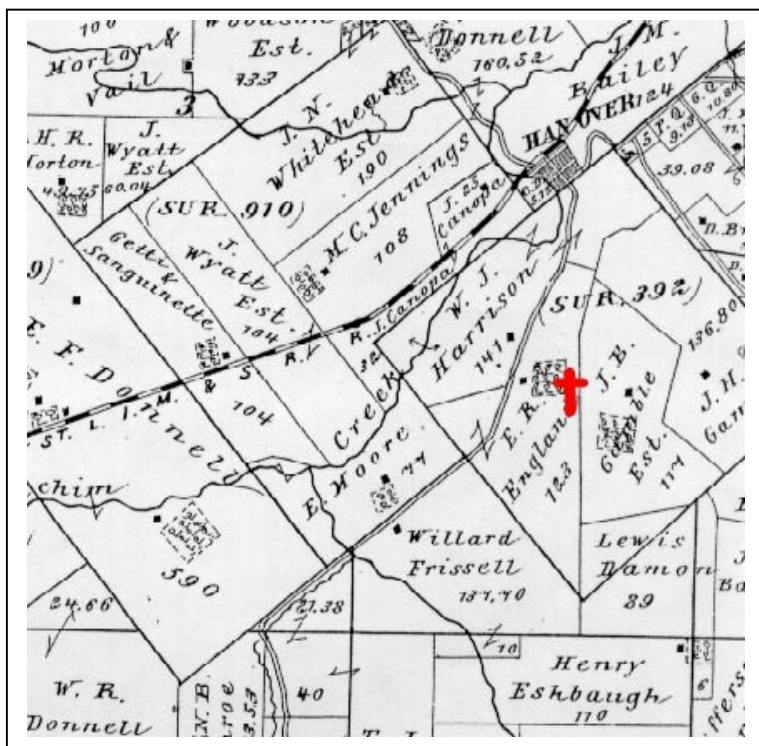
On 20th October 1866 Eli F. Donnell transferred 1/5th interest to James M. England for \$1600.⁰⁰ recorded in Book X Page 93. The Englands seem to be buying up the interest of various other persons.

21st May 1867 finds James M. England and wife Elizabeth selling 3/10's interest to William J. Harrison, recorded in Book 2 Page 9.

Recorded in Book 2 at Page 445, Enoch Ross England sell to Wm. Jefferson Harrison the tract for \$1.⁰⁰.

And finally on 4th November 1925, Mrs. Ann Harrison, a single woman, J. Edd Harrison, G. F. Harrison and wife Alice, convey the property to O. H. England, O. C. Harrison, and the Methodist Church South of Rush Tower, for \$1.⁰⁰, "A tract of land containing 1 acre more or less, and a roadway 30 feet wide to same from the County road leading from Festus, Mo. to Hematite, Mo., as now located, all contained in a certain tract of land, 123 acres +/- known as the Harrison Farm, and said aforesaid tract being the Harrison-England Graveyard described as follows to wit: All that lot or tract of land being a part of US Survey 392, T40 R5, conveyed by Thomas Bryant and others to James R. England, recorded in Book N Page 246-248."

This deed officially put the name of Harrison-England Graveyard to this cemetery.



As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 E. R. England has possession of the property.

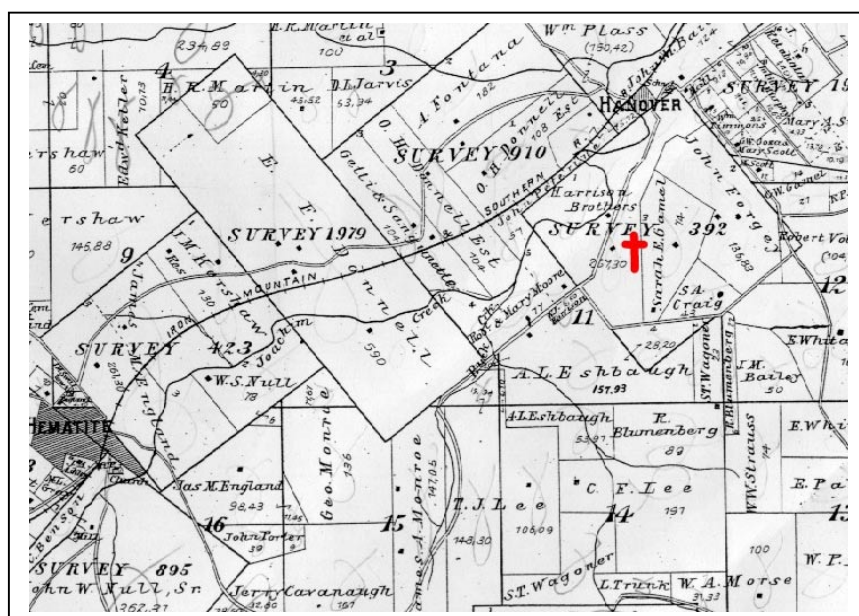
The Graveyard sits where I have added the red cross.

Note that W. J. Harrison lived "across the street" from the England tract.

In 1898 the Harrison Brothers now owns this tract. You can see that highway P, formerly 21A, does not appear on the 1876 map but does on the 1898.

The road next to the house by the graveyard is the one mentioned in the deed as going to Hematite.

Again I have added the red cross to denote the approximate location of this cemetery.



The following pictures are of the monuments in this cemetery. The clarity of the lettering on the photographs is due the “shaving cream” method. There are probably unmarked graves in this cemetery.



Enoch R. England

1849-1880

Footstone E. R. E.

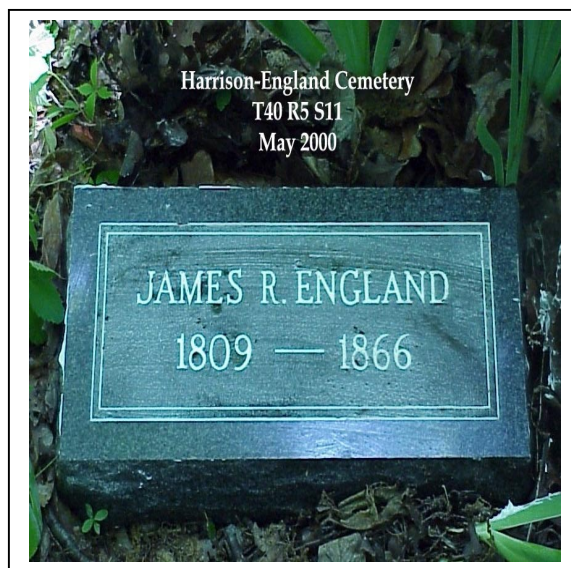
E. R. England was Post Master of Hanover in 1871.

James R. England

1809-1866

Footstone J. R. E.

James England married Margaret McCormack Monday, February 16th, 1865 He died at his residence at Hanover on January 17th, 1866.



Margaret M. England

1814 - 1876

Footstone M. E.

Modern stone



Sarah C. England

1846 – 1865

Footstone S. C. E.

Modern stone



John A. England

1837 – 1838

England

Benjamin F.

1843 – 1934

Amanda His Wife

1845 – 1925

Benjamin F. England married Amanda J. Weaver
Tuesday, December 8th, 1863. He was also
Postmaster of Hematite in 1866.





Margaret Hoyd.

Daughter of
B. F. & A. C. England

Born
December 12th, 1884

Died
November 29th, 1896

*"Dearest child thou hast left us,
and thy loss we deeply feel.
'Tis the Lord that has bereft us,
Of one we loved so well."*

Elaborate carving of the Pearly Gates
opening, with a star on each side and an archway.

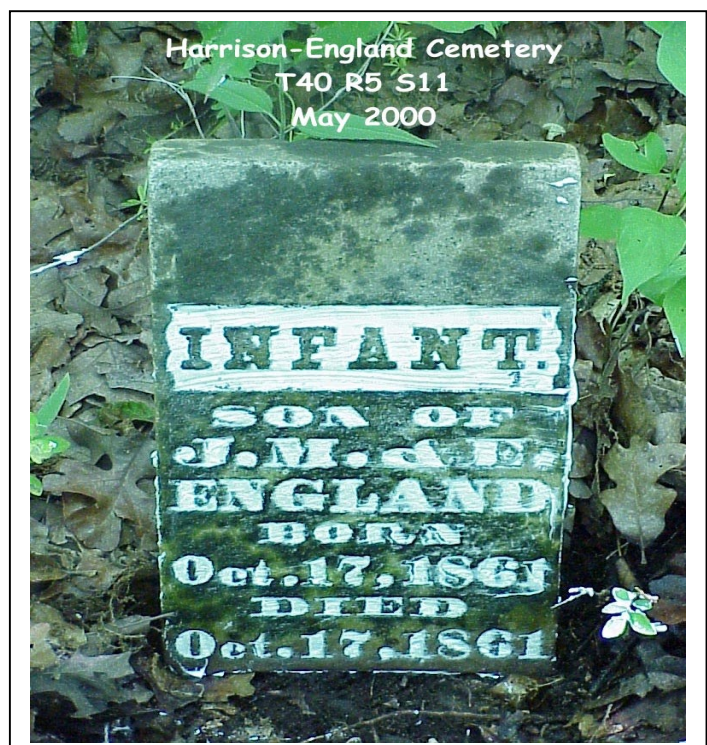
Footstone M. H. E.

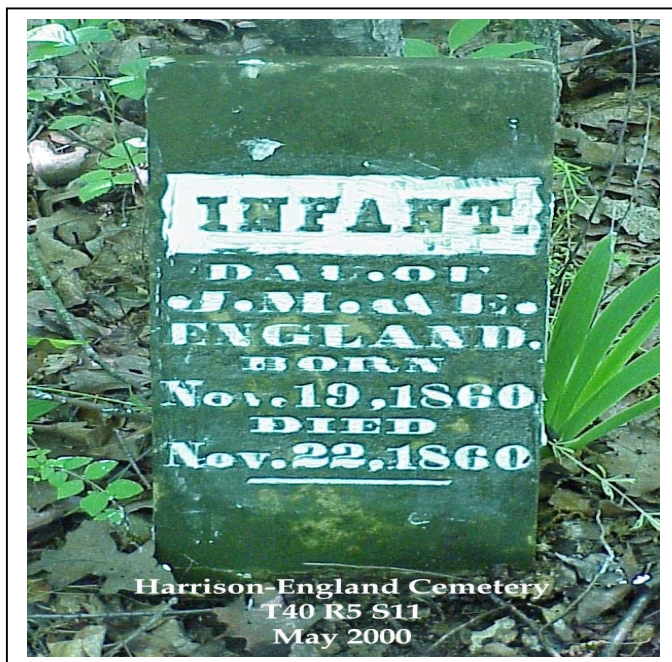
Infant

Son of
J. M. & E.
England

Born
October 17th, 1861

Died
October 17th, 1861





Infant

Daughter of
J. M. & E.

England

Born
November 19th, 1860

Died
November 22nd, 1860

William R.

Son of
B. F. & A. C.

England

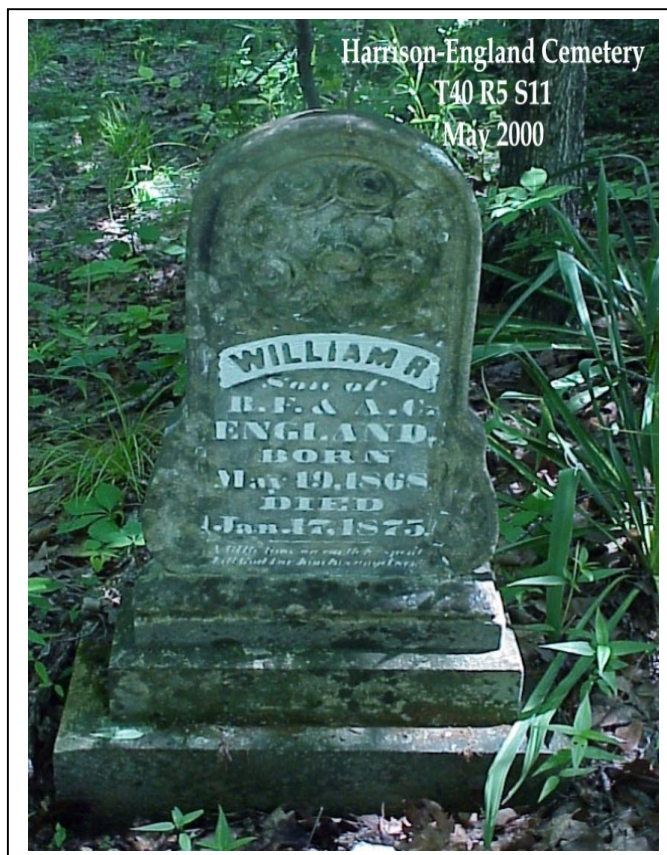
Born
May 19th, 1868

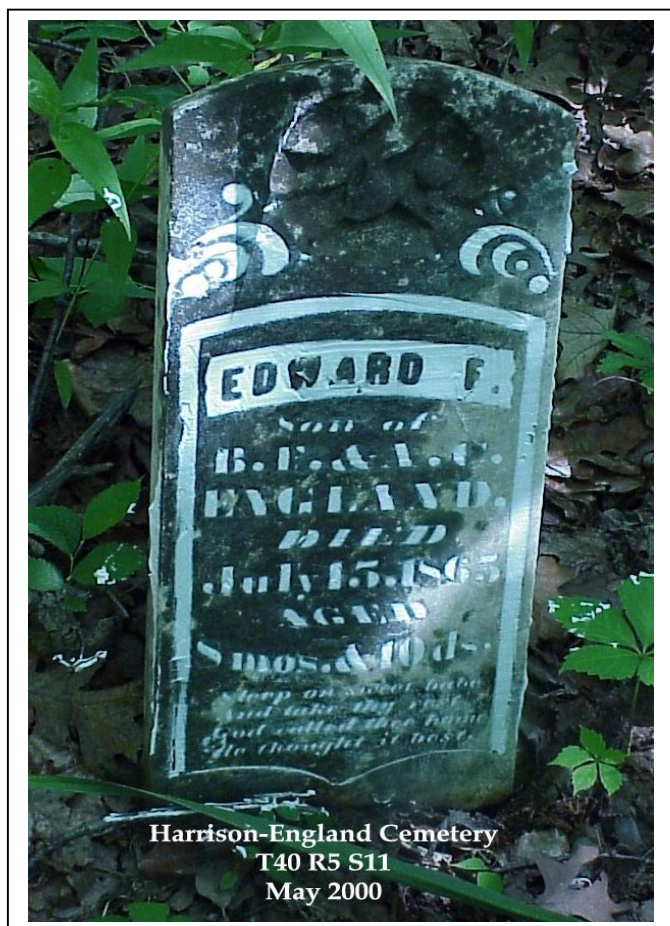
Died
January 17th, 1875

*"A little time on earth he spent,
Till God for him his angle sent."*

Carving of roses inside of circle at top.

Footstone W. R. E.





Edward F.

Son of
B. F. & A. C.
England

Died
JULY 15, 1865

Aged
8 Months & 10 Days

*"Sleep on Sweet babe,
and take thy rest.
God called thee home
He thought it best."*

Footstone E. F. E.

Circle with angel carved at top of stone

Many of the original England monuments in this cemetery appeared to be the footstones and modern stones added later. It is *my guess* that Benjamin F. had all the modern England stones erected, as they appear to be of the same age. Also the Wm. Jefferson Harrison stone is the same kind as Benjamin F. England's.

Note the similarity of the James Edwin Harrison and the Cole Stones. Interesting to note that Oscar C. and Lottie B. Cole both died in 1932. Could they be brother and sister?

The Irwins, Dr. West, Smiths, Donnells, and Coles either married into the family or were neighbors who are also buried in this cemetery.

The Dr. West monument stands about six feet tall and is very impressive. With its cement outline and missing footstone it is one of the most beautiful I have seen to date.

Harrison

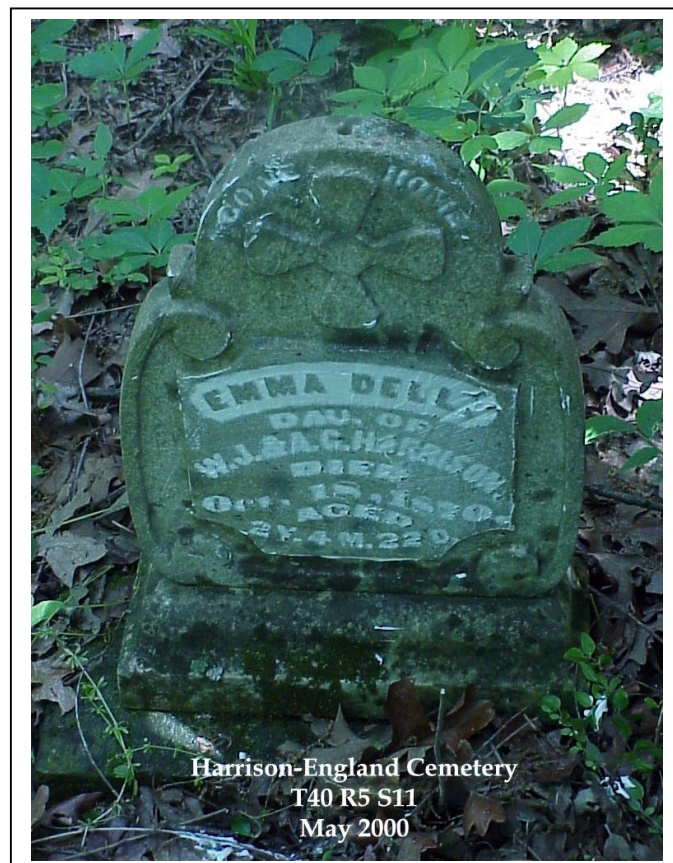
Wm. Jefferson

1833 – 1892

C. Ann His Wife

1840 – 1927

William Harrison married Ann England
Tuesday, January 4th, 1859



Emma Dell.

Daughter of
W. J. & A. C. **Harrison**

Born
February 2nd, 1865

Died
October 18th, 1870

Aged
2 years 4 months 22 day

“Gone Home”

Carving of a four leaf clover
or propeller? at top

M. Eleanor

Mothers Darling

Daughter of
W. J. & A. C. **Harrison**

Born
October 25th, 1872

Died
July 30th, 1874

Aged
1 years 9 months 5 day

Carving of a lamb at top.



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Charles R.

Son of
Wm. J. & A. C.
Harrison

Died
October 7th, 1865

Aged
1 year 10 months & 11 Days

*"I take this little lamb sacrifice,
that lay on my breast.
Protection it shall find in Him,
And be ever blessed."*

Footstone C. R. H.

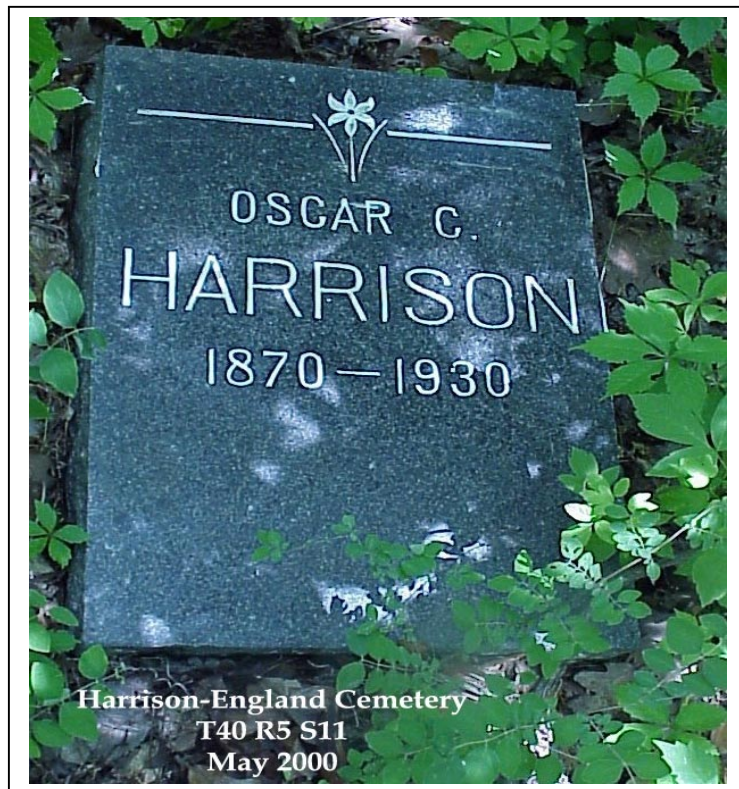
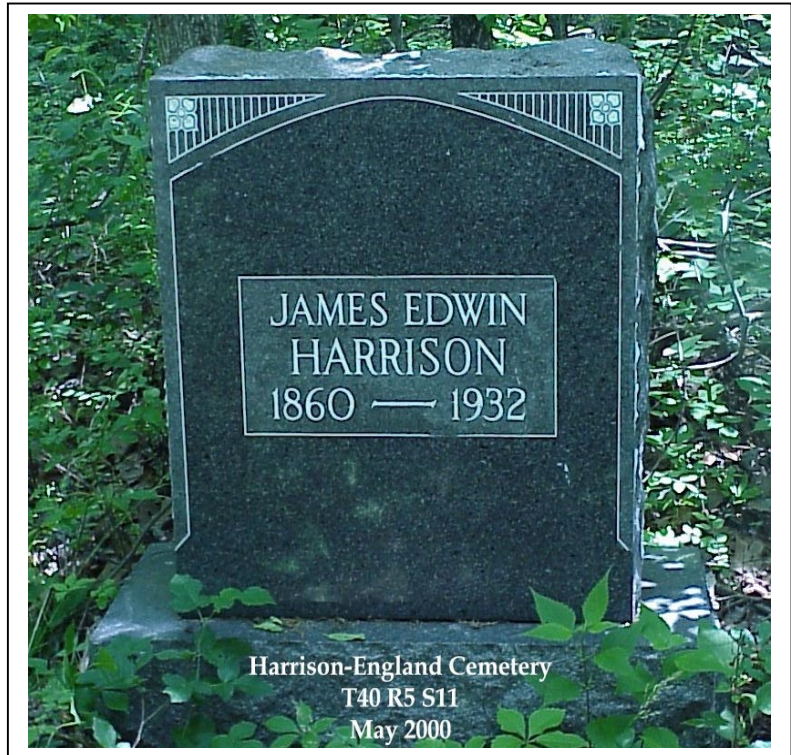
Circle with flowers at top

James Edwin

Harrison

1860 - 1932

*Could James Edwin and Oscar C.
be the "Harrison Brothers" on the
1898 Atlas?*



**Oscar C.
Harrison**

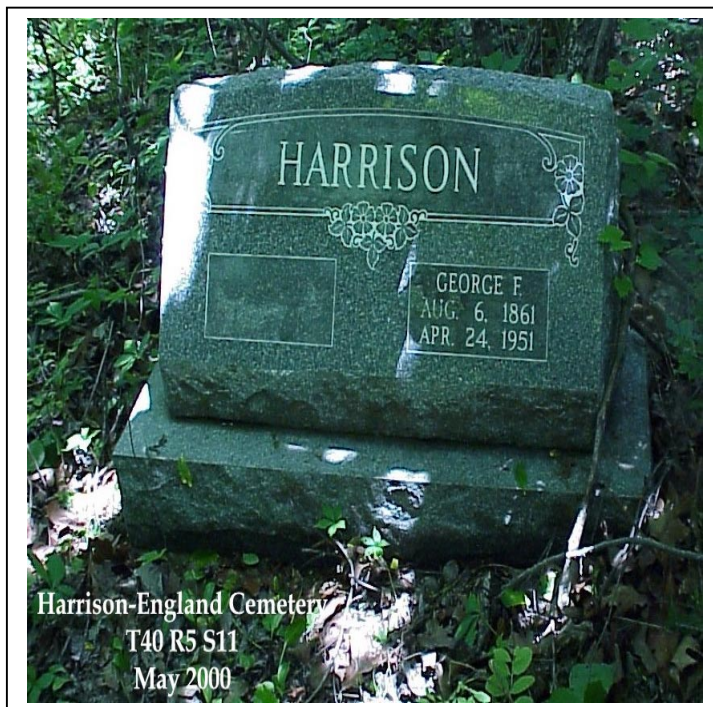
1870 - 1930

*I believe this is the O. C. Harrison
that the cemetery was deeded to.*

**George F.
Harrison**

August 6th, 1861

April 24th, 1951



Cole

Albert S.
1865 - 1930

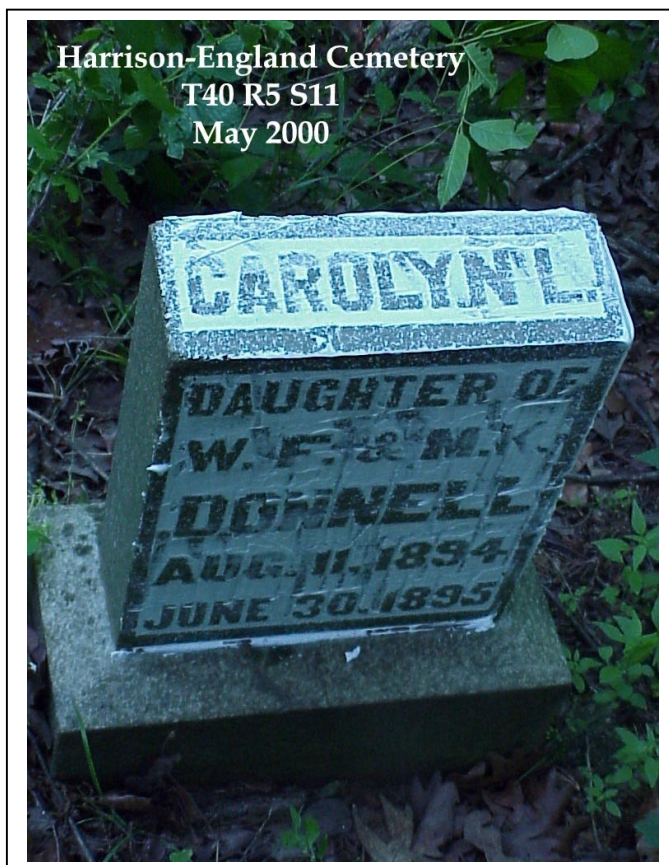
Lottie B.
1869 - 1932

Infant

Son of
W. F. & M. K.
Donnell

Born – Died

July 25th, 1893



Carolyn L.

Daughter of
W. F. & M. K.
Donnell

Born
August 11th, 1894

Died
June 30th, 1895

James S. Irwin

Born
April 22nd, 1860

Died
September 25, 1893

Carving of flowers on vine at top.



Infant

Son of
J. S. & M. B. **Irwin**

Born & Died

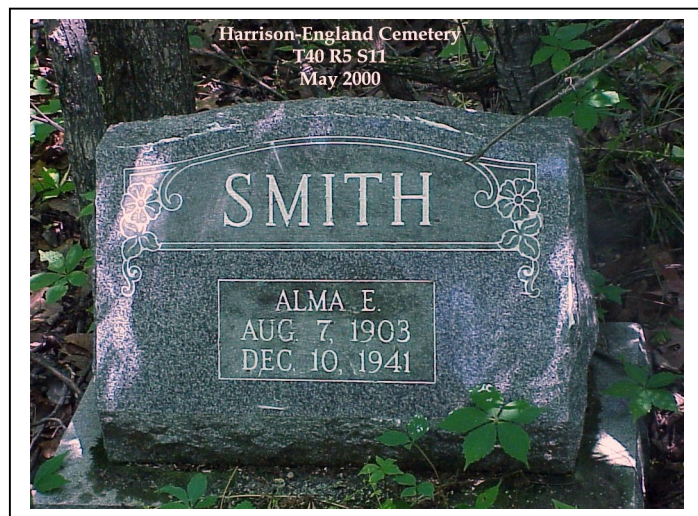
September 5th, 1889

Carving of dove at top

Smith Alma E.

August 7th, 1903

December 10th, 1941



*"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall
see God"*

My Dear Husband

Wm. West M. D.

Born
December 22nd, 1812

Died
January 8th, 1865

Aged
52 years 16 days

*"Farewell dear one,
Tis o'er but never from my heart,
Shall from thine image (?),
Through dreams of days depart,
Thou shall not be forgot."
(?)*

The following information comes from *Goodspeed's History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington Crawford, & Gasconade Counties, Missouri 1888*;

William J. Harrison, farmer, stock-raiser and dairyman, of Jefferson County, Mo was born near De Soto in 1833, the son of George W and Jemima (Null) Harrison. The father was probably born in Georgia in 1807, and when a boy was brought by an uncle to Missouri, where he spent the remainder of his days in farming and stock-raising and died in 1855, while managing a store to supply the men employed in building the Iron Mountain Railroad. The mother was born in 1813, and died in 1859. She was a daughter of William Null, who was an early and well-known citizen of Jefferson County, Mo. Wm. J. received but few early educational advantages, and in 1859 was married to Ann C., daughter of James R. and Margaret England. Mr. England was born in Tennessee, but, when a boy, was brought by his father to Missouri. His wife was a native of Jefferson County, and a daughter of James McCormack. Mr. Harrison and wife became the parents of six children, three of whom are living: *James Edwin*, *George Franklin* and *Oscar Clark*. Mr. Harrison first settled near Valle's Mines where he lived until 1864. At this time he made an extended trip through Colorado, Idaho, Washington Territory, etc., having been absent sixteen months. After his return he settled on his present excellent farm of 250 acres. He is a Democrat in politics and cast his first presidential vote for Buchanan. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Benjamin F. England was born on the Platin Creek, in March, 1843, on a farm on which his father settled on coming to Jefferson County, in 1835. His ancestors, it is supposed, resided in North Carolina, and were connected with the celebrated Indian Chief "Ross," who lived in North Carolina prior to the removal of the Indian tribes west of the Mississippi. James R. the father of Benjamin F., was a native of Tennessee, born in 1809, and when quite young came with his father to Washington County, Mo., where he (James R.) served an apprenticeship at the tanner's trade. In 1835 he came to Jefferson County and opened a farm on the Platin Creek. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of James M. McCormack, who was born in 1792, and who came with his father Peter P. McCormack, to Jefferson County, in 1800. Mr. England remained on his farm on Platin Creek until a few months prior to his death, when he moved near Bailey Station, and died here January 17, 1866. He was the father of six children who reached maturity, three sons and three daughters. The fourth the subject of this sketch, was reared at home, and educated in the common country schools. He was naturally endowed with good business ability, and at the age of seventeen began a business career on his own account. He and his brother operated a farm at Bailey Station, and the next year with a partner engaged in merchandising at the same place. Two years later the business was removed to Hematite, but for two years Mr. England had charge of the firm. In 1866 he purchased his brother's interest in the same and assumed charge in person, but eleven months later he sold the place to a good advantage and spent some time in Arkansas looking for a suitable location. Not being satisfied, he returned to Missouri, and he in company with his brother-in law E. F. Donnell, purchased 1,700 acres of land in the vicinity of Rush Tower. After various changes in the firm. Mr. England

became sole proprietor and owner. He built a store, dwelling, warehouse, etc., which became the leading grain depot in Jefferson County. December 8, 1863, he married Miss Amanda G daughter of William B. Weaver. She was born in Jefferson County, and by her marriage became the mother of the following four children: Lottie Belle Laura E., Orcar H. and Maggie Hoyt. In 1875 over 80,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from our subject's grain depot, Mr. England alone raising 2 200 bushels that year. He operated the store until 1876, when he leased it and repaired to the farm two miles west, but soon again engaged in merchandising. In 1881 he made an extended tour through Dakota, California, etc., again looking for a suitable location, but returned to Jefferson County, and in 1885 engaged in merchandising. Since 1886 he has leased the store and devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, and in the breeding of short-horned cattle. Again, in June 1887, he went to California, in pursuit of a better location, but returned not satisfied with a change. Prior to 1871 he had served several years as postmaster at Rush Tower, but has filled that position continuously since. He is largely interested in the R. E. Lee Gold Mine, at the Black Hills, also the Big Indian Silver Mines at Georgetown, Cal., besides this he has an interest in the most promising silver mines of North Missouri. Mr. England's success has been largely due to his economy and good management.

Eli F. Donnell, farmer and dairyman of Joachim Township, was born in Platin Township in 1881, and is the youngest of five sons and three daughters of James and Jane (Staples) Donnell. Mr. Donnell was born in North Carolina in 1786, and moved with his parents to Middle Tennessee when a boy, and when still young he and two brothers, Eli and Thomas, came on horseback to what is now Washington County, Mo., soon after 1800. There James was married, and there Thomas remained and established a Presbyterian Church at Caledonia, the first one of that denomination west of the Mississippi. He was a minister and farmer. The two other brothers removed to Jefferson County, where they have left many descendants who have become some of the best citizens of Jefferson County. James first settled on the Joachim in Valle Township, afterward in Platin Township, near Rush Tower, where he spent the remainder of his life, as one of the foremost farmers and influential citizens of Jefferson County. He died March 5, 1845. He was for many years a Methodist minister, an esteemed citizen, and was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. It is supposed that his father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and that his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The mother of Eli F. was born in one of the Eastern States in 1792, and removed with her parents to Indiana and from there to Jefferson County, at an early day. She died in 1889, when our subject was quite young; and after his father's death Eli F. was thrown upon his own resources. Having received the rudiments of an education, he worked at such work as he could obtain, and hauled lead from the mines in Washington County to points on the Mississippi River with three yoke of oxen. At the age of twenty he crossed the plains to California, being about six months on the road. He spent about three and a half years in this State, two years in the mines and one and a half years engaged as a general provision merchant, making considerable money, but lost it by his generosity to others. In 1855 he came to Jefferson County, via New York and Central America. He soon after made a trip through Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and the Territories. April 9, 1856, he married Miss Laura England, a native of Platin Township, and the daughter of James and Margaret England. She died December 11, 1884, leaving seven children: Lelia, now Mrs. Charles Jarvis; William Foster, of Wichita, Kan.; James Theodore, also of Wichita, Kan.; Cynthia C., now Mrs. Oscar Ogle; Alta Ann, Jesse and Newman. When first married Mr. Donnell settled on the Platin, where he lived until 1868. He then formed a partnership with B. F. England, his brother-in-law, and purchased a large tract of land at Rush Tower. He then engaged in the wood business, also merchandising

and farming, which he followed for two years, when Mr. Donnell withdrew and moved to Hematite, where he followed merchandising for about two years. He then retired to his farm, one and a half miles north, where he has since made his home, and is quite extensively engaged in the dairy business and stock raising, for many years buying and selling stock, horses, mules, cattle and sheep throughout Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas, taking as much stock from that country as perhaps any other man. He has 590 acres on the line of the Iron Mountain Railroad-one of the oldest farms in the county, and has not changed hands hut few times. He has never aspired to office, although often urged to accept the county judgeship. but as often refused. He is a member of the school board, and a liberal supporter of all charitable and public enterprises. In politics a Democrat, his first presidential vote was for Buchanan, in 1856. He was a stanch Union man during the war, and several relatives on his mother's side were in the Union Army and several on his father's side in the Confederate army during the war. Mr. Donnell has been a Master Mason for many years, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as was his wife also, and has one of the finest farms in the county.