

Huskey, De Lafayette Graveyard

By Dave Hallemann



This badly overgrown cemetery with its beautiful old monuments and wrought iron fencing is located in T41 R4 S28 NW¼ of the SE¼.

38° 15' 29" N / 90° 34' 52" E

This cemetery was visited by John Sapper and Dave Hallemann on 3rd May 2001.

This cemetery is named for De Lafayette Huskey who originally purchased the land from the U. S. Government, Certificate

#23258 issued on 15th January 1856, consists of 320 acres, made up of the NE¼ of the NW¼, N½ of the SE¼, SE¼ of the SE¼, and the E½ of the NE¼, of Section 28 and NW¼ of the NW¼, of Section 33, and the SE¼ of the SE¼, of Section 29 in Township 41 N, Range 4 E.

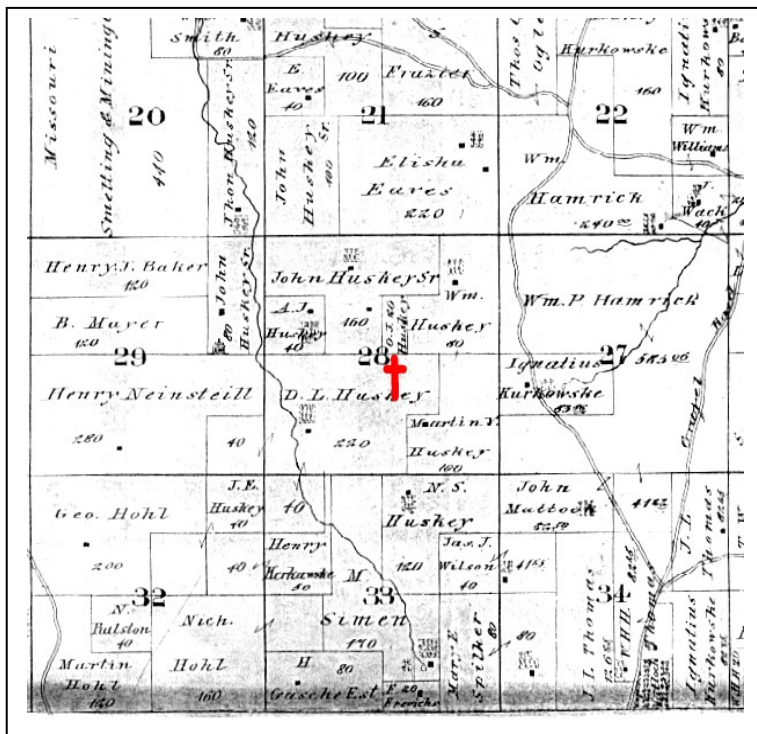
De Lafayette's wife Maria died the day after Christmas in 1874 and was buried in this graveyard.

De Lafayette continued to own the land until the 24th of September 1889 at which time he transferred ownership to Christopher L. Huskey, probably a son, for \$1.00 and affection, as recorded in Book 32 at Page 481,

"All of the SW¼ of Section 28 less 1½ acres in NW corner deeded to A. J. Huskey, also the W½ of the SW¼ of the SE¼ Section 28 except 12 acres off the South side of same and also the NW¼ of the SE¼ Section 28, and also the SE¼ of the SE¼ Section 29 except the part included in John E. field. Also all of the NW¼ Section 33 except what John E. Huskey has under fence in cultivation all in Township 41 Range 4 east excepting also one acre for a graveyard described as follows; Begin at the center of section 28 aforesaid, thence east on the ¼ section line 7 rods set a stone for corner, thence due east 16 rods to stone corner, thence south 10 rods to stone corner, thence west 16 rods to stone corner, thence north 10 rods to a stone for corner being the beginning corner."

As De Lafayette Huskey was the original owner, is buried here, "excepted out" the graveyard, and there are other Huskey Cemeteries in the county we have put the "official" name of this cemetery as "Huskey, De Lafayette Graveyard."

Note; Christopher L. Huskey married Virginia J. Hanson on December 23rd, 1874, just 3 days before Maria Huskey wife of De Lafayette, died.



As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 D. L. Huskey has possession of the property.

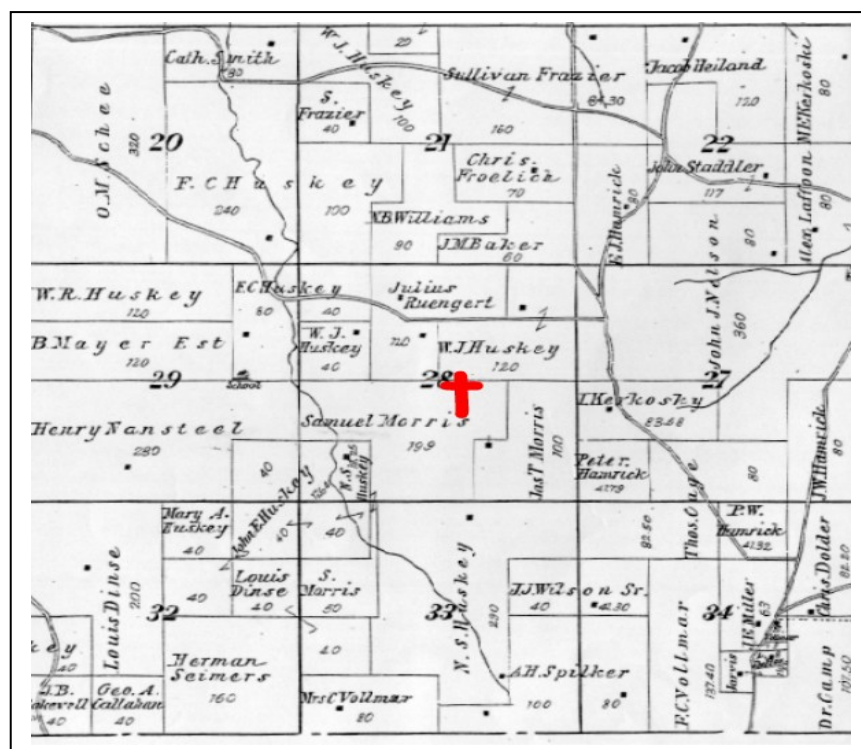
The graveyard sits where I have added the red cross.

Note all the Huskeys living around this tract and Ignatius Kurkowski living to the east.

In 1898 Samuel Morris now owns this tract.

(Note the spelling change to I. Kerkeshy. Also to the west in section 29 it is Henry Neinsteill in 1876 and Henry Nansteel in 1898. Not sure if this is poor work on the part of the record compiler or the records truly reflect this name.)

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. In this cemetery there are depressions, flowers, and 10-15 fieldstones which denote unmarked graves.

De Lafayette Huskey

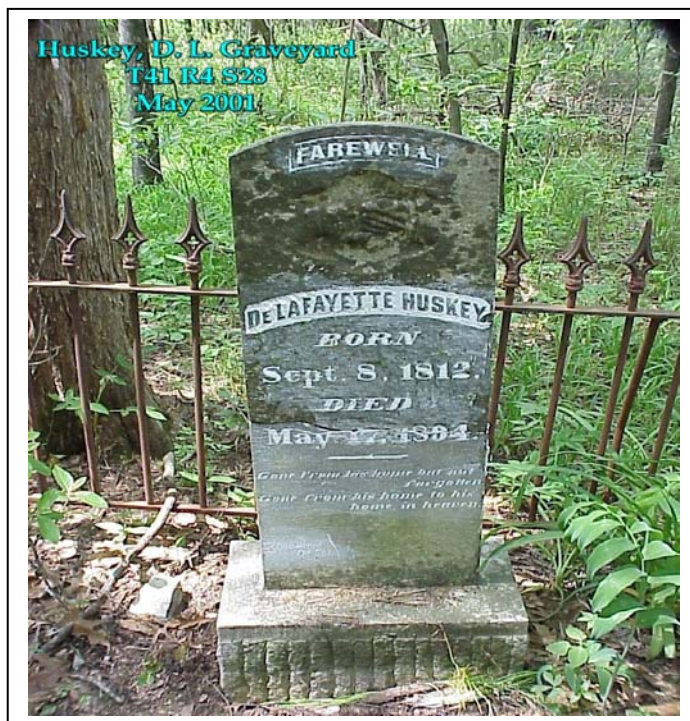
Born
September 8th, 1812

Died
May 17th, 1894

*Gone from his home but not forgotten, Gone from
his home to his home in heaven,*

Footstone De L H

Aged 81y 8m 9d



Sunday, May 06, 2001

Maria

Wife of
D. L. **Huskey**

Born
November 15th, 1818

Died
December 26th, 1874

Footstone M H

Aged 56y 1m 11d

Huskey Burial Plot

This is the De Lafayette and Maria Huskey burial plot within Huskey Cemetery, with its wrought iron fencing.



The picture at left shows the symbolism that appears on some monuments. The hands at top, with mans fingers pointing to Lafayette on left, as denoted by cuff of sleeve and size of hand, and woman's fingers pointing to Maria on right.

Picture at top shows monument maker mark, Schoellkopf De Soto

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Seymore

son of

V. F. & N. S.

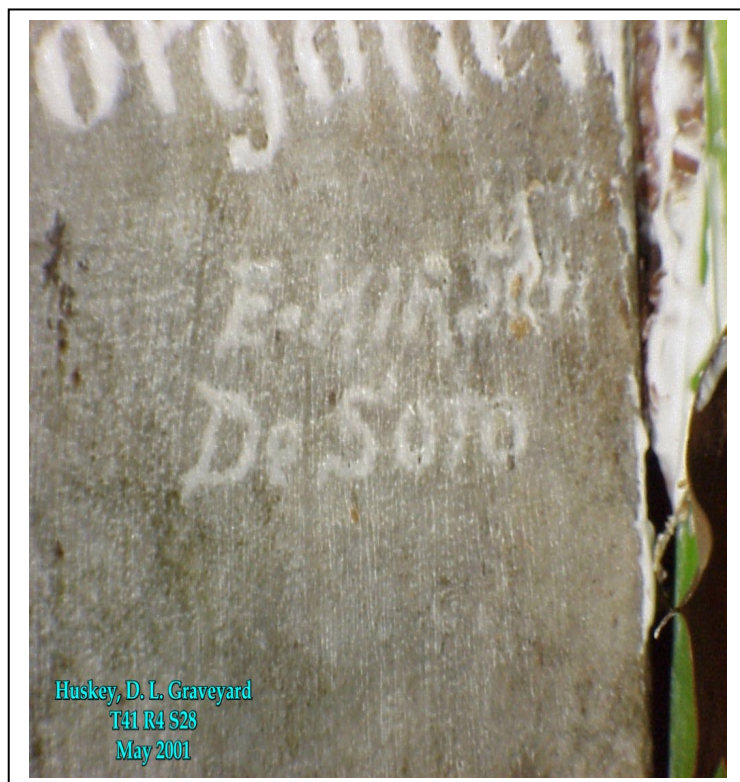
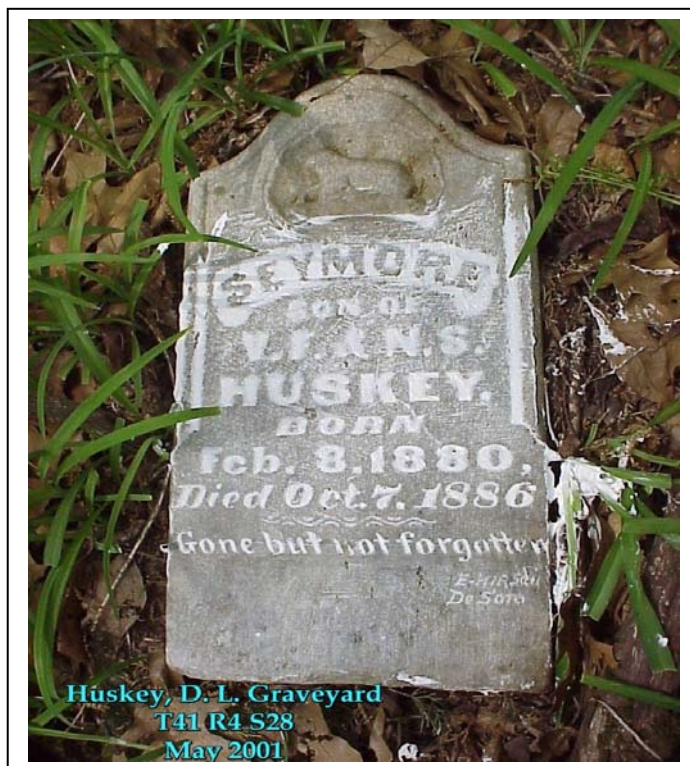
Huskey

Born
February 8th, 1880

Died
October 7th, 1886

*Gone but not forgotten
Lamb inside circle*

Aged 6y 7m 29d



Picture at left, of the above Seymore Huskey monument, shows the maker mark, E. (H or K)irsch De Soto.

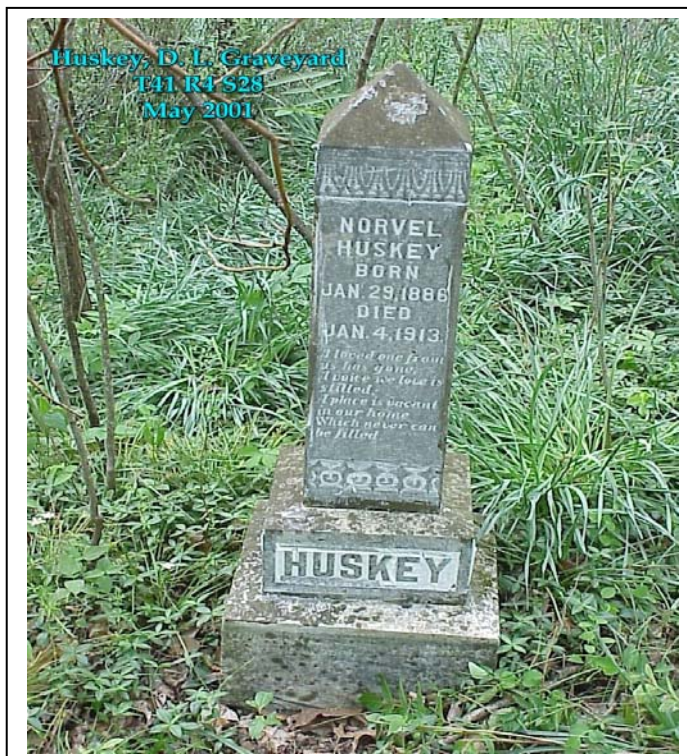
Norvel Huskey

Born
January 29th, 1886

Died
January 4th, 1913

*A loved one from us has gone, A
voice we love is stilled, A place is vacant in
our home, Which never can be filled.*
Huskey

Aged 26y 11m 6d



Thomas J. Huskey

Born
January 31st, 1875

Died
February 16th, 1900

Gone home to rest

Aged 25y 0m 16d

*Thomas Huskey is listed in the 1880 Census as a
5 year old son of De Lafayette*

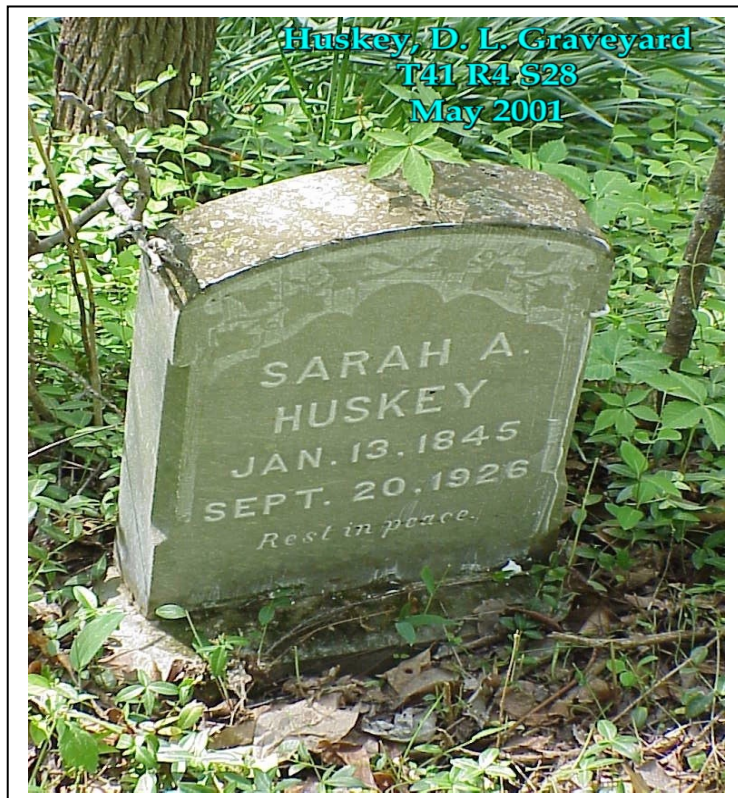
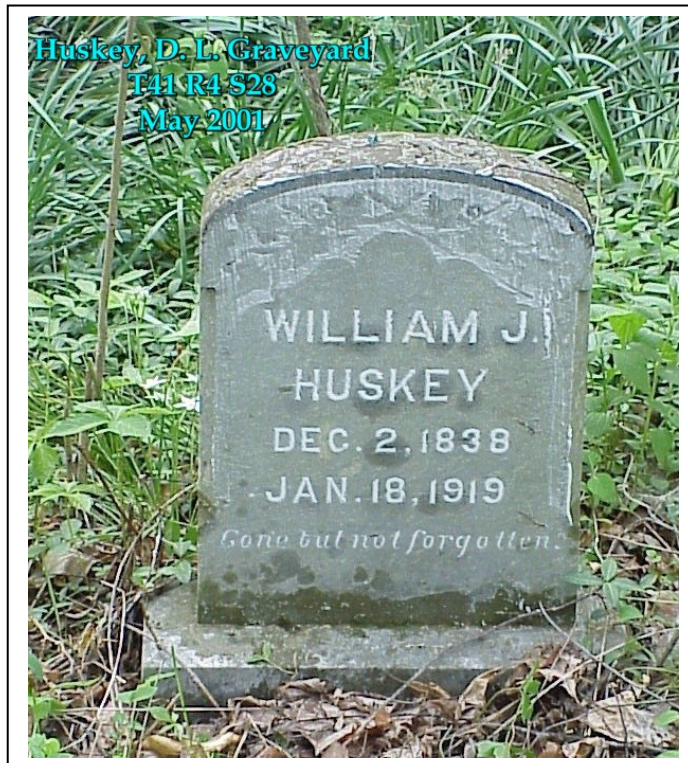
William J. Huskey

Born
December 2nd, 1838

Died
January 18th, 1919

Gone but not forgotten

Aged 80y 1m 16d



Sarah A. Huskey

Born
January 13th, 1845

Died
September 20th, 1926

Rest in Peace

Aged 81y 8m 7d

Ignatius Kurkowsky

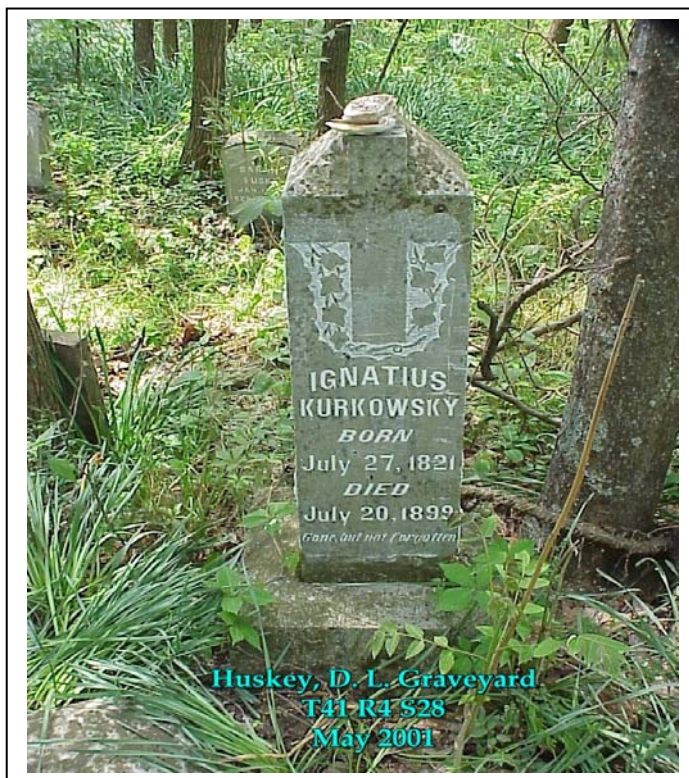
Born
July 27th, 1821

Died
July 20th, 1899

Gone but not forgotten

Aged 77y 11m 23d

As can be see on the 1876 & 1898 Plats
Ignatius and family lived about ¾ mile east of
De Lafayette.



Dora Kerkowski

Born
January 8th, 1825

Died
January 1st, 1913

Gone but not forgotten

Aged 87y 11m 24d

Dora could have been a daughter of De Lafayette and Maria.

In Memory Of

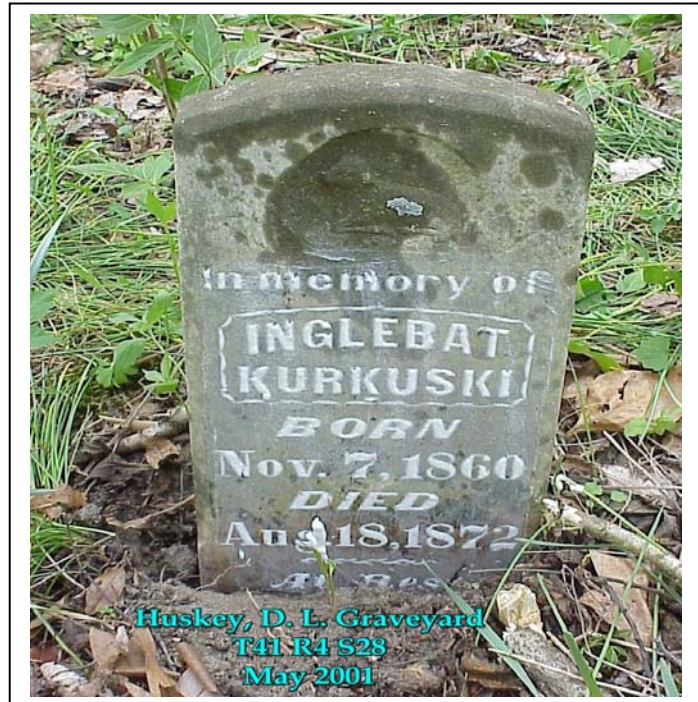
**Ingelbat
Kurkusi**

Born
November 7th, 1860

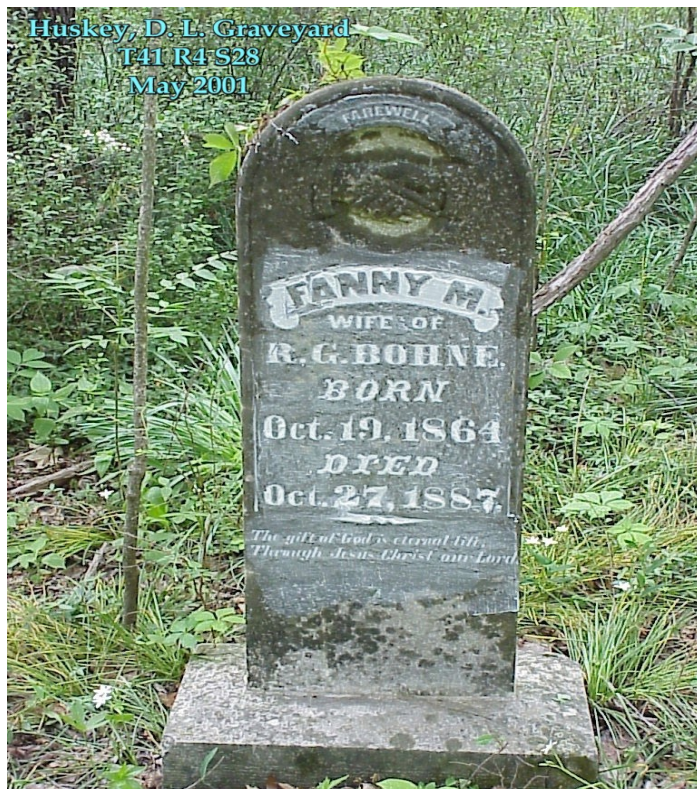
Died
August 18th, 1872

At Rest

Aged 11y 9m 11d



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Farewell

Fanny M.

Wife of

R. G. Bohne

Born
October 19th, 1864

Died
October 27th, 1887

*The gift of God is eternal life,
Through Jesus Christ our lord.*

Aged 23y 0m 8d

Circle with woman's fingers pointing down,

The 1880 Census show De Lafayette Huskey being 65 years old, farmer, with Thomas aged 5, and Jennie aged 7, Sue aged 50 a housekeeper, and Lucy Lewis a servant.

Maria Huskey died in December 26th, 1874, the day after Christmas at age 56. Thomas was born January 31st, 1875.

Ignatius Kevkoski is listed as a 58-year-old blacksmith, from Poland. His wife Dora was a 53-year-old housekeeper, with their daughters Mary 17, Lucy 12, and Clara 10, all at home.

It is interesting to note all the different ways Kerkowski is spelled.

There are obviously more persons interred in this cemetery however no monuments were located to remember them by.

Coxwell Funeral Parlor records list the following;

HUSKEY, D.L., 5-17-1894, 82 yrs, 8 mo., Huskey; Cem Old Home Place, Old Age

Jefferson Democrat

Hillsboro, Jefferson, Missouri

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 1887

Mr. D.L. HUSKEY had a stroke of paralysis, one day last week, and has been in a bad condition since, though he has much improved. He is quite *aged*.

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