

## *Richter Family Cemetery*

By Dave Hallemann



This family cemetery is located in T42 R3 S27 NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  .

38° 21' 15" N / 90° 40' 39" W

This cemetery is located on "Dutch Creek" and named for William Richter, who first entered the land on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1841, recorded as Certificate # 10652 in the land office in St. Louis. William at that time was living in St. Louis County,

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1874, William Richter and wife Isabella, who signed with her mark (X), transferred the farm to their sons, James and Gustave Richter, the following property; E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 27 containing 20 acres, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 27 containing 80 acres, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  section 27 containing 40 acres, E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 27 containing 20 acres, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 22 containing 40 acres, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 24, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 35 containing 40 acres, totaling 360 acres, recorded in Book 7 at Page 337. Quite a large farm.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1890 after being partners with his brother for 16 years, James F. Richter sold his interest to Gustave Richter for \$1400.<sup>00</sup>. This transaction was recorded in Book 34 at Page 332.

Next Gustave gave to James F. Richter a farm lease on the above-mentioned property "...known as the William Richter place..." this being recorded in Book 55 at Page 524.

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1907 Gustave A. Richter sells above-mentioned farm to James F. Richter for \$4000.<sup>00</sup>. This being the same farm as above with the addition of the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  for an additional 80 acres. Transfer of title recorded in Book 64 at Page 507.

After having possession of the property for 16 years, James F. Richter and Eliza A. his wife, began breaking up the farm and selling smaller tracts, selling the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Township 42 Range 3 Section 27 containing 60 acres to Edward Miller and wife Elizabeth, for \$100.<sup>00</sup> and other valuable considerations, "...except there from approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  acre used as a family cemetery as now located..."

Thus putting an "official" name of Richter on this cemetery.

## Original Deed From U. S. Government to William Richter

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**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 10652

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *William Richter, of St. Louis County, Missouri,*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND** *Office at St. Louis,* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *William Richter,*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the North West quarter of the North East quarter and the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty seven, in Township forty two, of Range three East, in the District of Kansas subject to sale at St. Louis, Missouri, containing eighty acres.*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *William Richter,*

**NOW KNOW YE,** That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *William Richter,*


and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *William Richter,*

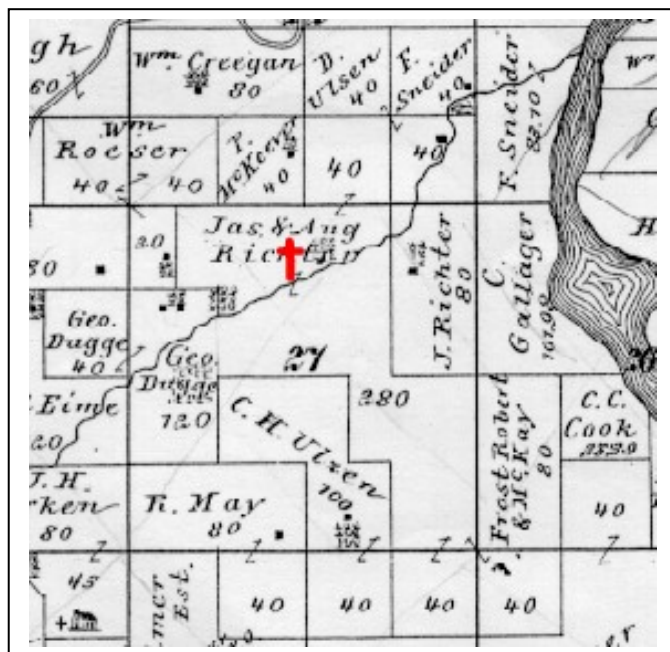
and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,** *John Tyler*  
**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**WITNES** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *Twelfth* day of *December* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty one* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *Sixty Sixth*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

 By *J. Williamson* *J. Tyler* Sec'y  
RECORDER of the General Land Office.

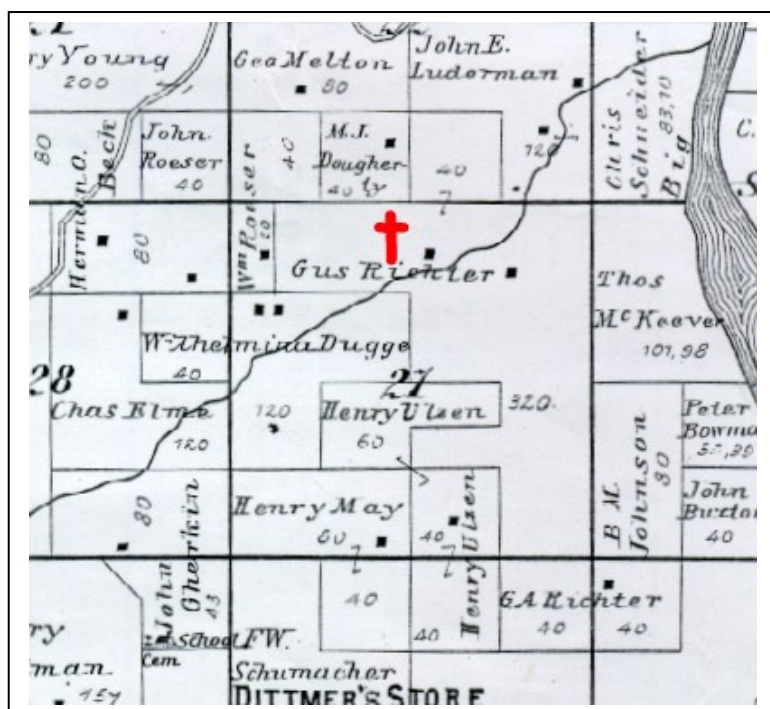


As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 James and Gustave have cemetery possession of the property.

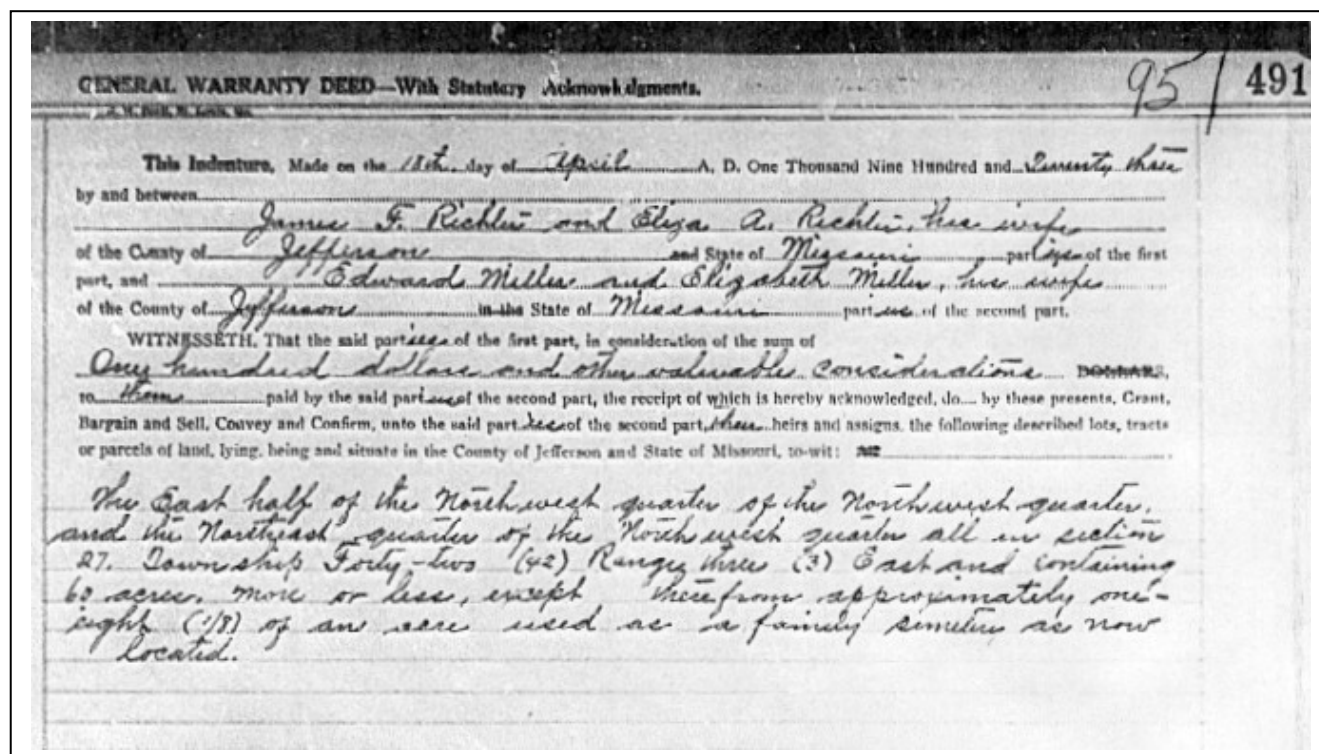
The Cemetery sits where I have added the red cross.

In 1898 Gustave Richter now owns the tract..

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



**Deed Of James Richter “excepting out”  
the 1/8 acre tract used as a family cemetery as now located.**



In the 1876 Atlas William Richter is listed as one of the first immigrants from Germany to come to Jefferson County. He is listed as a farmer with his post office in Dittmer.

The Jefferson Democrat of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1889 list the death of William Richter on Feb. 15, 79 yrs old.

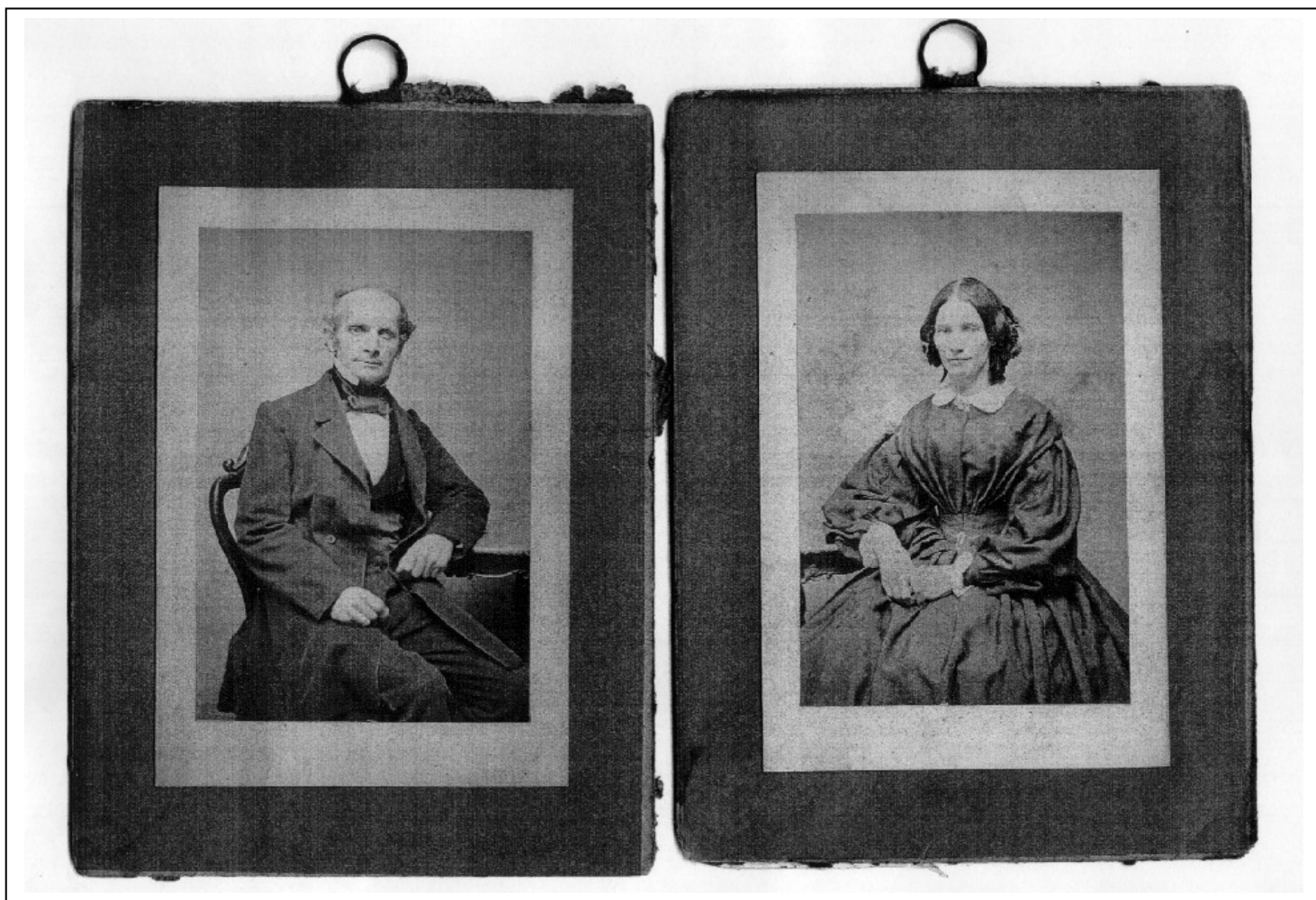
Searching my Cemetery Records the above William and an Albert L. are listed as being buried in “Dutch Creek”. Albert L. dying 16 days after William on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1889 at the age of 2 years 1 month.

The following information and pictures were graciously supplied by Joy (Birmingham) Dunnegan, 6191 Eime Road, Cedar Hill, Mo. 63016, Great-Great-Granddaughter of William Richter. The following members are remembered as being buried in this family cemetery. Although no Bible could be located the names and dates are from the best recollections of Joy, her mother Norma (Kitson) Birmingham and uncle Kermit Kitson.

## **William Johan Christoff Richter**

Born February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1810 in Germany and immigrated to American, with his brothers Adolph Richter, farmer and teacher, and Louis Richter, farmer and stock raiser. William was the first to come to Jefferson County in 1834, followed by Adolph in 1849 and Louis in 1858 both settling six miles due north in T43 R3 S27.

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*Picture circa 1840s*

## **Isabella (Voteau) Richter**

Married on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1836 to William Richter, born September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1815. She *probably* couldn't write as she signed her name with an (X).

Children of William and Isabella Richter buried in this cemetery

**John Frederick Richter**

Born December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1836

Died February 1837

**Louisa Doris Richter**

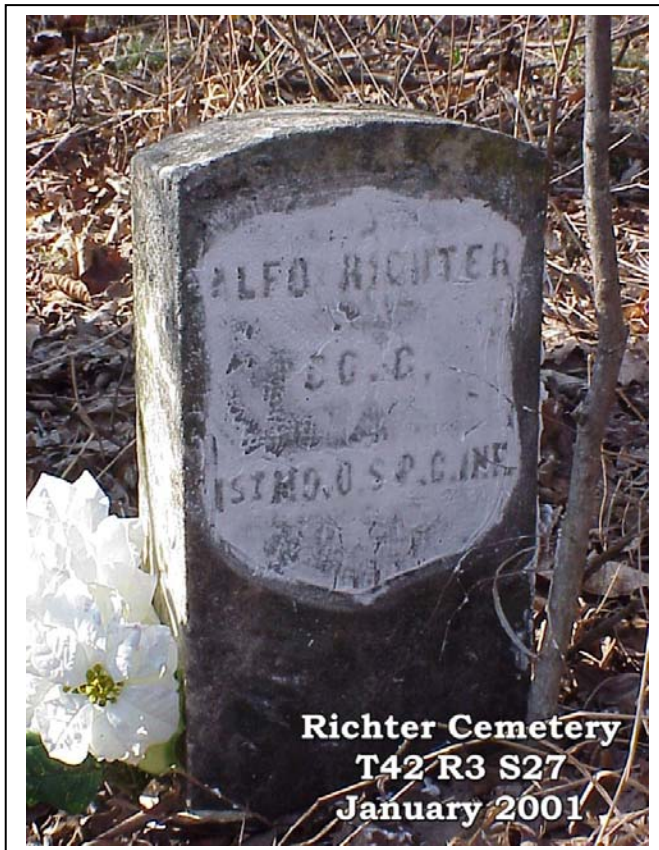
Born 1839

Died young

**Carolina Richter**

Born April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1842

Died January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1844



**William Alfred Richter**

Civil War Veteran Union Army

Married Nancy Ogle on

December 25, 1867

Born April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1846

*This is the only monument located in the cemetery. The names is Alf'd Richter, Co G, 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. U(nited) S(tates) P(?) C(orps) Inf(antry).*

*Although the monument shows USPC a Civil War expert tells me it has to be USRC (Reserve) Corps as some other members of this company were recruited in this area.*

*It was also explained that the male members of the family were often called by their middle name, thus Alfred.*

**Gustave Adolph Richter**

Born February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1855

Died about 1940

Brother of James who owned the property in 1898 and was partners with James in 1876

*Pictured below right with brother James*



**James Franklin Richter**

Born September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1851

Died March 1934

Son of William and Isabella Richter, buried beside second wife Eliza

James & 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Eliza (*pictured*)

“excepted out” the cemetery.

*Pictured above left with brother Gustave*

**Sally (Lampkin) Richter**

1<sup>st</sup> Wife of James Richter

*Children of James F. and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife Sally Lampkin buried in this cemetery*

**Leonard Richter**

Son of James F. and 1<sup>st</sup> wife Sally Richter

**George Richter**

Son of James F. & 1<sup>st</sup> wife Sally Richter

Died about 1934

**Walter Richter**

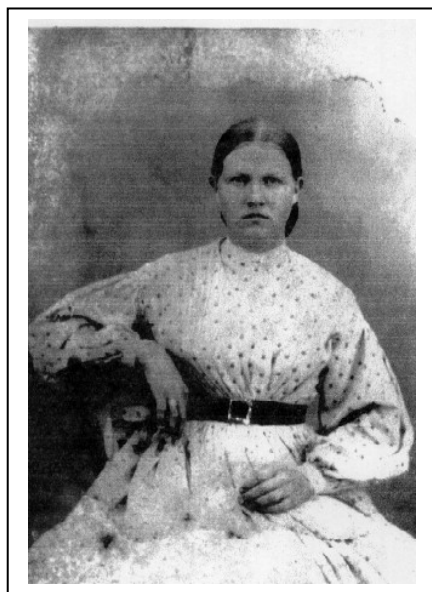
Son of James F. & Sally Richter

**Lyman Richter**

Son of James F. & 1<sup>st</sup> wife Sally  
Richter

*Pictured 1 week before wedding on  
March 13, 1903.*



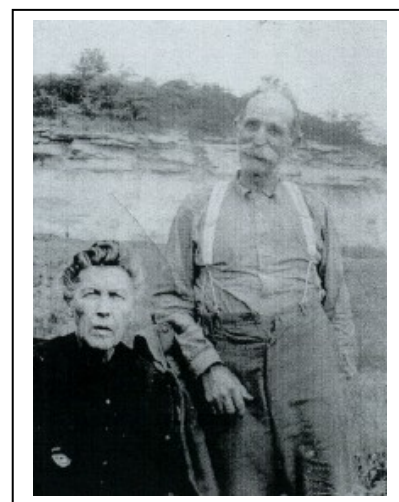


## **Eliza Ann (Bay) Richter**

Born May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1850  
2<sup>nd</sup> wife of James F. Richter above

*Eliza was married to a Styles, then a Quinlan, and finally to James Richter. Picture at left about 1869 when she was 19 years old.*

*Both these pictures are James and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Eliza.*



## **Belle (Styles) Henderson**

Daughter of Eliza Ann Richter by previous marriage

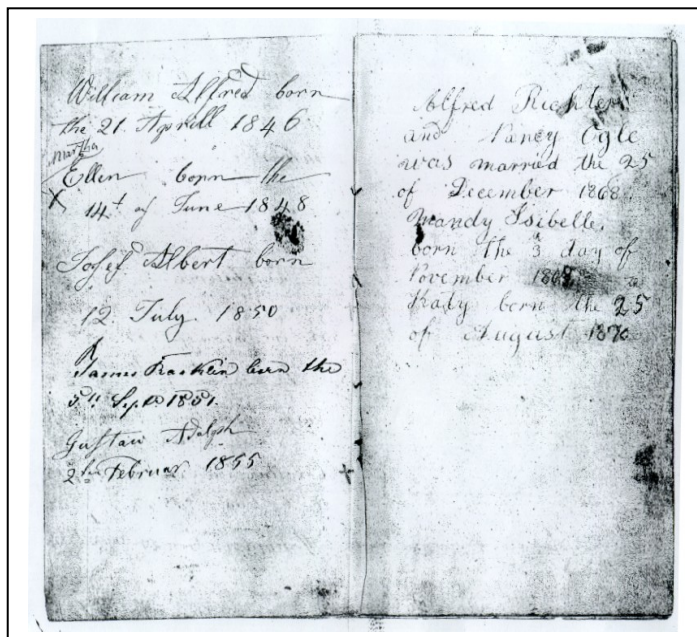
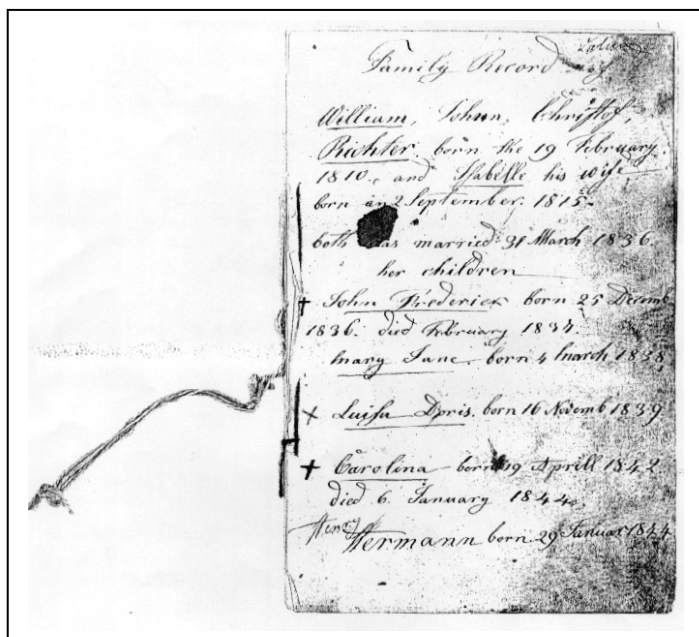
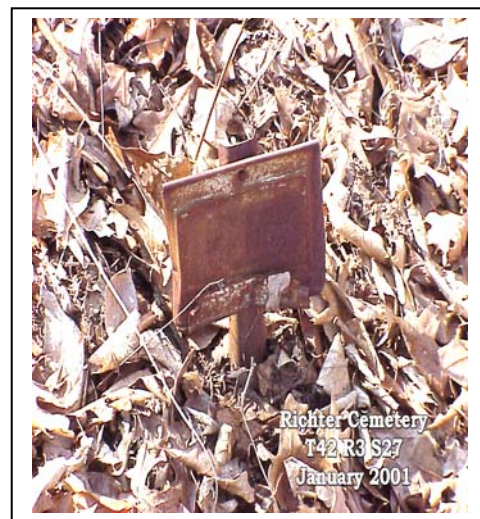
## **Archibald Kitson**

Infant 1<sup>st</sup> son of Norman & G. May (Richter) Kitson  
Gertrude May Kitson was the only daughter of James Richter and 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Eliza

**And last,** as with many cemeteries, it is remembered that during the 1917 flu epidemic that swept the county many, many children of neighbors, where buried in this cemetery with no record of whom they were.



These two metal  
"Funeral Parlor" tags  
were also found in the  
cemetery.



This 3 page Family Record, written by William J. C. Richter, was begun in the 1850-1870s.  
Joyce Dunnegan used this hand sewn Family Record  
to furnish dates in the preparation of this article.

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