

Rogers Family Burying Ground

By Dave Hallemann



This family plot with its beautiful monuments, is located in T41 R5 S5 NW¼ of the NW¼ .

38° 19' 28" N / 90° 29' 50" E

The family cemetery is named for Willis Rogers born 15th February 1823 and died 3rd December 1881. The earliest burial date in this cemetery from monuments is his.

This tract of land was first entered into record as Original Land Deed #27058 issued to Willis Rogers, for 40.76 acres, on 2nd May 1859 for Lot #3 of the NW¼ of T41 R5 S5, adjoining

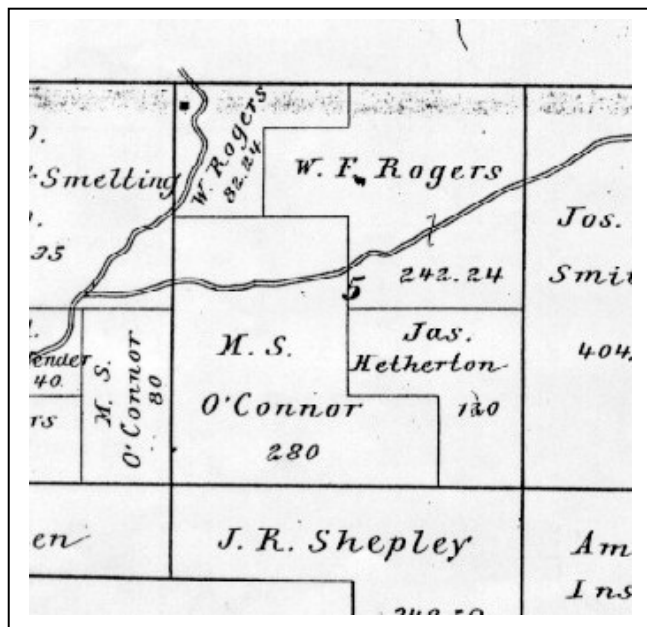
another tract originally entered to him, certificate #28319, 1st March 1860 for W½ Lot #2 NW¼ of T41 R5 S5, containing 40 acres.

There is much land buying and selling going on between members of the Rogers family between 1876 and 1898. No direct deeds pertaining to this tract were found. The property probably was transferred by will thru probate court order but this is a guess on my part. Although the next two documents are *not* the tract the cemetery is on I use them to illustrate the *possible* family ties in this area.

On 28th October 1884 William T. Rogers and wife Ellen sell Lot #3 NE¼ T41 R5 S5 containing 42.75 acres and Lots #1 & #2 NE¼ S5 and E½ Lot #2 all in T41 R5 S5 containing 200+/- acres to Fidelo Rogers for \$675.⁰⁰. William and Ellen both signing with their mark (X). This I believe to be *part* of the W. F. Rogers tract seen below on the 1878 Atlas.

Fidelo Rogers and wife Louisa, Quit Claim Deed to Daniel Jarvis the NW¼ of the SE¼ of T41 R5 S5 containing 40 acres, for \$120.⁰⁰, on 25th February 1896. I use this document to establish that Fidelo had a wife named Louisa.

Recorded in Quit Claim Book 2 Page 187, on 22nd December 1896 Norman F. (Fidelo?) and wife Louisa Quit Claim Deed to John Rogers "...also all of that part of Lots 2 & 3 of the NW¼ of S5 T41 R5...lying west of the Hillsboro and Lemay Ferry Gravel Road, containing 15.24 +/- acres *excepting there from ½ acre covering the family burying ground in Lot 3.*" Both Norman F. and Louisa signed their names.



As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 Willis Rogers is still alive and had possession of the property.

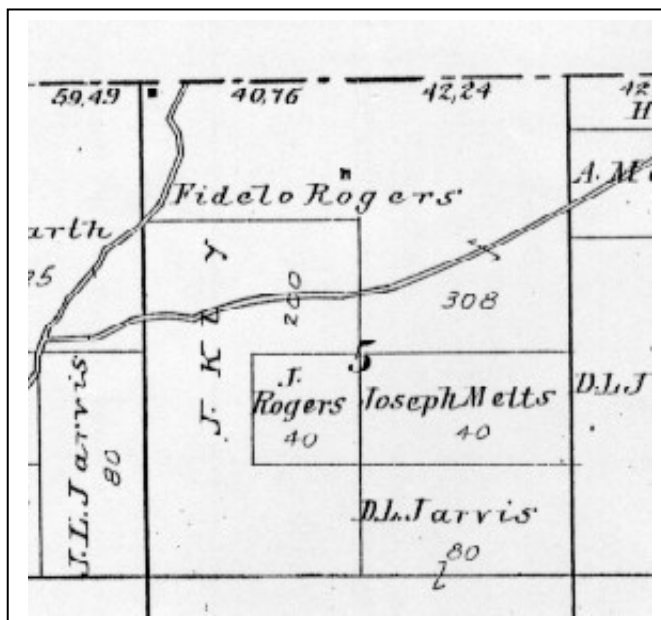
The Cemetery sits almost where the house is located in the northwest corner of section 5 on the 82.24 acres.

I feel the W. F Rogers in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ should *probably* be W. T.

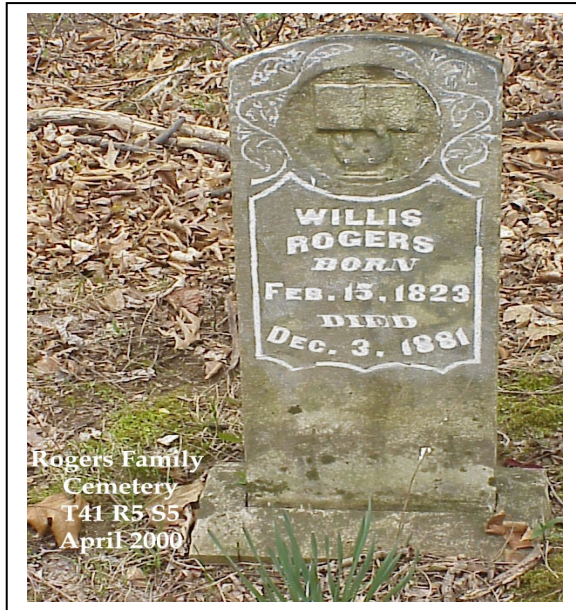
By 1898 Fidelo Rogers now owns the tract. He could be a son of Willis, thus he inherited the homestead. Again the cemetery is located near the house in the extreme upper left corner of section 5. The J. Rogers is *probably* John Rogers. Also note that Metts appear after 1876.

From Goodspeed's History of Franklin Jefferson, Washington, Crawford and Gasconade Counties. © 1888 Reprint 1970 indexed page 411.

State vs. Fidelo Rogers On the 10th of March 1882, after nightfall, the house of Joseph Yerger, a merchant at Antonia, was set on fire. Discovering that the house was on fire, Yerger rushed to the well, which was nearby to get water, and while at there was shot and killed by an unknown party...on the 15th of September 1884, the grand jury for Jefferson County indicted Fidelo Rogers for the murder of Joseph Yerger, and on the 14th of January following the prosecuting attorney, Mr. James F. Green, dismissed the case for want of evidence to sustain the charge in the indictment.



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 many unmarked graves in this cemetery that at one time had a wire fence around it. There are also many fieldstones denoting graves, some sunken graves, and flowers planted at various locations. The site looked to be laid out with 5 or 6 graves wide and 4 or 5 rows deep.



Willis Rogers

Born
February 15th, 1823
Died
December 3rd, 1881

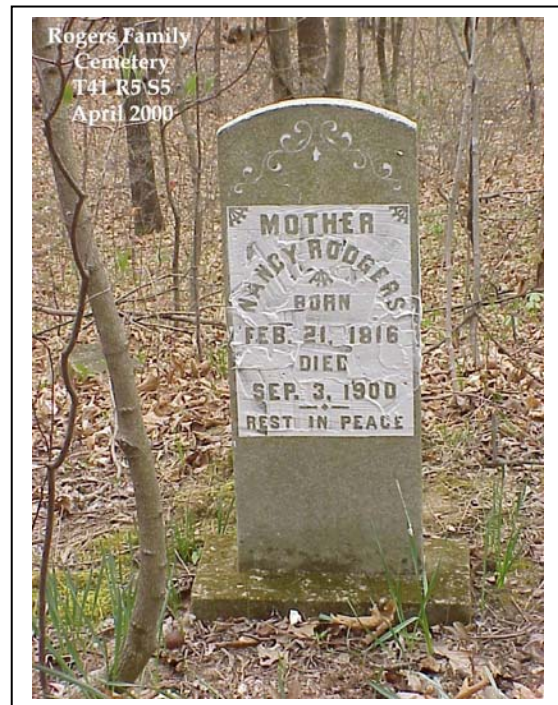
Open book and hand inside circle

Mother

Nancy Rogers

Born
February 21st, 1816
Died
September 3rd, 1900

Rest in Peace



Will of Willis Rogers

Know all men by these presents. That I Willis Rogers of Jefferson County And State Of Missouri, Farmer, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

1st- I give and bequeath to my Son John Mathias Rogers, The South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section Thirty-one (31) Township 42. Range 5 East containing 40 acres. Also the East 1/2 of lot 3 of the Northwest quarter of Section (5) Township (41) Range 5 East containing 20 acres-

2nd- I give and bequeath unto my Son Norman Fidelo Rogers, The West half of lot 3 of the North West quarter of Section (5) Five Township 41 Range 5 East containing Twenty (20) acres. Also the West half of lot No. 2 of the North West quarter of Section (5) Five Township 41 Range 5 East containing Forty acres-

3rd- I give and bequeath unto my Son William Thornton Rogers, the sum of Five Dollars-

4th- I give and bequeath unto my Son James Edward Rogers, the sum of Five Dollars-

5th- I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Perlina Forister the sum of One Dollar-

6th- I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Caroline Gillman, The sum of Fifty Dollars to be paid to her equally by my sons John Mathias and Norman Fidelo as a condition to the bequeathment I have made to them-

7th- I give and bequeath to my Dear Wife property to be selected by her to the amount of Four Hundred Dollars-

8th- Should there be any remainder of my effects after the above allowances to my Dear Wife and after payment of all just debts against my estate, I give and bequeath any and all such remainder to my son John Mathias.

9th- I hereby choose D.S. Smith as Executor of this my will-

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this 8th day of September A.D. 1881.

Willis Rogers

Witness by: Charles Klable, Heinrich Heiligttag,

[Note: Willis was born 15 Feb. 1823 in Missouri - Married Nancy Everett 30 May 1843 - and died near Antonia 3 Dec. 1881. He married Nancy Everett on 30 May 1843. Children were Norman Fidelo, William Thornton, James Edward, Willis Warren, Lucy Perlina, Elizabeth Caroline, Cornelius W. and John Mathias. He and Nancy are buried in the old Rogers Cemetery on private property south of Antonia, Mo. Son, Cornelius W. Rogers, drowned in Swashen Creek 30 Jun 1872 and is also buried in Rogers Cemetery. Another son, Willis Warren, was killed in the Civil War and is buried near Nashville Tn.]

Information on Will and Obituary taken from the internet, posted by Gary Conley 17 June 2000.

Obituary of Willis Rogers - 3 Dec 1881

Willis Rogers, one of the oldest residents of Rock township, died last Saturday, after months of intense suffering from a cancer under his arm, which gradually ate into his vitals, in spite of all that could be done to arrest its progress. Mr. Rogers will be remembered by many as one of Nature's noblemen.

William T. Rogers

Born
May 25th, 1844
Died
June 3rd, 1894

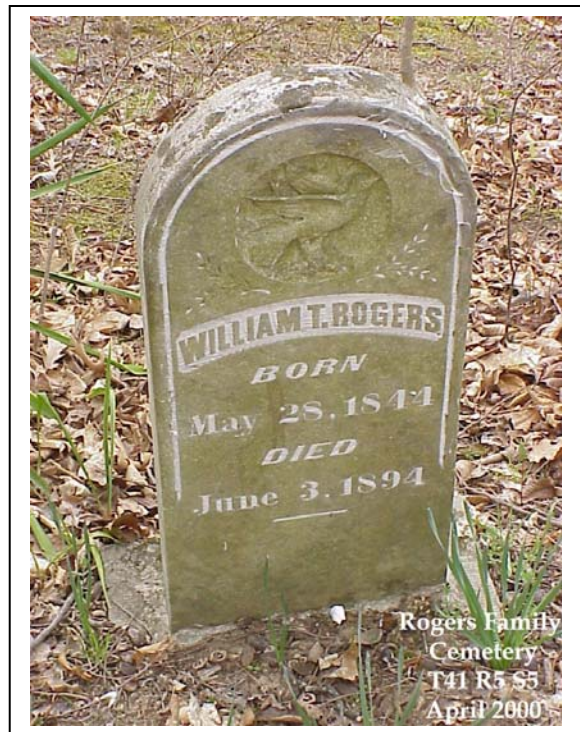
Dove inside Circle

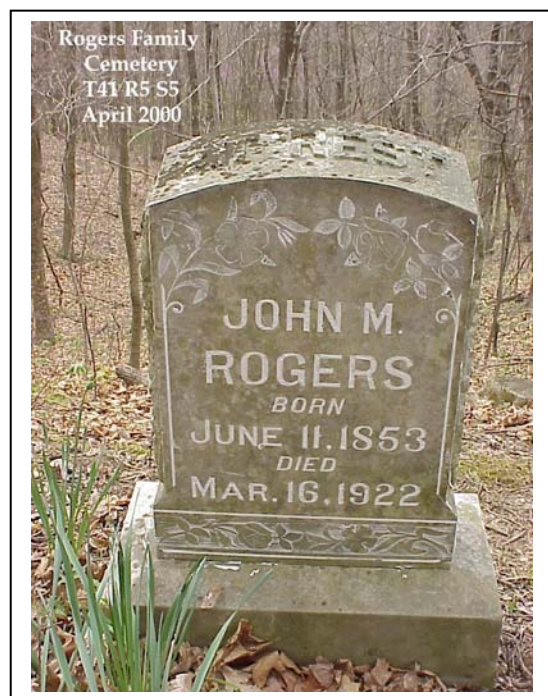
Obituary of William T. Rogers

Sudden Death

Last Saturday afternoon, at about 4 o'clock, William Rogers of Dry Creek was plowing corn, when his boy brought him a jug of fresh water. He took a few swallows of the water and suddenly placed his hands to his stomach, crying out in pain. He at once went to the house and sent for Dr. Cornell. When the doctor came Rogers said to him "You have relieved me before, but I will die now." The severe pain continued until death released him. It was supposed to be a form of acute colic, to which he had been subject for years. Mr. Rogers was a man past middle age and leaves family. His remains were conveyed through Hillsboro, Monday, on the way to the family burying ground at the old Rogers place [south of Antonia] on the headwaters of Glaize Creek.

[Note: William was born 28 May 1844 in Jefferson County, Missouri, the son of Willis Rogers & Nancy (Everett) Rogers.]





John M. Rogers

Born
June 11th, 1853
Died
March 16th, 1922

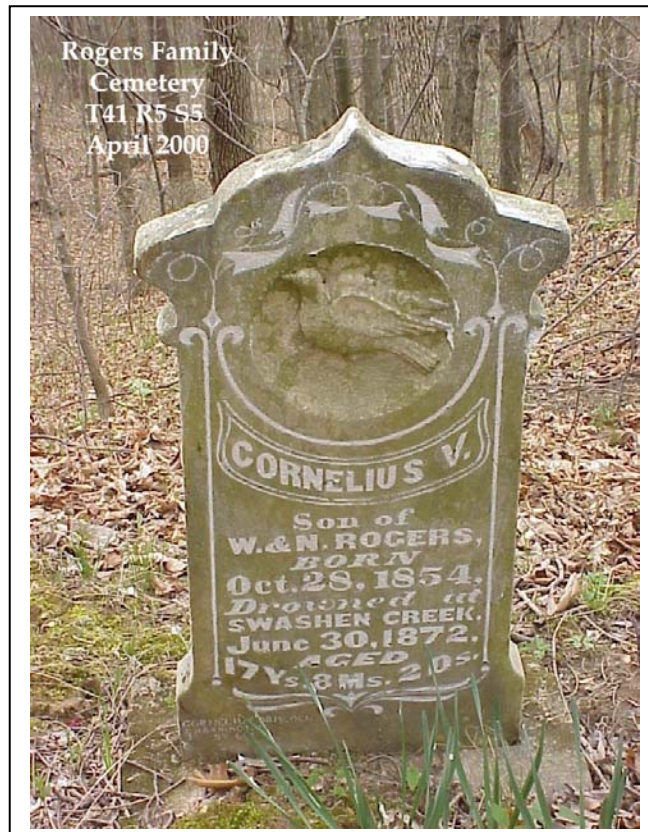
"At Rest" across the top of stone

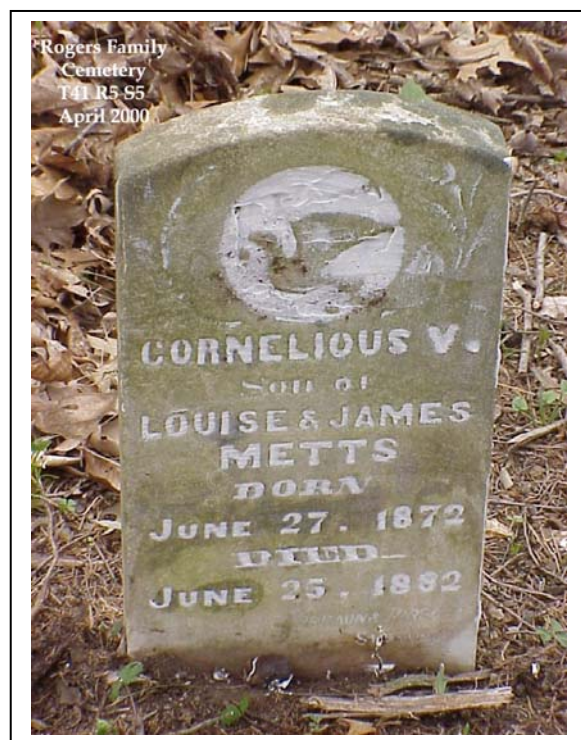
Cornelius V.

Son of
W. & N. Rogers
Born
October 28th, 1854
*"Drowned at
Swashen Creek
June 30th, 1872."*
17 Years 8 Months 2 Days

Dove In Circle

Footstone C. V. R





Cornelious V.

Son of
Louisa & James

Metts

Born
June 27th, 1872
Died June 25th, 1882

Dove in Circle

(Died of typhoid fever)

Elisabeth C.

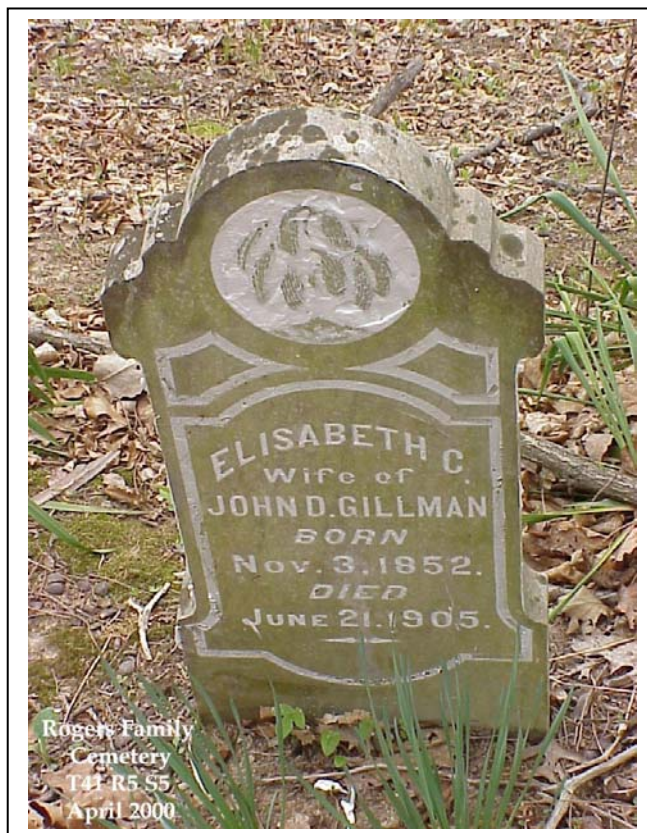
Wife of
John D. Gillman

Born
November 3rd, 1852
Died
June 21st, 1905

Appeared to be Leaves in Circle

Footstone E. C. G.

Our Cemetery Records list a John D. Gillman, b. Nov. 21, 18??, d. Oct. 22, 1888, listed as being in this cemetery, however I didn't see the Monument or I simply missed it.



Unknown

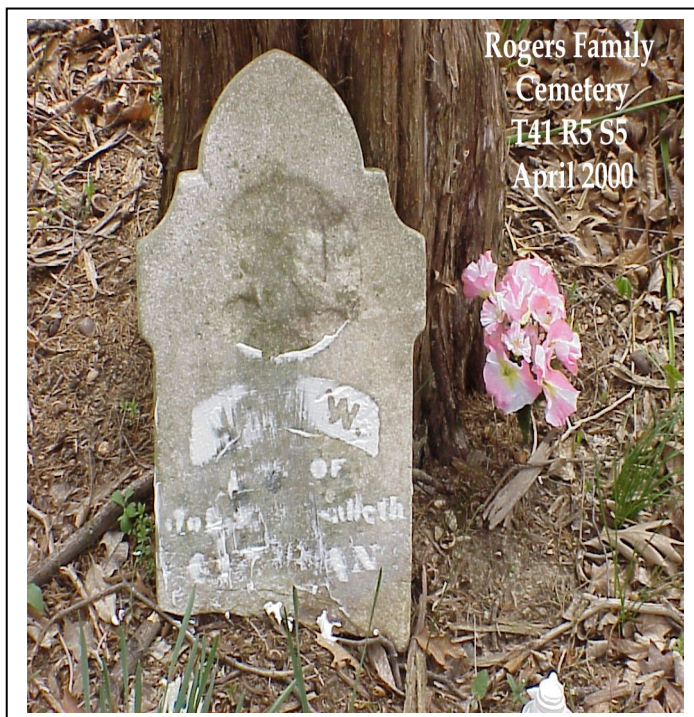
Appears to read

J??? W.

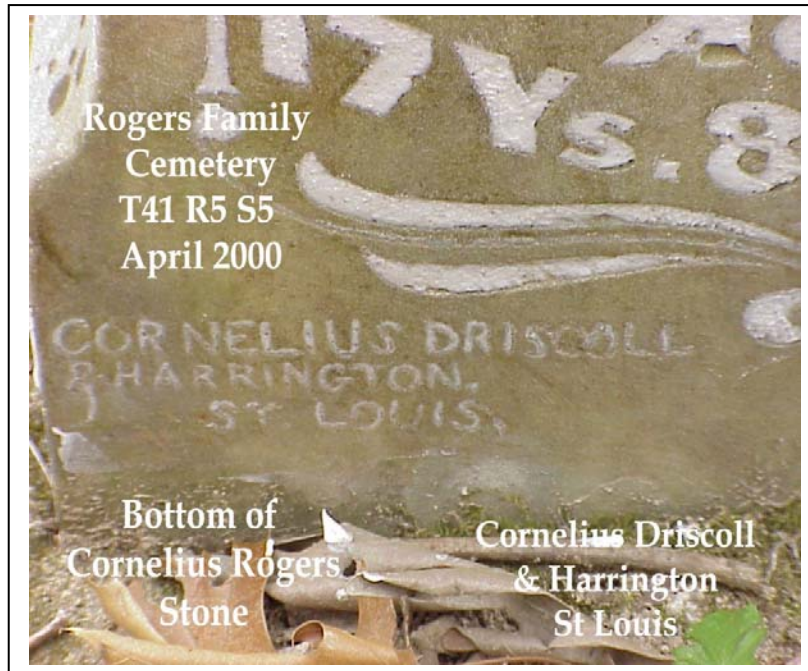
? of
John & Elisabeth
Gillman

*Stone broken and water or
something has worn the center down.*

*A footstone was found that reads
J.W.G. probably for this grave.*



This Family Cemetery has some beautiful carved stones. Many with scroll work and two with the manufacturer's name and address lightly carved in the lower portion as can be seen below. Probably the reason the delicate carving remains is due to the stones leaning out a bit at the top, thus rain did not directly hit the stone.

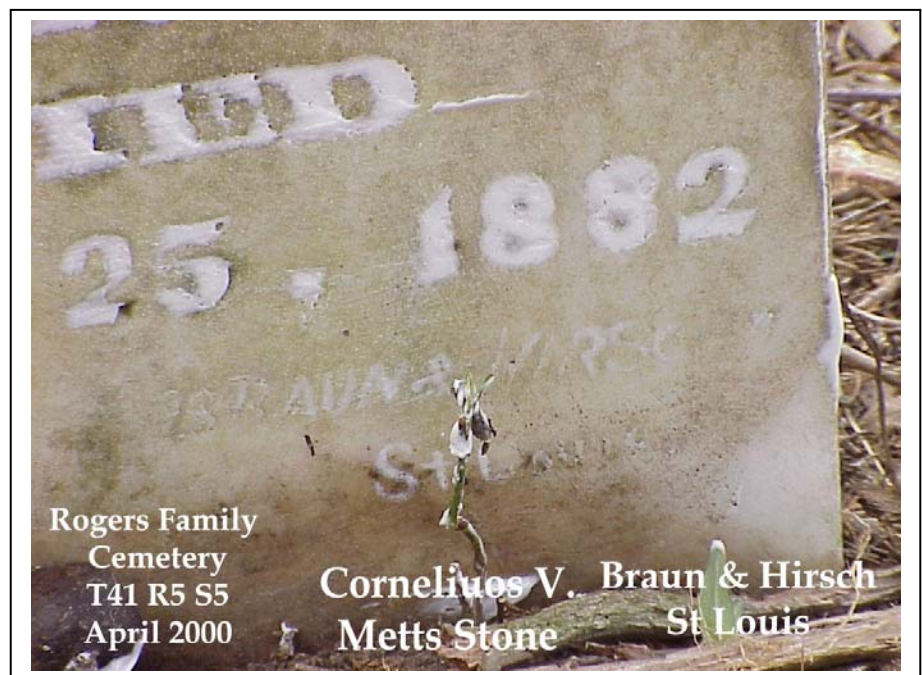


At the bottom of Cornelius V. Rogers monument is lightly engraved the manufacturer's name and address.

Cornelius Driscoll
& Harrington
St Louis

And at the bottom of Cornelious V. Metts Stone is craved the manufacturer's mark of

Braun & Hirsch
St. Louis



Internet Posted on: Jefferson County Biographies

Norman Fidelo Rogers (b. 18 Dec 1855 - d. 14 Jun 1911) was the son of Willis Rogers & Nancy Everett. He married Louisa Kuchelmeister (b. 21 Apr 1858 - d. 9 Dec 1916) on 28 Apr 1885. Their children were: Josephine (b. 31 Jan 1886 - d. 21 Jan 1947), Annie (b. & d. 1888), George (b. 25 Jun 1889 - d. 17 Mar 1988), Louisa M. (b. 28 Feb 1894 - d. 31 Jan 1952), married Jacob Johann " Julius J.J." Heiligttag 24 Nov. 1923), William (b. 15 Nov 1896 - d. 23 May 1961) & Ida (b. 1892 - d. 1893)

The following is a letter Fidelo wrote to his mother, Nancy Everett Rogers in 1898.

Yukon White River Alaska
August 7, 98

My Dear Mother,

We are now at White River, the one that we will prospect on this winter. I am in good health at present, and have gained some in weight. Tell Josie that we built a rowboat and named it after her, called Josie.

We killed two cariboo on Selwin River, and they are fine eating, they are a little larger than a deer. We expect to kill a good many this winter when they start South as they travel in bands of sometimes a hundred. We have the gill net set in the river and catch nice white fish, pickerel, and some salmon, so we have plenty to eat, and have plenty warm clothes for the winter. When we get up on White River where there is plenty of wood, I am going to build a good warm cabin for the winter. When you write to me be sure and address it this way to.

Stuart River Alaska
Can. N.W. M. Police
Via Victoria. B2
Care Miller Party

The sun shines 24 hours a day here, so the nights are nearly as bright as the day. This winter the sun will hardly shine at all. The mosquitoes are simply awful they are full of business all of the time from about June 15 to August 15. They are just like mad yellow jackets. I will write again to you, this is to let you know that I am well.

Yours Truly
Fidelo Rogers

From an unknown Newspaper dated February 6, 1884;

It would seem that our young friend, Fidelo Rogers, is to lose everything by fire. In the last six months he has lost a good home and barn, and last Monday night his residence burned down. The fire burned so rapidly that hardly anything could be saved and his mother, brother, and the rest of the occupants barely secured their clothes. Some 200 bushels of wheat, all household goods, and about \$50, which was in John Rogers' trunk, and hard earnings were consumed. The origin of the fire was not learned.

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