

Thurman Cemetery

By Dave Hallemann



This cemetery is located in T38 R4 S10.

38° 1' 55" N / 90° 34' 27" W

This cemetery was recorded 17th March 2010 by Dave Hallemann and Carole Goggin.

This Cemetery is also known as Hammack, and Hamman.

It was very hard to put a name to this cemetery as all the people buried here never *owned* the land, with the exception of Thurman. I will try to present the story as to my best *guess* what transpired.

The land was first entered by Military Land Warrant #20,897 for 160 acres issued in favor of

Sinthe Wilkinson, widow of John Wilkinson, Private in Captain Hawkins Company United States Artillery, War of 1872, *[I feel this is a error and should probably be the Black Hawk War of 1832 as the warrant was issued in 1854]*, for the East ½ of the Northwest Quarter and the South ½ of the Northeast Quarter, Township 38 N Range 4 East Section 10, which has been *assigned to Charles Krauss, dated 1st May 1854.*

On 17th June 1864, the Sheriff of Jefferson County sells the tract by authority of the administrator of Charles Krauss to Thomas Grace for \$400, as recorded in Book T Page 510.

28th September 1891, Mary A. Grace, Gertrude Grace, Annie Jacobs and her husband Marcus, Alfred & Raymond Grace by their curator Mary Grace, heirs of Thomas Grace desc. of St. Louis, to Wm. Blackwell, "E½/NW & SW/NE, 120 acres, T38 R4 S10, part of land located under warrant #20897 and formerly owned by Thomas Grace", recorded in Book 36 Page 258.

2nd October 1891, Wm. T. Blackwell and wife Margaret H. sell the tract to Wm. Moon for \$500, recorded in Book 36 Page 257.

13th March 1897, P.M. Reilly under J. B. Dover County Surveyor, executes a survey number 396, of the Graveyard for John Thurman, recorded in Surveyors Book 2 Page 114.

28th January 1899 Wm. Moon and Margaret his wife sell to J. J. Thurman for \$12, "Commencing at the NE corner of NE/NW of S10 T38 R4 & running S 2.50 chains thence W 1.5 chains thence N 2.5 Chains to section on north side, thence E along S line 1.5 chins to place of beginning containing ½ acre." *[this tract is the graveyard.]*

I found a marriage license for John J. Thurman of St. François County Missouri to Emma Mathews of Jefferson County, on 1st August 1878 and Recorded 16 September 1878, Marriage Records 1871-1881 Book 5. This ties the Thurman and Mathews together.

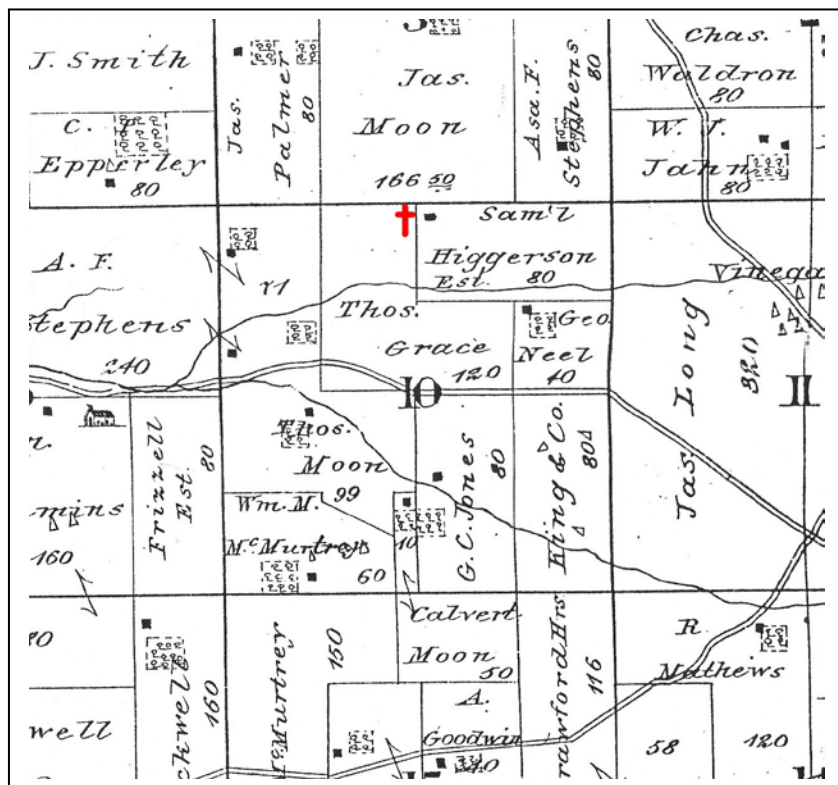
Now as to my *best guess*. Thomas Grace lived in St. Louis. He may or may not be related to the Mathews or Thurmans as I could find no information. The Mathews *may* have been renting, sharecropping, or buying the land from Thomas Grace. John Thurman could have been living on the land also or may have been the one renting the farm with his wife, Emma's, parents as he buried his son Prentiss here. Per 1870 Census, Emily was the 14 year old daughter of Reuben and Rosalie Mathews and sister to Jefferson. The Graces owned the land from 1864 to 1891 and *probably* rented out the land for income.

As to the Hammacks that are buried in this cemetery, I could find no ownership by them. W. T. Hammack who is buried here owned the land adjoining the cemetery to the east. I talked to two Hammack descendents and they had no knowledge of any Mathews in their line however there could be. Possibly the Thurmans allowed their neighbor Hammacks to be buried here, at this time period it is not known. Also the E. R. Rowe I could find no information on this man.

Looking at the 1900 Census I find John Thurman *probably* on this farm by comparing his neighbors to the 1898 Atlas.

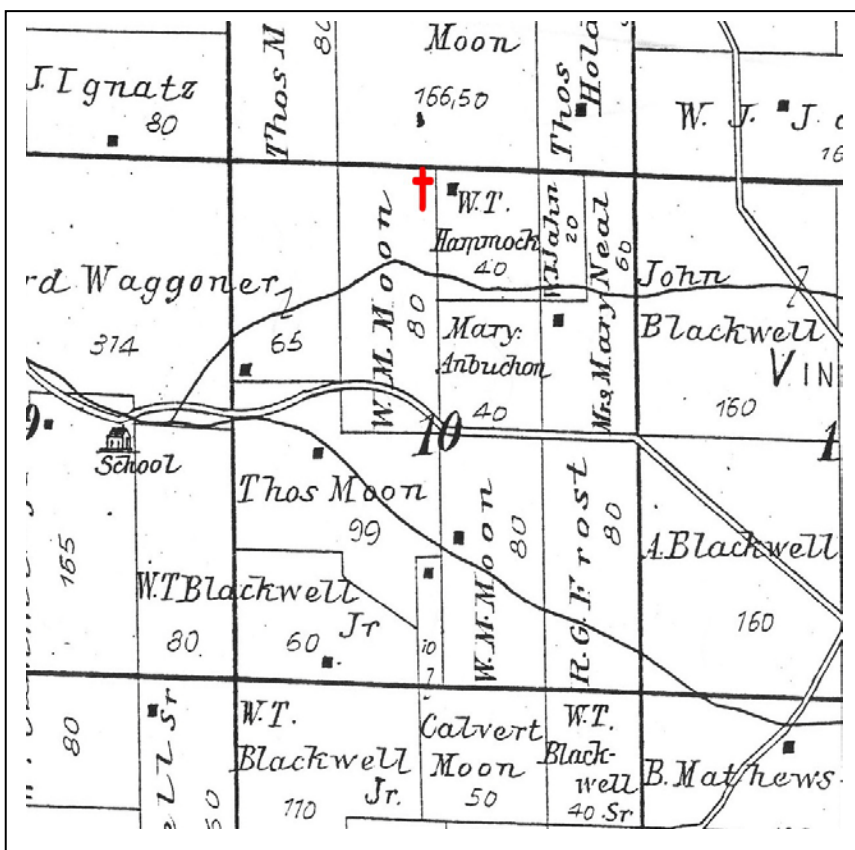
Finally I talked to Mr. Irvin Moon. He stated he grew up on this farm and knew of the cemetery. His father called it Thurman Cemetery.

With the above information I feel we can put a name of ***Thurman Cemetery*** to this cemetery.

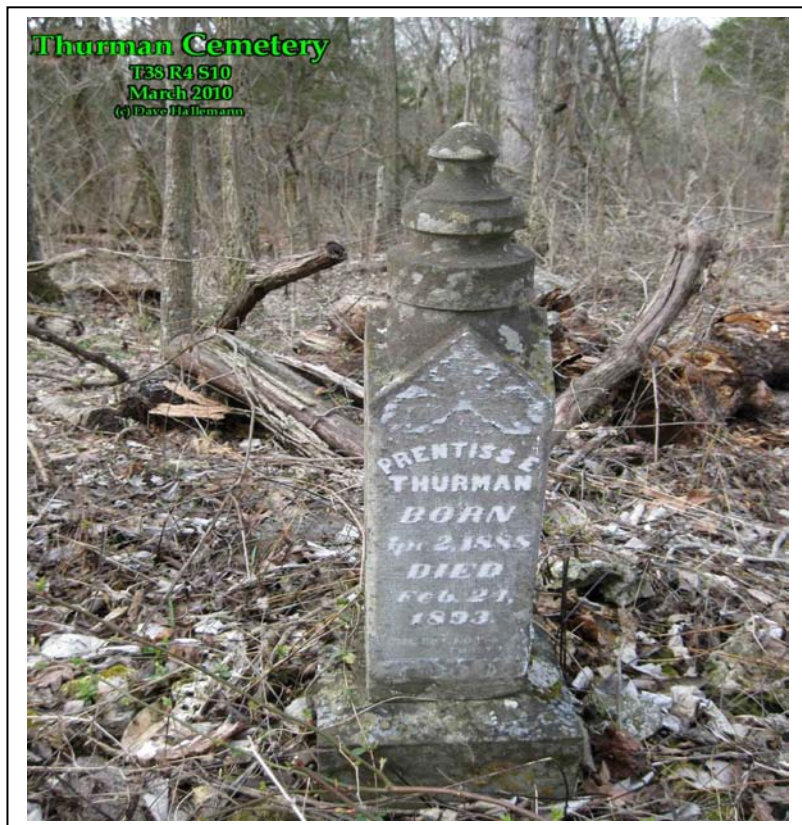


The 1876 Historic Atlas shows Thomas Grace owns the tract. The cross was added to denote the location of the cemetery.

By 1898 W. M. Moon has possession of the tract. Again I have added the cross to highlight the cemetery. Note that W. T. Hammack owns the 40 acres adjoining to the east.



The following monuments were located in this cemetery, however it is reported that there are many more burials here;



Prentiss E. Thurman

Born
Apr. 2, 1888

Died
Feb. 24, 1893

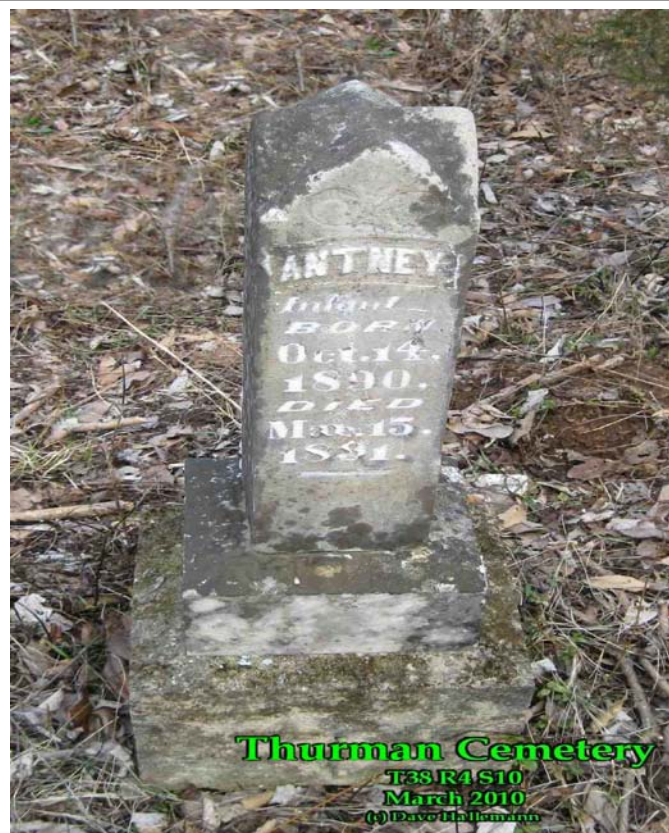
Jefferson Mathews

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Selena
Mathews

Born
Dec. 19, 1865

Died
Oct. 2, 1891





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Infant

Born
Oct. 14, 1890

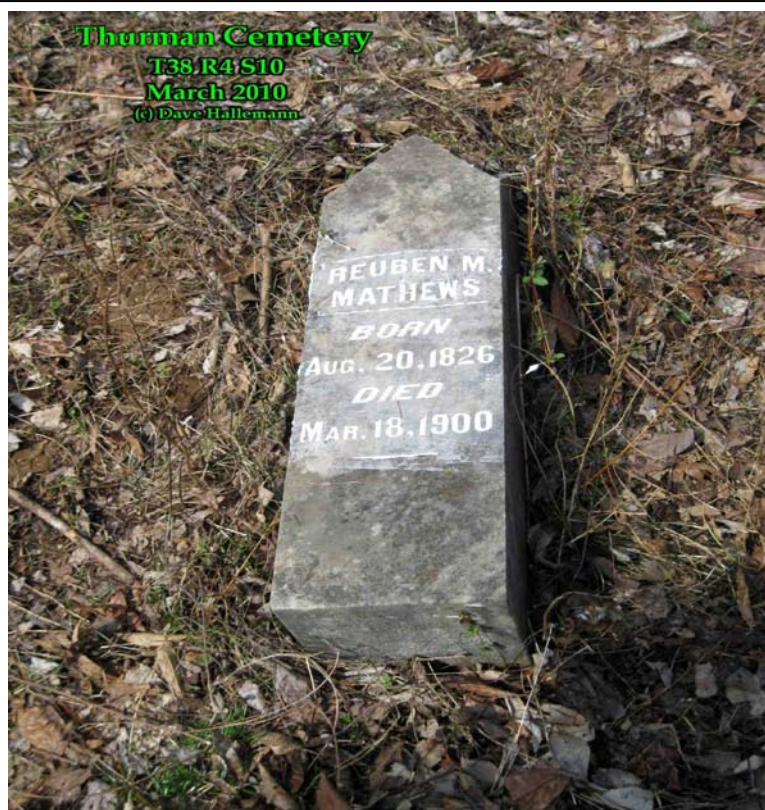
Died
Mar. 15, 1891

[back of Jefferson Mathews monument]

Reuben M. Mathews.

Born
Aug. 20, 1826

Died
Mar. 18, 1900





W. T.

Husband of
S. E. Hammack

Born
July 8, 1847

Died
Nov. 14, 1905

Fred. C. I.

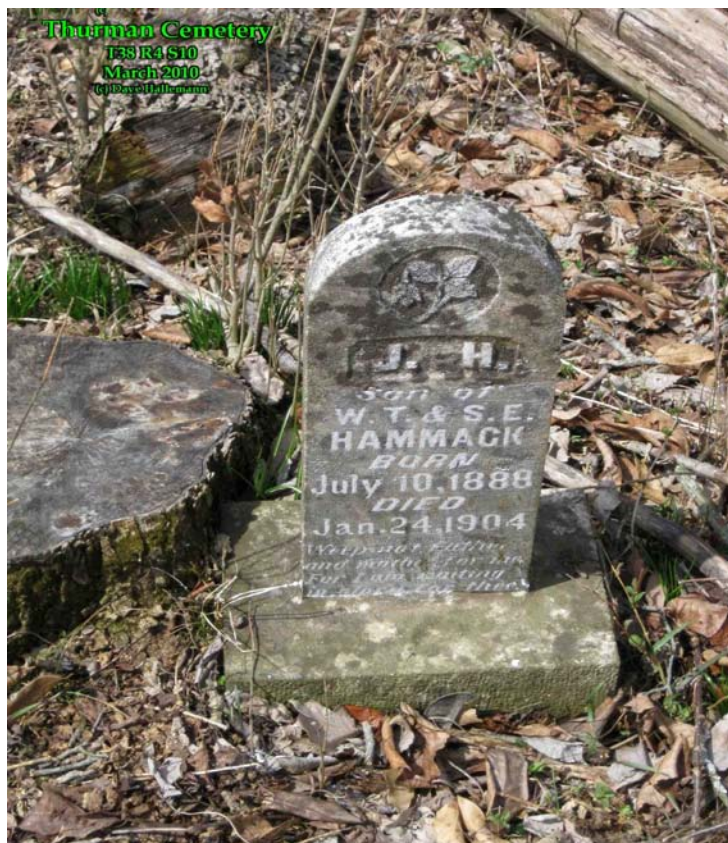
Son of T. W. & S. E.

Hammack

Died
Sep. 2, 1903

Aged
11y 4m 6d





J. H.

Son of W. T. & S. E.

Hammack

Born
July 10, 1888

Died
Jan. 24, 1904

E. R.

Husband of
S. M. Rowe

Born
Jan. 29, 1861

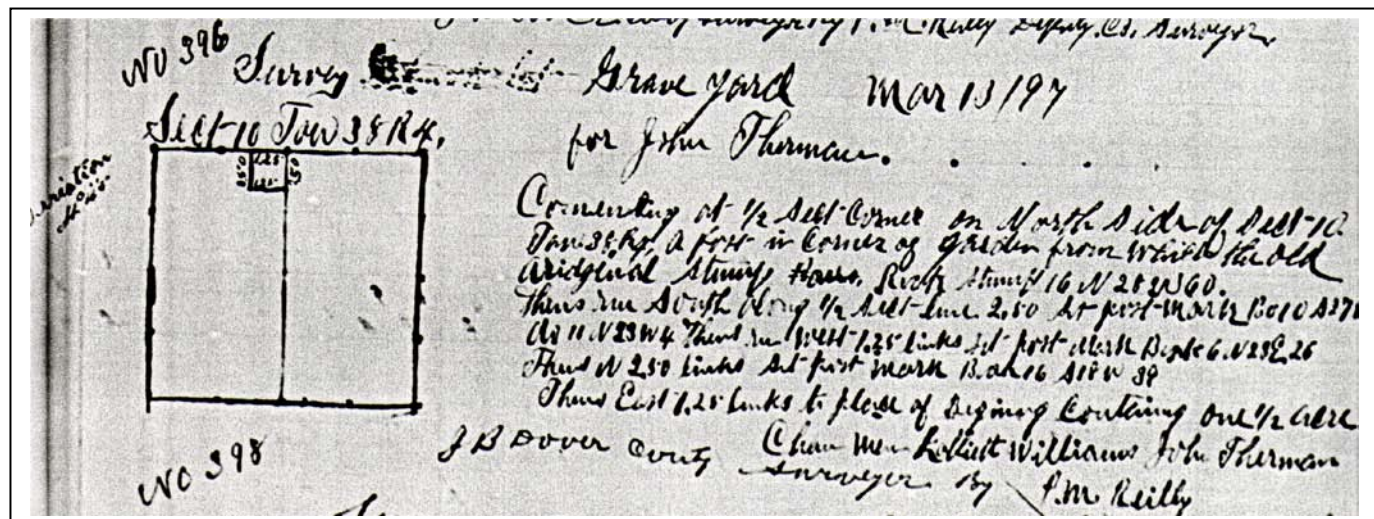
Died
Feb. 26, 1905





Unknown

Metal Funeral Parlor Tag



Survey 396 for John Thurman

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