

Whitehead, Robert Cemetery

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This very old pioneer cemetery with its many fieldstones is located in T39 R5 S18 NE¼ of the NE ¼.

38° 5' 55" N / 90° 30' 32" W

The cemetery is named for the Robert Whitehead family who owned this land 22 years, from 1828-1850, was a Private in the Revolutionary war⁽¹⁾ and was a County Court Justice from 1835-1838.⁽²⁾

William Smith first purchased this tract from the U. S. Government, containing the E½ of the NE¼ T39 R5 S18, Certificate #1139, date of Patent June 15th, 1826, for \$100.⁰⁰

Deed dated May 5th, 1828, recorded in Book C at Page 61; Wm. Smith conveys this tract to Robert Whitehead for \$130.⁰⁰, signed before *Sam'l McMullin Justice of the Peace*.

On January 26th, 1838, recorded in Book D at Page 471, before John L. Mathews Clerk of the Court, Robert Whitehead mortgages the land to Jefferson County for \$100.⁰⁰ due one year after at 10% interest.

Deed dated 1838, recorded June 18, 1838 in Book D Page 571, before *Samuel McMullin Justice of the Peace*, separate examination as to wife and dower released, Robert Whitehead conveys a tract of land to John S. Whitehead, on which *John S. Whitehead now lives*, "Beginning at a post in the yard of said Whitehead, from which the stone chimney of John S. Whitehead's dwelling house bears N 38° W 57 links, thence W 20 chains to post in section line, thence N 20 chains with section line, thence E 20 chains, thence S 20 chains to place of beginning, containing 10 acres." This tract was combined with an 80-acre tract adjoining on the east that Robert was deeded from Thomas Whitehead on February 13, 1837 in Book D Page 209. Thomas purchasing the land from the same William Smith in deed dated June 18th, 1828 recorded in Book C Page 60.

Letters of Administration were granted to Samuel Whitehead on the Estate of Robert Whitehead on August 23, 1839. Robert Whitehead has to have died between January 26th, 1838 and this date. Samuel states that said deceased left no will and his heirs are; Thomas, Samuel, John Whitehead, Sarah Coleman, Martha Staples, Ruth Robinson, and Mary Robinson, daughters; and William, Samuel, John, Mary M. Gooch, Robert and Eliza Gooch⁽⁴⁾, Jane Ogle,

and Nancy Butler, heirs of Rebecca Gooch, a daughter of Robert Whitehead. Estate fully administered, all debts paid and distribution made among his heirs.

Deed dated July 10th, 1844 for \$20.⁰⁰, John Staples and Martha his wife, convey their right, title and interest, in the same tract deeded to Robert Whitehead *deceased*, to John S. Whitehead, recorded Book H at Page 225. Justice of the Peace Wm. G. Walker performed a separate examination of Martha Staples, and she released her dower rights.

Deed dated February 5th, 1844, recorded in Book H at Page 227, before Archelam Lee Justice of the Peace, Thomas Whitehead, Samuel Whitehead, Mary Robinson, Ruth Robertson, and Sarah Coleman, convey their right, title and interest, in the same tract deeded to Robert Whitehead *deceased*, to John S. Whitehead for \$20.⁰⁰ each.

Now 6/7th of the estate of Robert Whitehead, all but Rebecca Gooch's 1/7th is vested in John Whitehead.

On February 9th, 1846, recorded March 20, 1848, John S. Whitehead mortgages the property to Eliel Donnell for \$400.⁰⁰, recorded in Book I Page 104, before J. H. Alford, Clerk of the Circuit Court, witnessed by Willis Hopson and William Butler.

In 1846 John S. Whitehead dies and *John T. McMullin* is appointed Administrator, who in his affidavit states that there were two heirs, Rachel and Robert G, deceased died without a will. Wife Lydia⁽³⁾ relinquishes her right to administer the estate. In deed recorded June 28th, 1848, Book I Page 163, recites order of the County Court directing the administrator to sell at public or private sale, and sold on March 21st, 1848 all title claim and interest in E ½ of the NW ¼ Section 18, Township 39, Range 5, for the sum of \$205.⁰⁰ As there was no bidders on the remaining portion of land the administrator sold at private sale to Eliel Donnell for the sum of \$445.⁰⁰.

Deed recorded May 15th, 1850, Book K Page 65, Lydia Whitehead releases her Dower rights to Eliel Donnell.

In deed recorded March 12th, 1850 in Book I at Page 612, Eliel Donnell and wife Catherine transfer the tract to Henry Haverstick.

Three years later Henry Haverstick and wife Adaline sell the property to John T. and Samuel W. McMullin, for \$1200.⁰⁰, in deed dated October 21st, 1853, recorded in Book L at Page 543.

After jointly owning the land for 5 years, recorded May 4th, 1858, John T. McMullin and wife Adaline, sell their interest to Samuel W. McMullin, acknowledged before *Wm. L. LeMaster*, Justice of the Peace, as recorded in Book O at Page 359.

On March 10th, 1859, Austin Ferguson and Eliza Ann his wife, formerly Eliza Ann Gooch, convey their interest to Samuel McMullen, recorded in Book P at Page 253. This tract contains 70 acres, the original 80 minus the 10 acres transferred to John S. Whitehead then to Samuel McMullin.

The heirs of Rebecca Gooch, deceased, a daughter of Robert Whitehead, sue Samuel McMullin for partition of this tract. They each hold 1/49 interest in the property. Samuel McMullin holds 6/7th interest. Property sold on court house steps on January 16th, 1863 to the highest bidder, and conveys all rights title and interest of both the plaintiff and defendant to Samuel McMullin. Proceedings recorded in Book T Page 352 and Book 5 of the court records.

In deed dated May 27th, 1895, for \$50.⁰⁰, Samuel W. McMullin and wife D. A. McMullin transfer title to Josephine McMullin and Susan Bell Addis., containing 59 acres in the south fraction of the W ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 17, T36 R5, also 58 acres in the south fraction of the E ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 18, T39 R5.

March 10th, 1917, Josephine McMullin and her husband George Addis, A. P. Addis, George F. Addis, Ward W. Addis, and Marian Gertrude Addis who are the heirs of Susan Bell Addis, deceased, convey the real estate to William P. and Lena E. Baker.

In 1948 Dr. Fred Drummond and wife purchased the land from Lena Baker. Their heirs, Rosalie Larkin and Jim Drummond, continue to own this land today.

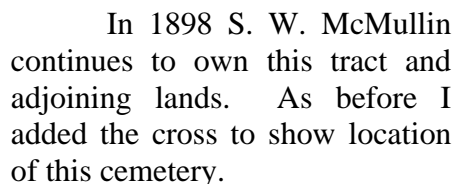
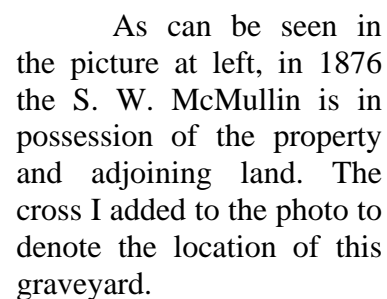
As far as can be determined the cemetery was never “excepted out”.

At first it was thought that this would be Samuel W. McMullin Cemetery, as he owned the land shown in the 1876 and 1898 Atlas.

After viewing all documents and conferring with other historical society members and descendants, we feel the “Official” name of this cemetery should be **WHITEHEAD CEMETERY** for the following reasons;

1. Robert and John Whitehead owned the property before the McMullins.
2. We know that Nancy Whitehead nee McMullin, wife of Robert Whitehead, is buried here per monument.
3. There is no monument for any McMullin in this cemetery, although it is quite possible some are buried there.
4. After cross referencing pictures I have of the nearby Robert McMullin Cemetery, there is a monument for Ida McMullin, daughter of S. W. and D. A. McMullin. This is Samuel W. and wife Dorothy Ann (Edwards). If he had a monument made for his daughter there I would surmise that he would have monuments for at least one other of his family buried in this cemetery, if there are any. It is quite possible that he buried all his family in the Robert McMullin family Cemetery due to its closeness.

This cemetery is on private property and the current owners should be contacted before visiting.



The following persons are listed on the monument in this cemetery.



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T39 R5 S18
September 2002**

In Memory of

Nancy Whitehead

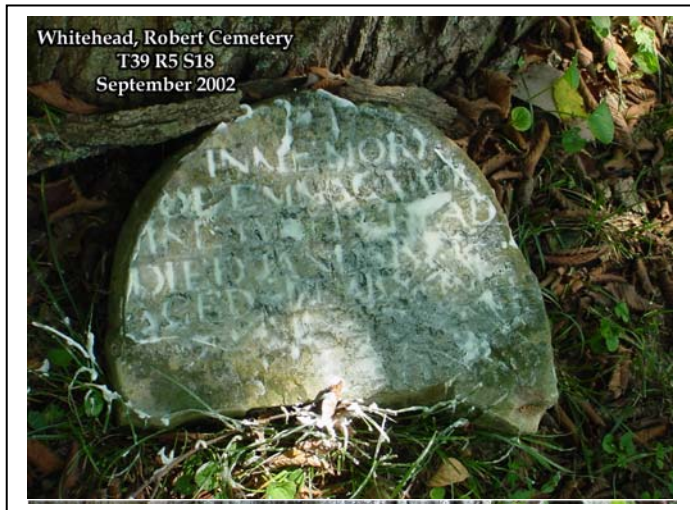
Born March (date unreadable)

Died May (date unreadable)

(hand carved cut fieldstone)

(Nancy, nee McMullin, was the wife of Robert Whitehead who purchased this tract from Wm. Smith in 1828.)

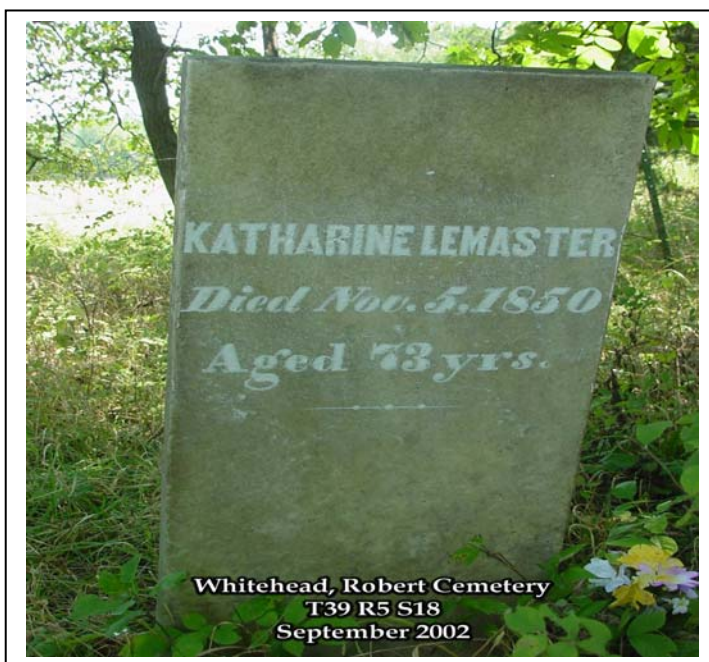
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(Without Shaving Cream)



In Memory
of **Emma Carol-
ine Whitehead**
Died January (unreadable if any)
Aged (unreadable if any)
(hand carved cut fieldstone)



Katherine LeMaster

Died November 5th, 1850

Aged 73 Yrs

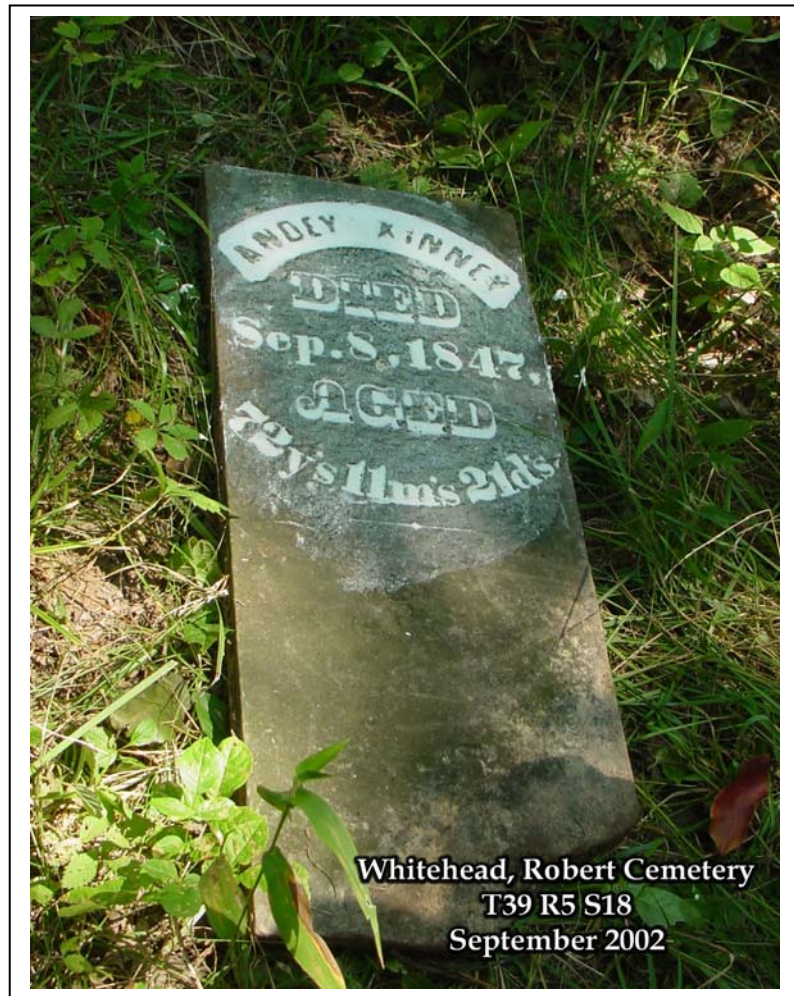
(Eliel Donnell and wife Catherine sold this tract in March 1850. It is possible they continued to live on it and rent from Henry Haverstick.)

Andey Kinney

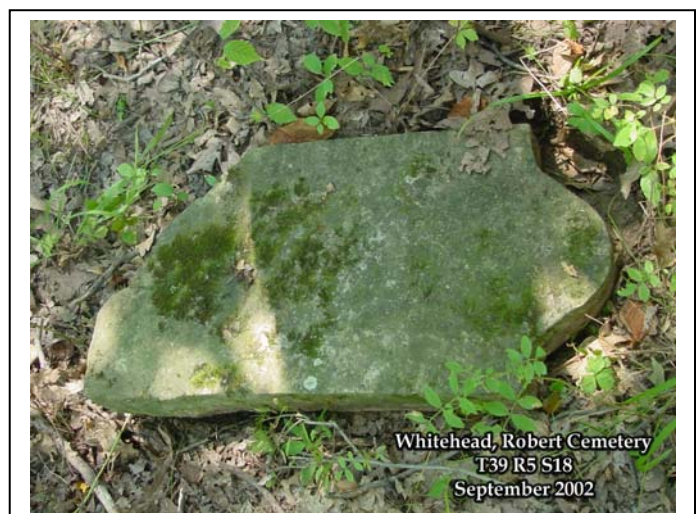
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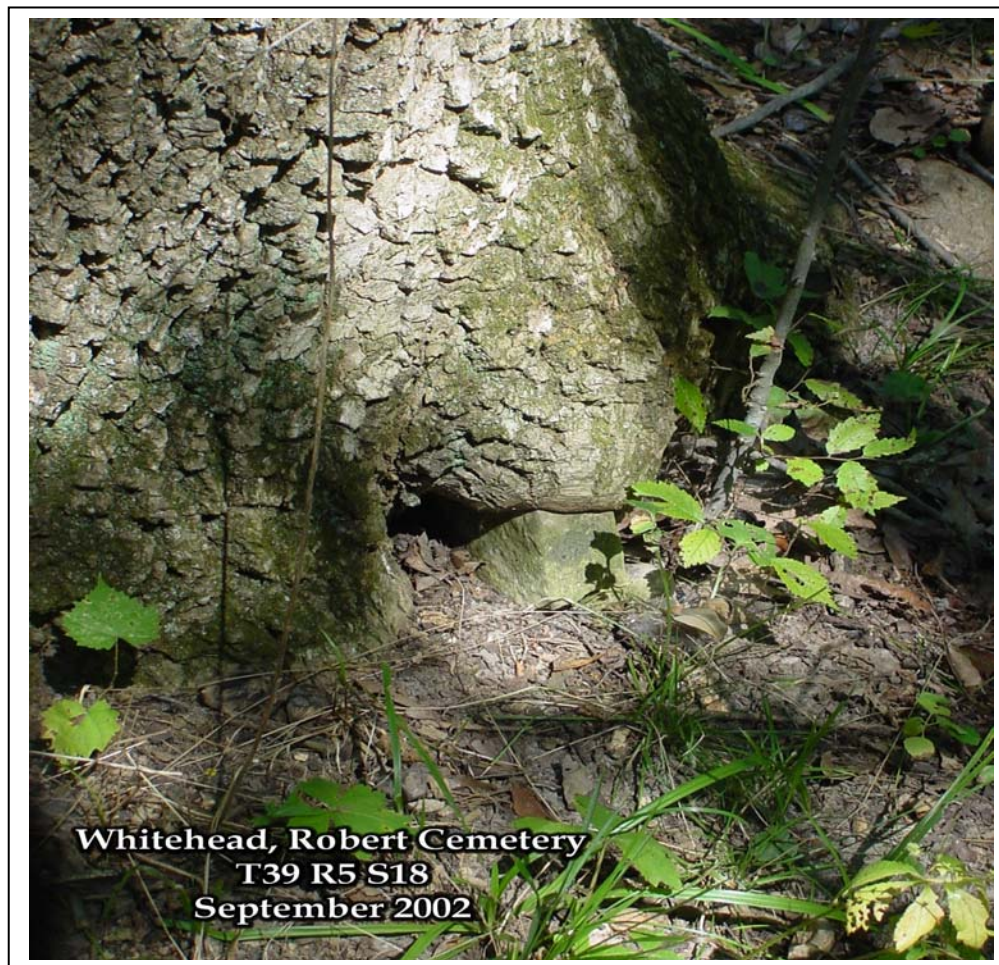
Aged
72 y's 11 m's 21 d's

(Andey Kinney was appointed Justice of the Peace for Plattin Twp., Jefferson Co., Mo. on 1 December 1829; oath of office taken 13 January 1830)



(These two large hand carved fieldstones had no visible name or dates on them. These monuments were carved from common fieldstones and are not commercially made.)





As can be seen from the above picture the very old age of this cemetery. The large oak tree encases the fieldstone marker. There were approximately 50 of these fieldstones located 5 or 6 rows wide.

As with many early cemeteries there were no monument companies available and markers were made from common fieldstones.

(1) Jefferson County Missouri Veterans, Compiled for Jefferson County Genealogical Society By Della Lang 1998 (*note Mrs. Winfred Rampe, McMullin researcher, states this is in error, you be the judge*)

(2) GOODSPEED's HISTORY OF Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford, & Gasconade Counties, Missouri, Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888

Commission: **Robert Whitehead** elected Justice of the County Court for Jefferson Co., Mo. on 14 August 1834; oath of office taken 2 February 1835

(3) Jefferson County Marriage Records, Lydia Butler married John Whitehead Thursday May 19, 1836 by Wm. G. Walker at Jefferson Co., Mo, five years after his death in 1846, Lydia Whitehead marries Hamilton Rippey on Monday January 6, 1851.

(4) Guardianship: **Robert Whitehead** as principal, with **Giles Lee** and **William Wright** as securities, bound \$200; **Robert Whitehead** named **guardian** of **Eliza Ann Gooch**, minor aged (blank) years. dated 22 April 1839,

Guardianship: **Robert Whitehead** as principal, with **Giles Lee** and **Wm. Wright** as securities, bound \$200; **Robert Whitehead** named **guardian** of **Robert S. Gooch**, minor aged 15 years. dated 22 April 1839,

Guardianship: **Robert Whitehead** as principal, with **Giles Lee** and **William Wright** as securities, bound \$200; **Robert Whitehead** named **guardian** of **Lucy Lee Gooch**, minor aged (blank) years. dated 22 April 1839

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