

Wilcox Cemetery

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This burial site is located in T40 R6 S30 Survey 1854 in what is now known as Howe Crossing Subdivision.

38° 9' 58" N / 90° 23' 22" E

As can be seen in the photo at left the monuments are lying flat, the house in the background, and what appears to be a very old road deeply rutted between.

The cemetery is named for Abraham Wilcox born October 1773 and died December 24th,

1859. As far as is known there are only two graves here. Abraham was one of the earliest pioneers in Jefferson County as Goodspeed list "many entries (*for land*) with James M. White, in 1826", page 379.

This tract of land was first entered into record as Original Land Survey 1854 issued to Jesse Dowling. containing 600 arpents or 510.42 acres, situated on Platin Creek in Jefferson County, Missouri.

This parcel of land was extremely difficult to tract the chain of ownership, as is the case in most U. S. Surveys. The early records are not very precise in their land description and due to the death of the land owner the trail is lost when the court orders transfer of ownership by will probation or to settle a law suit. With persons owning many tracts it is very time consuming to check each one and determine if the document is the correct tract.

The first record I came across was recorded in Book C at Page 431 from Bruno Rutledge and wife Elizabeth to Abraham Wilcox for \$75.⁰⁰ "...an undivided 1/5 part...lying and being situated on the Platin Creek...bounded on the north ward by land owned by B. Brown and on the westward by land belonging to the heirs of John Noland and on the south and eastward by land on which is called the Ragan Tract containing 440 acres..."

Book D Page 143-44 dated May 2nd, 1836 From Henry Scaggs and wife Mary to Abraham Wilcox for \$75.⁰⁰ the same description as above.

Next in Book D at Page 145 dated 28th February 1834. "Know all men by these presents that I Unity Eigelberger the lawful married wife of John M. Eigelberger, deceased, now the wife of John Morrow, of Jefferson County of the state of Missouri, we this day have bargained And sold all my rights and title of any right of doury to a certain plantation lying on the Platin Creek known by the name of Eigelberger Place where the said Eigelberger now lies, with all the appurtenances as there belonging unto Abraham Wilcox and his heirs, forever, for the sum of

\$65.⁰⁰ to me paid ...” The document was sign by Unity Morrow and John with his mark (X). *It is possible that this document is not part the Cemetery tract as I do not know where the Egelberger Place was located. It shows two things; first the vague property descriptions in early records, and second that John M. Egelberger is probably buried on this tract as he “now lies” there.*

Next I came across a record for title bond where Amos Harris bonds to Abraham Wilcox for \$180.⁰⁰ for sale of “...a certain tract of land being the undivided 1/5 part of 200 acres in Jefferson County, state of Missouri, ...on the Plattin Creek confirmed to Jesse Doolin (*this should be Dowling*) and conveyed by him to M. Egelberg (*Egelberger*) and by him to John Noland both now deceased, ...the 200 acres being part of 640 acres which was confirmed to Jesse Doolin (*Dowling*) adjoining the Ragan Tract on the southeast and James Scaggs on the northwest...now if the said Harris shall on the first day of November next cause said land to be conveyed to said Wilcox by deed of general warrantee by him and Lucinda his wife, with consideration of 90 days, then the above obligation to be void...” as recorded in Book D at Page 145.

Book D at Page 492 shows on October 10th, 1836 John Noland sells to Abraham Wilcox for \$85.⁰⁰, “...an undivided 1/5 part of 200 acres of land part of 640 acres confirmed to Jesse Doolin (*Dowling*) and conveyed by said Doolin to John M. Egelberger and the 200 acres conveyed by said Egelberger to John Noland, Deceased, ...lying on Plattin Creek...”

Book F Page 34 dated August 10th, 1841 has Susannah Egelberger, for the sum of \$75.⁰⁰, transferring to Abraham Wilcox “...a certain parcel of land lying on Plattin Creek...” the same description as above.

In Book F(?) at Page 28. dated August 10th, 1841 from Wm. Strickland and wife Louisa his wife to Abraham Wilcox for \$75.⁰⁰ the same description as above.

Book L Page 120 finds a title bond from Samuel Skeel to Abraham Wilcox dated May 9th, 1845 “...whereas the land Skeel hath agreed to sell and convey to said Abraham Wilcox a certain piece of land being 3 undivided 5ths of 200 acres...lying on Plattin Creek...confirmed to Jesse Doolin (*Dowling*) sold by Doolin to Egelberger and aforesaid 200 acres was sold by Egelberger to John Noland and the said Abraham Wilcox in consideration thereof hath given to the said Samuel Skeel 3 notes of land, one for the sum of \$29.⁰⁰ payable the 15th of July 1845, one for the sum of \$125.⁰⁰ payable the 9th of May 1846, and one for the sum of \$125.⁰⁰ payable the 9th of May 1847.”

Recorded in Book M Page 160 is a court decree in favor of Abraham Wilcox against Wm. Foxton, administrator of Samuel Skeel estate upon payment of \$253.⁸⁵ for the Book L page 120 parcel as above noted on June 19th, 1854.

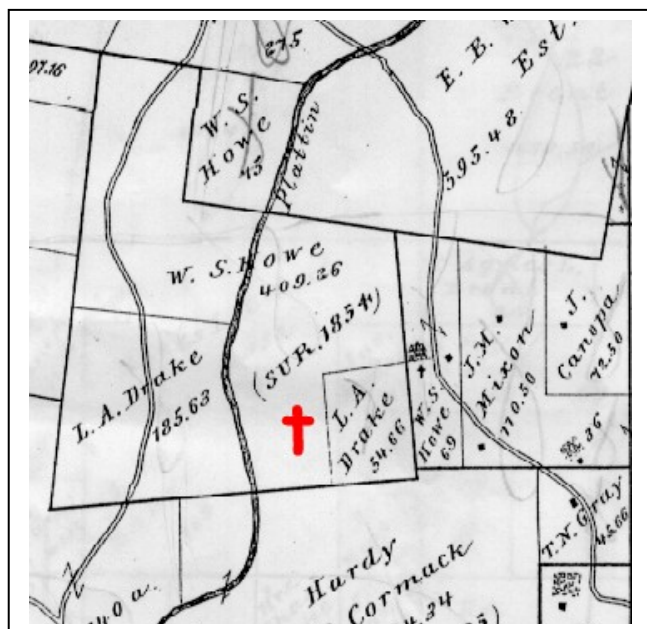
I feel Abraham Wilcox was buying up various interest from heirs of different previous owners to assemble a tract of land as it appears in the 1876 Atlas photograph.

Here the trail is lost. Probably due to the death of Abraham. I could find no link transferring title to William Scott Howe whom I know owned the land as per the 1876 Historic Atlas.

In deed dated September 1st, 1877 recorded in Book 12 Page 188, William Scott Howe sold the tract to Robert G. Madison for \$3600.⁰⁰ “...also lots number 1 and 2 of U. S. Survey 1854 in T40 R6 containing 409.²⁶ acres...also the west fractional ½ of sec 29 T40 R6 containing 69 acres, said lands described in accordance with a plat of the same made by the Commissioners and filed with their report was approved by the court in a suit in partition herefore determined in

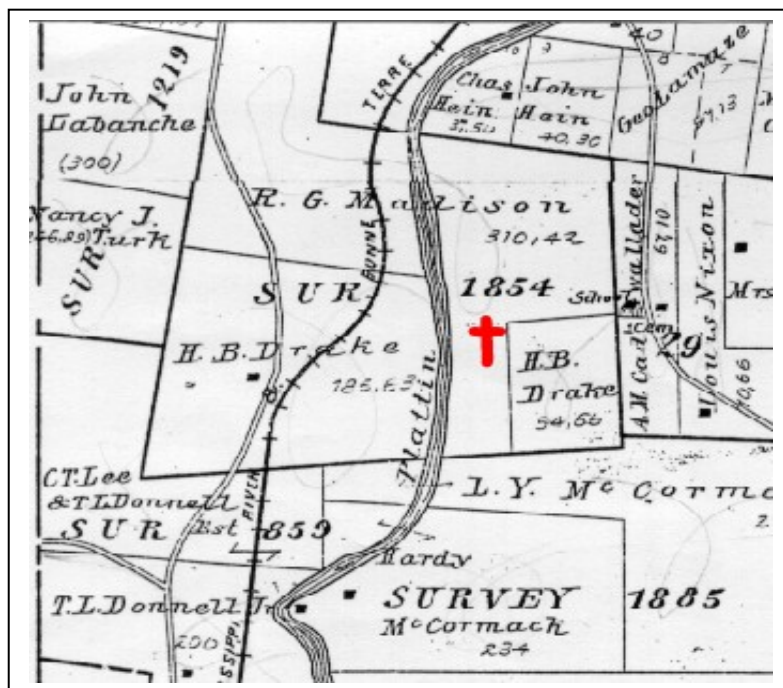
the circuit court of Jefferson County, Missouri, being an exparte proceeding between the heirs if William S. Howe, deceased."

Here I ended my search. I found no mention of the cemetery in any of the above deeds. I next looked at the plat for Howe Crossing Subdivision located in Plat Book 83 Page 10. In the restrictions was noted "...the parcel shown as Wilcox Cemetery on lot 17 of the subdivision is hereby excepted out of and is not part of the legal description of said lot 17 and the "Wilcox Cemetery" parcel is reserved to and remains in the ownership of Platin Properties Co., its successors and assigns." This put an "official" name to this cemetery.



As can be seen in the picture at left, by 1876 William Scott Howe is now in possession of the property. The cross I added to the photo to denote the location of the burials.

By 1898 Dr. Robert G. Madison has become owner of this tract and adjoining lands. As before I added the cross to show location.



The following person are recorded on the monuments in this cemetery,



Abraham Wilcox

Died
December 24th, 1859

Aged
86 Years 2 Months

*"Farwell my wife and children all
From your father Christ doth call,
Morn not for me it is in vain,
To call me to your sight again"*

Circle with hand pointing up

Judith

Consort of
Abram Wilcox

Born
September 1792

Died
August 17 1862

Aged
70 years

Circle with hand pointing up

American Heritage Dictionary list CONSORT n. **1.**
A husband or wife, especially the spouse of a
monarch. **2.** A companion or partner.

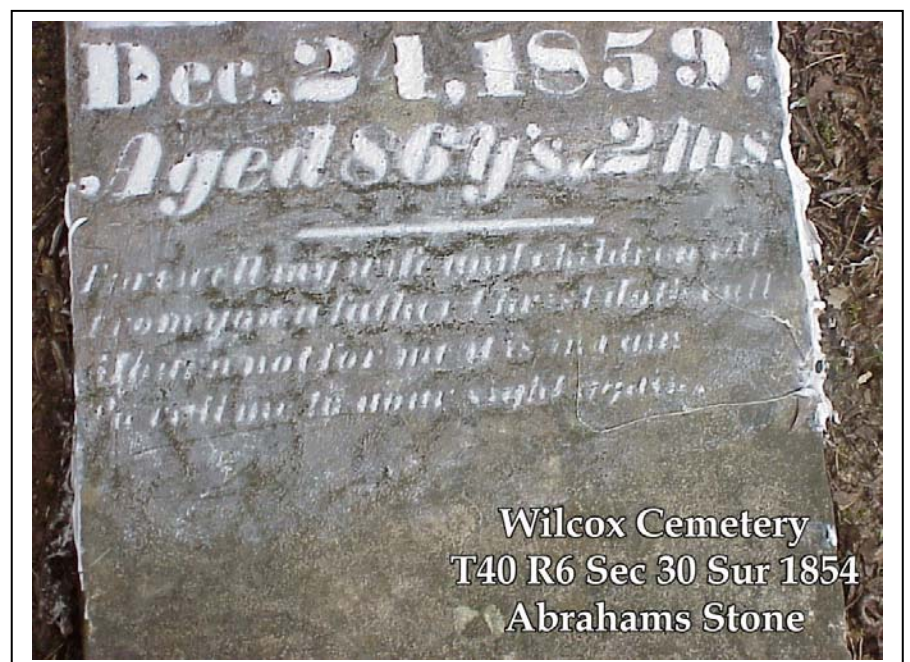




Detail of carving atop both monuments. Hand pointing upward to crown, what appears to be drapes on both sides.

Detail of script at bottom of Abraham's monument.

*"Farwell my wife and children all
From your father Christ doth call,
Morn not for me it is in vain,
To call me to your sight again"*



As an interesting side note, while doing research for this article in the Jefferson County Courthouse records I can across the following adoption for a Wilcox. I include it here for future family reference.

Deed of Adoption

* This Deed of Adoption made and entered into on this the 18th day of October A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Three by and between William H. Cole and Annie J. Cole his wife of Jefferson County Missouri parties of the first part and Nancy Jane Wilcox a female child under the age of Eighteen years party of second; Witnesseth that we William H. Cole and Annie J. Cole the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the love and affection which we have for the said Child Nancy Jane Wilcox as well as for other reasons which we deem sufficient desiring to adopt her the said Nancy J. Wilcox as our heir and devise do to that end by virtue of the provisions of Chapter Twenty Nine of the revised Statutes of the State of Missouri for the Year 1889 make and enter into this Deed Now therefore know all men by these presents that we William H. Cole and Annie J. Cole for the reasons and considerations

above mentioned. do adopt said infant Nancy J. Wilcox, as our
 heir and devise as fully as by Law we may. do hereby assuring
 to her, as against us, the same rights of support, maintenance and
 proper and humane treatment, as well as the enjoyment of all
 such other rights and privileges as a child has by law, against
 lawful and natural parents, and we do, by these presents create
 and constitute her the said Nancy Jane Wilcox, as heir at law
 in and to all property, Real and Personal or mixed, of whatever
 nature, or kind, the same may be, which we may own at death
 whether owned in severally joint tenancy or tenancy in common,
 be the same in possession or in expectancy to be taken inherited
 and held, by her with the same effect and to the same extent,
 as by law she would do, if she were our natural daughter
 In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals
 the day and year first above written

W. H. Cole. (Seal)

Annie H. Cole. (Seal)

State of Missouri } ss
 County of Jefferson }

On this 18th day of October 1893, before me
 personally appeared Wm H. Cole and Annie H. Cole, his wife
 to me known to be the persons described in and who executed
 the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed
 the same as their free act and deed. In Testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand at my Office in the City of
 St. Louis the day and year above written.

John V. Harpner

Justice of the Peace

Filed and Recorded October 24, 1893 at 11th A.M.

Simon M. Kearney

Recorder

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