

Isaac Stroud Baker Family Burial Grounds

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This beautiful well kept Cemetery with its stone wall around it and the Van Cleve Family Plot adjoining on the east outside wall, is located in T41 R5 S36 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ on the line with Survey 1831. 38° 14' 47" N 90° 25' 42' E.

The Cemetery is named for Isaac Stroud Baker born 1816 and died 1895. The earliest burial date is Mary S. 1857 and this is the date on the cemetery name as can be seen in the below picture.

This tract of land as first entered into record by William M^cDonald and James Strickland of Jefferson County, Missouri, on 1 May 1826 and is recorded as Certificate # 1097 at the land office in St. Louis, Missouri. This tract consisted of 120.18 acres.

While searching records I lost the trail of whom M^cDonald sold the tract to, however I found a document that stated that John Hammond acquired part interest from another Hammond who acquired his interest thru the will of William M^cDonald. This was before 1844.

So I believe John Hammond bought up the interest of the other heirs and along with his wife Amanda sold the tract to Isaac S. Baker on 4 February 1854 including the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section

35 containing 40 acres, also NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36 and excepting out a certain piece of land across Joachim creek. Isaac Baker agreed pay \$300.⁰⁰ on 1st



of May 1854 with \$800.⁰⁰ on the 1st of November 1854 and finally \$800.⁰⁰ on the 1st of April 1855. This transaction is recorded in Book M page 93 in the Recorder of Deeds office in Hillsboro, Mo.

Isaac S. Baker and his wife Nepoleana after having the land for just over 8 years, sold this tract to John J. Wright of St. Louis for \$2900.⁰⁰ as recorded on 9 April 1862 in Book S page 79. The legal description did not except out the cemetery.

The next deed shows title being transferred on 20 October 1865 from John Wright and wife Mary to James Mabree of Lincoln County, Missouri, for \$3500.⁰⁰ recorded in Book U page 199. Again there was no mention of the cemetery.

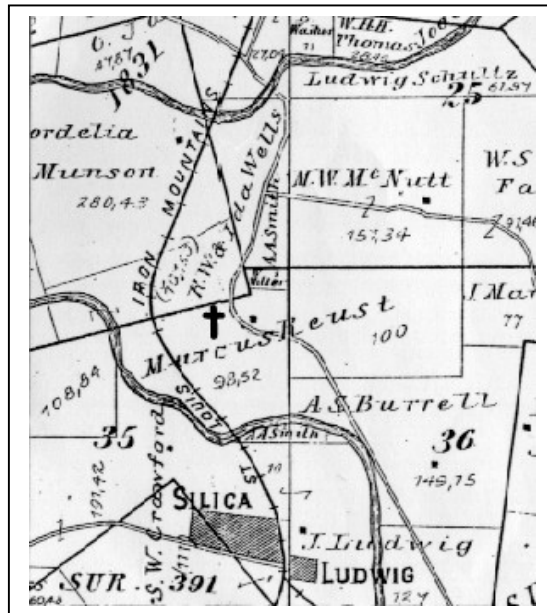
On a deed recorded in Book U page 477 on 7 March 1865 James Mabree and wife Rachael sell the tract to Christian F. Steinmeier both of Jefferson County for \$2000.⁰⁰ "The NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 35 Township 41 Range 5 eastreserving and excepting also a certain piece of ground 30 feet square, situated on the within side of said NE fractional $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35 T 41 R5 adjoining Survey 1831, in the name of Thomas Maddin, seven chains 92 links westward from the SE corner thereof for the use of Isaac S. Baker as a family burying ground and now occupied as such,....."

This is the first mention of the cemetery as Isaac S. Baker and is carried on in a deed from Peter Steinmeier administrator for Christian Steinmeier, deceased, recorded on 7 April 1866. Property being sold to Daniel Warner as recorded in Book W page 561.



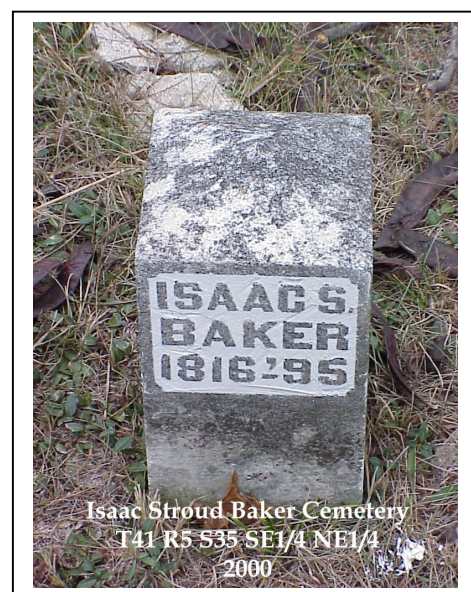
As can be seen in the picture at left, by 1876 Daniel Warner had acquired the Baker tract. The house in this tract **could** have been the Baker homestead. The cross I added to the photo to enhance the location of the cemetery. Also it can be noted that the amount of land listed is 115.78 this difference from the original 120.18 could be the results of more modern survey techniques or the exclusion of the Cemetery.

By 1898 Marcus Reust owns this tract with an additional 100 acres across the road. As before I added the cross to show location. Again I am not sure why the acreage is less than in 1876 although the road seems to have changed a bit.



As can be seen in the photo at left all the monuments in this cemetery are the same style, with the exception of the Van Cleves outside the wall, which are more modern.

Isaac S. Baker's monument. Notice how clear the lettering stands out using the "shaving cream" method.



The following persons are listed on the stones in this cemetery;

Baker, Annie S. 1848-'83
Baker, Baby
Baker, Emmah 1860-1945
Baker, Emmal Died 1945
Baker, Ewing 1843-'70
Baker, Isaac S. 1916-'95
Baker, Levi 1791-1863
Baker, Mary H Died 1857
Baker, Mary V. 1855-'84
Baker, Napoleana M. 1853-1915
Baker, R. Mason 1853-1930
Baker, R. O. 1812-'67
Baker, W. D. 1859-'60
Baker, H. E. 1852-'61
G. L. K. E. (Baker?) 1847-'64
Davis, Frances E. no dates

Dewey, Frances Lottie 1891-1976
Dewey, Lottie (Baker) 1865-1926
Dewey, Marshall Baker 1892-1962
Dewey, Rita May (Wife of Marshall)
1889-1969
Dewey, (Sister of Marshall Baker)
no dates
M^cM...., A 1834-'74

outside east wall

Van Cleve, Ernest W. 1912-1955
Van Cleve, Edward 1904-1909
Van Cleve, Mary Elizabeth 1918-1919
Van Cleve, Father Robert K. 1872-1950
Van Cleve, Infant 1914
Van Cleve, Mother Caddo L. 1878-1930