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GRANDMA "B" IS BURIED BY THE FENCE!

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The Riverside 4-H Club held a one day clean-up in the Bloomington cemetery each spring. The cemetery is located in Tilden township, north of Bloomington, Kansas. Weeds and shrubs took over when the 4-Hers advanced to college and adults.

Jim Storer, son of Melvin and Hazel Storer, Moundridge, Kansas had an interest in the cemetery.

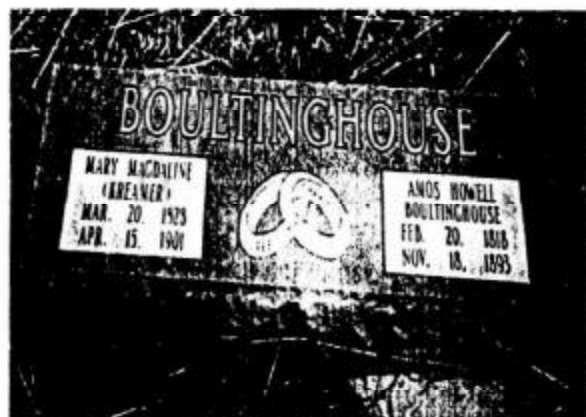
In September 1998, Jim telephoned and asked if the family might help with the clean-up of the cemetery. He had been coming up on the weekends with his family, they had trimmed up the trees, mowed the grass and planned to fill in some of the graves that had sunken in. Of course we, Boultinghouse cousins agreed to help.

Before Jim Storer's work on this earth was completed, he became ill with cancer and died in September 2000.

Boultinghouse cousins

from Oklahoma (grandsons of Joseph Boultinghouse, oldest son of Amos H.) visited the gravesite in 1994. Kenneth Boulton noticed that there wasn't a stone marker with dates at the graves or even a marker for Amos' wife, Mary M. Boultinghouse. There was a white-marble Civil War marker with "Amos Boultinghouse--Co. E. III., Inf", marking Amos' grave. I was visiting Aunt Beula O. (Boultinghouse) Cooley, she told me that she had gone with, my mother, Dora and she had said, "Grandma. "B" was

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buried up by the fence--her stone was there!"

Shirley Britt Mick and I were also visiting about the cemetery. She said, "Before my Dad was married, he had an old truck, like a pickup-and Lafe Boultinghouse (youngest son of Amos and Mary) asked him to take him to Russell, Kansas to pick up a grave-stone. On arriving back at the cemetery-Lafe said to just stop by the fence, and they unloaded the stone. That he would put it where it belonged.

In September 1996-Emily and our granddaughters, Christi, Alisha and Kasia took a pitchfork and we went all the way around the Bloomington fence ,trying to find the stone. I imagine with the construction of the irrigation canal, they might have relocated the south fence. So—no stone!

Many BRITT, CONN, HAHN and other families have ancestors buried in this cemetery. Many of the interments have been moved to The Osborne cemetery in Penn township. There are no recent burials in this cemetery.

The Boultinghouse relatives collected money from interested relatives and they purchased a gray-granite stone inscribed:



Amos
Boultinghouse
Co. E. III., Inf

BOULTINGHOUSE

AMOS HOWELL
BOULTINGHOUSE

Feb. 20, 1818

MARY MAGDALINE
(KREAMER)

March 20, 1828

Married Feb. 7, 1843

The balance of the money we had collected was used to gravel the cemetery road, and recently have given money to build the bookshelves in the Carnegie Research Library, 307 West Main, Osborne, Kansas. Featuring a Plaque "BOULTINGHOUSE CONNECTION"

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