

Tousey Cemetery





Date: April 9, 1988

Name: **TOUSEY**
Location: Off of Lawrenceburg Ferry Road

Property Owner: Patty & Bill Berkshire - Edgewood (but in summer 1999 building on this property) - H-331-3279, W-356-3146 - e-mail - pattyred52@aol.com.

Recorder: Fitzgeralds, 1963
Source:

Inscriptions:

- Tousey** Omer/ Born in State of New York Dec. 11, 1800 /
Died in Lawrencburgh, IN March 28, 1868
Lucinda / wife of Omer Tousey / daughter of Col. Cave and Betsey Johnson /
Born May 11, 1804 /Died Oct. 2, 1883.
Moses / Born Feb. 1st, 1778 / Died Sept. 12th, 1834
Lydia, wife of Moses Tousey / daughter of Paul and Lydia Percival /
Died Oct. 5, 1818, aged 28
Broken headstone ___aged 69 years. Footstone with Z. T.
Apparently Zera Tousey's headstone.
Anna / wife of Zera Tousey / Died Aug. 26, 1830 / aged 68 years
Van Vechten / son of Zera and Anna Tousey /Died Jan. 15, 1815 /
aged 5 years.
Ann Craig, daughter of Zera and Anna Tousey / Died July 10, 1823 / aged 22
Truman H. / son of Moses and Lydia Tousey / Died Nov. 23d, 1831 /
aged 5 yrs & 10 mo.
Ralph / son of Moses and Lydia Tousey / Born Sept. 27, 1810 /
Died Sept. 12, 1827.
- Ernst** Lydia Ann / wife of William Ernst / daughter of P. S. and Vicy Bush /
Died June 13, 1841 / aged 21
- Bush** Victor Tousey Bush / first child of Philip and Vicy Bush / aged 3 years
- Porter** Capt. Thomas Porter / Born in Pennsylvania July 21, 1782
Died in Lawrenceburg, IN Feb. 6, 1854
Mercy, wife of Thomas Porter / Died Jan. 25, 1820 / aged 19 years

Miranda, consort of Thomas Porter / Died Jan. 6, 1840 / aged 36 years and 8 months.

Nancy T. Porter / wife of Andrew O. Porter / Died Jan. 3, 1851 / aged 23 years

Next to this grave is a stone bearing the following:

"Here is little Anna's grave. She followed three days after her mother".

Kindness of E. B. Porter

The following were recorded in 1963 by Wm. and Ann Fitzgerald.

Piatt Abraham S. / Born Nov. 20, 1801 /Died Dec. 23, 1876
Mary P. / wife of A. S. Piatt / Born Jan. 10, 1805 / Died July 8, 1886
Son of Abram S. & Mary P. Piatt / aged 18 years
Jacob / son of J. & J. S. Piatt / Born Oct. 21, 1875 / Died July 11, 1875
Eliza / daughter of J. & J. C. Piatt / Born Oct. 21, 1876 / Died July 20, 1877
Virginia M / wife of Dr. L. B. McKenzie and daughter of A. S. & M. P. Piatt/
born at Federal Hall, KY Nov. 26, 1835 / Died at Burlington, July 28, 1880.

Oliphant Caroline -In Memory of Caroline /daughter of Moses and Lydia Tousey and wife of James E. Oliphant / Born Aug. 16th, 1814 / Died Jun. 26, 1835.
Mary Lydia -In Memory of the daughter of James E. & Caroline Oliphant /
Mary Lydia / Born Feb. 19, 1833 /Died May 27, 1835.
Lucinda T. / Born Dec. 20, 1834 /Died Aug. 3rd 1835.

Gillingham William Gillingham (stone sunk in ground obscuring dates)

Sebree Nancy - In Memory of Nancy / 2nd wife of Wm. Sebree / who departed this life Oct. 2nd 1824 / aged 35 years 8 months & 28 days.

Hier Ruhul / Karl / Sohn Von / Franz / Chiaberba Schneider / Cleb Den 6, Aug. 1851
Gueden 11, Sep 1856

Bush Elvira Percival -The grave of Elvira Percival Bush / young daughter of Philip S. & Vicy Bush / Born July 9, 1827 /Died July 13, 1839 / aged 12 years & 4 days.

COMMENTS:

This hill overlooks the site of Tousey Town where there was once a store, warehouse, and a horse-powered ferry operated by Moses Tousey (rhymes with How-zee). Fine Boone County products such as hemp, pork, flour, and tobacco were brought to the warehouse where they were inspected before shipment to the lower reaches of the river. The town existed but a few years as it was overshadowed by Lawrenceburg, Indiana and Petersburg, Kentucky. Many of the gravestones found here are quite elaborate.

Albert G. Porter, whose ancestors are buried in the above cemetery became governor of Indiana. He worked on the ferry here when his father was the proprietor.