

WHITE CHURCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH CEMETERY

2200 North 85th Street  
Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas 66109

A bronze marker in the south east corner of the cemetery reads:  
1832 - 1982

WHITE CHURCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
A time capsule was buried at this location November 7th, 1982 by  
the CONGREGATION - to be opened in the year 2082 by those who  
worship God in this place.

EAST

Row 1	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5		
Row 2	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 3	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 4	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 5	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 6	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 7	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	WISE FAMILY
Row 8	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 9	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	W1 W2 W3 W4
Row 10	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	
Row 11	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	W5 W6 W7 W8
Row 12	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4	Lot 5	Lot 6	

WEST

The lots in the cemetery appear to be 8 ft x 20 ft.  
There are other lots reserved for the WISE Family in the southwest  
corner of the cemetery, which are of a different size.

In June of 1993, White Church Christian Church Trustee, Mr. Jack  
Bennett supplied us with a plot of the cemetery. We also  
appreciate the cooperation of Rev. Dr. Larry Jones, Pastor.

Only lot owners had been listed in Church records. Data for  
individuals was obtained by (twice) examining each stone in the  
cemetery. A few stones were illegible due to age. In this  
instance, we were able to identify additional names from available  
Church records. It was not possible to identify the spaces within  
the lots.

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ROW/ SPACE/ ROW	NAME	BIRTH	DEATH
1-1	Boles, Elizabeth B.	1822	1863
	Wife of Rev. Charles Boles		
2-3	Mundy, Isaac	10 May 1811	27 Feb 1858
2-4	Williams		On Church Records
3-3	Illegible-tall stone		(recently decorated)
	Daughter of L. & S.E. Ketchum		
3-4	Ketchum, Hatty Ann	1y3mo	14 Jul 1869
	Daughter of L. & S.E. Ketchum		
3-4	Ketchum, Captain	1780	11 Jul 1857
3-5	Ketchum, Lucinda	13y10m?	Aug ?
	Daughter of L. & S.E. Ketchum		13 yr 8 mo
3-5	O'Donnell, Robert	1830	1909
	O'Donnell, Infant	-	-
3-5	O'Connell, Jane		27 y2mo17d
	Wife of Robert - stone broken in half		
3-5	O'Donnell, Robert	1830	1909
3-5	O'Donnell, Infant	2 stones 8 x 16" - Illegible	
3-5	O'Donnell, Jane	27y2mo17d	?
	Wife of Robert		
3-6	Small Flat Stone - no markings visible but Church		
	Records indicate "Wilcoxon"		
4-3	4" x 6" upright stone-illegible		
4-4	Ray, Calvin	21 Oct 1910	09 Nov 1988
	Tec 3 U.S.Army WW II		
4-4	Ray, Helen Marie	29 Mar 1911	-
4-4	Ray, Charles E. (uncle)	1879	1954
4-4	Ray, Missouri A. (grandmother)	1853	1934
4-4	Ray, John J. (grandfather)	1842	1913
6-3-1	Vestal, Emma (mother)	1885	1963
6-3-2	Vestal, Noah (father)	1872	1946
6-3-3	Vestal, Charles W.	1905	1962
6-3-4	Vestal, Robert W.	1914	1970
6-3-5	Vestal, Thomas H.	1908	1972
6-3-6	Vestal, Charlotte J.	1909	1983
6-4-1	Johanson, Josephine A.	1871	1948
6-4-2	Johanson, Charles G.	1861	1919
6-6	Ketchem, Rev. Jacob		28 Jun 1866
6-6	Ketchem, Rev. Charles	Dec 1811	20 Jul 1860
	Member M.E. Church 26 yrs. Ordained 1852		



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7-6	Brotherson, Gertrude	1893		1963
7-6	Brotherson, Walter J.	1891		1959
8-2	Conrad, Virgil L.	16 May 1930	24 Nov	1984
8-2	Conrad, Barbara	05 Sep 1932	Living	1993
8-3	Carlson, Andrew	1865		1952
8-3	Carlson, Hulda	1867		1963
8-3	Hovey, Clement	1882		1964
8-3	Hovey, Ione	1874		1964
8-4	Baker (child)	Per Church Records		
8-5	Roberts, Vivian Lyle	30 Jun 1913	24 Jan	1980
8-5	Lyle, Dottie	1891		1976
8-5	Lyle, Harmer F.	1887		1938
8-5	Lyle, James W.	22 Aug 1915	11 Aug	1982
8-6	Myers, John F.	1883		1963
8-6	Myers, Dessie M.	1885		1970
8-6	Munn, Lori Beth	21 Jul 1970	11 Feb	1971
8-6	Rollwagen, Veda Lyle	03 Jul 1919	-	
8-6	Rollwagen, James R.	15 Feb 1915	15 Apr	1985
9-2	Sanders, William C.	1867		19--
9-2	Sanders, Alice H.	1868		1943
9-3	Kent, Hugh L. (father)	1875		1943
9-3	Kent, Myrtle J. (mother)	1876		1963
9-3	Kent, James Lee (son)	25 Sep 1908	12 Mar	1993
9-3	Yetter, Mary C.	1834		1923
9-3	Falk, Minnie	1891		1952
9-3	Falk, Frank	1889		1941
9-4	Flat Marker - illegible			
9-5	Hovey, Emma	1874		1876
9-5	Hovey, Hattie			1885
9-5	Hovey, George			1878
9-5	Hovey, Velda (a grandchild)?			1876
9-5	Swartz, Josie Hovey	1876		1951
9-5	Swartz, Benjamin E.	1871		1936
9-5	Ebert, Annie T. Hovey	1879		1938
9-5	Hovey, John	1872		1953
9-6	Liles, Beulah Hovey	1906		1976
9-6	Hovey, Ella Jane	1843		1930
9-6	Hovey, George U.S.	1842		1906
9-6	Hovey, Ellen Jane ("Jennie")	1870		1902
	Hovey,	See church records		
10-5	Brotherson, Homer L.	1899		1970
10-5	Brotherson, Gertie L.	1901		19--
10-5	Anderson, Brownie	1883		1912
	Sister of Brotherson			
10-5	Brotherson, Carrie	1858		1945
10-5	Brotherson, John	1847		1909
10-6	Wood, Watson L.	1895		1901
10-6	Wood, Sara V.	1867		1960

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10-6	Wood, Watson F.	1860	1942
10-6	Wood, Theodore Francis	1897	1981
10-6	Wood, Virginia A.	1906	17 Nov 1992
11-2	Blankenship, George W.	1869	1941
11-2	Blankenship, Alma S.	1879	1916
11-2	Blankenship, Joshua	1835	1912
11-2	Blankenship, Rebecca	1837	1914
11-3	Orr, Robert E. (Son)	13 Aug 1919	30 Aug 1942
11-3	Orr, Mary H. (Mother)	22 May 1894	10 Mar 1990
11-3	Orr, Ernest E. (Father)	23 Jun 1892	24 Apr 1968
11-3	Orr, Tony (infant)	Per Church Records	
11-3	Orr, Mark (infant)	Per Church Records	
11-4	Walker, Leslie J.	1890	1937
11-4	Walker, Oddra	1889	1967
11-5	Gregory, Albert A.	10 Aug 1858	28 Aug 1923
11-5	Gregory, Jennie M.	11 May 1861	27 Apr 1930
11-5	Gregory, Roy M.	01 Jul 1884	31 Mar 1912
11-6	Bundy, Gilbert W.	31 Mar 1896	23 Jun 1898
	Son of Rev. D.E. & Cora B. Bundy		
12-1	Rittner, Adolph	1894	1976
12-1	Rittner, Grace	1898	1958
12-2	Carr, Tone	1874	1930
12-2	Carr, Emma	1881	1924

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## WISE FAMILY

W-1	Mathias, Harold L.	15 Mar 1902	19 Jul 1965
W-2			
W-3	Stockhoff, Grace W.	1882	1976
W-4	Stockhoff, Henry W.	1876	1941
W-5	Wise, Jerry	1880	1932
W-6	Wise, Robert H.	1848	1921
W-6	Wise, Harry H.	23 Jan 1889	20 Mar 1976
W-6	Wise, Marietta	1853	1935
W-7	Mathias, Bertha Wise	1872	1941
W-8	Mathias, G.U.G.	1863	1919

The following information was from the book THE CEMETERIES OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, edited by Mrs. Margaret Landis. "This cemetery was originally The Delaware Indian Cemetery. It was a Methodist Mission to the Delaware Indians and founded in 1830. The earliest burial was Mrs. Annie Stephens in 1831."

(In our reading of the cemetery, we found no stone for Mrs. Stephens).

June 15, 1993



## THE WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY

This cemetery was originally called "The Delaware Cemetery." But it would be wise to first talk about what was undoubtedly the first church organization in Kansas - The Delaware Methodist Episcopal Church.

The generally accepted tradition is that a Thomas Johnson, after establishing his mission on the south side of the Kansas river, crossed the river in May of 1832, to establish a similar mission among the Delawares.<sup>1</sup> The year 1832 the Methodist conference created the Indian Missionary District. William Johnson, brother of Thomas, and Thomas Markham were assigned to the Delaware School and Mission.

There is no record as to when the first church building was built. But it is well established that it was built of logs and that it stood in what was then the Wise Memorial Park.

This church did duty until 1844 when it was destroyed by fire. It was replaced by a frame structure about forty by sixty feet. The frame was of black walnut, obtained from the black walnut trees in the neighborhood and the lumber sawed in a saw mill which the Government had provided for the Delawares in accordance with its treaty. The shingles were hand shaved and came from St. Louis by boat. This church was painted white which not only gave it its name but fixed for all time as the name of the neighborhood.

There is much history associated with "White Church" and the Delawares.<sup>2</sup> We suggest you read local history books about the Ketchum family and White Church.

### Old Delaware Burying Ground

The Old Delaware Burying Ground is without a doubt the oldest of all Wyandotte county cemeteries and adds materially to the interest of this historic spot, today still known as White Church. Many of the noted Delaware chiefs and leaders of the tribe are buried here as well as many pioneer white settlers. The Delawares migrated to Indian Territory in 1868, but many returned year after year to pay their respects to the former chiefs who are buried here.

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NOTE: A number of the much older stones are broken and are not legible. Our Society feels there must be records somewhere but we were not able to locate them. Our listing was obtained by the reading of the existing cemetery markers.

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<sup>1</sup>"Centennial Celebration of the White Church Mission," published May 29, 1932.

<sup>2</sup>"Historic Spots of Wyandotte County" by Harrington, published in 1932 Historic Spot Number twelve, pages 65 - 70.