Pickle - Smallwood Cemetery

Just off of State Highway 37 on the Monroe and Lawrence county line lies the Pickle - Smallwood cemetery (NW 1/4, Sec. 4, T6N, R1W, south of County Road 900N (Ingram Road) on the Lawrence-Monroe county line). The cemetery is visible from Highway 37, but it is not noticeable since only a few stones remain and those are close to the ground. While Monroe County claims this cemetery, the land records can be found in the Lawrence county courthouse in the Recorders office.

This cemetery is the burial ground for the Taylors, Lemons, Pickles, and Smallwood families.

The Taylor family, possibly coming from Pennsylvania, settled in Marshall Township, Lawrence County sometime after 1817. Matthew S. Taylor was warranted land by the State of Indiana described as the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Marshall Township, Lawrence County on June 18, 1824. Matthew is listed on the Lawrence County first land owners map as purchasing land in 1824. The Taylor farm was on the Lawrence and Monroe county border. The cemetery is most likely in the northwest corner of the original Taylor homestead.

Sarah (Allen) Taylor, Matthew’s wife is thought to be the first burial for this cemetery though no gravestone for her has been located. A large white house and large red barn are still on the property. The house may have been built by Matthew Taylor. The book “Years of Glory”, page 19 shows a picture of a log cabin with a family standing in front. The caption reads, “Typical log house built in 1800’s and owned by the Taylor Family”.

On November 24, 1836, Matthew S. Taylor sold his land to his children for three hundred dollars (page 515 of book E). His children are listed as Jane Muser, John Taylor, Henry Taylor, Ann (it looks like anah) Taylor, Sally (or Sarah) Taylor, Sammul Taylor, Polly Taylor.

On February 15, 1840, Henry, Matthew’s son administered the estate of Polly Taylor. The probate court date is listed as November 15, 1838 (page 52 of book H).

Sally and Polly Taylor and Jane (Taylor) Muser, children of Mathew S. and Sarah (Allen) Taylor are probably buried in this cemetery. Jane was married to Joseph Musser and live just north of Ingram Road in a cabin on a high hill. Gregory R. Taylor’s writes that this hill was known as Musser Hill. A son, Robert Taylor, is buried in Clover Hill cemetery in Harrodsburg, Indiana. John Allen Taylor is buried in the Pickle – Smallwood cemetery. Henry and Samuel Taylor are buried in the Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Daviess County, Indiana. Ann (Taylor) Culley and her husband James are buried in the Clover Hill cemetery. The Widow Cully is mentioned in “Years of Glory” by Ruth Seeley Heath.

On April 17, 1852, Henry Taylor sold the farm to Enoch Smallwood (page 300 of book P). Enoch’s wife Sarah is buried in the cemetery, but no gravestones or other documentation have been found for Enoch.

Wilson W. and Mary A. (Pickle) Lemon were probably neighbors of the Taylor family. I was not able to discover how Mary A. (Pickle) Lemon was related to Andrew, Sarah Ann, and Hamilton Pickle.

Hamilton R. Pickle (1851-1864), "son of A. and S. A. Pickle" is thought to be the grandson of Hamilton and Mary Reddick, the son of Andrew J. and Sarah Ann (Reddick) Pickle. Andrew and Sarah Ann were married on September. 25, 1850 in Lawrence County. Hamilton Reddick is listed on the Lawrence County first land owners map as purchasing land in 1817. His land was right next to Matthew S. Taylor’s land. The 1879 Atlas of Lawrence County shows Hamilton Reddick’s land as owned by Heirs of A.J. Pickle.

“One hot summer afternoon, father and son were working in the fields as a menacing storm approached. Becoming anxious, son asked they go for shelter. This and subsequent pleas all rejected—"just one more row"—a bolt of lightning struck the boy down in the open field.”

This cemetery has many field stones. Some are quite clearly intended as gravestones, others seem natural. The cemetery is on an incline which probably erodes a little each year making the hill with the cemetery steeper than it was. It is likely that there are more stones beneath the surface. Recently a stone only showing “died Oct 24, 1856” was found.

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- Submitted by Karen Banks
Lawrence County First Landowner’s Map
Unknown
Died Oct 14, 1856

Robert Taylor, Irvin Taylor
Sarah Smallwood
Fieldstones use for unmarked graves

Unknown, base only
Mary A. (Pickle) Lemon

Unmarked stones next to Mary Lemon
John, Susanah, and James Taylor
John Allen Taylor

Barn currently located on the Matthew S. Taylor/Enoch Smallwood property
House currently located on the Matthew S. Taylor/Enoch Smallwood property