

- * Darby Beadle - Emma Watkins 1872
- * Andrew Couch - Polly Baker 1819

The last of the above list, for Andrew Couch to Polly Baker in 1819, is likely connected to the John Couch who in 1809 bought the SE/4 of S22-T4-R1W, adjacent to the SW/4 of S22 owned by John Baker in 1810. The Milton Davis marriage to Betsy Baker (possibly a sister of Polly), also in 1819, may well have established a relationship that led to the interest of George W. Davis in purchasing the land around the cemetery in 1854, considering that the same land had just been sold by William Baker to William Matkins in 1846. Likewise, the marriage of W. H. Davis to M. J. Matkin in 1855 could be another connection of the families who owned the land about that time, even if these particular members of the families were not the direct owners. They may well have been descendants or siblings of the owners, with a “vested interest” in the land.

Since nothing conclusive has been found to prove who may be buried in the cemetery, there is no suggestion at this time that the name of the cemetery be changed to another surname. There is already a monument in the cemetery to denote it as the Madkin Cemetery, so unless that is proven to be inappropriate at some later time, it is recommended that the name be left as is.

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