

Any of the above families may have buried children in the parcel of land in the NE/4 of S30-T4-R1W in the 1800s and early 1900s. Likewise, there were probably several other family surnames associated with the land in the 1900s before the property became part of the arsenal. Accordingly, there are no clear indications of which family first used the little cemetery that got moved. Only after detailed examination of all of the original deeds and mortgage instruments will it be known whether any of the records include a statement of existence of a cemetery on the parcel, thereby providing an indication of which family may have initiated its use as a burying ground. Until that task is accomplished, the date and family association of the beginnings of the cemetery can only be speculative. Even if these things eventually become known, there will still be a question as to whether or not the Indian Creek Cemetery consists entirely of graves from the unnamed cemetery from Section 30. Indian Creek Cemetery's history may be linked in antiquity to the landowners of Section 25 in Township 4, Range 2 West, as discussed in the Summary Report of the Hancock Cemetery, 62-2. Until the additional detailed research of land (and associated probate) records is accomplished, this little cemetery must be "put to rest", as there is very little that can be known about it for now.

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