

WHITLOCK CEMETERY, GREENE CO., IL

On Thursday, May 18, 1871 Henry B. Whitlock, age 71 was murdered in Greene Co., Illinois. The cemetery in which he was buried was located on the family farm and after the farm passed into other hands the family continued to look after the cemetery and kept it up. D. Marshall of San Francisco recently sent me extracts from a letter received from cousins in Macoupin Co., Illinois.

“The cemetery is Whitlock Cemetery and it was on the Henry B. Whitlock farm. Henry B. Whitlock was murdered in the 1870's and the family kept it up.

The deed was passed down to the relative care takers and Mr. Shade--who's grandfather is buried there was the care taker until about seven years ago when his foot that was injured in World War II gave him so much trouble that he couldn't work on the cemetery anymore and he couldn't find anyone to take care of it. So it grew up with trees and weeds.

Dana and I went to see him about family history and to see if the owners of the property would let us start cleaning it up. Well, we talked for awhile and he said we were the only people living around here that expressed any interest in the cemetery and he said here is the deed. You take it and take care of the cemetery.

We sent you the picture of the cemetery that we took in January of this year with just one tombstone sticking out of the trees and brush.

Well we are about half done clearing trees as big as 10-15 feet tall from in between the graves and clearing out the honeysuckle vines. More to go!!

I estimate it will take about another year to get it in decent shape.”

Henry B. Whitlock is shown on our WHITLOCK35 chart and is the subject of another article in this issue of the Newsletter. The cousins referred to in the above article are Rick & Dana Davis (email davis5867@yahoo.com) of Carlinville, Illinois.

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