

REPLACEMENT TOMBSTONE SECTION 32

Frank Parrish

1804 - 1867

His Mother

Cleracy Parrish

1787 - 1856

Burials of Frank Parrish's wife, children and siblings prior to 1856

Frank Parrish buried his wife Fanny on January 6, 1846. Her burial lot was listed in the Interment Book as located near Poplar avenue. Fanny Parrish's tombstone was still in place, in 1908, in Section 31. The tombstone was read again in 1971, but after that date the tombstone was lost to weather or time. A Replacement tombstone was placed for Fanny Parrish in Section 31 in 2009.

Frank Parrish had also witnessed the burials of an infant son Aug. 12, 1848; his sister Mary Parrish, Black, April 5, 1850; his brother C. L. Parrish, Black, April 26, 1850. No tombstones were located for these individuals in the 1908 Survey.

Another son James died at age 19. "James Parrish, Age 19, was shown on the 1908 Plat in Section 31. James might have been listed in the Interment Books as "Abram Parrish, Age 18," who was buried May 14, 1849. In 1971, Garrett read an inscription for "James Parrish, son of Frank Parrish, Age 19." Since 1971, the tombstone for James Parrish in Section 31 has been lost to weather or time.

Section 32 added to City Cemetery in 1848

In November 1848, Section 32 was included in the purchase of six (6) additional acres for the City Cemetery. On the 1908 Plat of Section and Lots, prepared by F.R.R. Smith, Engineer, Section 32 was shown as bordered by Pine avenue, City avenue extended, by Plum avenue and by the railroad tracks. In the City Cemetery Interment Books, Section 32 was called "Negro Lot." A study of Section 32 on the 1908 Plat has revealed the names of 24 individuals on tombstones at the time of the 1908 Survey: 12 were Black (earliest John Pinchum 1855) and 8 were White (earliest J. H. Lovell) and 4 of Unknown race. On the 1908 Plat of Section 32, there would appear to be large areas of unmarked graves.

Burial of Cleracy Parrish, Frank Parrish's Mother

City Cemetery Interment Book: Black. Age 69. Mother of Frank Parrish.

Buried on May 10, 1856.

No tombstone was located for Cleracy Parrish in the 1908 Survey.

Frank Parrish purchased a City Cemetery Lot on May 29, 1856

Deed. May 29, 1856. Nineteen days after his mother's burial, Frank Parrish paid \$12.50, to Martin C. Cotton, Agent and Superintendent of the City Cemetery, for a lot in the cemetery "situated at the south side of Cherry avenue running south twenty five feet to a stake thence east then feet to a stake at D. F. Carter's south west corner then North with his Line twenty five feet to a stake at the south side of cherry avenue then west ten feet with the south side of said avenue ... containing two hundred fifty feet."

*It seems likely that Frank Parrish bought the Lot
which would have included his mother's burial site.*

Three non-family members were buried on Frank Parrish Lot:

8-7-1864 Infant William Reynolds, f.m.c. On Frank Parrish Lot

1-25-1865 Infant of Nelson Walker, f.m.c. For Parrish Lot

9-14-1866 Milton Jackson, Black, Age 60 On Frank Parrish Lot

No tombstones for these individuals were located in the 1908 Survey.

Four non-family members were buried "back of Frank Parrish Lot"

5-27-1864 Charles Pincin, White, Age 45

7-15-1864 G. W. Thomas, White, Age 23

11-8-1864 Henry Mortimer, White, Age 20

10-12-1866 William Nevins, White. Age 41

No tombstones for these individuals were located in the 1908 Survey.

Frank Parrish Died May 31, 1867

City Cemetery Interment Book: Black. Age 63. Buried June 2, 1867.

No tombstone was located for Frank Parrish in the 1908 Survey.

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