

Cartmell Cemetery (extinct)

Sec. 21, T51N, R7W

Mrs. Ibbie McGhee, who lived at Laddonia, was the former Ibbie Cartmell, whose grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Cartmell, came to the John's Branch area in the early 1850s and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swindel. During the Civil War, when Grant's soldiers were encamped at Mexico, some of his soldiers came to the Cartmell home and ordered Mrs. McGhee's grandmother to prepare food for them. This she graciously did and when the meal was ready, her husband said, "Gentlemen, be our guests." The soldiers ate heartily and departed. The Cartmells were, like many Audrain countians, Southern sympathizers.

The two slaves who came with them to Missouri never left them after the war and are buried in a small cemetery northeast of the Swindel farm. This cemetery is shown on an old atlas, though there are no visible remnants of a cemetery at that spot today.

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