

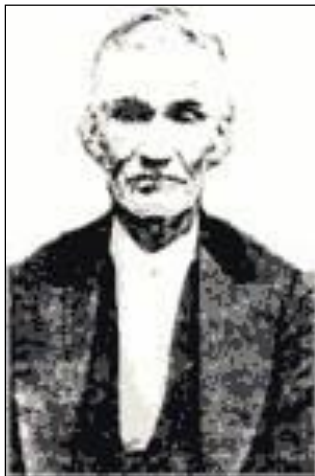
INTRODUCTION TO HAROLD CEMETERY
Harold Cemetery Road
Accessible from Baileyton Road and Whitehouse Road
Approximately 2 miles North of Greeneville

The Harold Cemetery began as a family graveyard. The graveyard is documented to be in existence before September 3, 1864, when a neighbor, Mrs. Hannah Sample Hoyle (1811-1864), died of face cancer. She was to be laid to rest beside her sons at Mount Bethel Presbyterian Church, but the shooting of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan in Greeneville interrupted the digging of the grave. Hannah's husband, George Hoyle, asked Andrew Lewis Harold, if he might bury his wife in the Harold Graveyard. Permission was granted, and the grave was dug; however, the furor created by the death of General Morgan soon subsided, and Hannah Hoyle was laid to rest in Mount Bethel (Row 9, Grave 9). In reality, the Harold Graveyard was in existence many years prior to 1864.

The Harold families were in Greene County by 1812. This was an extended family; some branches left Greene County, while others stayed. The Harold Cemetery is on the land of Amasa Harold Senior, who was born about 1775. He and his wife are buried here.

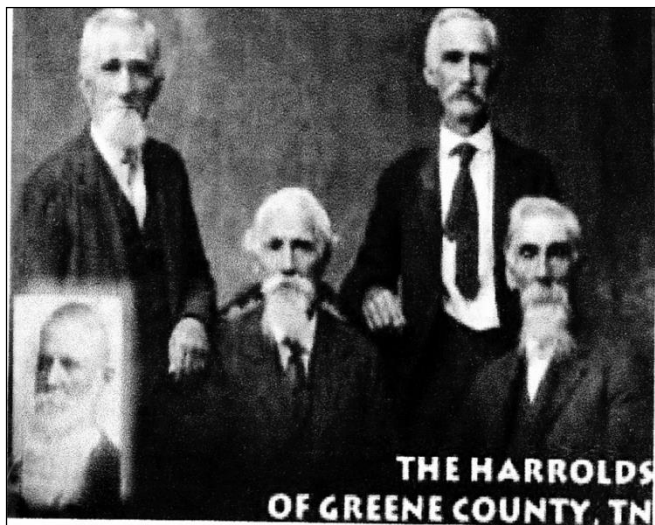
After the death of his wife, Amasa Senior lived with his son, Andrew Lewis Harold, on the 114 acre farm. Andrew, who went by Lewis, and his wife Annie, and several of their children are also buried here.

Although the timing is uncertain, Amasa Harold Junior came to live with his brother, Andrew Lewis, after Amasa Junior's wife died. It is written Amasa Junior lost his mind and would refuse to sleep in the house, preferring instead to sleep in the barn in a hollowed-out log. Amasa Harold Junior is buried in the cemetery.



Andrew Lewis and Anna "Annie" Martin Horton Harold

Andrew Lewis and Annie Harold had five sons and four daughters. Four of the sons served during the Civil War, all with the 4th Tennessee Infantry, Company E, Union. Two sons were captured and imprisoned in a Confederate prison in Saulsbury, North Carolina. When Confederate soldiers came through the area to conscript young men, the youngest son, Samuel Houston Harold, was dressed as a girl and hidden in a cave on the farm. This cave was rumored to have a silver mine, but no such mine has ever been discovered.



The Harold/Harroll Brothers

Lower right is an inset, aged likeness of Joseph who died in Camp Chase Hospital.

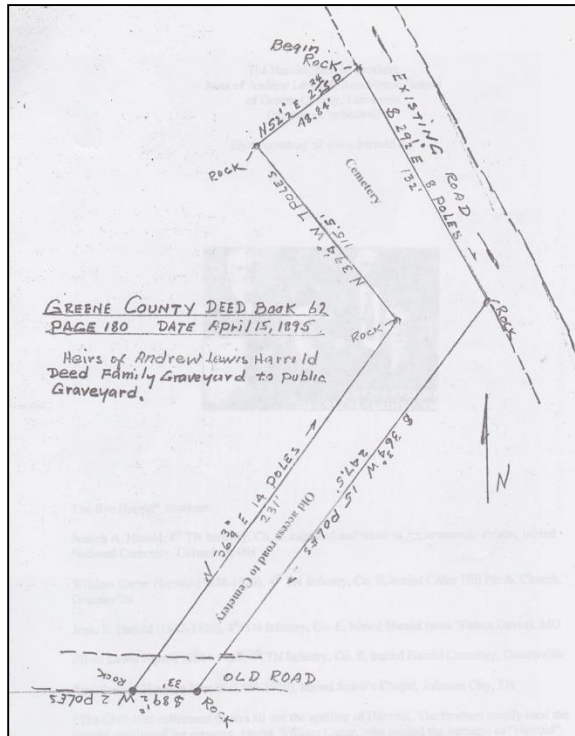
The youngest son of Andrew Lewis and Annie Harold was spared the cruelties of war, and he later became a Minister of the Gospel in Greeneville and in Johnson City. Reverend Samuel Houston Harold wrote a manuscript about his life and his family which came into the possession of Mr. T. Elmer Cox, the Greene County Historian. Samuel's son, Robert Lewis Harold, also wrote a very detailed Family History. The reconstruction of the Harold Cemetery is largely due to these two manuscripts.

After the death of Andrew Lewis Harold in 1892, his then surviving heirs deeded the old Harold graveyard as a public burial ground in April 1895. A transcription of the deed follows this Introduction.

As the years passed, the ownership of the land changed hands. In the 1970's, then Greene County Historian, T. Elmer Cox was contacted by Harold Descendants who lived in Chattanooga. They wished to clean-up and restore the old Family Graveyard. Plans were underway to restore the cemetery and enclose the area within a fence. T. Elmer Cox, mapped the graveyard and the access roads. He photographed the old Harold log house. The owner of the property was located. In a letter dated May 28, 1976, T. Elmer Cox writes to Billy Harold:

“A man by the name of Keller did own, and so far as I know still does, the land around the Graveyard and uses it as a pasture field. I should think he would be very happy to reach a compromise with the Harold Heirs and agree to a

rectangular shape around the graveyard itself and front one side of it on the old access lane that runs out into his field and goes nowhere. *As you know, in Tennessee a public Graveyard cannot be closed off to public access.*”



Map of the location of the graveyard drawn by T. Elmer Cox.

He photographed the old log home of the Harold family, and the current owner was contacted.



The “negotiations” with the then owner were apparently unsuccessful. Sometime after this letter was written, the cemetery was razed by the land owner, and the tombstones were destroyed.

Present day residents well recall the old Harold Graveyard where perhaps 25 to 30 tombstones once stood. Today, it is another lost graveyard in Greene County. All that remains is the street sign, 'Harold Cemetery Road', near the Airport.

References:

- Greene County Deed, April 15, 1895 by the Harrold Heirs
- Correspondence between T. Elmer Cox and Billy Harrold, 1973-1976
- Correspondence between Billy Harrold and Elbert B. Harold, a son of Rev. Samuel Houston Harold (1848-1920), a son of Andrew Lewis Harold (1807-1892)
- Harold Family Research, 1960, by Robert Lewis Harold Sr, Covington, KY, a son of Rev. Samuel Houston Harold (1848-1920), a son of Andrew Lewis Harold (1807-1892)
- Unpublished manuscript of Samuel Houston Harold (1848-1920)
- Personal papers of T. Elmer Cox
- Burgner’s Greene County Marriages
- Greene County Tax Lists
- Civil War Records of the four Harold brothers, 4th TN Infantry Co. E
- U. S. Census Records
- Greene County Tombstone Transcriptions by Buford Reynolds and his colleagues

DEED OF HAROLD GRAVEYARD AS A PUBLIC BURIAL GROUND
Deed Book 62, Page 180-181

Know all men by these presents that we the heirs of A. L.¹ Harrold Dec'd do hereby give or transfer and convey to W. C. Harmon² and Geo. R. Gass as Trustees and their successors forever a certain piece or parcel of land containing one fourth of an acre more or less situated in Greene County Tennessee and known and described as follows: to wit – Bounded on all sides by the heirs of the said A. L. Harrold to be used for a burial ground for any and all who may wish to bury in the same and we the heirs of the said Dec'd A. L. Harrold covenant with the said Trustees to warrant and forever defend the title to the said land and any part thereof to them and their Successors against any claims to be made by the heirs or any other person the said burial ground above described beginning at a rock running hence South 29 ½ E 8 poles to a rock South 36 ¾ West 15 poles crossing a road to a rock South 89 ½ West 2 poles to a rock North 36 ¾ East 14 poles to a rock North 39 ¼ West 7 poles to a rock, thence North 52 ¼ East 2 24/25 poles to the beginning containing 27/100 or 1/4 acre this April 15th, 1895.

E. L. Harrold³
Samuel H. Harrold⁴
Margaret A. Harmon⁵
Nancy E. Harrold⁶
W. C. Harrold⁷
S. E. Harrold⁸

End Notes:

¹ Andrew Lewis Harold, died January 25, 1892, buried Harold Cemetery

² William Canada Harmon, died January 9, 1941, buried New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, husband of Margaret A. Harold Harmon

³ Elbert Lewis Harold, 4th TN Infantry Company E, died April 4, 1920, buried Harold Cemetery, death certificate 185

⁴ Reverend Samuel Houston Harold, died March 5, 1920, buried Snows Chapel, Johnson City, death certificate 135

⁵ Margaret A. Harold Harmon, died January 14, 1899, buried New Bethel Presbyterian Church, Greeneville

⁶ Nancy E. Harold, unmarried; died December 19, 1914, buried Harold Cemetery, death certificate 140

⁷ William Carter Harrold, 4th TN Infantry Company E, died November 25, 1923, buried Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church. W. C. Harrold was the only sibling to consistently use the "Harrold" spelling of the surname

⁸ Unidentified; S. E. Harrold is not a son of Andrew Lewis Harold. I believe the signature was misread when the deed was written into the Deed Book. This signer is almost certainly J. (Jesse) E. Harold, 4th TN Infantry Company E, who died in 1905 and is buried in Walnut Grove, Missouri.

⁹ Joseph A. Harold, 4th TN Infantry Company E, the oldest son of Andrew Lewis Harold was deceased before 1895. It is said Joseph is buried in the National Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.