

November 18, 1939

Mr. J. W. Miller
1101 Louisiana Street
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have been informed that you have plowed all, or a portion of the old Franklin cemetery. If you will refer to your abstract you will find that Williams secured possession of certain real estate by a foreclosure of a mortgage on a man named Hawkins. He then sold it to Joseph Cox. Joseph Cox sold it to Al Cox and in each of these transfers two acres were reserved for a cemetery.

When Charles Cox, administrator for Al Cox, disposed of the land to you he made no reference to the reservation for the cemetery, which are two acres ten rods west and eight rods north of the S. E. corner. The omission of this reservation in the administrator's deed does not void the earlier reservations for this cemetery and therefore you have no title to this ground.

Will you please restore this ground as nearly as possible to the condition it was in before you plowed it and replace the stones as nearly as you are able and greatly oblige the membership of the Douglas County Historical Society. This Society is trying to see that all of these old cemeteries are maintained in a decent and respectable condition.

I have just completed my term as president of the Douglas County Historical Society and have been succeeded by R. C. Rankin, to whom this correspondence will be referred.

I think it probable that this cemetery was plowed up without your knowledge and consent.

Respectfully yours,

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