

# Ellis Cemetery

## Ohio County, KY

By Jerry Long  
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On the east side of Whitesville turn east off of Highway 54 onto the Old Litchfield Road. Go about three miles. After passing intersection with the Herbert – Panther Creek Church Road turn into second lane on the left. The cemetery is in Ohio County; on the opposite side of the highway is Daviess County.

The cemetery when I visited was well cared for by the family of Mrs. John W. (Margaret Phillips) Aud, who own and reside on the property. Mrs. Aud's parents, James L. & Thelma (Harl) Phillips; grandparents, Charles W. & Margaret (Ellis) Phillips; great-grandparents, Joseph P. & Jane (Taylor) Ellis; and great-great-grandfather, William P. Ellis, are all buried in the cemetery. Inscriptions on the gravestones were copied by Jerry Long on 20 June 1993.



	Born	Died
Black, Annie G. (wife J. H.)	Jun 1857	29 Oct 1898
Brown, Nannie J.	21 Sep 1847	26 Sep 1928
Carter, Jesse T. (s/o J. S. & D. D.)	10 Nov 1868	21 Jul 1870
Susan G. (d/o J. S. & D. D.)	11 Nov 1868	2 Feb 1869

Chapman, Elizabeth B. (aged 4 ys. & 4 ds.; d/o Geo. W. & Hannah H.)	7 Jul 1844	12 Jul 1848
William Joshua (s/o Geo. W & Hannah H.)	18 Apr 1842	18 Jul 1848
Coleman, Lemuel T.	16 Jun 1885	8 Feb 1908
Crow, Elizabeth (consort of S. H.	25 Jan 1829	26 Feb 1858
Crow, Martha M. (d/o S. H. & E.	18 Jun 1857	19 Jan 1858
Ellis, William P. (born Goochland C., Va)	23 Aug 1780	5 Mar 1842
Ellis, Eld. J P. (born Shelby C., Ky.)	18 Oct 1811	8 May 1892
Jane S. (w/o J. P.; born Fairfax C., Va)	3 Aug 1811	12 Nov 1889
Ellis, Sa____broken (d/o J. P. & J. S.) [footstone with "S.M.E.", grave of Sarah M.]	17 Oct 1839	5 Jun 1870
Ellis, infant s/o J. E. & M.	born & died	16 Aug 1897
Ellis, Luther C.	10 Feb 1838	29 Jan 1892
Sallie (w/o L. C.	16 Jan 1849	4 Jan 1924
Ellis, John P.	17 Dec 1865	14 May 1916
Ellis, Joel R.	1873	1947
Crow, Jessie V.	1879	1961
Haynes, John R.	4 May 1832	29 Sep 1925
Rebecca A. (w/o J. R.)	7 Mar 1841	4 Jan 1917
Haynes, Beatrice (d/o J. R. & R. A.)	28 Nov 1861	9 Jun 1904
Hinds, Katie M. (d/o J. T. & Ida)	5 Jan 1877	17 Sep 1877
Ada (d/o J. T. & Ida)	10 Sep 1882	26 Aug 1884
Huff, John J.	1835	1910
Mollie [she died 10 March 1913]	1852	1912
Kelley, Elizabeth (w/o J. T.)	27 Sep 1822	17 Jul 1890
Litsey, Alice (d/o G. W. & L.)	20 Feb 1867	23 May 1867
Loyd, T. H.	15 Oct 1854	11 Aug 1935
Susan F. (w/o T. H.)	9 Mar 1860	15 Feb 1904

Lyons, John (Mason; aged 67 y., 7 m., 22 d.)		19 Jul 1874
Lyons, Kassandria	25 Mar 1818	27 Mar 1876
McCarty, Frances C. (d/o J. & R. W.)	23 Jan 1854	5 Dec 1869
McCarty, William W. (Mason)	2 Feb 1826	20 Nov 1910
Elizabeth E.	25 Feb 1831	9 Feb 1911
McCarty, Jett J. (s/o W. W. & E. E.)	26 Jun 1861	12 Apr 1882
McCarty, Ellis (s/o W.W. & E. E.)	20 Oct 1869	12 Jan 1870
McCarty, Margaret L. (d/o W. W. & E. E.)	8 Jan 1859	20 Dec 1868
McCarty, Willie G. (s/o J. N. & M. F.)	30 Apr 1871	8 Jul 1876
McCarty, Liza Hudson (aged 80 yrs.)		3 Jun 1906
Mullen, W. Arretus (s/o G. W. & E. F.)	23 Mar 1866	28 Nov 1879
Norris, Lucy P. (w/o H. C.)	25 Feb 1851	22 Sep 1889
Phillips, Charles W.	21 Oct 1836	24 Mar 1918
Margaret Ellis (w/o C. W.)	30 Jun 1843	24 May 1920
Phillips, Thomas M.	7 Dec 1865	3 Aug 1897
Phillips, James L.	29 Sep 1867	3 Jul 1948
Pierson, Thelma Phillips	26 Mar 1903	29 Jun 1986
Ragsdale, Eliza A. (w/o W. G.)	22 Jul 1826	2 May 1876
Ragsdale, Bettie	3 Jun 1857	26 Aug 1865
Taylor, John G. (s/o ? E. & Martha R.; Aged 3 ys. & 19 ds.)	14 Nov 1840	3 Dec 1843
Taylor, Kitty A. (w/o J. T.)	15 Oct 1848	9 Dec 1888
Whitely, Henry (Mason)	6 Dec 1817	8 Mar 1894
Whitely, Ellen (w/o Henry)	17 Jan 1821	24 Jun 1857

Whitely, Lucy (w/o Henry)	16 May 1834	18 Apr 1903
Unmarked graves and recent burials include:		
Aud, Margaret (Phillips)	27 Jun 1929	6 Apr 2109
Aud, John W.	7 Apr 1919	16 Jul 2011
Castlen, Joseph Paul, II	9 Jan 1948	25 Dec 2004
Fuqua, James Chester, Jr.	4 Feb 1929	10 May 2008
Husk, Jack (age 65)		30 Dec 1910
Ward, Edwina Cheshire (w/o Harold)	18 Apr 1930	25 Apr 1994
Ward, Harold Fabian	10 Jul 1927	26 Aug 2015
Ward, Jacob Printess	29 Jun 2003	29 Jun 2003
Ward, Preston Scott (h/o Jill Aud)	14 Nov 1952	20 Nov 1991



Ellis Cemetery is marked in the upper left corner; cemetery is on the east side of the Old Leitchfield Road in Ohio County; the west side of the road is in Daviess County.

**An Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, KY.**  
**Leo McDonough & Co. 1876, page 23:**



Farm of Rev. Joseph Perkins Ellis (1811-1892) in the Boston Precinct, Daviess County, KY, is outlined in red on the right. Part of his 130-acre farm lay in Daviess County and part in Ohio County – area above the hyphenated line is in Ohio County. The Ellis Cemetery was in the northeast part of the tract that was in Ohio County. Below the tract of Joseph P. Ellis is farm of 130 acres owned by his son, Luther C. Ellis.

**Notes on the Ellis Family by Jerry Long**

Rev. Joseph Perkins Ellis, a prominent Baptist minister, was the son of William Ellis & Rebecca Ellis. He was born 18 October 1811 in Shelby County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 federal censuses of Daviess County, KY. In the book, An Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Daviess County, KY. (Leo McDonough & Co. 1876,) page 24 it is recorded that Joseph P. Ellis, of the Boston Precinct, residence 18 miles east of Owensboro; post office at Whitesville; farmer & minister; born Shelby County, KY; came to Daviess County in 1829.

Joseph P. Ellis married Jane S. Taylor in Ohio County, KY on 15 September 1835. She was the daughter of John Peyton Taylor & Mary Davis, who resided at Taylorfield in Ohio County, KY. Jane was born 3 August 1811 in Fairfax County, VA and died 12 November 1889 in Daviess County, KY.

Joseph Perkins Ellis died at home on 8 May 1892 in Daviess County, KY. He and his wife, Jane, were buried in the Ellis family cemetery in view of their house. His home was in Daviess County but the Ellis Cemetery was in Ohio County just across the county line.

On 21 December 1889 Joseph P. Ellis wrote a final will. It was recorded on 16 May 1892 in Daviess County, KY Will Book D (pages 384-385). His will named children – William P. Ellis, Luther C. Ellis, Rebecca A. Haynes (wife of John R. Haynes), Margaret E. Phillips (wife of Charles W. Phillips), and Nannie J. Brown; also named were grandchildren – Clarence T.



Haynes, Mabel H. Haynes, Flora E. Haynes and William K. Haynes, who were children of his deceased daughter, Adah P. Haynes.

Joseph P. Ellis in his will wrote: "On my homestead there is a grave yard where my father William Ellis, my wife, and other members of the family and many of my neighbors and others are buried. This is expressly reserved with ingress to egress from which is to be perpetually kept and maintained as a burying ground. The ground so reserved herein is to contain as much as one acre to be measured in all directions from my fathers grave."

See also the following articles by Jerry Long on the website, West-Central Kentucky History & Genealogy ( <https://wckyhhistory-genealogy.org/> ): "Madstones – The Ellis Madstone" (in Kentucky Records section) and "Biographical Sketch of the Ellis Family" (in Families section).



Left: Wm. P. Ellis born 23 August 1780 in Goochland County, VA and died 5 March 1842; Right: Eld. J. P. Ellis born 18 October 1811 in Shelby County, KY and died 8 May 1892.



Photo of the Ellis Cemetery taken by Jerry Long on 20 June 1993

