

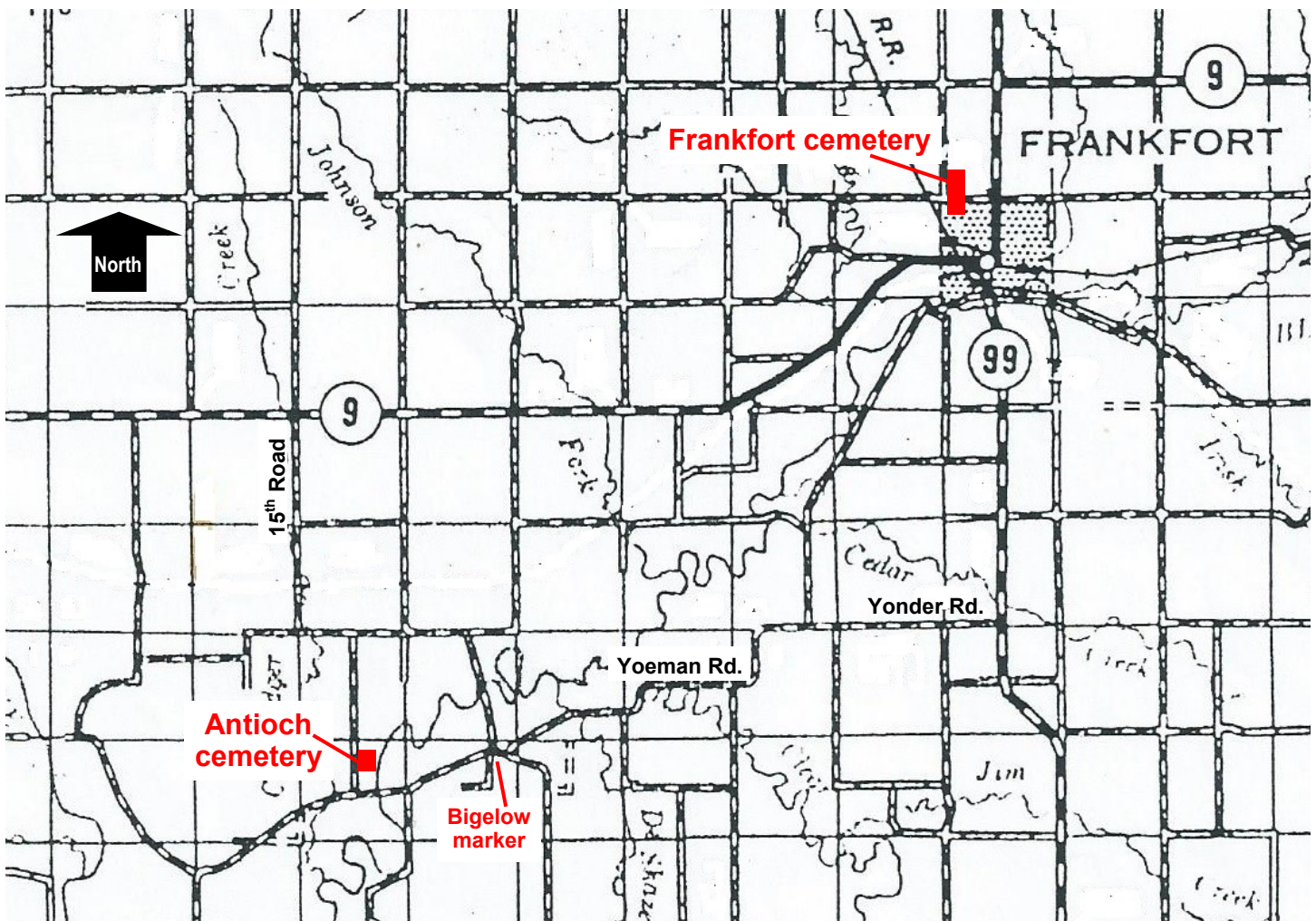
# Antioch and Frankfort Cemeteries

Our family roots were established in south-central Marshall County (Wells Township) when William Alexander Ewing homesteaded there in 1870. Many of his family members are in Antioch cemetery near the original town site of Bigelow. The town was removed in the early 1960s when Tuttle Creek reservoir was built at Manhattan, creating a potential floodplain along the Big Blue and the Black Vermillion rivers. Other towns were also removed and their cemeteries were relocated due to the flood threat. However, Antioch cemetery sits on higher ground and still remains where it was established over 140 years ago.

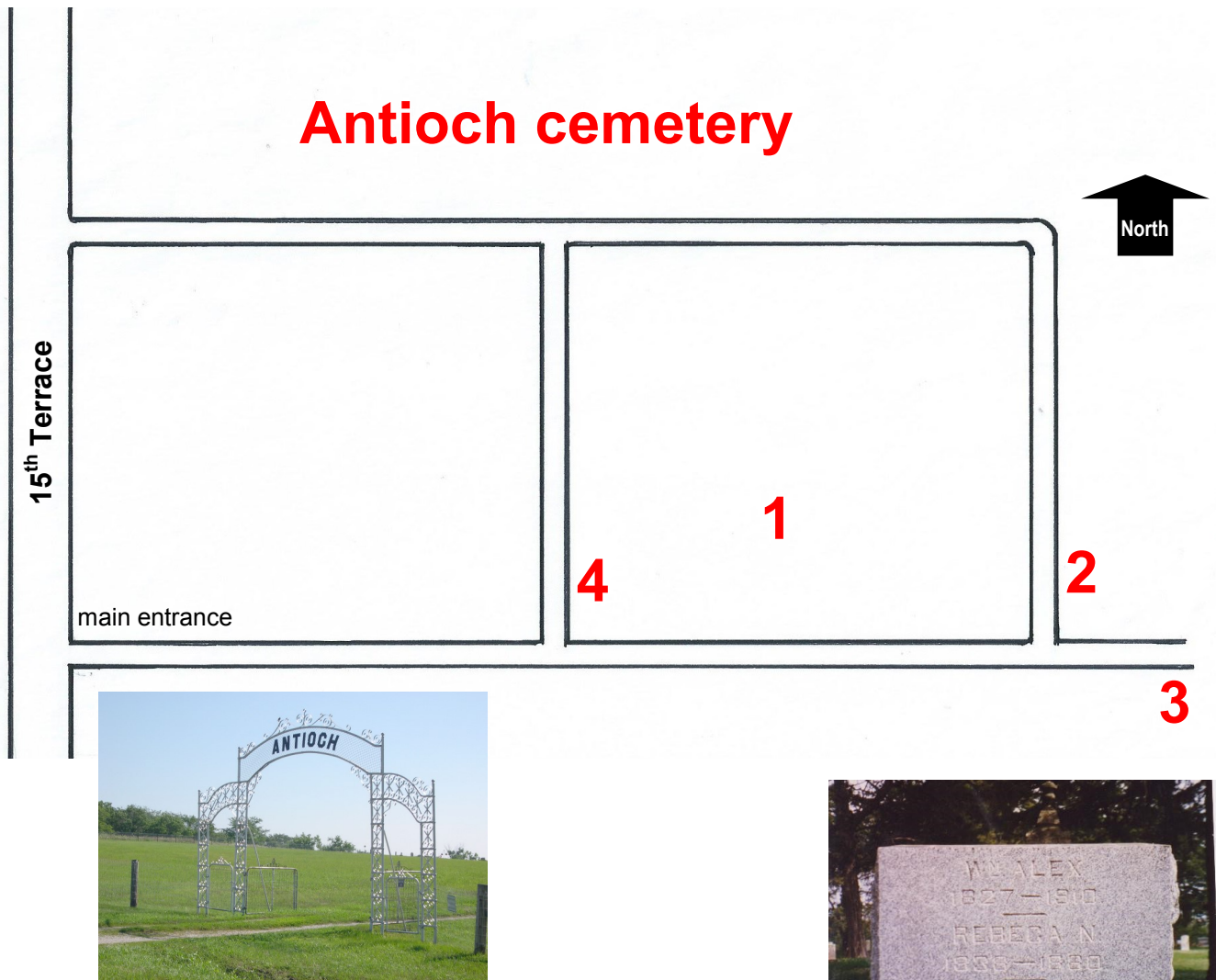
## Directions to Antioch cemetery:

*(Dry-weather route only):* From highway #9, about half way between Blue Rapids and Frankfort (about 6 miles from either town) turn south on 15th Road (there's a small Antioch Cemetery sign). Two miles south, turn east at the dead-end, go about ½ mile to 15th Terrace, then about 1 mile south.

*(All-weather route):* From Frankfort, go south on highway #99, three miles to Yonder Road, turn west for two miles where the road curves south and turns into Yoeman Road. This road continues south and west about 3 more miles and turns into Zenith Road near the Bigelow town site marker at 17th Road. Continue westward from the marker on Zenith Road about 1½ miles to 15th Terrace, then north about ½ mile to the cemetery entrance on the east side of the road.



# Family plots at Antioch cemetery



**1** — **William Alexander Ewing**, buried here in 1910 next to his wife, **Rebecca** (1880) and three of their daughters: **Mertie** (1880), **Carrie** (1886) and **Lizzie** (1891). Research indicates that a small child's grave with no marker also exists in this 8-place family plot. My theory is that this could be the grave of **Elmer Ewing**, who died at birth in 1903. He was the second child of Ira and Salome (Coxley) Ewing. Original cemetery records were destroyed in a fire more than half a century ago, so no one knows for sure.

**2** — **Grant Ewing**, buried here in 1942 with his second wife, **Margaret (Fincham)** (1966) and his oldest son from his first marriage, **Levi**, who died in 1922 in the Philippine Islands. Grant wrote in his newspaper column in the 1930s that his first wife, **Mae (Newbury)** (1903), and their first two children (names and dates unknown) were also buried here ... no marker exists for any of them, but research indicates the graves are there.

**3** — **Gloria Zook**, daughter of Grant and Margaret Ewing, is buried here with her second husband, **Gloyd Zook** (1998). To the left of their marker is Gloria's son, **Duane Wentz** (1994) and his wife, **Freddie** (1999).

**4** — **Lena Mae (Ewing) Uphoff**, daughter of Grant and Mae (Newbury) Ewing, buried here in 1985. Her daughter, **Leona Mae Davis** (2002) is buried with her.

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# Family plots at Frankfort cemetery

**1 — Ray** (2004) and **Gwen Ewing** (1998), parents of Betty Ferris, Nancy Cornelius, Jerry Ewing and Laura Peppers.

**2 — Eldon** (2014) and **Virgina Ewing** (1988), parents of Kay Haskin, Ron Ewing, John Ewing, Barbara Forst and David Ewing.

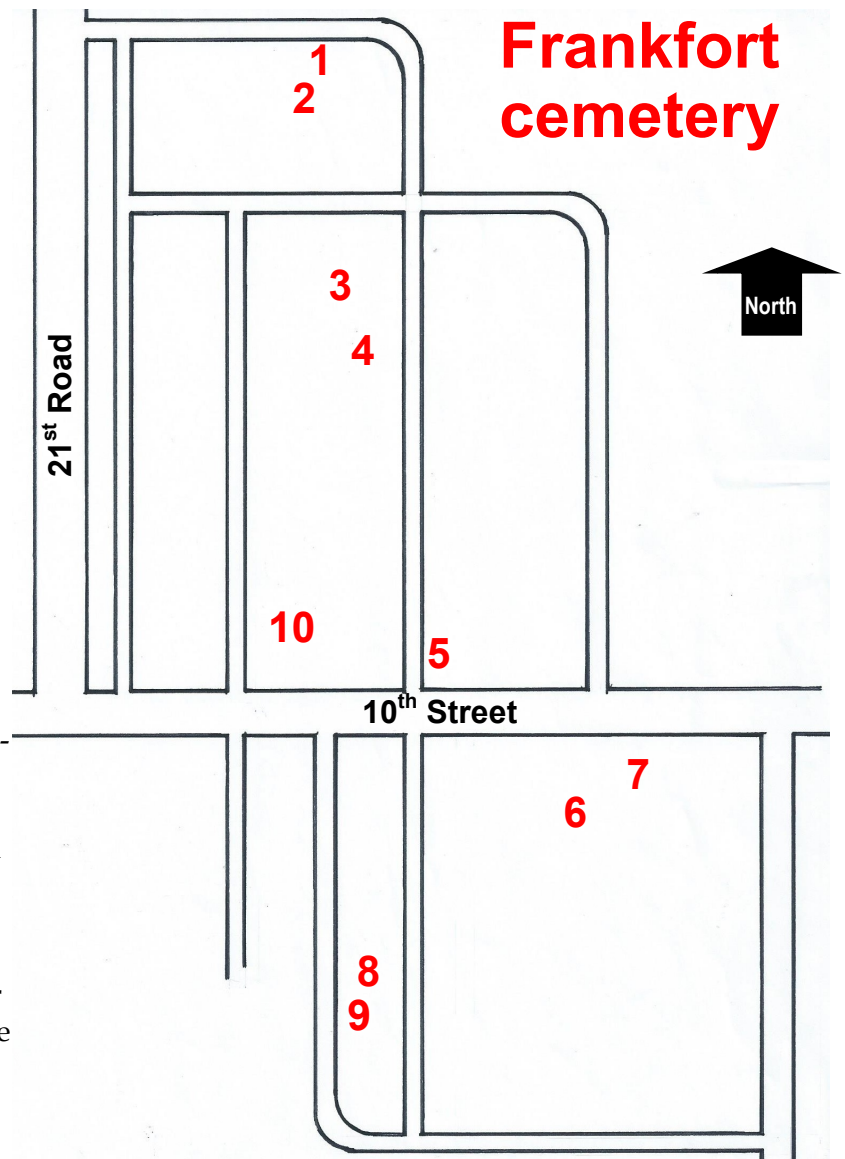
**3 — Skadden family plot**, with a distinctive stone wall around it. **Alfarata (Welch) Skadden** (died 1913) was an older sister of Nancy Coxley (Salome Ewing's mother). Known as "Aunt Ett," she is buried here with her husband, **A.B. "Ben" Skadden** (1933), their son, **Paul** (1945), Paul's wife, **Winifred** (1973) and her second husband, **Walter Fleming** (1960). Also here is **Jerald P. Skadden** (1947), son of Paul and Winifred.

**4 — Coxley family plot.** A large plot with a Coxley marker in the center, this is the final resting place for **Salome (Coxley) Ewing**, buried here in 1922 with her stillborn tenth child (named Gustavus Adolphus in honor of his grandfather) placed on Salome's chest. Also in this plot are Salome's parents, **Gus** (1946) and **Nancy Coxley** (1953), as well as Salome's brothers: **Alex** (1905), **Ezra** (1914), and **Dean** (1950). Dean Coxley's wife, **Ila** (1996) and their son, **Leo** (1985) are also here. On the north side of the plot is a marker for **Joy Anna Ewing** (1929), first child of Ray and Gwen Ewing.

**5 — Unrelated Ewings.** This walled plot, with one marker that lists two children, Cecile (1900) and Wauneeta (1901), has "M. Ewing" engraved on the entry step. These would be children of Marvin Ewing, whose father founded the town of Vliets.

**6 — Mary Matilda Ewing** (1891, also unrelated), wife of Zacharia E. Ewing who homesteaded in Rock Township and later owned land at the north edge of Frankfort.

**7 — Thomas S. Ewing** (1890), founder of the town of Ewingsport, now Vliets, was the father of Marvin (see #5) and Charles (#10). Also here are his wife, Eliza (1878) and daughter, Mary (1890).



**8 — The Civil War memorial** - an easily recognized reference point.

**9 — Aunt Belle Skadden** (1937) was the second wife of A.B. "Ben" Skadden (see #3). She is buried here with her first husband, Charles A. Bilsland.

**10 — Charles L. Ewing** (1945) is another son of Thomas S. Ewing (#7) and brother of Marvin Ewing (#5). His wife, Eva L. (1953) is also here.

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#### In Frankfort cemetery:

(at left) - the Civil War memorial (#8 on the map).

(at right) - the central marker on the Coxley family plot (#4 on the map).

(below) - the Skadden family plot (#3 on the map).



## Other cemeteries significant to our family

**Fairmont cemetery** — in the north part of Blue Rapids, twelve miles west of Frankfort — is the final resting place for **John Ewing**, younger brother of Grant and Ira Ewing. John Ewing died in 1949 and was buried in Irving cemetery but was moved to Blue Rapids when Irving cemetery was relocated in the early 1960s. Also buried here is John's wife, **Grace (Risdon) Ewing** (1966) and their first daughter, **Queenie** (1906).

**Onaga cemetery** — on the northwest corner of Onaga, about 30 miles southeast of Frankfort in Pottawatomie County. Here we find **Betty A. Ewing**, wife of Cyrus Ewing, younger brother of William Alexander Ewing. Cyrus homesteaded beside his brother in Wells Township in 1870, but moved to Pottawatomie County in 1893. Cyrus died (1906) in the soldier's home in Leavenworth, KS, and is buried there. His wife, Betty, died in Onaga in 1909 and is buried there with one of their daughters, **Lurana S. Ewing** (1909), and one of their sons, **Ralph W. Ewing** (1958). Also in the Onaga cemetery are unrelated Frank B. Ewing (1958) and his wife Cecile S. Ewing (1978). Frank came to Onaga from western Kansas and served as sheriff of Pottawatomie County for a number of years.

There are other Ewings in Wamego and Louisville cemeteries in southern Pottawatomie County, but no connection has been made to our family.