

## **The Hoss Cemeteries on Fairview Avenue**

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There are/were two Hoss Family Cemeteries on Fairview Avenue. One in the 400 block is visible, but the one where Johnson City Founder Henry Johnson was originally buried is in the 1400 block and is completely gone and **no trace** of it exists.

**HOSS (JACOB) CEMETERY** GPS location: 36.15.25N 082.24.58W.

Located at the end of the alley in the 400 block between Fairview and Myrtle Ave, Johnson City, TN. The cemetery has recently been cleared of brush and some trash. Known Burials:

Hoss, Franklin, 1818 - 1863 Same stone as wife, Nancy Range Hoss

Hoss, Nancy Range, 1825 -1906 Same stone as Franklin Hoss, "His wife"

Hoss, George, May 22, 1860 - October 23, 1890 Stone is broken and lying on the ground' Aged 30 Yrs. 5 Mos.

Hoss, Abraham, No date - April 15, 1862' Aged 80 years

Hoss, -Franc (Frances) No date - Nov. 29, 1849' "Consort of Abraham Hoss"  
Aged 64 Years. Stone is broken

This cemetery is on land once belonging to **Jacob Hoss, Revolutionary War veteran** and one of the area's earliest settlers.

Nancy Range Hoss married 2nd to Daniel W. Crumley, 6 Aug 1871 as his 2nd wife.

Abraham Hoss is the son of Jacob & Elizabeth Hoss.

Franklin Hoss was the son of Abraham & Frances Hoss.

WCCL: There are ten graves, five marked and five unmarked. The stone of Jacob Hoss is presumed to be the one that is unreadable. There is no date on it, but the old brick house of Abraham Hoss, near the cemetery is dated 1822. Frances, consort of Abraham Hoss, died Nov. 29, 1849. A Hoss descendant said that Jacob Hoss and wife, Elizabeth Boon are buried in unmarked graves. [Mary Hardin McCown]

The Roger Dillow family has adopted this cemetery for care and maintenance.

## **HOSS (JOHN) CEMETERY**

According to the late Johnson City Historian **Mary Hardin McCown**:  
The John Hoss cemetery which was located in the 1400 block of Fairview Avenue, Johnson City, TN has completely disappeared.

John Hoss and his wife, as well as their daughter Mary Ann, who married Henry Johnson, founder of Johnson City, were originally buried there. Mary Ann and Henry Johnson were moved to Oak Hill Cemetery in 1910. John Hoss's wife was Sarah Adams Williams, daughter of Edmund Williams and wife Lucretia Adams.