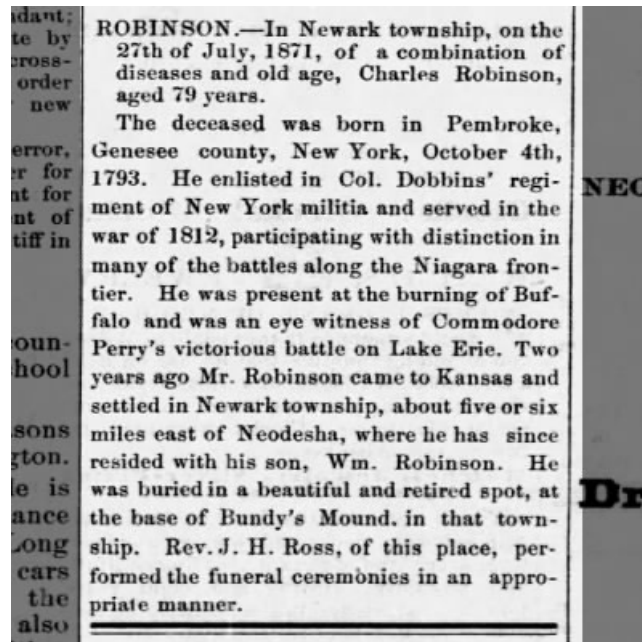


Charles Robinson Burial - Location Theory

Bundy's Mound, Newark Township, Wilson County, Kansas

Based on the 1871 obituary of Charles Robinson (the author's 4th grandfather), we know that he was buried at the base of Bundy's Mound, in Newark Township, Wilson County; east of Neodesha. Where, exactly, was Bundy's Hill / Mound?



The following is from email communication with the Wilson County Historical Society, 2021:

Just a note to let you know I have continued the search for "Bundy" Mound. I have had no luck at all. I've contacted "old timers" from the area and even called my "go to" person in Woodson County. My son has a business in Fredonia and has tried to help in the search. We, like you, have search old maps and local land owners and have come up with nothing.

I might add, the information you received from us was in our "Abandoned" Cemetery File. It reads,

- Newark Twp. Star Dist 16 (B. F. Tuttle Civil War)
- Arthur Farm, E. Neodesha, Kenoly place Sec 24 plowed?
- Robinson (Bundy Hill) J G Reese farm

This reference seems to indicate the locations of three abandoned cemeteries. The last reference includes the name Robinson and Bundy Hill / Mound - on the J G Reese farm. Certainly, this is where Charles Robinson was buried.

Solon Seymour Bundy lived in Newark Township in 1860-1870's. In the 1870 census he and his wife are listed as close neighbours of William Robinson and his father, Charles Robinson. By

1880, however, the Bundy family had left Kansas and resided in New York State. He died in 1901 in Kansas City, MO. He was born in Illinois. His wife was born in New York State.

S S Bundy

in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Detail

Source

Name: S S Bundy

Age in 1870: 24

Birth Date: abt 1846

Birthplace: Illinois

Dwelling Number: 166

Home in 1870: Neodesha, Wilson, Kansas

Race: White

Gender: Male

Post Office: Verdi

Occupation: Farmer

Male Citizen Over 21: Yes

Inferred Spouse: N Bundy

Household Members (Name)

Age

S S Bundy

24

N Bundy

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S. S. Bundy

in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Detail

Source

Name: S. S. Bundy

Age: 33

Birth Date: Abt 1847

Birthplace: Illinois

Home in 1880: Clayton, Jefferson, New York, USA

Street: John Street

Dwelling Number: 67

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Self (Head)

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Nellie Bundy

Father's Birthplace: New Hampshire

Mother's Birthplace: Vermont

Occupation: Clerk In Store

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members (Name)

Age

Relationship

S. S. Bundy

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Self (Head)

Nellie Bundy

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Wife

Beula Bundy

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Daughter

Earl Bundy

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Son

Carmon Bundy

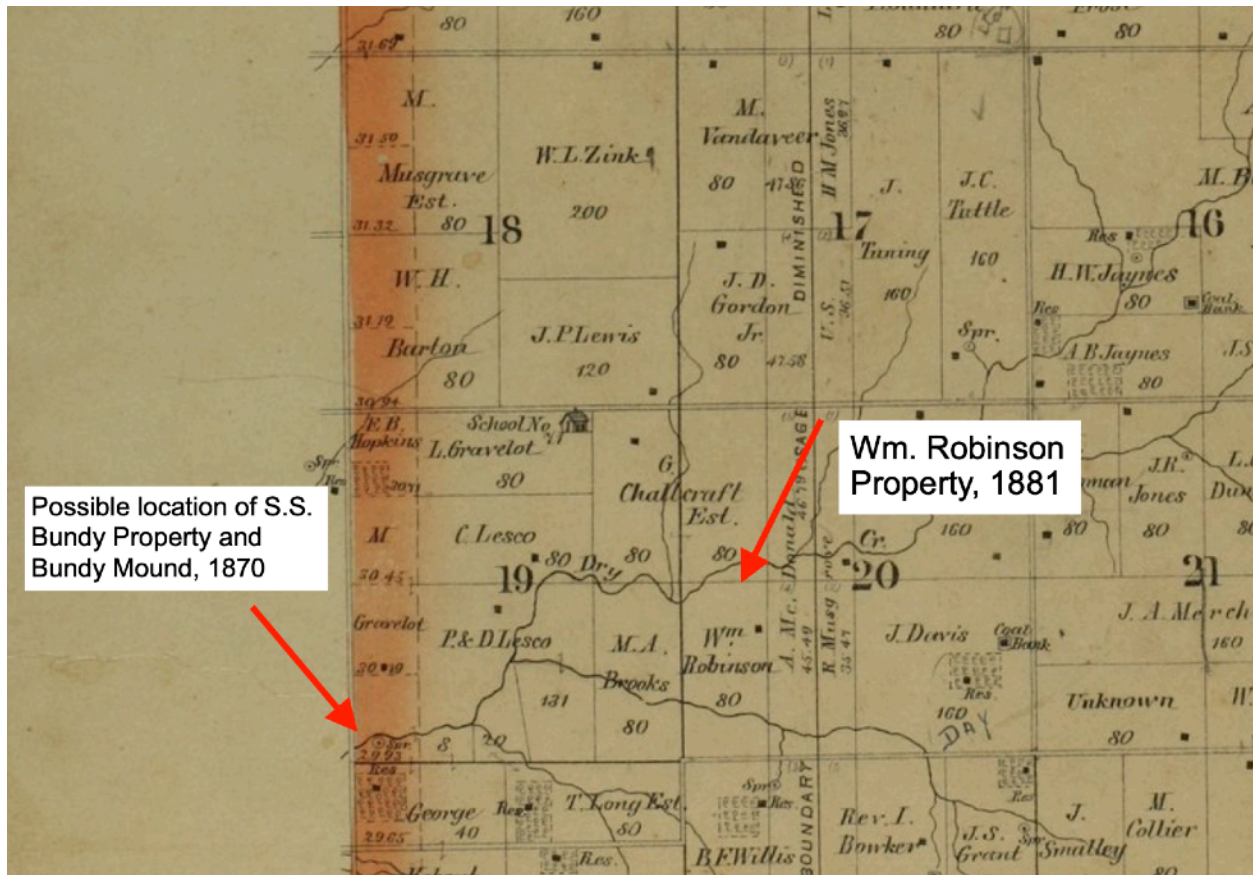
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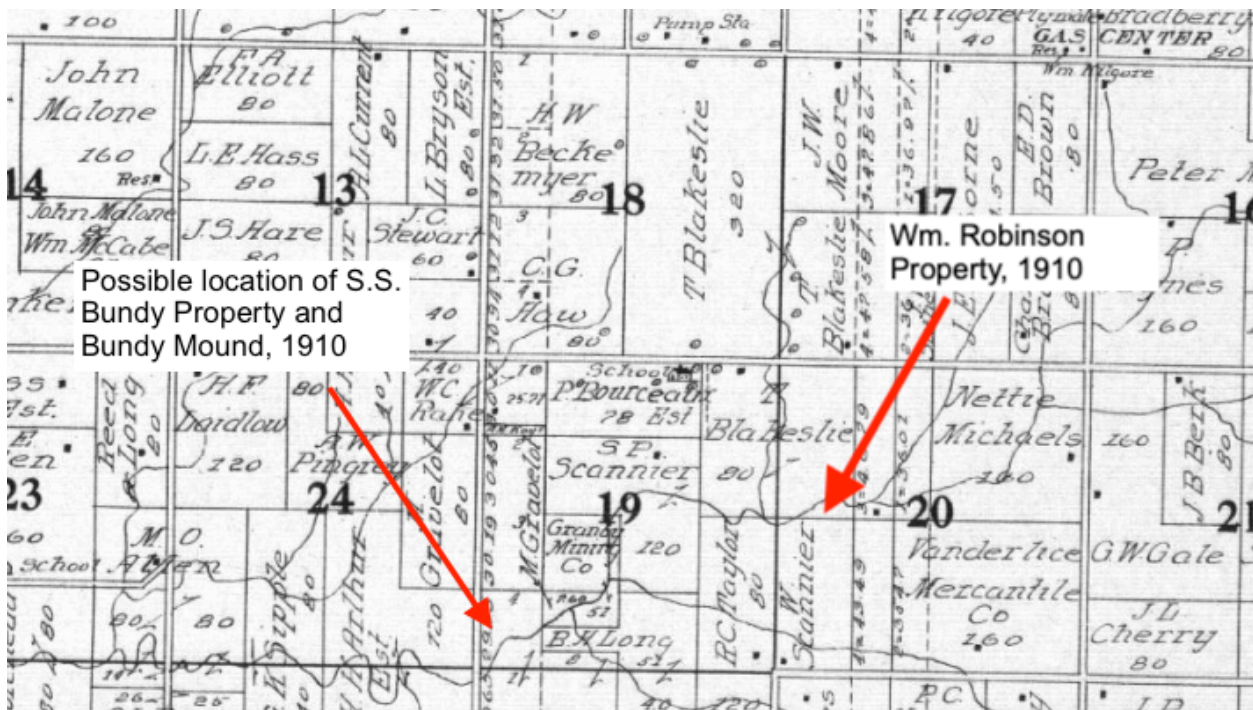
J.G. Reese cannot be located with any certainty. Checking various sources, there were Reese's living in Wilson county between about 1860 and 1900. But, a specific farm could not be located on either the **1881** Wilson County Historic Atlas or the **1910** Wilson County Historic Atlas - the only property ownership sources currently available.

It would certainly be possible that Bundy's Hill / Mound was on the property of S.S. Bundy and named as such. And, that SS Bundy sold his property to JG Reese before 1880. But, where was the Bundy property? Like JG Reese, no Bundy owned property was located on either the **1881** Wilson County Historic Atlas or the **1910** Wilson County Historic Atlas. So, we are left to speculate.

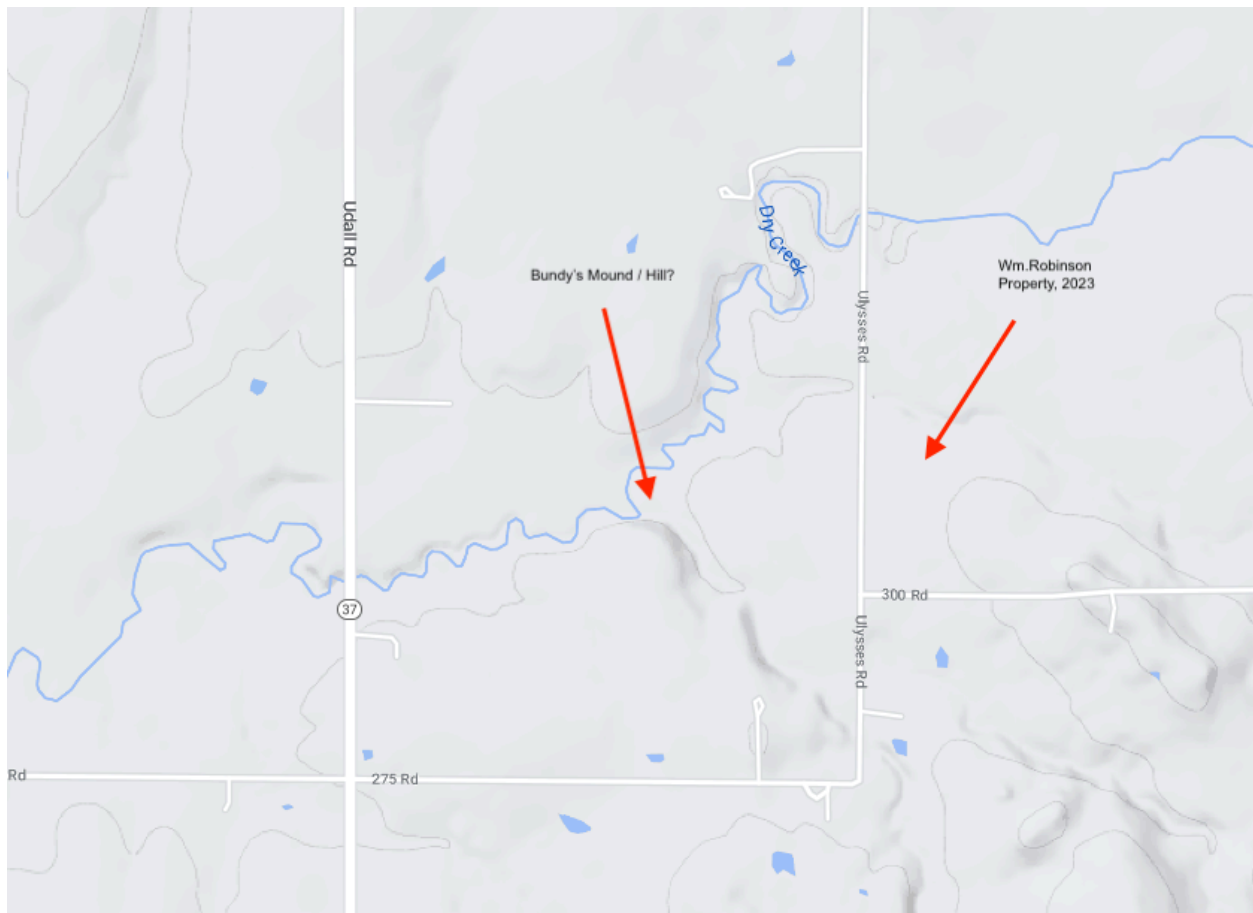
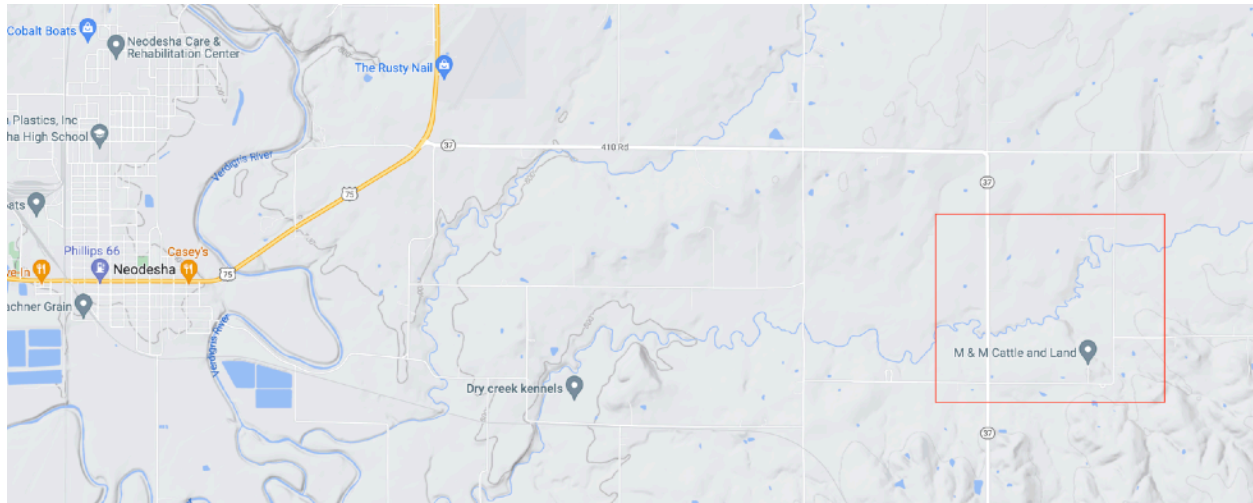
I searched a current topographic map of the area where the Robinson farm was located to find any nearby hill-like protuberances and found one candidate. The Robinson farm was in the SW corner of Section 20. The candidate hill (Bundy Mound?) was in the SW corner of Section 19, one section west of the Robinson farm. This is a hill on the south side of Dry Creek (identified in 1881 as containing a spring). The property at that time was owned by the Gravelot family.



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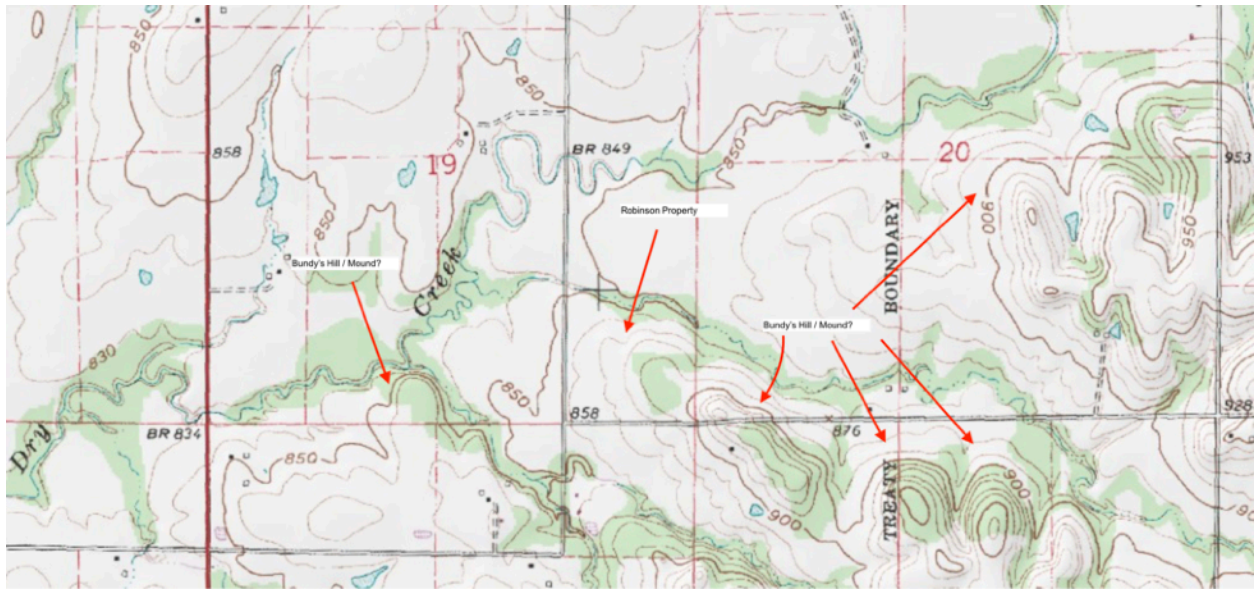
Sections 19 and 20, Newark Township 30 South, Range 17 East - 1910



Sections 19 and 20, Newark Township 30 South, Range 17 East - 2023

Take note on this current map that there is a short hill that overlooks Dry Creek. This may have been an ideal location for a grave. Since the Bundy's may have known the Robinson's from New York, they may have offered this location for Charles Robinson's burial. It's doubtful that William Robinson would have taken his father's body far from the family farm in 1871.

Sections 19 and 20, Newark Township 30 South, Range 17 East
Other Location Options; Topo Sheet and Satellite Overview



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