



Pioneer Cemetery

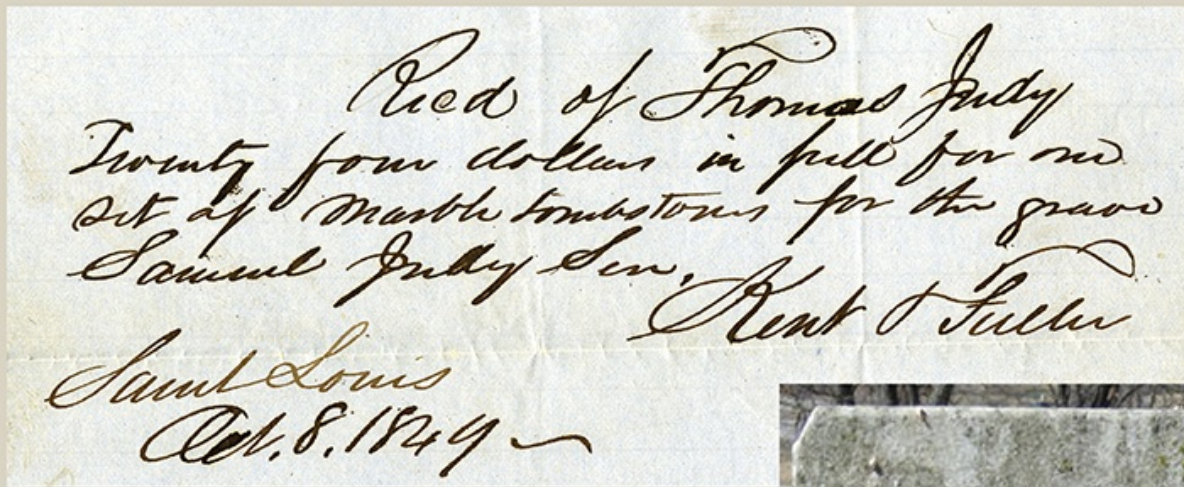
Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day and began after the Civil War as a time to decorate the graves of those who died in service. Today, the last Monday in May is still set aside to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. It is also customary for many families to visit the graves of loved ones during the Memorial Day weekend, whether they served in the military or not.



Of the many cemeteries in Madison County, the Nix Cemetery (aka Judy or Pioneer Cemetery) is one of the oldest. Samuel Judy is one of the many notable early citizens buried there. He is generally considered the first permanent settler (1801) and he built the first brick house in Madison County (1808). He was active in the early settlement of Illinois, serving during the War of 1812 and representing Madison County at one of the first legislatures convened after the formation of the Illinois Territory.

When he passed away in 1838, he left a widow (his second wife Sarah/Sally Judy) and thirteen children. His tombstone is one of many still standing in the Nix Cemetery as monuments to those who labored to settle the area.

Bill of Sale for Samuel Judy Tombstone



Rec'd of Thomas Judy
Twenty four dollars in full for one set
of marble tombstones for the grave of
Samuel Judy, Sen.

Kent Fuller

Saint Louis
Oct. 8, 1849

Thomas Judy, son and executor of Samuel Judy's estate, purchased his father's stone and a stone for two of his young sisters. Both Neomy and Martha died during the cholera epidemic.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Who can volunteer?

- Anyone 18 years and older
- Good communication skills
- Enjoys interacting with a diverse audience

What does volunteering require?

- Complete an application and a Village of Glen Carbon background check

Why volunteer?

- Gain knowledge and skills about museums by working with other volunteers and staff
- Experience the past through our exhibits and continuously growing collections
- Learn about researching and the people in the Glen Carbon community



Share your passion for local history

Do you have a passion for learning local history and sharing that knowledge? Join our museum and meet new people who visit and volunteer at our historic site and log cabin.

As a volunteer for the Yanda Log Cabin and Glen Carbon Heritage Museum you will engage with the history of Glen Carbon and get to work with our collections— over 4000 objects!

APPLY NOW

For more information and to apply please contact:
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Show your Village pride with a Glen Carbon shirt!

Call 618-288-7271 or stop by the museum to purchase a Glen Carbon t-shirt or history book for \$10.

**Please Note New Museum Hours:
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9AM-3PM.**