

LINCOLN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA EGNOR CEMETERIES

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The various information and claims regarding Egnor cemeteries and interments: Notes and some clarification/disambiguation as possible.

There are at least three Egnor cemeteries listed as being in Griffithsville, Lincoln County, West Virginia (or previously in Virginia). Searching by map...these locations may not be as given. Asking local people is advised.

1. Closest to the main area of Griffithsville is **on Sand Fork**, up the hill from Sand Fork Church on Sand Fork Rd. (44/1). From Griffithsville along Straight Fork (Route 3) at Garretts Bend Rd., take Route 3 west to Sugartree Rd. (Route 40). Turn left and go south on Sugartree Rd. to Sand Fork Rd. (Route 44/1). Turn right and to east to drive leading to Sand Fork Church. Cemetery is said to be up the hill from there.
 - a. Although some sources cite the next cemetery as being the Wash Egnor Cemetery (alternate name) where John Washington Egnor, Sr. is buried, some sources say this cemetery on Sand Fork is his cemetery. William "Willie" Horton and his half-sister, Eva Belle Plumley "may" be buried here.
 - b. GPS Coordinates: **38.207780,-81.993610**

2. The second cemetery location is **on Maul Fork**, a few miles southeast on Sugartree Rd. (Route 40) beyond the Sand Fork Rd. turn-off...along Maul Fork Rd. (Route 40/2), a right turn off of Sugartree Rd.). There is a large house on the right, apparently across the branch or creek. The cemetery is up the hill (perhaps over the hill) to the west from there (unclear how to access the cemetery).
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 - b. GPS Coordinates: **38.190560,-81.970830**

3. The third cemetery location is **on Left Fork**. Continuing on Maul Fork Rd. (Route 40/2), it merges with Lucky Lane (Route 58, a right turn). Route 40/2 goes southwest from there, then turns south and becomes Owl Creek. Take

Owl Creek unless Route 58 looks like a better road. (*Maul Fork Rd. turns left off of Owl Creek and Route 58 turns south from there as Sycamore Rd., then remerges with 40/2 farther south.*) After the remerge with Route 58, the road goes west and merges with Flat Creek Rd. as it goes through Owl Creek and Wolpen Branch areas, going southwest. (*Sycamore Rd. continues along the same route, sometimes as a side road parallel to Flat Creek Rd.*). Route 58 continues through Flat Creek area and goes west along Sycamore Fork. At Left Fork Rd. (Route 58/3), turn left and go south to the Left Fork cemetery location (visible in aerial view from online maps), approximately 180-202 Left Fork. This location is along the Left Fork Mud River. There is a road that goes off to the left (east) of Left Fork Rd. (as you're heading south), leading to the cemetery. The cemetery may not be visible from the main road due to trees, etc.

- a. This cemetery has been referred to as the Old Egnor Cemetery.
- b. Expected interments:
 - i. Samuel Alexander Egnor
 - ii. Martha Jane Whitten Egnor
 1. The "Whitten Church" is just east of this location on Left Fork Rd. (58) near Elkins Branch Rd. (44/2)
- c. GPS Coordinates: **[38.141630,-81.992786](#)**