

Dickinson Box Tomb Descriptions

Willoughby Williams, *Clayton's History*, published 1880, page 150 (As told to the editor of *Cincinnati Commercial* 1880) "I was here yesterday and found the tomb which is made of stone used at that day for such purposes. The tomb is made of side and end stone about three feet high and a large stone slab on the top. There is no inscription on it. It stands as square and perfect as when placed there..."

Nashville Banner, November 8, 1883

"Yesterday during a ramble in the country near the city, a *Banner* reporter came up the tomb of Charles Dickinson... There is no inscription whatever on the tomb...The thin slabs of stone with which the grave is surrounded are beginning to show decay. They have weathered the storms of nearly eighty years..."

Nashville Banner, April 10, 1909

"In the corner of the door-yard, under some old trees, stands the white tomb. There is not a name, not a line, nor a date, nor a figure of any kind upon it... The side and end stones are about three feet high, and a large white slab across the top. It stands as solidly and as squarely as when first erected except for the slight swaying caused by the washing and settling of the soil..."

[See photograph of Box Tomb in this article]

Tennessean, February 9, 1926

"... For many years the grave, which was otherwise unmarked, was enclosed by an old-fashioned boxed tomb, 6 feet long, 3 feet wide and 4 feet high. Vandals recently made away with the stone, leaving only a slab lying over the grave. A small reward was at first offered but the reward was raised to \$500..."

[Report by John Trotwood Moore, State Archivist, about the theft of the stone from Dickinson's tomb]