Ann Melton, After half an hours search we found the grave 75 yds from this place, The earth had been carried away & the sod replaced it escaped our observation until my companions horse snorted & gave signs of smelling something we then searched narrowly about the spot & by probing the ground discovered the grave After taking out the earth I saw the prints of what appeared to have been a mattock in the hard side of the grave, The flesh was off the face - the body had on a checked cotton dress - a dark colored cloak or cape, There was a bundle of clothes laid on the head there was also a small breast pin I noticed In a former search we made about the Bates place, we found a rope around a dogwood tree 75 yards from the road in the bushes We also saw another place where were signs of a horse having been hitched - this was some 200 yards from the dogwood The horse had dunged twice, About 15 steps off from this latter place we found a discolored spot of ground - the earth smell offensive. Some broken bushes were lying on the ground near - they had been disturbed when I saw them

The grave was not far from the path