

Chapel Hill Cemetery

Chapel Hill Cemetery is located in section 31 of Polk Township, Monroe County, Indiana (T7N R1E). Latitude: 38.99328, Longitude: -86.44783. It is located next to the Chapel Hill Meeting House 9991 S Chapel Hill RD Heltonville, IN 47436-9602.

The Church and Cemetery files at the Monroe County History Center's Research Library includes a nice history written by Rebecca Eads about the history of the Chapel Hill Calvary Mission Church. This history dates the beginning of the community at 1856 when David Miller and John Smith purchased land in the area. John's wife Elizabeth (Betsy) Miller Cracraft took over the store and post office when John went to the Civil War. She provided the land for the Cemetery. The original log house church was Methodist and seems to have been located north of the present church at the Y where Chapel Hill, Bartlettville and Guthrie Roads meet. The second church was built around 1907 on land given by Silas and Sarah Adams and was also Methodist until the 1960s when it changed to Pentecost. For a time in 1923-24 the church housed the local school because the "Old Red School" burnt. A third church was formed and located next to the cemetery. Within the past 5 years another church, Blackwell Pentecostal Church, at the corner of Chapel Hill Road and State Road 446 was built but should not be confused with the ones further off Chapel Hill Road where the Cemetery is. According to county records, this cemetery is owned by the Pentecostal Assembly of Chapel Hill, Trustees.

The earliest grave at Chapel Hill Cemetery appears to be 1843, although there are some field stones where earlier graves may have been marked. There are more than fifteen graves of veterans including a memorial in honor of American Veterans. Civil War veterans include Henry W. Adams, William M. Adams, Silas A. Adams, Jackson Clendening, Jackson Cracraft, John T. Cracraft, Martin

Deckard, Andrew J. Kinser, Henry V. Nikirk, Jno. Smith, Charles F. Wilson, and Robert G. Wilson plus one unknown soldier.



George W. Adams fought in the Spanish American War. Everett Deckard is listed from WWI. We have not yet prepared a list of veterans from later wars.

Names mentioned thus far in this description are indicative of the families living in the Chapel Hill community and buried in the cemetery. Others that should be mentioned include: Eads, Hawkins, Martin, Miller, Mize, Morron, Prince, Sipes, Southern, and Sowders.

