

Cole/County Farm Cemetery Van Buren Twp, Monroe County, Indiana



Cole/County Farm Cemetery - View of Seward Iron Fences and Grave Stones from the Road



Nannie Cole
Died Jan 17 1874 Aged 15 Yrs 10 Ms
Dau of M H & S Cole

The cemetery known as Cole or County Farm is located at 5700 W. Airport Road, Bloomington Indiana, at the county fairgrounds.
(Coordinates: 86 36 10.5 39 08 13.0).

The Cole Family resided in VanBuren Township and shows up in various Census records (1850, 1860, 1870, 1880).

It is reputed that residents of the County Farm were interred at this cemetery but no authoritative source has been found for this and no stones are present to verify it. For more information about the County Farm, see 389-391 of *Blanchard's*

Counties of Morgan, Monroe, and Brown Indiana: Historical and Biographical. 1884.

The Cemetery is fenced with what we believe to be the largest remaining Seward fence, see Seward Foundry (<http://cwcfamily.org/sewardfo.htm>) . The Monroe County History Center is sponsoring a Workshop on October 14/15th to begin restoration of the fence and the cemetery with keynote speaker, Jason Church from the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and John Walters, Graveyard Groomer.

Cemeteries of Monroe County (Rice/Foster, 1998) lists the following burials in Cole/County Farm.

Celia J. Brinkhoff -- born: 11/04/1822; died 09/27/1901

John H. Brinkhoff – born 11/03/1813; died 04/23/1904

Barton W. Cole -- “Uncle”; died 06/16/1878 Aged 69 years, 2 months, and 2 days

Calfee Cole – no dates

Celia C. Cole – died 10/09/1855 Aged 64 years and 7 months

Jehu Cole – “Grandfa”; died 02/20/1851 Aged 69 years and 2 months

Jehu M. – “Uncle” ; died 07/16/1885 Aged 61 years and 7 months

John H. Cole – born 09/14/1860; died 10/18/1891 T.O.T.E.

Moses H. Cole – “Father” died 05/18/1886 Aged 57 years

Nannie R. Cole – “Sister” died 01/17/1874 Aged 15 years

Olive Cole – “Aunt” died 01/11/1835 Aged 24 years; Wife of Reuben Cole

For more information about the Harmony or other cemeteries, consult the Cemetery Files at the Genealogy Library at the Monroe County History Center or contact the Cemetery Committee at genealogy@monroehistory.org.