

WHITEHALL CEMETERY

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The Whitehall Cemetery is located at the intersection of Highway 43 and Highway 48 in Section 31 of Richland Township. I spoke with Pam McGlothlin, the caretaker of the cemetery. Her father, Forest Johnson was long time caretaker of the cemetery before his death. He is buried in the cemetery. Pam told a story of the cedar tree that sits in the middle of the cemetery and how her father would sit her under the tree while he took care of the cemetery. Before he died Pam told him she would not let his work go in vain and would continue taking care of the cemetery after his death.

Pam's Grandmother told a story of how the African-American Revolutionary soldier's body was brought to the Whitehall Cemetery by horse drawn carriage and buried there. The Daughters of the American Revolution installed a stone marking his grave.



According to James D. VanDerMark on the Monroe County Cemetery indianagenweb website (<http://www.indianagenweb.com/inmonroe/Cemeteries/WhitehallCemeteryRichlandTownship.htm>), the soldier's name is David Clements, born 1755 and died 1840. There are also five Civil War veterans buried in Whitehall Cemetery according to VanDerMark. (Daniel Gray Brown, Captain James H. Brown, Unnamed Christy, William B. "Bee" Christy, James H. Freeman, Samuel A. Harrah). [Note: The Monroe County History Center's list of Veterans' Registration also includes: John C. Brown, Samuel Harrah, William F. Neill, Andrew K. Neill, and Daniel Gray.]

The left half of the cemetery is very old with stones marking graves from the 1800's. There are several in the back of the cemetery that are broken and need reset. The right half of the cemetery has a few older stones with several Brown family members as well as Harrah, Johnson, Livingston, and Neill.

