

Kelly-Ellis Cemetery

Perry Township, Monroe County, Indiana



Coordinates: 86 28 16.2 39 09 42.2

(Also known as the Smith-Kelly-Ellis Cemetery)

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The Kelly-Ellis-Smith Cemetery is being viewed as a model for how historic cemeteries should be handled during a residential development planning process. The landowners are developing the property which might be viewed as threatening to the cemetery, but instead they have worked with a landscape architect (Smith Newbecker & Associate, Inc., the Perry Township Trustee, the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology, the Monroe County Planning Commission, and the Monroe County History Center's Cemetery Committee to put the cemetery as a major factor in the development.

The Cemetery now has a new fence enclosing the fourteen known graves. Names included: Ellis (Estella, James H. Richard, Sarah Payne, Susannah Payne), Johnson (Charles W., John G, Martha J.) and Kelly (Alex, Lawrence, R. E., Sgt G.

W.). Alex Kelley, R. E. Kelly, and Sgt. G.W. Kelly all served in the Indiana Infantry.

All the stones will need to be cleaned and stabilized but only three need major repairs. The Perry Township Trustee will be working on funding this needed work as well as future maintenance of the cemetery. To assist with this restoration, contact the Perry Township Trustee or the MCHC Cemetery Committee at genealogy@monroecounty.org

Read more about it:

The Cemetery files at the Genealogy Library, Monroe County History Center include various contributions by MCHC members but also copies of the Development Plan by Smith Neubecker & Associate, Inc, the Planning Commission meeting notes, and the Archaeologist report.