

Richardson 2/Brummetts Creek/Romans cemetery

Richardson 2 Cemetery is located in a wooded area of section 34 in southern Benton Township. The cemetery is about 50 yards west of Fleener Road on a hillside on the west side of the valley of Brummetts Creek. Although many of the stones are in need of restoration, the cemetery is neatly mowed and well maintained. Large portions of the cemetery do not have stones. Were they removed or was this area never used for burials?

The earliest death dates shown in "County Cemeteries of Monroe County" is 1852. The cemetery also contains a recent stone with a death year of 2007. The 1998 register of Monroe County Cemeteries lists 105 burials. With the exception on one crudely- carved sandstone marker, the older stones are limestone. Some of the more recent stones are carved in granite and marble. An interesting feature is an elaborately decorated low iron fence around a portion of the cemetery enclosing the graves of William T and Susan J. Stephens.

The cemetery includes 12 Richardson burials but only two Romans. By far the most common name is Stephens (26) followed by Stevens (13). The two spellings (Stephens and Stevens) likely refer to members of the same family.

Several names of people buried in the cemetery are the same as nearby geographic features (e.g. Stephens Creek, Brummetts Creek, Hash Road, Spriggs Road, and Lampkins Ridge Road).

Eleven veterans are buried in the cemetery including those who served in the War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, WWI, and Viet Nam.

The nicely carved stone at the grave of Nathan Mobley contains an interesting poem:

Remember friends,

As you pass by,

As you are now

Once was I.

As I am now so must

You be.

Prepare for death

And follow me.

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