

Stines Cemetery Stinesville, Indiana

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When Lou Malcomb mentioned Pam Cook, Bean Blossom Township Trustee had contacted her about the Stines Cemetery South of Stinesville, I wanted to see it as I did not know it existed. The cemetery is located on Lincoln Park Stone Company property and you must have permission to be on the property. After obtaining permission my husband Mike (who is a Stines descendent) and I set out to find the cemetery.

The Stines Cemetery is located in Section 20 of Bean Blossom, just east of the Stinesville Road and north of the Lincoln Park Stone Company. We found an opening in the forest and happened upon a deer trail which led us back to the cemetery. The area is densely wooded and a neighbor told us to walk toward a specific telephone pole which was in front of the cemetery. About ¼ mile into the woods, we found a gate and fenced in area. Daylilies were growing in abundance within the gated area and we saw a few stones sticking up from the ground. Huge trees have overtaken much of the cemetery and there are several downed trees in the cemetery. The front part of the cemetery was sunny but deep in the back it was shrouded in darkness.

Most of the stones had either fallen over or been knocked down over the years. We are of the opinion that many of the stones are completely buried. The lettering was very hard to read on the stones we did find. Peter Stine died in 1858 and George W. Throneburgh died in 1855 were two of the stones that could be read clearly. According to the Stines Cemetery website there is a civil war veteran William A. Stine buried in the cemetery. I did not find William's stone. This cemetery is an 1800's cemetery and unless it is restored, it will disappear into the dirt.