

Ashbaugh Cemetery

Bean Blossom Township

Monroe County, Indiana



Ashbaugh Cemetery is located on a beautiful knoll just north of the Stinesville Elementary School (7951 W Main St, Stinesville, IN 47464). John Ashbaugh owned the property just east of Stinesville as can be seen from the 1856 New Gazetteer Map of Monroe County. John L. Ashbaugh was born February 2, 1805 in Kentucky to Joseph and Mary (Huffstadden) Ashbaugh. He married Nancy Hays and they had three children: Louisa J. (who married James Samuel Williams), Joseph Aquila, and Cassandra (who married John W. Smith).



According to *County Cemeteries of Monroe County* (1998) the Ashbaugh Cemetery includes ten burials. John L. Ashbaugh, Jos. Aquila Ashbaugh, Nancy Ashbaugh, William Ashbaugh, Martha Pugh, Casandra C. Smith, W. Smith, Hazie Welch, James S. Williams and Louisa J. Williams. So it is truly a “family” cemetery. Martha (Kirk) Pugh was the wife of George W. Pugh. Hazie Welch was a child (b. 2/14/1881 d. 1/30/1882), the son of W & O.C. Welch



Both daughters: Casandra and Louisa are buried in this cemetery. Note the small tombstone for Infant Smith which was not included in the list of *Burials from County Cemeteries of Monroe County*.



Joseph Aquila enlisted in Company G, Indiana 38th Infantry Regiment on 18 Sep 1861. As the monument states he sacrificed his life January 12 1862 “a soldier in his country’s service for the constitution as it is the government.” The monument illustrates the dedication to the country but also the family’s love for this son. Standing over 6 feet tall, the monument presents icons on all four sides:

