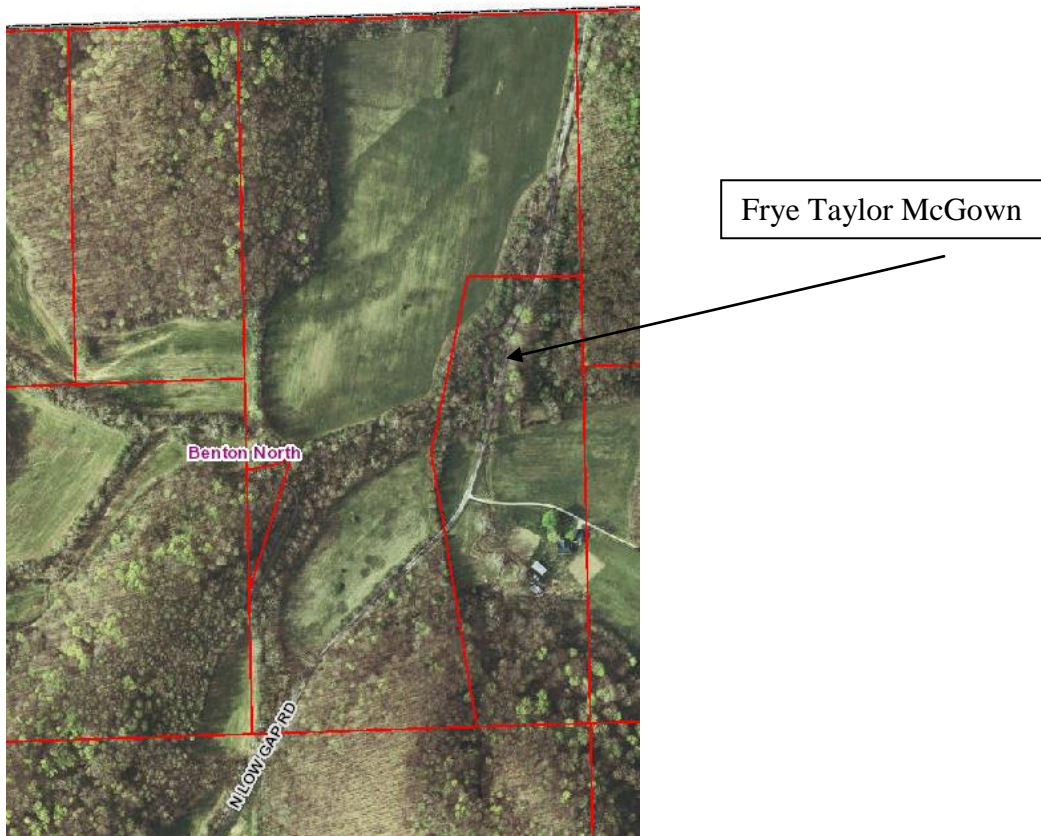


Frye Taylor McGown Cemetery

Cemetery of the Month January 2013

Take a drive to the northeastern corner of Monroe County in Benton Township and you will discover the Frye Taylor McGown Cemetery on N. Low Gap Road.



Section 2 of Benton Township 39°20'08"N 86°23'30"W

Indiana Genealogical Society's Guide to Cemeteries provides the following directions:

“The public cemetery is in the very northeast corner of the county, on the east side of Low Gap Rd., south of the bridge. From SR37, go east on Chambers Rd., north on Old SR37 to Hindustan, east on Farr Rd./Jack Weddle Rd., east on Anderson Rd., and north on Low Gap Rd.”

There are 54 burials listed in *County Cemeteries of Monroe* (Rice/ Foster/ Deckard/ Livingston. 1998) with family names: Adams, Adkins, Baker, Borel, Bowman, Ferguson, Fry, Frye, Galyan, Gladden, Kent, Lane, Martin,

McDaniel, McGown, Paxton, Pollard, Poppina, Runnels, Shireman, Stout, Taylor, Thacker, Unversaw, and Wetherby.



Autumn View 2011 of Frye Taylor McGown Cemetery.

John C. Wetherby's grave immediately grabs your attention as you enter the graveyard, because it is a military marker but also because of the large limestone grave cover. Wetherby was born in July 1880 and died November 29, 1899.



The Register of Enlistments (Ancestry Library Edition Ancestry.com. U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.) indicates he had blue eyes, fair complexion, stood 5'6 1/2" and was a farmer. According to the military record he enlisted at 18 years 3 months of age on October 28 in Indianapolis from Morgan County and died November 29, 1898 (not 1899 as the tombstone indicates) in the Incus Hospital in the Philippine Islands.

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NO.	NAME	ENLISTED			WHERE BORN			AGE	OCCUPATION	DESCRIPTION			
		When	Where	By Whom	Place	Town or County	State			Ht.	Hair	Complexion	Build
✓ 1101	Wetherby, John C.	Oct. 28	Indianapolis, Ind.	Self	Morgan Co.	Ind.	18	farmer	5' 6 1/2"	blue	fair	mdly	5' 9"
✓ 1102	Wray, Oliver E.	28	Indianapolis, Ind.	Self	Indian Co.	Ind.	18						

Other veterans include: James M. Adkins, John R. Adkins, Raneous Baker, Mattie Borel, George M. Frye, Sherman Galyan, Green Berry Lane, Joshua Pollard, Geo. W. Runnels, Jacob Thacker, John T. Thacker, Lewis Thacker, and Susanna Unversaw. [note: I did not check military records, this is the indication in *County Cemeteries of Monroe*]

The earliest burial appears to be Jane T. McGown, wife of E. T. McGown, in 1844.



James Adkins stone.

Read more about it: For more information about the Frye Taylor McGown Cemetery visit the MCHC Research Library where we retain files for various Monroe County Cemeteries. MCHC Research Library also has a subscription to Ancestry Library Edition so you could research various individuals similar to what is done here for John C. Wetherby.