

Hindustan Cemetery, Washington Township

The Hindustan church was formally established in 1852 as the Separate Baptist Church and the town of Hindustan was laid out in June 1853, but the oldest known grave in the Hindustan cemetery belongs to Hugh Carr and dates to back to 1830.

Hugh Corr purchased the land where the church and cemetery sit in the 1820's, settling in the area with his family. Following his death in 1830, his son Charles became the head of the household, eventually establishing the town of Hindustan. In the beginning, the cemetery was supported by contributions from local families, and over time adjacent landowners donated small portions of land.

In the beginning of the twentieth century, the original church building burnt down. As it was the center of the community, the town quickly rebuilt the church, christening their new building as the Hindustan Christian Church. Today visitors can find a detailed burial chart for the cemetery on the north interior wall of the church. Lifelong Hindustan resident Carrie Martin is credited with starting the chart.

In the third row on the east side of the church between the graves of William Whitsell & wife and James F. Neal & wife, a visitor can find Samuel and Abigail Neal's gravestones. These gravestones, but not the graves, were moved to the Hindustan cemetery for safe keeping. The date of the move is not known. Mr. Neal lived from 1780 to 1847 and his wife Abigail lived from 1795 to 1853. They were originally buried on what is known locally as the Old Neal Farm.

The cemetery is well cared for and is currently in use. Of no surprise, the founding Corr family is heavily represented. Veterans from the Civil War, the War of 1812, the Spanish-American War, and World War I are buried in the cemetery.