March Cemetery of the Month:
Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Washington Township, Monroe County, Indiana

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Mount Pleasant Cemetery is located in the northern part of Monroe County near the intersection of Burma and N. Mt Pleasant roads on the divide between Washington and Bean Blossom Townships. The cemetery contains approximately 350 interments dating from 1850 to present. The earliest burial I could find was a stone for Josiah Vandeventer (1786 – May 18, 1850).

The cemetery is part of the Mount Pleasant Christian Church, which was established in 1849 on land that was deeded to the elders of the church in 1850 from Mr. Abraham (Abram) Lemon and his wife, Nancy Jane Lemon. Abram Lemon was born in Kentucky on April 25, 1812 and died December 11, 1869. He married and raised a large family in Monroe County, Indiana where some descendants still reside.

Standing upright and firm, there is a large, impressive podium stone for Cornelious "Neal" Tungate. The stonework is detailed to show an open book atop a cloth with tassels. The only detail missed was mention of this man's service in the Civil War. Neal was drafted and served as a Private in the 32nd Regiment of the Indiana Infantry.

Another notable piece of artistic talent is an extremely realistic double tree-stump stone with whimsical, floral arrangements carved to perfection. Each stump stands approximately five feet in height and marks the resting place for Nancy J. King (1841-1917) and Martin M. King (1832-1911).

Mount Pleasant Cemetery serves as another prime example of the rich history that is preserved and revered in Monroe County. A drive through the Monroe-Morgan State Forest has its rewards as you make your way to visit this treasure in the northern reaches of our County.