

Payne Cemetery

The Payne Cemetery was established in the 1800s at 4799 N. Old State Road 37 in Bloomington, Indiana. The cemetery is owned and maintained by the New Prospect Baptist Church in Dolan. Doug Anderson is the caretaker and his phone number is 812-332-2456.

The Payne family donated the ground where the cemetery is located. The brick house that sits in front of the North side of the cemetery used to be a school. The south side of the cemetery is the oldest dating from the 1800s and the north side of the cemetery was acquired in the 1940s. The south side is sold out and the only people being buried there currently have plots.

The most significant marker in the cemetery is Weaver F. Hillerman born March 29, 1882 and died April 21, 1912. His headstone is large tree trunk with the Woodmen of the World Memorial emblem. There are some simple headstones lined in a row with the Mason family names on them. The Payne family is scattered throughout the cemetery.

Many of the stones in the back of the cemetery on the south side are children as noted by the lambs on the stones. There are several stones that are broken and in need of repair. Doug Anderson mentioned that if you see basic large stones with no markings, these are gravesites from the 1800s, but no names were put on the stone.