

Griffith Cemetery

The Griffith Cemetery is located in Section 4 of the Bloomington Township. It is just west of highway 37 on the Griffith Cemetery road. The cemetery is located within the highway right-of-way and so is owned by the State of Indiana, but it is managed by the Bloomington Township Trustee. In most cemeteries you talk in hushed, respectful tones, but because of the proximity to the highway you almost have to shout to be heard in this cemetery. The fence that surrounds this cemetery is in very poor shape and needs to be replaced. There is no room for more burials within the fence, and the cemetery appears to be inactive.



Among the 24 burials in the cemetery, there are several members of the Griffith family buried, along with members of the Cobb, Gray, and Cox families. The earliest burial is from 1847, and the most recent from 1947. The early Griffith burials are memorialized on a single large marble monument in the center of the cemetery, and several footstones. (The marble monument was in poor shape, leaning over to one side, and in danger of falling. The monument was stabilized by John Walters in the spring of 2014.) Three of the Griffith children, Tilman, Loretia and Margaret, ages nine months to nine years are listed on one side of the marble monument; who all three passed away between July and September of 1855.

John Lewis Griffith was born in Shelby County, Kentucky in 1810. He moved with his father, who was also named John, to Indiana in 1817 to Jackson County, and then in 1819 to Monroe County. They built one of the first combined grist and sawmills in Monroe County, on Griffith Creek.