Keller Cemetery
Van Buren Township, Monroe County, Indiana

Coordinates: 39º 05’ 34.2”, 86º 40’ 21.0”

Near Stanford. The cemetery is on private property. Please contact the Cemetery Committee, township trustee, or landowner before exploring. The cemetery contains 51 Known graves with the earliest date identified on a stone being 1817.

The most notable aspect of this cemetery besides is historical beauty is that it is the burial ground for Jesse and Mary Tarkington, the great grandparents of Booth Tarkington, noted Indiana author, and grandparents of Joseph Tarkington, noted Methodist circuit rider preacher during the establishment of Methodism in Indiana. Other names included in the cemetery register are: Catron, Donley, Dudley, Freese,
Gardner, Grabill, Harden, Harmon, Holder, Jeffrey, Keller, Meredith, Moore, Morgan, Reeves, Smith, Travue, Walker, Whaley and Woodward.

Keller Cemetery is located in a woodland setting northwest of Stanford. Almost half of the stones need some repair or stabilization. Corner posts are in excellent condition but the fence needs repair or replacement. The MCHC Cemetery Committee has worked with neighbors, the Van Buren Township Trustee, Rita M. Barrow, the landowner, the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and others to “clean the yard”. It was the site of our workday for 2010 with professional restorers John and Mickey Walters and more than 20 wonderful participants cleaning, resetting, restoring and stabilizing more than 20 tombstones. We need additional funding to complete the restoration. Anyone interested in assisting with this project should contact Lou Malcomb or Robert Dodd, co-chairs of the MCHC Cemetery Committee, in care of genealogy@monroehistory.org

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