

Mt. Ebal Cemetery

Located on Fairfax Road near the entrance to Fairfax Recreation Area, Mt Ebal Cemetery stands across the road from its founder, the former Mt Ebal United Methodist Church built in 1872. The church was purchased by Bloomington Restoration Incorporated and restored several years ago.

The cemetery, still active, is a perpetual record of the lives and values of the charter and subsequent members of the church, as well as their descendants. Although formally established around 1872, the earliest cemetery grave marker records John Floyd's life beginning on March 12 , 1790 and ending on May 20, 1856. Nearby are four other graves recording persons buried from 1860 to 1866.

A walk through the grounds acquaints you with a number of families whose names are familiar in Monroe County, Butcher, Dekard, Meadows, Thrasher, and others (Thrasher and Deckard grave markers were also were recently discovered in a Portland Maine historical cemetery). Perhaps singled out for particular notice is the grave of Daniel Chambers whose marker is engraved, "The Carpenter Who Built Mt Ebal Church."

Mt Ebal Cemetery benefits from good maintenance and restoration of its grave markers. Located near Lake Monroe recreational and golfing opportunities, the cemetery and the former church grounds across from it provide a convenient place to respectfully appreciate their history.

Information for Mt Ebal Cemetery is available from the Clear Creek Township Office, 812-824-7225, 9206 S Old Hwy 37, Bloomington IN, <http://www.clearcreektwp.com>.