



Historic Cemeteries of Colerain Township

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There are about 30 old church and family cemeteries whose care depends on Colerain Township. They have been cared for and 11 (most accessible) now have wooden signs naming them. They are important in preserving early Colerain Township History.

1. DUNLAP STATION CEMETERY, located on East Miami River Road (near Heritage Park), is probably the oldest in the area. It is assumed that the earliest burials took place beginning about 1791 of settlers living in the little Fort who either died there or were killed by Indians. There are no gravestones to prove this; but it is located so close to where the Fort is known to have been; that it seems safe to believe this. The earliest stone is dated 1801.
2. Another very early cemetery is the HUSTON CEMETERY, which was deeded in 18190 to the Presbyterian Church of Colerain Township. So many of the early Hustons are buried here that it became known as their cemetery. A little church building known as the People's Church stood there for many years. The cemetery is located on Kemper Road just was of Pippin Road.
3. On Blue Rock Road near Galbraith is another very early one. It is called OLIVE BRANCH METHODIST CEMETERY being on lands given by Henry Loar, a Revolutionary soldier. The Church was across the road, a log building on Redman's Hill. Here rests many of the early pioneers of this area. It was established in 1830.

4. On a hillside on Compton Road near Pippin Road is the COMPTON CEMETERY. It, too, is very early, the oldest stone being 1807. Here lies Jacob R. Compton, the Revolutionary veteran who brought the family from New Jersey to Colerain Township. He died in his home on Compton Road in 1821. ilies are here with him.

5. On Galbraith Road near Wuest Road is the old WHITE OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH CEMETERY. The old Church building is gone, only the cemetery remains. It was founded in 1848 and many of its early members lie here. There may have been some graves moved when Galbraith Road was widened.

Land was given to White Oak Christian Church for its present location on Blue Rock Road by Martin Barnes. Next to the church building is the resting ground of the Barnes Family. They were numerous in the area having Barnesburg named for this pioneer family who came in 1808.

6. The WEST BRANCH OF THE MILL CREEK VALLEY BAPTIST CEMETERY was established very early on Compton Road in the area where Arlington Memorial Gardens is today. There had been a cemetery there; but all trace of it is lost. In the 1820s the church moved to Springdale Road, east of Pippin Road. The Church building is gone; but a sizeable cemetery remains. Earliest interred is Harbour Hughes.

7. A tiny plot of land on Harrison Pike near the end of East Miami River Road is another family graveyard - FOSTER CEMETERY. Here rests pioneers of the locality. A crude homemade stone, marked only with the initials "I.P.", marks the resting place of Issac Polk, a Revolutionary soldier and early school teacher.

8. At Springdale Road and Gaines Road is the old BETHEL CEMETERY, started by the United Brethren. The early Davis and Corson families are found here.

9. On the west side of Hamilton Pike north of Kemper Road is the little family cemetery of the SCHULINGERS.

10. The VAN SICKLE CEMETERY is on East Miami River Road about a mile and a half from the New Baltimore Bridge.

11. Another family cemetery is WILLSEY CEMETERY located at the corner of Eagle Creek and Welsh Roads.

Other older cemeteries of note:

TRINITY LUTHERN – not far from Bethel Cemetery, on Gaines Road. The Church is located on Springdale Road.

HAMMITT – a family burial grounds on the east side of Althaus Road south of Thompson Road on private land.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL is next to the church on Old Blue Rock Road. Many of the stones here are in German.

CLOUD – a tiny cemetery on a farm on east side of Lick Road.

FRANKLIN METHODIST – far out on Blue Rock Road near Sheits Road was this little cemetery. It was quite early. Not being much known about it. It has been destroyed; but the remaining stones have been moved to the Dunlap Station Cemetery.

HARDIN CEMETERY was moved from a farm on Springdale Road in 1937 to Bevis-Cedar Grove Cemetery. James Hardin was a Revolutionary soldier and early treasurer of Colerain Township.

There are only 2 public Cemeteries in Colerain Township:

BEVIS-CEDAR GROVE was first opened in 1870. Adjacent to it is a little Methodist Cemetery on the grounds of an old church that also served as a Masonic Hall.

CROWN HILL CEMETERY was established in Pleasant Run area on Pippin Road in 1966 by John J. Sinclair.

For more information on these Historic Cemeteries, join the Coleraine Historical Society for its annual “Dearly Departed Cemetery Walk” on last Saturday of April.

See website for more details: www.colerainehistorical-oh.org