Bath Center Cemetery—A History

The first burial here reportedly was in 1812. The land was from the original Connecticut Western Reserve. In 1817 a committee of Jason Hammond, John Holmes, and Moses Latta gave the Ezekiel Williams Trust and Abby Williams $1 for the building of a meeting house and a burial ground. Expenditures from the cemetery fund were noted in Bath Township Board of Trustee minutes in 1875 and thereafter. In 1890, Bath Center Cemetery was specifically mentioned in the minutes authorizing care and mowing for $15 a year. In 1905 the Historic Town Hall was built on the 3.43 acres that includes this cemetery. In 1916 the Bath Center Cemetery Association was given “full control of the care of the Cemetery at Bath Center…” They set fees for lots and met to review cemetery affairs. In 1940 a sexton was hired to care for the cemeteries in Bath. Bath Township has upgraded the appearance of the site with a new gateway, plaque, and landscaping.

In 1912 the trustees levied a tax to collect $1200 to build a vault. The vault’s purpose was to hold bodies during the winter for burial after the spring thaw. The following year, a Cleveland architect was commissioned for plans and W.B. Thompson’s bid was accepted to build the vault for $1450. In 2015, the township dismantled the vault due to deterioration and danger of collapse. All components are in storage for future use. For more information on Bath Center Cemetery, contact: Sexton Karen Beres at 330.666.4007.

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The American Revolution

At left is headstone for Rebecca Farnham Hammond, daughter of John Farnham of Richfield, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and daughter-in-law of Jason Hammond of Bath, Revolutionary War veteran.

War of 1812
Isaac W.I. Barber
John V. Duryee
Morris P. Miller (right)
George Welker

Spanish American War
At left is gravesite Belle Alexander, United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, older sister of veteran Wilber.

Wilbur Alexander

Korean War
George Letosky
Marvin E. Olson (left)

Civil War
Perry H. Alexander (at left)
J.H. Anderson
Samuel Briggs
Andrew Brock
John W. Clapper
Abner Dean Corbin
Thomas Davis
Henry S. Fasnacht
John A. Gundrum
Thompson Hawthorne
Martin Hutchison
David B. Kittinger
James Miller
James Pierson
Lucius C. Rickerson
William Spears
George H. Youells

Dr. E. King Nash (below)
Benjamin R. Lee (below)

World War I
Gordon John Bayless
Howard Glidden
Lee Henry Klotten
Roy Monroe Pugh
Perry A. Shaw (below)

World War II
Raymond O. Brophy
Richard F. Crosier
Martin Henry Ebel
William D. Hensley
Steve Kover
Almon D. Lyman, Jr.
Floyd Russell Miller
Raymond William Ward

Vietnam War
Dale Clifton Brooks
Arlynn James Olson
Gregory R. Kleinbeck (left)