

Cemetery yields troubled tale

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Civil War and was captured by the Confederates at the battle of Mumfordsville, Ky. His sister, Phoebe, married William Hoadley, who operated a grist mill at Mt. Tabor.

The others, whose names can be found on the tombstones in the cemetery, were members of a family destined to be plagued by violence and unhappiness. Jane Mershon,

born in 1813, was, as recorded on her tombstone, 29 years old when she died. Another Mershon, Octavia, was dead at the tender age of 10 months.

By 1850, according to the census, the Mershons were living in Bloomington Township. A son, Cornelius, had acquired the unfortunate nickname of "Crook."

HE AND HIS brother, Charles, were present in Oscar Sowders' saloon on the evening of April 14, 1871, when a well-heeled stranger was said to have been murdered and stuffed into the burning fire box of a Monon Railroad engine conveniently standing on the tracks behind the saloon. The Mershon brothers were convicted and sentenced to the South Prison at Jeffersonville, but the State Supreme Court ordered a new trial. Some local vigilantes overpowered the Bloomington town marshal and shot Crook Mershon after dragging him from his cell.

Cynthia Mershon, mother of the two, was arrested later that year and filed a \$20,000 law suit against the Monroe County sheriff. Her house on the northwest corner of Kirkwood Avenue and Dunn Street, was said to be haunted by her son, Crook, who was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, rather than with his relatives at Mt. Tabor.

No doubt Bean Blossom Creek, which meanders near the Mt. Tabor Cemetery, is partly to blame for the deterioration of the little burying place. During the spring floods, when the creek overflows its banks, at least some of the graves may have been under water.

Next week: Some Washington Township cemeteries.

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ol	Night Tracks: Chartbusters		Tracks
	Jim Bakker		Nite Line
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	Night Talk		Movie
	Cerebral Palsy Telethon		CP Telethon
l: Ricoh Japan Bowl			
	Night Flight		
	Sneak Preview Video Special		