

Cemeteries at IU are well preserved

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others buried nearby, are guaranteed perpetual care, thanks to the foresight of their relative, George. In November 1855, he stopped by the Monroe County Courthouse to deed to his descendants a portion of his land to be used as a burial ground. The Dunn family homestead was barely more than a stonethrow away on the ground now occupied by the IU Wildermuth Intramural Center.

WHEN THE IU trustees bought Dunn's Woods for the building of the new campus, the family cemetery was not included in the sale. In 1897, when discussion about a new IU power plant was under way, there was concern that its proposed site would encroach upon the Dunn Cemetery. Happily the plant and burial place were side by side for many years until the former was replaced by an addition to the Indiana Memorial Union Building. Today the tidy condition of the little cemetery is the work of crews from IU's Physical Plant.

The other Bloomington Township cemetery receiving care by IU employees can be found on Fee Lane in the "front yard" of the John W. Foster dormitory complex. It was founded by Henry Rogers, patriarch

of a family that came to Monroe County after the War of 1812.

Rogers' name can be found in the first list (1816) of Monroe County land buyers. The *1856 Atlas of Monroe County* indicates that several Rogers families owned property in Bloomington Township, among them Henry's farm on Section 20.

THE LAND he set aside for a family burying place today is less sheltered from the elements than the Dunn Cemetery, and the Rogers tombstones have weathered badly. Mute testimony to the rigors of frontier life may be seen there, where two-thirds of the tombstones mark the graves of infants, victims of such (then) fatal maladies as croup, fevers and cholera.

Other early Bloomington Township settlers set aside land for burying their own. Notable among those is the Buskirk Cemetery. Others are named for the Huff, Armstrong, Bell, Houston, Payne and Griffith families.

Some of the township burial places are adjacent to old churches and are generally well-maintained. Old church cemeteries are associated with the Mt. Gilead, Bethel, New Prospect and Maple Grove congregations.