

Founded by Covenanter Presbyterians

Covenanter old cemetery

Foremost among the few cemeteries in Perry Township is the one established by the Covenanter Presbyterians. It can be found at the corner of High Street and Moores Pike.

In appearance the Covenanter Cemetery is as austere and no-nonsense as its founders. Enclosed by a mortarless field stone wall, it contains the earthly remains of some courageous former South Carolinians who placed a very high premium on human life and freedom.

Looking Back

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IT WAS A MATTER of conscience with the Covenanter Presbyterians who settled on the outskirts of Bloomington that slavery was immoral. Their version of civil disobedience

was to harbor and pass on runaway slaves on their way to freedom in Canada.

Not far from the cemetery stands the house built by the Rev. James Faris, pastor of the Covenanter Presbyterian flock who was an enthusiastic participant in Monroe County's underground railroad.

Rich in old family burial places is Richland Township, which has cemeteries named for the Hall, Coffey, Houston and Wampler families.

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