

## Matthews Cemetery Digital Book

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	CEMETERY	MISC	GRAVE #
Everson, Elmer	1835	1898	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		1
Everson, Rachal	1843	1928	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		2
Everson, Baby			Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.	baby of Delbert Everson	3
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Beard, Isabell	1846	1933	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		5
Beard, James	1850	1915	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		6
Beard, Wilise	1877	1883	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		7
Matthews, William M.	1862	1938	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		8
Matthews, Alexander C.	1818	1898	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		9
Matthews, Mary A.	1820	1886	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		10
Matthews, Margret	1850	1874	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		11
Matthews, Clara	1865	1865	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		12
Matthews, Rebecca	1848	1861	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		13
Matthews, Joseph	1844	1853	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		14
P(?) ritt, Sarah E.	1842	1875	Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		15
Taylor, Baby			Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.		16
Matthews, Unknown			Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.	child/o George Matthews	17
Matthews, Unknown			Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.	child/o George Matthews	18
Matthews, Unknown			Matthews Cemetery, Wells Twp.	child/o George Matthews	19

Approximately 18 graves can be seen. Flora L. VerStraten was contacted by a direct descendant of the Matthews family. This family shared the tombstone inscriptions, a platting of the cemetery, and bible and family records for the Matthews family and cemetery. Not long after Mr. Matthews contacted Flora, he passed away. We are glad that we are able to preserve this family history information. Several chapter members visited this remote old pioneer cemetery. It was a sad site when the chapter members arrived there. They took photos of the overgrown cemetery, pole fencing down on the ground from a local logging project, logs, trees and large branches lying, reaching into the cemetery perimeter. The cemetery was severely overgrown, although we noted a Matthews Cemetery sign posted. The sign seemed to be the nicest, newest object in the whole cemetery surroundings. This cemetery is in severe condition and is suffering from neglect and vandalism. Mr. Matthews was quite concerned about the cemetery and the records for his family. This cemetery is located on Buckingham Ridge. Ch had to use GPS to locate the cemetery. It is on private property.

GPS: N40o15'45 W80o44'10

Location: NE 1/4 Section 17, Township 5N, Range 2W

Driving and Hiking Directions: Located on private property as of 2008 on the Blanchard Family land on Buckingham Ridge. Traveling from State Route 7, south of Mingo Jct., take the State Route 151, Smithfield - New Alexandria Exit. Continue through the village of New Alexandria. At the west end of town, turn left onto Township Road 162 (known as Buckingham Ridge Road). Tavel 1.7 miles, turn right (west) onto the Blanchard Family Property. There was an iron gate, but could be down or gone by now. Private property. From the gate, walk straight ahead about 5 minutes. Go left about 15 minutes, staying on what appears to be the old wagon road. Since logging project, this area is very difficult to follow to entry the cemetery. The best method is following your GPS coordinates. Cemetery had a iron pipe enclosure



around it, but the recent logging project has pretty much destroyed the fencing and we found many trees and limbs laying around and in the cemetery, with high brush and weeds everywhere.

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