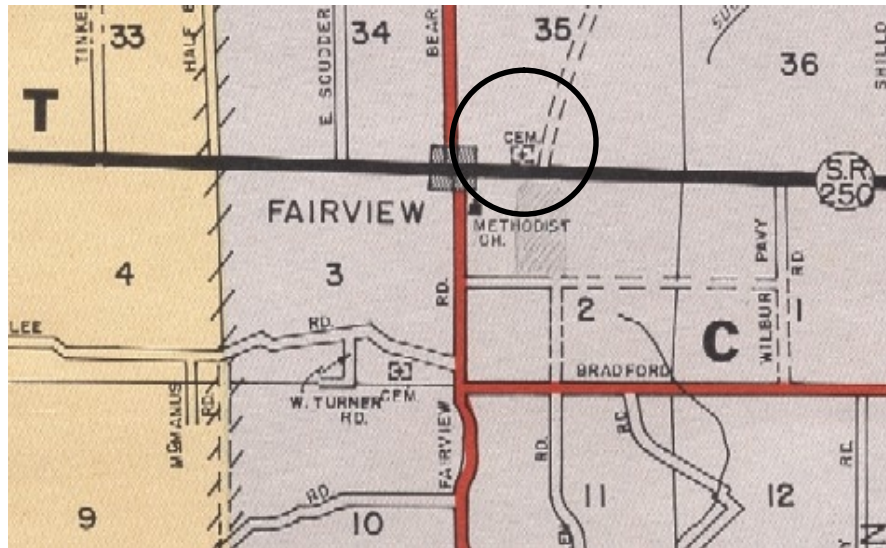


## Melville/Cunningham Cemetery near Fairview, Indiana

The cemetery, known as the Melville or Cunningham Cemetery, is located in Section 35 of Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Cotton Township in Switzerland County, Indiana. By the mid 1820s, the property on which the cemetery is located was owned by John Cunningham and Elizabeth (Loree) Cunningham.



From an analysis of the tombstones, it appears that the cemetery was first used by the Cunningham family, and later by others in the area. The earliest tombstone is dated 1827.

In the late 20th century, the cemetery was not maintained. It was usually overgrown, and from time to time, cows and hogs roamed through it. Many of the tombstones lay flat to the ground, a number are broken, and likely there are tombstones beneath the surface.

A number of individuals have searched the cemetery and have made transcriptions of the tombstone inscriptions. The variations in the lists show the poor condition of the cemetery, as different people found different stones at different times, depending on the condition of the cemetery. A combined list of those tombstones is in Appendix 1. A list based on the combined lists is in Appendix 2.

One of the transcriptions of the cemetery was made in early spring of 1985 by Norm and Pat Hellmers. As part of their survey of the cemetery, maps were made to show the location of the tombstones identified. The maps are at the end of this report as Map East (Appendix C) and Map West (Appendix D). Photographs of the tombstones were taken as well, and are keyed to the maps. Here are a couple of views of the cemetery taken at that time.



East end of cemetery. The tall marker to the right rear is that for Phebe (Loree) O'Brien Cunningham.



West end of cemetery. Many of the tombstones in this area lay flat with the ground.

East A



HENRY A. DOWNEY  
DIED  
MAY 4, 1880  
AGED 56 YRS.

East C



CHARLES GARY  
DIED  
OCT. 14 [11?], 1871 [1874]  
AGED  
78 YRS. 7 MS. 8 DS.

A Father Kind,  
A Husband Dear,  
A Faithful Friend,  
Lies buried here.

East D



JAMES DOWNEY  
DIED  
SEPT. 13, 1878  
AGED 86 YRS.

East E



UPHAMA DOWNEY  
DIED  
OCT. 5, 1873  
AGED 81 YRS.

East F



MARY ANN.  
Wife of  
H. B. DOWNEY  
DIED  
MAY 16, 1864  
AGED  
43 Y's 6 M's  
& 13 D's

East I



PAVY

JULIA ANN  
WIFE OF SAMUEL PAVY  
BORN MAY 25, 1820  
DIED SEPT. 1, 1863

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JULIA  
WIFE OF SAMUEL PAVY  
BORN OCT. 30, 1840  
DIED FEB. 5, 1883

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AT REST

East L



In Loving  
Remembrance of  
William A. Campbell  
Born  
Feb. 12, 1862  
Died May 8, 1888  
Quietly Sleep Beloved One

CAMPBELL

East N



JENNIE B.  
Daughter of  
P. M. & M. E. PAVY  
Died  
Apr. 19, 1870  
Aged  
1 yrs. 1 mo. 19 d.

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Of such is the Kingdom  
of heaven.

East O

JOHN H CUNNINGHAM  
WIFE  
LIZZIE

[This is a modern concrete marker.]

Photo not available

East P



PHEBE  
WIFE OF  
JOHN  
CUNINGHAM [sic]  
DIED  
OCT 9, 18\_\_  
AGED  
\_\_Y 10 MO \_\_ D

East Q



AMANDA  
Wife of  
JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM  
DIED  
April 14, 1865  
AGED  
26 Y'rs 5 M's  
& 9 D's

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I shall be satisfied when I  
awake with thy likeness.

East R



[Top not photographed]  
Julia A. Cunningham

June \_\_\_\_, 1867  
AGED  
24 Yrs 2 M's  
& 20 D's

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My flesh also dwellest in  
Hope



East S



[top broken off]  
—. BRO —  
DIED  
Jan. 15, 1863.  
AGED  
38 Yr's 6 Mo's  
1 Day

East U



LAURA A.  
Daughter of  
IRA B. & ELIZABETH F.  
PICKETT  
Died  
July 18, 1865  
aged  
1 yr. 10 mos. 21 ds.

East X



MARGARET E.  
Daughter of  
JAMES D. & JULIA A.  
HOOTON  
DIED  
Aug. 4, 1857  
AGED  
1 Yr. 2 Mo. 16 Ds.

Location unknown

Photo not available

[Data on tombstone]

Isaac Richards  
died Nov. 1, 1877  
Aged  
65 years, 19 days

West A and B



West A



SOLOMON LOREE,  
died  
February 14th. 1836;  
in the 74th. year  
of his age.

West B



EXPERIENCE  
wife of  
SOLOMON LOREE  
died  
Sept. 18th. 1835;  
in the 73rd. year  
of her age.

West C



EMALINE,  
daughter of  
Wm. & Mary  
BROWN;  
died  
Dec. 7th. 1847;  
aged  
3 months & 29 days

West D



MARIETTA,  
daughter of  
Samuel C. V. & Rachel  
Cunningham  
Died  
Aug. 7, 1848,  
Aged  
1 day.

West E



SOLOMON  
son of  
John & Elizabeth  
CUNNINGHAM  
died  
Nov. 29th. 1827;  
aged  
1 month & 1 day.

West G



SAMUEL F.  
son of  
H. B. & MARY DOWNEY  
DIED  
July 19, 1855;  
AGED  
14 Yrs 1 Mo 19 Ds

West H



JAMES H.  
Son of  
JAMES & UPHAMA  
DOWNEY  
Died  
Oct. 3, 1832,  
Aged  
4 yrs. 6 mo. 25 d's.

West I



SARAH  
WIFE OF  
WM. RICHARDS,  
BORN  
Dec. 19, 1779.  
DIED  
June 13, 1860

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of [Christlikeness] not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

West J



SAMUEL C.  
Son of  
JAMES & UPHAMA  
DOWNEY  
Died  
Oct. 9, 1832.  
Aged  
5 yrs. 11 mo. 16 d's.

West T



MARY  
Wife of  
JAMES HILL  
DIED  
June 15, 1835  
in the 87th year  
of her age.

West BB



MARSHAL N.  
son of  
S. C. V. & PHEBY  
CUNNINGHAM  
died  
July \_\_\_ 1855  
Aged  
10 Mo 27 Ds.

West EE



SARAH  
Daughter of  
JOHN & ELIZABETH  
CUNNINGHAM  
born & died  
March 16th. 1844



West DD

<p>Photo not available</p>	<p>JAMES HUNTER BORN IN NORTH IRELAND 1763 DIED JAN. 6. 1843 AGED 80 YRS. —— . ——</p>
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West DD

<p>Photo not available</p>	<p>JANE HUNTER BORN IN NORTH IRELAND 1789 DIED FEB. 1865 AGED 76 YRS. —— . ——</p> <p>[On same tombstone as above.]</p>
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