

Old Skillman Cemetery

Location: On the Hill part of the old Skillman farm. This area is an Industrial Park today(1982). The cemetery is back about 1500 feet from Chester Rd. and about 700 feet from Skillman Rd.(Glendale-Milford). It is reached by working back from Chester Road.

History: My great great great great grandfather, Jacob Skillman, scouted out and purchased this property in 1805. In 1806 he built a house on the property and moved his wife and four of his unmarried children (sons) from N.J. to the property. The land was handed down in the family from father to the oldest son in each generation until sold out of the family in the 1920's. Back in the 1930's there were about 15 - 20 stones in this cemetery. Only five remain as of 1982. The old farm ran from Springfield Pike (Route 4) to Chester Road and from Skillman Road (Glendale - Milford Road) to Oak Street. In 1805 the land was covered by a virgin forest of Oak, Hickory, and Walnut trees which had to be cleared in order to farm the land.

1. A large monument: On the Front " Our Parents"

On one side -

In Memory of
Abigal wife of Abraham Skillman
who departed this life
Mar. 26, 1858
Aged 69 years 5mo. 26 days

2. Same Monument as # 1:

On the other side -

In Memory of
Abraham Skillman
Departed this life
Mar. 16, 1853
Aged 76 yrs. 11 mo. 16 days

3. Jacob

Son of Abraham and Abigal Skillman

Died Nov. 9, 1825

Aged 12 yrs ? mos. and 11 days

(This Jacob Skillman was born in 1813
and died Nov. 9, 1825.)

4. Mercy Skillman

departed this life May 11, 1839

Aged 86 yrs. 6mo. & 15 days

(Mercy was the wife of old Jacob).

5. In Memory of

Jacob Skillman

Who departed this life Nov. 16 A.D. 1821
in the 78th yr. of his age.

" This stone shall stand to show to all
That they must hear death's - call.
That call will set my spirit free
Will call ere long O man for thee

I waited long with tears in my eye
To see my mansion in the sky.
For death to let my spirit go
From this old world of sin and woe."

(This stone was produced by
a Franklin, Ohio Co.)

6. In Memory of

Hannah Martha Skillman

Daughter of Issac N. Skillman
and Drusilla M. Skillman

Died July 11 A.D. 1842

Aged 6 yrs. & 22days

(This Issac Newton Skillman
was B. 1816 & D. Dec. 5, 1879.
Drusilla Cheeseman was his
1st. wife.)

(1982)

The following stones are missing today but were there and observed by the writer in the past.

7. Hannah Martha Ann Skillman

Died May 11, 1812

Daughter of Abraham & Abigail Skillman

(Stone taken from cemetery in the last 20 yrs.)

8. Nancy Quick

Born 1776

Died Dec. 24, 1832

Who was the wife of Rynicar Quick

(Nancy was a daughter of old Jacob Skillman who died in 1821.)

9. Ezekiel McCauley

(Ezekiel's stone was taken from the cemetery after the land passed into the hands of other families and used in the building of a foundation for a barn. It was found in the foundation when the barn was wrecked.)

(Ezekiel McCauley also spelled McAuley, was the first tax collector for the Northwest Territory.)

When the writer was a child there were many stones in the cemetery but they have been destroyed or stolen through the years.

