CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	A
Bill Resch, Secretary	P
Nancy Ferguson	A/P – arrived 3:40
Thomas Shockey	P
Mary Fee	P
Bill Carleton	P

Staff present for CRAB: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason, Public Service Department Director Mark Nemec.

Approval of the January 25, 2022 meeting minutes:
Member Fee moved to approve the November 30, 2021 minutes as submitted. Member Carleton seconded and all members voted to approve the January 25, 2022 minutes as submitted.

Approval of the Agenda:
Chair Zets moved to approve the agenda. Member Shockey seconded and the all members voted to approve the agenda.

Hearing of Visitors:
None.

Other Business:

Historical marker application
Members reviewed and praised the Statement of Significance prepared by Member Ferguson. Chair Zets shared his notes and members made further changes as set for on the attached document. Members were cognizant of the 1-2 typed pages limit. Some narrative could be put on the website rather than included in the Statement. Members discussed the goal of showing the site was significant – founders, earliest settlers, and a man who was the first Post Master and a known businessman being buried there added to significance. Members discussed whether the level of restoration demonstrated significance. Members further debated what to remove/shrink down to make the Statement of Significance fit the guidelines.

Member Ferguson noted that the application's footnotes to the historical marker could be tied to the same information as the Statement of Significance.

New Albany Cemetery website
Members hadn't had a chance to review their materials for the website and agreed to revisit this issue at the next meeting. Chair Zets asked that members bring more ideas and items for the website.

Other discussions
Member Ferguson referenced the list of names for those buried in the cemetery. She had a page from the Ohio Valley Archeology report with the list (attached), but there were 6 individuals for whom there were no stones – they were broken beyond repair or stolen. The CRAB Report submitted to council recommended recreating those stones. Member Ferguson couldn't find those 6 names. Mark Smith had that master list. City Manager Stefanov may also have the list as Member Ferguson had provided it to him a while back.

Member Ferguson noted that the findagrave.com website needed correcting as to who was buried in which cemetery – New Albany or Maplewood. She did have the list of people who were moved from the New Albany Cemetery to Maplewood Cemetery (attached). This task still needed to be done.

Director Nemec confirmed that the pieces of the headstones that couldn't be matched up were still in the garage owned by the city. Member Ferguson noted that the New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society had a key to that garage, if it was needed.

Schedule next meeting: The board agreed to set the next regular meeting for March 22, 2022 at 3:30 pm.
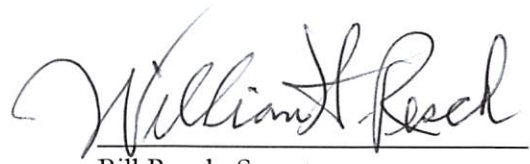
Poll members for comment:
Members thanked Member Ferguson for her time and efforts. This was Member Ferguson's last meeting before moving out of state.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Signed:

Brian Zets, Chair Bill Resch, Secretary 4-11-2022 Date

9. Statement of Significance- (Why does this place deserves recognition on an Ohio Historical Marker? Include support for all statements and document each statement with footnotes or endnotes.)

The New Albany Cemetery (1854-1881)

The earliest settlers of European descent, came to Plain Township ~~about~~ *Around* 1800. It is believed the first real estate transaction in Plain Township took place that year. Dudley Woodbridge acquired 4000 acres of the United States Military Lands (the southwest quarter of Plain Township) from the United States President John Adams. [Lentz, Ed. "As it Were", *This Week, New Albany News*, October 8, 2015.] The earliest pioneers included Joseph Scott, John Huffman (also spelled Hoffman) and ~~families with the last names of~~ Baughman, Hills, Byington, Waters, Yantis (also spelled Yantes), Williams, Kohn, McCurdy, Smith, Triplett, Moore, ~~among others~~. [Martin, William T., *History of Franklin County*, 1858. Pages 220-221.] ∧ *FAMILIES.*

Plain Township (Franklin County), Ohio was organized in 1810. It included present day Jefferson Township until 1815 and Blendon Township until 1816. [Martin, page 220.] ~~A few small villages known as LaFayetteville and Mt. Pleasant, were platted but never materialized. [Martin, page 223]~~ *Delete*

In May ~~of~~ 1837, Noble Landon and William Yantis, ~~two adjacent land owners~~, laid out the town of New Albany. [Franklin County, Ohio Recorder's Office, Deed Book 17, page 278 and Deed Book 41, page 544.] The main road ~~of the town~~ (High Street), was the boundary line between their two properties. While Landon and Yantis founded and platted the town together, they were not partners in their real estate venture. Landon owned the lots on the east side of High Street and Yantis owned those on the west side. ~~Each sold his lots on his own terms.~~ [Martin, page 223]

In 1838, ~~the first~~ post office was established in New Albany and the post office ~~was called Hope.~~ Noble Landon was commissioned as the ~~first postmaster~~ on May 15, 1838 and continued in this role until 1853. [Martin, page 224] *1000 P 3.9 · 1837*

The oldest headstone in the New Albany Cemetery records the death of Anna C. Benedict, daughter of J.C. Benedict who died ~~at~~ the age of 5 months and 9 days ~~on March 9, 1837~~. It is unknown whether her body was reinterred in the New Albany Cemetery or she was buried in a place where the cemetery was later formed. [New Albany News, Volume 8, No. 52, "Them Bones", March 21, 2001, page 1]

Elizabeth Yantis (age 52 years), wife of founder William Yantis, died on January 12, 1849. She was buried on property owned by her husband, ~~as were~~ her daughter-in-law, Amanda Alvina Closson Yantis and Amanda's son, William H. Yantis, ~~who both died in 1854~~. The site of these burials ~~was~~ soon to become part of the "New Albany Cemetery", ~~just south of Rose Run Creek and east of Johnstown Road~~. [Ferguson, Nancy, "Addendum to Ohio Valley Archaeology Report", 2017.]

Also were buried on this property.

On July 29, 1854, Jesse Kohn, an adjacent landowner, sold 1/5 acre to Township Trustees Jacob Ulry, Daniel Horlocker and John McCurdy for $50. The deed specified that it was "for the use and purposes of a graveyard or burying ground for the inhabitants of New Albany and vicinity." [Heishman and Saveson, "The Old New Albany Cemetery", New Albany Plain Township Historical Society newsletter, 1992.] [See also, Franklin County (Ohio) Recorder Deed Book56, pages 396-398.]

On August 14, 1854, William Yantis sold approximately 1/3 acre to the Township Trustees for the same purpose at a cost of $5. [Franklin County (Ohio) Recorder Deed Book 56, Pages 396-398.]

On January 4, 1855, Elizabeth Armold sold approximately .029 acres on the eastern side of the cemetery to the Township Trustees, to conform the boundary of the cemetery. The sale price was listed as $1.00. With this sale, the total acreage of the New Albany Cemetery became .568 acres.

In 1856, the Village of New Albany was incorporated. [Martin, page 223]. The location of the New Albany Cemetery was reflected on the 1872 map of New Albany, Ohio. [Franklin County Engineer, New Albany 1872 map.]

Between 1855 and 1881, approximately 134 people were buried in the New Albany Cemetery including Noble Landon and his wife, Lovisa Landon. Noble Landon was not only the founder of New Albany and its first postmaster, he was a carpenter/homebuilder and a businessman. He established the first business in New Albany: "Landon's Corners", a local inn and restaurant, and donated land for the Methodist Church on the corner of Third Street and Main Street. Before founding New Albany, he lived in Licking County where he was the first clerk and Justice of the Peace in St. Albans township. ~~Although he was a young man at the time,~~ he was given the privilege of naming St. Albans township. He ~~chose to~~ name it after St. Albans, Vermont where he had lived as a boy. He had also served as the postmaster of Johnstown, Ohio for a time.

~~Noble Landon's daughters, Arabella and Isabella, are also buried in the New Albany Cemetery.~~

According to ~~the descendants of~~ founder William Yantis, he was buried in the New Albany Cemetery but there is no marker associated with his grave. [Ferguson, Nancy. Addendum to Ohio Valley Archaeology Report", 2017]. It is logical to assume he would be buried with his wife, his son, his daughter-in-law and grandson in the cemetery he helped found.

The headstones in the New Albany Cemetery contain the names of many of New Albany's earliest settlers: Beecher, Ulry, Phelps, Ogden, Ginn, Phelps, Mead, Landon, Yantis, Miller, Staffer, Robbins, Conkle, Benedict, Baughman, Boston, Campbell and Kohn. Silas Ogden, who was elected New Albany's first Mayor after the village was incorporated in 1856, was also buried in the New Albany Cemetery.

On November 16, 1881, Dennis and Ann Strait, Alexander and Cynthia Doran and William F. and Lyana Taylor purchased 10 acres known as the "Jesse Kohn farm", about ¼ mile south of the New Albany Cemetery, and established the newly formed Maplewood Cemetery Association. The Association later turned the new "Maple Wood" Cemetery over to the Plain Township Trustees. Maplewood Cemetery was on higher land and not prone to flooding. [See Plain Township's website at https://plaintownship.org/cemeteries/history-of-maplewood-cemetery/] After Maplewood was established, the New Albany Cemetery fell out of use. *was no longer in use.*

Between 1882 and 1884, 73 bodies were reinterred at Maplewood from other cemeteries in the area and 58 of those bodies are believed to have been reinterred from the New Albany Cemetery. [Death book and Record of Interments for Plain Township, New Albany, Ohio. See also, Doran, Alexander, "List of Re-Interments in Maple Wood Cemetery From Other Grave Yards, 1882-1883."]

In 1978, the long neglected New Albany Cemetery was significantly vandalized. [New Albany News, Volume 6, No. 7. "Village Cemetery remains buried." October 5, 1978]

In 1979, the Franklin County Genealogical Society (FCGS) "read" the stones in the New Albany Cemetery and reported "very few stones remain." It recorded the names written on the stones which were still visible (not buried). Despite the vandalism, the FCGS found and recorded 25 stones at that time. [Volume IV, Franklin County, Ohio Cemeteries, Blendon & Plain Townships, page iii.]

In 2015, the City of New Albany formed the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board (CRAB) to lead efforts to restore the cemetery. Eventually, the City hired Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc (OVAI) to do a Magnetic Gradient Survey, a Ground-Penetrating Radar Survey, and use other exploratory techniques on the cemetery. OVAI identified evidence of 134 grave sites, including the sites of individuals who were later reinterred to other cemeteries. OAVI also uncovered many headstones which had been buried beneath the ground during the vandalism.

Between 63 and 83 graves still remain in the New Albany Cemetery. [Burks, Dr. Jarrod and Pecora, Dr. Albert. "Rediscovering the New Albany Cemetery—A Report of the Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc, 2016.]

In 2018, the City of New Albany hired historic cemetery conservator Mark Smith of Gravestone Transformations to clean, restore and reset the original monuments. While a few monuments were placed in what was thought to be their original location, the remaining monuments were placed in areas with no existing gravesites so there would be no confusion for future researchers. An additional 12 monuments are waiting to be reproduced because the originals were not restorable or were missing altogether.

Sixty-eight early residents of New Albany are now associated with the cemetery through headstones, footstones, previously documented stones which are now missing [Franklin County Genealogical Society, page 44] and other historical references.

Key to New Placements Map

This map is intended to be a guide to the new location of the grave markers as of September 1, 2018 The placements are not done by gps and are only a reference as to approximate location. The number preceding the name represents the number on the map, the number in brackets is the number given to the fragment(s) by OVAI. Hopefully this will be of use to the City of Mew Albany and the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board. This map is intended as a reference for the City or CRAB to produce a proper map, it is not intended to be released to the public or published in it's present form.

1. Henry Staffer footstone (104)
2. Hariet Smith footstone
3. Helen Strait (77)
4. Peter Miller (11)
5. Henry Staffer (13)
6. Hariet Smith (14)
7. Empty base
8. Unknown (16)
9. Unknown (17)
10. Empty base (18)
11. Empty base
12. Unknown (21)
13. Polly Stauffer (40)
14. Amanda Yantis (21b/124/130/132)
15. Mary Robbins (117)
16. Sarah Ginn (39)
17. NL Noble Landon footstone (123)
18. LL Lovisa Landon footstone (83)
19. Noble Landon (10)
20. Lovisa Landon (12)
21. Elizabeth Yantis (8)
22. IRR Isabella Landon-Robbins footstone (99)
23. ALM Arabella Landon-Mead footstone (98)
24. Unknown (95/139)
25. Isabella Landon-Robbins (24)
26. Arabella Landon-Mead 25/166)
27. FC Frances Conkle footstone (125)
28. Landon Son (120)
29. Eliza Phelps (113/114)
30. Elizabeth Phelps (22/105)
31. Frances Conkle (6/59)
32. Empty base
33. Empty base with fragments
34. Empty base
35. FAR Florence Robbins footstone (134)
36. Florence Robbins (15)

New Albany Cemetery Gravestone Placement Map
September 2018

● -Trees

▪ - Gravestones

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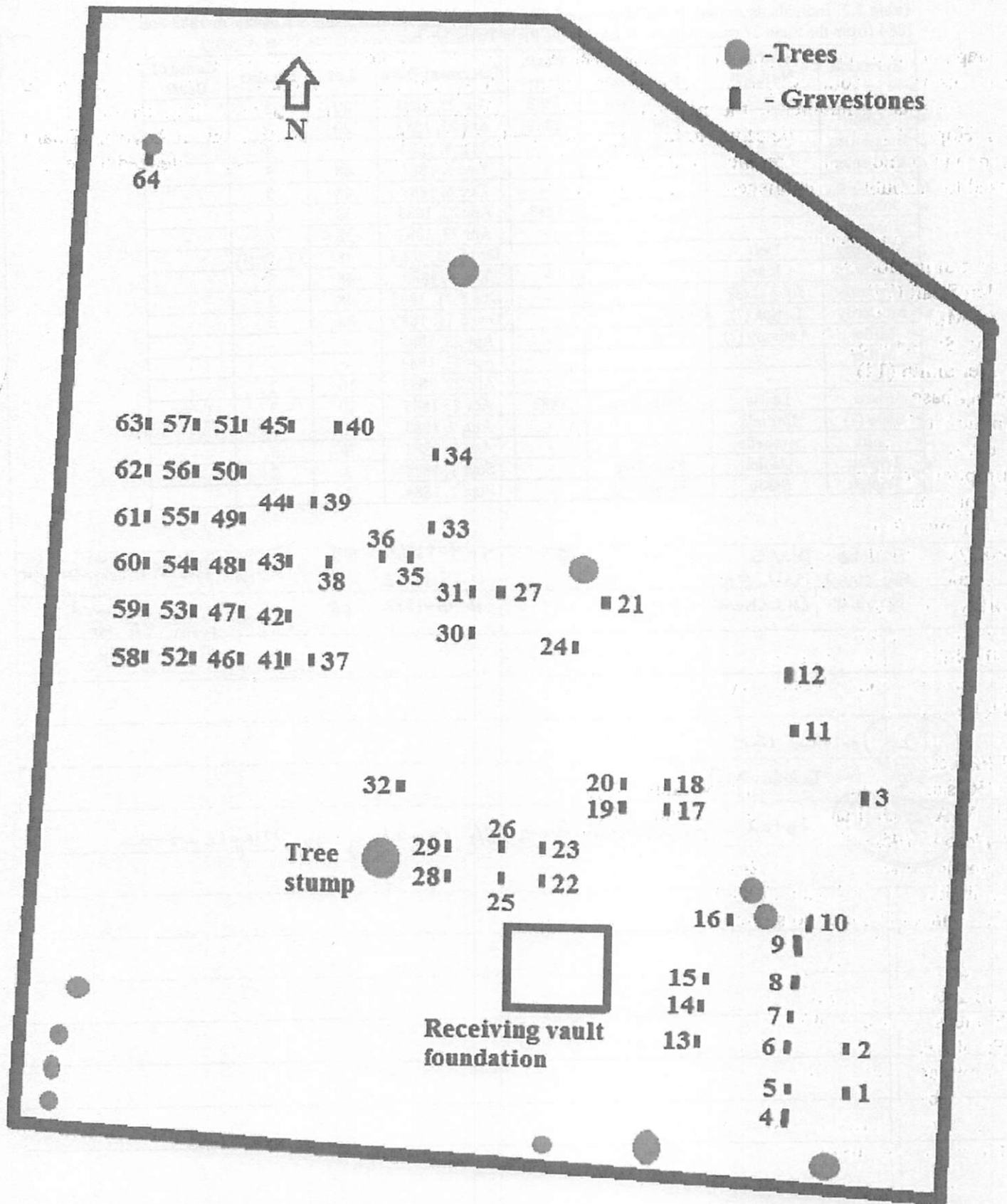
2018 GravestoneTransformations.com

Table 2.2. Individuals moved to the Maplewood Cemetery from the New Albany Cemetery in 1883 and 1884 (from the Plain Township Death Book, on file Plain Township business offices, New Albany).

Surname	Given Name(s)	Recorded Residence	Death Date	Interment Date	Lot	Section	Cause of Death
Adair	-	Plain Twp	1883	Apr 23, 1883	20	3	-
Adair	-	Plain Twp	1883	Apr 23, 1883	20	3	-
Baughman	Julia A.	Plain Twp.	-	Mar 8, 1884	1	4	-
Carpenter	Clyde	-	-	Dec 6, 1883	48	3	-
Carpenter	Emma	-	-	Dec 6, 1883	48	3	-
Johnson	-	-	1883	Apr 23, 1883	38	6	-
Johnson	-	-	-	Apr 23, 1883	38	6	-
McCurdy	Dell	-	-	Dec 6-11, 1883	48	3 (SW ¼)	-
McCurdy	John	-	-	Dec 6, 1883	48	3	-
McCurdy	John C. ⊕	-	-	Dec 6-11, 1883	48	3	-
McCurdy	Lorina (?) _Lovina_	-	-	Dec 6-11, 1883	48	3	-
Miller	Anthony (?)	-	-	Apr 23, 1883	-	-	-
Miller	-	-	-	Apr 23, 1883	-	-	-
Ross	-	-	-	Apr 23, 1883	16	2	-
Sisco	Lewis	-Plain Twp	1883	Apr 23 1883	20	3	Fever
Slate (?)	Celinda ·	-	-	Aug 9, 1883	79	3	-
Smith	Arabelle	-	-	Aug 9, 1883	79	3	-
Triplett	Daniel	Plain Twp	-	Sept 1, 1884	3	2	-
Triplett	Sarah	Plain Twp	-	Sept 1, 1884	3	2	-

Sleet?

Trumbo Davis   "   ⊠   4-4-1882   27   These are not on the P.T. cemetery list
Swickard, Ella May   ·   4-4-1882   18
Babbitt, Elizabeth   ·   10-13-1882   68   all were reinterred from NA to Maplewood

(22) on this list
+36 on Table 2.3
(58) total reinterred from NA Cemetery to Maplewood

Table 2.3. Individuals moved to the Maplewood Cemetery from an unlisted cemetery(s) from 1881-1883 (from the Plain Township Death Book, on file Plain Township business offices, New Albany).

Surname	Given Name(s)	Recorded Residence	Interment Date	Lot	Section
Babbitt	Lydia	-	Oct 12, 1881	62	-
Babbitt	Sylva	-	Oct 13, 1881	68	-
Bobo	Ella	Plain Twp.	Dec 4, 1882	38	-
Bobo	Henry	Plain Twp	Dec 4, 1882	38	-
Bobo	John (?)	Plain Twp	Nov 28, 1882	38	
Bobo	Phineas	Plain Twp	Dec 4, 1882	38	
Campbell	Dorothy	-	Feb 16, 1883	43	-
Cashner (?)	Mary	-	Dec 29, 1882	2	-
Cashner (?)	William C.	-	Dec 29, 1882	2	-
Doran	Ella	New Albany	Jan 4, 1883	43	3
Doran	Rhoda	New Albany	Jan 4, 1883	24	3
Doran	Samuel	New Albany	Jan 9, 1883	24	3
Doran	Syrene	New Albany	Jan 9, 1883	24	3
Early	Jeremiah	-	Feb 6, 1883	37	2
Evans	Matilda	-	Sept 12	13	-
Farber	Caleb	Plain Twp	Mar 13, 1883	4	-
Farber	Caleb, Jr.	-	Mar 15, 1883	4	-
Farber	Edward	-	Mar 14, 1883	4	-
Farber	Eliza	Plain Twp	Mar 14, 1883	4	-
Farber	Sarah	-	Mar 15, 1883	4	-
Goodrich	Fanny	Plain Twp	Jan 29, 1883	67	3
Goodrich	John	Plain Twp	Jan 30, 1883	67	3
Miller	Margaret	-	May 12, 1881	21	-
Morrison	Eliza J.	-	Sept 12, 1881	13	-
Ramsey (?)	Anna May	Plain Twp	Mar 23, 1883	39	-
Shirk	Mrs. Susetta George	Jefferson Twp	Jan 31, 1883 .	37	2
Shirk	Infant of William daughter of	Jefferson Twp	Feb 6, 1883	46	-
Smith	Augustus in	-	Dec 9, 1882	50	-
Smith	Mary Anne	-	Dec 9, 1882	50	-
Strait	Della	Plain Twp	Mar 23, 1883	40	6
Strait	Eddie L.	Plain Twp	Mar 22	40	6
Strait	Ella	Plain Twp	Sept 13, 1881	13	-
Strait	J. Nelson	Plain Twp	Sept 13, 1881	13	
Swickard	Christina	Plain Twp	Oct 19, 1882	19	.
Swickard	Daniel	Plain Twp	Oct 19, 1882	19	-
Swickard	Elizabeth	-	Dec 26, 1882	2	-
Swickard	Lydia	-	Apr 4, 1881	19	-
Swickard	Mary M.	Plain Twp	Oct 19, 1882	19	
Vandruff, M.D.	A.R.	-	Sept 12, 1881	13	
Vandruff	Aramenta	-	Sept 12, 1881	13	-
Wilkin	Harvey	Plain Twp	Jan 10, 1883	20	2
Wilkin	Mary	Plain Twp	Jan 10, 1883	20	2
Wilson	Eliza	-	Jan 2, 1883	19	-
Wilson	John	-	Jan 2, 1883	19	-

Jonathan Johnathan

Ranney

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