

Newby Cemetery
Town of Meridian Hills
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Not many people realize there is an historic 19th century pioneer cemetery within the Town of Meridian Hills. The Newby Cemetery, on the east side of Spring Mill Road, just north of 79th Street, was established in 1851. It is maintained by the Washington Township Trustee's Office, along with Bacon, Crow's Nest, Deford, Ebenezer Lutheran, and Fall Creek Union Cemeteries. Although the number of burials in Newby Cemetery is unknown, the Washington Township Trustee's Office has a list of 23 names, along with birth and death dates and a brief history of the cemetery.

The cemeteries were neglected for decades, but former trustee Gwen Horth initiated a project to restore them to their original beauty in 2002. "This is bringing back history," Horth said. "Many veterans, including John and William Deford, who fought in the Civil War, were laid to rest in our township." James Bradley, Co. F Eighth Indiana Calvary, is buried in Newby Cemetery. The renovation was completed by John "Walt" Walters, and his company Graveyard Groomers. Walters puts his passion for history and stone carving into his work. "It's real rewarding just saving history," Walters said.

If you visit the cemetery, please be respectful of the neighbors that live nearby, and of the dead who are buried at the site. For additional information, click on the Washington Township link on the town's website at meridianhills.org

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NEWBY CEMETERY

Location: 7901 Spring Mill Road, East side of Spring Mill Road at 79th St.

Deeded to Washington Township: 1999

Number of Burials: Unknown

A listing of 23 names, along with birth and death dates is available at the Trustee's Office. Several stones were unreadable. A brief history of the Newby and Bowen family is also on file. A survey is on file.

