



ADAMS TOWNSHIP  
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Organized January 1826, reduced to present size May 1830. The first death was that of a daughter of Jesse Adams. She died in 1825, and was buried on her father's farm. (Helm, 1880).

ADAMS FAMILY CEMETERY, Section 2/3

In August, 1981, at an excavation site on the Parrott Road, about two miles west of New Haven, workers excavating sand to fill ditches for a sewer project, found a graveyard that had not been used for more than 100 years. The Adams Township Trustee said he had no records on a graveyard there. He stated that early Allen County history books referred to the graveyard as the ADAMS CEMETERY. It was in a deed dated Oct 1, 1852, as "a tract of land now used as a Burying Ground, twelve rods long, east and west, and six rods wide, north and south". Records indicate the first burial occurred in 1825, the daughter of Squire Jesse Adams on the Adams farm. The second burial occurred three years later and others followed, "the names of whom are not recorded and are unknown". The cemetery was part of the Adams farm and was used by him and other area residents. In 1875, some of the graves were exhumed and re-entombed in the IOOF Cemetery on the Hartzell Road, when it was re-established. Evidently, not all the graves were moved... but the exact number and names were not recorded. There is no way to know how many graves remained. The Adams Cemetery has had no burials for more than 100 years, and it has not been maintained; there are no gravestones or other outward signs of burials. Since the cemetery is located on a sandy tract, near the Maumee River, without access to any public road, and being used for excavation of sand and gravel, it is impossible for the Trustee to maintain it at its present site. Lynn H. Shaw, Adams Township Trustee, petitioned the Allen County Superior Court for permission to remove the remaining graves and re-bury them in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery at New Haven in a common grave. The common grave will be marked with a single monument, dedicated to "The early settlers of Adams Township". (Allen County Lines, December 1981).

ADAMS TOWNSHIP CEMETERY, Section 9

Located near the railroad Tracks, west of Estella Avenue, south of Old Maumee Road. Burial date 10 September 1861. Abandoned.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY, Section 5

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Located at 3500 Lake Avenue. Years ago, the original Catholic Cemetery was on Cathedral Square. There arose a need for a larger and newer cemetery. The next cemetery was located on Swinney Avenue. Because of industry beginning to surround the area, and there was no room for expansion, after only 29 years, the need again arose for another new and larger location. In 1872, Bishop Joseph Dwenger purchased a 120 acre beautifully wooded tract, one mile outside the city limits of Fort Wayne. This tract is on the Maysville Road, and is the present Catholic Cemetery. Since that time, additional ground has been purchased, as it became available, until today the total is 172 acres. The bodies had been removed from the other two cemeteries into the present location. The cemetery was then opened up for interments in 1873. (Bloomfield, 1975).

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