

Moore's Chapel Cemetery The Land

Records show that 1/2 acre was conveyed by Samuel and Charlotte Shaw to Bath Township in 1836, and possibly their daughter was the first person buried there. Adjacent to this land was a tract given by Romanzo Boughton. A Methodist chapel was built on this land north of the cemetery and named in honor of a Oliver Moore who gave \$600 toward building the \$2000 structure. This frame building was possibly predated by a log church in 1869. Thus, Shaw Cemetery, as



it is known locally also became known as Moore's

Chapel Cemetery, one of five in Bath Township. This church prospered for a while but declined and was later dismantled. An additional acre was conveyed by the Shaw family to Bath Township on August 25, 1892.

Moore's Chapel Cemetery Annex

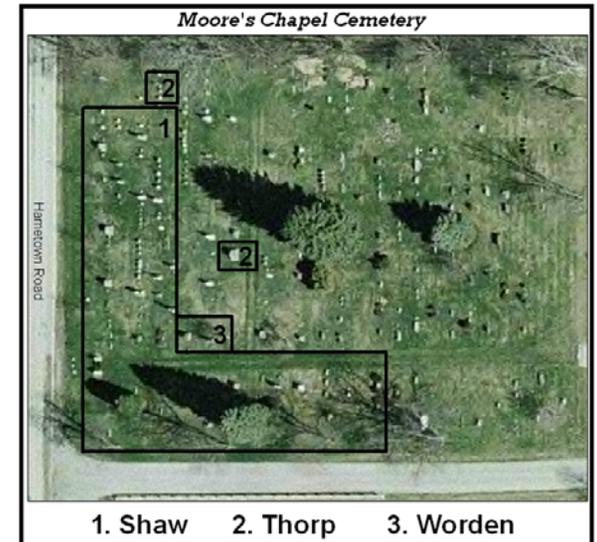
On June 21, 1999, the township passed a resolution to purchase 4.5 acres from Linda Swain and to accept a donation of 7.8 acres from her for more expansion of Moore's Chapel Cemetery. On September 7, 1999, it was determined that 2.29 acres of this new annex would be prepared for cemetery plots. A total of 12.98 acres is now owned by Bath Township at Moore's Chapel Cemetery. Burial lots are available for purchase by current or former township residents.

Acknowledgements

Bath Township
Bath Township Historical Society
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Sam's Club

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Moore's Chapel Cemetery in Bath Township



Located at
1631 North Hametown
Road
(south of Ira Road)
in
Bath Township , Ohio

Constant Shaw

1777-1863

Constant Shaw was born in Dighton, Massachusetts. He married Mercy Pitts Shaw (1780-1845) and they had eleven children. Two of their sons became early settlers in Bath, and established the Shaw families of Bath and Granger Townships. Traveling by oxcart from Bristol, New York, Samuel Shaw (1804-1836) with his wife Charlotte Hale Shaw (1809-1894) and two young children, arrived in Bath Township in 1829. They cleared and farmed land along Hametown Road south of Ira Road. Four additional children were born after arriving here. Sylvester Shaw (1806-1875) came to Bath Township in 1832 with his wife Harriet Parsons Shaw (1809-1899). They settled on land north of the Samuel Shaw family and raised eight children on their farm. The frame house they built in 1848 still stands on Hametown Road.



Manville Bradley Thorp

1808-1891

Manville Thorp was born in Aurelius, New York, and married Fanny Clark Thorp (1811-1886). Manville's parents Jeremiah Thorp (1786-1869) and Mary Root Thorp (1790-1856) and his paternal grandparents Nathan Thorp (1759-1840) and Huldah Thorp (1758-1854) had originally moved from Fairfield, Connecticut, with the dream of moving westward into the new frontier. While fighting in the American Revolutionary War, Nathan had learned that the new frontier was safer following the Indian Wars. The



Thorps moved several times before making the commitment to leave for Western Reserve lands. Although it took 43 years and almost 1000 miles of travel, the Thorps finally arrived in Bath Township in 1837. Manville and Fanny moved to Bath with their ten month old son. Arriving in Bath, Manville Thorp vowed he would never move again. They purchased land on the west side of Hametown Road, and in 1840, added acreage extending west to Medina Line Road. After moving to Ohio, another son, daughter and fraternal twins were born.

Hiram Mace Worden

1818-1896

Hiram Worden grew up in Richfield, Ohio marrying Betsey Gordon Worden in 1841. They moved to Michigan in 1847 where Betsey and their two youngest children died of diphtheria. Hiram and his surviving sons moved back to Richfield where he married Melissa Bissel Worden in 1851. The family bought 56 acres of land in Hinckley and completed the homestead in 1862. A year later, one son died from wounds received during the Civil War. Hiram and Melissa had four children: Cora Worden (1852-1915) who married Constant Shaw (1852-1933) and moved to the Sylvester Shaw homestead (see left pg). Frank Worden became a stone carver and operated Medina Monument Co. Floyd Lincoln Worden operated a general store and post office out of his home on Medina Line Road just south of Bath Road. Nettie Worden Rice Batterson Stuart (1863-1945) was married three times. She and her husbands worked the homestead and cared for the elder Wordens. Her third husband, Noble Stuart, is credited for the carvings on the Worden Ledges, now part of Cleveland MetroParks.

