

## Hayner Cemetery

The Hayner Cemetery, located in Section 13, Vermontville Township, Eaton County, T3N-R6E, sets unattended, on the north-east corner of Gresham Highway and Shaytown Road.

A Mr. Hayner donated the seemingly about an acre of ground, in the early 1800's, for the good of the cause.

It sets in a field, on a sloping hill, about twenty rods back from the road, within a locked gate wire fence enclosure, with no public entrance. Several wild cherry and poplar trees stand stately, swishing in the breeze, and myrtle covers the uneven ground underfoot. A wild rabbit hopped across the ground, a snake slithered through the grass, and birds sang overhead.

The saddest part is: the many tombstones, which are lying flat on the ground, off their bases--some unreadable--some with the inscription on the down side.

There seems to be upwards to fifty burials, with thirty-five readable epitaphs. The earliest readable burial was in 1652, and the latest 1906, ranging in ages from infancy to 89 years. Mr. Hayner was buried in 1896 and Mrs. Hayner in 1906.

We're enclosing a list of the readable names buried there. Incidentally, S.D.'s uncle was Giles Rogers (his father's oldest brother). Samuel Rogers and wife were his great grandfather and grandmother.

*S D Rogers*

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