

HOWARD FAMILY CEMETERY

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The Howard Cemetery is a family lot located in the Town of Berlin on Crosstown Road, about halfway between Berlin Four Corners and Riverton. This family lot is located beside the road on what was the old Howard Farm.

A granite curbing runs around three sides of the lot. Inside the wall is a large monument and two small markers. There are only two names on the monument. Each of the markers have one of the given names of the mother and daughter. It is my opinion that there may be three persons buried here as there are three indentations in the ground. One behind each marker then another one on the right hand side of the one with the name Caroline.

Compiled by Elizabeth Richardson.

The large monument on the Howard Family Cemetery is located near the back of the lot. It is about six feet tall and sits on three square granite stones with a tall slender stele that has the names inscribed.

The names, starting with the side facing the road are as follows.

1. Ellen M., daughter of M. E. & C. M. Howard, died August 25, 1859. Age 14 yrs., 8 mons.
2. Caroline M., wife of Moses E. Howard, died January 27, 1859. Age 42 years.

In front of the monument nearer the road are the two small markers. White marble. Each has a single name.

Ellen

Caroline.

TRADITION STORY

By J. Richard Nye.

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Moses Howard: Mr. M.E. Howard lived in a very old house and farm buildings south of David Hobart's farm where Dr. Legrand Burns now lives. There is an old monument beside the road (no money to take care of it). Most of the land is now owned by Boyers.

Mr. Howard was in a law suit many times in his life, and he sold his body for money to pay off a law suit. He owned land where the Berlin Quarrys are, also the so-called Wing Lot up on the top of Irish Hill.

When they bur[r]ied his body they took his body out of the grave at night time. (Could account for the third impression noted by Liz Richardson in her introduction). His name is not on the monument there now.

They took a reed and probed for a casket but could not find one there. They say his wife and daughter were bur[r]ied in a wet grave (without a casket).

In the Dodge Papers that I gave to the Town of Berlin it tells how he put a pikerod into the road by his buildings and another neighbor, Mr. Townsend on what was the old Norton Farm got into a law suit on the road matter, with Mr. Howard. He was a man who stuttered a lot. They said that although not a big man his daughter would scream when he beat her up at times.

He and David Hobart got into an argument over fence lines. Miss L. M. Hobart said her father David Hobart told his son T. D. Hobart to turn his back so as not to be a witness, but Mr. T. D. Hobart told Mr. Howard to leave his father alone.

Mr. Howard came over to J. Edward Perrin's farm (now the Dodge Farm) to look over

some cows to sell. Well Mr. Howard said, "Mr. Perrin what about this cow you did not point out to me?"

You can see more about it in the town law suits, Dodge Papers, that I gave to the Town of Berlin in 1970.

The above tradition story was found among Richard Nye's things after his death and I thought it would make a little addition to the write up of the Howard Family Cemetery.

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