

INTRODUCTION

This book has been prepared in celebration of the first 150 years of our church cemetery, 1869 to 2019.

Our congregation worshiped 1820 to 1869 in Mt. Lebanon (Benton's) meeting house on Mullinix Mill Road. That building is now a residence at 26700 Mullinix Mill Road. A new sanctuary was built at the corner of Main Street and Woodfield Road in 1869. The official name became Damascus Methodist Episcopal Church. A church cemetery was established. The first burial was Rhoda Ann Etchison Warthen born July 9th 1849, died on November 9th 1869. Before 1869, burials were usually on family farms. An older death date is of a child, Laura G. Gue (1858-1865) who was moved from her home cemetery to the new church cemetery when her mother Sarah Bowman Gue died. The latest burial is for June Norwood Gue in October 2019.

Mrs. Marianne Uhler Baltrosky, DUMC member, walked the cemetery rows, photographing and recording the words engraved on the monuments. She researched families (parents, children, spouses) majorly from obituaries. Recording the maiden names of women will be especially helpful for future family researchers. The numerous sources are listed on the next page.

The Damascus United Methodist Cemetery is owned by the Church. As a member of the Church, one may purchase burial space in this cemetery, up to 8 lots per head of household. Ownership is divested to heirs of the original owner. Lot owners are to maintain the Tombstone. The Church Trustees are responsible for lawn and infrastructure maintenance.

This book records the first 150 years. Also found on website <https://www.damascusumc.org/cemetery>. May God bless the remains of those interred here and provide a place of comfort and remembrance for their families and friends.