

## E. Eby Cemetery - Columbus Road NE at Eby Dr NE



(Section 24 SWQ) Eby Cemetery was known by several other names through the years: Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and Plain Township Cemetery. Today it is

owned, operated, and maintained by Plain Township which has had this role since 1911.

The cemetery began as a small cemetery serving the Columbus Rd. area and eventually as a church cemetery. The land was purchased from the Grise and Eby families in about 1880. Many of the early graves were members of these families and other church members who lived in the area.

In 1910 a great catastrophe befell the small church—it was blown apart by a strong wind. The mother of the Sheaffer family who lived across Columbus Rd. was holding her child, Bill, during the storm and saw the destruction happen! This event was apparently too much for the small congregation to rebuild, and they conveyed the Mt. Pleasant (Eby) Cemetery to the Plain Township Trustees on October 24, 1911.

The Trustees who received the cemetery responsibility were President A. J. Gill, Treasurer M. O. Surbey, Clerk W. J. Evans, Jefferson Bair and D. E. McKinney. They hired men to clean up the debris—Martin Moomaw submitted a bill in October, 1913 for three days' work with one horse and wagon hauling off brickbats of the foundation of the old church. He was paid \$2 per day. The project took a while to complete as he and others did not work every day.

Today one can still buy lots in Eby Cemetery from Plain Township. Modern day grave stones are mixed in with those of more than 100 years ago.

~Jo Ellen Reikowski~