

Historical Cemetery Marker Unveiled
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The first Heritage Historical Cemetery Marker in Ripley County, Indiana was dedicated Saturday, October 13, 2007 at the Blasdel/Smith/Universalist/Stringtown Cemetery near Milan, Indiana. A brief program was led by **Bill Blasdel**, President of the Lt. Jacob Blasdel Branch of the Blaisdell Family National Association, Greensburg, Indiana.

Ms. **Chris McHenry**, a Dearborn County Historian, gave a short history of the cemetery and the importance of cemeteries to our heritage. The son of **Enoch Blasdel**, **Issac Newton Blasdel**, had traveled from Cambridge, Indiana to Stringtown and is buried in this cemetery along with his wife, **Mary**, and some of their immediate family. A church used to stand next to the cemetery. The area was part of the Underground Railroad in the mid-19th Century.

Members of **Henry & Jerry Walker's** family unveiled the heritage marker. **Lois Harper** of Bright was thanked for her perseverance and devotion to historical cemeteries. The marker was dedicated in memory of **Glenna Ferris**.