HARTSBURG UNION CEMETERY

The cemetery located west of Hartsburg was originally known as a Presbyterian cemetery. It was organized in 1874. William Scully gave two acres of an 80 acre lease, making the lease 78 acres, making it first a graveyard of two acres. In 1825 it was enlarged another six acres making it an eight acre burial spot. This is maintained by Carl Lolling and some of his nephews. They do mowing, and digging of graves. The mowing usually begins in April or May and lasts for about five months, or longer depending on the season. This mowing is usually done weekly. The depth of the grave in the earlier days had to be only 36'' in the later years they had to be 56''. All caskets are to be in a vault, since this has come into being it is permissable to have the graves not quite so deep. These are the individual Moseleum. William Scully brought workers from his home to this country, and if they succumbed, Mr. Scully buried them in this high place. Some earlier stones were found in the hedge that would have been on the ground belonging to Claus Leemsan now, these were moved to where now would have been across the road! One early stone reads 1828 and is inscribed Foortmann. The first to be interned in the cemetery when it was Hartsburg Union Cemetery was a Mr. Rhiney. Many baby graves are in rows, in the older section, could this have been an epidemic, which proved fatal, to these who have small graves. The ornamental iron gate, and fence which enclosed the first eight acres, have been removed. The tall evergreen trees which lined the ground of the older section have been cut down, due to storms which made it a chore to maintain. There are now two entrances, the first one is the furtherest south, the one north of this is now the center, a culvert is at the very north end of the new section, however no roadway has been prepared as yet.