

Shanghai / Old Cumberland Cemetery

Hidden in the woods without a road to reach it, James R. Jones, Rosalynn Uphold, and Irene Gammon found the deserted Old Cumberland Cemetery, also known as the Shanghai Cemetery. According to Jim, the site hosted a camp revival in 1854. Some of those attending succumbed to a cholera outbreak. The people were so frightened of cholera they buried the dead on the spot. One of those was James Eli Robb, the great grandfather of Jim's grandmother and ancestor of many other Kinmundy residents. In Rosalynn Uphold's research, she learned that Eli was buried on his feather mattress. Eli was a farmer having received 80 acres in Kinmundy Township by land grant. Two years later he purchased another 80 acres for \$2.50 per acre. Eli and his wife had 12 children. Upon his death, each of three minor children inherited \$4.31 from Eli's estate, and his wife received \$19.41. The family was active in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which had been established by James Eagan in 1840.