

The Oakwood Cemetery Project has been several years in the making. We began in the spring of 2011 by photographing the gravestones on behalf of the Northville Genealogical Society. All of these images were subsequently posted on FindAGrave.com. In 2013 we met Tom Gudritz of the Northville Historical Society, who also had an interest in Oakwood. Tom in turn introduced us to Kate Hayfield of The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in Maumee, Ohio. Kate made several trips to Northville with her company's GPS unit in order to record coordinates for each of the gravestones in the cemetery. Thanks to Kate's membership in the Association of Gravestone Studies, she recommended that we do a comprehensive evaluation of the gravestones to create a record for posterity. By the spring of 2015, we had completed an evaluation sheet for every stone in the cemetery, including measurements, the type of stone, the condition of the inscription and the state of the stone itself. These evaluation sheets are now part of The Northville Cemetery Index.

We would like to express our gratitude to Tom and Kate. Their interest and enthusiasm encouraged us to see this project to its completion.

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