

Nix/Judy Pioneer Cemetery

The Nix/Judy Pioneer Cemetery is nestled in the bluffs along Rt. 159 near the junction of Interstate 270. It is the final resting place of some of the earliest settlers of Madison County. The cemetery dates from the time when the area was known as the Land of Goshen. Col. Sam Judy, widely accepted as the first permanent settler, is buried there along with several other family members.

In 1986, Russell Lee, a descendant of Col. Judy, offered to give the property to the Village of Glen Carbon if the cemetery is preserved and maintained as a historical site. The boy scouts helped mow and clear the cemetery some using the work as their Eagle Project. Restoration of the old pioneer tombstones was undertaken and a dedication was held September 16, 1990. Around 250 persons attended the ceremony on a Sunday afternoon.

“Sleeping ancients” is how the main speaker, historical writer Carl Baldwin of Belleville, referred to the people buried there. The only way to understand the significance of the burial ground is to realize that it holds remains of some of the region’s earliest pioneers, he said.

The Village erected a sign at the cemetery honoring the Boy Scouts troops in Glen Carbon, Edwardsville and Troy for their work in cleaning the site.



Members of the General George Rogers Clark Chapter, Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, stand with the plaque they erected in Nix/Judy Pioneer Cemetery in Glen Carbon on Sept. 21, 2014. The two-sided plaque contains a short biography of six Revolutionary War patriots and recognizes their part in establishing our country’s freedom. The six are: William Biggs, John Nix, Isham Randle, Richard Randle, Henry Thornhill and Josias Wright.



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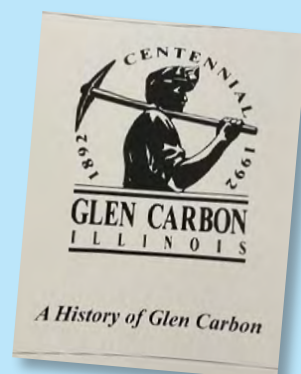
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