

# EMANUEL CEMETERY & CHURCH

The largest cemetery in the Lewisberry area can be found just shy of a mile outside of the borough. To find it, travel southwest on Rte. 177 ( Market Street, in town), through the blinking light and up the hill (now Rosstown Road) to the corner of Rte.177 and Pinetown Road. Emanuel Cemetery and Church sit on the right.

Although Emanuel Cemetery is written in iron on the entrance archway, no historical documents refer to it by this name. It is most commonly referred to as Krone's ( or Crone's) Cemetery. The land was purchased from a Michael Krone (Crone) in 1835 by the Evangelical Association which began using it for burials at that time.

The stone church was built in 1871 [*check date, stone says 1870*] at a cost of \$1,200 and was dedicated in 1872. The date stone above the front doors reads "J K 1870". Although no records list the builder, the Krones were masons and might have built the church. In 1875, it recorded 39 members and is called "Crone's Emanuel Church of the Evangelical Association" in county records.

In 1894, the cemetery association was formed and a land draft was created laying out the plot plan of the cemetery. [*Information could be added about significant citizens interred here.*]

The modern Rosstown Road ( Rte. 177) that leads to the cemetery did not exist in the 1800's. Traversing straight up a hillside, as the modern road does, is rarely a path of choice when one is walking or traveling by horse. The Old Rossville Road\* followed a much more gradual incline. Nonetheless, it was a long uphill journey for worshippers who were mostly borough residents, especially in the winter. Therefore, they purchased a lot in town from a W.A. Parks for \$10. Here they built and dedicated a wooden house of worship in 1898. This building still stands at 108 Market Street. The original date stone can be seen above the doors facing Market Street and reads "Grace U. Ev. Church, Built 1898". The old stone church was then used for funerals.

The Evangelical Association became the United Evangelical Church. In 1946, this denomination joined with the United Brethren Church to form the

Evangelical United Brethren ( E.U.B.) Church. Two decades later (1968), the E.U.B. joined with the Methodists forming a denomination called the United Methodist Church. This gave Lewisberry two U.M. churches a block apart and eventually these congregations became one (1980—see the article on the Lewisberry United Methodist Church).

\*The path of the Old Rossville Road is easily discernible on a map and portions of it are still in use. Route 382 is a modern road that was created to bypass Lewisberry borough. An overhead view of the area shows that Heck Hill Road in town used to cross Bennett Run and become the Old Rossville Road. It can now be found as a west turn off of 382 between Silver Lake Inn and the blinking light. The road can be followed about 1/2 mile up hill where it has been given a sharp left to join the modern road. One can see the original road bed continues straight ahead and is now a private drive. At some point it mounted the hill, joined and then crossed the modern road. Another part of the original road veers off to the southeast from Rt.177 one tenth of a mile after the cemetery entrance.