

## NEBINGER BURIAL PLOT / NEBINGER FAMILY CEMETERY

The Nebinger Burial Plot is located off Route 177 behind the Lewisberry Post Office. It contains 43 graves, 22 of which have the last name Nebinger, 4 have the last name Shanley, 12 have the last name Wright, 2 have the last name Miller, and one grave each for the names Forman, Prowell, and Rhode. It is assumed that persons with a name other than Nebinger were relatives through marriage or possibly friends of the family. Persons buried there, with known birthdays, were born as early as 1790 and died as late as 1925, with the majority passing in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Thirty-seven percent (16) were children less than 5 years old, thirty-seven percent (16) were adults 17 -70 years, and 26 percent (11) were adults over the age of 70. Nebingers or relatives buried after that time were buried in other cemeteries, such as St. John's Cemetery northwest of the Nebinger Burial Plot along Heck Hill Road and Emanuel Cemetery southwest of Lewisberry and the intersection of Routes 177 and 382, just off Route 177 on the west side.

From historical written accounts, the Nebingers in the Lewisberry area originated from a German immigrant named Andreas Nebinger who arrived in Philadelphia in the 1700's and settled in York County about 1750. The Nebinger family was well respected in the Lewisberry area. Many men in the family were physicians, such as Dr. George Nebinger, Dr. Robert Nebinger, the brothers Drs. William P. and Augustus (A.) R. Nebinger, Dr. Roland Nebinger, and Dr. Andrew Nebinger (later moved to Philadelphia). The following are descriptions of some of the men in the Nebinger family: "a man of remarkable mental endowments", "widely known for his learning and for skill in treatment of diseases", and "a man of strong mental vigor and prominent in the affairs of York County".

Because of the patriotic ardor that filled the country at the beginning of the Civil War, several men buried in this cemetery who were of eligible age joined the Union Army in various Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiments, either as soldiers or as assistant surgeons. The service of several men are highlighted as follows:

- **Dr. William (W.) P. Nebinger**, son of **Dr. Robert Nebinger [1796-1867]**, was Assistant Surgeon to the Fifty-sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (P.V.I.). This regiment participated in the battle of Gettysburg, beginning on July 1, 1863. He returned from the war and died in 1878 at age 58 after a successful career as a physician. He became a member of the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic -formed of veterans of the Civil War to provide assistance to veterans and their families).
- **Robert (H.) C. Nebinger**, son of **Dr. Robert Nebinger [1796-1867]**, was with his brother, Dr. William P. Nebinger, at Gettysburg when Co. F of the Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, opened fire. He was mustered out in 1865, after participating in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. He was wounded twice, once in the ear and the other time in his foot. He returned to Lewisberry, spent five years in the mercantile business, and then farmed until he retired. He became a member of the G.A.R. He was active in public affairs and local offices, such as school director and borough councilman, and later died in 1907 at age 67.

- **Dr. Augustus (A.) R. Nebinger**, son of **Dr. Robert Nebinger [1796-1867]**, served as Assistant Surgeon to the One Hundred Fifty Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia (infantry), the One Hundred Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and the Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. After the Civil War, he practiced medicine in Rossville, Altoona, and Steelton, Pennsylvania. He died in 1884 at age 50.
- **Lieut. William (W.) R. Miller**, married to Rebecca Nebinger, daughter of **Dr. Robert Nebinger [1796-1867]**, enlisted in Co. F, 56<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served three years until he lost his left arm at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. He then was discharged and returned back to Lewisberry. He died in 1916 at age 75.
- **Pvt. William Shanley**, married to Ann N. (maiden name unknown), was in Co. C, One Hundred Thirtieth Regiment P.V.I. He died in 1863 at age 45 of a disease contracted after burying the dead after the Battle of Antietam.

Also highlighted is **Robert N. Wright** (mother was Mary Jane Nebinger Wright) who served as Postmaster at the Lewisberry Post Office from October 6, 1869 until November 17, 1870.

Historical references on York County published in 1886 and 1907 contain excerpts on selected persons and events. Therefore, other notable contributions of persons buried in this cemetery may be found in references not explored or may be lost in history.