

I think I remember....The Old Argos Cemetery

Many years ago Argos had a central located cemetery. It was called by many names including Argos Memorial Cemetery, Memorial Park, Green Slope and Green Summit Cemetery. It was located in what is known now as a portion of the Argos Memorial Park. Documentation is available today that documents what happened to that cemetery including removal of all the tombstones. I think about 500 bodies were interred at that location.

As a child, I remember a large concentration of tombstones stacked in piles, that were located just south of east South street. This location was slightly to the east of the intersection of Maple street. Our school and church were both located in that area and it seemed if you had any open idle time, you were drawn to that location. It was confusing as it seemed like a number of stones were still standing over what could be burial sites while many others had been relocated to that central location and dumped half hazard into piles among what seemed like standing stones. You did not know if it was an active cemetery that was poorly maintained or simply a dumping ground for tombstones. The pile provided a number of "secret" places to play and explore yet in the back of your mind it seemed like you should not be there. It felt as if you were not showing respect for those that had passed. No one ever ran you off or discussed what the site really was. That area was later cleared of all stones.