

buried in the desecrated pioneer cemetery. But very significantly, very close to those Martindales on the census, you will find the names of quite a number of members of the Miami Tribe, who were still living there at that time. This, of course, relates both to the old Miami burial ground on the site and possibly even to the Waisner-Rickard pioneer cemetery close by that has been desecrated, the future fate of which is under discussion by the Miami County Commissioners, who are apparently at present favoring issuing permission to build at the pioneer cemetery site near where the old Miami burial ground is also located.

Here is the census with the Miami names. There is also one or more Miami names on the next page, which is not included here.

I would urge you to look into this matter, if the preservation of the old Miami Tribe burial site at Deer Creek is important to you. You may contact the Miami County Commissioners who are deciding the fate of this burial site that relates both to the old Miami Tribe of early Indiana, and to the descendants of the pioneers who are buried in the presently-desecrated Waisner-Rickard cemetery there at 3538 W. Honey Tree Court, in the Deer Creek Subdivision near Kokomo in Miami County, Indiana. This would seem to be a critical time for the old burial grounds, whether Miami or pioneer settlers -- at Deer Creek.

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Respectfully,

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Thomas Martindale is on this page. He is the property owner (officially acquired in 1849 the year before) of the 160 acre land grant that included Waisner-Rickard. In this year, Anthony Rickard had already died 4 years previous and was buried on the site in 1846. There is a reference from a local history that Thomas Martindale was apparently on the site as early as at least 1845 when he started the "New Light Christian Church" meetings in his home.

At the bottom of the page are all Miami Native Americans --- there 16 total one more on the following page. There are four households all grouped together and they are only a couple households down from the Martindales it is apparently a village (perhaps one that is post decimation from disease, etc) --- Thomas's sons James and Remney live next door -- obviously on the same farm -- BUT it is also important to note ***the Miami are very close --- perhaps even on their farm.*** the Traux family also live next door to the Martindales --- they are another family who are associated with the lost "New Light Christian Church" ---- the page before this one contains Sam Rickard and a couple other familiar families including Mary Daggett who was confirmed to be buried in Waisner-Rickard.