

## BYRN/BYRNE/BRYNS

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**Byrnville Cemetery, Jackson Township, Harrison County, INDIANA**

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Burial grounds of Charles Leason BYRN and Temple Coleman BYRN Families, who migrated to Indiana in 1806 and 1809 respectively. They were born in Rowan Co., NC, sons of Charles and Ann Byrn who lived near Salisbury, NC. They traveled by covered wagons via Flower and Cumberland Gaps and crossed the Ohio Falls by flatboat. They cut the road as they came during a 5 week trip. Leason was 29 and Temple was 30 years old when they came. Charles Leason BYRN was born in 1777.

His wife, Anna CLODFELTER (Virginia Dutch) came with him from North Carolina. There were no more records of her birth, death or burial place available. Since the BYRN Pioneer Cemetery is on Leason's farm, it is no doubt the burial place of him and his wife Ann, and perhaps as many as 20 or more BYRN family members in unmarked graves.

The BYRN Pioneer Cemetery is located ½ miles north of Brynville on the high east bank of Corn Creek. Leason's mill site is in the flat below the cemetery. His cabin stood 1/5 mile north of the mill, beyond the cemetery, on the ridge above the big spring. No burials were made here until sometime after 1806. The last grave on record in this old cemetery is that of Temple Cole (Known as Rogers). He was born Nov. 27, 1809 and died Sept 19, 1885. Leason's brother, Temple buried his first wife, Sarah in the Pioneer Cemetery. She came with her husband from North Carolina. She was of English Ancestry (while the BYRN'S were Irish from Dublin Ireland, Her father -in-law having come from there)

Her grave stone reads: Sarah BYRN, Born Feb 22, 1896 and died October 14, 1823. Age 38 yrs, 7 months and 22 days. The consort of T.C.Byrn, Sr.

During the Indian Wars of 1811 she told of how she found a large snake in the blankets one night as she slept with the children in a sink hole but she "feared the snakes in the sink holes less than the Indians." Her husband, Temple and Leason fought in the Battle of Tippicanoe, where Leason was wounded

After Sarah BROOKS (Sally) BYRN'S death at age 37, Temple married Elizabeth VAN FOSSEN. In 1837 he had a town of Byrnville laid out on his land, north of the Cave Spring and his cabin site, included the lots where his eldest son, Joel BYRN had built his cabin in 1832.

In 1846 Temple set aside at the southwest corner of town for the Brynville Cemetery when Joel's daughter, Emily BYRN, died young. His granddaughter was the first person buried in the new cemetery. After that date, few families continued to bury in the Pioneer Cemetery and the Byrnville Cemetery has continued in use to the present day for the whole community.

Temple Cole BYRN'S stone stands in the Byrnville Cemetery. It reads: born 1778 and died June 4, 1857 78 yrs., 8 months and 26 days. (Mason) A field stone lays on either side of his marker. No doubt one is for his second wife, Elizabeth, as his first wife, Sallie is in the old cemetery. When Temple rode his covered wagon into Leason's barnlot, he was playing his fiddle. Leason's remark on seeing his brother in this distant country after 3 years absence was "I came a thousand miles to get away from that fiddle but it followed me".

A camp of Delaware Indians lived up the hollow from Leason's place until the government moved them out about 1812.

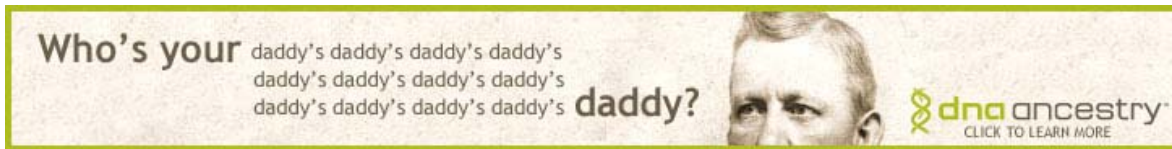


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- *ID:* I6486
- *Name:* Charles Leason Byrn
- *Sex:* M
- *Change Date:* 31 JUL 2001
- *Birth:* ABT 1776
- *Death:* 1837 in Harrison County, Indiana, USA

*Father:* [Charles Byrn](#) b: 1731 in Ireland  
*Mother:* [Ann Unknown](#) b: in Rowan Co, NC

*Marriage 1* [Ann Clodfelter](#) b: ABT 1778

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Some Indians, "gypsies", passed through. The baby died and they buried it in the BYRN Cemetery and planted a cedar tree to mark the grave. There are conflicting stories as to which cemetery has the Indian baby as a big Cedar Tree grew in both of them.

Beside the four members of the BYRN Family already mentioned, as buried in the Pioneer Cemetery, there are stone markers for;

Temple C. BYRN, Jr. born in Rowan Co, NC born 12-30-1805 and died 7-17-1843, Aged 37 yrs, 6 months & 17 days. His wife Elizabeth SLAUGHTERBACK may be in an unmarked grave beside him.

Sarah (BELL)BYRN, wife of T C BYRN. Dec 27,1815 to Mar 26, 1881

Mary Alice, dau of T C and S. BYRN, Jan 1,1818 Aged 5 yrs, 11 mns, 28 da.

Norbin BYRN, child of T C and S BYRN.

Dudley BYRN, child of T C and S BYRN

Netta Belle BYRN. Drowned in a tub of water when baby

Charles Leason BYRN (Suter) b. 1803 in Rowan Co.,NC Died 8-8-1883. Son of Charles Leason and Ann CLODFELTER. . "Suter" had three wives. Emeline EVILSIZER\*\*Nancy KENOYER, Nancy (BOWEN) HAZZARD. Forty years ago, "Suter" BYRN had these stones for his wives and children; Cina, Douglas, and Grant BYRN. Now the markings have been lost.

In the Byrnville Cemetery we find broken gravestones, field stones, and probably many unknown graves with no stones, but the names of all those early generations of the BYRN Family have been reorded and preserved for future generations by the fine work of my high school history teacher, Gordon SAPPENFIELD, now deceased. I have a copy of his record of the BYRN Family Tree which I Prize highly. There are other copies among interested members of the BYRN family. Temple C. BYRN, the pioneer, was my ancestor 5 generations ago.

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\* This marriage record shows Caroline Evilsizer