

Calhoun County MI Archives Cemeteries.....Beckley - Complete Survey

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Information from headstone and City Records.

Located Between Beckley & Helmer Road (3 Mile Rd at I-94), Battle Creek Township,  
Calhoun County.

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In 1833, Joseph W. Stewart, a native of New York, settled in the Oak Openings area  
of western Calhoun County. Recognizing the need for a cemetery in the neighborhood,  
he set aside a portion of his land for this purpose, offering the plots without  
charge. When a new law in 1859 required each township to make provisions for  
burials, Stewart turned his property over to Battle Creek Township. In later years  
this area became known as Beckley Corners after Ira Beckley, another early settler.

Photos can be seen at:  
<http://www.usgwarchives.net/mi/tsphoto/calhoun/beckley.htm>

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Birth	Death	Comment
Rainwater	Henry	Lee	12/29/1893	6/02/1954	
Rainwater	Ira	A.	3/28/1893	1/23/1989	