

John Bravard
AEHC featured person for the week of April 11, 2021

John Bravard
April 12, 1820 – March 27, 1876

Born this week in 1820, John Bravard is buried in our cemetery's Section 1, Lot 43, Space 9.

Summary of our research: John Bravard was born April 12, 1820 to Benjamin (1746-1843) and Catherine (Smith) (1748-unknown) Bravard in in Fleming County, Kentucky. Benjamin Bravard was born in Maryland. Benjamin is buried in Fleming County, Kentucky. It is believed that his wife, Catherine, is also buried in Kentucky.

John Bravard appears on records purchasing land in Rush County in 1835 and in 1837, while he was still residing in Fleming County, Kentucky.

John Bravard apparently moved to Rush County after 1840 Census and before 1845. Records show that he did marry Margaret Morris (1825-1899) of Shelby County, Indiana in 1845. First confirmed Rush County residency of John Bravard is on the 1850 Census listing him as a merchant in Posey Township. This Census also shows that John and Margaret had a daughter, Elizabeth, born in 1847.

The 1860 Census shows John and his wife, Margaret, along with 7 non-family residents at their address. On Tax Records from 1864 and 1865, John Bravard is listed as a Hotelkeeper, Class 8. He is also listed as a Butcher with partner named Cowger in 1864. On the 1865 and 1866 Tax Records, his listed Retail Dealer partner is named Spencer (possibly John Spencer).

A line in an article that appeared in The Rushville Republican in February 1898 under a section entitled "Reminiscential" spoke of John Bravard. The article was a look back at Arlington (Burlington then) in the 1860's. The line read: "Our storekeepers were Jefferson Arnet and John Bravard".

John and Margaret Bravard's daughter, Elizabeth C. Bravard, died in 1874 at the age of 27. She is buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery in Section 1, Lot 43, Space 8. John Bravard passed away in 1876 and is buried next to their daughter.

In 1899, Margaret Bravard passed away. Her obituary reads: "Her husband preceded her twenty-three years to the better land". Margaret is buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery next to her husband, John, in an unmarked grave.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com

