

Rest Haven Cemetery
Chester Township
Charlotte, Eaton County, MI
(Photos Available)

On a sunny knoll on Bradley Road, south of the intersection of Vermontville Highway and Bradley Road, in Chester Township, sits the resting place of those who have passed from the Amish Community.



In 1977 the first of the Amish Community moved into Chester Township. By March 1981 about fifteen families had settled in the Township. As of this writing in 2010, several Amish families reside mostly in the areas of Chester, Vermontville and Carmel Townships.

Among some of the first settlers were Sam and Katie Borntreger. Mr. Borntreger related that within a few months of the Mast family settling in the Township in 1981, the Amish Community lost young Herman Mast, due to an accident. Out of immediacy a location for an Amish Community cemetery was discussed and decided. The Rest Haven Cemetery was then established on the farm of Sam and Katie Borntreger.

Outside the gate of the cemetery is a large bolder that bears the name of the cemetery, and many hitching posts that have become a familiar site in our countryside, along with horse and buggy.

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