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**Byron Cemetery**

Byron Cemetery originated with the 1837 interment of Theodore H. Provost, the son of one of Byron's founders. According to local historians, Chippewa lived on this site until it became a cemetery. Byron Cemetery contains some sixteen hundred nineteenth century graves. The remains of fifty-six Civil War soldiers and veterans are interred here, including those of James Sleeth, a surgeon during the war who later became a lawyer and newspaper publisher. A large pedestal with crossed rifles honors unknown Civil War dead.

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Fieldstones from local farms, urns, obelisks, and monuments with common Christian symbols such as angels and weeping willows mark the graves in Byron Cemetery. In keeping with Judeo-Christian tradition, burials are oriented east to west. A mysterious exception is the grave of Richard Tubman, a thirty-five-year-old Irish horse groom. His grave, marked by a pulpit with a closed book, is oriented north to south. A seated maiden honors Ellen May Tower, a Spanish-American War nurse who died of typhoid fever in Puerto Rico in 1898.

**Significant Date:**

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

**Registry Year:** 1996    **Erected Date:** 1998

**Marker Location**

**Address:** At end of Hamilton & Water Sts.

**City:** Byron

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:** 48418

**County:** Shiawassee

**Township:** Burns

**Lat:** 42.82260200 / **Long:** -83.94023500

**Web URL:**