Introduction:

Eighty-six of the approximately 1,850 whetstone grave markers found to date in Indiana and Illinois have been signed by their engraver or the dealer who sold them. The signatures usually are found to the lower right of the inscriptions. Some signed markers have not been found because the name was buried below the soil, wind-blown soil or humus accumulated and obscured the name, or a broken marker was re-set deeper in the soil.