

In 1866, the little village of Iberia, Minnesota, included a log schoolhouse, a handful of homes, and a cemetery. It grew into a lovely little crossroads town that earned the nickname Brimstone Corners for sometimes being a little too lively! The cemetery in Iberia definitely has an atmosphere about it. Several tall trees provide deep, cool shade. Like many old cemeteries, the ground dips where the casket was placed. Several graves still have footstones opposite its headstone. And the graves are old - more than half of the people buried died before 1885.

Here's a few of their stories:

One of the most notable markers is for the Bluem Family. The marker reads: "Killed by Indians," at the top. Below that: "Father and Mother, My Sisters & Brothers." Then it lists the family members: Martin Blim. Died Aug. 18, 1862. Lizzie Blim, Died Aug. 18 1862. Margaret & Liz Blim, Died Aug. 18, 1862. Adam & Charlie Blim, Died August 18, 1862. Sadly the family surname was spelled wrong on the marker. But if the family was killed, who put the marker here? It turns out, one of the children survived the attack. The Bluem family heard from a neighbor about the Dakota attacks. They were on their way to the relative safety of New Ulm when they were attacked about three miles east of Iberia. The entire family was thought to be dead, but 12-year-old John was hidden well enough in the long grass to be overlooked. He survived and later had this stone placed for his family.