



Charles L. DePauw is in the first grave, and his son Charles DePauw II is in the second grave. Charles brother Napoleon is in the third grave.

"DePauw's Bones", April 1895, The Columbus Republican:

In one of the most quiet spots as could be found near this city has just been discovered a grave. If tombstones and inscriptions on them tell the truth the bones of Charles DePauw were placed at rest there over seventy-two years ago. The spot where the grave was found is one mile west of the city on land owned by James M. Perry, but which was entered from the government by Peter Troutman. On the top of the grave covering it entirely is a slab of sandstone 3x6 feet, on which the following is artistically inscribed: "In memory of Charles DePauw, who departed this life on the 11th of Oct., 1823, and who was about 26 years old and died in Columbus, Bertholomew [sic] County, Indiana. This stone is presented to the memory of the deceased by his brother, N. B. DePauw." Aside from the spelling of the name of this county and the word years the inscription is regular and fairly well preserved. There may be other graves in the locality but if this is true there is nothing to mark on them. The slab covering the tomb of DePauw was about one foot under the surface and was directly under an old fence that had stood for years without being moved. Some two weeks ago the fence was torn down and removed, and wagons loaded with wood from the timber land north of it had passed over the grave cutting down to the stone. A few days ago the teams of Simp Wells were started plowing in the locality of the grave and now the stone has been dug out and the earth cleaned from it. There is no one now living here that remembers DePauw or the circumstances concerning his death. It is certain that at that time, which is more than seventy-two years ago, the land west of

this city where this grave has been located was a wilderness covered with heavy timber and suggestive to the mind of anything else than a graveyard. Friendly Indians were here then and hunted over the lands. White river at that time was only about two hundred yards from this grave, but it has since changed its channel and is now a half mile away. It is a theory of some that this man DePauw died on the river while flat boating, a very common thing then, and was buried on its banks, and that he is a relative of the DePauws of plate glass fame, residing in New Albany. Whether this is true or not it is certain that a brother whose history is as mysterious as the dead man visited this grave and placed the slab upon it.

"Remains Reinterred", New Albany Daily Ledger, April 1895:

Charles Depauw buried at Salem, there he will rest in the Depauw lot at Crown Hill cemetery. A special dispatch from Salem under date of the 23d says: Mr. W. D. Keyes, of New Albany, arrived in this city last night with the remains of Charles Depauw, who died at Columbus, Ind., Oct. 1, 1823. Mr. Keyes is a grandnephew of the deceased, and had the remains exhumed at Columbus yesterday, and today they were laid to rest in the Depauw family lot in Crown Hill Cemetery, by the side of the brothers of deceased. Charles Depauw was the youngest of five brothers: Peter, James, John, and Napoleon Bonaparte. From religious persecution, they being Huguenots, the family was driven from France, and came to America, and in time Charles settled at Columbus, married there in 1822 and died one year after. He was buried in the private burying ground near Columbus. Napoleon Bonaparte Depauw, before his death, put up tombstones over all the graves of his brothers. They were all similarly built, with a large marble slab covering. This one of Charles Depauw was originally about eighteen inches high, but when discovered about a week ago it was twelve inches below the surface. The bones were found in a perfect state of preservation. Charles Depauw was an uncle of the late Washington C. DePauw, and there are many relatives of deceased in this part.

"Rests by his Ancestors and Brothers," Salem Republican Ledger, April 1895:

After seventy-two years burial in the country graveyard, near Columbus, Ind., the remains of Charles Depauw were exhumed, Monday, and arrived in Salem on the 9:47p.m. that day, accompanied by W. D. Keyes, a grandnephew, of New Albany. Tuesday morning the remains were laid to rest in the Depauw family lot in Crown Hill cemetery. Very appropriately the spot selected was between the tombs of his father, Charles Depauw, who died in 18---, and that of his brother, Napoleon Bonaparte Depauw, who died June 2, 1838. Charles Depauw was one of five brothers, whose names were Peter, James, John and Napoleon B. and Charles. There were also three sisters, Keziah Collier, Polly Gabbard, and one who died in Louisiana. They were Huguenots, and the family was driven from France during the religious persecution. Charles went to Bartholomew county early in life, and there married there about 1821. October 1, 1823 he died and was buried in a private graveyard 1-½ miles from Columbus. Some time afterwards his brother, Napoleon, erected a tomb over his grave, covering it with a sandstone slab, carved and engraved with the following inscription: "In memory of Charles Depauw, who departed this life on the 1st of October, 1823, and was about 26

years of age, and died in Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana. This stone is a present to the memory of the deceased by his brother, N. B. Depauw." The tomb was originally about 18 inches high and similar to the ones in Crown Hill, but when it was discovered it was covered over with soil to the depth of 12 inches. W. D. Keyes went to Columbus, Monday, and had the remains taken up. All the bones were found in a perfect state of preservation, although all traces of the coffin had passed away. The skeleton was placed in a wooden case about 18 inches square and 4-½ feet long, and the case filled with the earth that surrounded the bones, and this with the sandstones slab, which was about 3x6 feet, was shipped here. After placing the coffin in the grave, a brick wall was built to the height of 18 inches and the great slab placed on as a covering. Charles Depauw was an uncle to the last W. C. Depauw, and a great uncle to N. T. and Chas. Depauw, W. D. and John Keyes and J. J. Hungate. N. T. Depauw, of New Albany, assumed all expenses of removal, and W. D. Keyes superintended the work and seen the tomb completed here before leaving for his home in New Albany, Tuesday evening.