

today, the weather of Texas is a thing of extreme contrasts. Long dry spells in summer precede rapidly fluctuating autumn and winter weather which can include heavy rainfall, flooding, hail, tornadoes, and snow. Agriculture, mills, and even towns in pioneer times ultimately measured their success by the amount of water which was readily available. The dependable windmill in all forms of its evolution played a vital role in the development of the Hill Country by innovative German settlers of the nineteenth century, who adapted their agriculture and their way of life to a different climate and geography from those to which they were accustomed in Europe.

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SAMUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

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Samuel's Lutheran Church was formed in 1815 in Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio. In 1842, some differences arose as to church creed and a division of the congregation took place.

One group built a new church in Millville known as Mt. Zion and it was used until 1867. By that time the congregation had disbanded and the meeting house had been torn down.

The remaining members of the Samuel's Church removed to Millville in 1853 and built a new brick house known as the Millville German Reformed Church.

In 1929, the Reformed Church and the Presbyterian (Bethel) Church united to become the Millville Federated Church. Later the Church voted to become a part of the United Church of Christ.

The following surnames are found in the old Cemetery on Minton Road: Beeler, Brisleh, Bristley, Brosier, Dilg, Forlow, Hossler, Manson, Schmidt, Schwab, Snider, Spangler, Stephenson, Yaekle, Zarlnan, Ziegler, and Zortman.