Oldest person buried ... The record system, for the most part, does not record the age of the individual. However there are exceptions when their age was given. On January 3, 2002, William "Bill" Purvis was buried, at the age of 106. He was born on Dec.l9, 1895 and passed away December 31, 2001. Section 2WMH Lot 341, Space 4

Original Plat Books ... Over the years entries into the plat books for Oak Grove and Mt. Hope Cemeteries have changed. In the early entries, points of genealogy were recorded, such as, "wife of or widow of."
For example: Section 12 lot 9 space 12 May 25, 1854, Margaret Rider , Widow of Fred Rider, Who was buried at sea coming over
When a child's name was given it was recorded "child of' often the age was recorded as well. There were many places when the location of their death was recorded, and in several locations the cause of death. In the old block section, which was the original Mt. Hope Cemetery,
Section 2 lot 4 space 12
Silas Wallis Boy , Drowned in Canal, May 10, 1868
Section D lot 35 space 7
George Wise, October 22, 1891, Died at Insane Hospital Logansport

Point of Interest...In the Miami County Sentinel, Oct. 19, 1907 an article was printed telling of a workman, Samuel Watts, employed by Supt. Dunn of water works, finding a human skeleton while excavating at the Ord residence on Grant and Fifth Street. The article stated that an "Old Timer" said the first graveyard was located there and when a new cemetery was laid out at Eighth and Hood Street, the skull must have been left behind.
In Peru's early years, it appears that at least 3 sites may have been used as burial grounds, all in the same vicinity of 5th and 8th Streets, and between Fremont, Grant and Hood. The present location of Mt. Hood Cemetery wasn't established until 1845; 7 years after William Hood's death.