

William N. Hood was a native of Ohio, born around 1791 or 92, and moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1819 where he ran a very successful mercantile business. He moved to Miami County in 1831. While living in Ft. Wayne, he met and married Sophia C. Ewing, whose family was among the city's prominent residents. Mrs. Hood survived her husband in death by 31 years.

After Peru was established as the county seat, Mr. Hood continued his successful interest in real estate. Being a man of vision and abilities, he was elected to represent Cass and Miami County in the state legislature in 1836. After serving one term he was re-elected, but was not able to serve, dying on July 9, 1838. Mr. Hood was interred in a small graveyard on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Freemont, and later moved to Mt. Hope Cemetery.