

Antioch Black Cemetery

Judsonia, Arkansas

There are no pictures of this cemetery available

This Cemetery is also known as: Judsonia Colored Cemetery

Legal description: NE, SE, NW, Sect. 4, T7N, R6W

GPS Location: 622538 - 3903022

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0614

Number of Marked Graves: About 30

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The cemetery list was up dated in July 2016 by Leroy Blair

Current status of cemetery: This cemetery is no longer in use

Point of contact for cemetery. No known contact person .

This cemetery was organized in 1909 as Judsonia Colored Cemetery, controlled by the Judsonia Colored Burying Association. It has been closely connected to the Antioch Baptist Church, which was established in 1864. When it was listed in the spring of 1992 by Paul Miller of Judsonia, a former president of the White County Historical Society, he said many black residents of the area still called it "Colored Cemetery." Additional information was provided by Raymond Johnson, then age 80, who mowed and cared for the cemetery at that time. Their report was published by the Society in its annual history, White County Heritage, later that year. A report on the cemetery was prepared December 18, 2004, by Historical Society board member Leroy Blair. He had first visited the site in 2000 and found it in very poor condition. "However on my visit in 2004, I found that it has been cleaned up since my last visit," he reported. "The people who did the cleaning did a real nice job. Now many of the graves have flowers on them and some of the unmarked graves also have flowers. There may be several hundred graves without markings – just depressions in the ground."

"The road to the cemetery," Miller wrote in 1992, "is just a field road and no signs or directions, even an indication there is a cemetery there. Turn to Judsonia at the traffic light at Hopkins' corner, Highway 367, and go .8 mile. Watch closely for a gate on the right. The cemetery is some distance toward the river."

Miller found the following in White County Deeds, Book 85, page 174: "T.H. Beals to Judsonia Colored Cemetery – filed March 29, 1909. \$50.00 paid by Henry Word, President, R.R. Pool, Secretary, John Roach, Treasurer of the Judsonia Colored Burying

Association. Beginning 32 rods west of the NE corner of the SE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 4, Township 7 North, Range 6 West, go 20 rods South, West 8 rods, North 20 rods and East 8 rods; also, a right of way 8 feet wide from beginning point to land, one acre to be used for colored burying ground and for nothing else. Signed: T.H. Beals, Annie Beals, March 30, 1904."

Raymond Johnson was a veteran of World War II and a retired Missouri Pacific Railroad trackman. He lived in Judsonia with his wife Mary Trotter Johnson. His parents, Willie and Amanda Johnson, were life-long residents of Judsonia. His grandmother, Teena, was born in slavery on the Johnson Plantation near Selma, Alabama. She took the name Johnson after freedom, and moved to Arkansas.

When Blair first visited the cemetery October 7, 2000, he found three unlisted graves. Following is his 2000 report: "To get to this cemetery from Judsonia take Highway 385 toward Hopkins Corner. You will cross a small bridge. Turn at the second gate on the left past the bridge. The gate had some small flags on it. Go through the gate back to the woodline. The cemetery is on the left. It is badly overgrown. Mr. Gene Donnell, who owns the property, said that a few years ago someone bush-hogged the cemetery and it was so badly overgrown that they could not see the stones. So most of the ones on the list from Paul Miller in 1992 are broken or gone." The unlisted graves he found were Chester Freeman, Mamie Freeman and James Alexander. He found 14 other stones and "many unmarked graves." If the cemetery is locked, it may be opened by contacting Mr. Donnell at 501 729-3838. The Antioch Baptist Church building, located off Van Buren Street in downtown Judsonia, is not in use at this time, but has been maintained by former members.

If you have corrections or additions to this list or other information on this Cemetery, Contact the White County Historical Society, P.O. Box 537, Searcy, AR 72145. Or phone 501- 278- 5010

Following is a list of known burials in this cemetery.

Alexander, James H. – January 21, 1908 – September, 2, 19?? – Stone broken - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, ?? - Wife of Cornelius Bailey - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, Cora - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, Cornelius– May 8, 1891 – April 10, 1965 – Arkansas Private Co. C 14 Repl. Bn. - WWI - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, Elizabeth – April 7, 1924 – February 4, 1972 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, Harry - No dates listed - Unmarked - Son of Cora Bailey - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, Mrs. Pap - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bailey, Pap - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Barker, Anna – Died March 22, 1913 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Blankenship, Dave - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Blankenship, Mrs. Dave - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bowman, Bobby Joe - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bowman, Daughter - No dates listed - Unmarked - Daughter of Mona Bowman - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Bowman, Lucy – January 1, 1865 – July 28, 1911 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, Green - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, J.N.F. Jr. – January 14,1868 – January 21, 1957 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, J.N.F. Sr. – January 14, 1868 – January 21, 1957 - DS with Ida Readus - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, Michal – September 9, 1910 – March 1, 1911 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, Mother - No dates listed - Unmarked - Mother of Rev. John Brewer - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, Mrs. Green - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, Rachel – February 14, 1908 – July 30, 1927 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brewer, Sarah – Died June 5, 1916 - Only date listed - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Brown, Hattie B. – Died April 22, 1922 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Canada, Cindy - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Canada, George - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Canada, husband of Cindy - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Canada, Mrs. George - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Canady, Cinda – Died August 9, 1916 – age 58 - “At Rest.” - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Foster, Bill - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Foster, Mrs. Usleysee - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Foster, Usleysee - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Freeman, Chester – 1873 – 1949 – DS with Mamie Freeman - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Freeman, Mamie – 1880 – 1948 – DS with Chester Freeman - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Green, Alex - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Green, Mrs. Alex - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Hampton, Daughter - No dates listed - Unmarked - Daughter of John Hampton - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Hampton, John - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Henderson, John Belton – April 14, 1901 – May 24, 1964 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Amanda – 1891 – 1943 - age 52 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Dock - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, John - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Lola Barkle - No dates listed - Unmarked - Wife of John Johnson - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Mother - No dates listed - Unmarked - Mother of Dock Johnson - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Mrs. Willie - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Teena - No dates listed - Unmarked – Born a slave on the Johnson Plantation in Alabama - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Willie – 1884 – 1935 - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Johnson, Willie "Shortie" - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Jones, Henry - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Jones, Mrs. Henry - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Moore, Daughter - No dates listed - Unmarked - Daughter of Judia Moore - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Moore, Fair - No dates listed - Unmarked - Daughter of Katie Moore - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Moore, John - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,

Moore, Jom - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Moore, Judie - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Moore, Katie - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Moore, Willie Frank – November 9, 1899 – August 5, 1917 – Son of Ed & Sarah Moore - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Poole, Mollie L. – Died - January 8, 1924 – Only date listed - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Pools, Mr. - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Pools, Mrs. - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Pools, Three or four children - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Readus, Ida – December 2, 1874 – June 17, 1949 - DS with J.N.S. Brewer Sr. - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Riley, Bessie Jones – September 23, 1886 – July 18, 1975 - DS with Will Frank Riley - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Riley, Will Frank – December 9, 1884 – September 20, 1948 - DS with Bessie Jones Riley
Roberts, Rosetta – March 10, 1886 – January 1966 - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Rogers, Luke – This was the first burial, in the northeast corner of the cemetery - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Skillum, Walt - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Skillum, Willie - No dates listed - Unmarked - Son of Walt Skillum - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Trotter, Osby Z. – August 12, 1912 – November 7, 1983 - U.S.Army - WWII - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Trotter, Rosettia - No dates listed - Unmarked - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Young, Arthur Sr. – April 10, 1907 – January 1,1982 - Pvt. U.S. Army - WWII - Antioch Black Cemetery,
Young, Daughter - No dates listed - Unmarked - Daughter of Fannie Young - Antioch Black Cemetery,
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Young, Fannie - No dates listed - Unmarked - Judsonia Colored

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Following is a list of all known Cemeteries in White County Arkansas, Also included are Cemeteries in other counties that are near the White County Line that may have people from White County buried there.

Most of the cemetery information listed was collected by Leroy "Lee" Blair Former member of the White County Historical Society Board of Directors. Now working at the White County Historical Society office

If you have any additions or corrections to the burial listing please contact the Historical Society Phone 501-278-5010 or Email me at lblblair74@gmail.com or wchs1962@gmail.com

At the end of the cemetery list s a list of people from White County that have died that do not have cemetery listed or they are buried in a cemetery that we do not keep records on.

I will be posting more burials later. The Searcy Daily Citizen donated all their Micro Film and Ledgers dating back to 1953 as I look at them if I find a death of a person that we do not have I will to add to the cemetery listings.

There are some graves listed as unmarked that may have had a tombstone set since the listing was made.

I may have missed some graves when I done the listing, Some cemeteries are very hard to get good listing due to how some graves are scattered

The following Abbreviations are used in the listings.

FM – Funeral home marker

DS – Double tombstone

TS – Triple tombstone

The word (Obit) means that the Historical Society has or has access to the Obituary for this person.