

Bedford Chapel Cemetery

Romance, Arkansas

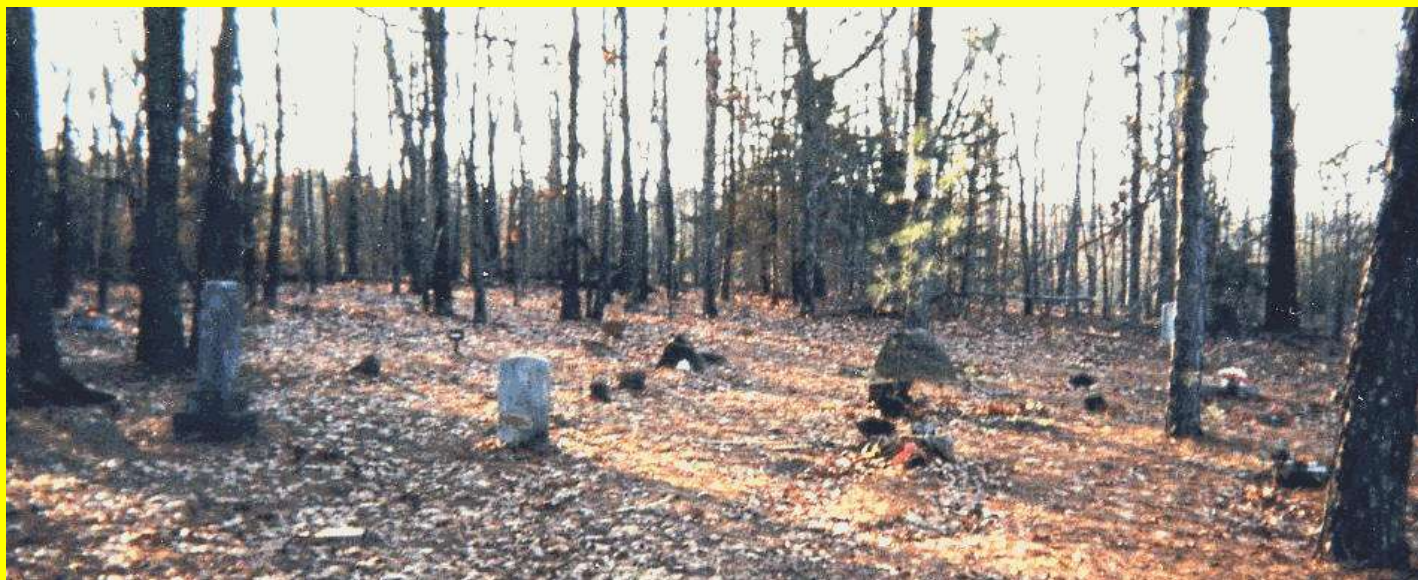


Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: Mt. Olive African American Cemetery.

GPS Location: 581838 - 3901120

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0688

Number of Marked Graves: About 40

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The cemetery list was up dated July 2016 By Leroy Blair

There has been Obituaries that were printed in the newspaper posted since the last survey was made.

Current status of cemetery: Active

Point of contact for cemetery. No contact person known.

This cemetery is located alongside the church building in what has been called "The Colony." The African Americans have lived south of Rose Bud since the end of the Civil War. This is in Section 8, Township 7 North, Range 8 West. Marked graves were first listed there March 26, 1966, by Cloie and Leister Presley of the White County Historical Society, and published in the 1995 edition of White County Heritage. Charles Alexander of R#1, Box 72, Mt. Vernon, Arkansas, made an effort to get information on the unmarked graves and supplied that list.

In 1995 a number of families were participating in an annual homecoming for the Mount Olive and Bedford Chapel community. According to chairperson Lynn Funnell, these families who participated are descendants of the early members of the community: Monroe and Octavia Dupriest, Bonnie and Fannie Clements, Samuel and Ardealure Alexander, William and Louella Alexander, Alford and Tilda Bedford, Columbus and Mindy Britton, Adam and Vinice Dupriest, Will and Minnie Britton, Willie and Savannah Walker, Dan and Estella Hardin.

The Mount Olive/Bedford Chapel Cemetery was visited January 8, 2001, by White County Historical Society member Leroy Blair, who added 20 names and other information to the original list. "To get to this cemetery from Rose Bud," Blair wrote in his report, "take Highway 5 south about six miles, turn right on Manning Road. Go about two miles. The cemetery is beside the Mount Olive Church. It is fairly clean. There are a lot of graves marked with rocks with no information on them. I counted 26 marked only with rocks. I also counted 13 old funeral home markers that are no longer legible." Blair was unable to find the following graves which were on the old list: Ulie Adkison, Mrs. Ardailure Alexander, Cleveland Bedford Jr., Allen Biggers, Floyd Brooks, Rachel Brooks, Henry Holland, Mrs. Amanda Holland, Katie Howard, Mrs. N.B. (Zeland) Nix, William A. Nix, Dwaine Simpson, Mrs. Pearle Biggers Walker and William Williams. Blair returned in late 2002 and found no new burials but that the cemetery had been cleaned since his previous visit.

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.

Adkison, Ulie – 1888 – July 28, 1916 –Wife of B.A. Adkison – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Austine – 1923 – Stillborn (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Henry – 1926 – Stillborn (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Henry – 1940 – Stillborn – (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Inez H. – Died June 30, 1952 – Only date listed (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Infant – November 6, 1958 – Stillborn – Son of Rev. & Mrs. W.C.T. Alexander (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Kathyline – 1928 – stillborn (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Luther – September 9, 1895 – December 1, 1918 – WWI Veteran – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Mrs. Ardailure – Died) April 5, 1953 – Age 62 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Nannie L. – August 2, 1921 – September 27, 2014 – DS with W.C. Theodore Alexander – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Pearlie – Died August 16, 1936 – Age 18 years (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Samuel Austin – Died February 26, 1966 – Age 100 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, W.C. Theodore – November 16, 1910 – July 29, 1988 – DS with Nannie L. Alexander – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Willie J. – May 2, 1938 – July 12, 1971 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Alexander, Wilson Pearce – 1943 – July 1, 1950 (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Alfred – Died May 23, 1938 – Age 78 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR (Obit) Book # 1 page - 132)

Bedford, Cleveland Sr. – September 4, 1912 – September 6, 1986 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Cleveland, Jr. – Died December 19, 1963 – Age 31 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Laura – May 21, 1876 - December 11, 1952 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Louise Hardin – March 12, 1916 – September 2, 1967 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Mattie – November 7, 1916 – June 4, 1991 – DS with William Titus Bedford – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Millard F.– February 11, 1911 – June 30, 1950 – WWI Veteran – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Thomas – Died October 31, 1957 – Age 77 years (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, Tilda – September 1, 1920 – April 5, 1961 –Wife of Alford – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, William T. – July 14, 1881 – October 31, 1957 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Bedford, William Titus – February 16, 1904 – April 18, 1977 – DS with Mattie Alexander Bedford – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Biggers, Allen – February 22, 1901 – July 1, 1962 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Biggers, Marvin – No dates known – (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Blackwell, Mrs. Flora – Died 1920 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Britton, Ophilia – October 5, 1913 – January 15, 1934 (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Brooks, Elsie S. – Died January 9, 1944 – Age 18 years (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Brooks, Floyd – 1851 – April 6, 1941 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Brooks, Rachel – No dates listed (FM) – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Campbell, Madge – No dates known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clements, Fannie – 1862 – only date listed – Carved on a rock – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clements, Golden – 1904 – 1986 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clements, Mattie – 1886 – 1920 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clemones, Lue Ella – April 17, 1879 – June 21, 1947 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clemons, Coleman – 1892 – April 26, 1931 (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clemons, Fannie – 1849 – 1930 (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clemons, Thom Booney, Sr. – 1848 – January 15, 1926 (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clemons, Tilda – 1925 – Stillborn – (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Clemonts, Nellie – Died February 8, 1978 – Age 68 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Dupriest, Adam – Died January, 1923 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Dupriest, Dumas – Died June 4, 1982 – Age 57 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Dupriest, Herbert M. – 1918 – 1983 – Cpl. U.S. Army WWII – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Dupriest, Mrs. Odell Morris – No dates known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Harper, Simon – Died November 8, 1944 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Harper, Thomas – 1921 – 1983 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Hill, Horace – Died 1947 – Only date listed – WWII Veteran (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Holland, Henry – Died June 25, 1953 – Age 60 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Holland, Mrs. Amanda – Died May 2, 1951 – 97 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Howard, Katie – April, 1910 – May 7, 1951 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Mix, Mary Ann – Ded 1916 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Montgomery, Elizabeth – No dates known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Morris, Betty – No dates known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Morris, Samuel – Born 1830– April 11, 1926 – (Unmarked grave) – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Morris, Samuel – Died 1918 – Only date known – KIA WWI Veteran – (Unmarked grave) – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Morris, Simon E. – October 15, 1899 – November 8, 1944 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nelson, Roy – Died 1945 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nelson, Jim – August 31, 1903 – January 9, 1927 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nelson, Joseph – No dates known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nix, Bertha Marvale – 1943 – Stillborn (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nix, Clemont – 1938 – stillborn (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nix, Mrs. N.B. – Died February 11, 1964 – Age 61 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nix, Telmon Boyd – Died March 3, 2011 – Age 97 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR (Obit) - Book # 8 page N 4)

Nix, Versie R. – 1908 – 2000 – DS with Telmon Boyd Nix – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Nix, William A. – Died April 7, 1954 – Age 84 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Owens, Brooks – Died November 15, 1922 – Only date listed – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Simpson, Dwaine – February 25, 1963 – Stillborn – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Smith, Geraldine P. – Died 1922 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Stapler, Jeff – Died) June 24, 1942 – Age 79 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR – (Obit) Book # 11- page S 100)

Strickland, Miyles – Died May, 1931 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Strickland, Nash – No dates known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Thomas, Jim – Died 1917 – Only date known (Unmarked grave) Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Thompson, Elvia L. – October 24, 1902 – June 28, 1976 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Walker, Pearlie – Died April 21, 1965 – Age 71 years – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Williams, Vinece – October 6, 1884 – August 21, 1974 – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

Williams, William – Died October 31, 1963 – Age 75 years. – Bedford Chapel Cemetery, Romance AR

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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.