

Bowlen Cemetery

Bald Knob, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: 63 Cemetery

GPS Location: 630445 - 3910940

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0658

Number of Marked Graves: About 45

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: December 31, 2004 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 known contact person.

This cemetery was visited December 31, 2004, by Leroy Blair of the White County Historical Society, who reviewed all stones and compared them with older lists and prepared the updated list that follows below. Blair, a member of the Society's Board of Directors and chairman of the Society's Cemetery Committee, had first visited this cemetery four years earlier, and reported seeing 17 graves marked only with rocks, four with illegible funeral home markers and 16 mounds or depressions that are probably unmarked graves.

To reach the cemetery from Bald Knob, take Highway 167 North approximately one mile and turn left on Heard Road. Turn left in front of the first house on the left onto a field road. The cemetery is on the right, about one and a third acres, tree covered. Most of the graves are on a rise in the center, toward the front of the cemetery. There are other graves, scattered rocks and old funeral home markers that cannot be read. In May 2000 a McGillvray family was doing the mowing. The cemetery was listed November 12, 1962, by Mrs. W.H. Collison of the White County Historical Society, W.H. Collison III and Roosevelt Johnson, then updated in May 2000 by Lois and Ray Etheridge of the Historical Society. The Etheridges found headstones for nine pre/1962 burials that were not recorded on the original list and eight headstones for burials after 1962.

The 1962 report stated, "Turn left at the old Hotopp Place. The cemetery is located in the woods south of Johnny Wilcox's home. Mrs. Johnny Wilcox said Jeff Norton and his wife Vannie Norton are buried on the edge of the northeast corner, with no marker. A few people had been buried in Bowlen Cemetery when Mr. Wilcox came to Bald Knob in 1901 from Bradford. Many Bowlens are buried in this cemetery. M.J. Bowlen was an engineer. He ran the first train that went over the tracks through Bald Knob, now Missouri Pacific Railroad. His wife Hattie Bowlen was buried beside him but her death date was never added to the stone. There was an old blind man who lived with the Bowlens and is buried here but no marker. Bowlen first owned Hotopp house, Thomas Thomas' place, and where John L. Wilcox now lives. They first lived at Hotopp house then moved to the two/story house (now burned) where Mr. Wilcox now lives. There were two Hotopp boys, both of whom live in Texas. Ernie owns the old home place. They were Germans. Two old men - Byers - no markers. Old man - Benton - buried here, no marker."

The Etheridges added this information: "John L. Wilcox moved from Bradford in 1901. Johnny, his son, was born in 1921. He and Pearlie Mae are at Prince Cemetery. They used to spell it Willcox, so both spellings can be found at Prince."

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 Bowlen cemetery.

Beard, Elizabeth – Died June 9, 1940 – Age 80 years, 1 month, 4 days – (FM) & rock - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Benton, - Old man – No first name or date listed - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Boswell, Z.Y. – Died February 1907 – Age 56 years - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Bowlen, Hattie M. – March 12, 1849 – Only date listed – DS with Matthew J. Bowlen – Daughter of Julia C. & Henry T. Bowlen

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Bowlen, M.L.V. – November 7, 1888 – November 23, 1888 – Daughter of M.J. & H.M. Bowlen - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Bowlen, Matthew J. – December 25, 1848 – March 8, 1917 – DS with Hattie M. Bowlen - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Boyce, Arvil – December 14, 1939 – November 17, 1983 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Boyce, Dora Lynn – August 4, 1971 – January 11, 1983 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Byers, - Old man – No dates or first name listed - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Byers, - Second old man – No dates or first name listed - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Caton, Ruby – September 1, 1901 – October 19, 1901 – Daughter of J.P. & S.B. Caton - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Cooper, John – No dates listed – Age 35 years - (Unmarked grave) - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR - (Obit)

Creager, D.E. – No dates listed – small stone - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Cullum, Dorothea – Died June 14, 1957 – Age 52 years, 7 months - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Cullum, Margaret N. – January 25, 1925 – October 10, 1928 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Dunivun, James M. – September 4, 1901 – November 10, 1918 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Dunn, William A. – December 25, 1872 – February 9, 1919 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Fergusson, Annie J. – May 31, 1841 – November 27, 1903 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Fisher, Betty – Died February 20, 1931 – Age 59 years - (Unmarked grave) - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR - (Obit)

Fisher, Minnie F. – October 27, 1888 – June 6, 1901 – Daughter of C.H. Fisher - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Geer, Henry A. – August 10, 1852 – June 25, 1917 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hendricks, Emanuel F. – November 18, 1903 – April 4, 1904 – Son of Robert & Rhoda Hendricks - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hendricks, Fred – January 5, 1921 – October 31, 1993 – DS with Lenora Hendricks - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hendricks, James H. – June 11, 1901 – May 28, 1989 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR – (Obit) June 1, 1989 paper

Hendricks, James J. – January 8, 1837 – August 4, 1905 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hendricks, John B. – 1868 – 1931 – DS with Texaner Hendricks - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hendricks, Lenora – March 25, 1928 – July 1, 1982 – DS with Fred Hendricks - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hendricks, Texaner – 1886 – 1954 – DS with John B. Hendricks - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Henry, Mrs. Alma – Died October 12, No year of death – No other date – (Unmarked grave) - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR (Obit)

Hill, Allie Cleora – November 10, 1897 – January 23, 1898 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hobbs, Julia M. – July 7, 1872 – August 5, 1909 – Wife of W. S. Hobbs - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hotopp, Alma – 1876 – 1955 – DS with W.C. Hotopp - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR - (Obit)

Hotopp, Caroline – September 16, 1840 – December 1, 1914 – Wife of Henry Hotopp - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hotopp, Henry – 1842 – 1920 – Husband of Caroline Hotopp - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Hotopp, W. C. – 1870 – 1938 – DS with Alma Hotopp - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Livingston, Lydia M. – January 29, 1837 – February 8, 1894 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Mason, Rebecca - January 8, 1949 – July 18, 2014 – Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR (Obit)

McClay, Alpha – May 9, 1862 – January 1, 1903 – Wife of J.W. McClay - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

McClay, Harry B. – December 31, 1890 – January 4, 1892 – Son of J.W. & A. McClay - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

McGillvray, Angus – June 15, 1904 – September 11, 1905 – Son of A.L. & Cate McGillvray - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

McGillvray, Angus Levi – September 20, 1870 – November 1, 1954 – DS with Kathryn Francis McGillvray - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

McGillvray, Hady – March 28, 1913 – October 3, 1913 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

McGillvray, Kathryn Francis – March 13, 1881 – October 16, 1933 – DS with Angus Levi McGillvray - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

McGillvray, Roy – June 14, 1915 – Only date listed - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Mills, Helen I. – June 27, 1926 – February 4, 2010 – DS with Merlin Mills - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR - (Obit)

Mills, Merlin – March 9, 1915 – March 15, 1991 – DS with Helen Mills - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Neal, D. Jasper – September 16, 1874 – October 9, 1953 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Neal, Nancy Ellen – March 10, 1844 – September 3, 1914 – Wife of Merdith Neal - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

New, Mary E. – February 2, 1829 – November 18, 1903 – Daughter of Julia C. & Henry Tracy - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Norton, Jeff – No dates listed - (Unmarked grave) - Husband of Vannie Norton - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Norton, Savannah M.(Mrs. Sam) – Died September 18, 1955 – Age 71 years - (Unmarked grave) - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR - (Obit)

Norton, Vannie – No dates listed – (Umarked grave) – Wife of Jeff Norton - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Nutter, Mary A. – 1893 – 1919 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Robinson, Elmer – November 25, 1906 – October 3, 1907 – Son of E.W. & Linie Robinson - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Salmons, J.L. – Died October 7, 1929 – Age 51 years, 1 month, 28 days - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Sexton, Bertha – January 2, 1923 – May 18, 1925 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Timmons, Charles F. – September 11, 1884 – December 17, 1911 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Tracy, Mary A. – November 24, 1891 – October 14, 1894 – Daughter of Susan E. & Harmon A. Tracy - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Tracy, Julia Content – February 8, 1808 – September 20, 1888 – Wife of Henry Tracy - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Tracy, Susan E. (Johnson) – Died July 21, 1894 – Wife of Harmon A. Tracy – (Unmarked grave) - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Wilson, Daisy Jean – May 3, 1939 – December 17, 2010 – Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob AR (Obit)

Wilson, R.D. – March 21, 1920 – September 21, 1976 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

Woodward, Mary E. – February 22, 1863 – July 19, 1939 - Bowlen Cemetery, Bald Knob, AR

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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

I will be posting more burials later. The Searcy Daily Citizen donated all their Micro Film and Ledgers dating back to 1953. After reviewing 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 prepared the listing. Some cemeteries are very hard to get an accurate 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

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