

Hicks Cemetery

Little Red, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: Stringtown Cemetery.

Legal description: NW,SW, NE, Sect 31, T10N, R7W

GPS Location: 610053-3924266

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0685

Number of Marked Graves: About 4

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: April 24, 2002 By Leroy Blair.

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

Point of contact for cemetery. No known contact person.

This site, which has also been known as Stringtown Cemetery was first recorded by Leroy Blair of the White County Historical Society following a visit on April 24, 2002. He learned of its existence from the property owner when he was researching an unrecorded slave cemetery nearby. "I was asking for permission to look for the old Slave Cemetery that I had learned about," Blair reported, "and he said there was an old cemetery on some other property he owned just west of Little Red near the river.

To get to the cemetery from Little Red, take Highway 305 north toward Hickory Flat about a tenth of a mile to Old River Road and turn left. Go about three miles and turn left on an unmarked road at about 140 Old River Road. Go about a half-mile south to the first house by the river. The cemetery is located in an open field on the left of the road across from the house. It needs mowing but otherwise is in good condition." Blair found two inscribed double headstones, one containing the names of Minerva Hicks and her son William, and the other stone for Mabry Hicks and his second wife Lucinda. Blair also saw approximately 10 other graves that were marked with field stones.

In January 2004, Blair was told by Terry Butler of Pangburn that he had known this graveyard years ago as "Stringtown Cemetery," so named because the settlement nearby was named Stringtown. Blair, who was chairman of the Historical Society's cemetery committee and a member of the board, visited the graveyard again on February 18, 2005, and found no changes since his first 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.

Hicks, Allen Floyd – September 23, 1872 – January 8, 1873 – Son of Mabry & Minerva – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Alma May – August 6, 1900 – August 24, 1908 – Daughter of Mabry & Lucinda Hicks – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Charles Walter – April 4, 1887 – July 28, 1893 – Son of Mabry & Lucinda Hicks – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Joseph Warren – February 4, 1871 – August 31, 1873 – Son of Mabry & Minerva Hicks – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Henry Watson – January 19, 1874 – September 23, 1876 – Son of Mabry & Minerva Hicks – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Infant Boy – April 1899 – May 1899 – Son of Mabry & Lucinda Hicks – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Infant Girl – March 8, 1880 – March 8, 1880 – Daughter of Mabry & Minerva Hicks – (Unmarked grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Lucinda (Harwood) – August 23, 1867 – August 4, 1917 – DS with Mabry B. Hicks - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Mabry Bowden – January 24, 1846 – March 30, 1932 – Husband of Minerva J. & Lucinda - DS with Lucinda - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Minerva Jane (Peeler) – January 1854 – March 9, 1880 – DS with Son William H. – Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, Provy Clark – March 1, 1876 – August 19, 1879 – Son of Mabry & Minerva Hicks - (Unmarked Grave) - Hicks Family Cemetery,

Hicks, William Harrison – November 15, 1877 – April 20, 1944 – DS with Mother Minerva J. – Hicks Family Cemetery, – (Obit)

Two weeks after the new Hicks Family Cemetery listing was released in 2002, Marjean Rowe of Little Rock reported she had found this Hicks family listed in the 1900 census for Jackson Township: (See below)

HICKS, Mabry B., age 54 (born Jan. 1846), head

Lucinda, age 34 (born Aug. 1865), wife

Alberta, age 10, dau.

Winnie, age 8, dau.

Shelby, age 6, son.

Mary M., age 3, dau.

In May 2002, the White County Historical Society received detailed information about Mabry Hicks, his two wives and 14 children from Wilma Sneddon of Joplin, Missouri. The listings below reflect this additional data.

Mabry Bowden Hicks was born in Henry, Tennessee, and died at age 86 at Little Red. He was married first to Minerva Jane Peeler, daughter of Crawford Wesley Peeler and Provy Ann (VanMeter) Peeler of Hiram, on March 13, 1870, in White County. Of their six children, only one – William Harrison Hicks – lived to adulthood, and he did not marry. All six are buried here along with Mabry and Minerva. Their children are Joseph Warren Hicks, Allen Floyd Hicks, Henry Watson Hicks, Provy Clark Hicks, William Harrison Hicks and an infant girl. This information was provided to Wilma Sneddon by Peeler and VanMeter families, also from Thelma Hicks Amyett, the youngest child by Mabry's second marriage.

Minerva Hicks died at age 26 in 1880, one day after giving birth to the unnamed girl. Five of Minerva's children had already been buried in this cemetery.

Mabry then married Lucinda Harwood, who was 19 years younger. Their wedding date is unknown but the first of their eight children was not born until seven years after Minerva's death.

Their children included

Charles Walter Hicks (April 4, 1887 – July 28, 1893),

unnamed boy (April 1899 – May 1899)

Alma May Hicks (August 6, 1900 – August 24, 1908 who are buried in this family cemetery;

Alberta Ann Hicks (July 29, 1889 – November 23, 1965), burial site unknown

, and four children who were buried at Providence Cemetery:

Winnie Davis Hicks (June 11, 1892 – September 30, 1980), buried at Providence Cemetery: who married Roy N. Simpson;

Shelby Lenox Hicks (December 9, 1893 – January 16, 1975);

Mary Myrtle Hicks (June 23, 1896 – March 11, 1983), who married L. Henry Hunt;

Thelma Leona Hicks (September 26, 1905 – February 9, 1999), who married Amyett.Mabry Bowden Hicks died in 1932, outliving his first wife by 52 years and his second by 15. He fathered a total of 14 children, only five of which reached adulthood.

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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 on the square in Searcy. WCHS P. O. Box 537 Searcy, Ark. 72145.

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.