

Lessenberry Cemetery

Kensett, AR



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: None known..

Legal description: Unknown.

GPS Location: 621733-3897662

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0728.

Number of Marked Graves: About 10

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: February 19, 2001 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 listing was first prepared by Joe Hammond of Kensett in February 1976. It is located on land which originally was the Lessenberry Farm but at the time of the survey was owned by Irvin Wright of Kensett. Hammond reported seeing one unmarked grave.

The cemetery was visited February 19, 2001, by Leroy Blair of the White County Historical Society, who reported it to be "in very poor condition, very overgrown, with signs of vandalism." He provided the following directions to reach it: "From Kensett, take Pete Hall Road south about one mile to a blue/gray house on the right of the road. The cemetery is behind this house in a pine grove about 200 yards from the house. Beware of the dog at this house."

Blair noted assorted problems with tombstones. He said he did not find the unmarked grave that was mentioned in the 1976 report. "A Mrs. McDonald who lives near Griffithville and knows a little about this cemetery" told Blair that the unmarked grave is possibly that of Sarah Lessenberry. She did not know any dates.

Following is a list of known burials in this cemetery.

Cowan, Mary F. – August 20, 1843 – April 12, 1873 – Wife of James A. Cowan – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

EVM – No other information – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

Lessenberry, Emily – February 20, 1814 – June 9, 1871 – Wife of J.A. Lessenberry – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

Lessenberry, J.A. – July 5, 1814 – July 15, 1880 – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeill, Amanda H. – 1851 – 1914 – DS with James E. McNeill – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeill, Emaey Z. – 1870 – 1872 – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeill, Emmett Ernest – October 14, 1887 – August 29, 1888 – (Unmarked grave) – 8th child of John T. & Amanda – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeill, James E. – February 12, 1875 – September 21, 1876 - DS with Amanda H. McNeill – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeil, John Emory – October 2, 1872 – August 20, 1822 – (Unmarked grave) – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeill, John Thomas – 1841 – 1919 – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

McNeill, Vernon Pierce – February 4, 1881 – April 4, 1881 – (Unmarked grave) – 5th Child of John T. & Amanda – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

Williams, Ann W. – died July 4, 1895 – 57 years, 4 mos., 8 days – Wife of C.K. Williams – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

Williams, Annie – November 1, 1877 – July 24, 1879 – Daughter of Ann W. & C.K. Williams – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

Williams, Deener – July 28, 1868 – September 10, 1872 – Son of Ann W. & C.K. Williams – Lessenberry Family Cemetery

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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.