

Massey Cemetery

Opal, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: None known.

Legal description: NE, NW, SE, Sect.1, T5N, R10W

GPS Location: 589158-3883296

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0644

Number of Marked Graves: About 50

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: February 19, 2001 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.

Established in 1885, this cemetery covers about two acres donated by the Massey family approximately a mile west of the Opal community. The site is approximately four-tenths of a mile south of U.S. Highway 64 on John Smith Road, about seven miles west of Beebe, in the NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 10 West. A small wooden sign with "Massey Cemetery" painted on it marks the turnoff on the south side of Highway 64.

A survey was completed for the White County Historical Society in March 2000 by William E. (Sonny) Davis, Robert C. Davis and Karen K. Davis. Leroy Blair of the Historical Society visited the cemetery February 19, 2001, and described it as "very clean, well cared for." He found seven graves marked only with rocks. He also found two funeral home markers that were illegible but did not appear to be old. He speculated that they may be the markers for the graves of James William Hightower and Annie Irene Hightower because he was unable to find their markers. He also could not find the stone or marker for Washington M. Cook.

Donations for the maintenance of Massey Cemetery may be sent to Bobby Davis, 1314 Headlee Heights, Searcy, AR 72143.

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.

Cook, Washington M. – January 6, 1953 – Age 70 years - Massey Cemetery

Davis, A.C. – October 20, 1865 – April 22, 1952 – DS with Lucy F. Davis - Massey Cemetery - (Obit)

Davis, Bessie E. – March 16, 1891 – September 9, 1980 – DS with Lois C. Davis - Massey Cemetery

Davis, Charles E. – October 15, 1862 – January 20, 1939 - Massey Cemetery - (Obit)

Davis, Elizabeth Jane – May 20, 1844 – November 1, 1928 – DS with James R. Davis - Massey Cemetery

Davis, Guy Clayburn – January 29, 1920 – March 9, 1981 - Massey Cemetery

Davis, Henry Jeff – November 30, 1911 – September 8, 1964 - Massey Cemetery – (Obit September 11, 1964 paper)

Davis, Icy E. – October 24, 1898 – September 15, 1903 - Massey Cemetery

Davis, James R. – June 16, 1834 – December 12, 1898 – Pvt. Co. C. 14th Ark. Inf (C.S.A.) – DS with Elizabeth Jane Davis - Massey Cemetery

Davis, James Robert – March 27, 1918 – July 26, 1945 - Massey Cemetery - (Obit)

Davis, Lois C. – July 2, 1890 – September 6, 1942 – DS with Bessie E. Davis - Massey Cemetery – (Obit)

Davis, Lucy F. – 1869 – June 6, 1901 – DS with A.C. Davis - Massey Cemetery

Davis, Pearl L. – December 2, 1895 – June 21, 1979 – DS with William E. Davis - Massey Cemetery

Davis, William E. – November 27, 1894 – February 28, 1955 – DS with Pearl L. Davis - Massey Cemetery - (Obit)

Fisher, Beulah Mae – December 30, 1905 – January 12, 2004 – DS with Eugene (“Dick”) Fisher - Massey Cemetery – (Obit)

Fisher, Eugene (“Dick”) – September 22, 1900 – April 10, 1986 – DS with Beulah Mae Fisher - Massey Cemetery

Hightower, Annie Irene – December 16, 1923 – January 24, 1997 - Massey Cemetery

Hightower, James William – September 30, 1909 – November 17, 1988 - Massey Cemetery

Isbell, James M. – September 12, 1851 – October 12, 1903 – DS with Mary D. Isbell - Massey Cemetery

Isbell, Mary D. – February 2, 1857 – February 15, 1924 – DS with James M. Isbell - Massey Cemetery

Kirkpatrick, Joana V. – Wife of C.W. Kirkpatrick – February 27, 1865 – March 31, 1891 - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Bessie – January 14, 1895 – August 14, 1899 – Daughter of J.C. & M.J. Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Dean Estes – March 7, 1965 – April 13, 2014 – Massey Cemetery – (Obit)

Massey, Drucilla Elizabeth – March 25, 1831 – February 3, 1900 – DS with Joel C. Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Elvie C. – 1897 – 1977 – married September 25, 1925 – DS with William C. Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Infant – Born & died September 5, 1903 – Child of J.C. & M.J. Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, James C. – January 27, 1868 – June 30, 1944 – DS with Mary Jane Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Joel C. – November 9, 1821 – September 17, 1885 - 14th Regt. Ark. Inf. C.S.A.– DS with Drucilla Elizabeth - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Mary Jane – May 10, 1873 – January 26, 1947 – DS with James C. Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Verlon C. – September 24, 1915 – February 22, 1931 - Massey Cemetery - (Obit)

Massey, William C. – 1898 – 1994 – DS with Elvie C. Massey - Massey Cemetery

Massey, Zackery "Zack" Brandon – March 31, 1988 – July 17, 2013 – Massey Cemetery, Opal AR – (Obit)

Noe, Thomas O. – February 12, 1917 – June 26, 1990 – 1st Sgt. U.S. Army - WWII - Massey Cemetery

Shurley, Ina H. – January 13, 1895 – December 16, 1960 – DS with Joe M. Shurley - Massey Cemetery – (Obit in December 17, 1960 paper)

Shurley, Infant - Died December 27, 1915 - Son of J.M. & Ina Surley - Massey Cemetery

Shurley, Joe M. – June 20, 1894 – October 21, 1973 – DS with Ina Shurley - Massey Cemetery

Shurley, W.J. – August 27, 1866 – January 1, 1896 - Massey Cemetery

Smith, John Lloyd Sr. – November 25, 1928 – June 20, 1999 – U.S. Air Force - Korea – DS with Mary Margee Smith - Massey Cemetery

Smith, Mary Margee – May 14, 1939 – Only date listed – DS with John Lloyd Smith Sr. - Massey Cemetery

Taylor, Drucy T. – October 1870 – March 9, 1965 – 95 years – Painted on a concrete block - Massey Cemetery

Taylor, Habb – No dates listed – Painted on a concrete block - Massey Cemetery

Taylor, Infant – Daughter of Drucy T. Taylor – Painted on a concrete block - Massey Cemetery

Thomas, Randall Noe "Randy" – December 28, 19?? – March 5, 1981 - Massey Cemetery

Thompson, Joanna S. – July 14, 1843 – Only date listed – Painted on a concrete block - Massey Cemetery

Williams, Effie D. – December 23, 1871 – January 10, 1949 - Massey Cemetery - (Obit)

Williams, Harry Jr. – August 31, 1924 – April 25, 1995 – DS with Lucille Williams - Massey Cemetery – (Obit)

Williams, Lucille – October 25, 1937 – Only date listed – DS with Harry Williams Jr. - Massey 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.