

McKnight Cemetery

Bradford, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: None known.

Legal description: NW, NW, NW, Sect. 12, T9N, R5W

GPS Location: 636556-3920982

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0666

Number of Marked Graves: About 20

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: January 3, 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 cemetery was visited in November 2000 by Gerald Torrence for the White County Historical Society. He reported it "is in bad shape and has been visited by vandals." As his photo above conveys, several stones have been pushed off their base. He provided the following directions: "To reach the Cemetery take Highway 87 North from Bradford. At the first fork in the road, go left. Heard Cemetery will be located on the right. Then go to the second road to the left after passing Heard. This is Turner Road – turn left there. Smith Cemetery is about 200 feet down Turner Road, on the left." McKnight Cemetery is located in Section 12, Township 9 North, Range 5 West. It was first listed in May 1968 by the Bradford Homemaker's Extension Club, then published by the White County Historical Society in its 1969 edition of White County Heritage

When Torrence visited the Cemetery he said he needed an axe to cut away brush to read the stones. He was able to read only eight stones. The cemetery was visited January 3, 2001, by Leroy Blair of the Historical Society, who found a grave – that of M.I. McKnight – which had not been listed previously. Other than the eight stones that Torrence found, plus the stone of M.I. McKnight that Blair found, the names below are from the original 1968 list.

Blair was unable to find the following graves from the '68 list: Alonzo Gambill, Birdie Gambill, Willie May Gambill, McKnight next to Violet, Ellen McKnight, Hugh S. McKnight, R. McKnight, Violet next to McKnight, Ann Ball McKnight Wilson, William B. Wilson and Margaret Susie Gwyn. Blair reported, "This cemetery needs a good cleaning and stones remounted on their bases."

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.

Gambill, Alonzo - August 11, 1883 - March 2, 1885 - McKnight Cemetery

Gambill, Birdie - November 12, 1881 - March 7, 1886 - McKnight Cemetery

Gambill, Willie May - January 18, 1880 - August 16, 1886 - McKnight Cemetery

Gwyn, Margaret Susie - August 16, 1885 - March 3, 1911 - McKnight Cemetery

Mary L. – no last name – June 16, 1849 – March 21, 1904 - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight - next to "Violet" – No other information - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight , T.K. – August 28, 1849 – March 3, 1911 – Husband of Margaret Susie Gwin McKnight - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight, Anna Ruth - September 12, 1934 - October 12, 1936 - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight, Ellen - Died 1874 - Mary Wilson's sister - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight, Emma Belle - December 25, 1855 - June 22, 1926 - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight, Hugh S. - March 9, 1848 - August 14, 1917- Husband of Emma Belle McKnight - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight, M.I. - November 10, 1868 - January 2, 1889 - McKnight Cemetery

McKnight, R. – 1912 - 1913 - McKnight Cemetery

Pierce, Emma A. McKnight - December 29, 1891 - February 15, 1912 - Wife of W.S. Pierce, McKnight Cemetery

Violet – Next to “McKnight” – No other information

Wilson, Ann Ball McKnight - 1820 -1906- McKnight Cemetery

Wilson, Mary L. McKnight - June 16, 1849 - March 21, 1904 - Wife of W.B. Wilson - McKnight Cemetery

Wilson, Prudence Eudorah - December 4, 1874 - October 4, 1875 - Daughter of W.B. & Mary McKnight Wilson - McKnight Cemetery

Wilson, W.B. – April 30, 1841 - October 22, 1911 - Husband of Mary L. Wilson - Co. H McGehee's Ark Cav. C.S.A. - McKnight Cemetery

Wilson, William B. - September 20, 1801 - 1874 - McKnight 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.