

Old Dogwood Cemetery

Griffithville, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: None known

GPS Location:622251 - 3883559

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3WH0638

Number of Marked Graves: About - 135

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: October, 2000 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.

Old Dogwood Cemetery is located about five miles south of Griffithville. This historic site was originally listed July 1963 by Mrs. Lloyd Henry and John Griffin of the White County Historical Society and published in the organization's White County Heritage history for 1971. The cemetery records were updated March 18, 2000, by Historical Society member Tommy H. Treadway, then again October 18, 2000, by WCHS member Leroy Blair. Henry and Griffin had described the old Cemetery "which lies along an old fencerow," as "well kept and still used some for present day burials." Thirty-seven years later, Treadway reported "the cemetery is being mowed and maintained in fair condition."

Notable among the tombstones are the number of Civil War veterans, from both the North and the South, who are buried here. In Henry and Griffin's footnotes they stated "There are 33 Civil War veterans' graves marked in this small cemetery and credit for this goes to John Lester Collinsworth who worked on this project for many years... Mr. Collinsworth has died since this listing and is buried in this cemetery." An article on Griffithville published by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette December 26, 1999, stated that the soldiers who were buried here during the Civil War came from a nearby Confederate hospital at a site later known as Egbert, and that Collinsworth figured out where they were buried and got markers from the U.S. government in the 1930s. In Blair's report he speculates on this area with the following comments: "There is a large circular mound near the center of the cemetery that has a large rock erected on top. Could this be a mass grave from the Civil War? I have seen a mass grave in Pennsylvania and it looked just like this mound." The Civil War markers do not contain birth or death dates. Blair was unable to find the following graves which were listed in the original report: Ida Branch, F.J. Hood, J.W. Pence, R.E. Pence, Z.W. Tate, Sgt. J.W. Williams.

Treadway's report included the following: "There are several headstones that are loose on their base and in need of being re-cemented to base. There are several headstones that are broken into two or three pieces, some of the dates can still be assembled and read. However, through time these will become lost if not repaired." He said several gravesites that were marked only with simple rocks or stones. Here are Treadway's directions to Old Dogwood Cemetery: From the junction of Highways 11 and 385 in Griffithville, travel south on McDoniel Road two miles to Fletcher Ellis Road and turn right. Continue on Fletcher Ellis Road (about half a mile) until reaching Dogwood Church Road then measure three-tenths of a mile to a single house on the left. Turn left onto this road, which runs along the west side of the yard, and travel approximately one-quarter mile to the cemetery.

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.

Anderson, Isabel – No dates listed – Daughter of J.T. and S.R. Anderson – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Autrey, Archibald – No dates listed – Co. E, 1 Reg. Ark. Cav. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Bailey, Anna Mae – October 10, 1887 – April 9, 1968 – DS with David T. Bailey – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR – (Obit April 12, 1968 paper)

Bailey, David Thomas – January 14, 1888 – September 19, 1936 – DS with Anna Mae Bailey - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR – (Obit)

Blakemore, T.J. – Co. F, 14 Tenn. Cav. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Bost, W.E. – No dates listed – Co. A, 1st Arkansas Cav. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Bost, William A. – August 1, 1865 – January 29, 1885 - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Bradley, W.M. – Co. C, 7 Tenn. Vols CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, B.– Co. A, 38 Tenn. Inf. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Benjamin L. – March 20, 1867 – July 10, 1880 - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Clyde – July 18, 1887 – August 28, 1891 - Son of S.W. & Ida Branch - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Etta – October 12, 1874 – May 4, 1876 - Daughter of W.H. & M.E. Branch - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Ida – October 12, 1874 – May 4, 1876 – Daughter of W.H. and M.E. Branch - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Nancy A. – July 22, 1838 – February 10, 1879 - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Thomas H.– January 10, 1849 – February 28, 1871 - Son of W.B. & Mary Branch - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, Thomas J. – Co. G, 9 Ark. Inf. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Branch, William B. – Co. B, 12 Bn. Ark. Sharp Shooters CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Brimberry, James – 1830 – Son of Elizabeth & Matthias –Company L, 28th Texas Cavalry CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Britton, William – Co. A, 1 Bn. Tenn. Cav. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Collinsworth, Hallie Ella – August 7, 1868 – Only dates listed - DS with James William Collinsworth

Collinsworth, James Bernice – April 16, 1893 – November 21, 1944 – WWI Veteran - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR - (Obit)

Collinsworth, James William – September 9, 1857 – December 22, 1932 - DS with Hallie Ella - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR - (Obit)

Collinsworth, John Lester – September 18, 1900 – June 13, 1970 - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Collinsworth, Mary – No birthdate – July 5, 1996 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Collinsworth, Perry Wesley – Jan. 2, 1896 – Dec. 28, 1960– U.S. Navy - WWI – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR – (Obit December 31, 1960 paper)

Collinsworth, R.B. – January 2, 1898 – January 21, 1981 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Collinsworth, Thomas Wayne – December 30, 1939 – November 12, 1981 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Fenton, Linnie May – May 31, 1886 – July 14, 1971 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Haines, Joseph C. – Co. B, 1 Tenn. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Harris, Dean – August 5, 1906 – September 16, 1906 - Son of W.N. & E. Harris – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Harris, Lawton – October 18, 1899 – December 18, 1899 - Son of W.N. & E. Harris – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Hartzog, Gertrude Thurman – 1870 – 1937 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Hinson, L.B. – Co. B, 14 Tenn. Cav. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Holladay, Eanes A. – August 3, 1844 – March 14, 1884 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Holladay, William – November 10, 1845 – March, ???? – Stone broken – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Hood, Frederick J. – July 25, 1854 –September 20, 1896 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

House, Marvin – April 8, 1869 – August 12, 1872 - Son of A.H. & S.E. House – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

House, S.E. – March 19, 1843 – 1878 - Wife of H.A. House – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Johnson, Corpl. Miles – Co. B, 662 Ill. Inf. – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Keeble, J.P. – August 15, 1831 – November 14, 1902 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Keeble, Mary E. – December 1, 1838 – March 5, 1911 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Lewis, Mary E. – November 7, 1885 – July 24, 1888 – Daughter of W.H. & L.T. Lewis – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Lewis, William A. – September 2, 1874 – September 6, 1876 – Son of W.H. & L.T. Lewis – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Malicoat, J. – Co. D, 21 Ark. Mil. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

McGuin, Thomas – Co. F, 21 La. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

McKinnon, John – Co. I Reg. Ark. Cav. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

McNeil, James – Co. G, 18 Tenn. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

McRay, Earnest A. – January 29, 1888 – Stone broken - Son of C.O. McRay – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Measles, S – Co. A, 1 Reg. Ark. Cav. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Miller, Ora Lee – May 7, 1875 – February 6, 1909 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Myrick, David P. – January 24, 1884 – March 15, 1885 - Son of C.M. & Texanna Myrick – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Myrick, Osker – September 11, 1882 – September 12, 1882 - Son of C.M. & Texanna Myrick – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Myrick, Texana A. –August 21, 1861 – August 23, 1904 – Wife of Rev. C.M. Myrick – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Neely, Lafayette – Co. A, 10 Ala. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Newsom, Lois – July 11, 1902 – September 17, 1906 - Daughter of Neal & Lucy Lewsom – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Newsom, Lucy L. – May 9, 1885 – October 31, 1905 – Wife of Neal Newsom – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Norton, James – Wiggins Btry Ark. Lt. Arty. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Norton, Mary A. – August 31, 1838 – November 25, 1868 - Daughter of William B. & Mary Branch – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Osburn, Alice J. – January 19, 1857 – December 24, 1909 - Wife of Jesse Osburn – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, – Born and died January 27, 1905 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, – February 1885 – March 1885 – Infant son of G.L. & S.J. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, ? – Born September 21, 18?? – No other date – Stone broken - Son of G.L. and S.J. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Avie Cleo – 1911 – 1911 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Damaris L. – February 25, 1830 – March 4, 1874 - Wife of J.W. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Dugger – 1907 – 1907 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, G.W. Clarence – 1869 – 1912 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, George F. – September 22, 1886 – August 6, 1889 – Son of G.L. & S.J. Pence

Pence, George L. – September 22, 1857 – September 28, 1943 - DS with Sarah J. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Gladys R. – 1903 – 1903 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, J.W. – May 18, 1830 – May 24, 1914 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Jacob M. – November 28, 1898 – December 4, 1899 - Son of L.R. and M.A. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Josuah W. – May 18, 1830 - May 24, 1914 – (Co. A. 36th Ark. Inf. C.S.A.) – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR – (Pioneer Obit)

Pence, M. Avie – 1874 – 1911 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Marietta – 1902 – 1912 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Mary C. – March 23, 1871 – February 9, 1905 - Wife of O.D. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Onie Agness – February 9, 1903 – Only date listed - Daughter of O.D. & M.C. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Orville L. – Died September 2, 1901 – Only date listed - Stone broken - Son of G.L. & S.J. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Robert E. – June 6, 1881 – December 2, 1889 - Son of G.L. & S.J. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Sarah J. – March 29, 1856 – April 2, 1924 - DS with George L. Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Pence, Velma E. – 1904 – 1904 – See Clarence Pence – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Peterson, Matilda F. – January 22, 1855 – November 7, 1906 - Wife of W.E. Peterson – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Ray, ? - (large round marker RAY next to George C. and M. Clara Holiday Ray) – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Ray, Bertha – June 30, 1892 – February 26, 1898 - Daughter of C.C. & C. Ray – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Ray, Frederick – July 11, 1902 – July 15, 1905 - Son of G.C. & M.C. Ray – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Ray, George C. – 1854 – 1942 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Ray, M. Clara Holiday – 1866 – 1932 - Wife of George C. Ray – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR - (Obit)

Ray, William J. – August 27, 1899 – January 7, 1924 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Reippe, John H. – Co. K, 32 Ark. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Roach, Jesse P. – Co. A, 32 Ark. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Roach, Michael – Confederate Soldier – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, Bettie B. – Died October 14, 1902 - Age 32 years - Wife of O.S. Rogers – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, Carrie Mae – November 28, 1883 – November 14, 1975 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, Charles Henry – March 24, 1911 – December 26, 1976 – Pvt. U.S. Army – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, Fannie B. – September 6, 1896 – January 20, 1897 - Daughter of O.S. & Bettie Rogers – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, John – June 1, 1863 – March 11, 1902 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, John F. – Co. B, 33 Ark. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Rogers, Odis S. – September 7, 1869 – May 7, 1940 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Ross, W.A. – Co. A, 1 Ark. Cav. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Sanders, Mary R – January 29, 1880 – April 14, 1899 - Wife of W.H. Sanders – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Saunders, Caroline V. – November 14, 1846 – October 3, 1885 – Wife of E.B. Saunders – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Saunders, Ezell B. – Died after 1910 – (Co. K. 13th Tenn. Inf. C.S.A.) – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Shannahen, Maggie L. – December 23, 1861 – May 10, 1880 - Wife of Thomas Shannehen– Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Shumate, Barbara – September 22, 1866 - October 22, 1887 - Wife of Sam Shumate – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Shumate, Elish – August 19, 1886 – June 29, 1906 - Son of S.S. & B.E. Shumate – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Slaughter, Frank K. – 1870 – 1945 - DS with Mattie Sue Slaughter– Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Slaughter, Mattie Sue – 1875 – Only dates listed - DS with Frank K. Slaughter– Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR – (Obit February 6, 1959 paper)

Tarleton, Jake – Co. C, 51 Tenn. Inf. CSA– Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Tate, Zada W. – Died December 25, 1860 – aged 50 years– Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Thompson, Willis H. – November 1, 1906 – November 28, 1908 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Thurman, Nancy E. – July 22, 1837 – December 24, 1899 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Thurmond, D.T. – Co. F, 14 Tenn. Cav. CSA– Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Thurmond, D.T. – August 8, 1835 – February 4, 1905 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Tisdale, Emily – 1848 – 1881 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

W. & Harriett E. Williams - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Wardlow, John – Co. A, 21 Ark. Inf. CSA – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, ? – July 24, 1865 – July 19, 1868 – Daughters of John W. & Harriett E. Williams - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Blanche B. – February 27, 1874 – August 1, 1879 - Daughter of E.R. & S.E. Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Eddie O. – February 1, 1865 – November 23, 1905 - Son of E.R. & S.E. Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Egbert R. – Died March 9, 1900 – (Co. A. 8th Ark. Inf. C.S.A.) – Husband of Susan Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Egbert R. – June 1, 1840 – March 9, 1897 – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Harriett E.– 1839 – 1876 - On same stone with John W., John E. & Olinia Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Infant – 1873, age 8 days - Son of E.R. & S.E. Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, John E. – 1872 – 1879 - On same stone with John W., Harriett E. & Olinia Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, John W. – Co. E 4 Ark. Inf. CSA – No dates listed – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, John W. O – 1833 – 1880 - On same stone with Harriett E., John E. & Olinia Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Livenola A. – July 8, 1869 – August 2, 1872 - Daughter of E.R. & S.E. Williams – Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Mary Almedia– October 19, 1863 – September 5, 1871-DS with Sallie Lodia Williams – Daughters of John

Williams, Olinia – 1874 – 1879 - On same stone with John W., Harriett and John E. Williams - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Rosa L. – December 12, 1871 – January 8, 1874 – Daughter of E.R. & S.E. Williams - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Ruel – September 18, 18?? – December 13, 1872 – Son of E.R. and S.E. Williams – stone broken - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Sallie Lodia - No dates listed - DS with Mary Almedia - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Williams, Sg. John W. – Co. E, 4 Ark. Inf. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Wilson, J.L. – Co. G, 26 Va. Inf. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Woodard, William A. – Co. H, 8 Tenn. Inf. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

Wortham, J.M. – Co. K, 8 Ark. Inf. CSA - Old Dogwood Cemetery, Griffithville, AR

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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.