

Old Hilger Cemetery

Hiram, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This Cemetery is also known as: Old Hiram Cemetery.

Legal description: Unknown.

GPS Location: 603963-3922952

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3CE0183

Number of Marked Graves: 2

Number of Unmarked Graves: Unknown

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: December 8, 2004 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 is located just across the river from Pangburn in Cleburne County but was originally a part of White County. Take Highway 110 north from Pangburn almost to Hiram Hill, which is on the north side of the Little Red River valley. Cloie and Leister Presley of the White County Historical Society found the cemetery in 1966 between a stock pond and a chicken house. They reported seeing several unmarked graves but only two were marked, Louis and Civilia Hilger.

Leroy Blair of the Historical Society found the graves again on February 2, 2001, after extensive searching. The landmarks the Presleys described were gone and in their place was a modern new home. The residence is located at 7470 Highway 110, on the west side of the highway, eight-tenths of a mile north of the Little Red River (almost opposite the McJester Road). The owners keep the area beautifully maintained. The house sits back off the road with brick entrance columns decorated with lions on top. The cemetery is to the right of the garage under some trees. Although the Presleys saw "several" unmarked graves 35 years earlier, Blair saw only three in 2001 and again December 8, 2004, when he visited the site a second time.

In August 2002, Wilma Sneddon of Joplin, Missouri, a White County Historical Society member who has researched her roots in this area for many years, submitted information on this cemetery and nearby Walnut Grove Cemetery. Although the Presleys identified the Hilger site as Old Hiram Cemetery Mrs. Sneddon said "This doesn't appear to be the main Old Hiram Cemetery," and said her records showed it to be Brown-Hilger Cemetery adding: "Occasionally these small family plots were started when water was high and families could not reach the regular cemetery. This may be the case here." She said a map prepared by the last author-historian Lincoln Johnson showed the general area of Old Hiram Cemetery to be closer to the Little Red River, about a half-mile south of the Hilger graves.

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.

Hilger, Civilia – September 15, 1842 – September 26, 1895 – Old Hilger Cemetery

Hilger, Louis – May 13, 1839 – March 23, 1912– Old Hilger Cemete

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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.