

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Pangburn, Arkansas



Photo by Leroy Blair

This cemetery is located in Cleburne County near the White County line

This Cemetery is also known as: None known

GPS Location: 605035 - 3924317

Arkansas Archeological Survey site #: 3CE0181

Number of Marked Graves: About 75

Number of Unmarked Graves: About 100

The last complete survey of this cemetery was: 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.

This cemetery is in Cleburne County but was originally a part of White County and many White County people are buried here. It has been called Crook Cemetery, because it is located on land homesteaded about 100 years ago by H.W. Crook. It was called Walnut Grove after a church and school nearby.

To reach it, take Highway 110 north from Pangburn, cross the Little Red River and take the McJester Road, to the right, approximately a half mile from the river. The cemetery is within three miles. It originally was listed December 18, 1966, by Cloie and Leister Presley of the White County Historical Society, who reported seeing more than 100 unmarked graves. Then in 1997 Dorothy Ball of the Historical Society and Donive and Betty Smith provided additional information.

Historical Society Leroy Blair added eight graves and other information to the original list after visiting the cemetery October 2, 2000. He also provided the following comments: "To get to this cemetery from Pangburn take Highway 110 across the Little Red River. Go about one-half mile and turn right on McJester Road. Go about one mile and turn right on Old River Road at the McJester Baptist Church. The cemetery is about 300 yards on the left. I talked to an older man who lives in the area. He said local people were keeping the cemetery cleaned up until about three or four years ago. It is now becoming overgrown with briars and weeds. There are a lot of unmarked graves or graves marked only with rocks. Due to the overgrowth it is hard to tell just how many."

Wilma Sneddon of Joplin, Missouri, a White County Historical Society member with relatives buried here, submitted information on Walnut Grove Cemetery in August 2002. "This was the cemetery most talked about by my grandparents," she wrote. "They never spoke of it as the Crook Cemetery, although they were good friends with that family. I believe it was originally known as Walnut Grove Cemetery and is much older than the present-day people realize. A quote from Anthony Christensen's research on the Rainey Parsons Brown family would support this: 'About the year 1832 in the church at Walnut Grove in White County, Nancy (Brown) married Elijah Bailey.' The Walnut Grove Cemetery was used as early as the 1830s. Sadly, most of the graves are no longer marked. In 1995 at a Davis family reunion, our group toured the area and that included a visit to Walnut Grove. Lincoln Johnson pointed out the cairn (structure of stacked stones over the grave) where Rainey Parsons Brown was buried (1838). Although it is not marked, he said that through the generations it has been known as his grave. I don't have a date on his wife's death (Margaret Edwards) but I think it was just a few years earlier. Without doubt, they were buried beside each other. Henry Harrison Brown II (1840-1871) also has rocks stacked on his grave. However there is a marker on his. He was the oldest child of Henry Harrison Brown and Margaret Arnold (his first wife). I have a picture of him in his Confederate uniform. It was found in my gggrandmother's trunk (Viola Brown McCauley). Viola was the youngest child of Henry Harrison Brown."

On December 30, 2004, Leroy Blair, a board member of the Historical Society returned to this old cemetery and compared the latest burial list with the information he could find on tombstones. From this he prepared the updated, corrected list below.

Following is a list of known burials in this cemetery.

? - cannot read name - October 24, 1932 - August 5, 1983 - (FM) - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Altom, Homer – October 8, 1898 – October 12, 1988 – Son of Ruban & Ella Altom – DS with Lillie L. Altom - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn AR.

Altom, Lillie L. – March 16, 1903 – August 5, 1983 – DS with Homer Altom - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR.

Baker, Lenoë – June 20, 1918 – July 2, 2001 – DS with W.E. “Peck” Baker - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Baker, W.E. “Peck” – September 20, 1917 – August 4, 1985 – DS with Lenoë Baker - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Bellamy, David – March 7, 1883 – October 27, 1908 - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Bellamy, Samuel W. – October 18, 1852 – April 22, 1884 - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Bobbitt, Lewis – 1890 – 1911 – Unmarked grave in “left rear corner” of cemetery, per nephew Chird Bobbitt - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR.

Brown, Henry Harrison II – April 28, 1840 – September 13, 1871 – C.S.A. Veteran – Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Brown, James L. – February 11, 1885 – October 21, 1910 - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Brown, Lura May – September 19, 1884 – July 27, 1903 - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Brown, Mary Frances – February 2, 1861 – September 21, 1906 – Wife of Thomas R. Brown - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Brown, Thomas R. – October 7, 1856 – December 25, 1900 - Husband of Mary Francer Brown - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Audrey Amelia – October 7, 1897 – December 15, 1916 – Daughter of Hugh W. & Oretha Davis Crook - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Avis Jewel – April 1, 1892 – December 26, 1904 or 1905 – Daughter of H.W. & Oretha Davis Crook - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Hugh W. – July 18, 1852 – August 3, 1903 –Husband of Oretha Davis Crook - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Infant – October 24, 1877 – 1877 – Child of Hugh W. & Oretha Davis Crook - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Louis E. – March 16, 1887 – September 1887 – Son of Hugh W. & Oretha Davis Crook - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Mary Jewel – November 18, 1909 – March 30, 1910 – Daughter of H.C. & C.A. Crook - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Crook, Oretha (Davis) – August 26, 1854 – February 14, 1929 – Wife of Hugh W. –Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR - (Obit)

Davis, John – October 18, 1837 – 1865 – C.S.A. Veteran – Son of Louisa & Lewis Davis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Davis, Lewis – September 26, 1804 – October 28, 1862 – Husband of Louisa Garner –Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Davis, Louisa (Garner) – November 20, 1817 – November 7, 1900 – Wife of Lewis Davis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Davis, William H. – March 28, 1842 – 1865 – C.S.A. Veteran – Son of Louisa & Lewis Davis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Georgopoulos, Shirley Ann – March 2, 1938 – July 18, 2011 – Wife of Peter Georgopoulos - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR – (Obit)

Hargis, Abe – September 28, 1924 – February 5, 1996 - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Henderson, Elmer A. – June 10, 1894 – July 22, 1895 – Son of D.A. & O.D. Henderson - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Henderson, Olive D. (Bone) – July 11, 1872 – February 14, 1911 – Wife of D.A. Henderson –Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Henderson, Pauline – May 20, 1918 – October 10, 1918 – Daughter of M.S. & C.F. Henderson - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Hubbard, Reba Nell – March 15, 1934 – March 11, 2014 – Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR – (Obit)

Lewis, Abel King – December 14, 1841 – September 27, 1916 – Husband of Mary Ann Davis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Abel Lafayette – April 2, 1865 – July 26, 1865 – Son of Mary Ann and Abel King Lewis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Infant – December 22, 1881 – December 24, 1881 – Daughter of A.K. & Mary Ann Lewis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Infant – July 25, 1878 – August 1, 1878 – Infant daughter of A.K. & Mary Ann Lewis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Infant – October 26, 1879 – October 28, 1879 – Infant daughter of A.K. & Mary Ann Lewis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Mary Ann (Davis) – June 15, 1839 – July 4, 1917 – Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Naomi Ann Lewis – January 15, 1867 – May 22, 1873 – (Naomi carved on a rock) - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Lewis, Oprah Rosalie – December 6, 1868 – December 8, 1885 – Daughter of A.K. & M.A. Lewis – Wife of James S. Johnson

Lewis, Ozara P. – January 17, 1874 – October 28, 1875 – Child of A.K. & Mary Ann Lewis - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

McCauley, Thomas Harrison – June 28, 1884 – July 18, 1891 – Son of T.W. & Viola (Brown) McCauley - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

McCauley, Thomas William – September 17, 1860 – March 25, 1891 – Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Phillips, Laura – March 17, 1934 – Only date listed – DS with William Earl Phillips - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Phillips, William Earl – April 13, 1928 – June 26, 1985 – Son of Dave & Mae Phillips – DS with Laura Phillips - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Reeves, G.W. – No dates listed – Co. D, 3rd Miss. Inf. C.S.A. - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Reeves, Lee – January 14, 1904 – March 5, 1904 – Son of G.A. & A.A. Reeves - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Sample, Felix Sr. – February 29, 1928 – August 3, 1998 – DS with Wincie May Sample - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Sample, Wincie May – February 29, 1932 – March 21, 1993 – DS with Felix Sample Sr. - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Slaten, Lena Maud – April 1882 – 1901 – Daughter of Sarah Jane (Davis) & Robert W. Slaten - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Slaten, Sarah Jane (Davis) – April 26, 1844 – September 7, 1904 – Wife of J.W. Bone & Robert W. Slaten - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Vaughan, Elva Altom – October 12, 1925 – September 14, 1979 - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Vaughan, James Michael – Died October, 2015 – Age 40 years – Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR– (Obit) Book # 12 - page V 41)

Vaughan, Richard M. – March 1, 1918 – January 9, 1999 – Pfc. U.S. Army - WWII - Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn, AR

Whitener, Michael Devon – July 16, 1953 – March 3, 2013 – U.S. Army Veteran – Walnut Grove Cemetery, Pangburn AR – (Obit)

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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.