

**DIRECTORY FOR CEMETERIES, NAMES, LOCATIONS, AND REFERENCES
FOR SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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In 1998, historian Wanda M. Gray made an extensive effort to locate all the burial sites within the boundaries of the city of Fort Smith. She published a limited number of directories of her findings entitled *Directory for Cemetery Locations, Publications, and List of Death Source Reference Material for Sebastian County, Arkansas*. A copy of this directory was placed in the Genealogy Department of the Fort Smith Public Library, and in the state Archives. With the latter institution, Mrs. Gray has served as a Commissioner of the Arkansas History Commission and State Archives for the past fourteen years.

For the past thirty-five years Gray has documented burial information, and surveyed and published the rural cemeteries of both Scott and Sebastian counties. Many other noteworthy individuals have shared in documenting burial information in Sebastian County. Their highly credible efforts should not go unnoticed.

Several years ago Mrs. Chris Allen of Fort Smith, with the assistance of others, established an effort to document county burials and this information is available in typed and bound volumes, *Cemeteries*, on the shelves in the Genealogy Department at the Fort Smith Library. Her work fulfilled a critical need; however, her efforts were incomplete. Fort Smith librarian, Mrs. Wanda Karrant, made a major contribution, when she was successful in obtaining funeral home and public records for burials within the county. A monumental endeavor was made by Fort Smith Library volunteer and employee, Mrs. Sue Clark, in the flawless publication of the burials at the historic Oak Cemetery in Fort Smith. Mrs. Clark's work adds a wealth of genealogical knowledge of families of Fort Smith. A look into the future was taken by Fort Smith resident, Mrs. Wanda McGehee, when she realized the need to document and publish the ancient public and private burial sites on Fort Chaffee property in "*Ancestors inside the Gates*." "*The Key*," publication of the South Sebastian County Historical Society, also includes some burial information. It should be noted that "*The Our Funeral Home*" records, from an African American mortuary on 10th Street in Fort Smith from 1945 to 1981, have been placed with the Fort Smith Public Library.

Additionally, you will find at the Fort Smith Public Library a list of burials at the Calvary Cemetery which was provided by the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The archives of the old Fort Smith, now the Fort Smith National Historic Site, have copies of newspaperman W. J. Weaver's writings on early cemeteries. The publications of the Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] also have burial information in some of their bound volumes in the Fort Smith Public Library.

The officials at Fort Chaffee provided Mrs. Gray with a conference room, and their official archeological records of all of the burial sites located on U. S. Government land. These records were reviewed over a two-week period, and recorded for this directory.

This completion of cemeteries with their locations and the list of death source reference material for Sebastian County, Arkansas, are research tools to assist individuals in finding the cemeteries in which their ancestors are buried. The following directory is an alphabetical list of the name, location, and the name of the literature referencing the burials of Sebastian County. It is published for the knowledge of future generations of researchers:

Al Lee Family Cemetery: Located on Al Lee farm off of Hwy 253, a short distance from Lavaca. It was approved by the Arkansas Department of Health in 1994.

Ancient Fort Smith Burial Site: Newspaperman, W. J. Weaver identifies the first graveyard in Fort Smith as being “on a grassy knoll...on the bank of the Poteau, close to the present iron foundry.” In an article entitled, “Reminiscent,” appearing in *The Elevator*, 18 December 1896, Weaver recalls that, “In 1840 there were three marble slabs standind (sic).” He mentioned that one was the grave of a surgeon and two were lieutenants. [Fort Smith Original Military Cemetery] This site is believed to be the same burial ground referred to by Mr. Kannady, as being established, when he arrived in 1836, and was also referred to as the Gardner Cemetery. In the 1880s Dr. H. T. Main sold this tract of land with the burial ground, and it is reported the new landowner rolled the tombstones off of the bluff into the Poteau River, and tilled the soil.

Arbuckle Family Cemetery: Wanda M. Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V.3: 1997; and DAR V.4. Northeast of Lavaca, ten miles, turn right off Hwy 96. Short distance east of Arbuckle Island Road, on the right, in a pasture, with sign on metal gate by highway. Burial site of Gen. Mathew Arbuckle, [who was assigned to command Fort Smith in 1821], and some of his family members.

Arbuckle Island Cemetery: See Island Cemetery

Auburn Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V.3., 1997; Wanda McGehee, *Ancestor's Inside the Gates*, 1992. Located on Fort Chaffee land, in Bloomer area, exit Hwy 22 right [south] onto Auburn Road, proceed a short distance, cemetery on east side of road.

Babb Family Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V.4, 1997. Located in the West Harmony community south of West Hartford, in a field near the West Harmony Cemetery.

Barling Public Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located in the town of Barling. Exit west off of Hwy 22 at junction of Hwy 255, at corner of the Baptist Church, proceed west short distance to 11th Street, exit south proceed 0.1 mile, across railroad track, street curves, cemetery is visible on the left.

Bee Gum Cemetery: Unconfirmed but location reported to be south of Slatonville. Travel south on Gap Road to Riddle Creek, exit right and proceed east to “y,” continue right onto Riddle Creek Loop to where Sugar Loaf Mountain Road intersects, continue on the Loop, and the graveyard is off of the road to the west.

Bell Family Cemetery: *The Key*, fall 1882, V. 27, p.43, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located at Washburn, travel east of Greenwood, on Hwy 10 to junction of Hwy 252, exit right, south, and proceed a short distance, and the cemetery is visible from the highway. It is near the Washburn Cemetery.

Bell Farm Cemetery: DAR V.4, page 1, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. This historic cemetery is at least 140 years old, located east of old town of Washburn on farm of Frank Brixey, on some of original land owned by Jeremiah Bell. To Mr. Bell goes the credit for establishing the town of Washburn in the mid 1800s. Cemetery is situated on old wagon road, yet visible, on a tree-covered knoll, in the open grassland. It is not accessible by vehicle, only on foot.

Bethel Cemetery: See Mountain View Cemetery.

Bethel Cemetery: See Green Floyd Cemetery.

Blaylock Family Cemetery Grave Site: A family burial ground near Greenwood, Arkansas, located on private property.

Bonner Cemetery: Cemetery records of Sebastian County files: Pitsco, undated, Fort Smith Public Library, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located by traveling south of Fort Smith on US Hwy 71 to Hwy 10 West, and proceed west on Hwy 10 West to 253, exit south, proceed 5.7 miles, exit left to a blue metal building across from a coal washer. Cemetery may be found 0.5 mile into the forest along an electric line right-of-way.

Brown Farm Cemetery: The original name is unknown. It is located on the farm of Robert Brown, on the west edge of a grove of four cedar trees, and to the southwest of

a metal building near the entrance to the farm. The farm is located about 1000 yards from the fence line at 1010 West Hartford Road, which is about 0.4 mile from Hwy 96 west of Hartford, Arkansas. According to local residents the cemetery was started in the 1850s. Sam Story of the area is credited for saving the gravesites from a bulldozer, but was only able to document the names of three graves.

Buggy Hill Cemetery: DAR V. 2, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997. Located south of Mansfield, exit US Hwy 71 junction of Hwy 96, go 0.5 mile, exit Hwy 96 [a.k.a. Howard St.] south onto Hwy 378, go 1.6 miles and exit right onto Byers Road, go 1.0 mile, exit right to burial ground.

Bull Cemetery: DAR v. 5, and, Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, v. 4, 1997. Also, personal documents of Mrs. Wanza Presson of Witcherville. Located east of Dayton, and north of Apple Blossom Road, in wooded area on the Norried farm.

Burkett Lane Cemetery: Located north of Lavaca, travel Hwy 96 north of Lavaca to Burkett Lane, exit left; proceed to the end of the street. A cemetery is mapped as being on the left at that street. However, only two gates to pastures were visible, one on each side of the end of the lane. This name is given as a temporary designation by the location only.

Butler Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Also, personal documents of Mrs. Wanza Presson of Witcherville. Located northeast of Dayton community, in a field to the left of the curve, in the first curve where Hwy 252 intersects with Dickson Road.

Caldwell Cemetery: Surveyed by Wanda Gray, 7 May 1999. Located behind residence at E. Pasadena Street, in Greenwood, Arkansas.

Calvary Cemetery: Also known as Catholic Cemetery. Computer list of burials at Fort Smith Public Library, compliments of the Catholic Cemetery Association. Burial ground for both Catholic and Jewish faiths. Located at Lexington Avenue, between south G. and H Streets in the 800 block of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Carruth Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located on Hwy 96, northeast of Lavaca, approximately halfway between Lavaca and Arbuckle Island Road, a few yards off of the highway on left, but visible.

Carter Cemetery: Wanda McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee property.

Centerpoint Cemetery: DAR V. 6. See: Hartford Memorial Park Cemetery, the original name for memorial cemetery.

Center Valley Cemetery: , McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gate*,: 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee property.

Central City Cemetery: See Morris Cemetery. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Cherokee Chapel Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located three miles west of Huntington on Hwy 252, on north side of the road.

Civil War Grave in Cemetery: First reported to Wanda Gray by Mrs. Rogers Moore, and Jerry Poole; further discussed by Vernon Stewart of the South Sebastian County Historical Society. This may be the same burial ground as Scott Cemetery. Located on private land near the junction of US Hwy 71 South and Hwy 10 West.

Clark Family Cemetery: DAR V. 7, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located southeast of Slatonville. One way to arrive at this burial ground is to travel south of Hackett on Hwy 45, exit west, right, onto Slatonville Road, proceed to intersection of Gap Road, continue southward until you reach Riddle Creek Road, exit left, east, proceed to the intersection of Fox Pit Road until reaching “y,” proceed to the right onto Riddle Creek Loop, until you reach sugar Loaf Mountain Road, then continue on eastward until reaching Clark Cemetery Road, and exit right onto Clark Road, and the cemetery is on the right at the end of the road.

Clark’s Chapel Cemetery: DAR V. 1, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. North of Dayton community, exit east off US Hwy 71 South at Witcherville to Hwy 39, first street to left is Witcherville Cutoff. Exit left [north], to East Clark Chapel Road, exit right onto Clarks Chapel. Cemetery on the right [south].

Coleman Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Cornish-Auburn Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee property.

Cowne Family Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located in Greenwood, 700 block of N. Main Street at corner of Summitridge Drive.

Cross Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997. DAR V. 1. Located 1.0 miles south of Greenwood, to reach exit off of US Hwy 70 South, to the left onto West Denver Road, burial ground is on the right.

Dake Family Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Located North of Midland a few miles west of Hwy 253, onto Montreal Cutoff Road, and on the left side when traveling west. See county map.

Dawson Cemetery: DAR V. 1, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located at Milltown. To reach travel east of Greenwood on Hwy 10 about five miles to junction of Hwy209 [Milltown Road], exit south [west] to Mount Harmony Road, and the cemetery is a short distance on the right [north]. Or, it can be reached by traveling northeast of the Dayton community.

Dayton Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997. Located east of Witcherville on north side of Hwy 39. Exit onto Hwy 39 from US Hwy 71 South at the north side of Witcherville, proceed until you view the burial ground.

Dearen Cemetery: Same as Auburn-Cornish.

Disturbed Burial Ground: West of Lavaca, reported that a burial site was accidentally bulldozed when a site for newly constructed house was being prepared. Believed to have been an Indian burial site, and the bones were promptly reburied.

Douglass Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997, and DAR V. 2. Located west of US Hwy 71 South of Fort Smith, exit right onto Bonanza Road, go 0.3 miles, burial ground is on the left, south side of the paved road.

Elmore Cemetery: DAR V. 1 & V. 2, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Location: Milltown area, five miles east of Greenwood on Hwy 10 to junction of Hwy 109 [Milltown Road], exit right [south] to Mount Harmony Road, exit right [west], cemetery is short distance on left [south], on private property.

Epler Cemetery: See Lone Star Cemetery.

Evans Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Location: Excelsior community, behind Excelsior Baptist Church. Exit south onto Hwy 253 off of Hwy 10 West, on to Excelsior Road, right onto Smokey Road, burial ground on left.

Falconer Cemetery: DAR V. 6. Location on old Greenwood Road between Highways 22 and U.S. 71 South.

Fitzgerald Hotel Burial Site in Fort Smith: There are a few graves in an oak grove near the rear of the old Fitzgerald Hotel, according to the early writings of W. J. Weaver. Weaver came to Fort Smith around 1840.

Forest Park Cemetery: This large burial site is located at 5001 Midland Blvd, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Fort Smith National Cemetery: See National Cemetery.

Fort Smith Original Military Cemetery [s]: [Also, see Ancient Fort Smith Burial Site] The original military cemetery for the Belle Point or Fort Smith military post established in 1817. The general belief is that this burial site is located on lands where the National Cemetery is currently situated. However, a thorough study by an archeologists employed by the National Historic Site at Fort Smith indicates that the original burial ground for the Fort was located at the end of Third Street and under the Forgecraft building. Their information was based on old maps, historical military documents, and sound archeological investigation techniques. Mr. Kannady, a settler who arrived at Fort Smith in 1836, reported in the local newspaper that this burial site was located “on the banks of the Poteau, near where the old government sawmill was situated.” On page 35 of a book by Edith Haroldsen Lovell entitled, *Benjamin Bonneville: Soldier of the American Frontier*, she mentions that the 1822 deaths at Fort Smith included ten soldiers including the bugler. She explains that one soldier was killed by another with an axe. [Note: General Benjamin Louis Eulalie de Bonneville first served at Fort Belle Point in 1822, when a 1st Lt.]

Fort Smith Third Street Cemetery, also known as, Rogers Cemetery: When John Rogers laid out the town of Fort Smith, in 1839, a cemetery was established on a plot of land bounded by Second and Third Streets, and “C” and “D” Streets. An examination of this site revealed that this plot of ground had also been used for the establishment of some buildings. This discernment was based on the fact that fill dirt had been added to elevate the surface soil for the placement of buildings. The closest examination did not disclose any evidence that it had once been used as a burial site, however, according to early writer, W. J. Weaver, this tract of ground was also known as the Race Track Cemetery.

Fort Smith New Era Grave Site: To explain, *New Era* was the name of a newspaper in Fort Smith. According to W. Frank Weaver, in *History of Fort Smith Revealed in Many Stories Hinging Around Removing Dead to New Cemeteries*, “There was found a few days ago some thirty steps in the rear of the old *New Era* office, between it and the old Garrison wall, the remains of a large-sized man, which had evidently been buried for a half century or more. Being present at the exhumation we picked up some parts of the body, the right half of the lower jawbone with teeth in a good state of preservation, etc. Also a button, which on being cleaned turned out to be such as was used on soldier’s pantaloons.” Other early newspapers of Fort Smith were referenced by Weaver in his documentation, and he, again, specifically, refers to Colonel J. R.

Kannady, “one of the oldest citizens, who recalled, ‘A party of men at work leveling a mound on the government reservation about 150 feet from the avenue and over which the road leads from the town to the United States court building, found some two feet below the surface a skeleton of a man. Portions of the bones are in good state of preservation, they also found some buttons showing that the person had been a soldier.’”

Fort Smith Cemetery at A & D Streets: In the above referenced burial history of Weaver, he also discusses this burial site in Fort Smith. He recalled that Captain John Rogers, in lying off the town, selected a place for a graveyard near the corner of 3rd and Hickory, or “A” and “D” Streets. Weaver related that in 1848, he assisted at the burial of the first person to be buried with Masonic honors in Fort Smith at this burial site.

Fort Smith Prairie Cemetery: Again reference is made to Weaver’s history of removing the dead to new cemeteries, as he also points out that the bodies buried in the cemetery at A and D Streets were later removed to the cemetery on the Fort Smith prairie. Reportedly, this was a nine acre tract of land acquired from a Mr. Pelley, who lived one and a half miles southeast of town [Fort Smith].

Gentry Cemetery: DAR V. 2, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location: In Greenwood go several miles west on North Main Street and you will find the cemetery fronts the south side of the street.

Gilliam Cemetery: DAR V. 5, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. It is located sixteen miles south of Fort Smith west of US Hwy 71 South. Exit right on Palestine Road to Young Ridge Road, the cemetery will be at the junction of Nickletown Road.

Grady Grave Site: DAR V. 7, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location is south of Hartford, on the north slope of the Poteau Mountain according to a settler who has lived in the area since 1938. Further information revealed that this cemetery was destroyed when a timber crew bulldozed the area.

Green Family Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located on the northeast side of the Lavaca Cemetery, which is next to the United Methodist Church on Davis Street in Lavaca.

Green Floyd Bethel Family Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997. Located south of Mansfield on the north side of Spur Lake. Travel south of Mansfield on Hwy 278 for 2.0 miles, at the “y” in the road, and at an “s” curve, take the right fork and go 0.5 mile to a small road through the forest, exit left and travel a

few yards. The burial ground will be on your north or left a few feet from the road. This cemetery is located on private property.

Greenwood Memorial Cemetery: DAR V. 2, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located in the city of Greenwood just off of Hwy 10, eastside of Greenwood, exit onto Bell Street or north.

Grober Cemetery: DAR V. 1. Located east of Bonanza a short distance toward US Hwy 71. Previously, the literature listed this cemetery as unnamed.

Hackett Cemetery: See Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

Hardesty Family Cemetery: DAR V. 4. Located near Sebastian Lake Estates north of Hackett.

Harris Cemetery: Located west of the city of Greenwood north of Old Hackett Road on hill behind the Nazarene Church. The Old Hackett Road connects with old Hwy 7, and new Hwy 71 at Greenwood.

Hartford Memorial Park Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and DAR V. 7. Located at the junction of Hwys 45 and 96 at Hartford, also known as Centerpoint Cemetery.

Hepseyby Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. In the 1911 Atlas of Sebastian County this cemetery is noted as being named Hemsbey. To find, travel east of Fort Smith on Hwy 22 to the junction of Hwy 252, then exit north, proceeding several miles to Craft Road [past Sullivan Road], then exit east, right, and proceed about 3 miles further. It is on a hill in a curve on the right side of the road, just prior to entering Franklin County. Mr. Lick, age 82, called this cemetery, Hepseybey, and Mrs. Sue Clark also recalled seeing a newspaper article referring to it by this name. In her research of the area, Mrs. Clark also recalled seeing a mention of a Hepsebiah Church. A survey of the cemetery did not reveal a burial with the name of Hemsby.

Hermit's Grave: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee land.

Hickory Ridge Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. To locate, travel on Hwy 22 east of Fort Smith to junction of Hwy 252, exit left [north] to junction of Sullivan Road [Hwy 217], exit right. Proceed until a large burial ground on the left side of the road with a white, wrought iron sign centered in the graveyard is evidenced

Hill Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997; and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992. Location: Fort Chaffee.

Hood-Weindel Cemetery: DAR V. 6., and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992. Location: Fort Chaffee.

House of Light Jewish Cemetery: There is an index of these burials prepared by Mrs. Sue Clark, which can be viewed at the Fort Smith Public Library. The burial site is located on Lexington Street next to Calvary Cemetery, and on the south side of the fence on North "H" Street.

Howard Hill Cemetery: Reported location only: Greenwood area. Exit east from US Hwy 71 south of Fort Smith onto Howard Hill Road. The cemetery is located where the road intersects with Gate Nine on Long Ridge Road. This burial site is on the 911 maps, and interviews were held with family members who have owned the land for many years. However, they knew of no grave sites where the map indicated.

Huntington City Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located on North Browntown Road, north of Huntington, exit west from US Hwy 71 South, and the cemetery is on the south enclosed with a native stone wall.

Island Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located on Hwy 96, east of Lavaca on the left side of the highway just past Arbuckle Island Road and one building, on the left side of the highway. Previously referred to as Arbuckle Island Cemetery. The sign on the fence says, "Island Cemetery." [There are no cemeteries on Arbuckle Island]

Indian Cemetery: Unconfirmed, location in Bonanza.

Indian Cemetery: Also known as an African American burial ground, and also has been referred to as a Civil War burial ground. Location: Fort Chaffee.

Indian Rock Road Cemetery: Location: North side of Indian Rock Road, exit Hw 45 south of Hackett at Indian Rock Road and proceed almost to the Oklahoma state line.

Jackson Cemetery: Earlier known as Redford Cemetery. Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997; and DAR V. 3 & V. 5. In the DAR volumes it is the same cemetery, but inventoried on different dates, by different individuals, with directions being given from opposite ends of Gap Road. The smoothest route is to travel west of Hartford on Hwy 96 west 1.5 miles, exit right on Gap Road onto a dirt

road, proceed 0.3 mile, and the graveyard will be on the left [west]. The burial ground fronts Gap Road.

James Ford Cemetery: DAR V. 4, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. To find, proceed west of Mansfield on Hwy 96 to Patterson Road, exit left, and graveyard is located a short distance in a field, on the north. The field is gated.

Jenny Lind Cemetery: DAR V. 2 & V. 6, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, Gray: 1997. Located inside the city limits of Jenny Lind.

Jones Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee land.

Jones Cemetery: Is located on the east side of Sugar Loaf Mountain to the north of Hartford a short distance. This small burial ground has no inscribed markers but does have native stone markers.

Kersey Family Cemetery, a.k.a. Poor Farm Graves: It is located in Greenwood in a field on land now owned by Kermit McNabb, about a quarter of a mile east on Nashville Street. In the late 1800s, this farm was owned by Thomas and Mary Ann Kersey according to historical writings of Thomas and Mary Ann Kersey. It is possible that some of their children are buried in this small family burial plot.

Langston Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997; and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gate*, 1992. Location: Fort Chaffee lands.

Laura A. Nolen Grave: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V.4, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee lands.

Lavaca Perpetual Care Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located beside the United Methodist Church on Davis Street in Lavaca. On the east side of this cemetery you will find the Green Family Cemetery.

Leard Cemetery: DAR V. 4, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located in the Cavanaugh area. Travel west on I-540 to junction of Hwy 271, exit and proceed north to Rutgers Road, exit left [west] towards Texas road to cemetery. The point of this pie-shaped cemetery is at the intersection. About one-third of this graveyard is used for an **African-American** burial ground.

Leatherwood Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located in a field in West Hartford, a short distance south of West Hartford Road, on the farmstead of Mr. Bassinger.

Lewis Cemetery: DAR V. 7, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located west of West Hartford, and southwest of Hartford on private property, about a quarter of a mile west of the home of Otis Womack. This is a very old burial ground with large trees and much bramble. It is fenced with the fencing being many years old, but the hinged gate still functions.

Lewis Family Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and personal papers of Mrs. Wanza Presson of Witcherville. Located east of Dayton community, a short distance on Apple Blossom Road, the cemetery is located on private property in field off of the road about a quarter of a mile.

Liberty Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located northeast of Greenwood, go east of Greenwood on Hwy 10, then exit left [north], and proceed until you view the cemetery on your right.

Lone Star Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992; Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997; and *The Key*: 1975 V. 10 No. 1, page 19. Location: Fort Chaffee.

Lovelace Cemetery: DAR V. 2, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located inside the city limits of Witcherville, to the west of US Hwy 71. Exit onto private road south of business that manufactures septic tanks.

McAlister Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee.

McConnell Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992; and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee.

McCoy Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1997, and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992. Location: Fort Chaffee.

McKinna Farm Cemetery, Old: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997, and personal documentation of Mrs. Wanza Presson of Witcherville. Located in a field now owned by Barton Brothers on the Ponderosa Ranch, off of Hwy 39 east of Witcherville.

McKinney Cemetery: Located south of Milltown community, or east of the Dayton community, or northwest of Abbott. There are several ways to travel to this cemetery. You can travel US Hwy 71 South of Witcherville to junction 252 East, then exit left. Proceed to Dayton curving left at Church of Christ then proceed on as the highway

becomes Hwy 82 past the Union Ridge Cemetery, to a fork in the road. There take the left fork to junction of Blythe Road #223. At this point you will be near the Logan County line.

McMurty Family Cemetery: You will find information about this burial ground in the file of Cemetery Record: Pitsco, no date, Fort Smith Public Library. It is located southwest of Hackett. Exit Hwy 45 South onto Indian Rock Road, travel 0.8 mile, exit across cattle guard at corner of Fatum Land and Indian Rock Road onto Lennier farm. It is west of the house in the pasture.

Manes Cemetery: Also known as Tate Cemetery. Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Reference material may also be found in the Stouffer and Clark Cemetery Records file in the Fort Smith Public Library. It is located about one-half mile west of the water tower which is north of the town of Lavaca, or east of Hickman Bluff Road northwest of Lavaca, on a dirt road. This burial ground is very secluded and on private property.

Mayberry Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997, and DAR V. 5 & V. 6. Located five miles east of Barling on Hwy 22.

Measles Cemetery: *The Key*, V. 29, page 31: 1996, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located a short distance north of the main intersection and Hwy 253 in the city of Lavaca. A wrought iron arch with the name fronts east Main Street.

Mickle Grave: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located in the Cavanaugh area in a field east of Texas Road on private property.

Miller Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and person documents of Wanza Presson of Witcherville. Located in a field on the Efurd Dairy and Pig Farm (formerly, old Barton farm), just before reaching the Dayton community.

Mitchell Grave: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. A lone grave dated 1863 on Poteau Mountain located on National Forest land.

Morley Cemetery: See Bell Farm Cemetery.

Morris Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997, and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992. Located: Fort Chaffee. There are two different cemeteries with this name, one is on government land the other is located near Bloomer.

Morris Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located near Bloomer. Exit Hwy 22 a short distance east of Bloomer, look for a sign on a fence, exit left [north] onto dirt road and proceed down the lane to graveyard.

Morrow Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee.

Mount Harmony Cemetery: DAR V. 1, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located east and then south of Greenwood, exit Hwy 10 east of Greenwood, onto Hwy 213 [Burnsville road] Proceed to Mount Harmony Church and Cemetery. It will be about 4 miles southeast to Mt. Harmony Road, cross this road and go to the front of the church, cross the cattle guard and proceed a short distance to the burial ground.

Mount Olive Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Location: Inside city limits of Midland.

Mount Zion Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V.1, 1997, and DAR V. 4. Location: Northeast of Hackett on Mount Zion Road. Mount Zion Road can be reached from either Hwy 45 south of Fort Smith, or US Hwy 71 south of Greenwood. Travel east from Hwy 45 or west from US 71 South. It is next to the Mount Zion Church.

Mountain View Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997, and DAR V. 4. Location: North of Hackett; fronts Hwy 45 on the west.

National Cemetery: Lester, *Ft. Smith, Arkansas, National Cemetery*, 1995. Location: 522 Garland & South 6th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Nigger Hill Cemetery in Fort Smith: [The use of the word “Nigger” is not intended to be disrespectful to those of the African American race, but this is the manner in which history has recorded this burial ground.] This was a cemetery located near Sulphur Springs in Fort Smith according to early writer W. J. Weaver. He describes the location of this graveyard as “being not too far from the D. J. Young residence, on a slope leading toward Sulphur Springs.” He also mentioned that this cemetery had disappeared years ago. He further stated that he did not know when this burial site was first used, but two time frames were offered when it could have brought about a need. One was the Yellow Fever epidemic in 1826, and the other was the cholera epidemic in 1849. The later date was perhaps the greater possibility due to the large number of people encamped around Sulphur Springs on their way to the gold fields in 1849 and 1850.

Newlon Springs Cemetery: Also referred to as Nolon or Nowlan or Nowland Springs Cemetery. DAR V. 4, *The Journal*, V. 20, No. 2, page 30, Fort Smith Historical Society: September 2, 1996, and unpublished manuscript of Wanda M. Gray, 1997. Located in Fort Smith. You will find it if you exit Newlon Road near Kay Rogers Fairgrounds on Midland, at the corner of Newlon Road and Fort Lane, on north side of OK Foods property.

Nixon Cemetery: Unconfirmed: Location: Lavaca area.

Nolen, Laura A. Cemetery: See Laura A. Nolen Grave.

Oak Cemetery: Clark, Sue, *Oak Cemetery*, 1994. Located at the corner of Greenwood and Dodson Avenues, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Oak Valley Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and *The Key*, V. 11 No. 1, page 53, South Sebastian Historical Society: 1976. Located: Fort Chaffee, but easily assessable to the public as it fronts Hwy 96.

Old Hickory Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Located within the city limits of Hackett. It will be seen on the right as you exit this town to the south. Also referred to as the Hackett Cemetery.

Old Providence Cemetery: DAR V. 5, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997. Located north of the Slatonville community. You can find by traveling south of Hackett on Hwy 45, exiting west onto paved Slatonville Road, that after a few miles you will arrive at the Old Providence Church and Cemetery. It is on the east side of the road. If traveling from the south towards Hackett, it is only about a mile north of the Slatonville crossroads.

Old Union Cemetery: Located in the Amity Community, south and west of Hackett, Arkansas on Hwy 45 south of Fort Smith. At Hackett take Hwy 45, south 2.3 miles, to Tyro Road. Go south on Tyro Road for 0.7 miles till you see a cemetery sign on a fence, turn right on a dirt road, go 0.5 miles to entrance of the cemetery.

Pinnell Cemetery: See Center Valley Cemetery.

Pleasant Hill African American Cemetery: Files of historian Wanda M. Gray. Located: Barling, in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Range 8 North, Range 31 West.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery: DAR V. 4, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Cemetery can be found by exiting US Hwy 71 South onto West Hwy 10, and proceeding west to Wood Road, then exiting left onto Pleasant Hill Road a short distance to the burial ground on the side of the road.

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, McGehee: 1992. Location: Fort Chaffee.

Pleasant Valley Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997, and DAR V. 5. Located south of the Slatonville community. For your information the Gap Road begins at the Slatonville junction of Hwy 252 and goes through the gap to the highway west of Hartford. Proceed south on Gap Road 1.9 miles to the turnoff to the graveyard. It is then 0.1 mile east of Gap Road. When traveling south on Gap Road, it is also 0.6 mile past the Riddle Road exit.

Poor Farm Graves: See Kersey Family Graves.

Possum Holler Cemetery: It is located south of Milltown. To find, travel east of Greenwood on Hwy 10 to junction of Hwy 109, exit south [109 becomes 252 East] continue south to Doyle Thomas Road, exit east [right], exit let onto possum Hollow Road, and the cemetery will appear a short distance on the left.

Ramsy Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997, and DAR V. 4. Located east of Hackett on the west side of Reeves Road.

Rebecca Lewis Grave: McGhee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee.

Race Track Cemetery: See Jackson Cemetery.

Redford Cemetery: See Jackson Cemetery.

Red Oak Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. It is located on East Utah Ranch Road near Lavaca. It is a historic African American burial ground, originally on the site of an old school and church. The building no longer stands. This cemetery had fallen in disrepair, and was reclaimed by an industrious lady, Mrs. Ray Timms, her husband, grandson and neighbors. It is now stately in its appearance and enhances the beauty of the community.

Rocky Bluff Cemetery: Located north of Fort Smith on a rocky bluff according to early newspaperman, W. J. Weaver. This cemetery was used by some of the first inhabitants of the area.

Rogers Cemetery: See Fort Smith Third Street Cemetery.

Rogers Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located in the Washburn area on private property. Proceed 3.4 miles east on Hwy 22 past the junction of Hwy 252, then exit right [south] on a private drive and proceed past the house, 0.4 mile into the wooded area. Turn right and proceed up the hill 0.1 mile where you will find the cemetery on your left in a clearing.

Roselawn Park-Holy Cross Cemetery: A Protestant and Catholic burial ground located at 5403 North "O" Street, Fort Smith.

Scott Graveyard: Recent information indicates that this could be the same burial ground that is referred to in this directory as the Civil War Grave in a cemetery burial site. Located south of Hwy 10 where it intersects with the US Hwy 71 South, on private property.

Shelby Cemetery: See White Cemetery.

Steele Cemetery: Location: Fort Chaffee land. It is possible that this is a small family cemetery upon an old farm where the family of Mrs. Julia Steele Claunts lived in the Lone Star community east of Greenwood. She was the wife of P. M. Claunts.

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992. Located near Fort Chaffee headquarters buildings, with easy access. Burials have been continuous since 1941 or 1942.

Shiloh Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V.4 3, 1997, and DAR V. 4. Located west of Mansfield, and to reach travel west of Mansfield on Hwy 96 to Dalmut Road, exit left, a short distance Dalmut Road curves southward and another road continues straight, take the straight road, and proceed a little further to this historic cemetery and church.

Slatonville Cemetery: DAR V. 5, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 2, 1997. Travel west on Hwy 252 from Hwy 45 [south of Hackett] through the Slatonville junction, up a steep hill, toward the Oklahoma line. The burial ground will be on the right after you reach the top of the hill. The west boundary line of the cemetery is the state line of Oklahoma.

Speegle Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Spencer Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, and DAR V. 5. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Steep Hill Cemetery: DAR V. 1, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located south and east of Fort Smith. While traveling south, exit at Circle N Ranch onto Hwy 45, immediately turn right, proceed a short distance then exit left onto Steep Hill Road, then proceed eastward, and after navigating a sharp curve on the hill the cemetery should be visible on the right.

Stone Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Location: Fort Chaffee land.

Stroud Family Cemetery: DAR V. 5, *The Key*, South Sebastian Historical Society Journal 72:22, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. To reach, exit US Hwy 71 South, to the west on Hwy 10, continue west 1.2 miles to junction of Nickletown Road and exit left to Stroud Road, proceed 0.1 mile to cemetery.

Tate Cemetery: See Manes Cemetery. This Tate Cemetery should not be confused with the large Tate Cemetery just across the county boundary into Franklin County.

Teague Cemetery: See Willie Teague Cemetery.

Union Cemetery: See Old Union Cemetery.

Union Ridge Cemetery: DAR V. 1, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. It is located on Hwy 252 northwest of the Dayton community.

Unity Cemetery: Also referred to as the Statham Cemetery. Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Please note that the mapping is incorrect for this cemetery, as confirmed by local citizens. It is on the opposite side of the road. There are no other cemeteries in this specific area that it could be confused with. To find, proceed west of Hartford on Hwy 96 0.4 mile, exit left, proceed 1.6 miles, burial ground about 75 yards visible through clearing.

Unnamed Cemetery: DAR V.5. Located on Walter Brock farm, off of Hwy 45 when traveling south of Hackett 2.7 miles, exit onto dirt road, and proceed 6.5 miles, turn left and proceed 0.8 mile, you can see burial ground under large cedars on north side of road.

Ursula Cemetery: Mapped to be located east of Bloomer, exit south onto Hwy 252, and proceed past Ursula Road. Mapped to be on the left side of the highway.

Valley View Cemetery: “Cemeteries of Sebastian County” file in the Fort Smith Public Library, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Located south of the old community of Excelsior 3.7 miles on right side of Hwy 253, and south of Hwy 10 west of US Hwy 71 South.

Vinita Cemetery: DAR V. 1, *The Key*, South Sebastian Historical Society Journal V. 4, No. 1, page 1: 1969, and , Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 1, 1997. Located on the northwest edge of the city limits of Hackett. (Indexed in *The Key* as the Hackett Cemetery)

Ward Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Washburn Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997, *The Key*, and *South Sebastian Society Journal* V. 17, No. 2, pages 41-43, and DAR V. 1. Located at Washburn, proceed east of Greenwood on Hwy 10 to Junction of Hwy 252, turn right, and proceed one mile. It is near the Methodist Church.

Washington Cemetery: This is an African American Cemetery. Unpublished manuscript of Gray, 1997. It is located in the 3400 block of 54th Street, Fort Smith.

West Harmony Cemetery: Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located East of Poteau Mountain Road and south of West Hartford. To reach, travel west of Hartford on Hwy 96, then exit onto West Hartford Road and proceed 2.6 miles before exiting left onto Poteau Mountain Road. Proceed 1.3 miles or until you view the cemetery.

White Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 3, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Whiteside, J. F., Tombstone: *The Key*, South Sebastian Historical Journal, V. 1, No. 1, page 37: 1976. Only a native rock inscribed with the year 1835. Found near the Belle Addition in Greenwood, Arkansas. It has been placed in a rock retaining wall of the home of Alex Yost.

White Bluff Cemetery: DAR V. 4 & V. 5, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on the west side of Hwy 255, about 3 miles south of I-540 which runs west of Fort Smith, or a short distance north of Bonanza.

Willie Teague Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997. Located on Fort Chaffee land.

Willsey Cemetery: McGehee, *Ancestors Inside the Gates*, 1992, and Gray, *Rural Cemeteries of Sebastian County*, V. 4, 1997.

Woodlawn Cemetery: Located at 4211 Stateline Road, Fort Smith, Arkansas, with Catholic and Protestant burials, perpetual care.