

Walnut Grove Cemetery

Inscriptions taken June 29, 2000 by Arthur Bowie, confirmed 2009 & 2017
some from Burial Records of Jackson County. Vol 1 1919-1931, and Walter Heard 8/19/1991

NE of caretaker shack -Lot 67, Block B, 10 spaces with 8 burials, 1 unmarked.

See photo dated 2/25/2017, filled from south to north except space #8

1. Stone nearly 5 ft tall: **N35° 36.891' W91° 16.164'**
HF Simmons Born Jan 10, 1824 Died March 30, 1893 (*CSA Captain Holman Felix Simmons*)
"He was a kind and affectionate Husband and Father, and a Friend to All."
2. **David Simmons** *Infant Child of Snell & Anne B Simmons, of Tupelo, no marker, died 29 Nov 1901, age 2 weeks. named in "Burial Records of Jackson County. Vol 1 1919-1931" with uncle HF and his wife*
3. **Mary Theodora Saxon Simmons**, 1834-1917, *Wife of HF Simmons, (Gran foot stone only)*
N35° 36.892' W91° 16.164'
4. **Maggie O'Brien Johnson Lippman** 1876-1957 (*Mother of Sallie Simmons and Aunt Bill Hardin*)
5. **Walter Saxon Simmons** Dec 7, 1888 Feb 23, 1959 (*grandson of H F Simmon*)
N35° 36.894' W91° 16.165'
6. **James Felix Simmons** June 4, 1885 March 20, 1968 (*grandson o H F Simmons*)
7. **Sallie E Simmons** Mar 5, 1894 Aug 29, 1975 (*wife of James Felix Simmons*)
8. empty space, no marker
9. **Jane Lucy Simmons Hayden**, 4 Nov 1930, 11 Nov 2016 daughter of Felix and Sallie,
10. **Ransom Hayden** *husband of Jane , shared stone. Randy alive and OK 2017*

5 ft tall stone located NE from HF Simmons - Lot 58,8 grave lot 58, Block A orginial Addition

Three names share the stone in middle of the lot

BF Simmons Born May 3, 1860 Died May 1, 1939 (*Ben, oldest son of HF & Theodora Simmons*)

Lula E Simmons Born Sept 17, 1883 Died Feb 25, 1964

(*Lula Ellen Taylor, second wife of Ben Simmons, step sister to 1st wife Lucy James Rotenberry*)

Lucy J wife of BF Simmons Born March 20, 1863 Died May 28, 1900

(*Lucy James Rotenberry, 1st wife of Ben Simmons*)

N35° 36.903' W91° 16.151'

Stella Jones no marker (*2nd child of Ben Simmons and Lula Ellen Taylor*)

Elsie Lou Simmons no marker (*3rd child of Ben Simmons and Lula Ellen Taylor*)

Child of Dollie and Lon Simmons no marker

SE from HF Simmons

another tall stone--south 1/2 of Lot 145, Block C, 4 spaces, + Doris bural on adjoining lot

Caniza Bowie Born Oct 4, 1840 Died June 24, 1906

(*Mother of Arthur Bowie, grandmother of Robert F Seaton*) **N35° 36.853' W91° 16.154'**

Theodora Happy Bowie 1908 1916 *child of Arthur Bowie and Cornelia Simmons small stone with lamb*

Arthur Bowie 1881 1941 (*Husband of Eleanor Cornelia Simmons*) **N35° 36.852' W91° 16.153'**

Cornelia Simmons Bowie 1887 1967

(*Eleanor Cornelia Simmons, 2nd child of BF Simmons and Lucy J Rotenberry*)

Doris Bowie Mulholland Nov 1920 July 1987 (*4th child of Arthur Bowie and Cornelia Simmons*)

Simmons (*large stone Just south of Caniza, lot 164, block C, 8 spaces, 5 burials*) N35°36.850' W91°16.154'
Berl Owen Simmons Sept 6, 1896 Nov 5, 1896 (*son of Bob Simmons and Margery Watson*)
Robert T Simmons Sept 7, 1895 (*son of Bob Simmons and Margery Watson*)
Ben Terry Simmons July 20, 1894 July 25, 1894 (*son of Bob Simmons and Margery Watson*)
Margery E Simmons Nov 3, 1876 Feb 29, 1952 (*cursive. Margery Watson, Wife of Bob Simmons*)
RT Simmons Jan 28, 1868 Mar 15, 1947 (*in cursive, apparently his actual signature*)
(*Bob Simmons, son of HF Simmons, brother of BF Simmons*) N35° 36.848' W91° 16.152'

Far South, Beside Dillinger--Lot #37, Block 1m First Addition, 8 spaces, 3 burials in this lot.
Max O Bowie Sept 27, 1927 July 31, 1993 (*youngest son of Arthur Bowie and Cornelia Simmons*)
N35° 36.773' W91° 16.151' space 5 of 8, S center of lot
Arthur James Bowie 1910 1949
(*Buddy, oldest son of Arthur Bowie and Cornelia Simmons*) space 4 of 8, N center of lot
Robert F Seaton Sept 20, 1889 Aug 7, 1952 space #1 of 8, north end of Lot 37. N35°36.775'
W91°16.152'
(*grandson of Caniza Bowie, nephew of Arthur Bowie*)

Immediately east of Arthur James Bowie and Max Owen Bowie
Arthur R Snow 1884 1960 (*Husband of Mary Theodora Simmons*) N35° 36.774' W91° 16.149'
Theo Snow 1892 1965 (*Mary Theodora Simmons, daughter of Ben Simmons and Lucy Rotenberry*)
4 places sold to Owens, 2 places remain

Between Max and Caniza, on road north of entry with arch
ZB Reid Sr 1866 1924 (*Husband of Troupe Augustine Simmons*) N35° 36.838' W91° 16.143'
Troupe S Reid 1880 1911
(*Troupe Augustine Simmons, niece of HF Simmons, 1st cousin to Ben F Simmons, 1st wife of ZB Reid*)
Clara B Reid 1886 1956 (*Clara Nora Bowlby, 2nd wife of ZB Reid*)
Arthur Snell Reid May 20, 1918 Aug 28, 1989 (*son of ZB Reid and Clara Bowlby*)
Emma Laren Reid Dec 10, 1930 April 7, 1998 (*Emma Helen Laren, wife of Arthur Snell Reid*)
on west side of stone: Beloved parents of Phillip, James, Deborah, Julia
ZB Reid Jr July 23, 1908 Feb 27, 1939 (*son of ZB Reid and Troupe Simmons*) N35°36.834'
W91°16.143'

Ernest Duncan McDonald referred to as adopted twin brother by Billy Bowie
Jan 3, 1917 Jan 31, 1989 just south of caretaker shack N35° 36.859' W91° 16.172'
Husband of Mitiz White, father of Ann and Mary.
Helen Duncan McDonald
May 3, 1894 Jan 13, 1976 mother of Ernest

Sexton of Walnut Grove Cemetery, Newport per Library Feb 2009
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Sand Hill Cemetery

located between Auvergne and Shoffner in Jackson County, adjacent west of Ark Hwy17
revisited 6 Feb 2009 and 9/13/09

Family of William L Simmons

large marker in SW corner of Simmons plot N35° 30.218' W91° 13.843'

row 1, west side, from south to north:

Bob

Robert S Simmons Arkansas S1 USNR WWII

Sept 21, 1925 April 15, 1958

(Robert Saxon Simmons, son of Will and Ruby Simmons)

Frank Sept 8, 1950 Nov 11, 1977 *(son of Robert S Simmons)*

Colettia Simmons Melvin June 9, 1926 Dec 26 2003 *(wife of Robert S Simmons)*

Lon B Simmons 1895 1963 *(Son of Ben Simmons and Lucy Rotenberry) N35° 30.221' W91° 13.844'*

Lon B Simmons Arkansas

Cpl Co E 154 Inf 39 Div WWI PH

Feb 1 1895 Nov 12, 1963

Dollie G Simmons 1902 1989 *(Dollie Gertrude Bleakely, wife of Lon Simmons)*

Mary Ann Simmons March 12, 1930 Jan 3, 1987 *(daughter of Lon and Dollie Simmons)*

row 2, from south to north:

Elphingstone *large double stone N35° 30.219' W91° 13.842'*

Edwin Scott *born Aug 23, 1923*

WED Jan 11, 1953

Wilma Simmons July 20, 1929 June 22, 2001

(Ruby Wilma Simmons, daughter Will and Ruby Simmons)

At Home with God

Back of Stone Elphingstone

parents of Scott Jr

grandparents of Will Reed

row 3, east side, from south to north:

William L Simmons *(Bill Simmons, son of Will and Ruby Simmons)*

pfc US Army WWII April 7, 1923 Dec 12, 1986

Bill

Billie III Oct 13, 1954 *(William Lafayette Simmons III, son of Bill Simmons and Edith Durham)*

Father William L Simmons Aug 18, 1890 Sept 16, 1939

(Will Simmons, son of Ben Simmons and Lucy Rotenberry) N35° 30.217' W91° 13.841'

Mother Ruby V Simmons Nov 24, 1898 Jan 4, 1991 *(Ona Ruby Vaughn, wife of Will Simmons)*

Marvin A Steward Apr 14, 1926 Apr 30, 1976 *(Husband of Emma Francis Simmons)*

Marvin A Steward S2 US Navy WWII

April 14, 1926 April 30, 1976

Emma F Steward Sept 3, 1920 Jan 25, 1976 *(Emma Francis Simmons, daughter of Will Simmons)*

SE Corner of Simmons Plot

Simmons

Gene E born Jan 18, 1931 (Gene Simmons, son of Will and Ruby Simmons)

Wanda Reid born Aug 21, 1935

see also

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ar/jackson/cemeteries/sandhill.txt>

Sand Hill Cemetery, ... much older than the existing stones, dating from the early 1870's, indicate.

MALLOCK [or MALLORY], William (28 Jun 1829 - 28 Nov 1883)

MALLORY, Carroll (30 Apr 1923 - 29 Aug 1924)

MALLORY, Harvey E. (d. 27 Aug 1937)

MALLORY, J. S. (20 Dec 1849 - 6 Feb 1875)

MALLORY, Mary E. (16 Jan 1833 - 15 Jan 1882 or 15 Nov 1882)

Photos and GPS coordinates taken Sunday 9/13/09

west slope, near hill crest. south side of the center road that cuts thru Sand Hill Cemetery:
stone broken many pieces, 5 pieces assembled for photo, base stuck in tree root on edge of road:

Mallory **N35° 30.240' W91° 13.889'**

born Dec 20, 1849

Feb 6, 18

Now at rest

with two foot markers: JSM and JHM

next south

A Sleep in Jesus

Willie A Davis

Born in Natchedeeshes Pa Louissiana (sic)

died in Jackson Co Ark Aug 11, 1876

aged 22 years 8m's 9d's

William Mallory broken multiple pieces, some missing **N35° 30.237' W91° 13.891'**

Born June 28, 1829

Died -- 28, 1883

Tho lost to sight.

to memory dear.

Mary E Mallory next north, broken, some missing

Born Jan 16, 1833

Died Nov 15, 1882

Gone but not forgotten

very small in lower right Drummond, Newport Ark

Robert E M----- north of Mary E, beside road cut broken, much missing.

James H Mallory -- west of Mary E, beside road, broken. **N35° 30.240' W91° 13.899'**

Born Aug 10 1861?

Died Aug 10, 1875?

White Church Cemetery

Originally in Jackson County before Woodruff County was formed
3 miles west and 1/2 mile north of Tupelo, North of White Church Corner of Ark Hwy 33
Indexed in "Cemetery Records of Woodruff County Arkansas" visited 6 Feb 2009, 9/13/09

A.W. Harris b Mar 25, 1859 d Jan 20, 1892

M.E. Wife of AW Harris b Sept 9, 1861 d Feb 16, 1892 (*Martha E Rotenberry, sister of Lucy J*)

Gone but not forgotten

shared gravestone N35° 24.198' W91° 17.303' west of road

Jane Harris, b Feb 8, 1868 d Jan 19, 1892

Gone but not forgotten

Lula J, daughter of AW and ME Harris

b Nov 11, 1883 d Apr 16, 1900

Maude E daughter of AW and ME Harris

b Feb 11, 1885, died Sept 21, 1900

N35° 24.195' W91° 17.302' (*sisters share a gravestone beside parents*)

BW Jones next west

Born April 13, 1822

Died May 9, 1902

Stone, Woodmen of the World, about 5' high N35° 24.178' W91° 17.265' east of road

Lucius J Taylor (*son of Cornelia Jane McQuire Rotenberry and her 2nd husband William L Taylor*)

born July 26, 1870 died Dec 10, 1907

very small, broken stone on north side, only part is legible:

Walter Taylor N35° 24.180' W91° 17.266'

Sept 9, 1891

Apr 9, 1912

Annie L Taylor (*Annie Lee Brazeale, wife of Lucius Jerome Taylor*)

March 2, 1873

Feb 1, 1944

Shared Stone "TAYLOR"

Emmett F (*son of Lucius Jerome Taylor and Annie Lee Brazeale*)

Feb 13, 1893

Nov 29, 1966

Mary H born Dec 4, 1904

BOWEN'S RIDGE CEMETERY

Inventory made 4 Jan 1964 by James Logan Morgan

"This cemetery, which appears on some maps as the 'Briar Fork Cemetery', is located at Briar Fork, a point where two roads joined. The cemetery is located in either the northeast corner of the southeast quarter or the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of **section 15**, in township 10 north, range 2 west. The spelling of John Boen's name is the correct spelling of the family name. However, the designation of the area as 'Boen's Ridge' has appeared very rarely in Jackson County records. **The cemetery is located on the north and south sides of a country road which runs east into Arkansas Highway 145."**

near intersection Jackson Cty 33 W and Ark 145

3 miles east and 1 mile south of Auvergne Ark

Bowen's Ridge, both parts of the Bowen's Ridge Cemetery, and Burton Cemetery are shown on Tilton Quadrangle, Arkansas, edition of 1956, N3515-W9100/15. Scale of Tilton Quadrangle is 1:62,500 with 5' contour intervals.

In "The Roads of Arkansas" 1990, Shearer Publishing, these cemeteries are shown but not named, only a single icon indicates Bowens Ridge cemetery. Scale is 1" equals 2.0 miles

I walked thru these cemeteries, took GPS locations, and a few photos on Friday, Feb 6 and again on Saturday Feb 7, 2009.

The high point of the north section of Bowen's Ridge Cemetery is at **N35° 29.794' W91° 10.613'**

GPS indicated an elevation of 240' and of the gravel road on east side as 227'

The north part is off the paved highway 145, west of the Locust Creek crossing, and adjacent to a well maintain, gravel road. An electrical power line and a dirt road are on the south side of the north section. There is a small house at west end of the road and power line. The Ridge is prominent, maybe 15' higher than the road and is the north end of Bowen's Ridge. The cemetery is closely mowed, clear, and clean. There are several graves that have been added in just the last few years, almost no markers are on the peak of the ridge where I would expect the earliest graves to be. I didn't count grave makers, but could easily be 40 or 50.

Two that had recent care were:

Hosey Anthony 1889-1959 WWI and

Less Anthony 1893-1959 WWI.

These were beside the dirt road in SW corner of this part of the cemetery.

One above ground crypt, in poor condition : Herman Hezkeas Murphy 1898-1932.

A sample of other markers include:

AB Martain died Aug 16, 1917

Laird, John H 1876-1969

Laird, Ada 1879-1969

Minze Lee Taylor 1902-1918

Driver? Johnson 6/18/1886-5/28/1888?

Dave C Murphy 1880-1955

The south part of Bowen's Ridge Cemetery is some 200 to 300 yards SSE of the larger, well maintained north part. This part adjoins the west side of the creek. Although the clear north part is in plain sight from here, conditions are much different. This part is nearly lost, it is heavily grown over and not maintained. I found only three grave markers and part of a small concrete structure that probably had nothing to do with the graves. Two of the three markers have toppled and are on the ground.

I photographed and tied red surveyors tape to first marker which is at:

N35° 29.752' W91° 10.650'

two names are on the marker

John Boen

Born Dec 25, 1838

Died Nov 25, 1895

EL Matheney
Born Feb 3 1805
Died Feb 3, 1890

About 10 feet to the south
Arminty Matheney
Born Feb 6, 1826
Died Jan 8, 1898
on a base labeled ""MATHENEY""

maybe 5 feet east of that is a 4x4 corner post labeled "J.B."

South maybe 20 to 30 feet is a small sunken stone. All I could make out was:
"Drvied? Holladay"

1880 Census, Jackson County Arkansas, Cache Township, 14, 15, and 16 June 1880:

dwelling 51, family 51

Mathena, Eliza, white female, age 68, widow, keping house, born Tenn
Mathena, Araminta, white female, age 44, daughter, single, keeping house, born Ala

dwelling 55, family 55

Bowen, John white male, age 41, married, farming, born Tenn
Bowen, Catherine, white female, age 51, wife, married, keeping house, born KY
Bowen, Jefferson, white male, age 18, son single, laboring on farm, born Ark
Bowen, John R, white male, age 15, son, single, laboring on farm, born Ark
Narimore?, Ann white female, age 5, granddaughter, born Ark

On a much earlier visit to Newport Library, I saw a note in the 1964 Inventory of Bowens Ridge by James Logan Morgan that indicated Eliza Burns Simmons was buried at Bowens Ridge. She lived from 1798 until after 1870, was wife of Holman Freeman Simmons 1798-before 1870 and mother of Holman Felix Simmons 1824-1893, Joseph Bibbs Simmons 1831-after 1906, and Mary Ella Simmons Mallory 1833-1882 who are buried in Sand Hill Cemetery..