

Bethlehem Cemetery

Civil Township:

Kelly

Quadrant Map:

Bunceton

General Location:

Southwest of Bunceton

Congressional Township:

Township 46-N; Range 18-W

Section:

Southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 14.

Longitude & Latitude:

38.4504 : 92.5140

Directions:



(Photograph Courtesy of Peggy Warren)

From Boonville, Missouri about eighteen miles, south on Route 5; then turn right onto gravel road. Cemetery is visible from Highway 5; about 1/2 quarter mile on north (right) side of gravel road.

Atlas Survey:

1877 Land Atlas – school, church, and cemetery symbols on Susan Carr land.

1915 land Atlas – school, church, and cemetery symbols on land.

1978 Plat Book – cemetery symbol on Virgil Kleithermes land.

1991 Plat Book – cemetery symbol on Mary Kleithermes land.

History:

**Bethlehem Cemetery
By David D. Grove**

Bethlehem Cemetery is a beautiful little rural cemetery located in Cooper County, 17 miles south of Boonville and seven miles north of Syracuse and 1/4 miles west of State Highway #5. In this cemetery one finds on the monuments such names as Brubaker, Cordry, Eubank, Grove, Layne, Mayre, Sole, Watring, Varner, and other pioneer families. Like many cemeteries, it faced the problem of future maintenance and financial support.

Until a few weeks ago Bethlehem Cemetery stood bravely alone. It had no church, no town, no lodge, no civic group, no organization of any kind to give it care and financial support. Established in 1870, it was maintained and given loving care for many years by those in the locality who had kin persons buried there. These older generations are no longer alive and most of their descendants no live elsewhere. During the present generation it has been financially supported and cared for by relatively few people. This year, 1980, seven persons and the interest on 3 small bequests contributed a total of \$196. Several other persons contributed some labor and / or material for its upkeep. For a number of years Eldon Brubaker and his wife, Martha, assisted by Jack Watring, have collected contributions and given it personal care and attention to keep it well cared for and beautiful. But, these people are advancing in years and there was no assurance that when they are gone there would be others to take their place. The question in the minds of those who care was, "When they are gone will Bethlehem Cemetery became unkempt, abandoned and forgotten?"

To solve this problem, living descendants, now scattered over many states have formed an organization named, The Bethlehem Cemetery Association. The president is Eldon Brubaker; vice president, Jack Watring; secretary-treasurer, Martha Brubaker; chairman of the Standing Committee to fill vacancies, Jewell Watring.

A total of 70 persons, most of them children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of the families buried in Bethlehem Cemetery, have contributed a present total of \$2,945.30 which is to be placed as a perpetual trust in a federally insured financial institution, the annual interest return to be used to support the cemetery, the principal of the trust to remain intact.

The Association will be open for new membership at all times.

Members of the newly formed Bethlehem Cemetery Association believe that through their cooperative effort, an adequate and permanent solution to the problem of maintenance and financial support of Bethlehem Cemetery for the years to come has been solved.

In the 1877 land atlas we find a cemetery symbol on Susan Carr land, at the location where the Bethlehem Cemetery was established in 1870. Possibly this was a family burial plot originally and then was taken into the cemetery of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.

Additional entries or changes noted in **red** were taken from the Cooper County Record of Deaths, while entries in **blue** are from obituaries, Justin Watkins, or the Missouri State Online Death Records.

Updated:

February 2, 2023 with 122 entries for this cemetery

Arnett	Virginia nee' Daniel; born 22 Sep 1874; died 22 Mar 1904; wife of V. C. Arnett
Bailey	George T.; died 02 May 1895; aged 75 years
Brubaker	Elmer James; born 25 Mar 1878 nee Pleasant Green, Missouri; died 18 Jan 1935 at Fulton, Missouri; son of Daniel Rothgeb and Frances Elizabeth nee' Gander Brubaker; of Page County, Virginia; husband of Emma Gertrude nee' Cordry Brubaker
Brubaker	Emma Gertrude nee' Cordry; born 05 Feb 1880 near Bunceton, Missouri; died 19 May 1965 in Kirkwood, Missouri; daughter of James Newton and Amanda Lou nee' Woolery Cordry; wife of Elmer James Brubaker
Brubaker	Hawkett (?); born 25 Jan 1919 in Missouri; died 17 Mar 1919 in Kelly Township, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 18 Mar 1919; son of Elmer James Brubaker (born Missouri) Emma Gertrude née Cordry (born Missouri); informant J. C. Cordry, Bunceton, Missouri
Brubaker	Kenneth Howard; born 25 Jan 1918 or 1919 in Cooper County; died 17 Mar 1918 or 1919 in Kelly Township, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 18 Mar 1919; infant son of Elmer James and Emma

	Gertrude nee' Cordry Brubaker
Brubaker	Wilbur Newton; born 25 Aug 1902 in Cooper County, Missouri; died 29 Apr 1942 3 miles north of Syracuse, Missouri ; buried 29 Apr 1942 ; son of Elmer James and Emma Gertrude nee' Cordry Brubaker; single ; artist, painting ; informant Janice E. Richards, Tipton, Missouri
Brunkhorst	Charles Egbert; born 07 Mar 1917 in Missouri; died 28 Mar 1927 in Otterville Township, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 30 Mar 1927; son of Charles (born Morgan County, Missouri) and Lillie née Sanders Brunkhorst (born Morgan County, Missouri; informant Otto Brunkhorst, Syracuse, Missouri)
Callahan	Leonard W.; born 03 Jul 1889; died 04 Jul 1891; son of J. C. and A. C. Callahan
Carr	Susan E.; born 22 Nov 1843 ; died 30 Jan 1925 in Lebanon Township, Cooper County, Missouri ; daughter of Mead and Elizabeth B. Gilliam Carr; buried in New Lebanon Cemetery
Cherry	N; no dates; originally buried in Old Carr Family Cemetery on the "Doc" Nelson farm; moved to Bethlehem Cemetery and buried outside what is now fenced; between fence and road
Cordry	Amanda Lou nee' Woolery; wife of James Newton Cordry; born 24 Nov 1848 in Cooper County, Missouri; died 20 Jul 1935 in Bunceton, Missouri ; buried 21 Jul 1935 ; daughter of Joseph W. and Frances nee' Miller Woolery; mother's maiden name is given as Titsworth
Cordry	Charles; born 06 Mar 1784; died 12 May 1875 in Cooper County, Missouri; son of John and Catherine nee' Mann Cordry; husband of Rebecca nee' Gordon Cordry; married 01 May 1806 in Christian County, Kentucky
Cordry	Charles; died 11 Apr 1931 in County Home ; buried 17 Apr 1931 ; white ; aged about 84 years ; retired farmer ; informant Mrs. Ross Jeffress, Boonville, Missouri
Cordry	James Newton; born 04 Jun 1844 near New Lebanon, Missouri; died 20 Dec 1926 near Bunceton, Missouri; buried 21 Dec 1926 ; son of William Langston (bon Kentucky) and Mary "Polly" Ann nee' Weir Cordry (born Cooper County, Missouri); husband of Amanda Lou Cordry; farmer ; informant J. C. Cordry, Bunceton, Missouri
Cordry	Rebecca nee' Gordon; born 10 Dec 1789 in Virginia; died 11 Oct 1852 in Cooper County, Missouri; wife of Charles Cordry; married 01 May 1806 in Christian County, Kentucky
Crist	David; born 1833; died 1899
Crist	Eva Carr; born 17 Oct 1851 in Mt. Washington, Ohio ; died 24 Jun 1933 in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri ; daughter of Jacob F. and Sarah née Betts Crist
Crist	Jacob F.; "Father"; born 22 Jul 1807; died 24 Apr 1873; husband of Sarah née Betts Crist
Crist	Sarah née Betts; "Mother"; born 06 Jul 1811; died 27 Jul 1879; wife of Jacob F. Crist
Daniel	Captain Charles W.; born 25 Jul 1807 in Kentucky; died 18 Dec 1867; emigrated to Missouri in 1867
Daniel	Jessie M.; born 03 Apr 1842; died 07 Mar 1911
Daniel	Jessie May ; born 18 May 1882 in Cooper County ; died 26 Sep 1883 in Kelly Township ; aged 1 year, 4 months ; buried 27 Sep 1883
Daniel	John Y.; born 25 Apr 1824; died 25 Jul 1901
Daniel	Matilda nee' Daniel; born 09 Aug 1811; died 19 Sep 1873; wife of G. W. Daniel
Daniel	Rosalia; born 17 May 1870; died 19 Jun 1871
Daniel	Virginia H.; wife of Jessie M. Daniel; born 30 Dec 1844; died 16 Apr 1906
Davis	Mary S. C.; born 23 Nov 1842; died 26 Jan 1873; wife of John A. Davis
Denny	Job; born 06 Feb 1809; died 16 Jan 1895
Denny	Mary Ann; wife of Job Denny; born 09 Aug 1819 in England ; died 01 Apr 1884 in Lebanon Township ; aged 64 years, 7 months, 1 day
Egton	Gilson; died Apr 1883; aged 30 years; husband of Mary Egton
Eubank	Achilles ; born 28 Feb 1831; died 27 Sep 1896; husband of Nancy nee' Ware Eubank; had a son named Achilles J. Eubank
Eubank	Barbara Ann nee' Varner; born 18 Jul 1835; died 28 May 1901; wife of Richard A. Eubank; daughter of Joseph and Mary nee' Huffman Varner
Eubank	Bettie C.; died 14 May 1872; aged 32 years, 10 months, 18 days

Eubank	Nancy nee' Ware; born 07 Feb 1814; died 22 Feb 1884; wife of Achilles Eubank; had a son named Achilles J. Eubank
Eubank	Richard L.; died 08 Jul 1880; aged 52 years, 2 months, 7 days
Forster	Elizabeth; wife of J. W. Forster; born 04 Apr 1838; died 29 Jan 1903
Forster	J. W.; born 10 Oct 1828; died 06 Jul 1906
Forster	Nellie E.; born 02 Jun 1875; died 20 Mar 1880; daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth Forster
Funkhouser	Elizabeth; born 15 Aug 1834
Funkhouser	Ely; born 16 Jan 1825; died 05 Feb 1904
Gholson	Sallie nee' Mills; Mother; born 13 Oct 1871; died 14 Jul 1909
Godfrey	Ramon F.; born and died in 1917; infant son of Rollin Mark and Grace Gertrude nee' Rowles Godfrey
Graves	Unknown; son of C. E. and L. M. Graves; died 15 Nov 1886; aged 6 years, 6 months, 13 days
Grove	Allie Gray nee' Lionberger; born 05 Feb or 24 Jun 1865 in Page County, Virginia; died 30 or 29 Mar 1935; daughter of Samuel and Susan nee' Huffman or Hoffman Lionberger; first wife of David Charles Grove or Groves
Grove	Annie E. nee' Grove; born 1868; died 1938; daughter of John Grove; second wife of David Charles Grove
Grove	David Charles, Sr.; born 26 Jun 1865 near Solesville, Cooper County, Missouri; died Sep 1958; son of David Franklin and Mary Susan nee' Varner Grove; first husband of Allie Gray nee' Lionberger Grove; second husband of Annie E. nee' Grove Grove; third husband of Mrs. Viola Belle nee' Killion (Akeman) Grove
Grove	David Franklin; born 1838; died 1864; husband of Mary Susan nee' Varner Grove; Veteran: Civil War, Company B.; 9th Prov. Eng. Mo. Militia
Grove	Mary Susan nee' Varner; born 1844; died 1932; daughter of Joseph and Mary nee' Huffman Varner; wife of David Franklin Grove
Grove	Samuel; 1908
Grove	Walter; 1907
Hassett	Caroline Eustatia "Carrie E."; never married; born 31 Oct 1881 in St. Clair County, Missouri; died 06 Oct 1968; daughter of Charles Michael and Mary Roberta nee' Varner Hassett
Hassett	Charles H.; born 17 Apr 1849; died 20 Jul 1900; husband of Mary Roberta nee' Varner Hassett
Hassett	Mary Roberta nee' Varner; born 11 Jan 1853 in Cooper County, Missouri; died 04 Sep 1930; daughter of Daniel A. and Enstatia Ann nee' Cordry Varner; wife of Charles M. Varner
Henry	Rebecca nee' Cathey; born 09 May 1798; died 24 Jul 1860; daughter of George and Margaret Cathey; wife of Eli Newman Henry
Kite	Emma Jane nee' Buracker; born 01 Jan 1867 Page County, Virginia; died 10 Jun 1934; daughter of Monroe and Mary k. Kite Buracker ; wife of George W. Kite of Page County, Virginia; they came to Missouri about 1887
Kite	Eva; born 1899; died 1901; daughter of George W. and Emma J. nee' Buracker Kite
Kite	George W.; born 1857; died 1905
Kite	Linda; born 1893; died 1894; daughter of George W. and Emma J. nee' Buracker Kite
Layne	Mattie B. nee' Kings; born 01 Oct 1863; died 27 Apr 1889; first wife of Edward Layne
Layne	Sidney; died 02 Sep 1885; aged 1 year, 11 months, 11 days; son of Edward and Mattie B. nee' King Layne; Note: Edward Layne and his second wife; Ethel "Ethelyn" nee' Atkinson Layne are buried at Otterville, Missouri
Lindsey	F. E.; born 28 Dec 1889; died 06 Dec 1893
Lindsey	Jonas H.; born 23 Sep 1814; died 13 Feb 1886
Lindsey	W. H.; born 25 Feb 1884; died 21 Apr 1887
Long	Harry L.; born 03 Jul 1881; died 16 May 1882; infant son of W. H. and E. L. Long
Long	Louis H.; born 14 Nov 1873 in Page County, Virginia; died 03 Jan 1882 in Cooper County, Missouri; son of W. H. and E. L. Long

McFarland	Sarah Marye ; born 17 Nov 1921; died in 23 Apr 1923 ; buried 25 Apr 1923; died of accidental poisoning by eating cold tablets; buried in an unmarked grave; daughter of John Monroe and Edith Marie née Cable McFarland
Mann	William T.; born 29 Dec 1853; died 17 Feb 1915; son of Charles Henry and Eliza J. nee' Cook Mann; Note: could neither walk nor talk and was cared for all his life by his mother
Marye	Arthur R.; died 17 May 1889; aged 8 months, 16 days; son of J. B. and C. B. Marye; (Joel Ruffner and Cynthia Bell nee' Woolery Marye
Marye	Frederick A.; born 02 May 1811; died 10 Oct 1844
Marye	Georgia J.; born 26 Feb 1874; died 06 Mar 1925; wife of Hamilton Victor Marye
Marye	Hamilton Victor; born 21 Aug 1896 or 1876 in Missouri ; died 20 Jul 1934 in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri ; son of Joel Ruffner and Cynthia Bell nee' Woolery Marye; husband of Georgia J. Marye
Marye	Letitia S.; wife of Frederick A. Marye; born 01 Aug 1814; died 27 Sep 1877
Marye	Unknown; infant daughter of Georgia J. and Hamilton Victor Marye; born 21 Oct 1934
McAdams	Steve B. ; born 08 Feb 1960 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; died 01 May 2005 at his home in Jefferson, Wisconsin; buried 08 May 2005; son of Willa Dean McAdams and Arthur Penrod; husband of Jennifer nee' Fowler McAdams (survives) ; married 21 Mar 1991 in Florence, Missouri.
Phillips	Elizabeth E.; died 05 May 1`899; aged 75 years; Mother of John F. Phillips
Phillips	John C.; died 13 Aug 1890; aged 1 year, 8 months; son of John F. and Mary Phillips
Reaves	A. J.; "Father"; born 11 Nov 1838; died 12 May 1890
Reaves	Lottie A.; born 09 Jul 1842; died 30 Apr 1881
Reaves	Mary A.; born 16 Dec 1817; died 18 Jan 1877; aged 59 years, 1 month, 2 days; wife of W. T. Reaves
Reaves	Mary A.; wife of W. F. Reaves; born 16 Dec 1817; died 18 Jan 1877
Reaves	Mary V.; born 03 Dec 1885; died 15 Aug 1886; daughter of A. J. and "Nolie" Reaves
Reaves	Nora R.; "Mother"; born 29 Jul 1844; died 03 Mar 1900
Reaves	W. F.; born 14 Sep 1811; died 22 Nov 1877; husband of Mary A. Reaves
Reaves	W. T. L.; died 18 Aug 1872; aged 10 years, 1 month, 17 days; son of W. F. and Mary A. Reaves
Reaves	W. T. L.; died 18 Aug 1872; aged 19 years, 1 month, 17 days; son of W. T. and Mary A. Reaves
Reaves	W. T.; born 14 Sep 1811; died 22 Nov 1877; aged 66 years, 2 months, 8 days; husband of Mary A. Reaves
Rothgeb	Sarah E. nee' Kemp; died 14 Oct 1882; aged 79 years, 7 months, 4 days; wife of Daniel Rothgeb
Rowles	John William Reuben Rowles; born 20 Jun 1878 near Ft Worth, Texas; died 17 Mar 1950 at Tipton, Missouri
Rowles	Laura Belle nee' Hassett; born 30 Nov 1878; died 26 Jul 1963; daughter of Charles Michael and Mary Roberta nee' Varner Hassett; wife of John William Reuben Rowles
Rowles	Lillie M.; no dates; daughter of Joseph Rowles
Shores	Sarah; born 14 May 1829; died 17 May 1908; wife of H. Shores
Smith	D. B.; born 14 Aug 1831; died 02 Mar 1900
Smith	Elizabeth; wife of D. B. Smith; died 20 Aug 1889; aged 51 years, 3 months, 29 days
Sole	Ann; "Mother"; born 06 Sep 1788; died 19 Jun 1886
Sole	Edward; born 25 Aug 1830; died 16 May 1924
Sole	Harriet; born 06 Oct 1830; died 20 Feb 1902
Sole	Mary J.; born 26 Nov 1852; died 03 Nov 1881
Sole	Sarah; born 25 Dec 1832; died 24 Feb 1905
Sole	William; born 22 Apr 1825; died 07 Sep 1895
Stickney	John W.; died 11 Nov 1877; aged 2 years, 1 month, 22 days
Stickney	Louis R.; died 18 Nov 1877; aged 3 years, 9 months, 27 days; son of William E. and M. F. Stickney
Thompson	Nancy; born 07 Sep 1829; died 03 Oct 1873; born in Round County, Tennessee; wife of Rev. A. M. Thompson of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Unknown	Unknown; grave; metal marker in north central part of cemetery; no data
Varner	Eliza J. nee' Cook; Mann first husband; born 16 May 1835 near Otterville, Missouri; died 16 May 1923; daughter of William and Hannah Cook; wife of Charles Henry Mann, first husband; wife of William H. Varner, second husband
Varner	Ida Lee; born 01 Aug 1876; died 02 Nov 1877; daughter of William H. and Eliza J. nee' Cook Varner
Varner	J.; died 24 Jun 1871; aged 59 years, 4 months, 5 days
Varner	James H.; born 06 May 1871; died 10 Aug 1873; son of William H. and Eliza J. nee' Cook Varner
Varner	Joseph; born 07 Feb 1807; died 03 Jul 1897; son of John and Barbara nee' Burner Varner; husband of Mary nee' Huffman Varner
Varner	Martin; born 27 Sep 1811; died 15 Nov 1892; son of Joseph and Mary nee' Huffman Varner
Varner	Mary Ann nee' Baldwin; died 11 Dec 1888; aged 64 years, 9 months, 4 days; second wife of Joseph Varner; buried next to him; married 1872.
Varner	Mary nee' Huffman; died 24 Jun 1871; aged 59 years, 4 months, 5 days; daughter of Christian and Christena nee' Gochenour Huffman of Luray Virginia; born in Shenandoah County, Virginia; first wife of Joseph Varner; buried next to him; mother of 14 children; came to Missouri in 1855 with their family of 13 children.
Varner	William H.; born 30 Jun 1833 in Virginia; died 10 Dec 1921; son of Joseph and Mary nee' Huffman Varner; husband of Eliza J. nee' Cook Varner (first husband was a Mann); second husband was William H. Varner; married 23 Oct 1859
Wall	Amelia A.; born 20 Sep 1860; died 25 May 1882; wife of William E. Wall
Wall	Stephen D.; died 26 Sep 1895; aged 13 years, 4 months, 1 day; grandson of J. W. and Elizabeth Forster
Watring	Elizabeth Ann née Bryan; Mother; born 21 Mar 1859 only date; in Moatsville, West Virginia; died 03 Feb 1940 in Lebanon Township, Cooper County, Missouri; daughter of J. T. and Sarah née Coffman Bryan; wife of John Martin Watring
Watring	John Martin; Father; born 06 Jan 1859 in Virginia; died 23 Nov 1917 in Lebanon Township, Cooper County, Missouri; son of John and Catherine née Gainor Watring; husband of Elizabeth Ann née Bryan Watring
Watring	Rozza; son; born Sep 1885; died 11 Feb 1905
Yarnell	Dollie; born 24 Jun 1892; died 07 Jul 1892; daughter of Hamilton Hugh and Poleata F. "Plete" nee' Varner Yarnell
Yarnell	Hamilton Hugh; born 09 Oct 1857; died 28 Aug 1914; son of James and Sarah nee' Patterson Yarnell; they came to Hickory County, Missouri in 1868 and later to Moniteau and Cooper Counties
Yarnell	Hugh; born 23 Oct 1894; died 19 Oct 1898; son of Hamilton Hugh and Poleata F. "Plete" nee' Varner Yarnell
Yarnell	Poleata F. "Plete" nee' Varner; born 06 Oct 1860; died 19 Sep 1947; daughter of William H. and Eliza A. nee' Cook Varner; wife of Hamilton Hugh Yarnell