

Earnest United Methodist Church Cemetery

Location:	Township 18 South Range 5 West Section 23 Church address: 3425 Warrior River Road, Bessemer, AL 35023-1039 (west of Hueytown; between Hueytown and the Concord community).	
Directions:	On Warrior River Road, go 1.0 mile west from the intersection of Hueytown Road and Warrior River Road. Church & cemetery are on the left (south) side of Warrior River Road.	
Miscellaneous Information:	Church organized in 1897. Located at present site since 1946.	
Approximate number of markers with names:	126	Census completed: 3 February 2000
Oldest death date on a marker:	Charles E. Carmichael 1 Oct 1924 9 Apr 1945	Document last updated: December 2006
		University of Alabama's Geography Dept's Cemetery Designation: County: Jefferson Map Nbr: 1 Cemetery Nbr: 115

Please refer to the funeral home records and the sources for the additional information at the end of this document.

Name	Dates	Additional Information
		<small>Information without parentheses is from tombstone Information within parentheses is from outside sources</small>
Amerson, Patricia Ann Langston	15 Aug 1940 3 Apr 1992	Proud parents of Leigh Ana & Parnell Langston. (Spouse's space on marker is blank.)
Armbrister, Gerald Lee	10 Dec 1954 22 Mar 1982	(Parents: Randy Armbrister & Marg. Edmonds ¹⁴)
Baker, Robert Alan	28 Jun 1965 30 Aug 1965	Infant son of Robert C. Baker
Barton, Dorothy B.	5 Aug 1915 7 Jun 1987	(On same marker with Harry J. Barton)
Barton, Harry J.	16 Nov 1910 13 Aug 1974	(Parents: Frank Barton & Ethel Jenkins ¹⁴)
Batson, Bertha M.	27 Oct 1906 22 Jun 1964	(On same marker with James L. Batson) (Parents: Theo S. Cummins & ? ³)
Batson, James L.	19 Aug 1903 31 Mar 1981	(James Lucian Batson, Sr.; married 1 st - Bertha M. Cummings? 2 nd - Matilda Margaret Vines on 20 Jan 1965 ⁴)
Bonner, Claud	17 Jan 1924 8 Nov 1974	(Parents: Foster Bonner & Bama Mullinax ²)
Bonner, Velma C.	14 Sep 1930 <blank>	(On same marker with Claud Bonner)
Brown, Joseph E.	3 Oct 1891 25 Jul 1970	(Parents: Shepard Brown & Lovella Walker ³) (Joseph Eural Brown; son of Sheppard K. Brown & Louella F. Walker; married Maggie Glaze on 20 Nov 1934 ⁴)
Brown, Maggie	29 Sep 1907 6 Dec 1956	(On same marker with Joseph E. Brown) (Parents: Robert Glaze & Ada Walker ³) (Dau. of Robert L. Glaze & Ada Arena Walker; married Joseph Eural Brown on 20 Nov 1934 ⁴)
Bryant, Willard Wayne	12 Aug 1921 14 Sep 1994	TEC4 U.S. Army, WW II
Byess, Pauline L.	1910 1989	(Willie P. Byess; 22 Jan 1989; age 78; Parents: David Letson & Emma Millican ¹⁴)
Byess, William M.	1911 1974	(William McKinley Byess; 12 Jan 1974; age 62; Parents: George W. Byess & Necie Little ¹⁴)

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Campbell, Faye M. "Chick"	11 Jul 1932 3 Apr 1992	(Next to Max E. Campbell) (Faye Marie Masters; dau. of Columbus Lee Masters & Alma Lanier; married Max E. Campbell ⁴)
Campbell, Max E.	5 May 1926 28 Aug 1995	(Married Faye Marie Masters; married Max E. Campbell ⁴)
Carmichael, Charles E.	1 Oct 1924 9 Apr 1945	Texas PFC 179 Inf 45 Inf Div., WW II (Son of Mark A. Carmichael & Winnie P. Glaze ⁴)
Carmichael, Winnie G.	18 Jun 1891 27 Sep 1952	(Next to Charles E. Carmichael) (Parents: John Glaze & Eliz Salter ³) (Dau. of John Thomas Glaze & Ophelia Elizabeth Salter; married Mark A. Carmichael 23 Dec 1908 ⁴)
Cartee, Mary Katherine	14 Sep 1925 31 Mar 1968	
Clayton, Dan E.	7 Nov 1932 17 Mar 1997	
Clayton, George E., Jr. "Pete"	19 May 1929 21 Mar 1982	U.S. Navy (Parents: George Clayton, Sr. & Lellah Batson ¹⁴)
Clayton, Lellah M. "Jennie"	8 Jan 1911 16 Oct 1985	(Parents: Jack Batson & Ruth Vines ¹⁴) (Dau. of Jackson Quimby Batson & Rutha C. Vines; married George Clayton, Sr. ⁸)
Colburn, Rebecca Vines	13 Oct 1909 9 Aug 1950	(Dau. of Charles Wellington Vines & Phoebe Idella Knight; married Mack Royal Colburn ⁴)
Cross, Clyde J.	13 Nov 1932 7 Mar 1987	
Cross, Hubert Eric	27 Nov 1891 15 Feb 1960	Ala Mech MG Co 324 Infantry, WW I (Parents: Earl Cross & Lidia Acton ³)
Cross, Jessie A.	9 Oct 1927 29 Jul 1949	
Cross, Myrtle M.	10 Feb 1899 1 Jun 1991	(Next to Hubert Eric Cross) (Parents: Alonzo E. Ward & Evelyn Burnett ¹⁴)
Dabbs, Ernest A.	1900 1979	(Son of Marion Clay Dabbs & Glendora Mayfield; married Mildred Higdon Killough on 30 Nov 1927 ⁴)
Dabbs, Mildred H.	1906 <blank>	(Next to Ernest A. Dabbs) (Mildred H. Killough (2 Dec 1906 – 26 Jun 1990); married Ernest A. Dabbs on 30 Nov 1927 ⁴)
Davis, Cynthia L.	30 Nov 1966 2 Dec 1966	
Dykes, Cary C.	22 Sep 1900 30 Mar 1948	
Dykes, Eleanor Mae	15 Jun 1915 15 Apr 1956	(Next to John Leo Dykes)
Dykes, Gerald Leo	10 Oct 1940 23 Jan 1961	
Dykes, John Leo	3 Jun 1906 10 Aug 1983	
Dykes, Lois V.	6 Aug 1900 19 Jun 1995	(On same marker with Cary C. Dykes)
Earnest, Clenon	27 May 1924 31 Dec 2003	(Obituary in January 2, 2004 Birmingham News on al.com; wife - Omie Lee Earnest)
Fallon, Marcus Anthony	(abt 1959) 7 Dec 2006	(Obituary in December 10, 2006 Birmingham News on al.com; survived by wife - Ruby Fallon and parents - Donald & Melita Fallon)
Farrell, Catherine G.	13 May 1896 14 Aug 1960	(Parents: John Anderson & Sallie Ward ³)

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Ferguson, Homer F.	21 Oct 1914 6 Aug 1992	
Ferguson, Mae Bell S.	3 Dec 1923 <blank>	(On same marker with Homer F. Ferguson)
Gant, Eugene	29 Jan 1929 16 Aug 1994	
Gant, Louise	17 Jul 1933 <blank>	(On same marker with Eugene Gant)
Glaze, infant	4 Jan 1953 4 Jan 1953	Infant son of Billy & Molly Glaze
Glaze, Molly K.	18 Jun 1932 20 May 1994	(On same marker with William G. "Bill" Glaze)
Glaze, William G. "Bill"	2 Oct 1926 <blank>	Married: 26 Oct 1948
Goode, Spears	22 Jan 1891 24 Feb 1947	Ala Pvt 20 Engrs, WW I (Spears Bowden Goode; son of James Franklin Goode & Frances Lucinda Hawkins ⁸)
Greene, Cecil Arba	27 Mar 1910 31 Mar 1992	Married: 25 Oct 1930
Greene, Johney C.	4 Jul 1906 15 Mar 1986	PFC U.S. Army, WW II
Greene, Mary Jackson	3 Jun 1919 20 Sep 1982	
Greene, Violet Lillian	17 Jan 1916 14 Feb 2005	Married: 25 Oct 1930 (On same marker with Cecil Arba Greene) (Obituary in February 16, 2005 Birmingham News on al.com; preceded in death by husband - Cecil Arba Greene)
Hagood, Hester	3 Aug 1926 20 May 2005	(Obituary in May 22, 2005 Birmingham News on al.com; survived by husband - Winford Hagood)
Harper, Lynn C.	16 Oct 1914 11 Feb 1998	
Harper, Maylia R.	20 Jan 1914 <blank>	(On same marker with Lynn C. Harper)
Hawkins, Robert	12 May 1900 6 Feb 1971	(Parents: J. P. Hawkins & Anna Griaer ³)
Hawkins, Vera P.	6 Feb 1911 28 Aug 2003	(Next to Robert Hawkins) (Vera Patton; dau. of Alvah & Cecil Patton; obituary in the August 29, 2003 Birmingham News on al.com)
Helms, Annie B.	21 Feb 1917 26 Jun 2002	(On same marker with Homer C. Helms) (Obituary in June 27, 2002 Birmingham News on al.com; preceded in death by husband – Homer C. Helms)
Helms, Homer C.	6 Jun 1913 13 May 1991	
Henson, Evie Mildred	17 Jul 1923 26 Aug 2006	(On same marker with James B. Henson) (Obituary in the August 28, 2006 Birmingham News on al.com) (Evie Mildred Masters; dau. of Columbus Lee Masters & Alma Lanier; married James B. Henson ⁴)
Henson, James B.	28 Feb 1921 <blank>	(Married Evie Mildred Masters ⁴)
Hoops, Birdie L.	1906 1998	(Next to Lamar Hoops)
Hoops, Clayton	22 Nov 1926 13 Dec 1959	Ala S1 USNR, WW II (Parents: Alf Hoops & Mary Grady ³)

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Hoops, Dewey	7 Jun 1898 13 Jun 1978	
Hoops, Lamar	1906 1999	
Hopkins, Louise McDonald	14 Aug 1912 27 Aug 1985	(Next to Ralph Hopkins) (Parents: William O. McDonald & Lytha Thompson ¹⁴) (Dau. of William Oliver McDonald & Talitha Jane Thompson; married Ralph H. Hopkins on 29 Feb 1936 ⁴)
Hopkins, Ralph	18 Dec 1913 27 Jun 1992	S1 U.S. Navy (Son of Hezzie Hopkins & Maggie Justice; married Louise McDonald on 29 Feb 1936 ⁴)
Hopkins, Ralph Wayne	19 Sep 1942 5 Jan 2005	(Obituary in January 10, 2005 Birmingham News on al.com) (Son of Ralph Hopkins & Louise McDonald; married Edie/Eddie Carolyn Nethery on 18 Feb 1967 ⁴)
Hubbard, Frank R.	5 Feb 1902 1 Apr 1989	(Frank Roy Hubbard; married Bertha Lillian Glaze ⁴)
Hubbard, Lillian	17 Sep 1911 22 Nov 1993	(On same marker with Frank R. Hubbard) (Bertha Lillian Glaze; dau. of Robert L. Glaze & Ada Arena Walker; married Frank Roy Hubbard ⁴)
Jackson, Marjorie R. Clark	24 Jan 1923 19 Jun 1970	
Jeter, Frances M.	1911 <blank>	(On same marker with Paul L. Jeter)
Jeter, Paul L.	1902 <blank>	
Jones, Bill	1867 1948	
Killough, David	26 Apr 1915 30 Apr 1989	
Killough, infant	17 Sep 1951 17 Sep 1951	Infant son of David & Juanita Killough
Killough, infant	14 Jan 1953 14 Jan 1953	Infant dau. of John & Mary Killough (Parents: J. D. Killough & Mary Knight ³)
Killough, James S.	31 Mar 1949 4 May 1965	(Parents: David Killough & J. Phillips ³)
Killough, John D.	4 Dec 1918 6 Feb 1976	TEC5 U.S. Army, WW II (Parents: N. T. Killough & J. Higdon ¹⁴)
Killough, Juanita P.	18 Mar 1920 11 Jan 1976	(Parents: Albert Phillips & Ella J. Gandy ¹⁴)
Kizzire, Claud J.	11 Nov 1925 6 Aug 1981	CS3 U.S. Navy, WW II & Korea (Son of Daniel P. Kizzire & Eardal ⁸)
Knight, Willie J.	4 May 1919 1 May 1977	(Parents: Joseph Knight & Ruby Vines ¹⁴) (Dau. of Joseph Herbert Knight & Ruby Vines ⁴)
Langston, Arthur	26 Apr 1913 18 Aug 1976	(Thomas A. Langston; 18 Aug 1976; age 63; Parents: Altama Langston & Ella Bragg ²⁴)
Langston, Pauline E.	16 Jan 1914 25 Mar 1986	(Next to Arthur Langston)
Letson, David P.	12 Nov 1872 10 Jan 1946	(David Pleasant Letson; married Emma Pauline Milligan bef 1896 ⁴)
Letson, Emma P.	7 Sep 1880 5 Jan 1961	(Next to David P. Letson) (Parents: J.T. Millican & ? ³)
Letson, Frank	13 Apr 1917 26 Jul 1996	PFC U.S. Army Air Corps, WW II (Son of David P. Letson & Emma Milligan ⁴)
Letson, Mildred E.	2 Mar 1923 1 Oct 1997	(Next to Frank Letson)

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Masters, Alma Lanier	10 Feb 1899 30 Mar 1963	(On same marker with Columbus Lee Masters) (Parents: Lamar Lanier & Sarah Walker ³)
Masters, Columbus Lee	23 Jun 1897 7 Apr 1980	(Married Alma Lanier ⁴)
Masters, Eldred E.	29 Sep 1926 26 Jan 1995	Eldred Eugene Masters; son of Columbus Lee Masters & Alma Lanier; married Emogene Masters on 17 Dec 1946 ⁴)
Masters, Emogene	14 Apr 1928 <blank>	(On same marker with Eldred E. Masters) (Emogene Sanford; dau. of Dewitt Talmadge Sanford & Jeffie Laird; married Eldred Eugene Masters on 17 Dec 1946 ⁴)
McKay, Joanne Shaffield	25 May 1934 12 May 1973	
McNeal, Henry G.	13 Mar 1896 24 Apr 1982	
McNeal, Katie B.	4 Apr 1904 19 Feb 1982	(Next to Henry G. McNeal)
McRee, Linda Batson	29 Sep 1905 15 May 1995	(On same marker with Walter Barrett McRee) (Dau. of Jackson Quimby Batson & Rutha C. Vines; married Walter Barrett McRee ⁸)
McRee, Norman B.	22 Aug 1934 30 May 1989	
McRee, Sally R.	only date is: 8 Aug 1936	
McRee, Walter Barrett	12 Aug 1908 8 Dec 1987	(Married Linda Batson ⁸)
Murphree, Clifford A.	16 Oct 1916 28 May 1999	
Murphree, Violet L.	19 Sep 1921 <blank>	(On same marker with Clifford A. Murphree)
Northcutt, Alvin "Ned"	22 Jul 1915 19 Mar 1987	
Northcutt, Ellen	5 Sep 1946 23 Jun 2003	(Obituary in June 24, 2003 Birmingham News on al.com; Ellen Pearson Northcutt; husband - Lynn Northcutt)
Northcutt, Kathryn	14 Jul 1916 22 Aug 2005	(On same marker with Alvin "Ned" Northcutt) (Obituary in August 24, 2005 Birmingham News on al.com; preceded in death by husband - Ned Northcutt)
Ortkiese, Arthur L.	25 Nov 1921 29 Oct 1973	Kentucky S. Sgt U.S. Army, WW II BSM
Ortkiese, Helen R.	27 Feb 1911 14 Jul 1991	
Ortkiese, Nancy Ruth	19 Nov 1948 29 Apr 1972	
Pack, Mary Elizabeth	20 May 1911 14 Aug 1972	(Next to Ward Elbert Pack) (Parents: Evan Brown & Eddie Trotter ³)
Pack, Ward Elbert	29 May 1899 12 Dec 1980	
Parsons, Wilson E. "Bob"	11 Nov 1930 19 Apr 1987	(Wilson Ellery Parsons; son of Wyman Ellery Parsons & Bertha Marie Kegley; married Mary K. ⁴)
Phillips, Jesse E.	16 Apr 1949 20 Jun 2003	(Obituary in June 21, 2003 Birmingham News on al.com; wife - Charlotte)
Pierce, J. B.	14 Jul 1873 18 Jun 1947	

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Pierce, Lula M.	16 Jul 1880 8 Jul 1962	(On same marker with J. B. Pierce) (Parents: Edward Cox & ? ³)
Sigmond, Ruby Vines	4 May 1899 5 Jul 1985	(Dau. of Charles Wellington Vines & Phoebe Idella Knight; married 1 st - Joseph Knight; 2 nd - ? Carter 3 rd - ? Sigmond ⁴)
Stern, Max Joseph	7 Aug 1920 6 Apr 1990	S2 U.S. Navy
Summerlin, William "Billy" Wayne	27 Oct 1945 1 Aug 1947	
Vines, Eugene R.	4 Jul 1909 17 Jan 1983	(Eugene Robinson Vines; son of Charles Wellington Vines & Phoebe Idella Knight; married Wilma C. ⁴)
Vines, Louis Stanford	11 May 1918 12 Mar 1985	(Son of Charles Wellington Vines & Phoebe Idella Knight; married Dorothy ⁴)
Vines, Wilma C.	4 Feb 1914 28 Jan 1972	(On same marker with Eugene R. Vines) (Married Eugene Robinson Vines ⁴)
Wadsworth, Virgil F.	27 Oct 1915 26 Sep 1974	(Parents: Freemon Wadsworth & J. A. Fulenwider ¹⁴)
Watkins, J. T.	24 Feb 1918 <blank>	
Watkins, Mary Kyle	2 Jun 1922 26 Mar 1973	(On same marker with J. T. Watkins) (Parents: Albert Jerry & Nannie Goodlett ²)
Wilson, Burge	3 Feb 1876 12 Aug 1958	(Mary B. Wilson; Parents: Hinchey Burge & E. Kimbrough ³) (Mary Burge; dau. of Hinchey P. Burge & Ellen J. ⁸)
Wilson, W. Byron	4 May 1914 25 Dec 1992	(Son of Walter Lee Wilson & Mary ⁸)
Wilson, Walter Lee	3 Aug 1879 18 Dec 1972	
Wood, Dewey A.	30 Jun 1900 21 Aug 1958	(Parents: Robert Wood & Sabe Entriken ³)
Wood, Myrtice G.	11 Feb 1901 2 Apr 1958	(On same marker with Dewey A. Wood) (Parents: Walter Graves & Louisa Owens ³)
Woods, Rickey Allen	only date is: 1946	Infant

Sources

2 Angwin Mortuary Center of Ensley, Alabama 1906-1975 compiled by Fred & Christine Shaw Ward in 1996.

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Name	Death Date	Age	Parents
McKay, Gloria J.	12 May 1973	38	Edward Shaffield & L. Northington

Sources (continued)

- 3 Burials by Browns of Bessemer, Alabama 1952-1974 compiled by Fred & Christine Shaw Ward in 1993.

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Barnes, infant	21 Aug 1970	infant	William M. Barnes & Peggy M. Dabbs
Waid, Jas W.	18 Mar 1960	77	Tom Waid & Elvine Wiggins

- 4 David Reed (dreed57@verizon.net).

- 8 Don Hogan (toygoose@bellsouth.net).

- 14 Burials by Browns of Bessemer, Alabama 1975-1999 compiled by Fred & Christine Shaw Ward, January 2000.

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Name	Death Date	Age	Parents	Browns 1975-1999
Wadsworth, infant	30 Aug 1977	stillborn	Infant daughter	

- 24 Angwin Mortuary, Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama, 1976-2000, compiled by Fred & Christine Ward, January 2000.