

Unmarked Graves in the Wallisville Cemetery

Jake C. Capps, Died August 8, 1972, aged 66 years, 3 months and 27 days.

Jake C. Capps was a brother to Clara (Capps) LaFour and to Violet Capps listed below. He was a son of J. B. and Nellie (Lunsford) Capps. Need more information on him. His death record, which is listed on the Rootsweb database, indicates that Mr. Capps died in Harris County on the above date and was widowed at the time.

Violet Louise Capps, born February 15, 1927, died January 29, 1931

The Progress, February 6, 1931 reported the death of four year old Violet Louise Capps, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Capps. The story notes that she died at Liberty last Thursday night. Since the paper appeared on Friday, this should calculate out to a January 29, 1931 death date. The Rootsweb databases give her birthdate as February 17, 1927 at Liberty County. She is listed as the daughter of J. B. and Nellie (Lunsford) Capps.

Baby Crain

Sylvia Lamb told me on April 4, 1991 that her parents had a baby who was born and died on October 25, 1930. Her parents were Howard and Lela Mae (LaFour) Crain. Mrs. Crain contracted uremic poisoning, and the baby was born dead at seven months into the pregnancy.

Orpha LaFour Davis, born October 18, 1884, died July 16, 1889

Mrs. Tavia LaFour developed a list of all known burials in the Wallisville Cemetery and dated her list June 10, 1974. This list shows Orpha LaFour Davis as being buried in the cemetery, and buried in the lot belonging to Joseph and Martha (Barrow) LaFour. Tavia's records also indicate that Orpha is buried in a vault, or perhaps she means under a concrete slab, adjacent to the graves of Joseph and Martha. Her grave is supposed to be next to Martha's. Orpha was a child of Seth and Louisa (Louisa) Davis.

Dugan

Notes by John Middleton from a July 26, 1981 interview with Tavia LaFour indicate that Jim and Mary Dugan had a son who died and was buried in the cemetery. The grave is not marked.

Edward Allison Dunman, born May 5, 1856, died September 13, 1923

Emily "Emma" (VanPradelles) Dunman, born May 25, 1849, died December 31, 1929

Mr. Dunman was a son of James Taylor Dunman and his wife Rachel (Wallis) Dunman. Emma Charlotte VanPradelles was the daughter of Albert Gallatin VanPradelles and his wife Mary Thomas. Before her marriage to Mr. Dunman, Emma was married first to Joseph Cade White.

They had one child, Julia VanPradelles White, who was called "Dell" and married Will Beckwith. He and his wife Emma are supposed to be buried under a double concrete slab next to the marked grave of their child, Allie Dunman. A list compiled by Mrs. Tavia LaFour and dated June 10, 1974 shows them as being buried in the cemetery.

Mr. Garretty or Garrity

Notes by John Middleton from information given to him by Tavia LaFour indicates that a Mr. Garretty was buried on the east side of the cemetery, along with the people who were killed in the boiler explosion at the Cummings Sawmill. Mr. Garretty was living at "the old place" at the time of his death, a reference perhaps to the old J. J. Mayes home place.

Mildred Gordon

Child of William B. and Lura (Shelton) Gordon. Mary Gordon Montgomery, in a letter to John Middleton, dated September 15, 1982 said that Mildred Gordon and Thomas Shelton Gordon were buried in the same grave as their mother. There is no marker in the cemetery for either of the children.

Ruthven St. Clair Gordon

A brother to William B. Gordon. Mary Gordon Montgomery, in a letter to John Middleton, dated September 15, 1982 said that Ruthven Gordon was buried in the cemetery in the Gordon plot. There is no marker in the cemetery for him.

Thomas Shelton Gordon

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Sam Holmes

Notes by John Middleton, and based upon an interview with Tavia LaFour, indicate that Sam Holmes is buried west of the Rhodes child and north of the LaFour plot.

Mrs. Minnie Keen , born April 29, 1876, died March 17, 1936

From The Liberty Vindicator, March 18, 1936: "Mrs. Minnie Keen, 52 years of age, died at one o'clock Tuesday morning at her Wallisville home, following an illness of several years. Her sudden death, however, came as a shock to her children. The deceased, who was the mother of Mrs. Rex Dunman of Liberty, will be laid to rest in the Wallisville Cemetery this morning, Wednesday, under the direction of the Roper Funeral Home. She is survived by two other children of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Marjorie Hoffman and Mr. John Keen." Chambers County Death Records, Volume 4, page 123 gives her date of birth as April 29, 1876 in Germany

and her death date as March 17, 1936 in Wallisville. She was listed as a white female, widowed. Her parents' names were not listed. Rex Dunman was listed as the informant.

Davis Mayes Kilgore, born January 21, 1901, died March 5, 1901

Infant son of Robert Lawrence Kilgore and his wife Lena Davis, a brother to Tavia LaFour. Mrs. Tavia LaFour developed a list of all known burials in the Wallisville Cemetery and dated her list June 10, 1974. This list shows Davis Mayes Kilgore as being buried in the cemetery, and buried in the southeast corner of the "Mayes lot."

Baby Otis LaFour

Sylvia Lamb told me on April 4, 1991 that Otis and Mabel (Hulan) LaFour lost a baby son named Otis. The baby was born and died in February 1930.

J. E. LaFour, born February 3, 1900, died June 22, 1953.

Mrs. Tavia LaFour developed a list of all known burials in the Wallisville Cemetery and dated her list June 10, 1974. This list shows J. E. LaFour as being buried in the cemetery. I'm not sure what section of the cemetery these burials were made in, but Tavia lists his grave as being next the graves of Francis Reuben LaFour and his wife Nannie Gillard LaFour. ***Check this with other lists.***

Jimmie Ella Dunman LaFour, no date of birth, died March 4, 1942

Mrs. Tavia LaFour developed a list of all known burials in the Wallisville Cemetery and dated her list June 10, 1974. This list shows Jimmie LaFour as being buried in the cemetery and more specifically as being buried in the Joseph Beauregard LaFour plot. We need to determine if Jimmie was married to Quinley LaFour, who is listed below. Notes by John Middleton, based on an interview with Tavia LaFour, shows that Quinley and Jimmie are buried to the left of Oma LaFour's grave.

Joseph Flavious LaFour, born September 27, 1887, died September 5, 1908

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Kenneth Francis LaFour, Sr., born December 15, 1887, died January 16, 1943

Beulah (Eaton) LaFour, born September 13, 1887, died April 27, 1970

Mrs. Tavia LaFour developed a list of all known burials in the Wallisville Cemetery and dated her list June 10, 1974. This list shows Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth LaFour both being buried in the cemetery. Information provided to John Middleton by Mrs. Tavia LaFour indicated that Kenneth and Beulah are buried next to the Holmes, which would mean Frank Henry and Elvira (LaFour) Holmes.

Marvin LaFour, born June 8, 1892, died October 3, 1912

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Quinley Quinton LaFour, born January 9, 1894, died May 18, 1937

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Ralph Emmett LaFour, born August 16, 1899, died January 5, 1974

When Mrs. Mildred Wright compiled her book on Chambers County cemeteries in the late 1970s, she shows only a funeral home marker on the grave of Ralph Emmett LaFour. Mrs. Tavia LaFour developed a list of all known burials in the Wallisville Cemetery and dated her list June 10, 1974. This list shows Ralph Emmett LaFour as being buried in the cemetery, and buried in the lot belonging to Emmett and Stella LaFour. Other notes state that he is buried to the right of Stella LaFour.

Annie Dene Mixon, born 1882, died ca 1888

A daughter of James Lafayette Mixon and Laura Josephine Wallis. She was born 1882 in Wallisville and died ca 1888. A letter to Kevin Ladd from the late Jovita Courtney Weldon, dated August 26, 1990, verified that Annie Dene was buried in the cemetery. Jovita indicated that Annie Dene's other, Laura Josephine Wallis Mixon, is buried in the Wallis Hill Cemetery. It seems more likely that Annie Dene would be buried alongside her mother in the Wallis Hill Cemetery. More research is needed into this.

Susan Stroup

The mother-in-law of newspaper editor Daniel Leonidas McGary. John Middleton discovered an article about her death and burial in a May 25, 1898 back issue of "The Age," which states that Mrs. Stroup was buried in the Wallisville Cemetery.

Eliza Wallis Stephenson

A notebook kept by the late Lorraine Barrow Silva contains some pages that appear to be based upon notes of Lula Jackson Wallis. The book indicates that Eliza Stephenson was buried in the "Mayes graveyard" and also that her sister, Rachel Wallis Dunman, was also buried in the "Mayes graveyard." Since we can verify Rachel is buried in the Wallisville Cemetery, that seems to indicate Eliza is also buried there.

Elizabeth “Betty” C. (Blake) Wallis, died November 22, 1987

Elizabeth “Betty” Wallis, the widow of John Haywood Wallis Jr., died on November 22, 1987 in Houston, Texas and was buried next to her husband in the cemetery. Her obituary in the Houston Chronicle states that she was employed by the Fullbright and Jaworksi law firm for over 25 years and was a supervisor of files. This grave has never been marked.

Mr. Harry Sewall Williams, born October 6, 1855, died September 27, 1916

From The Progress, Friday, October 2, 1916: “The funeral of H. S. Williams, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emory Kirkpatrick in Houston, Saturday, was held Saturday. Rev. [J. F.] Wallace officiated. Burial was in the Wallisville cemetery. He is survived by three daughters. He has been a resident of Chambers county for about 20 years, was county attorney at one time, and also edited a newspaper. At the time of his death he was 65 years of age.” The date of Mr. Williams’ birth comes from a June 10, 1974 listing of burials in the cemetery prepared by Mrs. Tavia LaFour.

Mary Wilmuth (Wilson) Williams, born October 27, 1875, died February 6, 1914

The daughter of James and Lizzie Wilson, Mary Wilmuth was married to Harry S. Williams, who is listed above. Mrs. Tavia LaFour, in an interview on May 7, 1988, told Kevin Ladd that Harry S. Williams and his wife were both buried in the Lizzie Wilson plot in the southeast corner of the cemetery. There are two tombstones there for a couple of the Wilson girls, and their graves are located near these tombstones.. A list compiled by Mrs. Tavia LaFour on June 10, 1974 indicates that Mary and Harry S. Williams were buried in unmarked graves to the left of the Wilson girls (Mary’s little sisters).

Chessie (Dunman) Wilson, date of birth unknown, died 1932

A list compiled by Mrs. Tavia LaFour on June 10, 1974 indicates that Chessie Wilson was buried in the Wallisville Cemetery. She lists her next to her mother, Emily VanPradelles Dunman, but we’re not sure if that is where her grave is actually located.

James Wilson

Lizzie Wilson

The names of James and Lizzie Wilson are included here mainly to help us determine where they are buried. Some notes by John Middleton suggest that Lizzie Wilson was buried in Houston. We’re not sure where her husband, James, was buried or when either of them died.