

14 Historic Cemeteries

Northeast Shelby and South Central Tipton Counties

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This CD contains the census of each of the following cemeteries:

1. Bethel Cemetery is associated with Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which is located on Tracy Road in south central Tipton County. The cemetery is chartered as Bethel Cemetery Association Incorporated. The cemetery association's annual meeting is held the first Sunday in June.

2. Bethlehem Cemetery is associated with Bethlehem Baptist Church, one of the historic African-American churches in the area that dates from the 1880s. The cemetery is located on Center College Road. There is no signage for the cemetery.

3. Bethuel Cemetery – In 1992 the United Methodist Church deeded the cemetery property to Bethuel Cemetery Association, Inc. The cemetery, which dates back to the mid-1850s, is located in the Kerrville community on Bethuel Road. The annual meeting is held on the third Sunday of September.

4. Bethuel Colored Cemetery is located at the southwest corner Bethuel Cemetery on Bethuel Road. Custodians of the cemetery have announced that the cemetery is full.

5. Gratitude Cemetery, one of the oldest active cemeteries in Shelby County, is located on the corner of Millington-Arlington Road and Gratitude Church Road, adjacent to Gratitude United Methodist Church. It was established in the 1840s and covers approximately two acres. The church celebrates an annual Cemetery Decoration Day on the fourth Sunday in September.

6. Greenwood Cemetery, located on J.E. Strong Road, a private drive north of Mulberry Road between Rosemark Road and Austin Peay Highway, has been in existence for over 150 years. Greenwood Cemetery is utilized and maintained by members of Greenwood A.M.E. Church which was formerly at the same location. The church is now located on Donnell Road. This cemetery is gated with limited access.

7. Kerrville Presbyterian Cemetery, established in the 1880s by the Delta Presbyterian Church, is located on Mudville Road in the Kerrville community. It is maintained by the Kerrville Presbyterian Cemetery Association, a 501(c)(13) corporation.

8. Macedonia Cemetery – The old Macedonia Cemetery, located at the corner of Macedonia Road and Osbornetown Road in the far northeast corner of Shelby County, contains over 400 graves dating from 1850. When the cemetery was closed to burials, a new cemetery was established on the west side of Macedonia United Methodist Church. This census is of the old section only.

9. Mudville Cemetery, located on Brunswick Road on the north side of Pleasant Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has been in existence since the mid-1880s. It is registered with the State of Tennessee as a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, and a perpetual care fund has been established.

10. Rhodes Family Cemetery is on property donated by John Nelson Rhodes before his death in 1904. It is located on Bethel Road on the Rhodes family farm near Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This cemetery has limited access.

11. W.A. Rogers Family Cemetery, Inc. was established on January 19, 1973, to satisfy the wishes of William A. Rogers who wanted to be buried on his land and to have a place for his family to be buried together. Rogers Family Cemetery is located on Tracy Road immediately west of Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

12. Rosemark Cemetery was established in 1909 on property deeded to the Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The cemetery is located on Brunswick Road, immediately south of Pleasant Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In 1976 a perpetual care fund was established and is managed through Richland A.R.P Church.

13. St. James Cemetery (old) is at the site of the original St. James C.M.E. Church, organized about 1885 and located east of Armour Road between Gunn Road and Aycok Road. A new cemetery is located immediately to the north and east of the new St. James Church, located on Navy Road, which was built in 1971. This census is of the old cemetery only.

14. Smith Family Cemetery is located south of Millington-Arlington Road near the site of the original George Smith home. The private cemetery, with markers which date to the 1840s is maintained by descendants of the Smith family. It has limited access.

Salem Cemetery – The largest and possibly oldest cemetery in the area is the Salem Cemetery located immediately to the east of the Salem Associate Reform Presbyterian Church on the Atoka-Idaville Road. The Board of Directors of Salem Cemetery chose not to publish its census, but extensive records are maintained by the association and inquiries are invited. Detailed information on burial records at Salem Cemetery can be obtained from Martha Jean Harris (901 837-8837) or Dennis Willey (901 476-3177).

Williams Chapel Cemetery – Immediately west of the Williams Chapel Church building on Navy Road is the cemetery which contains headstones that date to the early 1900s.

For more information regarding each of the cemeteries included in this CD, remove this insert and open.

The cemetery lists/censuses contained in this CD have been prepared from both church records and surveys of stones. These lists may not be complete.

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13. St. James Cemetery
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This *Historic Cemeteries* CD complements *An Illustrated History of the People and Towns of Northeast Shelby County and South Central Tipton County - Salem, Portersville, Idaville, Kerrville, Armourtown, Bethel, Tipton, Mudville, Macedonia, Gratitude, Barretville, and Rosemark, Tennessee* published by Historic Archives of Rosemark & Environs, Inc. (H.A.R.E.). The book is 608 pages and contains 883 illustrations. *An Illustrated History* begins with a brief sketch of the prehistory of the area and, through a series of articles and interviews, tells in detail the story of the people, enterprises, and churches of the area. Each community also has a detailed locational map allowing the reader to actually visit precise locations discussed. Hundreds of vignettes give a sense of life from the 1830s through the 1950s.

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