

ROCKY ARROYO CEMETERY, Eddy County , New Mexico

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EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

ROCKY ARROYO CEMETERY RECORDS

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ESTABLISHED 1880's

The Rocky Arroyo Cemetery can be found just off the road on State Highway 137(also known as the Queen's Highway). This cemetery is 5.6 miles south of Highway 285. To get there from Carlsbad, NM, you must go north on Highway 285 about 12 miles from the city limits and turn left (south) on highway 137. The GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates are: 32 deg 27 min 38 sec North and 104 deg 27 min 25 sec West at 3571 ft. above sea level. The margin of error is 32 feet.

This cemetery is an old one for the county. The people buried here are residents that lived in this very remote, foot hill, desert ranch area. The Rocky Arroyo (which can be seen from this site) provides water for the range animals, wild life and the ranchers. As you will see from the names, families are found in this cemetery.

I have made every effort to provide accuracy in this record. If you find that you are related to anyone here, I will be most happy to go to the cemetery and get a photo or rubbing for you, just e-mail me <jrrrr@zianet.com>. Several of the interment sites are marked only with a flat sand stone from the area with no name. A few of the interment sites have the original funeral home marker but are so old and weathered that the names and dates cannot be read. A few of the markers are showing signs of age and not all of the information can be read.

The data presented here is presented in about the same position as found. NOT in alphabetical order.

First row on the south side, starting at the west corner:

Herman Shelby Nichols.....September 11, 1982 to October 23, 1930
William Jones.....February 9, 1830 to January 10, 1908
Barbara wife of William Heiskel Jones.January 2, 1838 to December 20, 1905
Minnie Jones(Daughter of H&B Jones)February 18, 18?5 to December (unreadable)

John A. Jones (Son of H&B Jones)..February 26, 1855 to August 30, 1879
James Jones.....1856 to 1929
Bruce Jones.....1878 to 1934
Wayne W. Jones.....July 23, 1914 to April 25, 1989
(married 10-18-1936 to Emma L. born 5-14-1913)
Annie Campbell Jones.....August 8, 1868 to October 11, 1949
William M. Jones.....June 6, 1863 to March 17, 1952

Next row to the North of above starting at the West side:

(un-named site)
Wright Kilgore.....October 28, 1882 to November 25, 1919
(un-named site)
Vica Gordon (wife of Samuel D. Jones).December 11, 1874 to February 26, 1894
Fannie Gordon (wife of Samuel D. Jones)June 2, 1884 to April 15, 1905
(un-named site)
(un-named site)
(un-named site)
Maude Jones.....February 24, 1884 to July 30, 1970
Will Thomas Smith.....April 7, 1883 to June 11, 1966
(un-named site)
Mildred E. DeMoss.....1907 to 1996
George J. DeMoss.....March 20, 1904 to February 22, 1989

Next row to the North starting at the West side:

Clifford C. Calvani.....March 31, 1947 to January 19, 1999
Genevieve "Jebby" Allen.....1923 to 1998
Jayne Simpson.....September 27, 1913 to (may still be alive)
Clifford B. Simpson.....June 22, 1905 to March 21, 1976 (double marker)
Clare S. Campbell.....1884 to 1963
Patsy Rae Campbell.....1929 to 1998
Samuel S. Campbell.....1882 to 1953
Donna Faye Campbell.....1918 to 1935
Richard Clayton "Dick" Campbell.....June 4, 1909 to July 23, 1986
(un-named site)
Mary J. Hess (husband: J.M. Hess).....October 13, 1835 to January 6, 1901
J.W. Hays (Confederate Soldier of Co.K, 18th Cal, Reg. Miss. Vol.) March 24,
1848 to February 27, 1907

Next row to the North starting on the West side:

Amy Elizabeth Hutchison.....October 21, 1990 (only date posted)
(un-named site)
(un-named site)
J.D. Walker (infant son of J.D. and Emma Walker) July 27, 1903 to
December 23, 1903
Infant son of J.D. and Emma Walker).. born and died March 27, 1905

Next row to the North starting on the West side:

Joe McKinney ("FLT" small letter in concret) 1900-1934
Sarah J. Kuykendall.....January 24, 1847 to July 3, 1906
Bertha Kykendall.....July 17, 1904 to November 2, 1905
(parents are Benjamin S and Laura J Kuykendall)
Ernest Murphy Hayhurst.....April 5, 1918 to March 17, 1980
(wife: Clara May Rook born Feb. 14, 1929)
James D. Hamilton.....September 5, 1940 to June 9, 1985

Henry Hamilton.....August 7, 1888 to May 17, 1954
Nettie A. Hamilton.....1860 to 1940 Mother
James W. Hamilton.....1860 to 1935 Dad

Next row to the North starting on the West side:

Will M. Truitt.....1892 to 1983
James M. Campbell.....October 14, 1864 to May 10, 1929
Dorthey Jean Campbell.....May 5, 1928 to September 8, 1928
Susan F. Campbell.....February 12, 1847 to May 4, 1924
James D. Campbell.....March 31, 1913 to April 6, 1930
V.C.J. (on foot marker, headstone not readable)
F.J. (on foot marker, headstone not readable)

Last row to the North starting at the West side:

(un-named "Daddy")
Thomas W. Shaffer.....1893 to 1935 (buried with....)
Tommie Shaffer.....1927 to 1935 (buried between...)
Carry E. Shaffer.....1896 to 1935(buried with...)
(un-named "mother")
Ira Earnest Shafer "Pap".....1889 to 1957
Mae Jones Shafer.....1886 to 1971
Raymond Adolphas Shafer.....December 21, 1890 to August 29, 1961
(un-named)
Jerry Mitchell...1903 (only date) also has small carvings in concret next
to head stone "Tery 19?9" may be another site)
William Haskel Shafer "Hike".....1918 to 1968
Rennie B. Hamilton "Mimi".....March 17, 1902 to January 20, 1993

From a 1912 Carlsbad Argus newspaper death notice: (this child will be buried in one of the
"unknown" sites listed above).

AYRES, (CHILD) 2 day old son of PAUL AYRES. born
and buried at Rocky Arroya CA 1 JUL