

SMITH FAMILY CEMETERY Records, Eddy County, New Mexico
Black River Village

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This family cemetery is located within the Black River Village on the family land. Black River Village is located south of Carlsbad, NM. Taking the highway towards El Paso, TX, there will be a sign directing you to the left, (east) before getting to White's City (Carlsbad Caverns). The family cemetery is seen from the road after entering the village which is several miles from the intersection. It is nestled among some very large Cotton Wood trees along the banks of the Black River. This is a well cared for family plot. It is cared for by the great granddaughter of Julian Smith who lives on the land and in the original house built by Julian and Mottie Smith in 1884.

This land was originally homesteaded by Julian Smith in 1883. Prior to getting this homestead, Julian Smith lived in San Angelo, TX. A year later he moved onto the land and built a house that looks to the south at the Guadalupe Mountains and the highest point in Texas, Guadalupe Peak.

This was a very large homestead in 1883. Over the years Julian Smith sold much of the land to the Bounds Family. The Bounds still live in Black River also and have a Bounds Family Cemetery.

There are three surnames found in the Smith Family Cemetery, "SMITH" "UNRUH" and "BEACH". Julian Smith married Mottie Beach. Mottie had been married to a BEACH. Julian and Mr. Beach were friends. Mr. Beach was killed during a gun fight (possibly in San Angelo, TX), he was a spectator when killed. Julian married his widow, Mottie and raised Mottie's daughter from the Beach union. It appears that some of her in-laws followed her to this quiet desert oasis.

In Memory of the Smith Family and friends:

Row 1 (east) begining at the south:

Edith Smith.....1891 to 1893
Tucker Smith 1884 to 1893
James Ellis Smith.....1888 to 1893
Jay Hal Smith 1894 to 1900
Ridgley E. Beach.....1881 to 1963
Henry Beach 1907 to 1911
Justice Beach.....1879 to 1970
Dean Smith 1886 to 1953 Believed to have been a WWI pilot
Camille Smith.....1892 to 1984
Annette Williams Smith 1930 to 1996

Row 2 begining at the north:

Ethel S. Unruh.....Sept. 10, 1891 to Aug. 22, 1979
Victor S. Unruh Dec. 31, 1882 to May 28, 1973
Walter H. Beach.....1904 to 1984
Clarrissa Smith 1829 to 1921
Julian Smith.....1854 to 1935
Mottie Smith 1862 to 1944
William Beach.....1872 to 1902