

Clover Valley (Barclay) Nevada Cemetery

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To get to the Cemetery in Barclay known originally as Clover Valley, Lincoln County, Nevada, cross the cattle guard just west of the school/church and go 1/5 of a mile South.

The first group of white settlers came in 1864. Because of Indian trouble they abandoned the settlement in the fall of 1866.

There are only 2 marked graves in the cemetery during their time period. Kelton Hafen

Rebecca Wiggins Hunt — Wife of Amos Hunt — Born May 14, 1842

Died 10 September 1865 — age 23 years

Carissa Hunt — Daughter of Jonathan Hunt and Clarissa A. Leavitt Hunt

Died September 4, 1866 — Age 10 months 5 days

During the 2 years this settlement was in existence. 12 children age 5 years or younger died of a plague — probably cholera.

It is reasonable to assume all 12 were buried in the cemetery, yet as of now year 2002. I have found no record of place of burial.

I have identified 10 of the 12 children:

Clarissa Hunt.

John Dudley Hunt — son of Amos Hunt died summer of 1865.

Samuel James Blair — Born 24 September 1865, Clover Valley, Lincoln, County Nevada. And died there no date listed in either 1865 or 1866. Son of Tarelton Blair.

Joseph Henry Leavitt — Born 23 June 1865 — Died July 1866 — Son of Dudley and Mary Huntsman Leavitt.

Hyrum Ralston Leavitt — Born 4 November 1862 — Died 27 November 1866.

James William Leavitt — Born 20 February 1865 — Died 10 September 1866. Both children of Dudley and Mariah Huntsman Leavitt.

Adelbert Leavitt — Born 15 December 1865 — Died 9 September 1866. Son of Dudley and Janet Smith Leavitt.

3 Children of Benjamin Brown and Lucinda Jane Adair Crow — all born at Santa Clara, Washington County, Utah — all died at Clover Valley, Lincoln County, Nevada. No death dates given — died in 1865 or 1866.

Newton Crow Born 1861

Elizabeth Crow Born 1863

Benjamin Crow Born 1865

There are 30 marked graves in the Clover Valley (Barclay) Cemetery.

Number Family Names

2 Hunt

3 Price

10 Woods

9 Hamblin

2 Lytle
2 Adair
1 Rube Johnson
1 John Coffee

Several of the graves are young children.

William Hamblin (Gunlock Bill) as he was called. He was a brother of Jacob Hamblin the Indian Missionary.

The Town of Gunlock, Utah was named for him. He was an expert rifleman. He shot the bottom out of the bowl of a smoking pipe at a place there after called Pipe Springs. He and Tarelton Blair were the first white men to discover the ore at Pioche, Nevada. They were shown these minerals by the Indians.

In 1872 at age 43 he was poisoned by someone who didn't want him to testify in court over a mining claim dispute. He left Pioche and went to Clover Valley where he had family. Died and was buried there.

5 year old Merlin Hamblin a nephew of Gunlock Bill was drown in a flood in 1914.

John Coffee a worker on the railroad was killed while building a tunnel. He was keeping company with one of the Hamblin girls at that time so he is buried in the Hamblin area.

Rube Johnson was a section hand on the railroad He had been drinking and became violent, and wielding a pistol he scared the people of Barclay half to death. He got on his hand car and went up the track to Acoma. There he met a freight train head on — and lost the battle. He is buried in the Clover Valley Cemetery.

In 1949 Wilford Woods was burned to death on the road between Caliente and Barclay, while trying to prime the engine of his pickup.

The last grave in the cemetery is that of Lyman Lamond Woods. Father of Wilford. He was the last of the old pioneer families to live in the Valley on a continual bases. He died at his home there in 1959.

Also believed to be buried in the Clover Valley Cemetery:

John McHenry Crow. Born at Perry, Illinois in 1822. Died Clover Valley, Lincoln, Nevada 1894.