

Black Kentucky Pioneers:

Goshen Colored Cemetery Ohio County, Ky.

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The Goshen Cemetery for Blacks is in Ohio County, Ky on the Goshen Church Road about two miles west of Beaver Dam. The cemetery is in the woods at the west end of the Goshen Methodist Church Cemetery. Harry D. Tinsley and Jerry Long on 4 February 1991 visited the cemetery. At the time the cemetery was grown up with small trees and bushes. About half a dozen monuments. There are many unmarked graves indicated by depressions.

In newspaper death notices and death certificates the cemetery is referred to as the “Goshen Cemetery” and “Goshen Colored Cemetery”.



Documented burials in the Goshen Colored Cemetery

The following burials in the Goshen Cemetery during 1892-1965 were documented by – the monuments in the cemetery, “Kentucky Death Certificates, 1911-1965” on Ancestry.com and Casebier Funeral Home Records, 1910-1966 (Ohio County Genealogical Society, McDowell Publication, Utica, Ky, 2001):

	Born	Died
Adams, Annie B. (Thomas) Ky death certificate 1951 #16990 – d/o Anderson Thomas & Mary Beshears; married James Henry Boling, 3 Aug 1880 Ohio County, Ky; married ___ Adams, 1942-1951	1 Mar 1876	16 Aug 1951
Allen, Marshall Linda Casebier Funeral Home Records – d/o Joseph A. Allen & Mary Tyler Hines; parents married 24 Jul 1944 Ohio County, Ky	1 Aug 1946	1 Aug 1946
Baltzell, Harriett Ellen (Barnard) Ky death certificate 1921 #6608 – Richard Barnard & Carry Ann Hocker; married ___ Barnes before 1893; married Stant Beesley Baltzell, 30 Nov 1893 Ohio County, Ky	30 Aug 1854	25 Feb 1921
Baltzell, Stanton Beesley ‘Stant’; Casebier Funeral Home Records & Ky death certificate 1922 #22977 – s/o Stant Baltzell & Easter Render; married Harriett Ellen Barnard, 30 Nov 1893 Ohio County, Ky	28 Oct 1856	28 Jun 1922
Barnes, Bessie (Taylor) Ky death certificate 1951 #20614 – d/o Morris Taylor & Lucretia Plummer; Bessie’s parents after Emancipation recorded their marriage in Ohio County, Ky on 19 Sep 1867; married William Sullenger 8 April 1931 Ohio County, Ky; married Joe Ollie Barnes, 12 Oct 1950 Ohio County, Ky	30 Dec 1885	24 Sep 1951
Barnes, Joe Oliver “Ollie”; Ky death certificate 1965 #8954 – s/o Horace Barnes & Harriet Thomas; married Sarah Viley, 20 Nov 1911 Ohio County, Ky; married Arrillia (Baltzell) Eaves, Sep 1922 Ohio County, Ky; married Bessie Taylor, 12 Oct 1950 Ohio County, Ky	1 Mar 1877	31 Mar 1965
Boling, James Henry Ky death certificate 1942 #23085 – s/o Henry Boling; minister; married Annie B. Thomas,	16 May 1868	27 Oct 1942

3 Aug 1880 Ohio County, Ky

Boling, Mary Angela Ky death certificate 1956 #10779 – d/o James Boling & Ida Belle Blackburn; Mary Angela’s parents married 7 Sep 1954 Ohio County, Ky	29 Apr 1956	10 May 1956
Caldwell, infant Casebier Funeral Home Records		15 Oct 1952
Chinn, Claud military monument; Casebier Funeral Home Records; Ohio County, Ky 1900 census; s/o Mattison Chinn & Leoner Barnes; U.S., Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940 & U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985 (Ancestry.com) – private, Army, Co. B, 520 Eng., 1918-1919	4 Mar 1896	10 Oct 1942
Chinn, Justie Ohio County, Ky 1900 census; Ky death certificate 1948 #18844 – d/o Matt Chinn & Leoner Barnes; married Lucian Leggs	3 Feb 1892	26 Aug 1948
Chinn, Leoner (Barnes) monument; “Leona”; Casebier Funeral Home Records & Indiana death certificate 1962 #40659 – d/o Horace Barnes & Harriet; Ohio County, Ky 1900 census – born Jul 1874; married Matt Chinn, 6 Oct 1892 Ohio County, Ky; <u>Courier & Press</u> , Evansville, IN, 3 Nov 1962, p3 – “widow of Matthew Chinn, who died in 1929”	18 Jul 1874	2 Nov 1962
Chinn, Matt monument; “Mattison”; married Leona Barnes, 6 Oct 1892 Ohio County, Ky	1857	1929
Chinn, Nollie Indiana death certificate 1951 #19444 – d/o Matt Chinn & Leona Barnes; Casebier Funeral Home Records; single	24 Jun 1908	17 Jun 1951
Coleman, Beatrice (Baltzell) Ky death certificate 1947 #27646 – d/o Barley Baltzell; married Robert Coleman, 18 Feb 1915 Ohio County, Ky	19 Jan 1894	18 Dec 1947
Coleman, Cary Ann (Hocker) Thomas homemade monument has initials “C. A. T.”; Ky death certificate 1911 #24213; married Jerry Thomas, after Emancipation they recorded their marriage in Ohio County, Ky on 1 Sep 1866; Cary	3 Oct 1829	3 Sep 1911

married Nelson Coleman, 26 Oct 1901 Ohio County, Ky		
Cook, William Riley	c1844	18 Mar 1923
Ky death certificate 1923 #14441; Casebier Funeral Home Records – age 85; Ohio County, Ky 1870 census – age 25; Ohio County, Ky marriages – William Riley Cook to Catherine Pigman, 6 Feb 1869; U.S., Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1863-1865 – corporal, 108th US Colored Infantry, co. D (Civil War Vet); WPA’s Registration of Veteran’s Graves – buried Goshen		
Eidson, Leona	13 Mar 1913	13 Mar 1913
Ky death certificate 1913 #8558 – d/o Grant Eidson & Eva Chinn; Leona’s parents married, 3 Sep 1890 Ohio County, Ky		
McNutt, James Robert	3 Mar 1877	2 Feb 1951
Indiana death certificate 1944 #10908; Ky death certificate 1951 #3662 – s/o Gilbert McNutt & Emily J. Hoover; married Bertha Beard / Baird, 31 May 1897 Ohio County, Ky; married Lelia Thomas, 10 Sep 1915 Ohio County, Ky		
McNutt, Lelia (Thomas)	21 Mar 1889	13 Dec 1948
Ky death certificate 1948 #26603 – d/o Anderson Thomas & Mary Bershers; married James Robert McNutt, 10 Sep 1915 Ohio County, Ky		
Thomas, Anderson	20 Jul 1852	24 Feb 1927
Ky death certificate 1927 #21559 – s/o Jerry Thomas & Cary Ann Hocker; married Mary C. Brashears, 6 Dec 1873 Ohio County, Ky; after Emancipation his parents recorded their marriage in Ohio County, Ky on 1 Sep 1866		
Thomas, Hollis	10 Apr 1878	8 Apr 1897
monument – “son of Anderson & Mary Thomas”		
Thomas, Jerry	c1816	14 Sep 1892
homemade monument has initials “J. T.”; married Cary Ann Hocker, 1 Sep 1866 Ohio County, Ky		
Thomas, Luther	6 Mar 1880	26 Jan 1954
Ky death certificate 1954 #2901; Casebier Funeral Home Records – s/o Anderson Thomas & Mary Beshears; married Odie Cook, 30 Sep 1908 Ohio County, KY & Amanda Berry, 28 Apr 1921 Ohio County, Ky		
Turner, Antha Elizabeth (Hazel)	16 May 1875	14 Aug 1947
monument; Ky death certificate 1947 #18755 –		

d/o William Hazel & Alben Lamastus; Antha's
parents married 3 Oct 1872 Warren County, Ky;
Antha married Galen Turner, 23 Dec 1892 Spencer
County, IN

Turner, Fielding Early Galen	22 Mar 1868	17 Apr 1931
monument; "Gale"; Ky death certificate 1931 #2131 – s/o Rubin Turner & Annie Heaverin; married Antha Elizabeth Hazel, 23 Dec 1892 Spencer County, IN		

Wade, Thelma (Coleman)	10 Nov 1915	26 Oct 1956
Ky birth certificate 1915 #59454 – mother Beatrice Baltzell; Ky death certificate 1956 #23906 – d/o Robert Coleman & Beatrice Boswell; married Elvis Wade, 12 Sep 1936 Ohio County, Ky		



Goshen Methodist Church, Goshen Church Road, Ohio County, KY

