

## Bethel AME Church Cemetery

**Quadrant Map:**

Bunceton

**General Location:**

Northwest of Speed

**Congressional Township:**

Township 47-N; Range 17-W

**Section:**

Northeast quarter of northeast quarter of northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 8.

**Longitude & Latitude:**

38° 51' 10"N, 92° 48' 46"W

**Map Link:**

Topozone map link for [Bethel AME Church Cemetery](#). Thanks are due to Mike Flannigan and Wayne Johnson for location mapping assistance.

**Directions:**

About 3/4 miles northwest of Speed, Missouri; on south side of road which goes north and west from Speed, Missouri

**Atlas Survey:**

- 1877 land atlas – not established at this early date
- 1915 land atlas – not established at this early date
- 1978 plat book – no cemetery symbol on Baragary land
- 1991 plat book – a cemetery symbol on L. Rhodes land

**History:**

This cemetery has recently been established here, as the old burial ground known as the Wright Cemetery became very difficult to get to.

**Updated:**

November 20, 2010 with 41 entries for this cemetery.

Banty	Earl J.; born 16 May 1895 at Speed, Missouri; died 03 Jan 1981; son of William and Ella née Miles Banty; husband of Marie née Wright Banty; Veteran: US Army, WWI, Member of Taylor Jones Post No. 79
Banty	Louis Carl; born 10 Jun 1907; died 24 Mary 1977; son of William and Ella née Miles Banty; Veteran: WWII
Banty	William Oliver; born 30 Jan 1867 in Cooper County, Missouri; died 28 Jan 1946 in Palestine Township, Cooper County, Missouri (one miles south of Speed, Missouri); buried 01 Dec 1946; husband of Ella Banty (deceased); negro; farmer; informant Earl Banty (son), Bunceton, Missouri
Banty	Zella Della née Rowles; born 03 Jan 1907 in Petersburg, Cooper County, Missouri; died 15 Dec 1933 in Palestine Township, Cooper County, Missouri; buried 18 Dec 1933; daughter of William (born Bunceton, Missouri and Dora née Ray Rowles (born Bunceton, Missouri); wife of Carl Banty; housewife; negro; informant Carl Banty, Speed, Missouri
Butler	John W. "J. W."; born 20 Oct 1925 at Vandalia, Missouri; died 03 Oct 1992 at Columbia, Missouri; son of Alaska and Beatrice née Williams (Lucas) Butler; husband of Leona née Warrick Butler
Butler	Leona née Warrick; born 13 Nov 1925 at Bunceton, Missouri; died 07 Apr 1989 at Columbia, Missouri; wife of John W. "J. W." Butler; married 11 Jan 1970 at Columbia, Missouri; member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Bunceton, Missouri
Clay	Charles Sr.; <a href="#">born 14 May 1894; died Oct 1967 in Bunceton, Cooper County, Missouri</a>
Clay	Charles, Jr.; of Columbia, Missouri; born 29 Nov 1920; died 05 Sep 1978; son of Charles and Essie née Wright Clay
Coleman	Rosie Lee née Smith; born 24 Nov 1929 at Speed, Missouri; died Feb 1992 at her home in Boonville, Missouri; daughter of Robert and Anna née Crump Smith

Crump	Michael Lee; born 27 Dec 1951 in Kansas City, Missouri; died 28 Oct 2003 at St. Paul Health Center in Denver, Colorado; buried 08 Nov 2003; son of John W. Butler and Clara L. Crump
Drew	Beulah née Williams; born 17 Mar 1918 at Lone Elm, Missouri; died 21 Oct 1990 at Columbia, Missouri; daughter of Robert and Ida Williams; wife of Cecil Drew; married 18 Mar 1935 at Boonville, Missouri
Drew	Cecil; born 14 Jul 1912 in Bellair, Missouri; died 10 Mar 2003 at Lakeview Health and Rehabilitation Center in Boonville, Missouri; buried 15 Mar 2003; son of Edward and Mary Watkins; husband of Beulah née Williams Drew; married 18 Mar 1935 in Boonville, Missouri.
Harris	Anna Frances née Hale; born 08 Apr 1932 at Speed, Missouri; died 25 Nov 1982; daughter of James and Lucile Hale; wife of George Harris; married 25 Mar 1951 at Lamine, Missouri; of Marshall, Missouri
Jackson	Clifford T.; born 27 Mar 1909 at Sedalia, Missouri; died 09 Oct 1988 at Boonville, Missouri; son of Morris and Essie Jackson; husband of Catherine née Drew Jackson (deceased 14 Apr 1942), first wife; husband of Ruby née Coleman (survives), second wife; married 04 Dec 1942 at Speed, Missouri
Jones	Marvin; born 11 Dec 1894; died 04 Jan 1973; husband of Nellie G. née Smith Jones
Jones	Nellie G. née Smith; born 16 Feb 1898; died 27 Apr 1972; wife of Marvin Jones
Lucas	Beatrice V. née Williams; born 03 Aug 1908 at Bell Air, Missouri; died 14 Sep 1988; daughter of Leslie and Fannie née Watkins Williams; wife of Lawrence Lucas (survives); married 1952; of Quincy, Illinois and formerly of Boonville, Missouri and Bell Air, Missouri
Maupin	Several small children; no dates
Patterson	Frances née Williams; no dates
Robinson	Leo; died 16 Jun 1872; aged 65 years
Smith	Gerald Ray; born 25 Nov 1964 in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri; died 27 Sep 1999 at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia; son of Raymond and Christine Smith; burial 02 Oct 1999 in Speed Cemetery, Speed, Missouri.
Smith	Mamie Belle née Williams; born 02 Jul 1912 at Bell Air, Missouri; died 01 Mar 1993 at Columbia, Missouri; ; daughter of Leslie and Fannie O. née Watkins Williams; wife of Walter Gilber Smith (deceased 25 Feb 1967)
Smith	Mamie P. née Crump; born 02 May 1899; died May 1973 in Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri; wife of Samuel Smith
Smith	Robert; born 16 Jan 1900 at Bell Air, Missouri; died 18 Mar 1984; son of James and Ada Smith; husband of Anna née Crump (survives); married 1923 in Boonville, Missouri; of Boonville, Missouri
Smith	Samuel; born 20 Aug 1896; died 10 Jan 1966; Veteran: WWI, Missouri, Private, Company A., Pioneer Infantry; husband of Mamie P. née Crump Smith
Smith	Walter; died 25 Feb 1967; aged 60 years
Waggoner	Rachel Linn née Wright; born 27 Nov 1969 in Columbia, Missouri; died 23 Apr 2000 at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Missouri; daughter of Mary Lou and Sterling Barnett Wright; wife of Montana Waggoner (survives); married 14 May 1994 in Columbia, Missouri
Wheeler	Harold; born 30 Mar 1981 in Kansas City, Missouri; died 27 Feb 2002 at University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics in Columbia, Missouri; son of James and Lorene née Roland Wheeler; buried 05 Mar 2002
Williams	Carl; born 14 Feb 1902; died Jun 1966 in Bunceton, Cooper County, Missouri; son of Robert and Ida née Henderson Williams; husband of Ida née Wright Williams
Williams	Leslie; born 14 Apr 1918 in Bellair, Missouri; died 13 May 2007 at Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Missouri; buried 19 May 2007; son of Leslie and Fannie Williams; husband of Helen née Wells Williams; married 1949
Williams	Louella née Bruce; born 29 Oct 1924 at Clark's Fork, Missouri; died 03 Jun 1992 at Columbia, Missouri; of Boonville, Missouri
Williams	Margaret J. née Miles; born 27 Oct 1939 at Bunceton, Missouri; died 26 Jul 1992 at Columbia, Missouri; daughter of Walter and Nellie Miles; wife of Earl J. Williams (survives); married 23 Jan

	1957
Woodson	Ephriam "Efe"; brother to Israel
Woodson	Israel; part Indian; not at Speed
Wright	Clarence; no dates; husband of Mary née Smith Wright
Wright	Donald; no dates; Veteran: WWII; killed in truck wreck while in service overseas
Wright	Gilbert; born 16 Nov 1918 at Boonville, Missouri; died 16 Sep 1978; son of Jim and Alfie Wright; husband of Gwendolyn née Fields Wright; married 21 Dec 1946; Veteran: WWII
Wright	Gladys G. née Jones; born 03 Apr 1920 at Speed, Missouri; died 07 Apr 1994 at her home in Bunceton, Missouri; daughter of Melvin and Nellie Jones; wife of Leon Wright (deceased 21 Aug 1989); married 24 Dec 1940
Wright	Harold Edward; born 11 May 1948 in Speed, Missouri; died 08 Sep 1999 at University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics in Columbia, Missouri; son of Clarence and Mary née Smith Wright; married; buried 13 Sep 1999 at Speed Cemetery.
Wright	Leon; born 18 Sep 1915; died 21 Aug 1989 at Columbia, Missouri; son of Charles and Sallie Wright; husband of Gladys née Jones Wright (survives); married 21 Dec 1940 at Speed, Missouri; of Bunceton, Missouri
Wright	Melvin A.; born 06 Dec 1945 at Speed, Missouri; died 01 Jun 1986; son of Clarence and Mary Wright; no wife named in obituary; surviving children; of Boonville, Missouri