

Bethel Cemetery / Covert Methodist-Episcopal

Covert, Seneca County, New York

Updated October 2, 2010, Georgianna Stevenson & Lynn Stevenson Fisher

Current number of confirmed burials: 69

Bethel Cemetery is on the south side of W. Bates Road (County Road 143) between Burdick Road and Extenson Road in the town of Covert, Seneca County, N.Y. The Bethel Chapel of Covert, a Methodist-Episcopal church, was built there circa 1832. The foundation of the chapel was measured in October 2009: 38 feet by 28 feet. The cemetery is on land originally owned Christopher Smith, an early settler.

Sources:

BTL: Between the Lakes, by Carl Fischer & Harriet J. Swick, 1974. (55 people listed.)

Aug 2006: Headstone reading by Lynn Fisher & Georgianna Stevenson

29 & 30 Apr 2009: Restoration by US Forest Service and Backbone Ridge History Group.

28 & 29 Oct 2009: Restoration by US Forest Service and Backbone Ridge History Group.

2 Oct 2010: Restoration by Backbone Ridge History Group and Smith descendants.

People involved in recent restoration efforts: Kari Millman and other USFS staff, David Lacy, Allan and Ann Buddle, Gerry Mesmer, Jim and Georgianna Stevenson, Lynn Stevenson Fisher, Morgan Saenz, Wendy Stevenson, Marilyn Smith, Brenda Smith, John Sage, Dana Smith, Rick and Carol Skinner, Jerry and Sandy Reynolds, and others.

AUBLE, RYNER

Ryner Auble öWho gallantly fell by the premature discharge of a cannon, while celebrating the 64th Anniversary of our National Independenceö July 4, 1840 aged 33 yrs 1 mo 2 das
[Source: Headstone, 29 Oct 2009, standing, R8. In *BTL*]

BROWN, EMELINE

öEmeline daughter of Jonathon & Nancy Brown Sept 3 1856 aged 32 yrs 8 mo 21 daö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3. In *BTL*]

BROWN, EUNICE

öEunice daughter of Jonathon & Nancy Brown died Nov. 17, 1864 AE 27 yrs 10 mo & 10 ö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3. In *BTL*]

BROWN, HANNAH

öHannah daughter of Jonathon & Nancy Brown died Apr 12, 1872 age 51 yr 10 mo 3 daö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3. In *BTL*]

BROWN, JONATHON

”Jonathon Brown died June 3, 1868 age 88 yrs 8 mo 21 daö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3. In *BTL*]

BROWN, NANCY

öIn memory of Nancy wife of Jonathan Brown who died Apr 7 1837 AE 54 Y & 28 daö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, R3. In *BTL*]

BROWN, RACHEL

öRachel daughter of Marvin R. and Rebecca BROWN died Aug 7 1844 AE 2 Years 1 Mo &
3 dasö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R4]

BROWN, SALLY ANN

öSALLY ANN Daughter of Jonathan & Nancy BROWN DIED July 28, 1844 age 27 Yrsö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, R3. In *BTL*]

BULLIVANT, GEORGE

öGeorge Bullivant died Sept. 20 1850 Aged 58 yearsö
[Source: Headstone, standing, R9 on end near W. Bates Rd.]

CLOSE, RACHEL

öRACHEL Wife of SMITH CLOSE DIED July 8, 1853 38 years 1 mo & 15 dsö
[Source: Jean Shaw photo in 2002 and headstone Oct 2009, stone standing, R2 next to
husband Smith Close. In *BTL*]

CLOSE, SARAH ANN

Sarah Ann daughter of Smith and Rachel Close died Jan. 2, 1837 age 2 yrs 2 mos 13 das
[Source: *Between the Lakes*, 1974. Stone not yet found]

CLOSE, SMITH

öSMITH CLOSE DIED April 3, 1856 AGED 41 yrs 8 mos & 16 dsö
[Source: Jean Shaw photo in 2002 & headstone Apr 2009, stone on ground, R2 next to wife
Rachel. In *BTL*]

DEAN, MARY

öMARY WIFE OF COVERT DEAN BORN JULY 17 1821 DIED MAR 5 1854ö
[Source: Headstone Oct 2009, Stone standing, End of R1. In *BTL*]

DIMON, JANE H.

öIn Memory of JANE H. daughter of SAM^L & SARAH DIMON died Sept. 26, 1834 AE 25
_ 10 M19 Dsö
[Source: Headstone Oct 2009, stone leaning and thus reset in Oct 2009, Broken pieces of
other stones found under headstone, R8 near end. In *BTL*]

DIMON, SARAH

öMemory of Sarah wife of Sam^L Dimon who died June 26 1835 AE 69 ys Blessed are the
dead which died in the Lord ö
[Source: Headstone unearthed 2 Oct 2010, R8. In *BTL*]

E_____ , J_____

[Source: Footstone marked öJ.E.ö, R8]

ELLIS, EBENEZER

öEbenezer Ellis died Aug. 10, 1866 92 yrs 3 mo 16 dayö

[Source: Headstone unearthed 2 Oct 2010, R8. *Between the Lakes* misidentified as öEbenezer *Cooper* died Aug. 13 1866 age 92 yrs 3 mos 16 dasö]

ELLIS, HANNAH

öHannah Wife of Ebenezer Ellis died Dec ____ 1840 ____ ö

[Source: Headstone unearthed 2 Oct 2010, R8. *Between the Lakes* misidentified as öHannah wife of Ebenezer *Cooper* died Dec. 6, 1840 age 63 yrsö]

GILES, SIDNEY C.

öSidney C. Son of Runyon & Ellen Giles July 14 1851 aged 1 year mos daö

[Source: Headstone unearthed 2 Oct 2010, R7]

GORDENIER, SARAH

”SARAH wife of Burr Gordenier died Sept. 2, 1873 aged 25 yr 11 moö

[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3. In *BTL*. Note: Daughter of Smith and Rachel Smith Close; raised by uncle Oliver C. and aunt Amanda Smith after her parents died.]

HELMSTADTER, ANN MARY

öAnn Mary daughter of Jacob & Sophia Ann Helmstadter died No. 22 1843 aged 1 year 6 mo & 21 daysö

[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3]

HORTON, DANIEL Y.

Daniel Y Horton died March 21 1838 age 1 yr 4 mo 18 da

[Source: Headstone, R6. In *BTL*]

HORTON, ISAIAH

Isaiah son of Nathan & Ruth Horton died May 22 1852 age 22 yrs 3 mos 0 das

[Source: Headstone, R6. In *BTL*]

HORTON, NATHAN

Nathan Horton died June 25, 1860 age 66 yrs 8 das

[Source: Headstone, R6. In *BTL*]

HORTON, RUTH

Ruth wife of Nathan Horton died Jan. 1, 1870 age 74 yrs 7 mos 23 das

[Source: Headstone, R6. In *BTL*]

HORTON, RUTH

öRuth daughter of Nathan & Ruth Horton died Feb. 11, 1861 Aged 26 years 1 mo 12 d.ö

[Source: Headstone unearthed 29 Oct 2009, R6. In *BTL*]

MESSER, HENRY

Henry Messer Died Jan. 21 1845 aged 22 years + 6 mos ___ days My days are ended í .ö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R4 near W. Bates Road.]

ROBINSON, ISAIAH

Isaiah son of CS & Matilda Robinson Dec 16 1857 age 17 yrs 0 mos 1 da
[Source: *Between the Lakes*, 1974. Stone not yet found.]

ROBINSON, JARED

Jared son of C.S. and Matilda Robinson died July 14 1841 aged 3 mos
[Source: Headstone, R2. In *BTL*]]

ROBINSON, JOHN

JOHN ROBINSON born in Chester, Morris Co. NJ Dec. 20 1768 DIED Aug. 15 1854 aged
85 years 7 Mos 25 ds ö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R1 on end near W. Bates Rd. Husband of Mary
Smith, daughter of Christopher and Charity. In *BTL*]

ROBINSON, MARY S.

MARY S. wife of JOHN ROBINSON BORN Chester, Morris Co. NJ DIED March 31,
1864 aged 83 years & 5 moøö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R1 between husband and father, Christopher
Smith. In *BTL*.]

ROBINSON, MARY

Mary Robinson daughter of C.S. & Mathilda Robinson died June 2, 1857 aged 23 yrs 2 mo
10 daö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R2]

ROBINSON, MATILDA

Matilda wife of Christopher Robinson died April 7 1851 age 40 yrs 0 mos 28 das
[Source: Headstone, R2. In *BTL*]

ROBINSON, SARAH A.

Sarah wife of Wm. S. Robinson daughter of E. & M.A. Haselton Died Janøy 4, 1862 aged
22 years 7 mo & 17 daö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3]

ROBINSON, WM. S.

Wm. S. Robinson died July 28, 1860 (or 1868) aged 28 years 7 moø & 2 døö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R3. In *BTL*]]

ROBINSON, WILLIAM S.

WILLIAM S. ROBINSON son of Wm. S. + Sarah DIED Oct 13 Aged 3 mosö
[Source: Headstone unearthed 29 Oct 2009, R3]

SCHELLENGER, SARAM A.

Saram A Schellenger July 24 1826 to March 1 1852 age 25 yrs 5 mos 7 das
[Source: Headstone, R4. In *BTL*]

SEARS, LUCINDA

”Mrs. LUCINDA wife of BENJAMIN P. SEARS died Oct 31 1840 age 21 ys 2 mos 15 dasö
[Source: Headstone, Oct 2009, stone standing, R1 near end. In *BTL*]

SKINNER, AMBROSE

öAMBROSE BORN Aug. 13, 1837 DIED Feb.12, 1853ö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, R1. In *BTL*: öAmbrose Skinner Aug 13 1837 to Feb 12 1853ö]

SKINNER, CAROLINE

öIn Memory of CAROLINE daughter of Joseph & Frances SKINNER died March 29, 1838
age 6 yrs 7 mos 29 dasö
[Source: Headstone, Oct. 2009, stone laying flat on ground, R1 near the end. In *BTL*]

SKINNER, FRANCES

öFRANCES wife of JOSEPH L. SKINNER DIED Dec. 16 1865 aged 71 years 8 Moø & 14 ds.ö
[Source: Headstone Oct 2009, stone standing, R1 near end. In *BTL*]

SKINNER, JOSEPH L.

öMr. JOSEPH L SKINNER ____ Dec 10 1856 (? ó or Dec 15 1836) age 43 yrs 11 mos 15 dasö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, stone standing, R1 near end. In *BTL*]

SMITH, ANNIS TREMAN

öAnnis wife of Gen. Isaiah Smith and daughter of Abner + Mary Treman died Janø 11, 1860
aged 67 yrs 7 mos 15 dø TN Perkinsö
[Source: Unearthed Apr 2009 and reset 29 Oct 2009, R5. In *BTL*]

SMITH, C. J.

öC. J. Smith born March 11, 1820 died June 7 1885ö
[Source: Unearthed Apr 2009, R2. In *BTL*]

SMITH, CAROLINE

öCAROLINE wife of C.J. SMITH DIED Oct. 2, 1862 Aged 36 y 5 mo 11 daö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, R2. In *BTL*]

SMITH, CHARITY

öSacred in memory of CHARITY Wife of CHRISTOPHER SMITH who died August 25 1828 AE 82.5 ysö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, R1 next to husband. In *BTL*]

SMITH, CHRISTOPHER

öSacred in memory of CHRISTOPHER SMITH who died Nov 20 1834 AE 82 yrsö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, stone standing, R1 between daughter Mary Robinson and wife Charity. In *BTL*]

SMITH, CLARISSA

”Clarissa wife of Peter Smith died Feb. 8, 1859 aged 80 years 11 mo & 11 da
Blessed are the dead that die in the Lordö
[Source: Unearthed Apr 2009; R2, same headstone as husband. In *BTL*]

SMITH, ELIZABETH

öSacred the memory of ELIZABETH wife of WILLIAM SMITH who died Sept 15th 1841
Aged 67 yrs & 11 moö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, stone standing, R1 next to husband. In *BTL*]

SMITH, ELLEN

öELLEN WIFE OF WILLIAM SMITH died Jany 28 1850 Aged 28 years
Dearest Ellen thou hast left us Here thy loss we deeply feel But his God that hath bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.ö
[Source: Headstone, Oct 2009, stone standing, R1 next to Elizabeth Smith. In *BTL*]

SMITH, EUGENE

öEugene Smith son of Christopher & Caroline Smith died May 17, 1860 aged 7 years 8 mo
15 daö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, R2. In *BTL* as age 8 mos 15 das:]

SMITH, ISAIAH

öIsaiah Smith A Soldier of the War of 1812 DIED Dec. 30, 1870 Aged 85 yrsö
[Source: Unearthed Apr 2009, reset Oct 2009, R5. Son of Christopher & Charity. In *BTL*]

SMITH, JAMES

öJAMES SMITH DIED APR. 5, 1846 In the 62nd Year of his age. Friends and physicians
could not save This mortal body from the grave Nor can the grave contain him here When
Christ commands him to appear. Houpt and Terrpeningö
[Source: Headstone unearthed Apr 2009, now on ground, R1. Son of Christopher & Charity]

SMITH, PETER

”Peter Smith died July 30, 1858 aged 81 years 1 mo & 21 da Blessed are the dead that die in
the Lordö
[Source: Unearthed Apr 2009, stone now flat on ground, R2; same headstone as wife
Clarissa. Note: son of Christopher & Charity Smith, and father of Fithen Halsey Smith.;
settled Pine Ridge Farm in town of Ulysses with brothers John and Elias]

SMITH, SARAH M.

öSARAH M. wife of JAMES SMITH died Sept 2, 1874 Aged 87 yrs 1 mo & 11 dsö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, stone standing, R1. In *BTL*]

SMITH, SUSAN L.

öSUSAN L. wife of C.J. Smith died Feb 21 1867 aged 31 ys 9 mo ___ daysö
[Source: Headstone, Aug 2006, R2. In *BTL*]

SMITH, WILLET

öWILLET _____ SMITH _____ 11 Mo ____ ö

[Source: Headstone, Aug. 2006, R2. *Between the Lakes*: öWillet son of Christopher & Caroline Smith died March 22 1860 age 5 yrs 11 mos 21 dasö]

SMITH, WILLIAM

öWILLIAM SMITH DIED July 8 1859 Aged 83 years 8 mos 23 days Blessed are the dead who died in the lord for they rest from their labour and their works do follow themö

[Source: Headstone, Aug. 2006, stone standing, R1 next to mother Charity. Son of Christopher & Charity]

SMITH, WILLIAM

”William Smith son of James and Anna died Feb. 7, 1839 age 23 yr 9 mo ö

[Source: Unearthed Apr 2009, R2.]

TREADWELL, DAVID

David Treadwell died Nov 5 1843 age 54 yrs 8 mos 11 das

[Source: *Between the Lakes*, 1974. Stone note yet found.]

TUNISON, ELIZABETH

öElizabeth daughter of Phillip p & Annis Tunison died Oct 4 1850 aged 19 years 10 Mos + 29 das My spirit is with Christ above, I sing my saviourø dying love, Prepare to die dear friends that you may come to ----- and reign hereto TA Perkins Trumansburg NYö

[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R4. In *BTL*]

TUNISON, NATHAN H.

öNathan H Tunison died Dec 31 1850 age 27 yrs 6 mos 19 dasö

[Source: Headstone, R4. In *BTL*]

TUNISON, RACHEL

öIn memory of Rachel wife of Peter Tunison died April 4, 1840 AE 20 yrs 2 mos 1 da Hope w__ beyond the bounds of time, When what we now deplore shall rise in full immortal prime, And live forever more.ö

[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R4. In *BTL*]

UPDIKE, JEMINA

öJemina died Jan 19, 1847 wife of Samuel aged 31 yearsö

[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R5.]

WAKEMAN, THOMAS

Thomas Wakeman died April 4, 1840 age 56 yrs 10 mos 7 das

[Source: Headstone, R7. In *BTL*.]

WARD, ANNA MARIA

Anna Maria daughter of Thomas & Anna Ward died May 5 1841 age 7 yrs 1 mo 24 das

[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R6. In *BTL*]

WRIXON, EDMOND

Edmond son of Dennis & Mary Wrixon died March 7, 1854 age 6 mos 1 da
[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R7. On same stone as John. In *BTL*]

WRIXON, JOHN

John son of Dennis & Mary Wrixon died April 2, 1857 age 4 yrs 11 mos 12 das
[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R7. On same stone as Edmond. In *BTL*]

WRIXON, WILLIAM

William son of Dennis & Mary Wrixon died April 11 1852 age 1 yr 9 mos 2 das
[Source: Headstone unearthed Oct 2009, R7. In *BTL*]

MAP OF BURIALS AT BETHEL CEM, COVERT, NY

W. Bates Road								
Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Row 5	Row 6	Row 7	Row 8	Row 9
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John Robinson 1768-1854	----	----	----	----	----	----	J.E.	
Mary Robinson -1864	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	
Christopher Smith -1834	William Smith 1815-39	Eunice Brown	----	Isaiah Smith	----	----	----	
		Jonathan Brown						
Charity Smith -1828	----	Nancy Brown	Rachel Brown - 1844	Annis Smith	----	----	----	
William Smith - 1859	----	Sally Ann Brown	----	----	----	----	----	
Elizabeth Smith - 1841	Peter & Clarissa Smith	Hannah Brown	Rachel Tunison - 1840	----	----	----	----	
Ellen Smith - 1850	Mary Robinson	Emeline Brown	Elizabeth Tunison	----	----	----	Hannah Ellis	
		Ann Mary Helmstedter						
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James Smith - 1846	----	(Illegible name) - 1843	Nathan H. Tunison - 1850	----	----	----	----	
Sarah M. Smith - 1874	Mathilda Robinson	Wm. S. Robinson - 1860	----	----	----	----	Rymer Auble	
Ambrose (Skinner) 1837-53	Jared Robinson	Sarah A. Robinson - 1862	----	----	----	Thomas Wakeman	----	
Joseph L. Skinner - 1865	Rachel Close	William S. Robinson	(broken stone)	----	----	----		
Frances Skinner	Smith Close	----	----	----	Ruth Horton	John & Edmond Wrixon		
Caroline Skinner -1838	Eugene Smith	----	----	----	Nathan Horton	William Wrixon		
Lucinda Sears -1840	Willet Smith	Sarah Gordinier	----	----	Ruth Horton	----		
----	----	----	(broken stone)	----	Isaiah Horton	----		
----	Caroline Smith	----	----	----	Daniel Y. Horton	----	Jane H. Dimon	
----	Susan Smith	----	Saram Schellenger	----	Anna Maria Ward	Sidney C. Giles	Sarah Dimon	
Mary Dean 1821-54	C. J. Smith	----	----	----	----	----	(broken stone)	
----	----	----	----	Jemina Updike	----	----	----	

Headstones not yet found: Sarah Ann Close, 1834-37; Isaiah Robinson, 1840-57; David Treadwell, 1789-1843; J _____ E _____.