

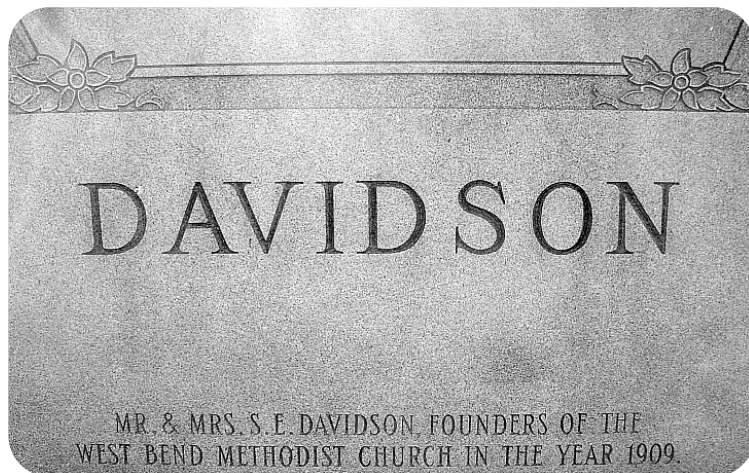
The steps on the West bank of the cemetery were constructed as a memorial to Clarence Sykes in 1974. Other improvements have included plantings and fencing in memory of Tom Abernathy and a flower receptacle and fencing erected by Kevin Fair for his Eagle Scout Project.

The marking, mapping and index project was completed by Bob Moyer, Harry Cooper, Richard Lanier, Pam Shaw and Mickey Shaw in 2010.

Numerous individuals have spent many hours volunteering their talents and services in keeping the cemetery up-to-date as a memorial to our ancestors and "to all that have gone before". Sincere gratitude is expressed to these former officers of the Memorial Association:

<i>Barbara Allred</i>	<i>Bob Howell</i>	<i>Wanda Maness</i>
<i>Alma Presnell Beeson</i>	<i>Hal C. Johnson</i>	<i>Marvin Mayberry</i>
<i>Walter Cox</i>	<i>Harold Jordan</i>	<i>Alice Morgan</i>
<i>Clarence Davis</i>	<i>Harvey Kearns</i>	<i>Joe Rich</i>
<i>Diann Davis</i>	<i>Beatrice Keeling</i>	<i>C. T. Robbins</i>
<i>Emily Gordon</i>	<i>Richard Lanier</i>	<i>Tommy Robbins</i>
<i>Betty Hewitte</i>	<i>G. W. Lewallen</i>	<i>Oscar Sowers</i>
<i>Karen Hinson</i>	<i>Larry Lewallen</i>	<i>Preston Stockner</i>
<i>Alice Holloway</i>	<i>Marie Lewallen</i>	<i>Alberta Stout</i>
<i>Dock Stout</i>	<i>Clarence Sykes</i>	

Our prayer is for the future generations who will renew and maintain the memorials in the years to come.



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History and Facts of the West Bend Cemetery

The following was extracted from the old minutes of the Cemetery Association.

On August 31, 1925 a group of 32 members of West Bend ME Church organized as the "Trustees of West Bend Cemetery Association" and built the cemetery. Sixteen years had elapsed since West Bend was founded in 1909 and during those years there were burials in the land behind the wood frame church, but not a formal cemetery.



The Trustees decided it was important to formerly adopt a plan that showed plots that could be sold and the money would be used for maintaining the cemetery. The original map of plots was laid out by S. M. Barnes, County Surveyor in June of 1925 and was recorded at the Randolph County Courthouse in Book 1, Page 97. At the "called meeting of Trustees" the price of plots was fixed at \$5 for single (4 grave) plots and \$10 for double (8 grave) plots.

The following members of the church cleared and prepared the land and "in consideration of work done in building the cemetery" they were granted plots "for burial purposes only."

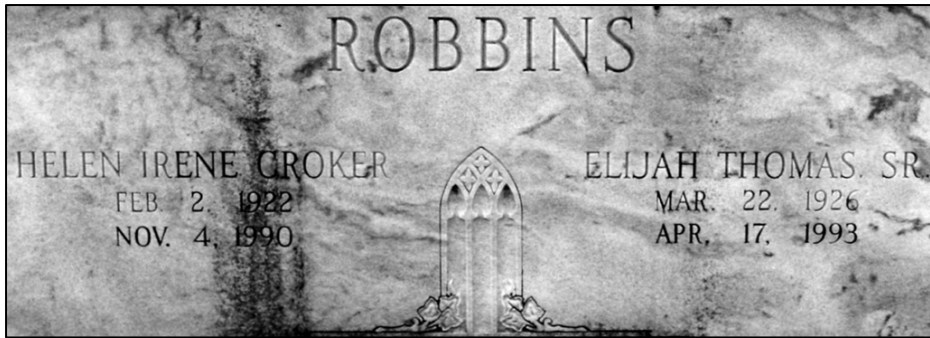
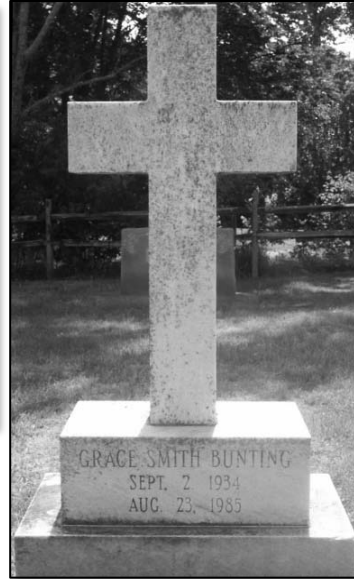
<i>Calvin Bean</i>	<i>Nathaniel (Nat) Hooker</i>	<i>Frank Robbins</i>
<i>John Bunting</i>	<i>Bunyan Lambert</i>	<i>H. D. Scarboro</i>
<i>Jonathan Bunting</i>	<i>Thomas Lewallen</i>	<i>John Skeen</i>
<i>Samuel Bunting</i>	<i>R. L. Paisley</i>	<i>Peter Smoake</i>
<i>Walter Cox</i>	<i>Arch Presnell</i>	<i>William Sykes</i>
<i>Causey Davidson</i>	<i>Daniel Presnell</i>	<i>Gurney Thompson</i>
<i>Colvin Davidson</i>	<i>George Presnell</i>	<i>Robert Thompson</i>
<i>Edgar Davidson</i>	<i>Herbert Presnell</i>	<i>William Thompson</i>
<i>Gurney Davidson</i>	<i>Penn Rich</i>	<i>Levi Tucker</i>
<i>Thomas Davidson</i>	<i>"Big" Frank Robbins</i>	<i>Amos Yates</i>
<i>John Ellis</i>	<i>Brazilla Robbins</i>	

These are the original "founders" of the Memorial Association and their family names can be found on markers and stones throughout the cemetery. During the next ten years (1925-1935) an additional 25 plots were assigned to other members of the church at the same fixed price. After WWII economic conditions and inflation increased the fees for plots as well as the costs in maintaining the cemetery.

INTERESTING CEMETERY FACTS

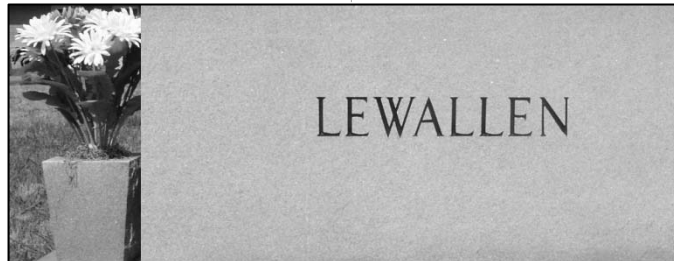


Total cemetery plots: **137**
Total cemetery graves: **756**



Oldest birth date on a tombstone: **1837**
Oldest death date on a tombstone: **1913**

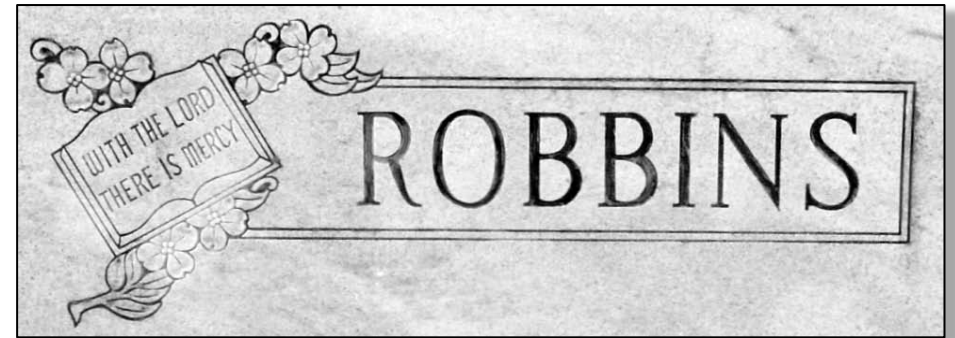
Total Area:
1.2 acres



Runners-up:
Rich (22)
Presnell (18)
Thompson (17)
Davidson (17)

Minutes, that when at a call meeting of the Trustees of the Cemetery for West Bend NC on the 31st day of Aug. 1925 there being present a majority of said Trustees, the following order was made and voted to be recorded in the minutes of said meeting: That upon the payment of the sum of Five Dollars purchase money by Martin Johnson for Plot No 13 on the West side of main walk in the West Bend Cemetery near Ashburn

Number of individuals buried with markers: **386 ±**
Number of individuals buried without markers: **10 ±**



1st most common surname: **Robbins (49)**
2nd most common surname: **Lewallen (31)**

