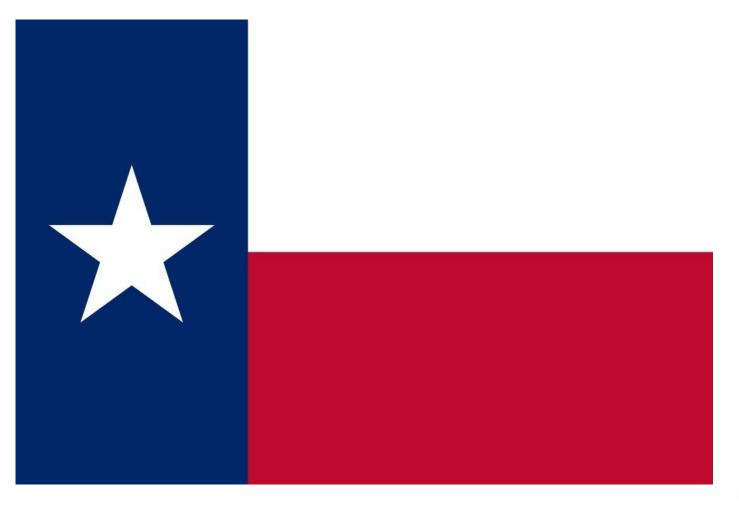
### Texas Veterans Hall of Fame: Remember Them Forever (RTF) Project





### **Official State Flag**

#### (1933 to present)





### Texas Flag Trivia

- Moniker/Nickname: The Lone Star State
- Star summons unity in the fight for independence against Mexico.
- Colors, inspired by the United States flag:
  - "Old Glory Blue" for loyalty,
  - "Old Glory Red" for bravery and
  - white for purity.
- Flag code also states:
  - Single (lone) star "represents ALL of Texas and stands for our unity as one for God, State, and Country."



### Texas Veterans Hall of Fame (TVHOF)







# Who is the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame (TVHOF)?

 TVHOF is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to preserving and honoring the stories of all Texas Veterans. You can visit their website at <u>www.tvhof.org</u>.



### **TVHOF Mission Statement**

- To honor all Texas Veterans for their service, sacrifices and accomplishments.
- To preserve the history and stories of our Texas Veterans.
- To educate the public on those stories



### **Remember Them Forever**

- <u>Remember Them Forever</u> (RTF) our signature and marker program to honor our veterans.
- For those who are deceased a 6" marker is placed on the grave. This marker has a QR Code on it and when scanned it takes the visitor to the profile about that Veteran.
  - We know of no one else having such a program. It also provides an opportunity for individual and/or civic nonprofits organizations to host and record the biographical information on the veterans lives and contributions.
- We currently have 21 cemeteries. Most of the veteran-identified gravesites are entered into the TVHOF database providing the beginnings of over 3,500 profiles (See: <u>http://txveterans.org</u>)
- Patriot Medallions: over 700 can be found in just two City of Denton cemeteries (<u>Oakwood</u> and <u>IOOF</u>).
- Roselawn Cemetery in Seagoville contributes over 1100 veterans to the TVHOF database but needs someone/some organization willing to adopt! Interested?



### **Team Partners**

- RFT #1: Colonial Dames XVII Century Star of Destiny Chapter.
- Do you want to join the RTF Team?
   Go to: <u>https://txveterans.org/remember-them-forever/</u>

# **RTF Project**

- Do you need suggestions for a service project?
- Do you need community service hours?
- Do you have a cemetery in mind?
   If so, think about joining the RTF Team!



### Patriot Medallions (Examples)





Markers may be purchased at the Museum's store!

Above ground marker with QR code. Flags can be placed in slot at the top of the marker.



If you adopt a cemetery, a marker with a flag is \$10 x n!

### **Patriot Medallions**

- A hard-core plastic marker for each of the different wars or conflicts.
- A 6"×6" marker with a rod that allows the marker to be placed near the grave headstones and a place on top to house the American Flag or service flag of that Veteran.
- On the back of the medallion there is a QR code that is pointed to the profile of that veteran that is buried in that grave.
  - While visiting that grave, visitors can scan the QR code and read about that veteran while visiting that grave.



### Adopt a Cemetery

- Decide that you are willing and able to place Patriot Medallions with flags and assure that the flags are well cared for and flown for at least three days on either side of Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day.
- Obtain permission from the appropriate cemetery organization/personnel to place the Markers with flags.
- Cover the initial cost of the RTF project.
- Place the Markers so as to avoid mowers as best as possible; be willing to replace markers that are damaged or missing.
- Also purchase QR codes for the back of the medallions that link to the TVHOF database and the biographical information for that veteran. (About \$0.50 each.)
- If allowed, purchase RTF panel(s) for the cemetery that are displayed at the cemetery providing the GPS location of each veteran buried at that cemetery. (About \$100 per panel; large cemeteries may require more than one!)

## Panel Displays

- The panel display is a large metal sign that provides information about the RTF program and how the QR code works.
- Several of these signs can be placed in strategic places throughout the cemetery.
- Recognition of the RTF Host will be highlighted on the display marker as well.
- For examples, visit Oakwood Cemetery located in the City of Denton.



### **Dallas County**





Dallas, Texas



### **Dallas County**

### Roselawn Cemetery, Seagoville

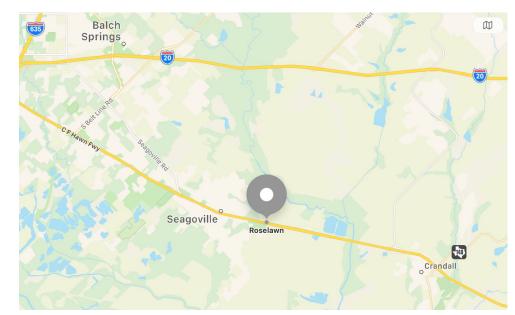


### **Roselawn Memorial Gardens**

- 1100 veterans identified of 5536 occupants
  - 21% veterans
- Conflicts: 1133
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 23
  - WW II: 596
  - Korea: 201
  - Vietnam: 153
  - War on Terror: 1
  - Peace time or Unknown: 159
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.
- Adoption cost: \$11,330 + \$550.00 for QR codes = \$11,880 + panels



- Address
  - 1000 S US 175 Frontage Rd.
  - Seagoville, Texas 75159





### **Dallas County**

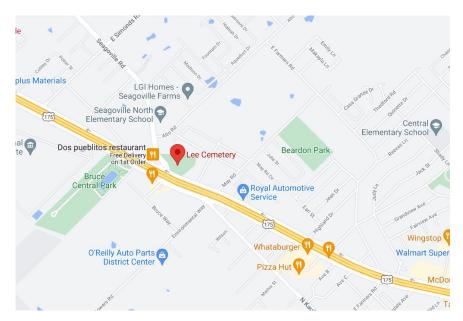
#### Lee Cemetery, Seagoville



### Lee Cemetery

- 101 veterans identified of 1549 occupants
  - 6% veterans
- Conflicts: 103
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 2
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 19
  - WW II: 52
  - Korea: 9
  - Vietnam: 6
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 15
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 1706 Seagoville Rd
  - Seagoville, Texas 75159



Adoption cost: \$1010 + \$50.50 for QR codes = \$1060.50 + panels



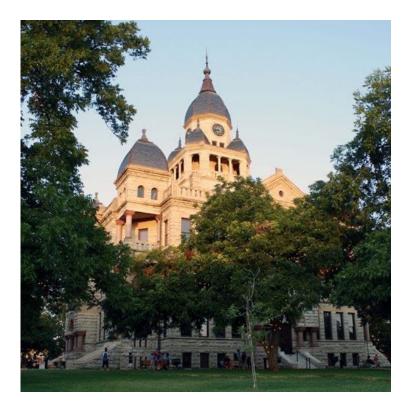


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#### FFX A LEE CEMETERY IN 1870, JAMES J. LEE (1820-1901), A CONFEDERATE ARMY VETERAN FROM MISSISSIPPI, DONATED LAND FOR THIS CEMETERY, STIPULATING THAT NO CHARGES WERE TO BE MADE FOR PLOTS. THE 1.125-ACRE TRACT WAS THE FIRST CEMETERY IN SOUTHEAST DALLAS COUNTY. AMONG THE 1,500 BURIALS ARE LEE AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY, GEN. JAMES S. RAINES (1817-1880), AN OFFICER IN THE MEXICAN WAR, 1846, SOME 60 PEOPLE OF MEXICAN DESCENT; AND A SLAVE BROUGHT HERE IN 1855. LAND DEEDED FOR HITCHING HORSES HAS BECOME PART OF THE PARKING LOT. THE BURIAL GROUND IS MAINTAINED BY LEE CEMETERY, INC.







Denton, Texas



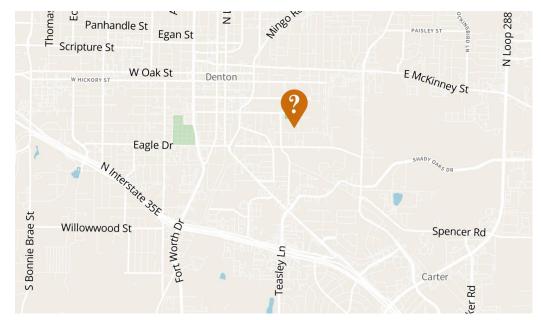
### Oakwood Cemetery, Denton



# Oakwood Cemetery (RTF #1)

- 287 veterans identified of 4822 occupants
  - 6% veterans
- Conflicts: 291
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American: 2
  - Civil War: 11
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American: 2
  - WW I: 59
  - WW II: 156
  - Korea: 21
  - Vietnam: 25
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 15
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

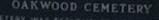
- Address
  - 747 East Prairie Street
  - Denton, Texas 76205











WAS SETTLED AS THE NEW SEAT OF GOVERNMENT POR DENTON COUNTY IN 1852 LAND FOR THE COMMUNITY BURGAL GROUND WAS DONATED BY PIONEER SET LER HRAM CISCO WHO HAD EARLIER CONVERD PROFER SET LER HRAM CISCO HE EARLIEST GRAVE IS THAT OF A MIRS WILSON, WHO DED DURING CHILDBIRTH WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE SREA IN A COVERED WAGON HER HEWBORN INVANT DAUGHTER MED SEVERAL DAYS LATER AND WAS ALSO BURIED HERE.

OTHER INTERMENTS AT THIS SITE INCLUDE THOSE OF JESSE MIBLOUNT, WHO HELPED PLAT THE TOWN OF DENTON AND LATER SERVED AS COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY JUDGE AND STATE SERVED AS COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY JUDGE AND OF CONEEDERATE PRESIDENT JETTERSON DAVIS AND A TRIENO OF U.S. PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, AND MANY PROMINENT ARLY LEADERS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTY, TWO INTERESTING GRAVES. ARE THOSE OF ANDREW AND GEORGE BROWN, ON A SHANGE OF VENUE FROM WONTAGIE COUNTY IN 1879, THEY WERE CONVICTED OF MURDER AND HANGED IN DENTON, THE IS COMESTONES BEAR THE INSCRIPTION TRECUTED.

OFFICIALLY NAMED DAKWOOD CEMETERY IN 1931, THIS RUNIAL GROUND NOW SERVES AS A HISTORIC REMINDER OF THE PROVERS WHO FIRST SETTLED HERE AND WHO ED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.





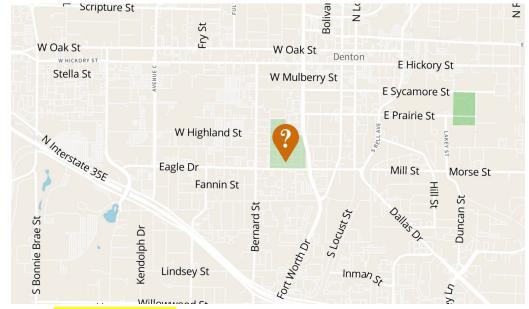
# Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), Denton



## **IOOF Cemetery**

- 426 veterans identified of 7260 occupants
  - 6% veterans
- Conflicts: 443
  - Texas Revolution: 1
  - Mexican-American: 1
  - Civil War: 111
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American: 8
  - WW I: 126
  - WW II: 167
  - Korea: **14**
  - Vietnam: 12
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 3
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 711 S Carroll Blvd
  - Denton, Texas 76201



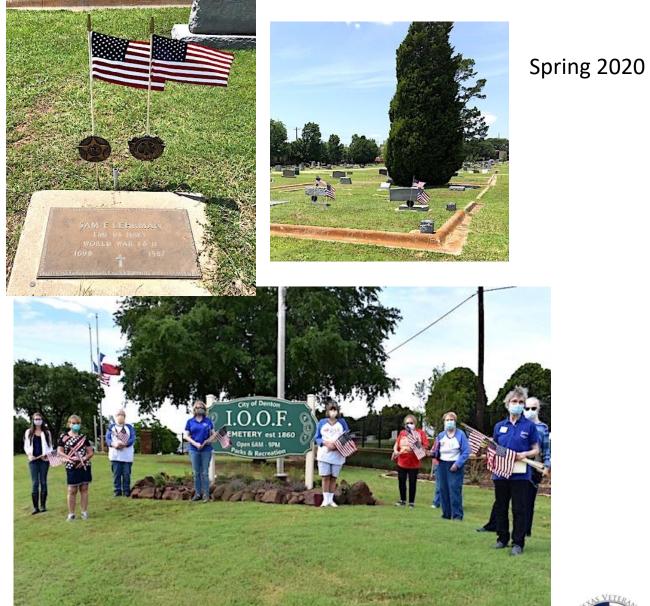
### Adopted!

Support for panels still needed!









Benjamin Lyon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution help place flags for Memorial Day 2020.



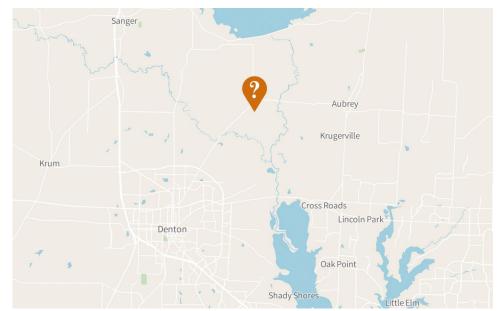
### Green Valley Cemetery, Aubrey



### **Green Valley Cemetery**

- 22 veterans identified of 313 occupants
  - 7% veterans
- Conflicts: 23
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 2
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 2
  - WW II: 8
  - Korea: 5
  - Vietnam: 4
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 2
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 6670 FM2153
  - Aubrey, Texas 76227



Adoption cost: \$230 + \$11.00 for QR Codes = \$241 + panel



Green Valley Gemetery Established In 1897



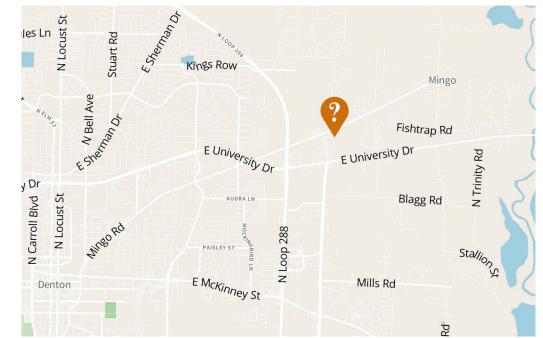
### **Cooper Creek Cemetery**



### **Cooper Creek Cemetery**

- 75 veterans identified of 1003 occupants
  - 7% veterans
- Conflict: 78
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 4
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 8
  - WW II: 40
  - Korea: 10
  - Vietnam: 12
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 4
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 4582 Fishtrap Rd.
  - Denton, Texas 76208



#### Adoption cost: \$780 + \$37.50 for QR codes = \$817.50 + panels





#### COOPER CREEK CEMETERY

THIS BURIAL GROUND IS ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING REMNANTS OF A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY THAT DATES BACK TO BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR. SETTLERS, INCLUDING THE FARRIS AND SKAGGS FAMILIES, CAME TO NORTHEAST DENTON COUNTY IN THE 1860S. LIKE MANY RURAL AREAS, AS THE NUMBER OF FARMS GREW, THE COMMUNITY FOUND THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A CEMETERY, SCHOOL, AND CHURCHES. A DEED FROM 1878 EVIDENCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COOPER CREEK CEMETERY ON THIS SITE.

THE GRAVES IN COOPER CREEK CEMETERY CHRONICLE THE HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY. THE EARLIEST MARKED GRAVE IS OF RICHARD KALE, WHO DIED FEBRUARY 9, 1872. LOCAL RESIDENTS, CIVIC LEADERS AND EARLY SETTLERS ARE BURIED IN THE CEMETERY. COOPER CREEK SCHOOL'S FIRST TRUSTEES, JAMES FARRIS, J.A. TEMPLETON, AND DAVID ARGO, ARE BURIED HERE. THE CEMETERY ALSO INCLUDES VETERANS OF WAR. DAVID PAYNE, WHO SERVED IN THE 29TH TEXAS CAVALRY DURING THE CIVIL WAR, AND LIEUTENANT L.H. OWEN, AN AIR MEDAL AND OAK CLUSTER RECIPIENT OF WORLD WAR II, ARE BOTH HONORED HERE. UNLIKE MANY CEMETERIES, THE COOPER CREEK CEMETERY IS NOT SEGREGATED BY RACE OR RELIGION. THE GRAVES OF HISPANIC RESIDENTS, SUCH AS TIBURCIO NEICHACA AND THE VILLANUEVA FAMILY, LIE CLOSE TO THEIR ANGLO NEIGHBORS.

COOPER CREEK COMMUNITY HAS TAKEN MUCH PRIDE IN OVERSEEING THE CEMETERY FOR MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS. RESIDENTS HAVE PRESERVED IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE CEMETERY, SUCH AS FENCING AND CONCRETE CURBING AROUND FAMILY PLOTS, THROUGH DECORATION DAYS AND FUNDRAISERS. TODAY, THE COOPER CREEK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION CARES FOR AND MAINTAINS THE CEMETERY, WHICH CONTINUES TO SERVE AREA RESIDENTS.

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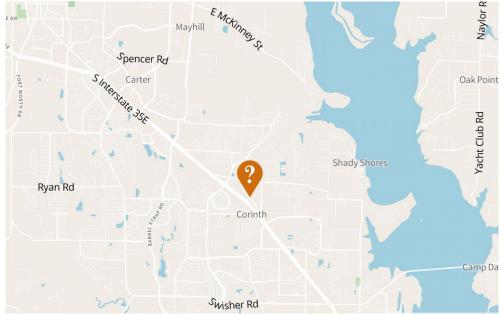
### Shiloh Cemetery, Corinth



## **Shiloh Cemetery**

- 71 veterans identified of 579 occupants
  - 12% veterans
- Conflicts: 77
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 2
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 9
  - WW II: 43
  - Korea: 7
  - Vietnam: 13
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 3
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - North side of Shady Shores Rd.
    - Corinth, Texas



#### Adoption cost: \$770 + \$35.50 for QR codes = \$805.50 + panels





#### CORINTH SHILOH CEMETERY

PHYSICIAN AND LAY PREACHER THOMAS A. BALL AND HIS WIFE, NANCY [YEATS], CAME TO DENTON COUNTY FROM MISSOURI SOON AFTER THE CIVIL WAR ENDED IN 1865. THEY SETTLED WITH THEIR FAMILY ON LAND THAT WOULD BECOME THE COMMUNITY OF CORINTH.

THE BALL FAMILY DONATED LAND ALREADY IN USE AS A GRAVEYARD TO THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AT SHILOH. THE FIRST MARKED GRAVE IS THAT OF WILLIAM GARRISON (J. 1870). IN 1880, THE WICHITA & DALLAS RAILWAY NAMED THE SETTLEMENT CORINTH. AN ADDITIONAL LAND DONATION IN 1953 ENLARGED THE CEMETERY TO 2.5 ACRES. THE COMMUNITY CALLED THE BURIAL GROUND SHILOH CEMETERY FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL A CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FORMED IN 1959 AND MEMBERS ADOPTED THE NAME CORINTH SHILOH CEMETERY.

FEATURES OF THE EARLY CEMETERY INCLUDE NATIVE SANDSTONE MARKERS AND DECORATIVE MUSSEL SHELLS HARVESTED FROM NEARBY CREEKS. TODAY, CORINTH SHILOH CEMETERY CHRONICLES THE HISTORY OF AREA SETTLERS, DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS REUNITE FOR ANNUAL DECORATION DAYS TO CLEAN AND DECORATE THE GRAVES OF THOSE BURIED HERE.

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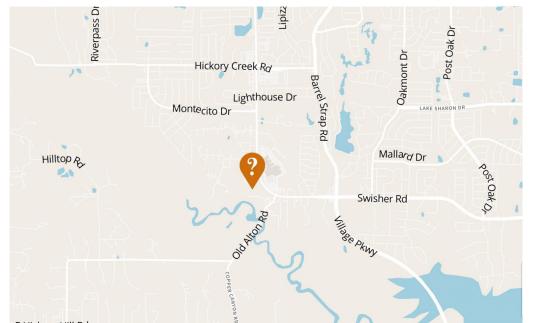
### Old Alton Cemetery, Denton



# **Old Alton Cemetery**

- 63 veterans identified of 728 occupants
  - 8% veterans
- Conflicts: 65
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 3
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 8
  - WW II: 27
  - Korea: 3
  - Vietnam: 11
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 13
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 5720 Teasley Lane
    - Denton, Texas



#### Adoption cost: \$650 + \$31.50 for QR codes = \$681.50 + panels









## **Denton County**

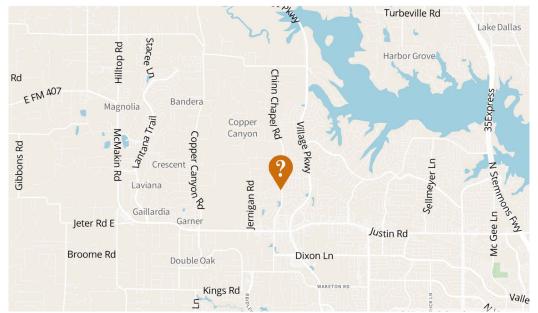
#### Chinn's Chapel Cemetery, Highland Village



# **Chinn's Chapel Cemetery**

- 55 veterans identified of 801 occupants
  - 6% veterans
- Conflicts: 55
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 5
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 7
  - WW II: 24
  - Korea: 3
  - Vietnam: <mark>8</mark>
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 8

- Address
  - Chinn Chapel Rd.
  - Highland Village, TX 75077



#### Adoption cost: \$550 + \$27.50 for QR codes = \$577.50 + panels





#### CHINN'S CHAPEL CEMETERY /

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ELISHA AND MARY STOWE CHINN PURCHASED THIS SITE IN 1853 AND DONATED 10 ACRES ATOP THE HILL NORTH OF LOCKHART SPRING. AS DEATHS OCCURRED AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS TO THIS AREA. SERVICES WERE HELD IN THE LOG CABIN CHAPEL, AND GRAVES WERE PLACED NEARBY.

TRAVEL TO THE CEMETERY WAS DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY. THE WAGON TRAIL THROUGH THE VALLEY CONNECTED DENTON WITH LEWISVILLE. BUT A WESTERLY ROAD LEADING TO THE NEARBY COMMERCIAL CENTER AT WAKETON WAS NEEDED. IN 1885 A ROAD CONNEC-TING CHINN'S CHAPEL COMMUNITY TO WAKETON WAS BUILT. INCORPORATING THE OLD WAGON TRAIL. IT WAS NAMED CHINN CHAPEL ROAD.

THIS CEMETERY FEATURES A VARIETY OF GRAVE MARKERS. AMONG THE OLDEST MARKERS ARE THOSE OF LIMESTONE, WHILE OTHER EARLY GRAVES WERE MARKED SIMPLY WITH ROCKS. OFTEN A LARGER STONE WAS PLACED AT THE HEAD AND A SMALLER ONE AT THE FOOT OF THE GRAVE. SOME FAMILY PLOTS DISPLAY MOUNDS OF EARTH OUTLINED WITH SHELLS, A FOLK TRADITION BROUGHT TO AMERICA BY AFRICAN SLAVES. MANY TOMBSTONES ARE CARVED FROM NATIVE SANDSTONE, WHILE LATER MONUMENTS DISPLAY ORNATE DECORATIONS, SUCH AS COLUMNS, URNS, PEDIMENTS AND ROUND-TOPPED FINIALS. THIS CEMETERY CONTINUES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.





# **Denton County**

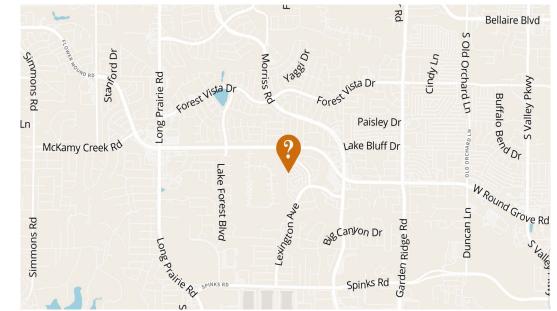
#### Flower Mound Cemetery, Flower Mound



## **Flower Mound Cemetery**

- 229 veterans identified of 2459 occupants
  - 9% veterans
- Conflicts: 250
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 1
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: **11**
  - WW II: 99
  - Korea: 37
  - Vietnam: 55
  - War on Terror: 1
  - Peace time or Unknown: 46
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 1501 Flower Mound Rd
  - Flower Mound, Texas 75028



Adoption cost: \$250 + \$114.50 for QR codes = \$364.50 + panels





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#### FLOWER MOUND CEMETERY

MATTHEW AND SABELLA DOYLE (DOUGLASS) DONALD ARRIVED IN DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS IN 1854. THAT YEAR, MATTHEW, A SUCCESSFUL FARMER, SET ASIDE 10 ACRES FOR A CEMETERY, CAMPGROUND AND THE FLOWER MOUND PRESENTERIAN CHURCH. HE SERVED AS THE FIRST PASTOR OF THE CHURCH, TO WHICH HE FORMALLY DEEDED THE LAND IN 1879.

THE CEMETERY WAS USED SOON AFTER IT WAS ESTABLISHED. THE FIRST BURIAL WAS REPORTEDLY THAT OF A GTRI. WHO DIED AT A CHURCH CAMP MEETING, THE EARLIEST MARKED BURIAL IS THAT OF OLA HALL (d. 1873), THE EARLIEST BIRTH DATE ON A MARKER IS THAT OF ANDERSON SPINKS (b. 1808), EARLY FLOWER MOUND FAMILIEST BIRTH DATE ON A MARKER STHAT OF ANDERSON SPINKS (b. 1808), EARLY FLOWER MOUND FAMILIES INITIALLY HAD PLOTS, THE BONALD PLOT INCLUDES BURIALS OF THE CEMETERY'S FOUNDER AND HIS BROTHER, ROBERT DEACOM AND STATE LEGISLATOR, OTHER FAMILIES INCLUDE THE SIMMONS, BAKERS AND CRAWPORDS, IN 1950, THE DYER FAMILY CEMETERY WAS RELOCATED TO FLOWER MOUND, DUE TO THE BUILDING OF LAKE GRAPEVINE.

THE FLOWER MOUND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, ALONG WITH THE CHURCH, HOLDS AN ANNUAL DECORATION DAY AND WORSHIP SERVICE. THE BURIAL GROUND REMAINS A LINK TO THE GENERATIONS OF RESIDENTS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO FLOWER MOUND'S RICH HISTORY.

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### **Denton County**

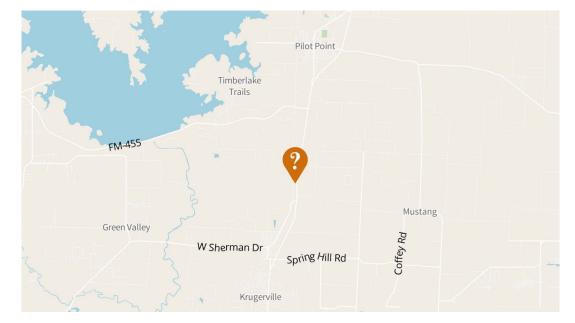
#### Belew Cemetery, Aubrey



### **Belew Cemetery**

- 309 veterans identified of 3812 occupants
  - 8% veterans
- Conflicts: 318
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 5
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American: 1
  - WW I: 36
  - WW II: 142
  - Korea: 48
  - Vietnam: 62
  - War on Terror: 3
  - Peace time or Unknown: 21
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 9500 Belew Rd.
  - Pilot Point, Texas 76227



Adoption cost: \$3180 + \$154.50 for QR codes = \$3334.50 + panels





#### BELEW CEMETERY

AROUND 1856, RICHARD (DICK) AARON BELEW (1820-1900) AND MARY JANE BELEW (1822-1902), THEIR FIVE CHILDREN AND 39 OTHER FAMILIES CAME TOGETHER BY WAGON FROM TENNESSEE TO DENTON COUNTY THEY STOPPED ON A HILL IN AN AREA LATER KNOWN AS THE BELEW SCHOOLHOUSE SETTLEMENT, PART OF THE A.G. STAPP SURVEY NORTH OF AUBREY. A SCHOOL SOON OPENED IN A LOG CABIN AT THE SITE AND WAS LATER USED AS A CHURCH. THE CEMETERY WAS LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SCHOOL THE FIRST PIECE OF LAND WAS PURCHASED IN OCTOBER 1880 FROM RICHARD AARON BELEW BY THE CITIZENS OF THE BELEW SCHOOLHOUSE COMMUNITY TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC GRAVE YARD. OVER 70 RED SANDSTONE ROCKS MARK MANY OF THE EARLY GRAVES IN THIS ORIGINAL 2.8 ACRES. BY THE EARLY 1900s, THE BELEW CEMETERY WAS ESTABLISHED AS THE MAIN BURIAL GROUND FOR THE AUBREY AREA.

IN 1902, A LADIES CEMETERY SOCIETY WAS ORGANIZED BY KATE HODGES (1857-1906), MARY L. (MOLLIE) HENDERSON (1854-1919), OLA PRICE (1877-1955), BETTIE CATLETT (1855-1918), MARY CADDELL (1854-1940) AND NORA MEINTOSH (1872-1965) TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CARE OF THE CEMETERY. TO RAISE MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL LAND, THE LADIES CEMETERY SOCIETY VOTED TO HOLD A THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR 85 YEARS, THIS FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS AND ALLOWED THE SOCIETY, LATER RENAMED THE BELEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LAND IN 1903 AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSE FOR THE SEXTON IN 1906 AND A PAVILION IN 1910. ADDITIONAL LAND WAS ACQUIRED IN 1962 AND 1983. THE ASSOCIATION'S FIRST DIRECTORS REPRESENTED RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. EARLY SETTLERS, ASSOCIATION FOUNDERS AND VETERANS FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE GULF WAR ARE BURIED HERE. THIS HISTORIC CEMETERY CONTINUES TO HONOR THE AREA'S HERITAGE AND ANCESTORS.

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## **Denton County**

#### Pilot Point Community Cemetery, Pilot Point



# **Pilot Point Community Cemetery**

- 52+ (in progress!) veterans identified of 4129 occupants
  - ?% veterans
- Conflicts: ?
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I:
  - WW II:
  - Korea:
  - Vietnam:
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown:
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 600 N. Prairie Street
  - Pilot Point, Texas 76258



#### Adoption cost: \$pending













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### **Denton County**

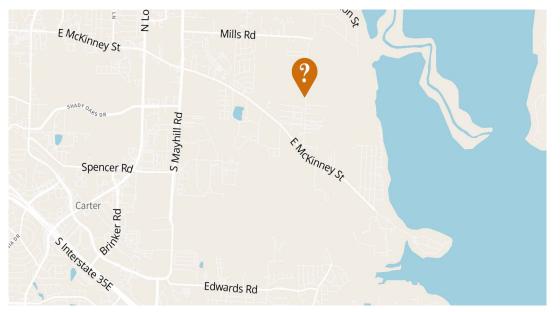
#### Trinity Cemetery, Denton



# **Trinity Cemetery**

- 40 veterans identified of 437 occupants
  - 9% veterans
- Conflicts: 40
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 7
  - WW II: **17**
  - Korea: 3
  - Vietnam: 5
  - War on Terror: 1
  - Peace time or Unknown: 7

- Address
  - 742 S. Trinity Rd.
  - Denton, Texas 76208



Adoption cost: \$400 + \$20.00 for QR codes = \$420.00 + panels

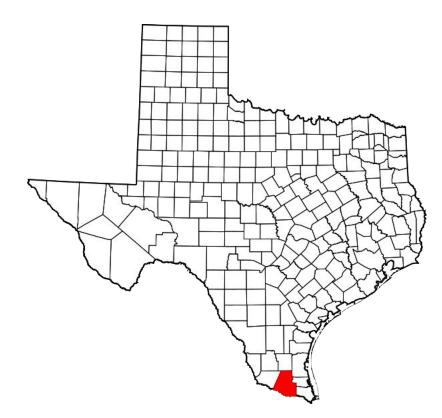




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# Hidalgo County





McAllen, Texas



# Hidalgo County

#### Roselawn Cemetery, McAllen



## **Roselawn Cemetery**

- In progress veterans identified of 5708 occupants
  - ?% veterans
- Conflicts:
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I:
  - WW II:
  - Korea:
  - Vietnam:
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown:
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 1201 S Main St
  - McAllen, TX 78501



#### Adoption cost: \$pending



#### Summer 2021



#### ROSELAWN CEMETERY IN 1908, JUST ONE YEAR AFTER MCALLEN BEGAN TO DEVELOP, A GROUP OF RESIDENTS ESTABLISHED THIS CEMETERY ON LAND DONATED BY THE HIDALGO CANAL COMPANY. THE OLDEST MARKED GRAVE HERE DATES TO 1909. THE MCALLEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAINTAINED THE CEMETERY UNTIL 1924 WHEN AREA RESIDENTS FORMED THE MCALLEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO CARE FOR THE BURIAL GROUND, ALSO KNOWN AS MCALLEN CEMETERY, THIS BURIAL GROUND WAS NAMED VALHALLA UNTIL 1930, WHEN THE NAME CHANGED TO REFLECT ROSES PLANTED AS PART OF A BEAUTIFICATION PLAN. TODAY, THIS HISTORIC CEMETERY HAS EXPANDED TO 22 ACRES AND CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A REMINDER OF MCALLEN'S PIONEERING MEN AND WOMEN, AND OF THE CULTURAL AND **RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY OF THIS CITY.** HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY - 2007 MARKER IS PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS



#### ON THIS WALL WE HONOR AMERICANS WHO FOUGHT IN ALL WE HONOR AMERICANS PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM. LIBERTY AND JUSTICE TI IS WITH SAD HEARTS AND TEARFUL EYES THAT WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. LET US NEVER FORGET

WE REMEMBER

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#### Kaufman County





Kaufman, Texas



# Kaufman County

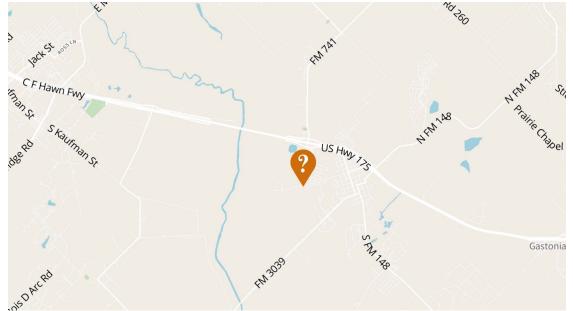
#### Crandall Cemetery, Crandall



# **Crandall Cemetery**

- 129 veterans identified of 1928 occupants
  - 6% veterans
- Conflicts: 131
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 6
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American: 1
  - WW I: 21
  - WW II: 60
  - Korea: 13
  - Vietnam: 8
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 22
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - 102 Trinity Rd
  - Crandall, Texas 75114



Adoption cost: \$1310 + \$64.50 for QR codes = \$1374.50 + panels



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# Kaufman County

#### Crandall Community Cemetery, Crandall

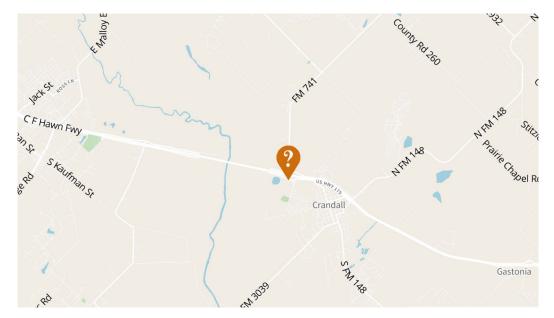


# **Crandall Community Cemetery**

- 14 veterans identified of 79 occupants
  - 15% veterans
- Conflicts: 14
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 1
  - WW II: 8
  - Korea:
  - Vietnam: 4
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 1

Address

- County Road 741
   (Forney Exit off US 175)
- Crandall, Texas



Adoption cost: \$140 + \$7.00 for QR codes = \$147.00 + panel









# Kaufman County

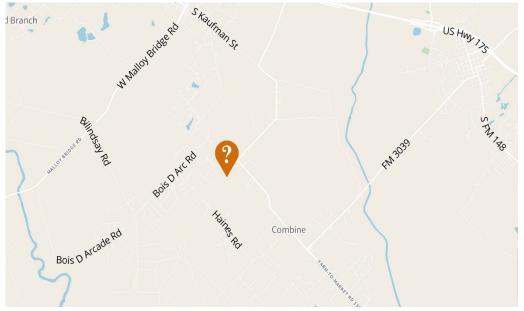
#### Rains Hall Cemetery, Crandall



# **Rains Hall Cemetery**

- 19 veterans identified of 270 occupants
  - 7% veterans
- Conflicts: 19
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I:
  - WW II: 2
  - Korea: 5
  - Vietnam: 1
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 11

- Address
  - 1665 Combine Rd
     Seagoville, Texas 75159



Adoption cost: \$190 + \$9.50 for QR codes = \$199.50 + panel







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# Kaufman County

#### Pleasant Grove, Combine

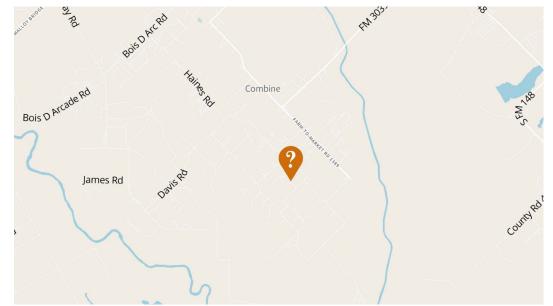


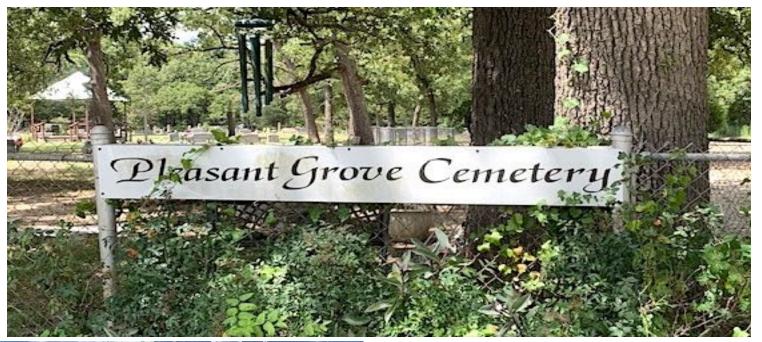
### **Pleasant Grove Cemetery**

- 40 veterans identified of 523 occupants
  - 7% veterans
- Conflicts: 41
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 2
  - WW II: 18
  - Korea: 5
  - Vietnam: 11
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 5
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.
- Adoption cost: \$410 + \$20.00 for QR codes = \$430.00 + panel



- Address
  - 318 Lanier Road
  - Combine, Texas 75159







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### **Kinney County**







# **Kinney County**

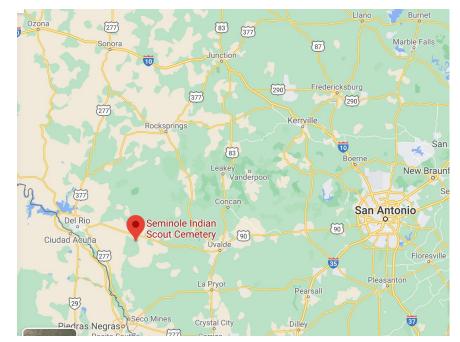
#### Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery, Brackettville



# Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery

- 106 veterans identified of 436 occupants
  - 24% veterans
- Conflicts: 117
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War:
  - Indian Wars: 36
  - Spanish-American: 5
  - WW I: 23
  - WW II: 28
  - Korea: 7
  - Vietnam: <mark>6</mark>
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 12
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

- Address
  - FM 33348
  - Brackettville, Texas 78832



### Adoption cost: \$1170 + \$53.00 for QR codes = \$1223.00 + panels



# Four Medal of Honors Buried Here

- Go to: <u>https://txveterans.org</u>
- Click on View Their Stories (red button)
- Click on Search
  - Check: Medal of Honor
  - AND
  - Check: Cemetery-Seminole Indian Scouts
- Click on Search (bottom of page)

# Factor, Pompey (Pompei) Arkansas, United States US Army Medal of Hono? Deceased (RCode TWHOF/Valor Award) TWHO? Fortiod Award (Pr/(Prwate) Indian Campaign? Cernetery-Seminole Indian Scouts, Brackettwille, Kinney County, Texas (1-Alpha List.) US Indian Scouts Payne, Isaac Musquiz, Coahulia, Mexico Medal of Hono? Deceased (RCode TWHOF/Valor Award) TWHO? Fortiod Award (Pr/(Prwate) Indian Campaign? Cernetery-Seminole Indian Scouts, Brackettwille, Kinney County, Texas (1-Alpha List.) US Indian Scouts Payne, Isaac Musquiz, Coahulia, Mexico Musquiz, Coahulia, Mexico Musquiz Timmeter Cernetery-Seminole Indian Scouts, Brackettwille, Kinney County, Texas (1-Alpha List.) US Indian Scouts Factor Truneter Cernetery-Seminole Indian Scouts, Brackettwille, Kinney County, Texas (1-Alpha List.) US Indian Scouts Factor To Duncan, Texas.

#### Yes, this cemetery is host to 4 MOH recipients! Read their Bios!



#### Results

# McLennan County





Waco, Texas



# McLennan County

## Moore Cemetery, Chalk Bluff



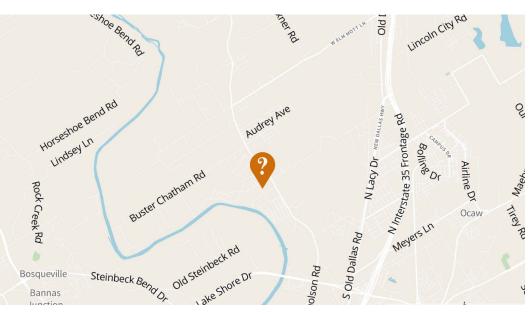
# **Moore Cemetery**

- 139 veterans identified of 820 occupants
  - 17% veterans
- Conflicts: 144
  - Texas Revolution: 1
  - Mexican-American: 1
  - Civil War: 2
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American:
  - WW I: 8
  - WW II: 55
  - Korea: 19
  - Vietnam: 19
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown: 39
    - Note: Total exceeds number of identified veterans because some served during more than one conflict.

Adoption cost: \$1390 + \$69.50 for QR codes = \$1459.50 + panels



- Address
  - 5137 Gholson Rd.
  - Chalk Bluff, Texas 76705



#### MOORE CEMETERY

LAND WAS BEING SURVEYED IN THE CHALK BLUFF COMMUNITY IN THE 1830s, THOUGH PERMANENT SETTLEMENT DATES TO THE 1850s MISSOURI NATIVE LOUIS MOORE MOVED FROM ARKANSAS TO TEXAS ABOUT 1834, AND RECEIVED TITLE TO ONE FOURTH OF A LEAGUE ON THE EAST BANK OF THE BRAZOS RIVER ABOVE THE WACO VILLAGE ON AUGUST 20, 1835.

JOHN MOORE, SON OF LOUIS AND ELIZABETH MOORE, DIED IN 1858. THIS FIRST RECORDED FAMILY DEATH MAY BE THE FIRST BURIAL IN MOORE CEMETERY, BUT RECORDS ARE UNCLEAR. THE MOORES' INPANT DAUGHTER DIED IN 1862 AND ELIZABETH DIED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. LOUIS BURIED THEM AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ON TOP OF A HILL THAT WAS THE HIGHEST POINT OF HIS ESTATE. LOUIS DIED IN 1894 AND IS BURIED ALONGSIDE HIS, FAMILY. THE MOORE FAMILY BURIAL GROUND EVENTUALLY EVOLVED INTO A COMMUNITY CEMETERY.

IN 1921, THE MOORE SPRING CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FORMED WITH MRS. R. L. CARPENTER AS PRESIDENT. APPROXIMATELY THREE ACRES WERE FENCED AT THAT TIME; ALTHOUGH DEEDS INDICATE 16 1/2 ACRES WERE DESIGNATED AS A GRAVEYARD. A HISTORIC METAL FENCE ENCASES THREE ROWS OF UNKNOWN GRAVES. HEADSTONES VARY FROM ERODED LIMESTONE MARKERS TO GRAVITE, LIMESTONE AND MARBLE MARKERS. SEVERAL FRATEINAL ORGANIZATION MARKERS ARE PRESENT, AND MILITARY VETERANS FROM THE TEXAS REVOLUTION TO PRESENT ARE INTERRED HERE.

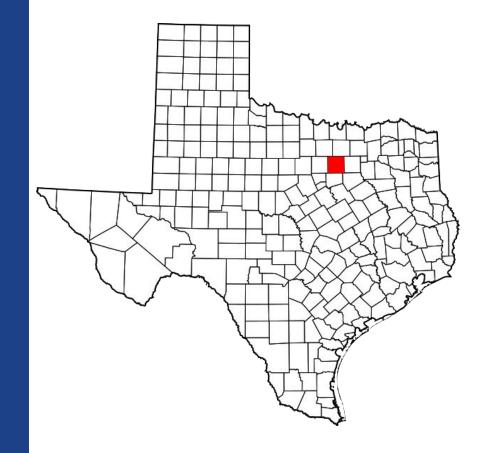
THE CEMETERY NOW ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN I'L ACRES BOUNDED BY HOMES. THIS PEACEFUL BURIAL GROUND, SHADED BY OAKS ON A HILLSIDE SLOPE, IS A CONTINUUM OF CHALK BLUFF HISTORY FROM PIONEER TIMES TO THE PRESENT.

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# **Tarrant County**





Fort Worth, Texas



# **Tarrant County**

## Thompson Public Cemetery, Westworth Village



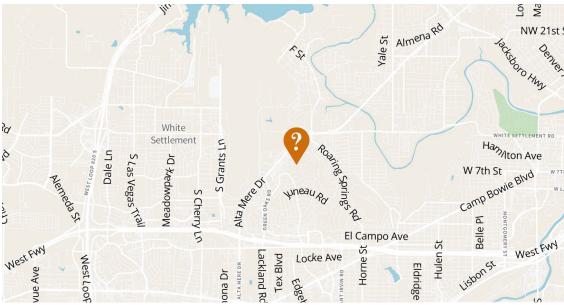
# **Thompson Public Cemetery**

- 3 veterans identified of 79 occupants
  - 4% veterans
- Conflicts: 3
  - Texas Revolution:
  - Mexican-American:
  - Civil War: 2
  - Indian Wars:
  - Spanish-American: 1
  - WW I:
  - WW II:
  - Korea:
  - Vietnam:
  - War on Terror:
  - Peace time or Unknown:

Adoption cost: \$30 + \$1.50 for QR codes = \$31.50 + panel



- Address
  - 6505 Westworth Blvd
  - Westworth Village, Texas





IN 1870, CAPTAIN HENRY J. THOMPSON, CHIEF JUSTICE OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS RANGER AND FORT WORTH MASON, ALLOWED HIS NEIGHBOR AND CONFEDERATE VETERAN, WILLIAM TERRY ALLEN, TO BURY HIS FIRST WIFE, SARAH ANNE "FANNIE" GRANT ALLEN (1849-1870), ON HIS PROPERTY. THIS ESTABLISHED THOMPSON PUBLIC CEMETERY, ONE-THIRD MILE FROM THE ALLEN LOG CABIN HOME. SIX MONTHS LATER, THEIR SON GEORGE E. ALLEN JOINED HER. FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SON, WILLIE ALLEN, IN 1884. WILLIAM T. ALLEN LATER WAS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY IN 1892. HIS LATE WIFE'S YOUNGER SISTER WHO BECAME HIS SECOND WIFE, THEODOCIA "DOCIA" EARNEST GRANT (1854-1991), IS BURIED NEXT TO HIM. A THIRD GRANT SISTER BURIED IN THE CEMETER'S MARTHA JANE GRANT (1842-1885), MARRIED CONFEDERATE VETERAN JOHN JAYINGRAM.

THOMPSON PUBLIC CEMETERY HAS ALSO BEEN KNOWN BY OTHER NAMES, SUCH AS ALLEN, FARMER, THOMPSON COMMUNITY CEMETERS THOMPSON NEIGHBORS' CEMETERY, AND THOMPSON CEMETERY, MANY PIONEER SETTLER FAMILIES OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, RIVER OAKS AND WESTWORTH VILLAGE ARE BURIED IN THE CEMETERY, INCLUDING JAMES VENTIONER, FOUNDER OF RIVER OAKS, AND HIS WIFE, MILLIE FARMER, THEY WERE THE FIRST COUPLE MARRIED IN WHITE SETTLEMENT IN 1851. CLEO AKINS, A CHILD FROM A WAGON TRAIN PASSING THROUGH THE AREA. WAS LAID TO REST IN AN UNDATED GRAVE, WITH PEBBLES SPELLING OUT HER NAME. DOLLIE SHREWDER SMITH, A WIDOW OF CIVIL WAR AND MEXICAN WAR VETERAN ALEXANDER PURNELL SMITH, IS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY ALONG WITH HER SON AND FATHER. ALSO BURIED IN THE CEMETERY ARE THE FARMER BROTHERS, JOSEPH, ELUAH, AND DAVID. WHO WERE THE FIRST TO BUILD HOMES IN WHITE SETTLEMENT, TODAY THIS CEMETERY IS A REMINDER AND A REFLECTION OF THE LIVES OF PIONEER SETTLERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

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Spring 2021

# What are RTF Hosts and Researchers?

- A group of individuals or organizations that have agreed to Host and perform research at a cemetery as their RTF project.
- The program is divided into two parts.
  - Organizations can select one or both parts of the RTF program as their responsibility.



# **Host Program**

- Record the compass points (Degree/Min/Sec or Lat/Long) the gravesites of Veterans in your Host cemetery.
- Take photos of each military marker or other indication that the deceased is a veteran.
- Place Patriot Medallions and wayside panels in the host cemetery.
- Place and remove the American Flags for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day.



# **Research Program**

- Research the history of each veteran buried in your host cemetery.
- Document the stories and/or profiles of each veteran for entry into the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame (TVHOF) database.



# **Guidelines for Military Bio**

- 1. Be brief (readable within 2 min; no longer than 2 pages)
- 2. Write in third person
- 3. **Start with personal information** Personal info (name/nickname, place and date of birth, service dates, highest rank, branch and location of station, survivors/family info: parents, wife, children)
- 4. Military deployment summary (dates, battles, assignments, duty titles)
- 5. Training and education (civilian experience (e.g., Freemason, woodman, blacksmith); areas of expertise, employment)
- 6. Include additional information such as **awards and accomplishments**, as well as any interesting or impressive details of how various ranks were attained.
- 7. Burial details (identify the cemetery, GPS location, cause of death (if available), include picture of gravesite if deceased)
- 8. Source(s) used to collect data
- 9. Bio should reflect veterans' lives in a positive manner.



# Bio Template (2-pages)

- **Personal info** (name/nickname, place and date of birth, service dates, highest rank, branch and location of station, survivors/family info: parents, wife, children):
- Name: Date of Birth: Place of Birth:
- Date of Death (If deceased):
- Cemetery Name (If deceased):
- Cemetery Location with address and GPS Coordinates (pictures are appreciated)
- **Military Service**-Military deployment summary (dates, battles, assignments, duty titles) Military Branch:
- Dates of Military Service:
- Rank at Discharge: Era of Service (i.e., Vietnam):
- List places of assignments with job descriptions and dates (list in chronological order)
- List military awards
- Summarize Education
- Civilian job descriptions and major accomplishments
- Civilian Awards (include, local, state and national/Federal Awards)
- Sources (List all sources if possible)



# Author Disclaimer

Date:

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# Who pays for Patriot Medallions and panels?

- The TVHOF will help with fundraising to purchase the markers and panels.
  - Patriot Medallions with US
     Flag = \$10
  - QR code = \$0.50
  - Wayside panels = \$100 each (front and back)
- TVHOF will be also responsible for the training of each Host organization.
- If you are interested, email: info@txveterans.org





# Don't Like Our Choices— Select your own!

- There are roughly 50,000 cemeteries in Texas' 254 counties.
  - Choose one or more!
  - To become the Host and/or Researcher: info@txveterans.org
- Take pictures of all the veterans' gravesites, record the GPS of each in DMS (degree, minute, second) or in latitude/longitude.
- Complete an Excel file with the following:
  - Last name, first name, birth/death dates, conflict(s), veteran's service branch/duties, name of cemetery and location/city/county, and GPS
  - Arrangements will be made to add the pictures of the gravesites to the database.
  - Research and write a short bio on each veteran.



# Summary (as of 11 Sept 2021)

- Burials identified: 3288
- Patriot Medallions pending purchase: 2633
  - Cemeteries: 21
    - Counties: 7
      - State: 1





Remember Them Forever (RTF): <u>https://txveterans.org/remember</u> <u>-them-forever/</u>

