

Hood County Historical Commission

A Report of the Survey of Historic Texas Cemeteries in
Hood County, Conducted by the Marker Committee.

Submitted By: Victor A. Smith,

Chair - Marker Committee

Volunteer Committee Members: Melody Kelley and Naomi Jones

Dated: January 26, 2012

Hood County Historic Texas Cemeteries

Acton Cemetery

Antioch Cemetery

Colony Cemetery

Elm Flat Cemetery

Glenn Cemetery

Granbury Cemetery

Long Creek Cemetery

Martin Cemetery

W. M. Miller Cemetery

Mitchell Bend Cemetery

Nubbin Ridge Cemetery

Stroud Creek Cemetery

Thorp Spring Cemetery

Report of the Survey of Hood County: Historic Texas Cemeteries

TO: Hood County Historical Commission
FROM: Marker Committee

A survey was conducted during the last half of 2011 and January of 2012, of each of the thirteen cemeteries within Hood County which have been recognized as a Historic Texas Cemetery, by the Texas Historical Commission. A survey form was completed for each of the thirteen cemeteries, which included a picture of the marker and the gate or entrance to the cemetery. A copy of each cemetery survey is attached to this report.

In Summary:

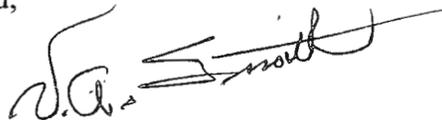
All of the Historic Texas Cemetery markers were in place. All of the cemeteries showed evidence of being maintained. None of these cemeteries has become overgrown. All of these cemeteries continue to be in operation. There is evidence of burials within the last ten years at each.

The **Mitchell Bend Cemetery** marker has been vandalized by a bullet hole near the center of the marker. The Committee was informed that this vandalism is one of long standing. This cemetery is owned by Hood County, with an Association which oversees its operation. The Committee recommends that this marker not be replaced. The damage does not interfere with the reading of the text.

While some of the other cemeteries show some evidence of having been vandalized in the past, there was no evidence of any fresh vandalism.

The marker at the **Acton Cemetery** is very faded. While it is still possible to read the marker text, one must be close to do so. The Texas Historical Commission website contains a procedure to repaint/restore the marker. The procedure does require the removal of the marker, as the work would best be performed by an auto body paint shop. The Committee recommends that this procedure be brought to the attention of the owner of the cemetery, Acton Cemetery, Inc. A copy of the procedure is attached.

Respectively Submitted,
Victor A. Smith, Chair
Melody Kelley
Naomi Jones
January 26, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V.A. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Review of a Historic Texas Cemetery

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Acton Cemetery**

Date: **30 June 2011**

Marker No: **79 HD-C015** Granbury Gen. **28**

Person completing this form: **Victor Smith**

Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**

Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs @ charter.net**

LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **3601 Fall Creek Highway, [FM-167]. It is located just south of the Acton Baptist Church. In this cemetery is the grave and statue of Elizabeth Crockett, wife of Dave Crockett.**

City: **Acton**

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number:

Latitude N: **32.44085** Longitude W: **97.68500**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private: **X**

Name of individual, political entity, organization, or religious institution associated with cemetery:

Acton Cemetery, Inc., 5612 Pecos Ct,

Address, City, ZIP: **Granbury, TX 76048**

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **Unknown**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Suburban **X** Level **X**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes**

Limitations to access: **None**

Primary access: Drive **X** Distance from nearest road:

On Fall Creek Highway FM-167

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

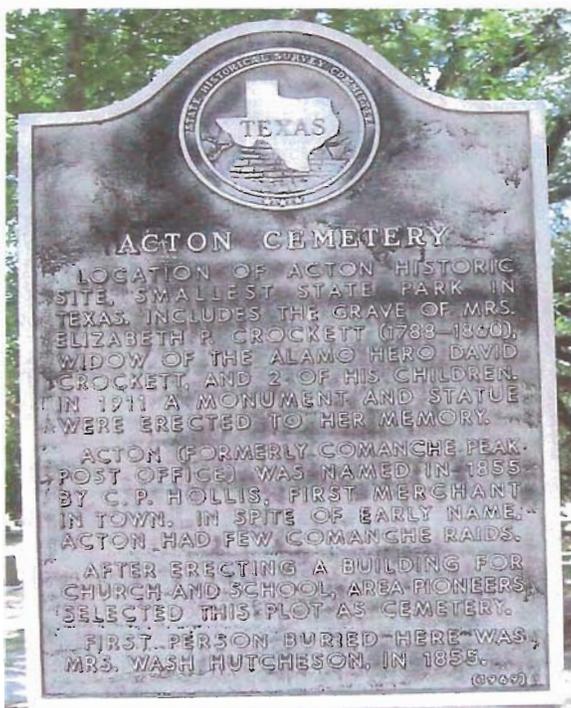
Marker Condition: **Marker is in place. Fair condition. The black background has faded 85% making the marker difficult to read. Marker needs to be repainted.**

Maintained: **X** Comments: **Very large cemetery**

DEED

Acton Cemetery: Book FN, Vol. 30, Page 114, Recording Date, March 9, 1901.

Instrument: 1901-PL-30-114. Property ID: R000041360.



HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Review of a Historic Texas Cemetery

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Antioch Cemetery**

Date of Survey: **August 20, 2011**

Marker No: **14147** Designation: **July 20, 2004**

THC Atlas No. **HD-C022** Granbury Gen. No. **5**

Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**

Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**

Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**

LOCATION

Cemetery address:

**North of Tolar on FM-56 about 4 miles. Between
Campbell Road [CR-106] and Musick Road [CR-
107].**

City: **Tolar**

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number:

Latitude N: **32° 25' 23"** [32.42310]

Longitude W: **97° 58' 00"** [97.96592]

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private: **X**

Name of individual, political entity, or, organization,
associated with cemetery: **Antioch Historic Cemetery**

Address, City, ZIP:

Association meeting dates, if applicable:

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural **X** Level **X** Maintained **X**

Surrounding land is ranch pastures.

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes**

Limitations to access: **None**

Primary access: Walk Drive **X** Distance from nearest road: **On FN-56**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY

Inside farm fence. Cemetery does not have separate fencing.

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent** Maintained: **X** Level: **X**



HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Review of a Historic Texas Cemetery

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Colony Cemetery**
Also known as: **Pleasant Chapel, Mt. Zion, Hightower**
Date of Survey: **12 October 2011**
Marker No: **12319** [?] Designation: **June 3, 1999**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C001** Granbury Gen. No. **7**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgfield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **From Granbury, US 377 west 4.7 miles to Colony Road. Right on Colony Road [CR-103] go 3.7 miles to large gate for Double T Ranch. Through the gate 0.25 miles. Cemetery is on the right. On 12 October 2011, the gate code was 8228.**

City: **Tolar**

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number: **Unknown**

At the ranch gate: Latitude N: **32° 25' 10"** [32.41959]

Longitude W: **97° 54' 35"** [97.91003]

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private: **X** Name of individual, political entity, or religious institution associated with cemetery:

James Cleo Thompson, Jr., DDA Double T Ranches

Address, City, ZIP: **325 N. St. Paul, Suite 4500**

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **Unknown**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural **X** Level **X** **The surrounding land is ranch land with cedar cover.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **No** Public access: **Could be difficult.**

Publicly owned, with access controlled by Private Persons: **Access controlled by Double T. Ranch.**

Limitations to access: **Locked gate in a remote location.**

Primary access: Drive **X** Distance from nearest road: **0.25 off of Colony Road CR-103.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

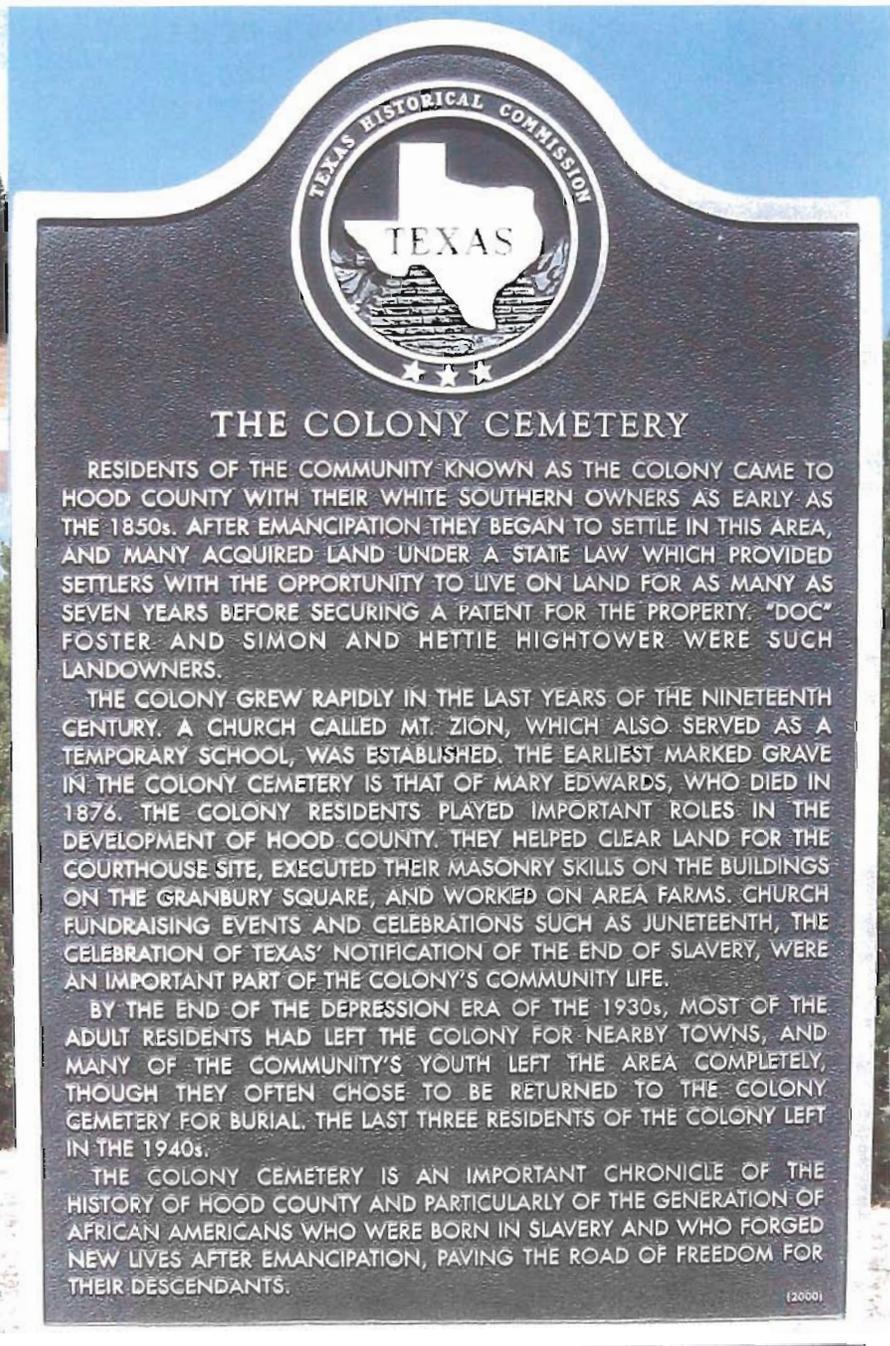
Marker Condition: **Good; Medallion only: set in left gate stone support.** Maintained: **X**



The Colony Cemetery

This marker has been placed in the rest area of US Highway 377, just west of Granbury.

It honors the “African Americans who were born in slavery and who forged new lives after emancipation, paving the road of freedom for their descendants”.



HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Review of a Historic Texas Cemetery

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Elm Flat Cemetery**
Also known as: **Wells Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **April 28, 2011**
Marker No: **16710** Designation: **Yes July 8, 2010**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C017**
Granbury Gen. No. **25**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd, Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **4151 Power Plant Ct.**
From the intersection of FM 2425 and Power Plant Ct. travel 1.4 miles east on Power Plant Ct. to street sign "Elm Flat" at a gate on the right. Cemetery is through the gate 0.3 miles. Gate code on October 15, 2011 was 9999.

City: **Granbury**

Original Survey and Abstract No.: **J Chenowith-Abst 84**

Latitude N: **32.399855** Longitude W: **97.706768**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: **X** Private:

Name of individual or organization associated with cemetery:

Elm Flat Cemetery Association Address, City, ZIP:

Debbie Richey, 4106 Apache Ct., Granbury, TX 76048

[Cemetery is owned by Hood County.]

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **Unknown**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural **X** Level **X**

Area around the cemetery is a cedar covered ranch pasture.

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **No** Public access: **With difficulty.**

Publicly owned, with access controlled by Private Persons: **X**

Limitations to access: **Locked gate controls the access to the auto trail.**

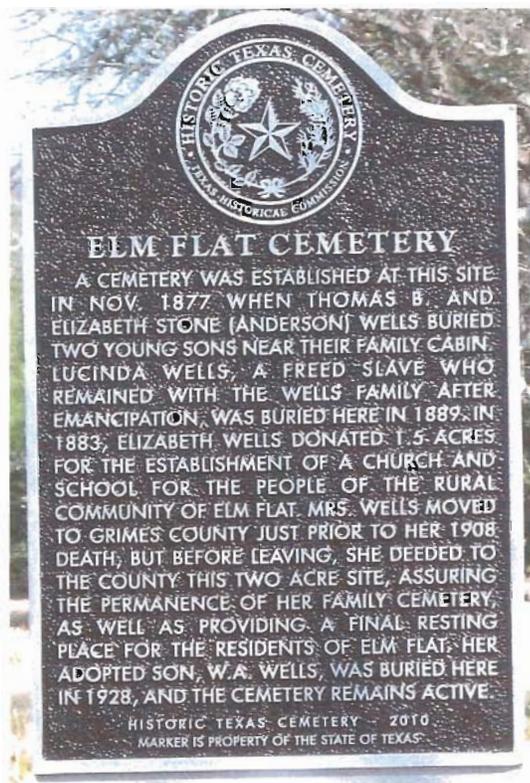
Primary access: Drive **X** Distance from nearest road: **0.3 miles to Power Plant Ct.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence around the cemetery.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent**

Maintained: **X**



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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Glenn Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **October 4, 2011**
Marker No: **13562** Designation: **Yes 2005**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C027** Granbury Gen. No. **14**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known:
West of Tolar on US 377, just cross the Erath County line, immediately turn south on first road. Glenn Cemetery Road [Hood County Road CR-224]. Cemetery is 0.7 miles south on the left side of the road.
City: **Bluff Dale**
Original Survey & Abstract No.: **J L McCocklin Abst 401**
Latitude N: **32° 21' 11"** [32.35323]
Longitude W: **97° 59' 28"** [97.99124]

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private:
Name of political entity, or organization, associated with cemetery: **Glenn Cemetery Association**
Address, City, ZIP: **901 Glenn Cemetery Road**
This cemetery is owned by Hood County.
Association meeting dates, if applicable: **N/A**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural Level

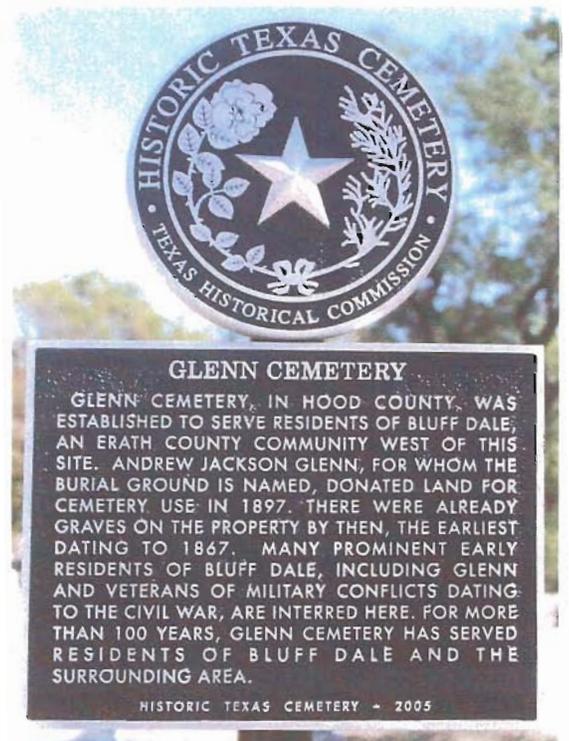
CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: Public access:
Publicly owned, with access controlled by Private Persons: **No**
Limitations to access: **None**
Primary access: Drive Distance from nearest road: **On Glenn Cemetery Road.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY: **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent** Maintained:



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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Granbury Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **August 2, 2011**
Marker No: **12838** Designation: **March 14, 2002**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C003** Granbury Gen. No. **33**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**

LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **Cemetery is located in Granbury on the corner of E. Moore street and the Weatherford Highway, FM-51, 0.6 miles north of the Granbury Square.**

City: **Granbury [within the city limits]**
Original Survey & Abstract No.: **Milam A-348**
Latitude N: **32° 27' 06"** Longitude W: **97° 47' 15"**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: **X** Private:
Name of individual, political entity, or organization, associated with cemetery: **Cemetery owned by the City of Granbury, Granbury Cemetery Board**
Address, City, ZIP:

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Suburban **X** Level **X**

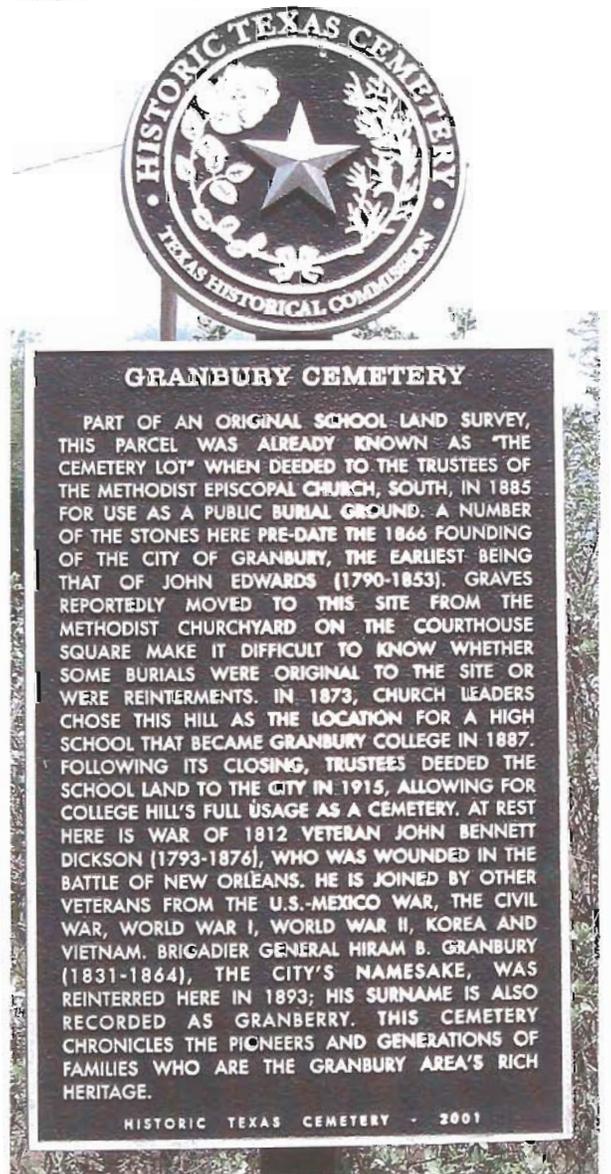
CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **X** Public access: **X**
Limitations to access: **None** Primary access: Walk **X**
Drive **X**
Distance from nearest road:
On Weatherford Highway, FM-51

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Wrought Iron**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent** Maintained: **X**
This is a very large cemetery.

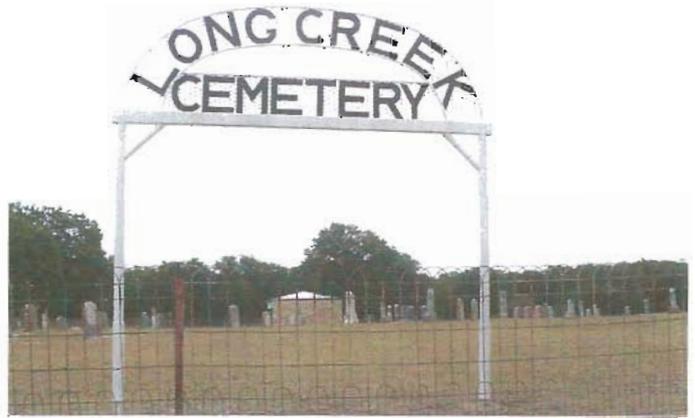


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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Long Creek Cemetery**
Also known as: **Temple Hall Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **October 12, 2011**
Marker No: **16394** Designation: **July 13, 2010**
THC Atlas No: **HD-C013**
Granbury Gen. No: **30**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



LOCATION

Cemetery address: **5410 Temple Hall Highway, FM-167.**
From the intersection of US 377 and FM-167, north on FM-167, 7.8 miles. From the intersection of FM-167 and FM-51, south on FM-167, 1.5 miles.
City: **Waples [Granbury vicinity]**
Original Survey Name and Abstract Number: **Ellis A167**
Latitude N: **32° 33' 03"** Longitude W: **97° 44' 20"**
Latitude N: **32.53095** Longitude W: **97.74147**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private:
Name of individual, or organization associated with cemetery:
Long Creek Cemetery Association, Hutchinson Doyle
Address, City, ZIP: **3321 Temple Hall Highway [FM-167], Granbury, TX 76049**
Association meeting dates, if applicable: **Unknown**

SURROUNDING LAND USE **Ranch and cedar scrub land.**

Rural: Level:

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes**
Limitations to access: **None** Primary access: Drive **Yes**
Distance from nearest road: **On FM-167**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

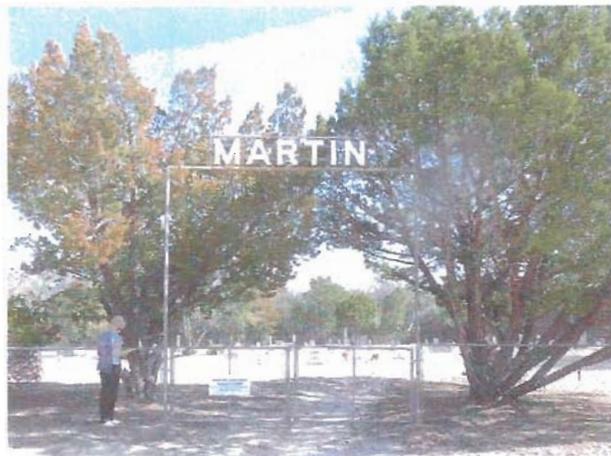
Marker Condition: **Excellent [New]** Maintained: **Yes**



HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Review of a Historic Texas Cemetery

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Martin Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **January 21, 2012**
Marker No: **12379** Designation: **February 1, 2000**
THC Atlas No.: **HD-C002** Granbury Gen. No.: **4**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **From junction of FM-4 & FM-2580 in Thorp Springs, 11.2 miles west on FM-4 to the gate of Diamond A Ranch on the South side of FM-4. 2.6 miles on ranch roads to the Martin Cemetery. From Lipan, east on FM-4 about 5 miles to the gate on the south side of FM-4 as noted above. See attach map sketch of the route through the ranch.**

City: **Lipan**

Survey Name & Abstract No.: **B. Sparks, A-531**

At ranch gate on FM-4 Latitude N: **32.49602**

Longitude W: **97.98454**

At center of cemetery Latitude N: **32.48956**

Longitude W: **97.98194**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private: **X** Name of individual, organization, or religious institution associated with cemetery:

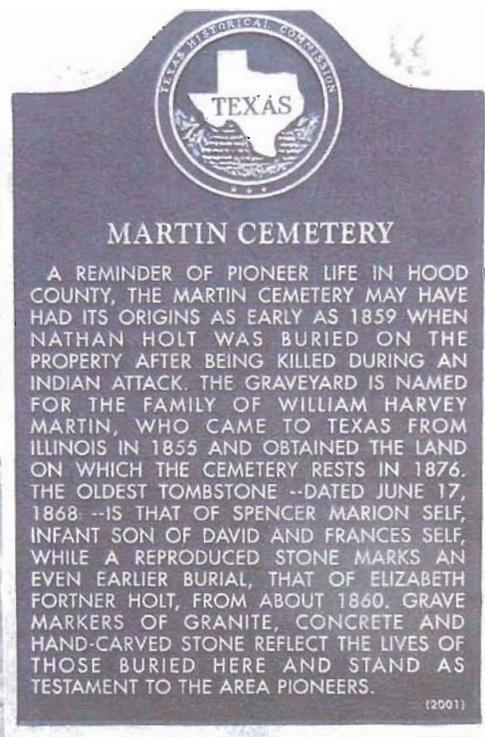
Martin Cemetery Association

Owner of Cemetery: **Montmella Langley Ruffner**

Address, City, ZIP: , **1520 E. 52nd St., Odessa, TX 79762**

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **The Martin**

Cemetery Association meets at the cemetery on the fourth Saturday in April.



SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural: **X** Level: **X** Other: **Surrounded by cedar break.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **No** Public access: **Yes**

Publicly owned, with access controlled by Private Persons: **Diamond A Ranch**

Limitations to access: **Access is through a gate on FM-4, while normally open and we were treated with the upmost cordiality by ranch personnel, this gate could be locked.**

Primary access: Drive: **X** Distance from nearest road: **2.6 miles on ranch roads to FM-4.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY
Chain link fence.

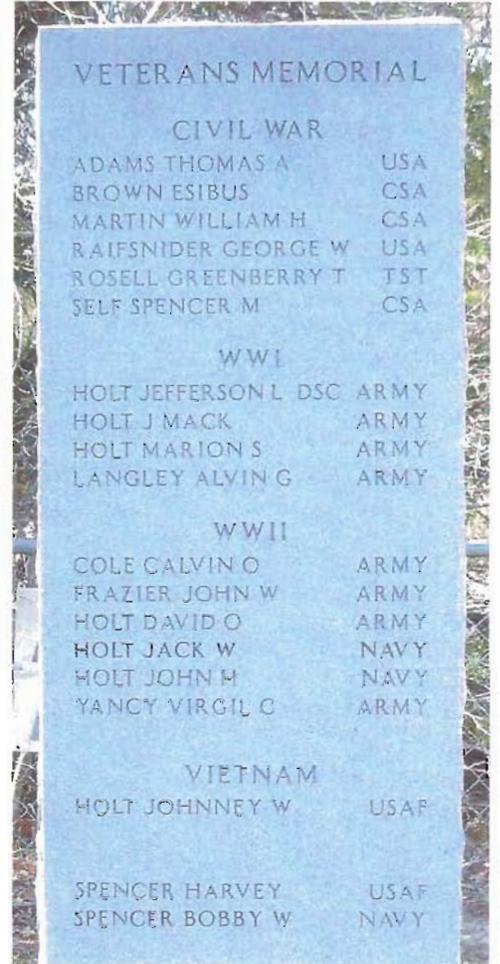
CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent** Maintained: **Yes** Comments: **Memorial naming veterans of Civil War, WW I, WW II and Vietnam.**



Above: **Ranch gate on FM-4.**

On Right: **Veterans Memorial in Martin Cemetery.**



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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **W. M. Miller Cemetery**
Also known as: **Miller Waples**
Date of Survey: **October 4, 2011**
Marker No: **15789** Designation: **June 25, 2008**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C014** Granbury Gen. No. **29**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **2359 Miller Ct.**
From the intersection of US-377 and Meander Road [CR-412]: This is the same corner as HEB and FM-4 Travel west on Meander about 3.5 miles to Miller Ct. [CR-412B], turn left [south]. The cemetery is 0.1 mile on the left.

City: **Waples [Granbury vicinity]**

Original Survey Name and Abstract No.: **F Smith – Abst 518**

Latitude N: **32° 29' 55"** Longitude W: **97° 44' 38"**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: **X** Private:

Name of individual, political entity, associated with cemetery:

This cemetery is owned by Hood County.

Address, City, ZIP: **1402 W. Pearl, Granbury, TX 76048**

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **N/A**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Suburban: **X** Level: **X**

Other: **Surrounding area is a mix of open fields and housing.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

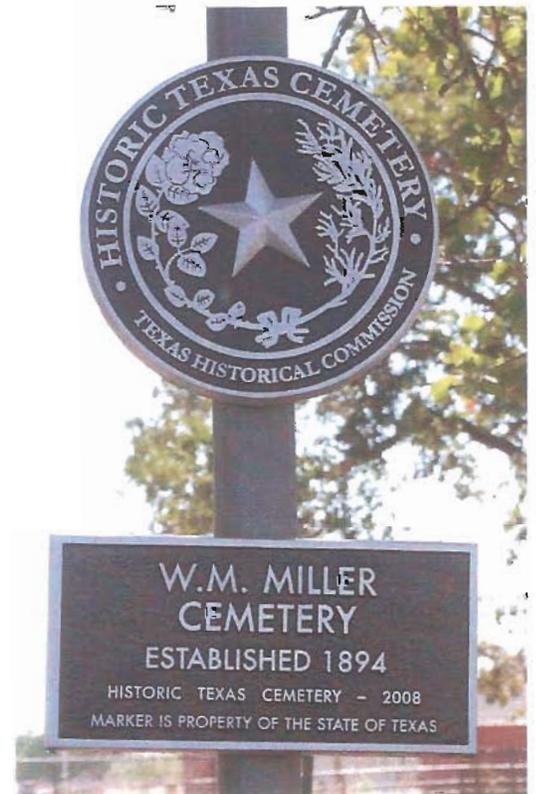
Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes**

Primary access: **Walk** Drive: **X** Distance from nearest road: **On Miller Ct.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent** Maintained: **Yes**



DEED RECORDS

June 25, 2008, Declaration/Designation, 2008-0010414, Book DE, Volume 2408, Page 453
October 2, 1975, Quit Claim Deed from estate of J. Nutt to Hood County, Book DR, Volume 240, Page 861. This deed defined the metes and bounds of Miller Cemetery. Reference to Wright to Nutt, Volume 119, Page 536. . [There is a sequence of additional deeds dealing with this and it as a part of a larger track.]

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Mitchell Bend Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **April 29, 2011**
Marker No: **3421** Designation: **June 21, 2011**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C037** Granbury Gen. No. **24**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
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LOCATION

Cemetery address: **11180 Mitchell Bend Cemetery Ct. From the SOUTH junction of FM-144 and FM-2425, [note that FM-2425 is a U shaped road, intersecting FM-144 twice.] Go East, on FM-2425 to Mitchell Bend Ct. [CR-313]. Right [south] 2.8 miles to Mitchell Bend Cemetery Ct. It is about 0.1 mile to the cemetery.**

City: **Granbury vicinity**

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number:

A852; Galveston County School Lands

Latitude N: **32° 19' 04"** Longitude W: **97° 4' 39"**

Latitude N: **32.31773** Longitude W: **97.69420**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

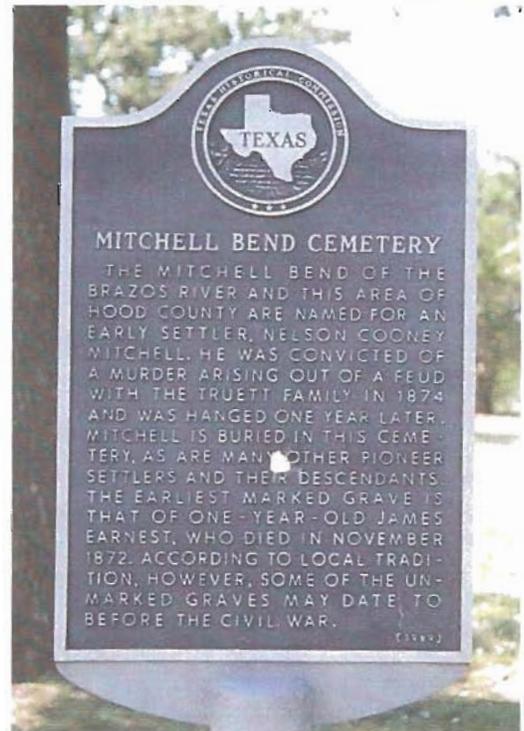
Public: Name of individual, political entity, or organization, associated with cemetery:

Mitchell Bend Cemetery Association, Kenneth Umphress,

Address, City, ZIP: **2611 Boyd Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**

[This cemetery is owned by Hood County.]

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **UK**



SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural Level Other **Surrounded by ranch land.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes**

Limitations to access: **None**

Primary access: **Drive X** Distance from nearest road: **0.1 mile off CR 313**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Damaged by one bullet hole. No plan to replace.** Maintained:

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Nubbin Ridge Cemetery**
Also known as: **Cedar Grove**
Date of Survey: **June 24 2011**
Marker No: **12956** Designation: **January 7, 2003**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C005** Granbury Gen. No. **23**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgefield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**

LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: Nubbin Ridge Court
From the SOUTH junction of FM-144 and FM-2425, [note That FM-2425 is a U shaped road, intersecting FM-144 twice.] Go East, on FM-2425 0.4 miles to Nubbin Ridge Ct., [CR-320]. South of Nubbin Ridge Ct. to the cemetery at the end of the road.

City: **Granbury vicinity**

Original Survey & Abstract No.:

Galveston County School Lands A-852

At Cemetery Latitude N: **32°** Longitude W: **97°**

At **FM-2425 & CR-320** Latitude N: **32° 20' 10"**

Longitude W: **97° 44' 46"**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Private: **X**

Name of individual, organization, associated with cemetery:

Nubbin Ridge Cemetery Association

Address, City, ZIP: **P.O. B 1, Rainbow, TX 76077**

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **Unknown**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural **X** Level **X** Other **Surrounding area is scrub cedar.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **X** Public access: **X**

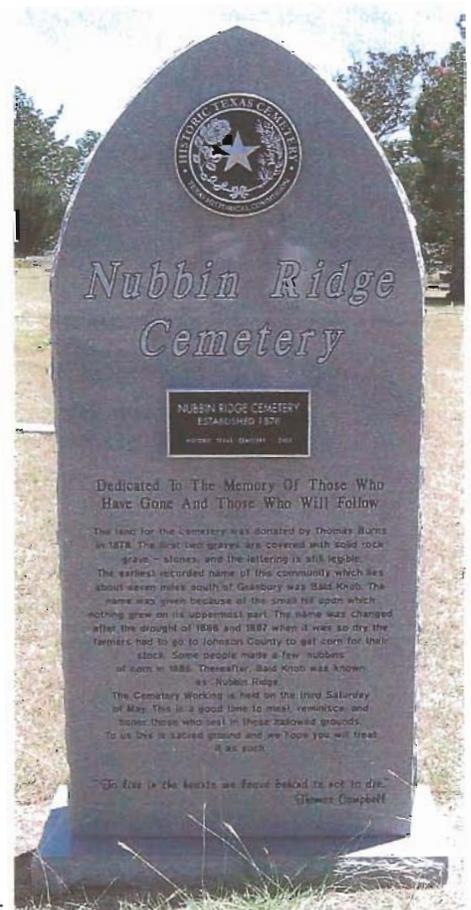
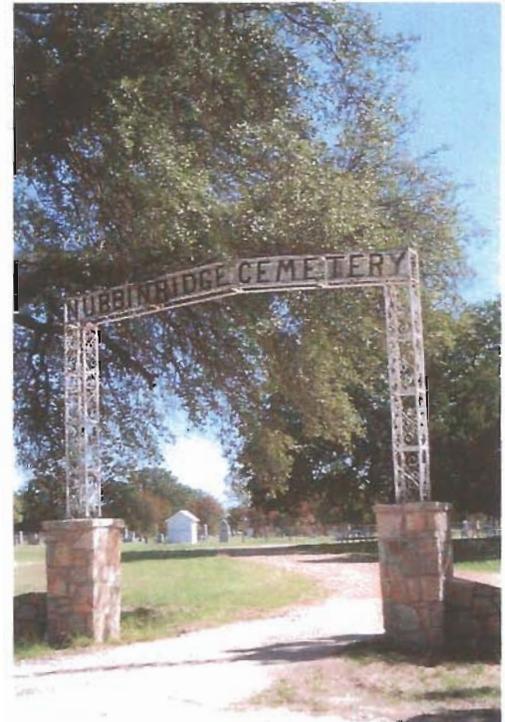
Publicly owned, with access controlled by Private Persons:

Limitations to access: **None** Primary access: Drive **X**

Distance from nearest road: **On Nubbin Ridge Ct., CR-320**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY

Chain link around the cemetery. The larger church site is not fenced.



CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent** Maintained: **X**

DEED RECORDS

1. **Jan. 3, 2003 Declaration/Designation [As a HTC] 2001-0000076**

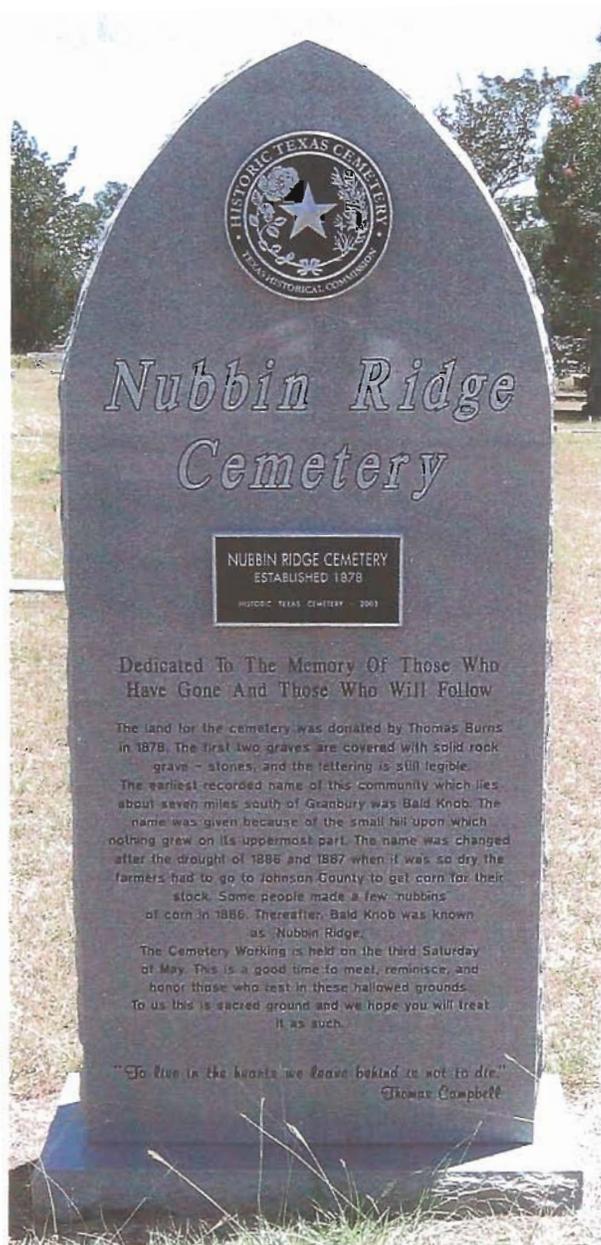
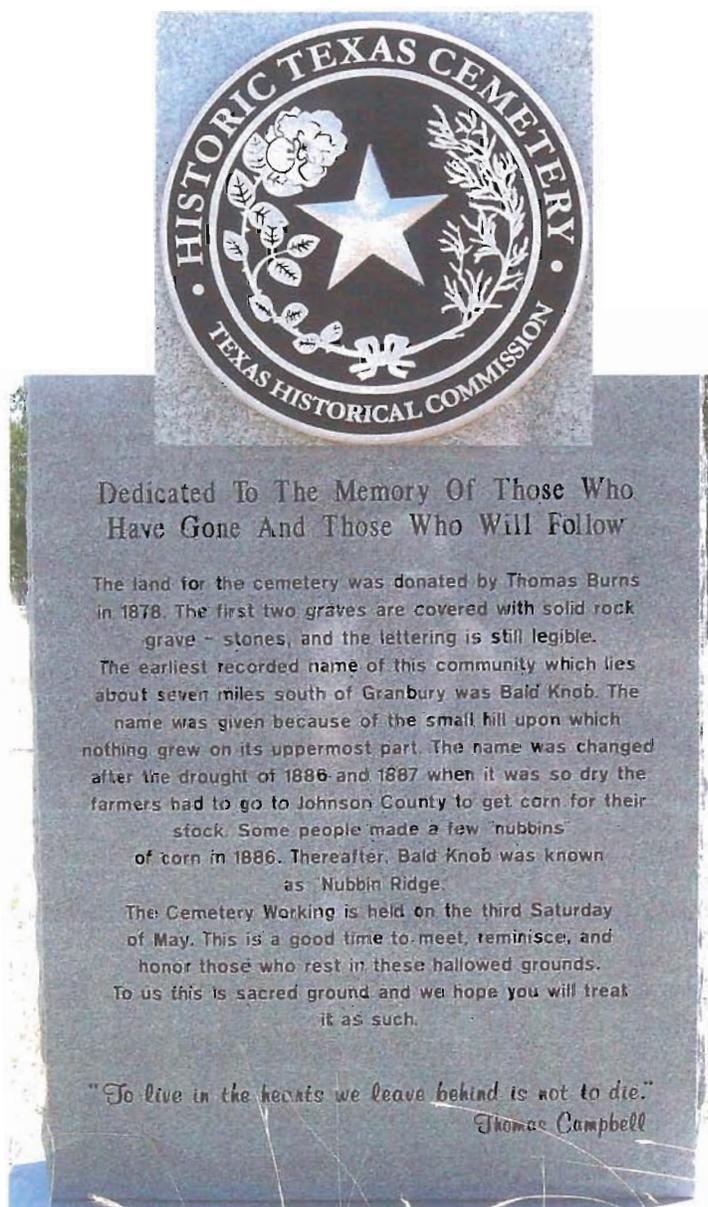
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2. **August 7, 2008 Quicksilver [Gas Lease 3 years] 2008-0012897**

Book: LE Volume: 2418 Page: 973

3. **May 9, 1978 Deed to Nubbin Ridge Cemetery Association [Deed land to association:
"To erect a monument to the memory of Erastus Umphress." 1978-0002762**

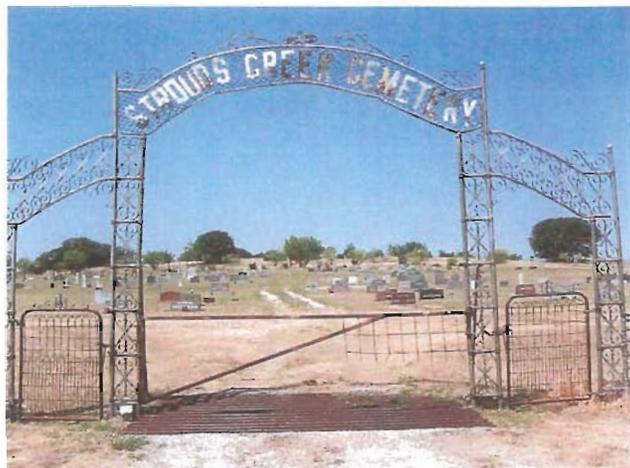
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HOOD COUNTY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Review of a Historic Texas Cemetery

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Stroud Creek Cemetery**
Also known as: **McIlroy Cemetery**
Date of Survey: **August 20, 2011**
Marker No: **16793** Designation: **August 14, 2010**
THC Atlas No. **HD-C023** Granbury Gen. No. **6**
Original Survey & Abstract No.: **Peters A-137**
Person completing this form: **Victor A. Smith**
Address: **5111 Wedgfield Rd., Granbury, TX 76049**
Phone: **817-573-9132** Email: **smithvs@charter.net**



[Future marker photograph.]

LOCATION

Cemetery address: **2800 Stroud Creek Ct.**
From Tolar, north on FM-56, 2 miles to Stroud Creek Ct.,
[CR-100]. Right onto Stroud Creek Ct., travel about 0.5
mile to the end of the road.

City: **Tolar**

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number:

Latitude N: **32° 25' 36"** Longitude W: **97° 55' 56"**

Latitude N: **32.42677** Longitude W: **97.93242**

The marker will be set before the dedication and a picture will be taken at that time.

The marker will be dedicated on 8 April 2012.

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public: Private: **X**

Name of individual, or organization associated with cemetery:

Stroud Creek Cemetery Association

Address, City, ZIP: **Brad Fry, PO Box 555, Tolar, TX 76476**

Association meeting dates, if applicable: **May of each year.**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural: **X** Sloped: **X** **Surrounded by ranch pastures.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes**

Publicly owned, with access controlled by Private Persons:

Limitations to access: **None to date.**

There is a gate across County Road 100, which has to date has been open.

Primary access: Walk: Drive: **Yes**

Distance from nearest road: **CR-100 ends at the cemetery.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Marker received. To be dedicated in April.** Maintained: **Yes**

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary name: **Thorp Spring Cemetery**

Date of Survey: **August 20, 2011**

Marker No: **14214**

THC Atlas No. **HD-C004**

Granbury Gen. No. **35**

Person completing this form:

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LOCATION

Cemetery address, if known: **2803 Clay Road.**

**From the intersection of FM-4 and
Clay Road, south on Clay Road, 0.7 miles. The
cemetery is on the left at the end of Clay Road.**

City: **Thorp Spring [Granbury vicinity]**

Original Survey & Abstract No.: **Oldham A-431**

Latitude N: **32°.27953** Longitude W: **97°.49627**

TRUSTEESHIP OR CEMETERY

ASSOCIATION

Public: Private: **X**

Name of individual, or association with cemetery:

**Thorp Spring Cemetery Association,
Mrs. Gibson**

Address, City, ZIP: **1221 Benbrook Ter,
Benbrook, TX 76126**

Association meeting dates: **Unknown**

SURROUNDING LAND USE

Rural: **X** Level: **X** **Surrounded by woods and scrub cedar.**

CEMETERY ACCESS

Direct access to public road: **Yes** Public access: **Yes** Limitations to access: **None**

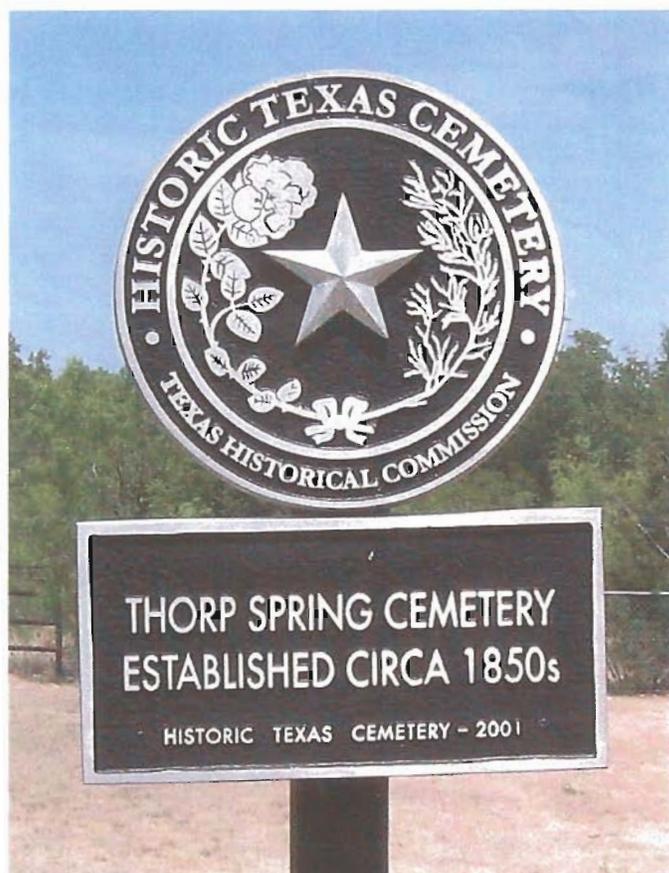
Primary access: Drive: **X** Distance from nearest road: **On Clay Road, 0.7 miles from FM-4.**

PERIMETER FENCE IF ANY **Chain link fence.**

CEMETERY AND MARKER CONDITION

Marker Condition: **Excellent**

Maintained: **Yes**





Refinishing Texas Historical Markers

When details on historical markers fade or are damaged, it's cleanup time! With a few supplies and a bit of effort, you can renew your local markers.

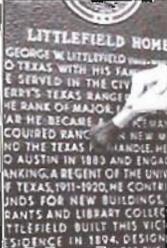
In our example, the finish on the Littlefield Home historical marker located on the University of Texas at Austin campus has been damaged by the hot Texas sun and a harsh climate, making it difficult to read.

Start by gathering the materials. Please use a painter's mask to prevent inhalation of fine particles.

Here are the tools and materials you need to clean or repair the surface of a marker:

- stiff wire brush
- soft bristle scrub brush
- spray bottle or bucket of water
- soap
- towel
- can of black lacquer spray paint
- can of clear lacquer spray paint
- cotton rags
- lacquer thinner
- 80 grit and 120 grit sandpaper
- power sander or hand sanding block
- roll of two-inch painter's masking tape

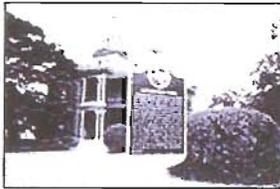
	<p>Step 1:</p> <p>Use a stiff wire brush to remove flaking or other debris; always use a side-to-side or left-to-right motion while cleaning the surface.</p>
	<p>Step 2:</p> <p>Use a soft bristle brush to remove dust and other debris around letters. If available, use a portable air blower to remove fine particles.</p>

<p>Step 3:</p> <p>Thoroughly clean the marker surface with soap and water. Towel dry and allow time for the marker surface to dry completely.</p>	
	<p>Step 4:</p> <p>Apply two inch painter's masking tape to the border and base of the marker.</p>
	<p>Step 5:</p> <p>Apply two even coats of an automotive black lacquer (spray) to the entire surface of the marker. Allow the black lacquer to dry completely. Use a painter's mask to avoid inhalation of spray paint.</p>
<p>Step 6:</p> <p>Remove dried black lacquer from the medallion and title letters with a soft cotton cloth and lacquer thinner. Use care not to remove the black lacquer on the flat surface portions of the medallion and area surrounding title letters. Allow marker to dry completely.</p>	
<p>Step 7:</p> <p>After removing masking tape from the marker border and base, use a battery-powered or electric sander and 80 grit sandpaper or a hand sanding block to remove black lacquer from raised text. Use care not to remove black lacquer from flat surface areas. Lightly use the sander to clean marker border and base. Use 120 grit sandpaper to manually polish border and raised medallion.</p>	
	<p>Step 8:</p> <p>Remove fine debris with paint or bristle scrub brush. If available, use an electric or battery-powered air blower to remove fine debris.</p>



Step 9:
Apply two even coats of clear lacquer spray paint to the entire surface of the historical marker.

Step 10:
Step back and admire your work; you now have a historical marker that has been renewed to its original splendor.



For more information about marker repair, contact the THC's [history programs division](#).