

Clements' Corner

Strangers' Rest, Row 1, No. 7: Julian Irving Butts

Submitted by Miss Edith Buescher, of Houston, granddaughter of Julian Irving Butts. He was buried in one of the "lost" Strangers' Rest graves that was located on our 23 October 1993 workday.

Julian Irving Butts was of English ancestry, but few details of his immigrant ancestors are known. His parents were Abraham Butts, born in Washington Co., New York on 30 May 1800, and Jemima Sweezy, born in Williamson, Ontario Co., New York on 14 July 1805. They were married in Wayne Co., New York on 29 November 1825, and shortly thereafter moved to Michigan, settling in Saginaw.

At the time of their arrival in Saginaw, there were only three white families settled there. Indians possessed nearly the whole state and for several years, it was necessary for the few white settlers to live in a fort for mutual protection from the Indians.

Julian Irving Butts, born 12 May 1847, was one of seven children born to Abraham and Jemima Butts, all of whom were born in Saginaw. Jemima died there in April 1891 and was survived by Julian, his brother Charles, and three of their five sisters. Jemima's newspaper obituary stated that all five survivors lived in Saginaw, however, Julian was almost certainly living in Houston at that time.

Julian married Flora Replogle, a native of the Toledo, Ohio area, on 22 April 1875. Their first two children were born in Toledo: Ethel on 31 October 1876, and Edna on 28 August 1879. His brother Charles lured the family to Logansport, Louisiana ("the land of milk and honey") where the next two children were born: Leonard J. on 3 October 1880 and Eva on 29 August 1882.

But the land of milk and honey turned out to be the land of swamps and mosquitoes. Seeking relief from those terrible conditions, they moved to Houston, settling at 1502 Ennis Street, one block off Leeland., where their last two children were born: Texas Irving on 17 September 1886 (named because they were so happy to be in Texas) and Gertrude (my mother) on 28 August 1889.

That's not a misprint -- three of the six children were born on either 28 or 29 August. They might have had quite the birthday parties, but sadly, Julian died on 2 September 1892, just after my mother's third birthday. Although the family lived in Houston, Julian was an engineer on a tugboat at the Port of Galveston and lived mostly in Galveston

on account of his asthma, which contributed to his rather early death. His widow raised all six children to maturity as well as two grandsons. At the time of her death on 25 December 1941, she was 84 years of age.

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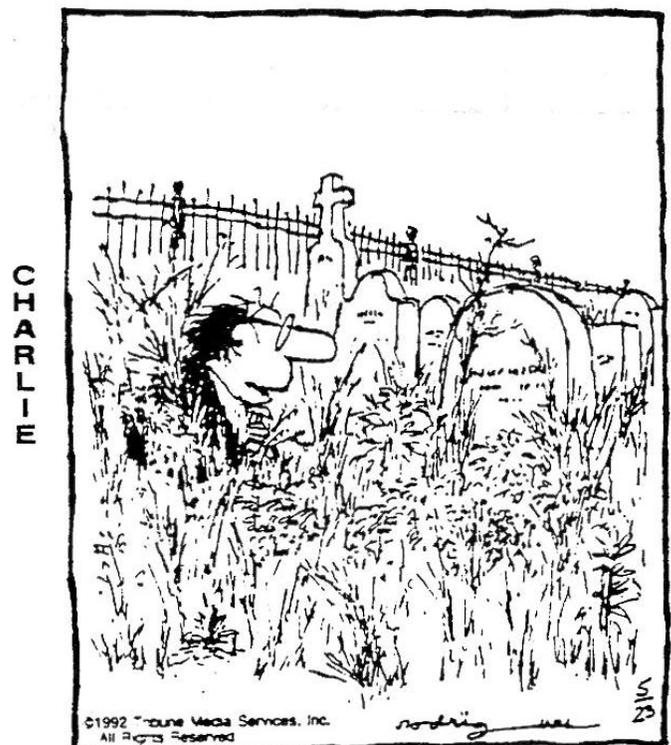
Your family history can appear here in May. Please send such histories to our **Historian, Gov Clements**.

Help Wanted

After much squinting and head scratching, **Ruth Daulley** has deciphered over 400 burial records and entered them into our computer, starting with the earliest (pre-1900) Strangers' Rest burials. She would love to have some help with this project. You don't have to know anything about computers, or even how to type. Just read the old records (we'll supply you with xerox copies), and copy them clearly and neatly in modern handwriting so she can type them in faster. We also need other people to proofread the typed records and compare them with the original handwritten records. Please call Ruth if you can help with any part of this monumental undertaking.

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This cartoon was spotted by member **John Cousins**. Twenty years ago, this was Washington Cemetery, but no more, thanks to the great support from all of you. Let's make sure it never looks like this again!

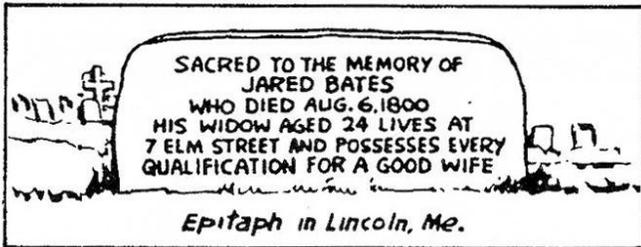


"...Next time I come visit you, Pop, I'll bring a weed whacker. I promise."

Greetings from the IRS!

(No, that's what we want to help you to avoid!) A new IRS rule, effective in 1994, says if you give us \$250 or more in any tax year and if you itemize on Schedule A, we must write you a letter acknowledging receipt. We normally save the expense of acknowledgments, and do not have an easy way to add up all your contributions for the calendar year, since our fiscal year ends 30 September. If you think this requirement may apply to you, or if you would just like an acknowledgment of your gift, please be sure to check the acknowledgment box on the return form at the bottom of this page.

Also, please note that CCWCC is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(13), not 501(c)(3). Companies and foundations supporting the restoration and preservation of Washington Cemetery should make their donations to **WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST**, which does have 501(c)(3) status. Donations to WCHT are used for gravesite restoration (including Strangers' Rest), road repair, security, and the newsletter, all of which used to be done by CCWCC but are now done by WCHT.



*Hear me, friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so you must be,
Prepare yourself to follow me.*

*To follow you, I'm not content,
Until I know which way you went!*

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1993 Burials in Washington Cemetery

The following persons were laid to rest in Washington Cemetery in 1993.

	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>
Marie Rose Remmel	C-003	23 Jan. 1993
Herbert Louis Meiselbach	C-138	26 Mar. 1993
Blanche Upchurch	H-6½ E½	3 May 1993
Esther Silverstein	P-8¾ W½	11 June 1993
Clara Meiselbach	C-138	22 July 1993
Howard Paul Jahnke	H-042 E½	20 Sep. 1993

Upcoming Events

The **regular meeting** of the membership will be **Sunday, April 10** (a week after Easter), at 2:30 p.m., at our usual meeting place, Central Congregational Church, 3410 Austin (at Holman).

There will be three **spring workdays** at Washington Cemetery this year on **Saturdays, February 26, March 26, and April 23**. Hours are roughly 9-4. Those of you in Michigan may think February a mite early for "spring," however, the goal is to "make hay while the sun *doesn't* beat down mercilessly," which it can do here even in April. We will be continuing our search for Strangers' Rest markers (see page 1), pruning shrubs, and cleaning and straightening headstones. Please call **Leona Zaboroski** for further information. Put these dates on your calendar now! We look forward to seeing you there.

CORRECTION: Our newsletter of a year ago was incorrectly marked Vol. 18, No. 1 (Winter 1993). It should have been Vol. 17, No. 1 (February 1993). You are now reading the "real" Vol. 18, No. 1 (February 1994).

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Treasurer's Report

As of 1 February 1994, we have almost \$36,200 in the bank for Project PATHH, including the previously promised grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc. (That's an increase of about \$2000 in the last three months.) We also have almost \$3,300 available for the Strangers' Rest marking project, which is an encouraging start on what will probably be a several-year project. The CCWCC Perpetual Care Fund stands at \$354,575, up \$1,117 since 30 September 1993. Total value of CCWCC is \$371,232; total value of WCHT is \$38,815.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the 117 individuals, corporations, and foundations who have contributed to either CCWCC or WCHT since 1 October. The 108 members who have already made their 1994 maintenance donations have contributed \$4,327 for routine expenses. However, this amount will only keep the grass cut until about the first of May. The cost of mowing and security is about \$2100 per month in the summer months (May-September), which means that we need to hear from about 50 more members each month to avoid having to use most of the meager interest on our perpetual care fund for current expenses.

To make room for more news and history in the newsletter, our detailed annual financial statements will be printed in the first newsletter after the end of the fiscal year on 30 September. Interim reports of the highlights will be provided as above. As always (and as required by law), our financial records are available for inspection by appointment.

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