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Historic Fountain Relocated



In late April, Glenwood moved the Washington Cemetery fountain from its half-buried and now-remote location near the original entrance road to its new location at the north end of the road

between Sections B and C. Glenwood plans to establish an additional entrance into Washington Cemetery at this site next year.

It's clear that the fountain needs some restoration, but it's not as clear what it should look like after the restoration is complete. We have just one historic photo from the 1920s, and there was no moving water in it then. If you have photos, memories, or ideas that will help us to determine how best to "make a splash" at the new cemetery entrance, please send them to Volunteers@WashingtonCemetery.org.

Strangers Rest Marking Project

We are pleased to report that thirteen new Strangers Rest markers have recently been ordered from Robbins Monuments, honoring Fred W. **Busch**, Hannah "Annie" (Brown) **Comes**, Joseph Samuel **Comes**, Stanley Thomas **Dvorak**, Louise Katharine (Seipp) **Hillman**, Mary Sue **Luckie**, Augusta Mae "Tincy" (Rhames) **McConnell**, Georgia Augusta (Powell) **Rhames**, Thomas Church **Rhames**, Allie Jackson **Richardson**, Mary (Hermanutz) **Riess**, Irene **Robertson**, and Elizabeth (Cooper) **Hawkins Wallace**. We expect them to be installed in September. Additional Strangers Rest markers will be ordered as soon as we receive requests for at least ten. Please contact WCHT Vice President Cathy Fitch at StrangersRest@WashingtonCemetery.org for details.

Washington Cemetery Website Upgrades

Several enhancements have been made to the WashingtonCemetery.org website since the last newsletter. All CCWCC and WCHT newsletters, from the beginning of Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, Inc. in 1977 - a total of 93 issues in 42 years - are now available on our website under the WCHT tab. They are fully indexed; just type the words of interest into the search box above the list of issues. The Newsletters page also includes a complete list of "Clements' Corner" articles since 1991.

Links to photos of all three Official Texas Historical Markers in Washington Cemetery as well as their supporting narrative histories can now be found on the Notable Interred page for San Jacinto Veterans Ellis Benson and William Gammell and under the History tab for the Historic Texas Cemetery marker.

Death Certificate Collection Project

Committee chair Robert Zaboroski reports steady progress in our quest to collect digital images of Texas death certificates for persons buried in Washington Cemetery. Since our last update in December, we have added almost 1500 certificates. Of the 7650+ burials in the cemetery, about 5000 fall in the 1910-1982 period where certificates are readily available on-line. To date, we have collected 60% of these.

Our initial focus was on Strangers Rest burials, where certificates have now been collected for 94% of the approximately 1300 burials in the referenced time period. Our efforts in recent months have shifted to the family lots, where there are about 3700 burials in the 1910-1982 period. We have completed our initial searches for three of the nine sections in this category and continue to make progress. Our thanks go out once again to our volunteers and trustees who have participated in this project.

Clements' Corner

The following articles are in the format of the new history book being compiled.

PLOT F-004 S½

MRS. MARY R. QUINN

Prepared by WCHT with assistance from Matt Cross of Houston, TX, great-great-grandson of Margaret Mary (Quinn) McHale, sister of Michael and Patrick Quinn, largely based on the Quinn Family History book compiled in 1995 by M. J. Hogan, Kathleen Schenewerk Quinn, and Mary Ann Quinn Moore, and kindly shared with us by Mary Ann Quinn Moore's daughter, Maureen Moore Scheevel.

Michael QUINN (ca. Nov. 1844 – 13 Oct. 1899)

Michael, oldest of the seven known children of Michael QUINN and Mary (CASEY) QUINN, was born in Newcastle West, County Limerick, Ireland, and baptized there on 13 December 1844. He arrived in the U.S. about 1872, and married Mary Ann RUTLEDGE (owner of this lot) in Osage Mission (now St. Paul), Kansas, on 28 October 1873. They soon moved to north Texas, where they had 12 children between 1874 and 1897, six of whom lived to adulthood:

John Michael Archibald "Jack" (20 July 1876 – 8 Oct. 1953)
married Bertha Amelia "Betty" BOHLAE (see Plots C-114 and B-141)

Edward Patrick "Ed" (24 Jan. 1878 – 8 Jan. 1933), unmarried

Peter Francis "Frank" (26 Aug. 1879 – 9 Apr. 1930),
married Rose Alice McDONALD

James Robert "Jim" (22 Feb. 1884 – 9 Dec. 1929),
married (1) Ruth, (2) Ora, (3) Enid SKORTSKY

Mary Annunciation "Mayme" (25 Mar. 1888 – Mar. 1978),
joined the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur as Sr. Agnes Clare

Ellen Bernardette "Nell" (28 Mar. 1897 – 22 June 1974),
married Thompson James HENRY

Between 1874 and 1882, Michael was able to bring his brother and four surviving sisters to America, one at a time. His work for the railroad led to several moves within Texas, including Denison, Sherman, Mexia, Manor, and Taylor, and brought him and his family to Houston about 1898. In 1899, the family lived at 1913 Decatur in the Sixth Ward. Michael and all four of his sons worked for various railroads in various capacities.

Patrick J. QUINN (ca. July 1857– 25 Dec. 1901)

Patrick, baptized in Newcastle West on 6 September 1857, was the fifth child of Michael and Mary Quinn. He never married. He arrived in Galveston in December 1879, and joined Michael in Denison. By 1900 he was working as a carpenter and living with his youngest sister, Maggie, and her husband John McHALE in Galveston. After the 1900 Storm, the McHales moved to Houston and Patrick moved with them.

James Francis RUTLEDGE (11 Nov. 1863 – 6 Mar. 1902)

James was the youngest of the five children of John RUTLEDGE and Catherine (HYLAND) RUTLEDGE, all of whom were born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, which is on the Avon River and hosts an annual Shakespeare Festival. The family moved to the southeast corner of Kansas about 1869. By 1879 Francis had moved to Denison, Texas, near his oldest

sister, Mary Ann (Rutledge) Quinn. Later, he joined his sister Margaret (RUTLEDGE) CARTWRIGHT and his aged mother in Haskell and Knox counties, Texas, where he raised cattle. A few months before his death, he moved to Houston to be with his recently widowed sister, Mary Quinn. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Charles Tarlin BROWN (unknown – 14 Sep. 1904)

The widowed Mary Quinn married C. T. Brown, a carpenter from Illinois, on 31 Jul 1903 in Houston. The family story relates that he was ill at the time, for they were married at his bedside. He died less than 14 months later, attended by Dr. E. J. Hamilton (who founded the Hamilton Shirts company in 1883).

Ed. note: The cemetery lot was still in her name, "Mrs. M. R. Quinn," when she arranged for her second husband's burial, thus Charles Brown was entered into the cemetery records as "Mike Quinn." The Galveston Daily News identified him as "P. T. Brown, whose home was in Batson." We never would have made the connection without the detailed Quinn Family History.

Mary (Rutledge) Quinn Brown (3 June 1856 – 18 Dec. 1938) is not buried here. She moved to Ojo Caliente, New Mexico about 1926 to be with her daughter Nell Henry and son Edward Quinn and is buried there. Information from their New Mexico death certificates was essential in preparing this article.

Emailed Newsletters ... A Plea

In past newsletters, we have urged those of you who have email access to elect to receive your newsletters in that manner. The hard copy and electronic publications are identical, except that the pictures in the PDF you will receive are in color. All WCHT newsletters are now readily available online and can be easily downloaded or printed.

We thank everyone who is now receiving our newsletters by email. Over the last two years, the number of emailed newsletters has risen from less than 8% to just over 21% of the total, but that leaves a lot that are still being mailed. Naturally, costs of printing and mailing are escalating, resulting in increased expenses to WCHT, not to mention the numerous hours our much-appreciated volunteers spend to physically prepare the mailings.

We are hoping that all readers who have email capabilities will subscribe online. If we cannot substantially increase the number of online subscribers, we may be faced with the possibility of eliminating some names from our mailing list, starting with those we have not heard from in a long time. That's not a step we want to take, but it may become a necessity in the near future.

Please consider subscribing online (see instructions at the bottom of page 3). We thank you for your consideration and hope we can provide you news of Washington Cemetery in this cost-efficient way.

Financial Report

For the nine months ending June 30, 2018, income of \$8,002 exceeded our expenses of \$2,125 by \$5,877. Operations Income includes both annual operating donations and memorial donations. Monument Restoration income includes \$1,725 received for the Strangers Rest Project. Administration expenses are

primarily related to the cost of operating our website and related internet expenses.

It is with great gratitude that we acknowledge over \$2325 in donations in memory of long-time WCHT President Gus Mistrot. To these donors, and to all of our faithful supporters, we say Thank You for your help. It is very much appreciated.

INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

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Net Assets - October 1, 2017	\$ 177,507		
INCOME: Operations/Administration	\$ 4,470	EXPENSES: Monument Restoration	\$ 0
Historical Projects	25	Historical Projects	512
Monument Restoration	<u>2,045</u>	Newsletter & Postage	1,244
Total Donations	\$ 6,540	Administration	<u>369</u>
Other Income			
Net Investment Income	<u>1,462</u>		
Total Income	\$ 8,002	Total Expenses	\$2,125
		Net Assets -- June 30, 2018	<u>\$183,384</u>
ASSETS: Cash	\$ 13,384	EQUITY: Unrestricted Net Assets	\$167,362
Securities (CDs)	170,000	Temp. Restricted Net Assets	<u>16,022</u>
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WCHT is a 501(c)(3) organization and all Trustees are volunteers. There are several ways to support Washington Cemetery. (1) Direct donations may be mailed with the donation form below or made through PayPal or with your credit card via our secure website, <https://www.washingtoncemetery.org>. (2) WCHT also receives a percentage of purchases made by our supporters who shop at Randalls (link your Remarkable Card to WCHT #2810) or Amazon (enroll at AmazonSmile and select Washington Cemetery Historic Trust as your charitable organization; then always shop at <https://smile.amazon.com> instead of amazon.com). (3) We urge everyone to help reduce our operating expenses by receiving your newsletter by email. Subscribe to the email newsletter by going to our website and clicking on the green box **Subscribe to our Newsletter** under the Quick Links on the right hand side of the home page. The emailed newsletter is free, but we ask for a minimum \$5 annual donation if you wish to continue receiving a hard copy newsletter through the mail. For further information, please contact Treasurer Lloyd Shenberger at Treasurer@WashingtonCemetery.org.

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Executive Director's Report

I am pleased to report that the automated irrigation system in Washington Cemetery has been completed and is fully operational. Water is being provided from our lake in Glenwood Cemetery, which is supplied by Buffalo Bayou on an unlimited basis. We are fortunate to be in this position.

Work is currently underway behind the Postal Maintenance Facility and Hughes Manor to establish our new maintenance facility. In connection with this project, we have moved the Washington Cemetery fountain to its new location where a new road from the front entry of Glenwood will intersect with the middle north/south road in Washington Cemetery. It will serve as a new operational feature. The base of the unit weighed 13,000 pounds and required a 50-ton crane to make the relocation. While the base of the unit is intact, one problem is that no one seems to know how the top part looked in its original location so some creative efforts will need to be made to make it functional again and make it look like it was meant to be. We are working on this aspect of it. Complete installation is expected in about six months.

Since 1999, we have planted a significant number of trees, particularly along the western boundary, to screen out the apartments adjoining Washington Cemetery. This was very successful; however, it created the need for tree trimming on a large scale basis. I am pleased to report that we have recently completed this effort. Washington Cemetery is looking great and I encourage you to visit.

Richard A. Ambrus, Executive Director
Washington and Glenwood Cemeteries

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Phase 12C Monument Repairs Completed

During the 2016 monument cleaning project, over a hundred headstones were straightened up as well as being cleaned. The list below is only part of the work done; it will be continued in future newsletters.

Section F: William D. **Curry** (1918-2005), Barnisa (Harrell) **Jones** (1864-1901), Elmira (Cake) **Smith** (1839-1915), Emma (Williford) **Rich** (1872-1952), John **Weis** (1846-1908), John Francis **Socia** (1861-1900) & Catherine (Wilson) **Socia Wilson** (1868-1950), Ferdinand C. **Rhoades*** (1833-1902) & Alex C. **Rhoades*** (1866-1897), Rosie (Money) **Schwab** (1875-1921), William F. **Letz** (1854-1920) & Auguste (Foehr) **Letz** (1864-1954), John **Thomas** (1859-1920), John Louis **Roth** (1884-1919), James F. **Maxey** (1866-1939) & Lena (Kyburz) **Maxey** (1879-1959), Tony Stakes **Camero** (1928-1946), Anselmo **Zuñiga** (1913-1945).

*These are the correct years of death (headstone is incorrect).