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Historic Fountain Restoration

Progress is being made, though it may not be visible yet. The WCHT Trustees recently met with Glenwood and SWA Group to review various options for enhancing the historic fountain pool. SWA Group recommended a cast iron fountain as being much more durable than concrete, and the Trustees decided on a three-tier cast iron fountain similar to the one at the Glenwood entrance. The cost of the new fountain is \$11,200, including shipping. The installation costs are still being determined. It will be the last item done, after all other construction near it is completed. We hope that it can be operational by the middle of next year. The fountain will provide a lovely link to the past at this beautiful and dramatic new entrance to Washington Cemetery.

Glenwood Capital Campaign

An exciting new project is in the works which will allow Glenwood to better care for both Washington Cemetery and Glenwood Cemetery. The new Center for Glenwood will be a multi-use welcome and administrative facility, situated prominently at the entrance of the cemetery, which will not only serve necessary utilitarian functions but fulfill broader purposes over time. It is expected to open in 2022.

Two of the primary goals in constructing a new welcome center are to better serve families and further engage and serve community members and visitors. An ample public gathering space will provide families a place to gather before or after funerals, something that is currently not available. It will also allow for expanded program offerings, benefiting a broader constituency of visitors and community members. This expansion could include educational seminars and sponsored symposiums,

covering topics ranging from the history of Houston to historic preservation and conservation.

The Center will also feature an expansive archive room for historians, researchers, genealogists, and visitors to access and study Washington and Glenwood archives. Much needed expanded and improved parking will also be added, along with a connecting road from the front entrance of Glenwood into Washington Cemetery.

If you are interested in learning more about this important endeavor or participating in its success, please reach out to Richard Ambrus, Executive Director, at richardambrus@glenwoodcemetery.org.

Trustee Elizabeth Larimore Steps Down

Calista Elizabeth Larimore has been associated with Washington Cemetery for most of her life, first growing up hearing the stories of her great-grandfather, Capt. William Fleig, CSA, then as a Director of Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care, 1987-1990, and later as a WCHT Trustee since 2002. We appreciate her many years of service to the cemetery and wish her well in her many other endeavors. Thank you, Elizabeth!

Glenwood Proxies to be Mailed in April

Each Washington Cemetery lot owner is entitled to one vote for the Glenwood Board at the annual meeting in May. If no one in your family is receiving a proxy, you are encouraged to contact the Glenwood Office at (713) 864-7886 and advise which descendant of the original lot owner has been designated by the family to be the "contact person" for that lot. It is important to return the proxy each year, so that Glenwood will always have accurate contact information in the event of any questions about the lot.

Clements' Corner

The **William J. Hill Texas Artisans and Artists Archive**, <https://texasartisans.mfah.org>, was created by the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and launched in early 2013. Named for Houston collector and longtime Bayou Bend supporter William J. Hill, the archive is intended to facilitate research, understanding, and appreciation of Texas decorative arts, as well as painting, photography, and other media.

A partial list of artisans included in this collection who are buried in Washington Cemetery follows.

Charles H. Appel (1855-1922), horn furniture manufacturer
Adolf F. Beckman (1859-1920), cabinet maker
Gustaf M. Borgstrom (1846-1917), merchant tailor
Lane Buck (1840-1890), cooper and cistern builder
Gottlieb F. Eisele (1849-1900), carpenter
William Fritz (1847-1913), artist and photo retoucher
Henry A. Guy (1851-1945), photographer
William Leopold Jr. (1839-1893), machinist and musician
Gottlieb Marti (1835-1924), gardener
James McAughan (1848-1911), horseshoer and blacksmith
Lizzie Pippart (1854-1941), dressmaker
Nicholas Pippart (1833-1916), violin maker
Herman Schifer (1839-1903), watchmaker and jeweler
Conrad Schwarz (1845-1919), carriage manufacturer
Charles Frederick A. St. Jest (1831-1906), tinsmith
Anton Stelzig (1849-1893), saddle and harness maker
Isabella Von Haxthausen (1853-1896), newspaper publisher
Gustav Wilkening (1857-1904), machinist, gun, and locksmith

Private collectors are encouraged to share their pictures and information on pre-1900 Texas Artisans and Artists with the archive. WCHT would also very much like to know of additions.

Obituary Collection Project

Throughout the cemetery's history, obituaries for our interred have been gathered and maintained using various methods. The first systematic process was initiated by the caretakers of the time, who pasted published newspaper articles into the record books in (mostly) chronological order, from 1932 through 1977. Similarly, Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care (CCWCC) collected most obituaries for the period 1977-1999, until Glenwood began keeping the burial records in 1999. We have now digitized these 1932-1999 images, and can share them with the family upon request. There's no set charge, but a donation to WCHT would be appreciated.

Over the years, as members of CCWCC and WCHT researched those interred in the cemetery in response

to requests from their relatives, many obituaries prior to 1932 were collected. We are now in the process of imaging these hard copies. We have also begun to collect and save all available obituaries for the 1887 to 1931 period, which includes about 5000 burials, or about 2/3 of the total. This will be a time-consuming task, but we hope to eventually have this information available for research, along with burial records, death certificates and any other available historical material for the individuals buried in the cemetery.

If you have obituaries or articles for family or friends buried in Washington Cemetery or Glenwood, we will gladly accept them as a part of our project. We would be particularly appreciative to receive any from out-of-town periodicals, to which we may not have on-line access. Any information can be emailed to us at **Volunteers@WashingtonCemetery.org** as a JPG, TIFF, or PDF, or printed and mailed to our P. O. Box.

In Memoriam: Ruth Daulley

Ruth Walther Daulley, the youngest of six children of Hermann Walther, Sr. and Elise Stein Walther, was born in Houston on November 9, 1919. Numerous relatives, including her grandparents, Frederick Stein and Alwine Havermann Stein, are buried in Washington Cemetery.

Ruth served as a Director of Concerned Citizens for Washington Cemetery Care from 1988 to 1991. Late in 1992, she began to create the burial database that we still use today. Over the next 2½ years, she typed 3162 burial entries from the first book of cemetery records (handwritten, in varying degrees of legibility), including 1089 lot owners, 1087 burials in 1887-1899, 846 burials in 1900-1907, 71 in 1910-1929, and 69 with incomplete dates in the record book. The state of computing in 1992 was such that this was done in dBASE3+ on a monochrome screen that could display only 40 characters across a line. It's now in an Access file, with many different reports and forms.

Ruth died on January 1, 2019, at age 99, and was buried in Brookside Memorial Park, beside her husband, William H. Daulley, Sr. She was preceded in death by her son, William H. Daulley, Jr., and is survived by her daughter, Elise Daulley (who served as CCWCC Recording Secretary from 1983 to 1996). Ruth's invaluable contributions to WCHT are used daily and she and her work will always be appreciated.

Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2019

During the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, net assets decreased by \$6,720. Total Revenue for the period was \$6,446 compared to \$11,308 for the previous fiscal year. Expenses for the period were \$13,166 compared to \$3,434 for the previous year. The major expense this

year was a \$10,000 donation towards the \$15 million Campaign for the Center for Glenwood. We encourage our readers to support this project. Contributions to WCHT support Washington Cemetery projects such as the historic fountain restoration, new Strangers Rest markers, historical research, and our website. We are grateful for all of our generous donors.

INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019

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Net Assets – October 1, 2018	\$ 185,367		
REVENUE: Operations/Administration	\$ 4,023	EXPENSES: Strangers Rest Project	\$ 650
Monument Restoration	845	Historical Research	995
Historical Projects	<u>100</u>	Administration & Website	333
Total Donations	\$ 4,968	Newsletter	1,188
Interest Income	<u>1,478</u>	Donation to Glenwood	<u>10,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 6,446	Total Expenses	\$13,166
		Net Assets -- September 30, 2019	<u>\$178,647</u>
ASSETS: Cash	\$ 13,647	EQUITY: Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 161,448
Securities (CDs)	165,000	Temp. Restricted Net Assets	<u>17,199</u>
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WCHT is a 501(c)(3) organization and all Trustees are volunteers. We do not sell, rent, or share the WCHT mailing list. There are several ways to participate in the projects and activities of Washington Cemetery:

- Mail a check to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust, P.O. Box 63592, Pipe Creek, TX 78063-3592.
- Make a donation online by going to our website, <https://washingtoncemetery.org>, and click on Make a Donation under the Quick Links on the right-hand side of the home page.
- Shop at Randalls and link your Remarkable Card to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust (2810).
- Shop at Kroger and link your Kroger Plus Card to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust (VV473).
- Shop online at AmazonSmile and select Washington Cemetery Historic Trust as your non-profit.
- Volunteer to help with research or contacting families of persons buried in unmarked graves.

Thank you for your support of historic Washington Cemetery.

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Donor Name _____	ID No. _____	Phone No. _____
E-mail Address _____		Future newsletters will be e-mailed
_____ 2020 Annual Donation (\$25.00)	Strangers Rest name(s) _____	
_____ Strangers Rest Marker(s) (\$100.00 each)	_____	
_____ Fountain and Gravesite Restoration	Your interest in Washington Cemetery	_____
_____ Printed Newsletter Subscription (\$5.00)	_____	_____
_____ TOTAL	Matching Gift from _____	

Executive Director's Report

Work continues on the new maintenance facility located at the former site of the Washington Cemetery office and caretaker's house. We expect it to be completed early next year. Currently, erection of the maintenance building is taking place along with running an underground utility duct bank from Washington Avenue to the facility (i.e., sewer, gas, electrical and the relocation of the water line). The new connecting road from the front entry way of Glenwood directly to Washington Cemetery will also be completed early in 2020.

We are currently working with the WCHT Trustees and the SWA Group in the relocation and restoration of the old Washington Cemetery fountain to the new intersection of Glenwood and Washington cemeteries.

The new large berm overlooking the north end of Washington Cemetery has been heavily landscaped at the top to block out the view looking north towards the new cemetery maintenance facility, the Postal Maintenance Facility and Hughes Manor. The berm will be developed and used as burial sites and will become a significant source of future revenue. This area was once used as a dump. It was loaded with broken concrete, tires, and other debris accumulated over 100+ years. When completed, this area will be a spectacularly beautiful addition to both cemeteries.

We encourage you to visit the site while construction is underway.

Richard A. Ambrus, Executive Director
Glenwood and Washington Cemeteries

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

2018-2019 Washington Cemetery Burials

The following 13 persons were laid to rest in Washington Cemetery during the last two years.

	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>
Nina Diane Williford*	B-093	30 Jan 2018
Dolores Batterson Davis*	G-048	05 May 2018
Wendell Celestine	G-036	10 July 2018
Edward Henry Flecker, IV	G-034	13 Aug 2018
Curtis Gabriel Jones	G-034	08 Sep 2018
Jaleh M. Sanati	G-034	15 Sep 2018
Anne Louise Broussard Fautt	G-034	22 Sep 2018
Kellie Templet McEvoy	R-136	29 Oct 2018
Norma Lane Chudleigh	C-062	23 Nov 2018
John (Ionnis) K. Noukas	G-034	23 Mar 2019
Christine Annette Blondeau*	H-053 W½	15 Jun 2019
John Pierre Blondeau*	H-053 W½	15 Jun 2019
Michael David Byrne	C-002	29 July 2019

* Delayed interment (more than two weeks)

Did You Know ... ?

This semi-annual newsletter is sent to relatives of persons buried in Washington Cemetery. The mailing label shows one lot number and owner name; the email mail cover letter can include up to three lots. Please include your Donor ID No. (upper right corner of the mailing label) with all correspondence. The year of your last donation is in the upper left corner.

2020 Calendar of Events

Glenwood Cemetery Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 10:00 a.m., Lora Jean Kilroy
Visitor and Education Center at Bayou Bend,
6003 Memorial Drive Houston, Texas 77007