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History Book Report

Many people have put a lot of time into this project in the last three months, but there's still a lot of work ahead. The 32 pages of family plot maps have been typed and are now being verified plot by plot at the cemetery. Indexing has begun on the 60+ pages of Strangers Rest maps, to which we keep adding new "finds". The list of Veterans has been completely retyped in an expanded database format (see Clements' Corner) and is also being field-verified.

Your response to our request for family information has been great. The only problem is that we have received about one-third of the stories we hope to have eventually, but three times what the compilers have been able to assimilate so far. We want to thank everyone who submitted information right away and apologize to those of you who haven't heard a response yet. We'll get there; but it takes a remarkable amount of "spare time" to get all the details just right. It is clear that the editing and reviewing process will continue for several months.

We now have biographies of about 350 people who were not included in the 1988 Washington Cemetery Centennial Book. If you haven't yet sent in your family history yet, it's not too late. As you gather with family over the holidays, try to take a few minutes to remember those who are no longer with us, drag out the photo albums, and jot down some of the reminiscences. We would like to have at least a rough draft for each plot by the end of the year. Details can be added during the editing process.

Washington Cemetery is the final resting place of immigrants from over a dozen nations, American veterans of nine wars and some who were in other armies before coming to this country, a ninth-generation Texan, survivors of the 1900 Storm and other memorable events ... the list goes on and on. Will the special folks in *your* family be included?

Martel Foundation Contributes to Monument Restoration Project

We are pleased to announce receipt of a \$2,000 grant from the **Marian and Speros Martel Foundation** to be used for restoration of headstones in Phase 5. We are most appreciative of this generous gift.

Phase 5 Monument Repairs Underway

The Monument Company and Robbins Monument Company have just completed repair and cleaning of 29 more headstones and 3 cradles in Phases 5A and 5B, at total cost of \$4,230. *In Section A:* W. A. **Maes** (1857-1903), Mary C. **Harville** (1834-1896), Alberta F. **Heath** (1901-1902). *In Section B:* T. J. **Hines** (1865-1894), Frederica **Tiakotter** (1825-1873), William **Tiakotter** (1824-1874).

In Section C: Flora **Howard Congrove** (died 1917), Mariane C. **Anderson** (1874-1966) and Christian **Anderson** (1852-1935), Julius A. **Ladwig** (1841-1908), Elizabeth **Ladwig** (1845-1903), Cecelie J. **Smith** (1827-1866), Son of H. & A. **Dunkerly** (1898-1898), Sarah A. **Thompson** (1816-1897), Blanche **Loomis Davenport** (1865-1895), Texana Hattie **Stamm** (1891-1892), Shirley Jean **Dickey** (1936-1936). *In Section D:* Julius **Fuerstenberg** (ca.1865-1911).

In Section F: Johnnie E. **Kessler** (1899-1900). *In Section G:* Robert **Meek** (1868-1900), Mertie C. **Meek** (1865-1903), Joseph **La Rose** (1848-1916) and Marie **La Rose** (1856-1930), Emma Eugenie **La Rose Herman** (1887-1925), Bella **La Rose O'Rillion** (1880-1968), J. R. **Orillion** (1874-1924), Rev. Joseph **La Rose O'Rillion** (1914-1974), Josephine **Mueller** (1858-1942), Marguerite **Bisbee** (ca.1847-1890), Lou **Lawler** (1875-1897), Joseph **Mitchell** (1872-1919).

The Dunkerly and Smith cradles (C-130) were completely buried, and the Meek cradle (G-21) was in several pieces. Please stop by the cemetery and see the difference your donations are making. Contracts are being prepared for the next group of about 30.

Clements' Corner

Veterans of Washington Cemetery

Trustee **Gus Mistrot** has been hard at work verifying the military service of the veterans buried in Washington Cemetery, combining information from the families, headstone inscriptions, obituaries, and service and pension records to create an expanded and improved list of veterans for our new history book. At last count, he has identified 250 veterans, including 85 Confederate soldiers, 18 Union soldiers, two who were at the Battle of San Jacinto, and eight who were killed in action in World War I.

These numbers will almost certainly change as we continue to receive information from the families and research various historical sources. If you have not yet submitted your family information, please do so now. *It is not too late!*

An example of the veterans list envisioned for the new history book is shown below. This format is easier to read than the old one, and gives much more information. The source codes are a valuable new addition. For example, **Wallace O'Reilly** was killed in action in France and reinterred here three years later. His information comes from (C)emetery records, the (F)amily [see Biography section of the book], his (H)eadstone, and (N)ewspaper articles. Information on **George Pattillo** comes from these additional sources; (D)eath certificate, (P)ension file, and two books or other compilations: (1) "Roster of Confederate Soldiers," and (3) "Texas in the Confederacy." **Diego Padilla** is buried in Strangers Rest; his grave is physically located in Plot H-175.

Gus is especially trying to confirm each veteran's rank and unit. The importance of paying attention to such details became really clear when he found that a list of Confederate veterans given to CCWCC about 20 years ago included a man born in 1863 and

Treasurer's Report

During the last fiscal year, we have received 320 donations from individuals, as well as matching contributions from corporations (Exxon and Chase Manhattan Bank). Additionally, we received \$6,000 in foundation grants.

As described in the May 1999 newsletter, CCWCC Inc. has merged into Glenwood Cemetery Inc. In accordance with the merger agreement, CCWCC's Endowment Fund of \$528,750 was transferred to Bank of America as Trustee of the Fund. All income from this Fund will be used for restoration, operation, and maintenance of Washington Cemetery. The rest of the money (\$90,524) was transferred to WCHT for historical and restoration projects.

At year end, WCHT's Gravesite Restoration Fund amounted to \$113,678. The Major Monument and Strangers Rest restoration projects are continuing and donations for these projects are still needed. We are also in need of donations for research related to the new cemetery history book.

To reduce costs, we have begun removing nonrespondents from our mailing list. If your mailing label reads "1999" or "2000", you are considered a current donor and will continue to receive this newsletter. If you haven't donated recently, we urge you to do so now so you can keep up with the news from W.C.

an infant who died in 1891. Surprisingly, service records are harder to get for 20th century veterans than for veterans of earlier wars. Therefore, we are especially asking the families of WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans to provide the details, including birthdate, rank, and unit or location of service. You can include this information in your family biographies, or get it directly to Gus. Let's make sure no one gets left out this time!

Name/Service	Born	Died	Buried	War	Plot	Sources
Charles Bryan BUHLER 329th Inf, 83rd Inf Div, Army Medical Corps (WW I); Seaman 2d Cl, Navy (WW II)	25 Feb 1897	22 Oct 1942	25 Oct 1942	WW I WW II	G-063	CFHN
Herman MEYER Co B, 12th Maine Infantry	19 Feb 1836	14 May 1914	15 May 1914	GAR	G-056 NE¼	CH
+ Wallace M. O'REILLY Pvt, 79th Co, 6th Marine Regt, 2nd Infantry Div	6 May 1896	17 Jul 1918	28 Jul 1921	WW I	F-009	CFHN
Diego G. PADILLA Tech 5, Service Co, 756th Tank Battalion	12 Nov 1916	27 Oct 1959	29 Oct 1959	WW II	SR-4033 (H-175)	CHN
George Foster PATILLO Co E, 2nd Texas Mounted Rifles (1861-62); Asst Pilot, Navy (1862-65)	13 Feb 1840	10 Sep 1930	13 Sep 1930	CSA	F-011 S½	CDHP13

INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – Fiscal Year 1999

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

Net Assets -- October 1, 1998	\$617,720		
INCOME: Maintenance	\$7,180	EXPENSES: Maintenance	\$10,929
Endowment Fund	210	Newsletter	456
Improvement Projects	2,700	Postage/Office Supplies	558
Research/Legal	350	Insurance & Other	880
Lot Sales	1,000	Legal Fees	6,790
Net Investment Income	26,632	Monument Restoration	16,905
Total Income	\$38,072	Total Expenses	\$36,518
Distributions to:		Net Assets - April 20, 1999	
Bank of America (Endowment Fund)	\$528,750	(before liquidation)	\$619,274
Washington Cemetery Historic Trust	\$90,524		
Total Distributions	\$619,274		

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Net Assets -- October 1, 1998	\$28,117		
INCOME: Operations/Administration	\$6,609	EXPENSES: Newsletter & Postage	\$908
History	360	Administration	80
Gravesite Restoration	9,430	History Book	1,148
Distribution from CCWCC	90,524	Driveway Repair	8,800
Interest	2,382		
Total Income	\$109,305	Total Expenses	\$10,936
		Net Assets -- September 30, 1999	\$126,486
FUNDS: Operations/Administration	\$11,769		
Historical Projects	\$1,039		
Gravesite Restoration	\$113,678		

Please return the form below with your check and mail to **Jim Daily, Treasurer**. All donations are deductible on Form 1040 (Schedule A). Since CCWCC no longer exists, please make all donations to WCHT.

WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST	
Donor Name _____	Phone Number _____
E-mail Address (if applicable) _____	
_____ 2000 Min. ANNUAL Donation (\$20.00)	Surname(s) of Deceased _____
_____ GRAVESITE RESTORATION	_____
_____ HISTORY/RESEARCH	Plot Number(s), if known _____
_____ TOTAL	Matching Gift from _____

Special Event: Veterans Day Celebration

Veterans Day 1999 will be celebrated at Washington Cemetery with a special ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on **Saturday, November 13**. The ceremonies will honor American veterans of all wars, over 250 of whom are buried here, including several who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

WCHT Historian **Gov Clements** will give the keynote speech, with particular emphasis on veterans of the Texas War of Independence, Mexican War, and the War Between the States.

Members of the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea Camp and Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Dick Dowling Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony on the cemetery plots purchased by the two veterans' organizations, the United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1894.

The Palmer Guards unit of the Texas Brigade Re-enactors will provide a uniformed color guard and honor guard, posting flags for the ceremony and firing a gun salute. And to top it all off, the Texian Volunteers unit of the Sons of the Republic of Texas will be there with their fully operable cannon, "Rolling Thunder".

As you can see, many people and groups have worked together to make this an event you won't want to miss. Let's show them how much we appreciate their efforts by joining with them to honor the fine men and women who served in our armed forces. For more information, please call **John Petzold** or **Harrold Henck**.

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WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Help Wanted; Help Found

Our history book project needs assistance from some of you genealogists to verify headstone inscriptions and locate obituaries, city directory data, and census records for those families that are unable to do their own, due to age or distance. We need three to six volunteers to support the three people doing the typing and coordination. If you can help with this project in any way, please contact **Bernice Mistrot**.

We also need advice from a computer guru who is familiar with importing JPEG photo files and Access database reports to PageMaker for Windows.

Thank you to **Eleanor Beebe**, who is adding about 5000 post-1903 burial records to our database, and to **Lloyd Shenberger**, who is making a database index of the 1000 or so Strangers Rest graves located so far.

Regular Winter/Spring Visitor Days

We had delightful fall weather and a good turnout for the Open House on October 23. As has been our custom, we have designated the following Saturdays as visitor/work days: **December 4, 1999, and January 22, February 26, March 25, and April 22, 2000**. Please mark these on your calendar now, and come and visit with us. To be put on the list for a phone reminder (January seems to be a long ways off!), please call **Leona Zaboroski**.

**Don't miss the Washington Cemetery
Veterans Day Celebration
Saturday, November 13, 1999**