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Phase 6A Monument Repairs Completed

The Monument Company has completed repair and cleaning of 26 more headstones and cradles in Phase 6A, at a total cost of \$6606. Except for the first four, these are all single graves in Strangers Rest.

In Sections F and G: Palmer **Erichson** (1872-1931), Alesanah **Holloway** (1872-1901), N. W. **Davis** (1869-1921), George J. **Hayes** (1893-1923), H. Chester **Berkley** (1871-1892), Earl **Marx** (1892-1901), Louise Elizabeth **Lewis** (1863-1902).

In Section H: Frank **Taschieri** (1907-1908), Crystal Ray **Ross** (1888-1889), Marguerite **Ballard** (1893-1896), J. B. **Young** (1904-1919), Ed **Leary** (1853-1895), Joe W. **Calhoun** (1876-1943), Herman **Laue** (1863-1895), Benjamin J. **Curtis** (1871-1928), Jesus Maria **Garcia** (1892-1947), Rosa **Yates Gilmore** (1816-1897), unknown adult (cradle only), Clemente C. **de Anda** (1893-1959), Elsa **de Anda Rivera** (1959), Diego G. **Padilla** (1916-1959), M. C. **Uresti** (1903-1960), James **Chagolla** (1934-1962), Manuela **Chagolla** (1909?-1965), Trine Lozano **Rios** (1916-1964), Maria Rosa **Creta** (1900-1965).

Four of these were lying loose on the ground, and have now been secured to their original bases, which were completely buried. Several cradles that were badly sunken were raised and leveled. One more cradle was discovered during the repair process. We are continuing to identify monuments for inclusion in Phase 7 of this ongoing restoration process. Please stop by the cemetery and see the difference your donations are making.

History Book Still Under Construction

Finalization of the text and photos is taking a lot longer than we had hoped, but we are making progress. There are a number of families whose loved ones are buried in several different plots. Sorting these out and making sure all the names and plot references are accurate has been quite a challenge. The status of plots in Section B is shown on page 4.

The count of confirmed and possible veterans buried in Washington Cemetery is up to 295: two who were at the Battle of San Jacinto, 98 confirmed and 28 possible Confederates, 19 confirmed and 2 possible Union soldiers, 17 veterans of the Spanish-American War, 85 confirmed and 5 possible WWI veterans (nine of whom were killed in action), 38 WWII veterans, and one Vietnam-era veteran. Research is continuing to confirm these and any others we may have missed. If you haven't submitted your family information yet, please do so now. *It is not too late!*

History Book Photographs

The Photo Compilers have worked very hard on the photos received so far to be sure the final prints will be of the highest quality possible. As a result of experience gained over the last few months, we have revised the technical specifications slightly.

If you are submitting new photos to us in electronic format, please try to adhere to the following guidelines. Note that these apply to new submittals only; most of the photos received so far have already been cleaned up and finalized. If you are sending prints (either originals or copies) to be scanned by your Photo Compiler, you can skip the next paragraph. **Whether you are submitting scans or prints, please contact your Photo Compiler before you spend time and effort preparing them.**

The photos printed in the book will still be 1.2" x 1.6" portraits. Due to some better software and greatly improved skill at using it, the photo compilers can now do the cropping and touchup without loss of sharpness. Therefore they ask that you leave a little extra room around the face and try to scan at 400 dpi if possible. This gives us the flexibility to adjust the size so that the faces in all photos are of similar size. At the same time, please limit the area scanned so that the file does not exceed 1MB (for example, do not send a wedding photo showing the entire dress).

Clements' Corner

This article is condensed from the new history book. This is one of the few families with four generations buried in one plot. Longer biographies of all 12 family members buried here will be included in the book.

PLOT A-3 AUGUST HENNIGER

Submitted (2000) by JoEllen (Rosselli) Porter of Porter, TX, granddaughter of Mamie (Hodgson) Rosselli.

Caroline (SCHIMMEL) KLEE HENNIGER (1823 – 9 December 1892)

Caroline was the daughter of Adolph SCHIMMEL. Married the first time in 1847, she entered the U.S. from Saxony in 1851 with her husband Frederick KLEE. They had four children: Eda, Henry, Caroline, and Mary Emma. Only two daughters survived. Eda, Henry, and husband Fred all died the last three months of 1859 in a yellow fever epidemic. The family moved from Harrisburg to what later would be called the "Brunner Addition," just south of "The Heights," where it was thought to be safer from the dreaded mosquito because it was higher ground.

August HENNIGER (June 1828 – after 10 June 1910)



August was born in Saxony, and immigrated to the US in 1847, where he worked as a Teamster, according to the Houston City Directory. On 16 October 1869, he married the widow Caroline Klee in Houston. As far as is known, there were no children born to this marriage. From 1897 through 1910, August lived with Joseph and Mamie Rosselli at 805 Center Street. He is believed to have died sometime between 1910 and 1916. Even though the Harris County Deed Record index shows that August Henniger purchased this plot on 26 April 1889, no record of his burial has been found, here or anywhere else. Cemetery records show the original owner(s) as "Hodgson & Henniger," meaning August and his son-in-law, William B. Hodgson.

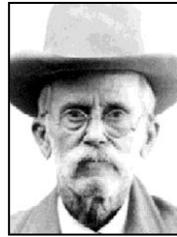
Mary Emma (KLEE) HODGSON (19 February 1858 – 22 September 1918)



Mary Emma, the fourth child of Frederick and Caroline Klee, was born in Houston and married William B. Hodgson on 11 August 1877 at the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Houston. Emma used the name KLEE until she was married (her death certificate shows her parents as Fred CLAY and Caroline CLAY). She was the mother of six children, including two sets of twins:

- Frederick William (1878-1963)
- Mary Emma ROSSELLI (1880-1958)
- Clara McFARLAND (1887-19__)
- Laura Elizabeth (1887-1963)
- Othella Bernice VAN DUSEN (1902-1986)
- Loretta Luella GEORGE (1902-1984)

William B. HODGSON (31 December 1851 – 10 December 1914)



William was born in Liverpool, England. He entered the US in 1868 and lived in Galveston, where he made his declaration of intent to become a US citizen on 15 March 1873. In 1876 he moved to Houston. After his marriage to Emma Klee in 1887, they moved to 1810 Washington Ave., where he resided until his death. William was also a member of the "Houston Light Guard." The revolver he purchased with his own funds and carried as a patrolman is still in the possession of the family.

Mary Emma "Mamie" (HODGSON) ROSSELLI (12 August 1880 – 11 December 1958)



"Mamie" was the second child of William and Emma Hodgson. She was raised on Houston Ave. in Houston. She married Joseph P. Rosselli in Houston on 1 July 1897, and bore him three children: an infant who died at birth in 1898, a daughter, Irene Gussie (1899-1985), and a son, Domenic Joseph (1907-1995). They were happily married for 37 years until his death. Mamie's son, D. J. Rosselli, when asked about his mother, stated, "she never raised her voice. She would just look at you and you knew to get right." He also told the story that "one day Mother got too close to the stove and her dress caught on fire. The family dog, a pit bull named King, tore the burning dress off her and saved her life. From then on the dog had the run of the house."

Joseph Phillip ROSSELLI (24 September 1877 – 27 June 1938)



Joseph, son of Domineco ROSSELLI, was born in Palermo, Italy. His mother died the next year. His father remarried about 1883 and the family arrived in New Orleans aboard the *S.S. Egbert* on 30 October 1885. Also on board were his sister Lucy and an uncle. After leaving New Orleans, they resided at 1809 Washington Ave. in Houston, where Joe met his future wife, Mary Emma Hodgson. Later the Rosselli family moved to Galveston, where they lived about 300 yards from the beach. When the 1900 "Galveston Storm" hit, Joe was married and living in Houston. The rest of the family was less fortunate. Joseph lost his stepmother, two half-sisters, a half-brother, and a cousin to the storm. In his younger days Joe worked at City Café as an oyster-opener. By 1915 he was the restaurant's manager. He also operated a fruit and vegetable stand for Mayor Oscar Holcomb. From 1916 through 1927, Joseph was Deputy County Tax Assessor for Harris County.

Infant of Joseph Phillip ROSSELLI (9 April 1898 – 9 April 1898)

First child of Joseph and Mamie Rosselli. Cemetery records loosely record this child as "Infant of Hodgson"; however, this baby is really the grandchild of the lot owner, William Hodgson.

Treasurer's Report

During the last fiscal year, we received 260 donations from individuals and matching gifts from corporations (ExxonMobil and Chase Manhattan Bank). Glenwood Cemetery transferred half the income from a lot sale in Washington Cemetery to WCHT's Gravesite Restoration Fund. Substantial work was completed in repairing and cleaning headstones and setting Strangers Rest monuments in concrete.

At year end, WCHT's Gravesite Restoration Fund amounted to \$104,625. The work reported on page 1 was done after the close of the fiscal year, reducing the current value of this fund to \$98,019.

Since Glenwood is caring for the cemetery and it looks better than ever, some of you may think that we have reached our goal and that donations are no longer needed, but we're not quite there yet.

WCHT is still very much involved with improving the grounds through the Major Monument Restoration and Strangers Rest Marking projects, and correcting the records through the preparation of the new history book and computerized burial database. These are all labor-intensive projects, and most of the labor is donated, but we still have to pay for postage, printing, professional monument repair, Strangers Rest nameplates, government documentation of veterans, and various other expenses related to preparation of the history book.

Fiscal Year 2001 Began October 1, 2000

If your mailing label reads "2000" or "2001", 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 Washington Cemetery.

INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – Fiscal Year 2000

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Net Assets -- October 1, 1999	\$126,486		
INCOME: Operations/Administration	\$7,520	EXPENSES: Monument Restoration	\$17,512
Historical Projects	1,020	Newsletter & Postage	2,683
Gravesite Restoration	8,458	Historical Projects	1,225
Total Donations	\$16,998	Administration	225
Net Investment Income	7,293		
Total Income	\$24,291	Total Expenses	\$21,645
		Net Assets -- September 30, 2000	\$129,132
FUNDS: Checking Account	\$8,460	FUNDS: Operations/Administration	\$22,750
Money Market Account	58,109	Historical Projects	\$1,757
Securities	62,563	Gravesite Restoration	\$104,625
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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) _____	
_____ 2001 Min. ANNUAL Donation (\$20.00)	Surname(s) of Deceased _____
_____ GRAVESITE RESTORATION	_____
_____ HISTORY/RESEARCH	Plot Number(s), if known _____
_____ TOTAL	Matching Gift from _____

Will Your Family be in the New Washington Cemetery History Book?

The 1988 Centennial Book included biographies of 156 people buried in Section B, but about one-third of them were not much more than a name and burial date. If every supporter of CCWCC or WCHT who has family buried in Section B provided biographical information about their loved ones, the number of biographies in that one section would jump from 156 to 525. The status of those 525 potential biographies in Section B is summarized below, by plot. If the book were to go to press with the information in hand right now, only the first group would have photos in the book, and there would be no mention of anyone buried on any plot in the last group.

Section B - Complete (or nearly complete): Carl, Klores, Kohlmann, Parker, Ramin, Thomas, Warnecke.

Section B - In progress (some text received but no photos; more research still needed): Arto, Benson, Betz, Branard, Brand, Brown, Byers, Culmore, Depenbrock, Erzt, Gehring, Halphen, Haxthausen, Heard, LaCombe, Langermann, Leverkuhn, Marti, Marymee, Monaghan, Murphy, Ohrenburger, Pumel, Quill, Richardson, Sauer, Schultz, Schulz, Schweikart, Steiner, Stuer, Turner, Tyler.

Section B - In 1988 Centennial Book, but no new information or photos received: Braun, Cramer, Fenn, Guy, Heitmann, Koenig, Kuerbis, Parker, Patterson, Rasch, Schlupinsky, Stein, Townsen, Walther.

Section B - No information received: Angerhoefer, Archer, Bradshaw, Brenner, Breyer, Burghard, Campbell, Carsten, Cliffe, Curtin, Davis, DeBajligethy,

Doyle, Friedenhaus, Folk, Gottschalk, Grace, Hartman, Hedgecock, Helberg, Herdejürgen, Heyne, Hines, House, House, Hoval, Huebele, Koch, McCarty, Merchant, Michels, Moth, Nelson, Pennington, Petty, Reed, Riddle, Schneider, Schulte, Schulz, Seegar, Sick, Stewart, Sullivan, Thompson, Tiekoetter, Tomfohrde, Trammell, Urquhart, Walton, Weidekind, Wichmann.

If your family is in this list, please contact your compilers as soon as possible so space can be reserved for your stories and photos. At this time, we have only three photos for Section B in final form.

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Regular Winter/Spring Visitor Days

We had nice weather and a good turnout for the Open House on October 28. As in the past, we have designated the following Saturdays as visitor/work days: **December 2, 2000, and January 27, February 24, March 24, and April 28, 2001.** Hours are about 10-4 and we'll have the record books available. Please mark these dates on your calendar now and come and visit with us. For more information, please call **Leona Zaboroski.**

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