

# WASHINGTON CEMETERY HISTORIC TRUST

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## Washington Cemetery Needs You!

Calling all able-bodied volunteers! The infirmities of age are starting to catch up with a number of the key people who have been instrumental in the restoration of Washington Cemetery. While the day-to-day maintenance is being done by Glenwood, there is still more restoration work to be done.

In years past, Work Day meant heavy labor with saws and rakes and machetes. No more. Most of what remains requires primarily pencils, cameras, and computers. But without people to use these tools, we cannot continue to improve the appearance of the cemetery. We had nice weather for three of the last four Visitor/Work Days, yet the attendance was an average of about three people each day.

The one project that still requires some manual labor is the search for hidden Strangers Rest markers. This is the perfect time for that. The weather is pleasant, and the ground is softened from the recent rains. Please come out for a couple of hours on the Spring Visitor/Work Days and give us a hand.

If you have the computer program Visio and can help correct and finalize the existing cemetery plat maps, please call **Bernice Mistrot**.

## Monument Restoration Project Halted

**Eddie Moy** has done a great job on the monument repair project for several years, taking all the photographs to document the before and after condition of each restored monument. His work has been essential to the the project, and we all owe him a great deal of thanks for his dedication to it. However, he has had to step down for health reasons, and consequently, the project has come to a halt. Before any more monument repairs can take place, we need pictures. If you can help, either by holding the camera, or by holding the maps and lot number sign, please call **Leona Zaboroski**.

## Cemetery Burial Database Expands

Nearly nine years ago, **Ruth Daulley** began creating a computer database listing all burials in Washington Cemetery since 1887. Laboriously deciphering the old handwriting, she typed all the records from the beginning of the cemetery through 1907 - a total of 1089 plot owners and 2073 burials.

**Eleanor Beebe** joined the project about two years ago, adding information from headstones and obituaries. Last year she began to add records from the chronological burial records, which begin in 1903. Eleanor reports that she is now up to January 1929, with 1174 plot owners and 4737 burials entered.

When completed, the database will provide a more complete and accurate (we hope!) record of who is buried here than has ever been in one place before. Ultimately, we will be able to search the database and print reports for any name, burial date, or plot. We can also print a page showing the (sometimes conflicting) information about a single person, as shown in the several cemetery record books, headstones, obituaries, civil records, and church records.

Through the comparison of these sources, we have discovered several names that were either omitted or entered in the wrong place in the cemetery records. Information from the new history book has also been used to correct the cemetery records.

## History Book Making Progress

We're still chugging along on this mammoth project. The status of the plots in Section C is on page 4. We will still accept new information and photos at least through June. Many thanks to **Newton Brand**, **Agnes Frizzell**, and **Jo Sweeney**, for the time they are spending at the library looking up obituaries, census records, etc. to make this book better. Also to **Lloyd Shenberger**, for his continuing work to create an index to locate Strangers Rest graves.

## Clements' Corner

This is still a work in progress. I hope to resolve some of these questions before publication in the new Washington Cemetery history book.

### PLOT A-75

#### UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

*Submitted by Gov Clements, WCHT Book Committee.*

##### George A. BAILEY

(ca. January 1839(?) – 4 December 1901)

George was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee. By July 1860, he was married to Polly LUCAS (?) and had a 10-month old daughter, Cornelia. He was a farm hand at the time.

In 1861, the War Between the States was on, and in Alabama, far to the south, the 4th and 15th Alabama Volunteer Infantry Regiments were organized at Selma. These were 12-month enlistments, which began expiring in the Spring of 1862. The Confederacy faced the prospect that its army composed of volunteers for limited terms would go home. To hold it together, in April 1862, the Congress passed the first Conscript Act in American history. A short waiting period was granted to allow men to volunteer and avoid the stigma attached to conscription. Each such recruit was exempt from a conscript status and given a bounty. Three new Alabama regiments of such recruits were formed: the 44th, 47th, and 48th, all in May 1862. They would be called the "Fortykins".

In April 1862, George A. Bailey enlisted as a Musician in the newly formed "Sallie Ratcliffe Guards" from Shelby County, Alabama. The guards became known as Company E of the 44th Alabama Volunteer Infantry Regt. By early May 1862, the 44th and the other Fortykins were merged with the 4th and 15th to become known as Law's Brigade, under command of Brig. Gen. Evander M. LAW. On 20 May 1862, George was transferred to the 3rd Arkansas Volunteer Infantry Regiment as a Musician in the Regimental Band. He served with this regiment throughout the rest of the war as a musician and bandmaster.

There has been some confusion about his service, resulting in incorrect information on his military headstone. The unit given on the headstone, Trans-Mississippi Department, is that of Asst. Surgeon George H. BAILEY, who was with Lt. Dick DOWLING at the Battle of Sabine Pass. Both George Baileys are listed as members of Dick Dowling Camp #197, United Confederate Veterans. However, the surgeon left Texas in 1889 (before UCV was organized) and died in California in 1909. Adding to the confusion is the plethora of 3rd Arkansas Infantry units:

- 3rd Volunteer Infantry Regiment (George's unit)
- 3rd Infantry Battalion
- 3rd Infantry Regt. Consolidated Trans-Mississippi Dept.
- 3rd Infantry Regiment State Troops
- 3rd Trans-Mississippi Infantry Regiment (old 26th)

The 3rd Arkansas Vol. Infantry Regt. to which George belonged was organized on 5 July 1861. It was the only Arkansas regiment to fight in the eastern theatre of the war. George joined the regiment just days before the Seven Days battles, and marched to nineteen more major engagements before being surrendered at Appomattox on 9 April 1865.

On 2 December 1862, following a reorganization of the Confederate Army, the 3rd Arkansas was combined with the 1st, 4th, and 5th Texas Infantry Regiments and became part of Hood's Texas Brigade, called "Arkansas toothpicks" because of their fondness for knives and knife fighting. In time, the Texans affectionately referred to them as the "3rd Texas." George began with 16 band members in 1862 and ended at Appomattox with only 8 – of which only one had been in the original group.

Following the defeat of Lee's army and their formal surrender, George dropped out of sight. What he did and where he went remains a mystery. His obituary indicates that George had resided in Houston since about 1876; however, there is no mention of a George Bailey in the Houston city directory until 1887, and by 1889 there are two of them.

One George A. Bailey has a wife Susan and daughter Maggie (born about 1872). He is a Supervisor of Weighmasters and Inspectors for the Texas Traffic Association, and she is a clerk for the same organization. In 1889 they are rooming with Mrs. Mary Allen. The last we see of them is 1891, when Susan is working as a stenographer at the freight & passenger depot of the HE&WT Railroad, and George is nowhere to be found.

In 1889, the other George Bailey was a carpenter living at 55 Houston Ave. at Winter. He next shows up in 1895-96 as a carpenter living with his daughter at 1216 Dart, the next year he is a gardener, and the next year a watchman living at 1215 Oak street. As you can see, Mr. Bailey had been reduced to shifting from pillar to post. In 1900, he was 61 years old, employed by the city garbage department, and lived at the Stude's Point Hotel with Durwood M. BAILEY, 19, and Harry BAILEY, 11. At that time, he was widowed after 19 years of marriage, suggesting that he had married a second time. The address 1216 Dart was nearly adjacent to 1215 Oak, which in 1900 was occupied by James August BAILEY, also a native of Tennessee and also a Musician in the 3rd Arkansas Inf. Regt.

The *Houston Daily Post* reported on 5 December 1901, that Mr. George Bailey, age 73, a workman on the city streets, and an old Confederate veteran, died in his room at the home of Mrs. M. E. MILNER, 207 Polk Ave., at 8:45 a. m. on 4 December 1901. (The discrepancy in his age as given in the newspaper and in the census records is one more mystery yet to be resolved.)

The newspaper went on to give the particulars: Justice Matthews was notified and going to the house viewed the remains and held an inquest. Mrs. Milner, having been duly sworn, testified: "I know the deceased. His name is George Bailey. He was rooming at my home and has been rooming here for the past 16 months. He seemed to be complaining, but was otherwise in his usual health, and ate a hearty supper last night. I heard him fall last night about 11 o'clock, and with my daughter, I went into his room and found him on the floor and placed him on his bed. I did not see him until 5 o'clock this morning. When I next saw him he was dying. We tried to arouse him, but failed to do so. He died at 8:45 a. m. today. He had no physician in attendance on him. I do not know the cause of his death." Mrs. Mary HUDSON, who lives in the house, on oath, corroborated the statement of Mrs. Milner, having heard her testimony. The cause of death was listed as heart disease. Mr. Bailey had been a resident of Houston for 25 years and leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn his death. The funeral service will be held from the residence of his daughter, 1216 Dart in the First Ward, under the auspices of Dick Dowling Camp, United Confederate Veterans. The interment will be in the German Cemetery.

## Veterans of World War I

There are at least 80 veterans of WWI buried in Washington Cemetery. Unfortunately, we have little or no unit information for most of them; only an obituary that says "he was a veteran of WWI." This is a partial list of those for whom we still need complete information (Company, Regiment, Division, etc.) If you can help with any of them, please call **Gus Mistrot**.

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Death Date</u>
John E. BERBERICH	D-068 W½	25 Dec. 1954
Emil Keck BORGSTROM	D-043 E½	10 Jun. 1970
Bodo A. BROCKER	D-060 W½	20 Jan. 1932
Martin D. CARSON	C-086 W½	2 Nov. 1944
Henry Whitfield DILL	A-107	22 Feb. 1976
John Valentine EGGETT	G-072 NE¼	12 Aug. 1958
Charles M. EISEMANN	A-027	13 Aug. 1965
John Frederick ENGEL Sr.	B-034	25 Jan. 1945
Paul A. FERGUSON	A-057	25 Jan. 1988
Edwin J. GAFFNEY	F-042 NE¼	21 July 1961
Arnold GEHRING	A-106 E½	13 July 1971
Edward F. GROTA	A-146	28 Aug. 1947
Stanley M. HARRISON	SR-0906	11 Feb. 1928
Leon Edward HEINZE Sr.	D-052 W½	23 Oct. 1969
William Barney HOPKINS	I-004 E½	16 Feb. 1963
Carroll M. ISENSEE	B-055	13 Nov. 1970
Otto Carl JAEGER	D-022 W½	7 July 1950
Frank A. JONES	H-044 SE¼	28 July 1964
John D. "Peck" KELLEY	D-055 W½	26 Dec. 1980
Edward C. KETTNER	B-082	8 Oct. 1965
John C. KLEINFELDER Sr.	C-136	6 Apr. 1963
Harry KNICKERBOCKER Jr.	I-032 W½	1 Dec. 1949
Richard Ricker LEWIS	F-034	6 Mar. 1947
John Morgan LLOYD	C-142	9 Sep. 1982
Cornelius LOTTMAN	F-051	17 Feb. 1989

*To be continued in a future newsletter.*

## Treasurer's Report (February 1, 2001)

During the last four months, WCHT has received 79 donations from individuals. In addition, WCHT continues to receive funds from the **Randalls Good Neighbor Program** (WCHT #2810) and **Kroger Share Card**. To obtain a Kroger Share Card, please contact **Jim Daily**.

While WCHT is currently receiving funds through the matching gift programs of **ExxonMobil** and **Chase Manhattan Bank**, many other corporations have matching gift programs for employees and annuitants. All of these programs are a great way to help finance WCHT's restoration projects.

These contributions will provide funds for the continued operations of Washington Cemetery Historic Trust. The major expense in this time period was \$4000 for repair and cleaning of headstones and cradles in Phase 6 of our ongoing Monument Restoration program.

The total assets of WCHT total \$130,700, of which \$101,000 is held in the Improvements Fund for continuing projects. The unaudited financial statement follows.

Fund Balance - September 30, 2000	\$129,100
Income - donations	3,600
Income - interest	<u>2,800</u>
Total Income	6,400
Expenses - historical projects	200
Expenses - newsletter and postage	600
Expenses - gravesite restoration	<u>4,000</u>
Total Expenses	4,800
Fund Balance - January 31, 2001	\$130,700

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Please return the entire 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 _____
_____ 2001 Min. ANNUAL Donation (\$20.00)	Surname(s) of Deceased _____
_____ GRAVESITE RESTORATION	_____
_____ HISTORY/RESEARCH	Plot Number(s), if known _____
_____ TOTAL	Matching Gift from _____

## 2000 Burials in Washington Cemetery

The following persons were laid to rest in Washington Cemetery in 2000.

	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>
Barbara R. Branham	A-114	5 Feb. 2000
Laura Anderson	G-084	25 Feb. 2000
Robert Monroe	G-051 W½	14 Apr. 2000
Christine Georgs	C-075	27 May 2000
Blanche Cutting	C-056	16 Oct. 2000
Valda Millard	A-145	30 Oct. 2000
Donald L. Moore	D-118	18 Dec. 2000

The following were disinterred from Washington and moved to Forest Park.

King E. Choate	F-036 SE¼	20 Jan. 2000
Caroline Choate	F-036 SE¼	20 Jan. 2000

## Status of Section C Biographies

The 1988 Centennial Book included biographies of 186 people buried in Section C. If every supporter of WCHT who has family buried in Section C provided biographical information about their loved ones, the number of biographies in this section would more than triple. The status of the potential biographies is summarized below, by plot. If the book were to go to press with the information in hand right now, only a few of 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 C - Complete (or nearly complete):** Artusy, Dreyling, Fuchs, Furman, Chas.Hahn, Hayes, Heitman, Marti, Molk, Noland, Puls, Waegner, Fred Wagner.

**Section C - In progress (some text received but no photos; more research still needed):** Bartlingck, Bathe, Beazley, Bohlae, Buchanan, Butt, Caproni,

DeBowski, Dickson, Dietrich, Everts, Gares, Gerdes, Goetzman, Guese, Hoencke, Kinzbach, Koenig, Kohlman, Krohn, Lang, Limmroth, Lippstreu, Lyscio, Phillips, Sauter, Schilling, Schoellkopf, Weiss.

**Section C - In 1988 Centennial Book, but no new information or photos received:** Bartels, Beall, Clay, Clede, Cudlipp, Cutting, Dietze, Goetting, Hill, Isensee, Jaenecke, Kirlicks, Ladwig, Lehn, Long, McGarrity, Minster, Painter, Petersen, Pfeiffer, Pralle, Rimmel, Schiefer, Selke, Stock, St. Clair, Warburton.

**Section C - No information received:** Appelfelder, Baumert, Bauss, Beck, Blattner, Bollfrass, Colby, Connor, Conroy, Detering, Diehl, Eisemann, Elser, England, Ernst, Eversshade, Fashion, Fawcett, Fenzel, Georgs, Goetting, Guidner, Herman Hahn, Hartmann, Hirsch, Illig, Lackenmacher, Laskowski, Lenk, Leopold, Michels, Morse, Neiser, Nelson, Newman, O.H. Noland, Osterman, Pech, Preuss, Rasch, Reichert, Robbel, Roberts, Schiebler, Schmidt, Schoverling, Schweikart, Seeberger, Sevier, Shepherd, Sonnen, Spencer, Talmon, Telschow, Temme, Tiekoeetter, Chas. Wagner, Wichmann, Wolf, Yates.

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 nine photos for Section C in final form.

## Spring Visitor/Work Days

Please join us on **Saturdays, February 24, March 24, and April 28** between 10:00 and 4:00. Projects will include selecting monuments to be restored and continuing the search for buried Strangers Rest markers. The record books will also be available. We look forward to seeing you there! Please call **Leona Zaboroski** for further details.

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