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Veterans and Citizens of the Republic of Texas Honored on October 22, 2011

Over 75 people turned out on a beautiful fall day for the dedication of Official Texas Historical Markers for Battle of San Jacinto veterans **Ellis Benson** and **William Gammell** and Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) medallions for Citizens of the Republic of Texas **Jane McDaniel Gammell** and **Mary Louise Schiermann Behrman Tips**. WCHT Historian **Gov Clements** and WCHT Treasurer **Lloyd Shenberger** did the detailed research for the two state markers. **Glenwood Cemetery** assisted in myriad ways before, during, and after the ceremony.

Speakers at the dedication included Harris County Judge **Ed Emmett**, Harris County Historical Commission Chairman **Janet Wagner**, HCHC Marker Dedication Chairman **Debra Blacklock-Sloan**, San Jacinto Descendants President **Will Haddock**, DRT Past 4th Vice President **Anita Cooper**, and San Jacinto Museum of History Association President **Larry Spasic**. Gov Clements, Lloyd Shenberger, and **Alma Chambers** presented the biographies of the four honorees. Bagpiper **Kelley Fair**, Houston Grand Opera singer **Jeff Monette**, and the **Texian Volunteers** supplied the music and musket salutes. You can view a brief video overview of the one hour program on the HCHC website:

<http://www.harrischc.org/videos.aspx?video=8>

Photos and a longer video may be available on DVD for a nominal charge. For more details, please contact WCHT President **Gus Mistrot** at **Veterans@WashingtonCemetery.org** or call Glenwood Cemetery (713-864-7886).

Confederate and Union Veterans to be Honored on Saturday, October 20, 2012

We have recently identified several Union and Confederate veterans who do not have markers showing their service. A joint program next October will honor veterans of both armies. WCHT will request VA markers for veterans buried in unmarked graves. For veterans buried in marked graves, sponsors may purchase a "VA-style" marker to be placed next to the existing family marker.

A similar event, for Confederate veterans only, will take place in Glenwood Cemetery on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Each ceremony is limited to 12-15 veterans. Please contact Gus Mistrot if you are aware of a 19th century veteran in either cemetery who needs a VA headstone or "VA-style" marker.

John Petzold Retires as WCHT Trustee

We are sorry to lose Trustee **John Petzold**, who after nearly 14 years of loyal service to CCWCC and WCHT, has resigned from our Board to devote more time to his other civic endeavors. We will especially miss his consistent and efficient participation in the headstone dedication ceremonies.

125th Anniversary Approaches

February 7, 2012 will mark 125 years since the *Deutsche Gesellschaft von Houston* purchased the land to found the cemetery. The first burial took place on March 31, 1887. A committee composed mostly of non-Trustee volunteers will be needed to plan an event similar to the Centennial observance in October 1987. Please contact **Info@WashingtonCemetery.org** if you would like to serve on such a committee.

Clements' Corner

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

PLOT F-078 STRANGERS REST

Compiled by Dr. Richard D. Post of Northampton, England, a grandnephew of William Montague Muir Mackenzie. Mr. Post contacted WCHT through the WCHT website in October to add some details to his extensive biography of William Muir Mackenzie, and thus has added greatly to WCHT's knowledge of one of our "Strangers."

William Montague MUIR MACKENZIE (12 May 1876 – 18 July 1901)



William, scion of a Scottish noble family, was born at Heathfield, Tabley Superior, Knutsford, Cheshire, England. He was the eldest child and only son of Kenneth Augustus MUIR MACKENZIE and Amelia Margaret "Amy" GRAHAM, and a grandson of Sir John William Pitt MUIR MACKENZIE. William was also a nephew of Hon. Quintin HOGG, the founder and president of the London Polytechnic School.

William's father, Kenneth Muir Mackenzie, had a most illustrious career. He was Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor between 1890 and 1915. Among many other honours, he was invested as a Knight Commander, Order of the Bath (K.C.B.) in 1898, and created 1st Baron Muir Mackenzie of Delvine, Co. Perth [U.K.] in 1915.

William was brought up in London. From age 15 to 18 (1890 to 1894), he attended Winchester College, where he was an accomplished gymnast, played cricket in his house team, and played Winchester College football (soccer). He was a house and school prefect and did well academically. On leaving Winchester, William went to Balliol College, Oxford, where his father had graduated in 1868; there he gained a 3rd in Classics in 1896. *The photo is reproduced by kind permission of the Master and Fellows of Balliol College (PHOT 21.17, 1894).*

On 6 December 1900, William married Miss Stella Elise EVENON, daughter of Albert EVENON, a wealthy London merchant, at the register office, St George's Hanover Square, in London. The very next day, they boarded the *Umbria*, bound for New York City, where they arrived on 17 December, after a very rough voyage.

Within a few weeks they arrived in Houston, though it is unknown whether they traveled by train or by ship, or indeed, their reason for coming to Houston. It must be noted that Houston was booming in January 1901, as a result of migration from Galveston following the Great Storm of 8 September 1900, and the successful completion of the Lucas well at Spindletop, near Beaumont, on 10 January 1901. It was a good time for a young lawyer to establish himself in business.

The Muir Mackenzies resided at Vick's Park, then a small addition in the Houston "suburbs," lying between Waugh Drive and Studemont, on the south side of Washington Avenue.

Sadly, their time here was brief, as William died suddenly just six months later. His widow soon returned to England, after selling her household goods in order to secure sufficient funds for the trip. Among them was a 200-year old watch, offered for sale at Lechenger's Jewelry Store at 403 Main Street and advertised in the *Houston Daily Post*.

Phase 10C Monument Repairs Completed

Early this year, the Glenwood staff repaired, leveled, and cleaned the following headstones, cradles, and copings as part of the Monument Restoration program that CCWCC started in 1995. You can see photos of most of these at FindAGrave.com.

Section A: Fred R. **Gooch** (1888-1942), Billy Louis **Slawinsky** (1941-1959), Gerhard **Broetzmann** (1856-1905), Helen Dorothy **Enen** (1883-1958), Gus Martin **Enen** (1870-1928), R. Lee **Gordon** (1864-1905), Henry **Hayner** (1854-1903) & Tracy **Besser Hayner** (1855-1933), Johann Valentin **Kohlhauff** (died 1894), Mrs. Dorothea **Leweke Kohlhauff** (1839-1903), William J. **Kohlhauff** (1861-1928), Louise Friedericke **Depenbrock Kohlhauff** (1865-1930), John Henry **Kohlhauff** (1886-1952), Lillie French (**Rawls**) **Kohlhauff** (1883?-1958), Edward W. **Kohlhauff** (1888-1897), W. J. **Hermann** (1886-1928).

Section B: Ellis **Benson** (1813-1896) & Elizabeth **Benson** (1819-1894), Charles **Retzer** (1849-1916), Marie **Retzer** (1858-1927), George Davis **Parker**, M.D. (1865-1932), Cora **Meadow Parker** (1869-1944), Harvey Meador **Parker** (1891-1913), Raily Stuart **Parker** (1893-1895), Mary **Meadow Basham** (1845-1922), H. E. **Basham** (1853-1920).

Section C: Felix **Goetzmann** (1819-1899) & Mary Adelaide **Goetzmann** (1834-1888), Emeline **Goetzmann Limmroth** (1854-1946) & George Dietrich **Limmroth** (1846-1906), Herman **Sonnen** (1833-1919) & Elizabeth **Moore Sonnen** (1838-1888), Christiane **Bauss** (1807-1888), George **Bauss** (1852-1914), Mary **Bauss** (1852-1942), Thomas B. **Hicks Jr.**, WWI (1897-1918), Ferdinand G. **Schoellkopf** (1851-1919) & Margaretha L. **Schoellkopf** (1855-1904), Joseph **Baumert** (1857-1937), Mrs. Carolina **Baumert** (1863-1927), Henry Max **Baumert** (died before 1893, age 5), Elsa **Baumert** (1891-1972), Emma **Baumert** (1888-1941), George **Cudlipp Sr.** (1856-1926), Lucy E. **Cudlipp** (1857-1929), William Gladstone **Cudlipp** (1886-1945), George **Cudlipp Jr.** (1889-1891), James **Cudlipp** (1892-1895), Lucy **Cudlipp Partin** (1881-1972), William Bernard **Partin** (1878-1955), Lottie **Cudlipp Smith** (1884-1954), Infant of J. M. **Maxwell** (1909-1910), Alfred **Godfrey** (1894-1898), Minnie **Godfrey** 1892-1892, Edith E. **Godfrey** (1892-1892).

Section D: William Henry **Perkins** (1854-1908).

Section G: W. T. **Dobson** (1826?-1896?), Wilhelmine **Dobson** (1826?-1896?), Herman **Meier** (1826-1871), Caroline **Lear Meyer Barton** (1823-1900), Wilhelmina **Meier Schmidt** (1851-1879), Henry **Schmidt Sr.** (1834-1903), Henry Christian **Schmidt** (1855-1873), Carrie **Schmidt** (?-1873), Herman Christian **Schmidt** (1876-1879).

Section I: Samuel Perkins **Tutt**, W.O.W. (1882-1910).

Strangers Rest Marking Project

We have ordered the blank polished black 12"x12" granite tiles to mark these graves. We encourage all readers who have family members buried in single graves to contact us with the names and dates for the markers, whether or not you are able to make a donation towards the project. Accuracy of the inscription is a top priority. We also are in need of researchers who can go to the library for obituaries. If you can help in any way, please contact Cathy Fitch at StrangersRest@WashingtonCemetery.org.

Annual Financial Report

Expenses exceeded income, causing net assets to decrease by \$13,465 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Assets are held in bank deposits and certificates of deposit. Income increased for the period compared to the previous period by \$7,763. Total revenue was \$9,633 for the period. Total expense for the period was \$23,098 compared to \$9,688 for the previous year. The majority of the expense, \$21,248, was for monument restoration including \$3,060 for the Strangers Rest project.

INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – Fiscal Year 2011

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Net Assets – October 1, 2010	\$209,543		
INCOME: Operations/Administration	\$5,787	EXPENSES: Monument Restoration	\$21,248
Historical Projects	350	Historical Projects	25
Monument Restoration	<u>2,550</u>	Newsletter & Postage	1,342
Total Donations	\$8,687	Administration	<u>483</u>
Other Income			
Net Investment Income	<u>946</u>		
Total Income	\$9,633	Total Expenses	<u>\$23,098</u>
		Net Assets -- September 30, 2011	<u>\$196,078</u>
FUNDS: Cash on Hand	\$14,016	FUNDS: Operations/Administration	\$143,000
Money Market Account	55,062	Historical Projects	325
Securities (CDs)	127,000	Gravesite Restoration	<u>52,753</u>
	<u>\$196,078</u>		<u>\$196,078</u>

Please return the form below with your check and mail to **Washington Cemetery Historic Trust, 1302 Waugh Drive, PMB #465, Houston, Texas 77019-3908**, or contact Treasurer Lloyd Shenberger <Treasurer@WashingtonCemetery.org>. All donations are deductible on Form 1040 (Schedule A).

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Donor Name _____	ID No. _____ Phone No. _____
E-mail Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Please send newsletters by e-mail
_____ 2012 Annual Donation (\$25.00)	Your family lot name(s) and lot number (s) if known _____
_____ Strangers Rest Marker(s) (\$75.00 each)	
_____ Gravesite Restoration	
_____ History/Research	Strangers Rest name(s) _____
_____ TOTAL	Matching Gift from _____

2007-2010 Washington Cemetery Burials

The following 27 persons were laid to rest in Washington Cemetery during the years 2007-2010.

	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>
Imogene Kennedy Plank	H-060	17 Jan 2007
Shirley R. Trammell Parker	B-034	26 Jan 2007
Nina Urquhart Williford	B-093	14 Feb 2007
Robert Kuehm	G-089	06 Mar 2007
Eva Inez Chudleigh	C-062	11 Apr 2007
Elsa L. Danklefs Whitmore	D-101	18 May 2007
Chester Oberpriller	I-035 SE	23 July 2007
Paul Constantine Janke	A-141 E½	29 Jan 2008
Clara Kuehm	G-089	31 May 2008
Renaud J. d'Herbes	D-108 SE	25 Jun 2008
Ralph A. Schaefering	H-021 W½	27 July 2008
Maude Amanda Blondeau	H-053 W½	11 Nov 2008
Genevieve Pyle Demme	D-002.5 NE	09 Mar 2009
Louis Benson	C-090A SW	17 Mar 2009
Bertha Margaret Benson	C-090A SW	27 Mar 2009
Louis Allen Kitzmann	I-033 E½	20 Jun 2009
Clara Lucylle Manning	D-069 E½	26 Jun 2009
Mary Alice Kitchens	F-014	11 Aug 2009
James William Kennedy	H-060	19 Sep 2009
Kenneth Dorsey Parker	B-033	09 Oct 2009
Herman T. Georgs	C-075	13 Feb 2010
Lee Roy Murray	D-046 W½	06 Mar 2010
Wilma Gallien Celestine	G-036	20 Mar 2010
Roger Lee Kohlman	B-141	25 Mar 2010
Ernestine Soukup Brittain	H-013 SE	12 Aug 2010
Robert Wade Minor	G-057 NE	14 Aug 2010
Lillian M. Townsen Rembert	B-085	27 Sep 2010

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

WashingtonCemetery.org Redesigned

The new and improved website is in beta testing now. We expect it to be available in January.

Volunteers Needed

The long-serving Trustees are working hard to upgrade the cemetery grounds and records, but additional volunteers are needed to help with the many projects that are underway. We especially need committee members with computer skills and expertise in the areas of historical research or fund raising. If you can assist with documenting and preserving this historic cemetery, please send a note to Volunteers@WashingtonCemetery.org.

Thank You for Your Support

We are most grateful to the readers who responded to our last newsletter, either by sending donations, subscribing to e-mail delivery of future newsletters, or providing information about your family members buried here. We hope to hear from more of you soon. **Correction:** Your family lot number and ancestor name are on the left side of the mailing label; your 5-digit ID number is on the right side.

2012 Calendar of Events

**Dedication of Confederate Markers
and Headstones in Glenwood Cemetery**
Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.

**Dedication of Confederate and Union Markers
and Headstones in Washington Cemetery**
Saturday, October 20, 10:00 a.m.