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Monument Cleaning Project Completed

Glenwood Cemetery has recently completed the cleaning of every marker, monument, and coping in Washington Cemetery. Here is just one example. Please stop by the cemetery soon and enjoy the view!



Confederate and Union Graves Marked

Separate headstone dedication ceremonies were held this year for two veterans of the War Between the States. Glenwood Cemetery installed both markers and provided their usual support for the events.

Georg Ernst Roesing (1835-1903), Private, Co. C, Taylor's 8th Texas Cavalry Battalion, and 1st Sergeant, Co. E, Yager's 1st Texas Cavalry Regiment, was honored at a ceremony on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. In attendance on a pleasantly sunny winter day were his grandson and great-grandson, who had traveled from Waco and Alaska to honor their Confederate ancestor, and a small group of UDC and SCV members.

Edward Darke Duffield (1843-1893), Private, Co. D, 45th Missouri Infantry & Co. F, 50th Missouri

Infantry, was honored at a ceremony on Saturday, October 22, 2016. Attendees on this beautiful fall day were primarily from the Lt. Cmdr. Edward Lea U.S.N. Camp 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sarah Emma Seelye Auxiliary 1, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Trustee Eleanor Beebe Steps Down

Eleanor Beebe began volunteering for WCHT in 2000 and became a Trustee in 2005. She first spent several years adding over 5600 burial records to our then-new computerized burial database. After Eleanor and several other volunteers walked the entire cemetery in 2003-2005 recording headstone inscriptions, she added that information to the database for all 7600-plus burials. She also prepared the list of Notable Interred for our website, took superb minutes of Trustee meetings, and answered all emailed inquiries from the public in a very timely and eloquent way. Her contributions to Washington Cemetery over the last 16 years of dedicated service have been immeasurable. She will be greatly missed and always appreciated. We wish her well in her many other endeavors. Thank you, Eleanor.

New Trustee Robert Zaboroski Steps Up

Robert Zaboroski, younger son of long-time Trustee Leona Zaboroski, became the newest Trustee in July. He is chairing a committee to collect digital images of Texas death certificates for persons buried in Washington Cemetery who died between 1910 and 1982. He will gladly accept assistance in this task. If you have internet access and would like to help with this project, please contact Robert by email at Volunteers@WashingtonCemetery.org.

Clements' Corner

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

A walk through our cemetery is an interesting experience because of the many beautiful upright headstones, as opposed to the simple flat markers that make it easier to mow. In addition to the names and dates found on flat markers, many of these standing headstones record family relationships, national origin, place of birth, occupation, scripture, brief poetry, or positive exhortations.

The Woodmen of the World (W.O.W.) fraternal society was founded in Omaha, Nebraska on 3 June 1890, and is still active today. The name was coined from a line in a sermon about "pioneer woodsmen clearing away the forest to provide for their families." Such a society could clear away problems of financial security for its members.

One of the most enduring legacies of the group is their headstones in the shape of a standing tree stump or log. These markers were an early benefit of W.O.W. membership, but were discontinued in the late 1920s as the headstones became too expensive. More recent Woodmen of the World headstones feature a wide diversity of sizes and shapes, but all of them carry the familiar W.O.W. symbols. This photo shows two of the more unusual designs, for John F. Depenbrock and Henry F. Hayner.

W.O.W. headstones are found in every section of the cemetery except Section P, and span the years 1897 to 1955. The 82 surnames that have been identified so far on W.O.W. markers (listed by section; some names appear on more than one marker) are: (A) Alderton, Collins, Depenbrock, Dewer, Donnelly, Elkington, Gallochar, Gargano, Gray, Grota, Haralson, Hayner, Heath, Maes, May, McAughan, McLaurin, Newhoff, Levy, Paulig, Rosselli, Robinson, Sterns, Tischer, Williams, Winkler; (B) Davis, Grace, Rasch, Seegar, Tyler, Wichmann; (C) Clede, Cook, Georgs, Gutapfel, Krause, Lenk, Platte, Schmand, Schmidt, Steidel, Stoermer, Wise; (D) Bruder, Charlton, Chun, Downey, Floeck, Floyd, Funke, Gerloff, Korn, Martin, Proehl, Superviele, Wulfert; (F) Arfken, Artz, Evans, Folse, Harris, James; (G) Fenwick, Hanson, LaRose, Meyer, Orillion; (H) Bell, Holm, Mitchell, Patton; (I) Alexander, Bettner, Hutchins, Norton, Sander, Tutt; (R) Flores, Keirns, Moreno, and Stewart.



As Washington Cemetery enters its 130th year, now well cared for by the Glenwood Cemetery staff, it makes for an interesting tour or a quiet walk around. Come by and spend a little "serene time" in this oasis of green and tranquility in the middle of the fourth largest city in the United States.

Phase 12A Monument Repairs Completed

During the recent monument cleaning project, about a hundred headstones were leveled as well as being cleaned. The list below is only part of the work done; it will be continued in future newsletters.

Section A: Herman **Stolz** (1863-1902), Albert William **Paulig** (1890-1909), Samuel A. **Lynn** (1829-1895), Alfred **Gallochar** (1868-1906), Mary **Delhom** (1855-1898), Wilma **Lyons** (1894-1895), Charles W. **Updike** (1848-1905), Susan D. **Updike** (1820-1901), John Rudolph **Molkenbur** (1836-1894), Ada Little **Moore** (1868-1844), George Earl **Moore** (1867-1935), James Earl **Moore** (1893-1914), John J. **Oberle** (1844-1919), Lillian **Hillendahl** (1896-1898), Julius **Schmidt** (1859-1907), Edmund Theodor **Reichelt** (1853-1898).

Section B: George **Schuplinsky** (1891-1899), Mrs. Rosa **Schuplinsky** (1855-1902) & Herbert **Schuplinsky** (1895-1902), Frank E. **Schuplinsky** (1883-1902) & Bruno **Schuplinsky** (1893-1902), John **Schuplinsky** (1887-1904), Frank **Schuplinsky** (1852-1906), Charles **Ehlers** (1869-1941), Howard **Riley** (1882-1922), John D. **Wichmann** (1852-1927).

Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2016

During the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, net assets decreased by \$20,360. Total income for the period was \$8,014 compared to \$4,509 for the previous fiscal year. Expenses for the period were \$28,374 compared to \$1,135 for the previous year. The major expense this year was \$27,300 for monument restoration. Since the end of the fiscal year, we have had income of

\$3,338 and expense of \$1,292 (this expense was for the August newsletter). Thanks to all of you who have subscribed to our email newsletter; we're now emailing nearly 20% of them. Besides being in color, another advantage of receiving our newsletter by email is that it's easy to share with friends and family. We encourage all who are now receiving it by US Mail to go to www.WashingtonCemetery.org and click on the green **Subscribe** button on the home page to receive our free newsletter by email.

INCOME and EXPENSES (Unaudited) – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016

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Net Assets – October 1, 2015	\$ 189,978		
INCOME: Operations/Administration	\$ 3,267	EXPENSES: Monument Restoration	\$ 27,300
Strangers Rest Project	2,235	Strangers Rest Project	500
Monument Restoration	<u>820</u>	Newsletter & Postage	0
Total Donations	\$ 6,437	Administration	<u>574</u>
Other Income			
Net Investment Income	<u>1,577</u>		
Total Income	\$ 8,014	Total Expenses	\$28,374
		Net Assets -- September 30, 2016	<u>\$169,618</u>
ASSETS: Cash on Hand	\$ 22,618	EQUITY: Unrestricted Net Assets	\$158,074
Securities (CDs)	147,000	Restricted Net Assets	<u>11,544</u>
	<u>\$169,618</u>		<u>\$169,618</u>

WCHT is a 501(c)(3) organization and all Trustees are volunteers. There are several ways to support Washington Cemetery. Donations can be mailed to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust, P.O. Box 63592, Pipe Creek, TX 78063-3592 with the form below. Or, you may make a donation through PayPal or with your credit card by going to our website, www.washingtoncemetery.org, and clicking on **Make a Donation** under the **Quick Links** on the right hand side of the home page. Also, if you shop at Randalls, you can link your Remarkable Card to Washington Cemetery Historic Trust (WCHT #2810). For further information, please contact Treasurer Lloyd Shenberger at < Treasurer@WashingtonCemetery.org >.

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2012-2016 Washington Cemetery Burials

The following 28 persons were laid to rest in Washington Cemetery during the years 2012-2016.

	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Burial Date</u>
Sylvia Ann Gallien Rideau	G-044 W½	13 Jan 2012
Adam Paul Boudreaux	H-062A	03 Dec 2012
Eva H. Jahnke	H-042 E½	15 Dec 2012
Kathleen Isabel Brown Toler*	A-084	17 Dec 2012
Dennis John Dunn	G-044 W½	05 Jan 2013
Nelma Joyce Kimmell Dickey	C-150	21 Jan 2013
Mohsen Massoumzadeh Oskoui	G-044 W½	21 Mar 2013
William Frank Wissman Jr.	H-063 NE	17 Aug 2013
Reginald Elmo Brittain Jr.	H-058 W½	05 Nov 2013
Arthur Boyce Herdejorgen	D-099	04 Dec 2013
Selma Ballanfant Buderus*	F-034	12 Apr 2014
Jose G. Mendiola	C-082 W½	06 Jun 2014
Emilie Gagliardini Massa	P-010 W½	04 Sep 2014
Benjamin Franklin Secor Jr.	A-109 E½	14 Nov 2014
Katherine Weber Theilen	G-045	31 Dec 2014
Herman Edward Lauhoff	H-027 W½	24 Jan 2015
Wade Clay Huggins	G-005A	09 Feb 2015
John W. McGee	G-055 NE	09 May 2015
William Ayer Nelson	C-066 S½	13 May 2015
Karen Sanders St. Cyr Beach*	C-082 E½	22 May 2015
Lois Joyce Betz*	D-031	30 Jul 2015
Leona Dehart Zaboroski	A-060 S½	11 Nov 2015
Elizabeth Leigh Crofton*	B-144	01 Dec 2015
Clara Batterson Kemper*	G-048 NW	10 Jan 2016
Carol Jeane Kent Petty	B-132	02 Feb 2016
Benjamin Frank St. Cyr III*	C-082 E½	09 Apr 2016
Arthur Lee Buchanan Sr.	H-061 S½	13 Dec 2016
Evelyn Dietrich Wilkerson*	G-075 E½	15 Dec 2016

*Ashes (interment often delayed)

Thank You to Our Supporters

The Trustees would like to thank all of you who have subscribed to our email newsletter, made donations, contacted us, shared family information that helped us clarify cemetery records, purchased Strangers Rest markers, or helped us in any way to continue our efforts to restore Washington Cemetery and its records and honor our ancestors buried here.

Special thanks to the FindAGrave volunteers who have photographed nearly every headstone and marker in the cemetery and put those photos online for all to enjoy, and to the volunteers who are collecting death certificates and obituaries to correct and supplement the limited information in the original cemetery records.

Again, thank you for your generosity. Your participation is vital to the success of our mission and is greatly appreciated.

WashingtonCemetery.org Expanded

Several webpages have recently been added or revised, and others are under construction. New pages include the 2012 Texas Historical Marker, Notable Interred, and Make a Donation, which gives you the option of online donation with a credit card via PayPal as well as the traditional check donation.

2017 Calendar of Events

Glenwood Cemetery Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 10:00 a.m.

The Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane

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