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For an Official Texas Historical Marker
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LOCATION

Woodley Cemetery is located in southeastern Harrison County at the Panola County Line. The Cemetery may be reached by taking Highway 31 southeast from Marshall approximately 12 miles, turning west on Woodley Road, past Woodley House (which bears a Texas Historical Medallion) and continuing for an additional three miles on Woodley Road.

ORGANIZATION

Woodley Cemetery, a family Cemetery, is now operated by the Woodley Cemetery Association. There is a formal Trust Agreement drawn in 1988 by Ernest Smith, an attorney who practiced in Marshall. The trust fund account at First National Bank of Marshall is in excess of \$30,000. Interest from this fund pays for the maintenance of the Cemetery property, without the spending of any of the principal.

The Trustees, all related, are:

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Rt. 1, P. O. Box 278
Marshall, Texas 75670 |

The annual meeting of the Association is held on the last Sunday of April each year. This meeting coincides with the "Graveyard Working," a custom that has been in effect for 147 years. There is a short business meeting, at which a financial report is given and other business, if any, is conducted.

PROPERTY TITLE

The Cemetery is located in the southeast corner of the B. Aldreta Survey A-31. A recorded deed in Harrison County states (in quaint language):

The Republic of Texas
County of Harrison
Know all men by these presents that on the Seventeenth day of January one thousand eight hundred forty four and the independence of the Republic of Texas the rights of Phillip W. May and Polly C. May of the Republic and County aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred dollars to me in hand paid by William Woodley of the Republic and County Aforesaid...¹

This deed conveys all of the B. Aldreta Survey A-31 of 164 acres and 150 acres of the Jane Thorp A-704 Survey.

On January 26, 1844, William Woodley apparently borrowed money (amount unknown) from William Davenport and signed an instrument which was a Mortgage and Deed of Trust promising to pay Davenport "15,714 lbs. of good ginned cotton to be paid equally in three payments...due 1st day of Jan. 1845, the second due 1st Jan 1846, and the 3rd 1st day of January 1847."² Obviously Woodley paid the Note, as the land remained in his family for the next 126 years.

The Republic of Texas was approximately eight years old at this time, and the Barter System was common. Although a banking system had been established, it was not fully developed. Texas had no money and no credit; the printed paper money in "Red Notes" soon fell to around a dime on the dollar.³

William Woodley died on August 13, 1847, and his wife Telitha stated in the Probate Records:

That said William Woodley in his life time made his last will and testament signed by him and witnessed according to law that the said testator appointed in said will the said Tabeth(sic) Woodley as executors of the said will and deposited the same with her the said Tatelitha(sic) Woodley for safe keeping that since the death of the said William Woodley the said will was stolen from a chest or strong box in her home where she had deposited the same for safe keeping and she believes it destroyed...⁴

Since no will could be found, in the Probate proceedings Telitha Woodley, widow of William Woodley, received by law one-half of William's estate. The Commissioners of the partition reported to the court that:

...the home place containing three hundred and twenty seven acres they have divided into two equal portions by running a line through the middle of the same east and west and that they have allotted to Telitha Woodley the surviving widow to decedent the south half of said land containing one hundred and sixty three and one half acres...⁵

Telitha therefore was awarded the home place containing the Cemetery, which is in the southeast corner of the B. Aldreta Survey.

We have examined Telitha's original will which is filed in the Probate Records of Panola County, and later in this application we quote this instrument. In it she appointed her son-in-law Joseph Westmoreland and a Wm. Worthington as executors of the estate. For reasons uncertain, they both declined to act as such, and another son-in-law, Geo. D. McJimsey, petitioned the court that he act as administrator. The court approved his petition, effective January 3, 1853. In an inventory of her estate submitted to the Probate Court October 15, 1853, by appraisers N. D. Downs and B. B. Adkinson, the following is listed:

One hundred and sixty four acres of land, homestead—\$600.00
Three hundred and thirty three acres in litigation in Western Texas—\$700.00⁶

The homestead is in Harrison County, but the will is filed in Panola County. Absolutely nothing is known of the 330 acres in "Western Texas."

No further documents can be found, other than Bonds for the administrator, Geo. D. McJimsey. The will does not appear in the records of the county, except for the one entry in the Probate Document Book A, where her name is listed and "Cause 145." Cause 145 is an envelope containing her will, the short inventory, and Bonds for McJimsey. After much searching, I asked for help from Joyce Burgess, County Clerk of Panola County, and she also searched, but could find no other mention of this will. Therefore Telitha Woodley's will was not probated in Panola County.

Also, a thorough examination of the records of Harrison County was made, and no documents could be found probating and awarding the homeplace to anyone.

Caroline Woodley and her husband Geo. D. McJimsey obviously occupied the "homeplace" of her mother, but the document passing title to her cannot be located. McJimseys occupied the land, paid taxes, farmed, sold timber, and, in 1955, leased the mineral rights. In 1970 the McJimseys sold the property to a trustee for a timber company, reserving the minerals and cutting out from the sale the three acres occupied by the Cemetery. The land had never been divided among the family members. For 118 years, from Telitha's death until it was sold in 1970, the land was occupied by the McJimsey family.

Being unable to find a chain of title ownership in either Deed Records or the Probate Records of Harrison County, I discussed this problem with Haywood Mosely, owner of Mosely Abstract Company in Marshall, knowing that he had done some title work on the property. Mosely told me that when the land was sold in 1970, he wrote a Title Insurance Policy which guaranteed ownership. He had made a title search that went

far enough back to satisfy the title insurance company that no title disputes had appeared in the record. Mosely based his decision to insure on the Statute of Limitation Doctrine. The question as to why the probate of her will was never completed still remains after 118 years.

No deed or instrument of any type defining the Woodley Cemetery can be found in the Harrison County Deed Records or in the Probate Records prior to the sale to Isgitt in 1970. But some Woodley and Westmoreland family members are adamant in the belief that some record did exist but was never filed. In her collection of Woodley Family Records (thousands of pages are contained in this), Viola Woodley Allen Cody states that "on Aug. 8, 1844, death took 5 year old Harriet Ellen (the Woodley's daughter). William Woodley set aside the southeast corner of his property as a family cemetery, and Harriet Ellen was buried..."⁷

Some believe that the cemetery was "set aside" in the will made by William that had mysteriously disappeared from his widow's strong box.

At any rate, the title was cleared when the McJimsey family sold their surface rights to the land. At the insistence of Jack McJimsey and his brother Bert, three acres that embrace the Woodley Cemetery were surveyed and a deed filed of record. The tract is 361.50 feet on the north line, 361.50 feet on the east line, 361.50 feet on the south line, and 361.59 feet on the west line,⁸ and is bounded on the east by Woodley Road and on the south by West Road, both all-weather Harrison County Roads. The cemetery has been continuously used as a family burial ground since the first burial of the Woodley daughter Harriet Ellen in 1844. Her grave today is unmarked, and the exact location is unknown; however, it is believed that her father was buried near her, and his grave is clearly marked.

CONDITIONS IN HARRISON COUNTY IN 1839

In mid-year of 1839, William Woodley was operating a ferry boat on the Cosca River near Centre, the county seat of Cherokee County, Alabama, where he had moved from Georgia.⁹ Much earlier he had married Telitha McMichael on October 20, 1816, in Jasper County, Georgia. Her mother was Elizabeth White, born ca. 1752, and her father was William McMichael, born ca. 1750, of Scottish-Irish ancestors. The McMichaels lived in the Orangeberg District of South Carolina, and McMichael had served in the Militia as a Light Horseman of the Revolutionary War in 1780-1782;¹⁰ therefore, all offspring of Telitha McMichael Woodley are offspring of this Revolutionary War soldier. Many of their female descendants have joined the DAR; several of the DAR Numbers are 245325, 24532664, 487481, and N5-DAR-237825.

As a reference point in time, it is worth noting that William Woodley was born April of 1787, which was two years prior to the inauguration of President George Washington in 1789. From William's birth to the present there is a time period of 205 years.

In this same year, 1839, William Woodley's son Wingate had married Elizabeth Jackson. This lady refused to accompany Wingate to the Republic of Texas, so he set out for the wilderness of Texas without her in October, 1839.

It is recorded on November 21, 1839, that a Second Class Unconditional Certificate for 320 acres of land in southern Harrison County located not far from the Sabine River was awarded to William Woodley.¹¹ As to why the land grant was made in the name of William, there is no explanation; but it is commonly believed that Wingate made the application in his father's name.

Apparently Wingate moved around a bit before settling down in East Texas, because the following letter was written to him in LaGrange, Texas, by his brother J. H. Woodley from Alabama in 1840:

Winguit(sic) Woodley
Iveres Post Office
Collorado(sic) County
Texas

La Grange, Texas
October 23rd. 1840

Dear Brother, I avail myself with the present opportunity of writing you a few lines to inform you of matters and things generally. I have just been to Georgia to see our connections. They are all well and say they want to see you very much. William McMichael says he wants you to write him a letter and state exactly how you are pleased with your new home. Kevi is expecting to get married about Christmas. He will get a girl by the name of Mary Redman. She has a good deal of property. I could write a great deal about Georgia but do not think it necessary. I will tell you that it would not be much satisfaction to you for you to be here. Your once beloved companion has well proven to me the deceit of the woman creation. I have no notion of getting married at all. I could rite you a great deal about Elizabeths conduct but I think you have heard enough on that subject to satisfy anybody and would be taking up time for no purpose to inform you of the way she speaks of you. Things are going about as usual. I have had better health this year than I ever had before in my life. I would be glad to see you. I feel very lonesome here for I am very near by myself. We have the greatest stur about the presidential Election that ever has been known--Write me when you get this. Nothing more But Remain your affectionat Brother.

J. H. Woodley¹²

William Woodley also wrote to Wingate and enclosed in the same folding sheet the following letter:

Oct. 3rd 1840

Dear Son, I again sit down to write you which I send by the hand of Mr. Birdwell Esqr. as he is to start in a few days to Texas. I received your letter in five weeks after you wrote it which more and more convinces me of the unsafety of that country. You know that it will be best to sell there. I would much rather live down against Columbus in Georgia, land is

much lower in the United States than it was. We have been favoured this year very much in not being sickly as there has been much sickness all about us. I want you to get a title to that land and then sell it if you can and if you cannot sell it by this time come twelve months, I want you to sell everything you cannot fetch with you and come back. You can make someone an agent to rent or sell the land if it should ever be saleable, but it would be much better if you could sell it yourself. It would enable us to buy more in this country. I want you to write very particularly what you think you can do and what time we may look for you at the farthest and inform us of all the t? going on there both good and bad. We have elected General Garret to the legislator at last. I suppose you would like to hear something of those you once considered your best friends so far as relates to a certain lady at least. She has been to Saint Clair not long since and her mother brags or boast and says that Betsy got two of the prettyest beaus in the country and I am very creditably informed that the young lady herself has repeatedly declared she never would live with you another day and rebukes people for calling her Mrs. Woodley and says her name is Elizabeth Jackson. There is disgraceful report got out on her. Your sisters left off associating with her and in consequence thereof get paid well with what is called Ned Bucket letters, painting them off as the ugliest and deformed beings on earth. I did not want to use my pen on such matters but I consider it due from me to you to inform you of facts. So nothing more present. I want you to write...(sheet torn off) I am...(sheet torn off)¹³

William's handwriting is clear and distinctive, indicating that he had an above-average education.

William wrote about the "unsafety" of the Republic of Texas to Wingate, and Wingate's wife must have shared his opinion. The living conditions were difficult in Harrison County in 1839. Population was sparse, as settlers had just begun to arrive. Roads did not exist; there were often only trails, previously used by the Indians. There were no bridges across the many creeks and rivers.

There was a strip of land running along the eastern border of Texas which had been established as a buffer zone between spanish Mexico and Louisiana. This was known as "No Man's Land, the Texas Badlands, the Texas Redlands, the Neutral Ground, the Neutral Strip or the Disputed Territory."¹⁴ This area attracted many unsavory characters

who were running from the law. "Outlaws, renegades, thieves, both of land and property, cutthroats, swindlers, and characters of many varieties flocked to the Badlands, for here they were outside the bounds of any nation, and no law could touch them."¹⁵

At the time Wingate emigrated to the Republic of Texas in 1839, Harrison County had just been formed from a part of Shelby County. The citizens of the Marshall area petitioned the Congress of the Republic of Texas:

Your petitioner would respectfully represent to your honorable body that we reside in a part of the county so remote from the county site that it is inconvenient for us, very frequently impossible to attend to the calls of our county without leaving our farms uncultivated or our families at the mercy of reckless and hostile savages, who are continuously committing depredations on our frontiers and consequently render it unsafe for us to leave for any length of time. Moreover we are unorganized either in civil or Military Capacity and for the purpose of obviating all these difficulties, we have thought proper to respectfully demand at your hands a new county as our constitutional right all that part of the County of Shelby...(list of names omitted) I assert that the above names are persons that live as citizens in the bounds of the contemplated new county East of the Sabine River.

Thos. Timons¹⁶

The writer of the petition, Thomas Timons, lived with his family less than one-quarter of a mile from the Woodley Cemetery, his land joining the tract on which the cemetery is located. It was in the home of Timons, in the summer of 1839, that the first election in the newly-formed Harrison County was held.

One of the county officers elected was George D. McJimsey as County Surveyor,¹⁷ an extremely important position at that time. He became a son-in-law of William Woodley by marrying William's daughter, Caroline. McJimsey's grave can be found in the Woodley Cemetery bearing a stone listing a death date of 1888.

Also in this year, the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church appointed Dr. Jobe M. Baker to the Harrison Circuit. Dr. Baker kept a diary and we quote:

In the year 1839 I moved my family to Harrison County. There was not a preacher of any kind in the county besides myself. I settled in the neighborhood of Mr. Page and his son-in-law, Josephus Moore, men of unenviable reputation. Mr. Page was an industrious, energetic man. He was hung by a company of "Regulators" from Red River County for an alleged murder. His family saw the Indians commit the murder. Afterwards I took the widow Page into the church, and baptized her by immersion. Her son John also became a useful church member. There was a good deal of cattle stealing between the white and Indians. The Indians stole from the whites and the whites stole from the Indians, as they said by way of reprisals. It is hard to tell which party came out winner in this game, though I believe the whites a little more than held their own...At this time the war between the "Regulators" and the "Moderators" was growing very bitter, and it was difficult to conduct religious services, though I occasionally had appointments to preach...

The first camp meeting held in Harrison County was in the neighborhood of Mr. William Scott, about five miles from Marshall. This meeting had a beneficial influence...While Mr. Litton Fowler was presiding elder, a second camp meeting was held near William Scott's. It was progressing fine until a desperado came on the ground and created a disturbance on Sunday night. Mr. Scott remonstrated with him and reprovved him. This only made him worse, and he swore he would kill Mr. Scott. He went to Marshall, got drunk, armed himself and came back to execute his threat. While hunting for his intended victim he was himself shot and mortally wounded. This broke up the meeting. The preachers exhorted the wounded man to repent and prepare for death. At first the dying man was defiant, but before his death he became penitent and asked the preachers to pray for him.¹⁸

The "Regulators" referred to in Dr. Baker's diary were a group which had organized to combat the lawlessness in the area. Some accounts of their activities were as follows:

In 1840 many honorable and upright men who had come into the area sought to organize the Regulators to "regulate" the lawlessness and bring peace and order to the Badlands. Murders, shooting, affrays, robberies, forgeries of land titles, certificates, counterfeiting, swindling and thievery must be ended, thought the men who launched the movement. They met at night in the woods. Things got out of hand and despite precautions, irresponsible and bad men found their way into the Regulators. They presented names of honest men as criminals, or as being guilty of lawless acts, and often used

the Regulators to "get even with" innocent men against whom they had a personal grudge.¹⁹

Trials were held in the woods and punishment, even executions were meted out to bandits, outlaws, and innocent men alike. This false "court of injustice" of the Regulators resulted in an even worse condition in the Badlands. Chaos and confusion reigned, yet its organizing members had been some of the most prominent citizens who meant to do the best for the good of all concerned.²⁰

Then followed the "Moderators," who were organized to stop the general outlawry of the regulators - to "regulate" the Regulators. But this group also found themselves aligned with desperate characters like those who had gained control of the Regulators. War ensued between the two factions in the years 1839 to 1844.²¹

This was the time of the arrival of the Woodleys, the Westmorelands, the Tillers, and of other families who later became related through marriage. More will be told about these families later.

The Regulators were led by a Colonel Boulware. He had so many enemies that he built himself a "blockhouse" of logs near Marshall. Blockhouses were like forts, made of immense logs with portholes for rifles, and there were many such structures in the area.²²

There are two Boulwares (of French-Huguenot descent) buried in the Woodley Cemetery, both related to the Westmoreland-Woodley families. They were probably related to Colonel Boulware, although the exact relationship is unknown.

Many prominent citizens were killed during the Regulator-Moderator conflict. Peter Whetstone, a benefactor to the city of Marshall, was shot and killed a few miles south of Marshall at his home by the Regulator leader, Colonel Boulware. Quoting Carrol C. Holloway in his scholarly book Texas Gun Lore:

In Harrison County there have been killings in the Courthouse, in the City Hall, in the main hotel; brothers have killed brothers, fathers have killed sons, and sons have killed fathers. There have been dozens of "difficulties," with acquittal for all.²³

The strife was ended in 1844, when the U.S. sent 500 Militia to the Louisiana border, and Sam Houston, President of the Republic, called a conference in East Texas of the leaders of the two sides and ended the war.

With all this turmoil and bloodshed going on in the piney woods of Harrison County, it is understandable that Wingate's father wrote him of the "unsafety of that county" and advised him to "sell everything that you cannot fetch with you and come back." But Wingate paid little attention to this advice. He must have been a very courageous man who thrived on excitement. He had volunteered in the 1836 Creek Indian War of Alabama, serving in Captain Donaldson's Company of Alabama Mounted Volunteers Militia. In 1838, he again volunteered in the Creek Indian War of Florida, serving in Captain Gault's Company of Alabama Militia. Having come to Texas in 1839, he later fought in the Mexican War of 1846 in Co. F, 2 Texas Mounted Volunteers (Rangers). Also records in the National Archives list him as a Civil War Veteran.²⁴ More of the last two wars later.

MIGRATION OF FAMILIES TO TEXAS

Although the region was plagued by hardships, there was plenty on the plus side also. Abundant land and water were available, and the vast forests of virgin timber were outstanding. There were many good, honest people in Texas and more were to come.

Carroll C. Holloway states in his book:

East Texas was a hunter's paradise. The County was like a park, beautiful green glades scattered among the tall virgin forest. Underbrush did not appear until the virgin forest had been cut away. Deer, turkey, and bear were plentiful, as were wild hogs, wild cattle, and a great assortment of wild game.²⁵

It is a family mystery as to why in the fall of 1843, after the crops in Alabama had been gathered, Wingate's father William Woodley disposed of his land, packed up his large family and emigrated to the Republic of Texas. The trip was by wagon train across

Alabama, Mississippi, and Southern Arkansas to the Texarkana area, and from there south, probably on Trammels Trace into Harrison County.²⁶

There were other families on this trip, as was customary, and it is believed that Reverend Joseph Westmoreland, who later became a son-in-law, now buried in the Woodley Cemetery, was a member of the group.

William settled on his land grant of 320 acres which had been awarded him by the Republic of Texas, Harrisburg County, on the 21st day of November 1839. This location was about 15 miles south of Marshall, a short distance east of the Sabine River, near what is now called Gill Community. Apparently this land did not suit him, for shortly after this, on January 1, 1844, he purchased 327 acres of land including the entire B. Aldreta Survey and a portion of the Jane Thorp Survey, approximately five miles west of Elysian Fields and five miles east of his land grant. This was just inside Harrison County and north of the Panola County line. Family records reveal that on this land he built a "dog run" type house, which faced east and was near Caney Creek, a short distance from what is now Woodley Cemetery. Nothing remains of the house today.

THE FAMILIES

William Woodley's family was large. He had two sons by an earlier marriage, and from his marriage to Telitha McMichael there were two sons and eleven daughters, all born in Alabama. Those who survived continued to live in the community. They are listed here with their dates of birth and spouses (where applicable):

1.	Wingate Hall	25 Aug. 1817	Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark
2.	Jonathon Harrison	6 June 1819	Lillie Amanda Campbell
3.	Elizabeth Martha	7 Sept. 1821	William B. Tiller
4.	Lucinda	20 Mar. 1823	Rev. Joseph Westmoreland
5.	Caroline	20 Oct. 1824	George Davis McJimsey
6.	Sarah	1 Aug. 1826	Robert Walton
7.	Mary Ann	10 Aug. 1828	Peter Mitchell
			Thomas Tisdale
8.	Amanda Melvina	15 Aug. 1830	Ozias Taylor
			E. C. W. Andrews

9.	Frances Adelia	6 Sept. 1832	Died en route
10.	Jane	8 Oct. 1834	Richard P. Haynes Bryant Smith
11.	Harriet Ellen	8 Oct. 1838	Died 1844
12.	Julia Ann	6 Dec. 1840	Cornelius Coyle
13.	Telitha Arminta	29 May 1843	Thomas M. Horton

The young daughter Frances Adelia died on the trip to Texas as a result of choking on her food, and she is believed to have been buried somewhere near Texarkana. As previously mentioned, the daughter Harriet Ellen died on August 8, 1844, and was the first person buried in the Woodley Cemetery.

The multiplication of this family began. Large families were the rule. Wingate fathered sixteen children and his son Henry produced fifteen children (this fact is even inscribed on his grave marker). Elizabeth and William Tiller were parents of seven children, as told in Terry Jordon and Mary Lynn Tiller Weir's book Deep East Texas Folk.²⁷ (Jordan and Weir are direct Woodley descendants.) Lucinda and Joseph Westmoreland had eleven children, three of whom - Jimmy, Alfred and Silas - lived their entire lives in the area. Jimmy fathered fourteen children, Alfred had eleven and Silas had five. Caroline and George McJimsey produced six children, all of whom remained in the community. Sarah and Robert Walton had four children, all buried in the Woodley Cemetery. Amanda with two husbands produced seven children. Jane and Richard Haynes and several of their children are buried in the Woodley Cemetery. Cornelius Coyle, who married Julia Ann, is buried in the Cemetery along with three of their children and other Coyles. Telitha Arminta and Thomas Horton apparently moved away, and nothing is known of them. When one considers these large-sized families, it is easy to understand why the graves in the Woodley Cemetery number so many.

Around the Cemetery and vicinity a community began to form called "Sunny Point" by Harrison County residents and "Evergreen" by Panola County residents. In 1881 the question of the name was settled when a post office officially designated as

"Arleston" was established. The first postmaster was George Vincent,²⁸ and he was soon followed by John A. Harkrider in 1882, the latter of whom is buried in the Cemetery. The Arleston office was closed in 1883, and the mail then ordered to be sent to De Berry, Panola County; however, the Arleston office was reestablished in 1887, with John Harkrider again as postmaster. It remained until 1906, with Robert Haynes serving as the last postmaster. In that year the post office was closed and the mail directed to Elysian Fields.

Arleston was an active farming community with stores, a school, a grist mill, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, etc. There were many families in the area, including Woodleys, McJimseys, Westmorelands, Tillers, Haynes's, Pattons, Harkriders, Timmins's, Everetts, Morelands, Blacks, Hortons, Covingtons, Neils, Mahons, Escoes, Coyles, and Waltons. Haynes owned a general mercantile store; Stewart Black owned a general store and cotton gin.

Bethel Methodist Church was formed around 1850,²⁹ with Westmorelands, McJimseys, Woodleys, and related families as strong supporters. The church was located at the "Camp Grounds," approximately a mile east of the Woodley Cemetery, and this site is still used today for an annual Camp Meeting.

Many of the families had slaves. The Timmins family had a slave by the name of Hannah. When the slaves were freed, Hannah stayed on with the Timminses and attended Bethel Church regularly (sitting in the back, which was customary). She was later killed by a "cyclone."

Arleston School operated as late as 1904. Edgar Lee Burton was Superintendent-teacher, and other teachers were Molly Timmins, J. W. Cyphers (later named Superintendent of Schools in Harrison County), and Kate Schultz.³⁰ Many Woodleys who lived in the Woodley Community, a few miles to the north, rode mules or walked to this

school. John Dewitt McJimsey was a student there and later married another student, Hattie Maude Jernigan, who now lives in Panola County.

Today, strangely enough, nothing remains of the town of Arleston. There are no houses, barns or ruins of structures built by the many families who lived there. There is only an overgrown opening in the ground, a few hundred feet northeast of the Cemetery, that marks where there was once a water well at the Arleston School. Arleston is not even a Texas "ghost town."

The Woodley Family Bible (Walton Bible) states, "Departed this life William Woodley in the morning 35 minutes after 2 oclock 18th day of August 1847, age 60 years, 3 months, 27 days."³¹ William was buried on his land near his daughter Harriet and became the second person buried in the Woodley Cemetery.

William had been an excellent business man, for in the four years he was in Texas, according to his Probate Records, he had accumulated 2953 acres of land (with no outstanding mortgages shown) in Harrison, Panola, Rusk and Lavaca Counties. He had owned nine slaves, four horses, fifteen head of cattle and one mule.³²

Because of the death of the two young daughters and William's own early death at the age of 60, Terry Jordon wrote in his book, "Texas had not been kind to this immigrant family."³³ William's widow's problems increased, as his will had been given to her for safekeeping but had been stolen from her strongbox.

The settlement of William's estate dragged on for years in court, turning brother against sister in a family quarrel which never completely healed. The younger children felt that the will had been stolen by one of the older offspring, who had already received an inheritance and by destroying the will obtained a second inheritance. Son-In-Law Rev. Joseph Westmoreland was so incensed by this he refused to act as executor of the Woodley Estate.

Telitha continued to live in her house for several years, although saddened by the legal problems of her husband's estate. The record shows that in 1849 she paid taxes on

the land and nine slaves. At some time later she moved to live with son Wingate, whose home was in the Woodley Community a few miles to the north. Later she moved again to live with Lucinda and son-in-law Joseph Westmoreland. In 1852, ill and near death, Telitha asked to be taken back to her home, where she died on September 23 at age 52.³⁴ She was buried beside her husband in the Cemetery.

Telitha's will was short and is quoted:

I wish to make this my last will as life is uncertain and death is certain. I will that my daughter Jane Woodley to have Lyge, a negro boy about two years old. I will that my daughter Julianne to have Violet a girl about five years old. I will that my daughter Telitha Ariminter to have Silvey and her younger child. I will that all the money I have on hand and my cows and household furniture to be equally divided between those three children. I further will that Robert Walton shall act as guardian for these three children. I further will that the balance of my estate to be equally divided between the rest of my children. I will that Joseph Westmoreland and William Weathington to act as executor of my last will. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal using a scroll for seal.

her
Telitha X Woodley
mark

I wish no further action of the Court than my will probated

Test:
Wm. Weathington
O. C. Taylor
Thos. Bracken³⁵

On the "Third day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty four, Republic of Texas, County of Harrison,"³⁶ William Woodley had purchased 201 acres in the John Findley Headright. The original Deed was witnessed by Geo. D. McJimsey and W. H. Lacy and is in the possession of A. K. Lacy. Wingate purchased this land from his father and here he built his home, naming it Walnut Grove. This property later became known as the "Woodley Place;" it has remained in the family ever since, and a part of it is now owned by A. K. Lacy and A. E. Lacy, Jr., great, great, great-grandsons of William.

Here Wingate lived, fathered sixteen children (many buried in Woodley Cemetery), farmed, ran a mercantile business, operated a brick kiln, and ran a steam cotton gin. Court records also show that he was in the business of lending money.³⁷ He had obviously been a very successful businessman.

On January 1, 1844, Wingate Woodley:

appeared before the Board of Land Commissioners of Harrison County and proved according to Law that he emigrated to this Republic in Oct. 1839 and that he is a single man and that having never received a certificate is entitled to an unconditional grant of three hundred twenty acres of land, this the 1st day of Jan. 1844.³⁸

The land awarded him was one mile west of mile post 18 on the United States Line. A second tract was nearby on the waters of "Sockagee Bayou" (Socagee Creek).

On May 1, 1846, Wingate volunteered for a one year term as a private in the War with Mexico. He was commanded by Captain E. J. Thompson in Company F, 2nd Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers (Rangers), which was commanded by George T. Wood. Wood was a very popular man who became the second governor of the State of Texas. Wingate "went from Port Isabell to Matamoros, then to Camargo, thence to Monterrey, Mexico." The U. S. Army lead by General Zachary Taylor had no Cavalry, and the Rangers lead the way for the Army. After six months, the company was discharged by General Taylor in Monterrey.³⁹

Wingate was also a 2nd Lt., Confederate States Army, in the Civil War, although little is known of his military activities. He was in Co. D, Evans Bn. Texas Res. Corps. (Misc.), as shown on his Military Record from the National Archives. On July 6, 1865, as a Prisoner of War, after the surrender of the Trans-Mississippi Dept., C.S.A., the Commanding General for the U. S. Army gave him a "solemn PAROLE OF HONOR" that he would not "serve in the Armies of thee Confederate States, or in any Military capacity

whatever, against the United States of America..." until he was properly exchanged. His residence is given as Harrison County, Texas.⁴⁰

It is remarkable to consider that Wingate Woodley was the father of 16 children by three wives, was a large land owner, was a successful businessman, and, although not a career military man, managed to participate in a total of four wars.

Wingate married Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark on June 5, 1850, in Panola County, and the second generation of Woodleys, along with Westmorelands, McJimseys, Everetts, Tillers, Haynes's, etc., began. Not many of the children of these pioneer families have remained in the community.

At Wingate's death a Marshall newspaper, The Star, published the following:

Wingate Woodley dead Sept. 5, 1888. An old citizen and Veteran. A horse that Wingate H. Woodley was riding Monday fell and rolled, catching him under the horn of the saddle breaking several ribs and causing other injuries, from which he died Tuesday afternoon. He was buried at Arleston. Mr. Wingate Woodley was a Mexican Veteran and an old resident of Harrison County, having lived in it about fifty years. He was engaged in the Mercantile business for several years in Arleston, Tex. Also at his home in the country. He was about seventy years old and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He leaves a wife Elizabeth Horton Rains Woodley and twelve children, the majority of the children being married. He was well known and highly respected through the county and his death is a sadness, not only to his relatives but to the entire community. He was a successful farmer as well as a merchant and consequently leaves his family in good circumstances. The Star extends sympathy to the relatives.⁴¹

For Wingate to have been killed riding a horse is surprising. This man had served in the Cavalry in three wars and had ridden horseback from Alabama over Georgia and a large part of east and south central Texas; for him to have died in this manner is certainly ironic. Wingate was buried beside his wife Keziah Jane, a few feet from the graves of his mother and father.

Wingate's will was extremely long and detailed. He had seen the trouble that his mother had experienced when William's will was lost, and had a problem of his own when Keziah Jane died without a will, resulting in three of their children's suing him for their share of their mother's estate. He had so many children that he actually overlooked one offspring and had to make a codicil to correct his oversight. There were several other codicils also.⁴²

His large estate was divided among his children, with the exception of the three who had sued him, two of whom he had disinherited by additional codicils.

One of the large families which descended from William Woodley was that of the Westmorelands. Lucinda Woodley, daughter of William and Telitha, married Joseph Westmoreland in Cherokee County, Alabama, which was across the Cosca River from the home of William. The couple emigrated to the Republic in 1844 and settled just southeast of the Cemetery. The Westmoreland family papers state: "It is not definitely known, but there are strong implications that Joseph's father-in-law, Wm. Woodley came in this group."⁴³

This couple produced eleven children, of whom five boys and two girls lived to maturity. Three Westmoreland boys - Jimmy, Alfred, and Silas - lived in the Elysian Fields area and were parents of fourteen, eleven, and five children respectively. The remaining four - John, Joseph, Arminta, and Sara - remained in the Ark-La-Tex area and were parents of seven, four, five, and three offspring respectively.

Two of Lucinda and Joseph's sons volunteered in the Confederate Army. William Michael (Billy) enlisted January 17, 1862, at Camp Likens as a Private in Company _____, 1st Regiment, Col. M. T. Johnson commanding. He never returned home, having died in a measles epidemic. Before he died, he took part in an interesting event during the war, which the Westmoreland family calls "The Incident of the Flag."

In one battle (no further identity) Westmoreland saw the flag bearer killed. He ripped the flag from the pole to which it was attached and stuck it down his trouser leg.

The flag was made of silk. It had one large gold star in the middle which was surrounded by a circle of smaller stars. The inscription "Trust in God" was embroidered on it. On the flag are bullet holes, saber cuts and blood stains.

The flag is now at the Harrison County Historical Museum, Old Courthouse, Marshall.

James A. (Jimmy) enlisted February 22, 1862, in Harrison County as a Private in Company E, 17th Regiment, Texas Cavalry, CSA. He was later taken prisoner, was exchanged and fought in many subsequent battles, the most notable of which were the Battle of Chattanooga and the Battle of Chicamaunga. He was discharged in May, 1865, and returned to live to the age of 88 years in Elysian Fields.⁴⁴ James Westmoreland's grave can be found in the Woodley Cemetery.

Caroline Woodley married George Davis McJimsey, who had preceded the Woodleys to Texas in 1839 and was probably the earliest pioneer of those who married Woodley daughters. The McJimseys bore six children, most of whom had moderately-sized families (for that time) of from one to six children. The exception was son Robert, who with his wife Nancy Westmoreland produced 14 children, although several died in infancy or early childhood. The McJimseys and many of their descendants are buried in the Cemetery.

Geo. D. McJimsey has already been mentioned as having been the first County Surveyor of Harrison County. As Surveyor he did work on the Land Records of Panola County when it was formed. It is interesting to read a letter which McJimsey wrote on November 3, 1840, to the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Texas:

To The Honorable Secretary of Trespure(sic), Shelbyville
(Nov) 3rd 1840

Sir

I drop you a few lines for my personal information and hope you will not consider it an intrusion upon your public business to favor me with the information wished; as to know it will be considerably to my intrest. Mr. Richard Hooper County Surveyor of Shelby has had a transcribing of the Harrison

County Records, and having employed me to do it, I in part done so; and was to wait with him for pay, until he received it from Government;

The information wished is to know if he is paid for the same, when he goes to Austin, (He is now on his road to that place) as he may not have it to say when he returns he did not get any money for the records of Harrison. If you cannot give the information by enquireing(sic) of the 2nd Auditor of public A/C I think the information may be obtained. He is not disposed to pay me as soon as he ought is why I wish the information.

By favouring me with an answer directed to Elesian(sic) Fields Harrison County it will be long remember(r) & gratefully acknowledge(d).

Your most Humble Servent(sic)
George D. McJimsey
Cty. Sur(ve)y(or) of Harrison⁴⁵

The Congress of the Republic of Texas solved his problem by passing Audited Military Claim No. 37, "Joint Resolution for the relief of George D. McJimsey," which was approved on December 23, 1841, and directed the Auditor to "issue to him Audited Script for \$621.50 receivable only for Government dues before accrued." Resolution No. 37 was signed by K. S. Anderson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, by Edward Burleson, President of the Senate, and by Sam Houston.⁴⁶

J. D. McJimsey, son of Caroline and George, served as a County Commissioner, Precinct 1, at the same time that the "Old Harrison County Courthouse" was constructed in 1899-1900. His name appears on the Cornerstone and is also inscribed on the bell in the dome of the courthouse.⁴⁷ This McJimsey was buried in the Woodley Cemetery in September of 1907.

A McJimsey who had an especially interesting career was also named George Davis. He was the son of Beulah Jackson and John Davis McJimsey, born March 26, 1887, and raised on the land on which the Cemetery is located. He attended the one-room Arleston School nearby, then went to Sam Houston Teachers College. His education was interrupted by World War I, in which he served with a Lone Star Regiment, taking part in some of the bloodiest battles of the war, including Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel. After his discharge in New York, McJimsey entered Columbia University and received both a

BA Degree and an Masters Degree in English. In 1923 he returned to Texas as a faculty member at the University of Texas, where he met his future wife, Ruth Buchanan, who was also a UT English teacher. These two returned to New York, married, and attended Columbia University Graduate School where they both received Doctorate Degrees in English. Dr. McJimsey then taught at Hunter College, where he specialized in the History of the English language and published papers on this subject.⁴⁸

In June of 1958, Dr. McJimsey was laid to rest in Woodley Cemetery, a few feet from his Grandfather Geo. D. McJimsey and a short distance from the humble farm home in which he had been raised.

Telitha and William's daughter Elizabeth Martha married William B. Tiller, who probably came to Texas with one of the Woodleys. The Tillers settled in Panola County near Elysian Fields, where they acquired a considerable amount of land.⁴⁹ Like others, they were originally farmers, but later became ranchers, teachers, college professors, veterinarians, etc.

Continuing an account of the marriages of the daughters of William Woodley in the 1800's, we next list a son-in-law who married daughter Sarah—Robert Walton. He and Sarah were important in the family history as having owned and kept the Woodley Family Bible, also known as the Walton Bible. In it is recorded in Robert's handwriting a list of births, deaths and marriages of the members of the Woodley family. The record has been a valuable source of information, which was passed on by Sarah to her granddaughter, Florence Harkrider. It is interesting to note that at one time the Woodley Cemetery was called the Walton Cemetery.

Robert was believed to have been a direct descendant George Walton of Georgia, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Robert served as County Commissioner in 1857⁵⁰, and is also remembered for having had an unusual death. The Panola County Watchman in 1878 related that Robert "fell into a 30 foot well and was so badly bruised

that he died about an hour after he was taken out."⁵¹ Robert, Sarah, and four children lie in the Cemetery.

Another of Telitha and William's daughters, Jane, married Richard Parmenas Haynes on July 8, 1855. Haynes owned a grocery business in Old Elysian Fields, but after his marriage he sold the business and moved to 362 acres which he had purchased at Sunny Point, Panola County, at the Harrison County line. Later Richard P. enlisted in the Confederate Army, leaving Jane with the help of two slaves, to carry on farming. The Haynes Family Book speaks of the hardships that Jane and three young sons—William Parmenas, Julius Edwin and Robert Wingate—endured while her husband was away at war.⁵²

The farmhouse in which they had lived out their lives was a "double pen log house with 'dog trot' or hall and a shed room on the back for a kitchen." All timbers and framing were put together with wooden pegs, and there were no windows. After he returned from the war, Richard had the house "weather boarded," that is, lumber was placed over the logs. His health was never very good after the war, and he died May 31, 1869. The old house was torn down a few years ago; however, a large oak tree still stands to mark its location.⁵³

Richard and Jane bore six children; three reach maturity, but Julius Edwin and Robert Wingate were the only two who married and had families. Robert Wingate, as mentioned previously, was the last postmaster at Arleston. Richard, Jane, William Parmenas, and Julius Edwin are buried in the Woodley Cemetery a short distance from where their humble home stood.

Earlier we quoted a letter from J. H. (Jonathan Harrison) Woodley to his older brother Wingate. In this letter he had made disparaging remarks about Wingate's bride, who had refused to come to Texas, stating, "I have no notion of getting married at all." He apparently had a change of heart, for he had married Lillie Amanda Campbell in

Alabama and brought Amanda to Texas with their two young sons, James Campbell and George. No marked grave can be found for Jonathon, but the family believes that he was buried near the graves of his father and sister. Jonathan's son James Campbell enlisted in the Confederacy in Co. H, 7th Texas Infantry, Greggs Regt., (later to become Cos. B & C, Grandberry Consolidated Texas Brigade). James never returned to the Piney Woods of East Texas, as he was killed in battle.⁵⁴

Probate Records show that Jonathan's crops were sold and the land was auctioned on the courthouse steps; 270 acres were purchased by a Geo. W. Gresham for \$.91 per acre. Also it was recorded that the sum of \$5.00 was paid from the estate to Thomas D. Mathews for having made Jonathan's casket.⁵⁵ Lillie Amanda remarried a man named B. B. Thompson about one year later; no more is known of son George.

Wingate's son Henry H. Woodley was another who produced a large family. Henry's grave marker has the inscription, "fathered 15 children." Eight of the children are buried in the Cemetery.

Of the many descendants named Woodley, only those who are offspring or direct descendants of Henry still live in the community. Hugh C. "Sam," the only son remaining there, now lives on his father's homeplace. As has been typical of the general depopulation of the area, Henry's son John now lives in Marshall; daughter Adell, "Dell," lives at Crossroads with her daughter; daughter Mattie lives in Carthage; and daughter Vera lives in Arkansas. Son Robert, who died in 1947, moved his family to Marshall in 1929 so that his children could attend high school, as Elysian Fields had only nine grades until later that year. After the children finished school, the family did not return to the Woodley Community.

An interesting fact is that three of Henry's daughters married three Mercer brothers, and his son Walter married Anna Mae Mercer, a sister of the Mercer men. These four marriages produced many double first-cousins.

Walter was a highly respected member of the community who died in 1964. Three of his children still live in the community and serve as Trustees of the Woodley Cemetery.

Wingate Woodley's eldest son William Lawrence built his home in the Woodley Community in 1873 on land he purchased from his father who had purchased it in 1855. William Lawrence's occupation was farming, but he also served as Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner. The following account of his death was published:

The Marshall News Messenger Monday, Feb. 7,
1910

Woodley (Woodly)

Commissioner Woodly Dec'd

He expired at the home of his son in Marshall late Saturday afternoon.

Burial had Sunday afternoon in Woodley Cemetery, man of Strength of Purpose, integrity and Honesty and Valuable Official.

County Commissioner W. L. Woodley died here Saturday afternoon at the home of his son in South Marshall.

Mr. Woodley had been sick about a month, and while his death was expected it was a sudden shock to the majority of the County.

Mr. Woodley was a member of one of the oldest families of the County, the Cemetery where he was buried having been established by some member of the family in the early days. He was FIFTY NINE YEARS OF AGE and leaves a WIDOW and a SON at whose home he died. This is his only Son and is the father of three daughters.

Mr. Woodley has several brothers and sisters. County Commissioner S. W. Scott was his brother-in-law having married a sister of Mr. Woodley.

Mr. Woodley's Malady was of the Heart. He came to Marshall so he could get better and more prompt attention, and had been here a month. Saturday afternoon he exclaimed-I believe I am going and breathed his last. He was conscious to the end.

The funeral procession left the house at 7:30 o'clock and proceeded to the cemetery in the country twenty miles away. There services were conducted by Rev. RUSSELL, Methodist pastor in charge of that Circuit and very impressive. A

number of friends accompanied the remain to the last resting place and many more on hand. Those served as Pallbearers were - County Judge Littleton - County Commissioner McDaniel - Sheriff B. A. Cargill, Thomas Westmoreland, John L. Henderson and C. C. Nicholson.

Mr. Woodley was a man of Strength and Energy and Worth. This was his first year as County Commissioner and gave evidence of being a man who would conduct the affairs of the County with Wisdom, Honesty, and Integrity, that being his record in the short time he had served.

He was well fixed in the World's Goods owning a good FARM and other Properties in ELYSIAN FIELDS section of the County.⁵⁶

After William Lawrence's death his house passed to his son Jessie Lawrence, and it became the home of Jessie and his wife America Elizabeth Harris. The old home has been completely restored by its present owners, A. K. Lacy and A. E. Lacy, Jr., great-grandsons of the builder, and the house received a Texas Historical Medallion in 1989.⁵⁷ The "Woodley House" is the only remaining original house in the Woodley Community.

Jessie Lawrence, a fourth generation Woodley in Texas, was a farmer who was also engaged in other pursuits. He was a contractor who furnished mules and labor for dirt work, lakes and road building at the Latex and the Waskom pumping stations. He was also a pipeline contractor who provided mules and wagons for stringing pipe for United Gas. Several others in the Woodley family worked with him on these jobs.

Later J. L. became an oil field contractor, and while working in this capacity he died in Rodessa, Louisiana, in 1937. His grave in the Woodley Cemetery is located near those of his parents and grandparents.

Another person buried in the Cemetery worthy of note was Alfred E. Lacy, son-in-law of America and Jessie Woodley. A native of Elysian Fields, Lacy was a merchant, a World War I Veteran and a Mason. He served as Harrison County Commissioner for 20 years and then for 20 years held various positions in the County Tax Office under Joe Riley.

It is interesting to note that the children of Anna Mae and Walter Woodley have members of four unbroken generations laid to rest in the Cemetery. Their parents, their grandparents (Henry and Betty), their great-grandparents (Wingate and Keziah Jane), and their great, great-grandparents (William and Telitha), lie here. Also, A. K. and Alfred Lacy are the descendants of five unbroken generations: their parents (Lois and A. E. Lacy), grandparents (America and Jessie Woodley), great-grandparents (Myra and William Lawrence Woodley), great-great-grandparents (Keziah Jane and Wingate), and great, great, great-grandparents (Telitha and William). In addition, Nancy Beggs Mauzy, daughter of Jessie Mae and Roy Beggs, whose grandparents were also America and Jessie Woodley, had the same great, second-great, and third-great-grandparents as did A. K. and Alf. It is undoubtedly rare for this many generations of parents and grandparents to be buried in one location.

Joining the Cemetery on the east line is property belonging to the Timmins family (in some of the old records the name was spelled "Timons"). There are many Timmins's buried in the Woodley Cemetery, although there is no kinship between the Timmins and other families. As previously stated, the old Timmins home was the location of the first election in Harrison County in 1839.

Frank Bracy Timmins, a Confederate Veteran, was the son of Thomas Timmins and Barbara Lewis, who came to Texas around 1830. Frank Bracy married Eliza Missouri Anderson, who was the daughter of Hampton Anderson. Hampton's father had been a Revolutionary War Veteran who had received one of the very early land grants, that of Baily Anderson A-2. Elysian Fields is located in that survey.

Frank Bracy and his wife were the parents of twelve children.⁵⁸ One of the children was B. H. Timmins, who was a well-known, prominent figure in Elysian Fields and in the county. He served as County Commissioner for many years, was a leader in

Bethel Methodist Church and was one of the organizers of Panola-Harrison Electric Co-Op. Frank Bracy, his wife and most of their children were interred in the Cemetery.

Another of the families who lived in the community was that of Wingate's daughter, Nettie Woodley, who married Robert Patton. They lived in Arleston, parented fourteen children, and worked hard as farmers; they and many of their children lie in the Cemetery. Some of the family migrated to Marshall, Houston, Fort Worth and elsewhere around 1925. Most of the children remained in Texas, but son Robert moved to California, son Vernon to Kansas, and son Charlie to Fort Worth. Charlie lived to the age of 100-plus and retired after 53 years' service as a locomotive engineer with the Texas & Pacific Railroad. After retirement, he was employed as the locomotive engineer of the miniature steam railroad at Six Flags for many years.

MISCELLANEOUS

There are five ministers buried in the Cemetery. The oldest grave is that of Reverend Joseph Westmoreland, who married Lucinda Woodley. Joseph was a farmer who had been preaching for some time before he was actually licensed to preach in August of 1866 at Mt. Zion Methodist church. He is credited with helping to organize three churches.⁵⁹ One was Bethel Methodist Church, located approximately one mile east of the Cemetery, in the year 1850. Bethel Church's "Register of Pastors" lists Joseph as the pastor in the year 1886.⁶⁰ A second church was probably Mt. Zion, located a few miles to the south of Woodley Cemetery.

The second minister was Lewis Andrew Reavis, Jr. He had married Ahleene Westmoreland, daughter of Callie and Hall Westmoreland, having met Ahleene while holding a revival at Mt. Zion. "Brother Andy," as he was called, was highly respected and loved by those who knew him, including this writer. After retirement from many years of preaching in The Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, he returned to

Marshall, where he continued his ministry by working with the elderly and shut-ins for 17 years, until his death in 1989.

The third Methodist minister buried here was Robert Bell, husband of Annette Westmoreland, another daughter of Callie and Hall Westmoreland. Robert served as a student pastor at Bethel Church while attending Southern Methodist University in Dallas. After graduating, he served as pastor elsewhere, then spent five years with the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio. He then served as staff member at SMU for eight years and spent his last five years as Associate Pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston.

Two other Ministers are at rest in the Cemetery. They are William D. Greer, who died in 1921, and his wife Nettie, who died in 1933. They both had served as ministers in the Christian Church in Kansas and Missouri. After retiring, they came to Elysian Fields around 1910 to live with their daughter Edna Greer Lawless, whose farm was approximately 1½ miles northwest of the Cemetery. Although both were ordained ministers, it is believed that Nettie did not pastor a church, but served as an associate, officiating at weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. ⁶¹

There are three physicians and one dentist interred in the Cemetery, all related to the various families. They are: Dr. William J. Covington, a CSA veteran, who died in 1907; Richard Harris, M.D., who also died in 1907; Dr. Lytton Mahon, who died in 1960; Charles Kirkpatrick, D.D.S. The first three practiced in Sunny Point (Arleston) and Elysian Fields, and Dr. Kirkpatrick had his practice in Marshall.

Well worth recognition is the one monument that is not a gravestone. It bears the words:

IN MEMORY OF
S/SGT. A. MILTON BRADSHAW
459th BOMB GP 756th BOMB SQDN.(H)
BORN NOV. 9, 1922
KILLED IN ACTION JULY 28, 1944
OVER PLOESTI, RUMANIA
BURIED, NUVILLE-EN-CONDROZ, BELGIUM
"PEACE TO HIS SLUMBERING
AND A MEMORY TO HIS WORTH"

Milton's parents were Ethel Westmoreland Bradshaw Becknell, who lives in Elysian Fields, and Arthur D. Bradshaw, now deceased.

The person buried in the Cemetery who lived the longest life was my grandmother, America Elizabeth Harris Woodley, who lived to be 106 years, nine months and one day. She had been born in Kilgore on February 11, 1876, the American Centennial year, to Mary Sophronia Baton and John Franklin Harris. America's father had served in the Confederate Army, having enlisted in Iuka, Mississippi, August 19, 1861, in Company A, 26 Mississippi Infantry. He became a prisoner of war on February 11, 1862. He was later exchanged and returned to battle, was wounded, recovered and served as a teamster for the remainder of the war. After his return to civilian life, Harris demonstrated his patriotism by naming his first daughter "America," in celebration of the 100th birthday of our country. Later America's name was shortened, and she was known as "Meck" or "Miss Meck" to her many friends.

America married Jessie Lawrence Woodley on January 2, 1895, and they raised three daughters—Lois, Nora and Jessie Mae. When the eldest daughter Lois died, the grandparents took on the responsibility of raising my brother and myself. America was soon widowed, and so the task of caring for two boys and managing the farm alone was not easy. She became a well-known figure in the Woodley Community and in Elysian Fields. As mentioned earlier, her old home on Woodley Road has received a Texas Historical Medallion.

In the Cemetery, as is customary, all graves are aligned east-west, with the feet of the dead to the east. "The east is the direction of Jerusalem, the second coming, the Archangel Gabriel's horn will sound from that quarter. In order to be facing Christ when they rise from their graves on Judgment Day, the dead must lie with their feet to the east."⁶² Also, in the Cemetery most husbands and wives are buried in the customary burial positions - the men are buried on the right side, or south, of the women.

As a young boy, I remember the graves as being elongated earthen mounds, and around the mounds, or covering them, was a variety of objects. On some there were mussel shells, which had been picked up along the creek beds and boiled until they were bleached white. Other graves were outlined with bricks, petrified wood, or even snuff bottles. One of the reasons for the outlining of the graves was the belief that it was disrespectful for one to step on a grave.

All of the markers standing in the Cemetery have been commercially made, as there is no native stone in the area for handmade markers. Those markers handmade of wood have rotted and disappeared. I can remember seeing such markers some 60 years ago; they were approximately two feet high and about 16 inches wide, made of cypress, with the names and other information carved in the wood. I can recall the general vicinity of the markers, but not the exact location.

Some of the older tombstones were made of white marble and are quite inspiring; however, most of the old markers were made of granite or limestone. These have withstood the ravages of time and weather very well, although a few of the very small limestone ones have begun to disintegrate and are unreadable. We fortunately have a brief grave inventory made by R. B. Randolph, dated June 1968, and it is from this twenty-four year old list that a few of the gravestones were identified.

Many of the families buried in the Cemetery had owned slaves, some owning them in large numbers. It was customary in the South during that period for slaves to be buried in the family cemeteries, and all of the older people with whom I discussed this question agreed that slaves had been buried in this cemetery. It is believed that the location of these graves was on the north end of the property, outside the fence line. The fence has since been moved about 60 feet north, thus taking in this area. However, we could find no markers or evidence of any kind to indicate the location of such graves. We have only family lore that leads us to believe that there were such slave burials.

The Cemetery is not associated with any church, although a majority of those buried there were of the Methodist faith and had attended the aforementioned Bethel Methodist Church. A century after its formation in 1850, Bethel Church was moved to the townsite of Elysian Fields. The Woodley Cemetery is not "consecrated." John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, opposed consecration of burial grounds as a "mere relic of Roman Superstition."⁶⁵

Many of the grave markers in the Cemetery, particularly those erected prior to the twenties, bear carved symbols which are emblematic of the Protestant belief of the time.

A few of them are:

1. Gravestones of Lucinda & Joseph Westmoreland: Right index finger pointing up with inscription "Gone to Rest" - points the way to heaven, the hand of God in this person's life, rest after death.
2. Gravestones of Telitha & William Woodley (the oldest): Clasped hands - bonded to each other, brotherhood, married in life and married in life after death.
3. Stone of Jane K. Woodley: Rose - paradise, love, beauty, hope, motherhood.
4. Stone of Wingate Woodley: Sheaves of wheat with a scythe - the harvest, rest from one's labors, beauty, thanksgiving, the "bread of life" as used in Holy Communion.
5. Stone of Albertus McJimsey: A descending dove - the descent of the Holy Spirit. This is the most widely recognized symbol of the Holy Spirit. All four Gospels describe the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus "like a dove" (Matt. 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32). Also the inscription may express the conviction that the person was innocent and pure of heart ("innocent as doves," Matt. 10:16).

6. Not all symbols on gravestones had a biblical meaning. For example, on the headstone of Hall Westmoreland the figure of a deer is seen. According to his widow, Callie Westmoreland, this figure symbolized his love of hunting - not only that of deer, but of many other animals.

There are many other markers with symbols and other inscriptions, too numerous to include here.

In the early days of the Cemetery there were annual "Graveyard Working Days." The families of those buried there gathered each year on the third day of May (unless this day fell on Sunday) for several reasons: to manicure the burial ground; to show respect for their departed ancestors; and to socialize with their kin.

Families arrived early in wagons and buggies and on horseback to begin the difficult work. The entire fenced area of the graveyard had to be scraped bare of weeds and grass and the area swept clean. The reason for this task was that it was believed in those days to be disrespectful to the dead for there to be grass growing over a grave. This practice of scraping was ended in the mid-to-late thirties.

At that time there were trees, shrubs, and flowers to be cared for also. I myself can remember crape myrtle, roses, iris, nandina, gardenia and holly growing there. Today, however, there are no trees or other plants in this fenced area. The trees were cut down some time in the early 1900s, as their roots were damaging the headstones, and the flowers and shrubs disappeared when the area began to be covered with a carpet of grass.

After all the work was done, usually around noon, "Dinner on the Ground" was served. Each family had brought a delicious assortment of food, which was spread out and enjoyed by all.

During the years before the formation of the Woodley Cemetery Association in 1986, the families made their own improvements. In 1950, Walter Woodley and Luke Woodley donated and had installed a wrought iron archway above the entrance gate.

Also, at a later date, Oliver Black donated the material for a covered metal shed. It is in this structure that the families still gather for "Dinner on the Ground." Even though there is no longer a "Graveyard Working," they still enjoy an annual get-together.

In this application we have tried to present salient fact about our kindred and their contribution to the community, the county, and the state. We know that there are many others who have contributed equally, but they are not discussed here due to space restrictions and the lack of adequate recorded information.

SIGNIFICANCE

As we reflect on the lives of the men and women buried here, we are filled with respect and admiration for them. There are those who were buried here in the mid-1800s who braved untold hardships both in traveling to this area and in carving out farms and communities in difficult times. There are those who not only farmed the land but established small businesses, built schools and churches, and served in local and county and state government. Many served our country as members of the armed services. Buried here is a cross-section of the men and women who formed the fabric of this area of East Texas. We believe that the Woodley Cemetery, their final resting place, should be honored by being identified as a historic site.

Woodley Cemetery Survey of Graves

WOODLEY CEMETERY, list originally prepared by R. B. Randolph on 26 June 1968 and brought up to date by Bess & John Wellborn, Lilly Bell & Walter Woodley, Jr., and A. K. Lacy on 16 October 1991.

	Name	Born	Died	Miscellaneous Facts, Inscriptions
1	Andrews, Amanda	15 Aug. 1831	17 Sept. 1892	Daughter of Telitha McMichael & William Woodley, and wife of E. C. W. Andrews. Also former wife of Ozias C. Taylor.
2	Barfield, Clara V. Westmoreland	1881	1951	Daughter of Lula Gibson and George Alfred Westmoreland and sister of Hall Westmoreland
3	Barnes, Jessie Coleman	13 Oct. 1883	9 May 1967	(UM) Husband of Vesta Westmoreland
4	Barnes, Vesta W.	1880	1958	Daughter of Lula Gibson and George Alfred Westmoreland. Sister of Hall Westmoreland
5	Becknell, Elizabeth J.	9 Nov. 1829	5 Mar. 1910	Elizabeth J. Humphries Becknell, wife of Charles T. Becknell
6	Becknell, Russell T., son of C. T. & R. T. Becknell	23 Aug 1907	29 Sep 1910	Son of Charles Thomas and Rate Turner Becknell, grandson of Elizabeth J. Humphries Becknell
7	Beggs, Roy A.	8 Mar. 1896	12 Apr. 1973	<u>One Monument</u> Vet WW I, Mason
8	Beggs, Jessie Mae	13 Aug. 1902	15 May 1978	Wife of Roy A. Beggs, Daughter of America E. Harris & Jessie Woodley, who was the son of Myra & William Lawrence Woodley
9	Bell, Robert E.	1 Aug. 1931	26 May 1982	<u>One Monument</u> "DAD" (Methodist minister) husband of Annette Westmoreland
10	Bell, Annette W.			"MOM" - Signatures, Robert W. Bell and Annette W. Bell, daughter of Callie McJimsey and Hall Westmoreland
11	Black, Dave Simmons	20 Oct. 1889	21 June 1934	Son of Eunice Adelaide and Edward Black
12	Black, Richard A.	2 June 1912	22 Dec. 1948	"Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" Son of Eunice and Richard Black, twin of Willard Black
13	Black, Eunice Adelaide	7 Apr. 1870	5 Dec. 1930	<u>One Monument</u>
14	Black, Edward Page	1 May 1867	14 Apr. 1930	Son of Asa R. and Sarah E. Black
15	Black, Asa R.	25 Jul. 1845	7 Feb. 1897	"Inamigible Father Her Lies At Rest Is Ever God With His Image Blest The Friend Of Man, The Friend of Father The Friend Of Age, The Guide Of Youth" "ASA R. BLACK. PVT 17 TEXAS CAVALRY CSA"
16	Black, Sara E. wife of A. R. Black	6 Jul 1845	13 Dec. 1902	"We are at this stone in Memory of our dear Mother who is at rest with the Loved one above"
17	Black, Infant Daughter	9 Feb. 1926		<u>One Monument:</u> Children of C. O. & Vera Black
18	Black, Infant Son	19 Jan. 1927		

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19	Black, Oliver	10 Oct. 1903	15 Jan. 1979	One Monument: "Peace in the Valley" Son of Annie Weatherington and Stewart Black. Was named Oliver after Marcus Oliver
20	Black, Vera Rich			Wife of Oliver Black. Her parents were Martha E. Weatherington and Albert J. Rich.
21	Black, Luther Stewart, Son of C. S. and Annie Black	4 May 1896	29 June 1897	Son of Annie & Stewart C. Black
22	Black, Stewart C.	4 Nov. 1870	26 Aug. 1931	One Monument "FATHER" - Son of Sarah and Asa Black
23	Black, Annie	26 Feb. 1870	5 Oct. 1962	"MOTHER" - Annie Mauritzen, Parents were Annie Weed and James Mauritzen
24	Boulware, Arra	1857	1912	HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SELF - Araminta Westmoreland was daughter of Lucinda Woodley and Rev. Joseph Westmoreland and was wife of Robert Capers Boulware
25	Boulware, Robert C.		19 Feb. 1940	GRANDFATHER Husband of Arra (Armint) Boulware and son of Ann Rutherford and Wyatt Andrews Boulware (born 19 Feb. 1849)
26	Bradshaw, A. Milton	9 Nov. 1922	28 July 1944	A memorial, in memory of S/Sgt., 459th BOMB Gr. Killed in action over Ploesti, Rumania, WWII, Buried in Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium. See narrative for complete text. Son of Ethel Westmoreland and Arthur D. Bradshaw
27	Bradshaw, James H.	15 Feb. 1925	18 Feb. 1989	One Monument Masonic Emblem, SMSGT U. S. Air Force, WWII - son of Ethel Westmoreland and Arthur D. Bradshaw
28	Bradshaw, Ouida M.	9 Jan. 1931		Ouida Stepp Bradshaw
29	Bradshaw, Arthur D.	1881	1935	"FATHER," Husband of Ethel Westmoreland Bradshaw and son of Lucinda Ansel and George Bradshaw. Father of Bess Bradshaw Wellborn.
30	Bradshaw, Ethel M.	1894		Ethel Westmoreland Bradshaw, wife of Arthur D. Bradshaw and daughter of Emma Elizabeth Grimes and Silas Henry Westmoreland
31	Buck, George H.	11 Oct. 1847	26 Nov. 1919	Father-in-law of Ola Everitt Buck, daughter of Sara Ann McJimsey and Joseph Aron Everitt
32	Cock, Caswell Bola	21 Oct. 1856	16 Jul 1888	Son of Emily Ridus & Coswell Cock
33	Cock, Emily P.	22 Oct. 1829	10 Feb. 1896	"Mother" - Emily Ridus. The Cock family relationship, if any, is unknown. Note: <u>The Evening Messenger</u> 11 Feb. 1896, Marshall Public Library - "Mrs. E. P. Cock died suddenly at the residence of her daughter Mrs. A. B. Mitchell. The interment will take place at the burial grounds at Sunny Point"
34	Cock, Caswell	16 June 1811	10 Dec. 1886	Father "Dear wife farewell I go to dwell with Jesus Christ on high where to sing praise to my King to all Eternity."
35	Covington, Dr. W. J.	(1844)	2 Sept. 1907	CO. C. COBEL'S BRG. ARK. CAVALRY - CSA. Age 63, husband of Emma McJimsey "It was hard indeed to part with thee but Christ's strong arm supports me." William Jasper Covington
36	Covington, Emma	(1858)	15 Feb. 1941	Age 83, she was Emma McJimsey, daughter of Caroline Woodlev and George Davis McJimsey

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37	Coyle, Alice Ap_____, daughter of C. G. & J. A. Coyle	10 (or 19) Aug. 1873	16 Sept. 1873	Stone badly eroded. Parents were Julia Ann Woodley & Camilius Coyle. Julia Ann Woodley was a daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley.
38	Coyle, Roland, son of C. G. & J. A. Coyle	12 Feb. 1868	20 June 1876	Stone badly eroded
39	Coyle, W. J., son of C. G. & J. A. Coyle	9 Jan. 1859	2 June 1874	Stone badly eroded "Rest in Peace"
40	Coyle, Camilius	15 Dec. 1832	22 Sept. 1899	Age 68, stone eroded. Married Julia Ann Woodley, daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley
41	Coyle, J. W.	16 Jan. 1865	1 Aug. 1940	Unknown. Probably son of C. G. & J. A. Coyle.
42	Craton, William J.	1836	1930	CSA 13 LA PARTISAN RANGER, CO E Relationship to other families unknown. Father of Howard Craton
43	Daniel, Elizabeth Westmoreland	2 June 1820	14 Aug. 1897	Wife of Joel Daniel and sister of Rev. Joseph Westmoreland and Thomas Westmoreland
44	Ebarb, Frankie Jay	12 Jan. 1925	3 Dec. 1987	<u>One Monument:</u> "What we keep in memory is ours, unchanged forever" - daughter of Truman Hill Jay and Canon Jay. Truman was the daughter of Mattie Harkrider Hill.
45	Ebarb, Herman	29 Aug. 1923	14 Feb. 1990	Husband of Frankie Jay Ebarb, WWII S/SGT AIRFORCE 328 FIELD MTC. SQD. E.T.O.
46	Engbrock, Joan Harkrider	8 June 1933	15 Apr. 1988	"MOTHER" "In my Father's House are many mansions" Daughter of Connie McJimsey Harkrider & Jodie Harkrider
47	Escoe, Birdie W.	11 JUNE 1877	23 FEB. 1966	Birdie Westmoreland Escoe, daughter of Lucinda Mathews and James Westmoreland, Joseph Westmoreland's son. Stepmother of Thomas Ewell Escoe, Sr.
48	Escoe, Thomas E. Sr.	22 Dec. 1894	5 Mar. 1970	TEXAS CPL DEMOBILIZATION DET. WWI Husband of Lillian Escoe. Lillian Escoe is a Trustee of this Cemetery. Her Parents, Lula Everitt and Lytton Mahon, M.D.
49	Everitt, A.	24 Feb. 1846	29 June 1923	Albert Everitt, son of Mary Grimes and John Fagan Everitt, brother of Joe A. Everitt
50	Everitt, Mary	5 July 1820	10 Sept. 1905	Mary Grimes, mother of A. Everitt and wife of John Fagan Everitt
51	Everitt, Emma, wife of John H. Everitt	26 Jan. 1883	5 Apr. 1912	Emma Elizabeth Mauritzen, daughter of Safronia Carlile & John B. Mauritzen, wife of John Harmon Everitt, who was the son of Sarah McJimsey and Joseph Everitt. "As a wife Devoted, as a Mother, Affectionate, as a friend, ever kind and true."
52	Everitt, J. A.	9 Jan. 1849	22 Nov. 1925	<u>One Monument</u> Husband of Sarah Ann McJimsey Everitt
53	Everitt, Sarah Ann	16 Mar. 1846	30 Aug. 1942	"Mother" Sara Ann McJimsey, daughter of Caroline Woodley and George D. McJimsey.
54	Franks, Sarah Andrews	1869	1896	Daughter of Amanda Melvina Woodley and E. C. W. Andrews. Amanda was the daughter of Telitha & William Woodley. Husband _____ Franks
55	Gowenlock, Edward P.	16 July 1894	31 Oct. 1984	<u>One Monument:</u> Husband of Nettie Woodley's daughter
56	Gowenlock, Vivian P.	1 Nov. 1899	3 June 1987	Daughter of Nettie Woodley and Robert Patton. Nettie Woodley was daughter of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Woodley.

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57	Greer, William D.	14 May 1866	1921	One Monument: "FATHER" Husband of Nettie Painter, parents of Edna Greer, who married Luther Lawless. Minister, Christian Church
58	Greer, Nettie	13 Apr. 1868	1933	"MOTHER" Nettie Painter - Grandparents: Wylma Dalton Pendergrass and Linda Hickey. Minister, Christian Church
59	Grimes, W. J.	22 Jan. 1853	24 Mar. 1911	Son of Sarah Jane Proctor and Joseph Warren Grimes
60	Grimes, Joseph Warren	21 Mar. 1831	18 Sept. 1921	PV. 17 TEXAS DISMTD. CAV CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY Father of Emma Grimes Westmoreland and W. J. Grimes
61	Grimes, Sara Jane Wife of J. W. Grimes and daughter of William & Elizabeth Proctor	3 Oct. 1837	31 Mar. 1896	
62	Grimes, W. S.	19 Aug. 1827	21 Jan. 1914	One Monument: "Gone but not forgotten" Brother of Joseph Warren Grimes
63	Grimes, Alice Rain, wife of W. S. Grimes	13 Jan. 1841	6 Aug. 1890	Parents of Estell Grimes who married J. Ansel Woodley, son of Keziah Jane and Wingate Woodley
64	Harkrider, Calvin	11 Nov. 1891	22 Apr. 1959	Headstone: "Pvt. 48 Co Demob Center WWI" Stone at foot of grave: "Ward C. Harkrider (Franks) 1891-1959, nephew" Son of John & Frances Harkrider
65	Harkrider, Connie McJimsey	7 Oct. 1896	10 Feb. 1977	"That ye Love one another as I have loved you" John 15:12. Wife of Jodie Harkrider, daughter of Nannie Westmoreland & Robert McJimsey.
66	Harkrider, Elijah G.			Pvt. 1cl 18 Trench Mortar, Battery WWI At foot of grave "E Grady Harkrider 1893-1942, son" Son of John & Frances Harkrider, grandson of Eddy Westmoreland and Elijah G. Harkrider
67	Harkrider, John A.	1849	1929	One Monument: "Papa" - Son of Eady Westmoreland and Elijah G. Harkrider
68	Harkrider, Frances	1866	1936	"Mama" - Wife of John A. Harkrider, daughter of Amanda Melvina Woodley and E. C. W. Andrew.
69	Harris, Richard, M.D.	8 Mar. 1846	12 Jan. 1907	One Monument: Born in Canada; husband of Nannie Stowe
70	Harris, Nannie Harrod Stowe, His Wife	22 May 1866	8 Jan. 1939	Wife - Nannie Harrod Stowe, daughter of Amanda Westmoreland and Jack M. Harrod
71	Haynes, Richard Parmenas	3 Sept. 1827	31 May 1869	One Monument: Veteran, CSA, Mason - Husband of Jane Woodley, son of Jane "Jennie" Phelps and Parmenas Haynes
72	Haynes, Jane Woodley	8 Oct. 1834	3 Jan. 1875	Daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley
73	Haynes, William Parmenas	2 Apr. 1856	10 Mar. 1897	Son of Jane Woodley and Richard Parmenas Hanes
74	Haynes, Julius E.	5 Dec. 1857	27 Mar. 1950	Julius Edwin, son of Jane Woodley and Richard Parmenas Haynes
75	Hendry, Inf. daughter of M. T. & Nora Woodley Hendry	26 Oct. 1924		Nora Woodley Hendry was the daughter of America E. Harris and Jessie Woodley, who was the son of William Lawrence Woodley

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76	Hendry, Inf. daughter of M. T. & Nora Woodley Hendry	13 Aug. 1922		Nora Woodley Hendry was the daughter of America E. Harris and Jessie Woodley, who was the son of William Lawrence Woodley
77	Hill, Jack Emmit	19 May 1940	28 Jan. 1942	Son of Emit & Loreta Farmer Hill
78	Hill, Emit E.	2 Jan. 1894	5 May 1961	One Monument: "Daddy, Married Dec. 21, 1933" Son of Mattie Harkrider and N. T. Hill
79	Hill, Loreta Farmer	28 Dec. 1912		Wife of Emit E. Hill
80	Hill, James Lewis	30 July 1936	6 Oct. 1990	A2C US Air Force, Korea "Just plain Jim, a Friend to many" Son of Loreta Farmer and Emit E. Hill
81	Hill, N. T.	29 Jan. 1858	06 Mar. 1921	One Monument: "Father" - Needham Theopalis Hill
82	Hill, Mattie J., wife of N. T. Hill	7 May 1863	19 Jan. 1907	"Mother Here lies one who in this life who was a kind Mother and a True wife" Mattie J. Harkrider was daughter of Eddie Westmoreland and Elija Harkrider.
83	Hill, Kate Zilpah, daughter of N. T. & M. J. Hill	26 June 1890	5 Aug. 1899	Daughter of Mattie J. Harkrider and N. T. Hill
84	Hill, Cascie Needham, daughter of N. T. & M. J. Hill	9 July 1904	6 Oct. 1905	Daughter of Mattie J. Harkrider and N. T. Hill
85	Hill, D'Arcy	21 Oct. 1881	12 May 1963	One Monument: Husband of Alice Hill
86	Hill, Alice W.	1 Feb. 1883	26 Dec. 1964	Alice was daughter of Lucinda Mathews & Jimmy Westmoreland (CSA) who was the son of Lucinda Woodley & Rev. Joseph Westmoreland.
87	Hill, James W., son of D'Arcy & Alice Hill	23 June 1907	31 Dec. 1918	Killed in hunting accident while climbing fence.
88	Hill, Edna Chipmen	17 Dec. 1918		One Monument: Wife of Taylor Morton Hill
89	Hill, Taylor Morton	23 June 1907	11 Aug. 1988	Lt. Col. US AIR FORCE, WWII Son of Alice Westmoreland & D'Arcy Hill
90	Horn, Goldie M.	20 May 1894	2 Jan. 1903	(Broken stone and badly eroded) Relationship unknown. Believed to be daughter of James and Elizabeth Horn.
91	Horton, Minty Woodley, wife of D. M. Horton		16 Mar. 1873	"Age 29 years. We will meet Again" Telitha Arminta Woodley, daughter of Telitha and William Woodley
92	Jackson, Hiram Andrew	25 Jan. 1818	24 Feb. 1903	Co. I, 2nd Alabama Reg. - CSA. Father of Beulah Jackson McJimsey
93	Jackson, Catharine H.	1 Jan. 1827	1 Nov. 1900	Mother of Beulah Jackson McJimsey
94	Jay, Cannon William	13 Sep. 1889	7 Mar. 1955	One Monument: "Pv.t 316 Rep Unit MTC WWI," Husband of Truman Hill.
95	Jay, Truman Hill	10 Apr. 1886'	11 Aug. 1980	"Mother" - daughter of Mattie Harkrider and N. T. Hill
96	Jay, Jessie A.	22 Dec. 1927	19 Nov. 1976	"Beloved Husband" - BM3 US NAVY WW II" Known as "Aldrich," son of Truman and Cannon Jay
97	Jay, Jesse A.	15 June 1955	4 Jan. 1971	"REST IN PEACE" - Son of Jessie Aldrich Jay and wife

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98	Johnson, Hazel McJimsey	30 Aug. 1894	10 Oct. 1975	Wife of Frank E. Johnson, daughter of Beulah Jackson and John Davis McJimsey
99	Johnson, Frank	1 Nov. 1887	20 Dec. 1953	US ARMY, WWI Married to Hazel Elizabeth McJimsey
100	Jones, Lawrence	27 Jan. 1884	9 Jan. 1940	Married Ina Westmoreland
101	Jones, Ina E.	17 Feb. 1886	14 Nov. 1963	Daughter of Lula Gibson and Alfred Westmoreland (sister of Hall Westmoreland)
102	Jones, Jo Clyde	26 Oct. 1925	16 Dec. 1965	Son of Ina E. Westmoreland and Lawrence Jones
103	Jordan, Annie May	7 Oct. 1893	7 Oct. 1893	Inf., same stone with Gennie Timmins, "dau of F.B. & E.M. Timmins d Sep. 1906, Age 22" - relationship unknown.
104	Kemp, Nellie G.	11 May 1889	1915	"Sister" - Nellie Greer, daughter of Nettie Painter and William D. Greer. Sister of Edna Greer Lawless (died in Bexar County)
105	Kirkpatrick, Dr. Charles G.	1889	1967	One Monument: Husband of Eugenia Woodley Kirkpatrick
106	Kirkpatrick, Eugenia G.	1894	1976	Daughter of Kate Timmins and Arthur Lee Woodley. Arthur Lee was the son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Woodley.
107	Kirkwood, Beatrice	10 Jan. 1875	7 Apr. 1913	Relationship unknown
108	Lacy, Lois Woodley	10 Apr. 1897	11 Jan. 1931	Wife of A. E. Lacy, daughter of America E. Harris and Jessie Lawrence Woodley; Jessie was the son of Myra Willingham and William Lawrence Woodley.
109	Lacy, Alfred Eli	17 July 1890	28 Sept. 1984	MASON, Ord Dept. WWI - Husband of Lois Woodley and the son of Annie Mitchell and Benjamin Eli Lacy
110	Lacy, Inf. Dau. of A. E. and Lois Lacy	13 Mar. 1925		
111	Laden, William A.	14 June 1885	3 Oct. 1927	"Gone but not forgotten" - Son of Robert A. Laden, no relationship known.
112	Laden, Robert A.	3 May 1858	10 Oct. 1938	"He was a kind and loving Father" - No relationship known.
113	Lathrop, Martha	9 Sept. 1832	16 Sept. 1906	"Come ye Blessed" - wife of W. A. Lathrop and daughter of Nancy Thomas and Alexander Westmoreland. Sister of Rev. Joseph Westmoreland
114	Lawrence, Charles Ray	4 Jan. 1930		One Monument: Husband of Billye Mercer
115	Lawrence, Billye Mercer	26 Nov. 1930	21 Mar. 1990	"Wonderful Memories" "Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, 1982 - 1990" Daughter of Adell Woodley Mercer and "Doc" Mercer. Adell Woodley is the daughter of "Bettie" Everitt and Henry H. Woodley.
116	Mahon, Dr. Lytton	1866	1947	One Monument: "FATHER" Husband of Lulu Everitt, son of Matilda Jean Harris Green & George D. Mahon
117	Mahon, Lulu Everitt	1871	1960	"MOTHER" - Daughter of Sarah Ann McJimsey and Joseph Aaron Everitt. mother of Lillian Mahon Escoe
118	Mahon, Lucille	1894	1895	Daughter of Lulu Everitt and Dr. Lytton Mahon, sister of Lillian Mahon Escoe.

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119	Matlock, Telula K., daughter of N. W. & C. Matlock	5 Jan. 1855	28 Aug. 1858	"Age 3 Yrs., 7 Mo. 23 Days" - Daughter of Catherine Guice and Nathaniel W. Matlock. Catherine was a sister of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark, wife of Wingate Woodley.
120	McCarty, Becky	17 Oct. 1950	26 May 1987	"Memories are Forever" - Daughter of Billye Mercer and Charles Ray Lawrence.
121	McJimsey, George Davis	26 Mar. 1887	18 June 1958	WW I - US ARMY - LONE STAR REGIMENT Son of Beulah Jackson and John Davis McJimsey.
122	McJimsey, John DeWitt	1891	1968	Husband of Hattie Maude Jernigan - Twin son of Beulah Jackson and John Davis McJimsey. (Other twin: Albertus 1891-1959 buried in Kerrville, Texas) Father of Jack & Bert McJimsey, Mason, WW I
123	McJimsey, John DeWitt	22 Aug. 1910	19 Aug. 1988	One Monument Twin son of Nannie Westmoreland and Robert McJimsey (other twin Robert died at age 3)
124	McJimsey, Lola Mae Dukes, daughter of Carter & Mallissia	7 July 1912	10 Apr. 1970	Wife of John DeWitt McJimsey, daughter of Mallissia and Carter Dukes
125	McJimsey, Myrtle	1892		No dates - infant daughter of Nannie Westmoreland and Robert. McJimsey - est. life 6 mo. in 1892.
126	McJimsey, Luther	(1895)	(1899)	No dates. Child of Nannie Westmoreland and Robert McJimsey. Est.—1895 to 1899
127	McJimsey, Lucille	(1891)		No dates. Infant daughter of Nannie & Robert McJimsey. Lived approximately 15 months, 1891.
128	McJimsey, Robert	(1910)		No dates. Twin son of Nannie & Robert McJimsey. Lived 3 months, Aug. 21, 1910 (other twin was John DeWitt McJimsey)
129	McJimsey, Howard M.	31 Jan. 1898	30 Jan. 1924	"None knew thee but to Love thee" - Son of Nannie Westmoreland and Robert McJimsey; first husband of Adell Woodley.
130	McJimsey, Basil D.	14 Aug. 1889	12 June 1931	Son of Nannie Westmoreland and Robert McJimsey
131	McJimsey, Robert	12 Jan. 1852	20 Feb. 1926	Son of Caroline Woodley and Geo. Davis McJimsey. His wife was Nannie Westmoreland.
132	McJimsey, Beulah Jackson	9 May 1860	21 Mar. 1935	Wife of John Davis McJimsey, daughter of Catherine Hanna and Hiram Andrew Jackson.
133	McJimsey, J. D.	23 July 1854	4 Sept. 1907	John Davis, son of Caroline Woodley and George Davis McJimsey, husband of Beulah Jackson
134	McJimsey, Cozette, daughter of J. D. & B. J. McJimsey	29 Nov. 1902	23 Jan. 1903	Infant daughter of Beulah Jackson and John Davis McJimsey
135	McJimsey, Caroline, daughter of J. D. & B. J. McJimsey	9 Dec. 1885	16 Nov. 1886	Infant daughter of Beulah Jackson and John Davis McJimsey
136	McJimsey, Caroline	20 Oct. 1824	1 July 1912	"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" 2 Tim. IV 7. Caroline Woodley, wife of George D. McJimsey. Caroline was the daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley.
137	McJimsey, George D.	7 Feb. 1815	14 Aug. 1888	George Davis McJimsey, son of Fannie Davis and William McJimsey, and husband of Caroline Woodley; Mason. "Grieve not for me my children dear. I am not dead but sleeping here. I was not yours, but Christ's alone. He Loved me best and took me home"

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138	McJimsey, Luther	26 Dec. 1859	5 June 1869	"9 yrs 5 mo 3 days" Son of Caroline Woodley and George Davis McJimsey
139	McJimsey, Era, daughter of A. S. and T. A. McJimsey	8 Nov. 1879	16 Apr. 1880	(Marker illegible today) - Infant daughter of Donie Oliver and Albertus McJimsey.
140	McJimsey, Eldridge		1890	Infant son of Donie Oliver and Albertus McJimsey
141	McJimsey, Cosette, daughter of A & T. A. McJimsey	16 Aug. 1883	1 Aug. 1885	Daughter of Donie Oliver and Albertus McJimsey (Note: T. A. McJimsey is the same person as Donie Oliver McJimsey?)
142	McJimsey, Albertus M.	18 Nov. 1849	2 Feb. 1908	"His words were Kindness, His Deeds were Love, His spirit humble, He rests above" "Father from us has flown to the Regions far above. We to thee erect this stone Demonstrated by our love." Son of Caroline Woodley and George Davis McJimsey. (Note: There is no record of Albertus having a middle name, except on this marker.)
143	McJimsey, Donie, wife of A. M. McJimsey	25 May 1852	31 Jan. 1890	Daughter of ? Oliver and wife of Albertus M. McJimsey
144	Mercer, "Doc"	22 Aug. 1896	13 Mar. 1975	One Monument: James H. Mercer, Pfc U. S. Army WW I. Husband of Adell (Dell) Woodley, daughter of Henry H. Woodley. His parents were Texanna Bell and Council Mercer.
145	Mercer, Dell Woodley	15 Feb. 1901		Daughter of Bettie Everitt and Henry H. Woodley, the son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate H. Woodley
146	Mercer, (DAN) Daniel W.	5 Feb. 1928	29 Aug. 1981	One Monument: U. S. Army World War II, and KOREA - Son of Dell Woodley and "Doc" Mercer
147	Mercer, Libby Wedgeworth	6 Dec. 1931		Wife of Dan Mercer
148	Moreland, Elizabeth, wife of C. W. Moreland	17 Sept. 1816	27 Apr. 1874	Elizabeth Guice, sister of Keziah Jane Guice Clark, wife of Wingate Woodley
149	Neil, Hamilton	25 Oct. 1807	25 July 1880	First husband of Sophia Thornburgh Neil, who later married Rev. Joseph Westmoreland, his second wife.
150	Oliver, Lessie, wife of Marcus C. Oliver	17 Mar. 1878	29 Apr. 1902	"AT REST" "Just as the morning of her life was opening with day Her young lovely spirit passed from Earth and Grief away" "All the plans of Life are broken all the hopes of life are fled, council, comfort and advice. Alas, Alas, Alas, for thou art dead." Lessie Black, sister of Stuart Black.
151	Patton, Frank V.	19 Jan. 1890	21 Dec. 1971	One Monument: Frank Vincent Patton, son of Nettie Woodley Patton, who was the daughter of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Woodley.
152	Patton, Laurene Mae Skains	11 Nov. 1890	9 June 1967	"Wife"
153	Patton, Frank W.	15 May 1852	25 June 1919	"Asleep in Jesus" Brother of Robert Patton
154	Patton, Oswald Benjamin	13 Oct. 1898	26 Aug. 1954	Son of Nettie Woodley & Robert Patton
155	Patton, Nettie Woodley	15 Sept. 1863	17 July 1960	One Monument: Daughter of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Woodley
156	Patton, Robert	14 Aug. 1858	6 Aug. 1929	Husband of Nettie Woodley Patton

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157	Patton, Elizabeth Mason	14 Mar. 1913	4 Oct. 1914	Sister of Charlotte Mason Mimms Jobe; daughter of Myrtle Patton and Claude Mason (why marker bears name Patton is unknown)
158	Raines, Hoyte	30 Dec. 1891	22 Oct. 1982	<u>One Monument:</u> Parents of Harold Raines, husband of Esther Westmoreland, the daughter of Callie McJimsey and Hall Westmoreland
159	Raines, Lillian D.	26 Aug. 1902	14 Jan. 19978	
160	Reavis, Ahleene Westmoreland	14 Oct. 1918		<u>One Monument:</u>
161	Reavis, Lewis Andrew, Jr.	9 June 1907	28 Nov. 1989	"Parents of Lewis, Rex, Martha, Hall" — Left side: photo of Ahleene & Andy; Right side: Methodist Ministers Emblem; Back side: "Leave it all quietly to God, My Soul, My rock rescue, refuge, he is all to me, never shall I be overthrown. Psalm 62:, 1-2" Husband of Ahleene Westmoreland, daughter of Callie McJimsey and Hall Westmoreland
162	Reavis, infant son of L. A. & Ahleene Reavis	28 Aug. 1939		Son of Ahleene Westmoreland and Andy Reavis
163	Robbins, George D.	4 Jan. 1913	16 Dec. 1970	WW II, Prv 408 Tec SCH, SQAAP, Masonic Emblem. Husband of Mary Louise Westmoreland, daughter of Callie McJimsey and Hall Westmoreland
164	Samford, William H. (Sam)	25 May 1923	22 May 1976	<u>One Monument:</u> Masonic Emblem "The Lord is my Sheppard I shall not want"
165	Samford, Dorothy Black	18 Nov. 1926	4 Dec. 1987	Crest: "WHITHER THOU GOEST I WILL GO -- June 25 1960" Daughter of Vera Rich & C. O. Black
166	Taylor, Elizabeth L.	1 Dec. 1860	11 Sept. 1861	Daughter of Amanda Melvina Woodley & Ozias Taylor. Amanda was the daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley
167	Taylor, Joseph Ward	6 Oct. 1858	Aug. 1888	Son of Amanda Woodley & Ozias Taylor
168	Thompson, Amy Elender, daughter of James & Elizabeth Horn and wife of W. E. Thompson	23 Sept. 1876	3 Mar. 1913	Relationship unknown.
169	Timmins, Alma	1872	1949	<u>One Monument</u>
170	Timmins, Dicie	1876	1946	Daughters of Eliza Missouri Anderson and Frank Bracy Timmins. (Alma was the eldest of 12 children)
171	Timmins, Emory S.	6 Sept. 1881	26 Mar. 1945	Emory Star Timmins — Son of Eliza Missouri Anderson and Frank Bracy Timmins. Emory was father of Amos Frank Timmins
172	Timmins, Octavia Vice	11 Nov. 1884	18 Apr. 1969	Wife of Emory S. Timmins, mother of Amos Frank Timmins
173	Timmins, Mollie Kile	4 July 1880	13 Apr. 1925	"Thy Life was Truth, Goodness, and Love and the Sunshine of Our Home" Daughter of Eliza Missouri Anderson and Frank Bracy Timmins
174	Timmins, Kathrine, daughter of E. S. & Octavia Timmins	15 Jan. 1917	19 Nov. 1923	"Suffer little Children to come to me" Daughter of Emory Star and Octavia Timmins
175	Timmins, Elizabeth, infant daughter of E. S. & Octavia Timmins	22 Dec. 1912		Daughter of Octavia Vice Timmins and Emory Star Timmins

	Name	Born	Died	Miscellaneous Facts, Inscriptions
176	Timmins, Bessie, daughter of F. B & E. M. Timmins		Sept. 1906	Age 22 yrs. Daughter of Eliza Missouri Anderson and Frank Bracy Timmins
177	Timmins, Oscar, son of F. B. & E. M. Timmins		31 Aug. 1894	One Monument: "aged 18 yrs." — Son of Eliza Missouri Anderson and Frank Bracy Timmins
178	Timmins, F. B.	(1830)	31 Aug. 1905	"Aged 75 Years" Mason Emblem, CSA (unit unknown) Frank Bracy Timmins, husband of Eliza Missouri Anderson. His parents were Barbara Lewis and Thomas Timmins; F. B. Timmins was the father of B. H. Timmins
179	Timmins, Eliza M.	20 Feb. 1848	May 1935	Eliza Missouri Anderson, wife of Frank Bracy Timmins. She was the daughter of Hampton Anderson, whose father was Baily Anderson; his father Baily Anderson, Sr., fought in the Revolutionary Army and both are buried near Elysian Fields.
180	Walker, Turner W.	4 Nov. 1905	27 June 1968	One Monument: Cpl US ARMY WW II — Turner Weir Walker; husband of Julia C. Patton
181	Walker, Julia C.	13 Feb. 1902	19 Sept. 1988	Daughter of Nettie Woodley and Robert Patton
182	Walton, Robert	3 Apr. 1809	16 Aug. 1878	Husband of Sarah Woodley, Mason
183	Walton, Sarah, wife of Robert Walton	7 Aug. 1826	7 Mar. 1907	Daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley and husband of Robert Walton
184	Walton, William A., son of Robert & Sarah Walton	10 Jan. 1867	25 Feb. 1879	One Monument: Children of Robert & Sarah Walton
185	Walton, Lucinda C. daughter of R. & S. Walton	6 Nov. 1852	24 July 1858	
186	Walton, Robert R., son of R. & S. Walton	4 July 1849	4 July 1859	
187	Walton, Florence E., daughter of R. & S. Walton	18 Dec. 1861	18 Aug. 1867	
188	Westmoreland, Hall	1890	1964	One Monument Son of Lulu Gibson and George Alfred Westmoreland. Husband of Callie McJimsey Westmoreland
189	Westmoreland, Callie	1899		Wife of Hall Westmoreland. She is the daughter of Nannie Westmoreland and Robert McJimsey.
190	Westmoreland, Edward H.	19 July 1874	2 Mar. 1917	"Father" "Thy Trials Ended--Thy Rest is Won." Son of Lucinda (Lucy) Mathews and James Westmoreland
191	Westmoreland, Effie C.	26 Jan. 1880	15 Feb. 1917	"Mother" "She believes and Sleeps in Jesus" Wife of Edward Westmoreland
192	Westmoreland, Enos, son of E. H. & Effie Westmoreland	17 Oct. 1904	8 Jan. 1917	"To die is to gain" Son of Effie & Edward Westmoreland
193	Westmoreland, James A.	12 Apr. 1844	23 Mar. 1932	TEX PVT CO E 17 REGT TEX CAV. CAS Son of Lucinda Woodley and Rev. Joseph Westmoreland. "God Gave, He Took, He Will Restore, He Doth All Things Well"
194	Westmoreland, Lucy, wife of J. A. Westmoreland	14 Jan. 1850	3 June 1920	"Them also which sleep will God bring Whith him" - Lucinda Mathews, wife of James Westmoreland

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195	Westmoreland, Eva R., daughter of J. A. & L. C. Westmoreland	27 Sept. 1887	22 June 1908	Daughter of Lucy Mathews and James A. Westmoreland
196	Westmoreland, Earnest A.	20 Dec. 1891	24 July 1944	Texas Pvt 398 Trench Mortar, Battery 83 Div 20 - WW I, Son of Emma Grimes and Silas Westmoreland
197	Westmoreland, Silas H.	14 Nov. 1859	19 June 1940	One Monument: 80 yrs, 7 mo 5 days. Son of Lucinda Woodley and Rev. Joseph Westmoreland
198	Westmoreland, Emma Grimes	29 June 1868	28 Aug. 1963	Emma Elizabeth Grimes, wife of Silas Henry Westmoreland
199	Westmoreland, Maude A.	23 Sept. 1886	28 Apr. 1937	Daughter of Emma Grimes and Silas Westmoreland
200	Westmoreland, Algy C.	6 Oct. 1887	12 May 1888	Son of Silas & Emma Grimes Westmoreland
201	Westmoreland, Rev. Joseph	18 Mar 1818	16 Dec. 1888	"GONE TO REST" "METHODIST MINISTER" Husband of Lucinda Woodley, daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley, Mason
202	Westmoreland, Lucinda, wife of Joseph Westmoreland	20 Mr. 1823	6 Aug. 1885	"GONE TO REST Prov. 31 Vs 27 & 28" Lucinda Woodley, wife of Rev. Joseph Westmoreland and daughter of Telitha McMichael and William Woodley
203	Westmoreland, George Alfred	2 Oct. 1851	3 Mar. 1932	One Monument: Son of Lucinda Woodley and Joseph Westmoreland
204	Westmoreland, Lula Gibson	27 May 1858	8 Sept. 1932	Wife of George Alfred Westmoreland, mother of Hall Westmoreland
205	Westmoreland, Sophia	3 Nov. 1822	21 Aug. 1898	Second wife of Joseph Westmoreland. Her name was Sophia Thornburgh Neil, former wife of Hamilton Neil:
206	Westmoreland, Ruth L.	22 Nov. 1900	Apr. 1984	Daughter of Emma Grimes and Silas Westmoreland
207	Westmoreland, Joseph Bailey Sr.	27 May 1898	12 Feb. 1977	"FATHER" - Son of Lulu Gibson and George Alfred Westmoreland. Brother of Hall Westmoreland
208	Willingham, J. M., son of R. S. & S. Willingham	20 Apr. 1885	6 Sept. 1906	Stone badly eroded. Son of Sarah & R. S. Willingham, brother of Myra Willingham, the wife of William Lawrence Woodley
209	Willingham, Sarah	18 Mar. 1836	20 Feb. 1920	"Weep not she is not dead but sleepeth Luke Viii 52." Mother of Myra Adell Willingham, who was the wife of William Lawrence Woodley.
210	WOODLEY, WILLIAM	Apr 1787	Nov. 1847	OLDEST MARKED GRAVE IN CEMETERY. OLDEST DATE OF BIRTH IN CEMETERY. BORN ELBERT CO., GEORGIA
211	WOODLEY, TELITHA, wife of William Woodley	May 1800	Aug. 1852	Telitha McMichael, wife of William Woodley, daughter of Elizabeth White and William McMichael, a Revolutionary War Veteran.
212	Woodley, Katherine Greer	1863	1949	Wife of Arthur Lee Woodley, who was the son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and William Woodley
213	Woodley, Addie Mauritzen	1886	1936	"Mother" Wife of Wingate Hall "Wink" Woodley, Jr.
214	Woodley, W. H.	22 Dec. 1869	17 Feb. 1949	Wingate Hall "Wink" Woodley, Jr., son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate H. Woodley
215	Woodley, Infant Son of W. H. & Mattie Woodley	20 Apr. 1898	22 Apr. 1898	Son of Mattie Jordon and W. H. "Wink" Woodley, Jr.

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216	Woodley, J. A.	28 Nov. 1855	28 Aug. 1891	<u>One Monument:</u> Son of Wingate Hall Woodley (John Ansul Woodley)
217	Woodley, Estelle P. Grimes	27 Sept. 1857	15 Apr. 1932	Wife of John Ansul Woodley. Daughter of William Sampson (W. S.) Grimes.
218	Woodley, Reginald, son of J. A. & E. P. Woodley	20 Jan. 1882	20 Jan. 1882	Son of Estelle P. Grimes and John Ansul Woodley
219	Woodley, Ronda, daughter of W. H. & J. K. Woodley	10 Dec. 1871	29 Jan. 1872	Daughter of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Hall Woodley
220	Woodley, J. W., Son of S. J. & Jennie Woodley	26 Apr. 1892	27 July 1892	Son of Jennie Ethridge & Silas Jefferson Woodley, who was the son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark & Wingate Woodley
221	Woodley, Jane K., wife of W. H. Woodley	27 Apr. 1830	17 June 1873	"Mother Thou Hast From Us ___?___ To The Regions Far Above, We to Thee Erect This Stone, Consecrated by our Love." Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark, wife of Wingate Hall Woodley
222	Woodley, W. H.	25 Aug. 1817	5 Sept. 1888	Wingate Hall Woodley. First Woodley in Republic of Texas. Son of Telitha McMichael & William Woodley. 1. Creek Indian War, Alabama, 1836 2. Creek Indian War, Florida, 1838 3. Mexican War, 1846 4. Civil War, 1865 "HIS TOILS ARE PAST, HIS WORK IS DONE, HE FOUGHT THE FIGHT, AND ___?___" Mason
223	Woodley, Henry Lee, son of H. H. & E. R. Woodley	30 July 1888	18 Sept. 1892	Stone badly eroded. Son of Rebecca Elizabeth (Bettie) Everitt & Henry H. Woodley
224	Woodley, Little Maud, daughter of H. H. & E. R. Woodley	22 Sept. 1883	18 May 1885	Daughter of Rebecca Elizabeth (Bettie) Everitt & Henry H. Woodley
225	Woodley, Inf. Son of H. H. & E. R. Woodley	21 Nov. 1890		Son of Rebecca Elizabeth (Bettie) Everitt & Henry H. Woodley
226	Woodley, Lutie Gean	25 Apr. 1920	2 May 1920	Daughter of Mattie Powers Beatty & H. H. Woodley
227	Woodley, Lilly Bell, Wife of Robert Woodley	18 Sept. 1885	13 Jan. 1919	"A tender Mother and a faithful friend" Lilly Bell Newton, wife of Robert H. Woodley
228	Woodley, W. E., inf.	12 Sept. 1924		Son of Anna Mae Mercer and Walter E. Woodley
229	Woodley, Mrs. W. E.	12 Dec. 1894	9 June 1932	"Mother" Anna Mae Mercer, wife of Walter E. Woodley, the son of Rebecca Elizabeth (Bettie) Everitt and Henry H. Woodley
230	Woodley, Emma Gene	26 Oct. 1919		<u>One Monument</u> Emma Gene Clark, wife of Walter E. Woodley
231	Woodley, Walter E.	5 Dec. 1891	19 Jan. 1964	Son of Rebecca Elizabeth (Bettie) Everitt and Henry H. Woodley
232	Woodley, Richard (Dickie)	9 June 1932		Son of Anna Mae Mercer and Walter E. Woodley
233	Woodley, Archie, son of H. H. & Mattie Woodley	9 Mr. 1914	9 May 1944	US ARMY - WW II, Son of Mattie Powers Beatty and Henry H. Woodley
234	Woodley, Henry (Chunk)	18 Dec. 1917	25 June 1972	Pvt. 257 MP Co., WW II, Son of Mattie Powers Beatty & Henry H. Woodley
235	Woodley, Birdie Power	18 Jan. 1916	28 Oct. 1989	<u>One Monument</u> PE U S ARMY WW II, husband of Melba Sue Harris and son of Mattie Powers Beatty and Henry H. Woodley
236	Woodley, Melba Sue	22 Dec. 1919		Married 31 May 1935

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237	Woodley, Bettie, wife of H. H. Woodley	24 July 1862	18 June 1911	"SHE WAS A KIND AFFECTIONATE WIFE, A FOND MOTHER, AND A FRIEND TO ALL." Rebecca Elizabeth (Bettie) Everitt, wife of Henry H. Woodley, daughter of Martha Barr and Robert B. Everitt.
238	Woodley, H. H.	22 Sept. 1861	9 Dec. 1939	"father of 15 children" Son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Hall Woodley
239	Woodley, J. R. (Po Boy)	12 Jan. 1928	1 Feb. 1992	James Rodgers Woodley, son of Alice Elizabeth "Sue" Whatley and John Jeff Woodley, who was son of Rebecca Elizabeth Everitt and H. H. Woodley
240	Woodley, John Henry	10 Oct. 1885	28 Sept. 1978	Son of Kate Timmins and Arthur Lee Woodley. Arthur Lee Woodley was the son of Wingate Hall Woodley and the brother of Jeannie Woodley Kirkpatrick.
241	Woodley, Osker J.	19 July 1884	22 Sept. 1884	Infant son of Jeannie & Silas Jefferson Woodley
242	Woodley, William L.	13 Dec. 1851	5 Feb. 1910	William Lawrence, "At Rest" "A Precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, that never can be filled." Eldest son of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Hall Woodley. Builder of "Woodley House," which received a Texas Historical Medallion in 1989.
243	Woodley, Myra Adell	23 Aug. 1853	30 July 1925	"She believes and sleeps in Jesus" Myra Adell Willingham, wife of William Lawrence Woodley.
244	Woodley, Jessie L.	21 Dec. 1873	1 Sept. 1937	One Monument Son of Myra Adell Willingham and William Lawrence Woodley. Second owner of "Woodley House."
245	Woodley, America Elizabeth Harris	11 Feb. 1876	12 Nov. 1982	OLDEST PERSON BURIED IN CEMETERY 106 years, 9 months, 1 day. America Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Mary Sophronia Baton and John Franklin Harris. Wife of Jessie L. Woodley. HOME HAS TEXAS HISTORICAL MEDALLION.
246	Yates, Thomas F., son of W. F. and S. E. Yates	30 Aug. 1885	5 Aug. 1887	Son of Sarah Emma Woodley and William Franklin Yates. Sarah Emma Woodley was the daughter of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Hall Woodley
247	Yates, William W., son of W. F. and S. E. Yates	25 Sept. 1880	12 Aug. 1883	Son of Sarah Emma Woodley and William Franklin Yates. Sarah Emma Woodley was the daughter of Keziah Jane (Guice) Clark and Wingate Hall Woodley

Unmarked Graves Woodley Cemetery

	Name	Born	Died	Explanation
1	Andrews, Ward	6 Oct. 1858	Unknown	Infant son of Amanda Woodley & E. C. W. Andrews. Exact grave location unknown, but likely near his mother.
2	Boulware, Joyce	Unknown		Infant children of Arminta Malissa Westmoreland and Robert Capers Boulware. Graves near parents:
3	Boulware, Emit	Unknown		
4	Boulware, Edna	Unknown		
5	Boulware, Billy	Unknown		
6	Haynes, Telitha Jane	5 Aug. 1859	5 Aug. 1859	
7	Haynes, Richard	22 Dec. 1864	4 Jan. 1865	
8	Haynes, Arominta	3 July 1866	10 Aug. 18 ?	
9	Timmins, Pearl	Unknown		Infant Children of Eliza M. & Frank Bracy Timmins
10	Timmins, Floyd	Unknown		
11	Westmoreland, Thomas Franklin	30 Apr. 1846	22 Aug. 1867	Sons of Lucinda Woodley & Rev. Joseph Westmoreland
12	Westmoreland, Robert Parr	24 Sept. 1853	28 Aug. 1864	
13	Woodley, Harriet Ellen	8 Oct. 1838	8 Aug. 1844	Daughter of Telitha & William Woodley. Assume placed near her father. First burial in Cemetery.
14	Woodley, Jonathan	30 Jan. 1819	30 Sept. 1848	Son of Telitha & William Woodley. Assume buried near his father. Third burial in Cemetery.

Information Source

- 1, 13, 14: Woodley family records of Viola Woodley Allen Cody, Marshall, Texas.
- 2, 3, 4, 5: Letter of September 5, 1991, from Bess Wellborn. Her mother, Ethel Westmoreland Bradshaw Becknell, grew up with the Boulware family. She does not know their birth or death dates, but states that they died at birth or as infants. The exact location of their graves is unknown, but it is believed that they are buried near their parents.
- 6, 7, 8: Believed to be buried in the Haynes family area, which is so marked. The information is taken from the book The Haynes Family of Harrison County by Wood McMullen of Lufkin, Texas, March 15, 1970, and from interviews with Kenneth Edward Haynes of Marshall.

- 9, 10: From Timmins's family records in possession of Lucille Timmins in Elysian Fields. Lucille is the widow of B. H. Timmins, who was the son of Frank Bracy Timmins.
- 11, 12: From Westmoreland Family Paper written by Jewell W. (Westmoreland) Madden, granddaughter of William Westmoreland. The paper has a notation that some information in the 12-page paper was from Ruth Westmoreland and Callie Westmoreland.

Veterans of the Armed Services

(Listed by War)

CREEK INDIAN WAR 1836 (ALABAMA WAR)

Wingate H. Woodley ALABAMA MOUNTED VOL. MILITIA, CAPT.
DONALDSON'S CO.

CREEK INDIAN WAR 1838 (FLORIDA WAR)

Wingate H. Woodley ALABAMA MILITIA, CAPT. GAUTT'S CO.

WAR WITH MEXICO 1846

Wingate H. Woodley CO. F, 2 TEXAS MOUNTED VOL. (RANGERS)

THE CIVIL WAR

Asa R. Black	PVT 17 TEXAS CAVALRY	CSA
W. J. Covington	CO. C, COBEL'S BG. ARK. CAVALRY	CSA
William J. Craton	13 LA PARTISAN RANGER, CO. E	CSA
Joseph Warren Grimes	PVT. 17 TEXAS DISMT CAV.	CSA
Richard Parmenas Haynes	UNKNOWN*	CSA
Hiram Andrew Jackson	CO. I, 2 RD. ALAB REG	CSA
F. A. Timmins	UNKNOWN*	CSA
James A. Westmoreland	PVT CO E 17 REGT TEX CAV	CSA
Wingate H. Woodley	CO. D. EVAN'S BN. TEXAS RES CORPS (MISCL.)	CSA

WORLD WAR I

Roy A. Beggs	U S ARMY SIGNAL CORP.
Thomas E. Escoe	TEXAS CPL DEMOBILIZATION DET
Calvin E. Harkrider	PVT 48 CO DEMOL CENTER
Elijah G. Harkrider	PVT 1CL 18 TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY
Cannon Jay	PVT. 316 REP UNIT MTC
Alfred E. Lacy	PVT ORDINANCE DEPT
"Doc" Mercer	PFC U. S. ARMY
George Davis McJimsey	U S ARMY LONE STAR REGIMENT
John DeWitt McJimsey	U S ARMY
Earnest A. Westmoreland	PVT 398 TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY 83, DIV. 20

WORLD WAR II

Milton A. Bradshaw	MEMORIAL, SG. 459TH BQ 756 SQD (H) KILLED IN ACTION OVER POLESTI, RUMANIA. BURIED IN NEUVILLE-EN-CONDROS, BELGIUM
James H. Bradshaw	SMSGT U S AIR FORCE
Herman Ebarb	S/SGT AIR FORCE 328 FIELD MTC SQD, E T O
Taylor Morton Hill	LT CO U S AIR FORCE
Jessie A. Jay	BM3 U S NAVY
Daniel (Dan) Mercer	U S ARMY
George D. Robbins	PVT 408 TEC SCH SQAAF
Turner W. W. Walker	CPL U S ARMY
Archie Woodley	U S ARMY
Henry (Chunk) Woodley	PVT 257 MP CO
Birdie Power Woodley	PE U S ARMY
J. R. (Po Boy) Woodley	U S NAVY

KOREAN WAR

James Lewis Hill	AZC U S AIR FORCE
Daniel (Dan) Mercer	U S ARMY

Note: This list was made from the information on the grave markers and from research.

* Information from family records. Units unknown, verification pending.

List of Interviews

1. Ethel Westmoreland (Bradshaw) Becknell
2. Lilly Bell Woodley and Walter Woodley, Jr.
3. Dell Woodley Mercer
4. Callie McJimsey Westmoreland
5. Mouzon Tiller
6. Lucille Timmins
7. Ed Gowenlock
8. Luke Woodley
9. Weldon Woodley
10. Loreta Farmer Hill
11. Wylma Pendergrass
12. H. Hall (Sonny) Westmoreland
13. Kenneth E. Haynes
14. Inez Hughes
15. Clair Neil Ramblin
16. Betty Jane Woodley Clark
17. Jack McJimsey
18. Rev. Charles Anderson
19. Robbie Sutlive
20. Bess Bradshaw Wellborn and John S. Wellborn
21. Ilyne McJimsey Olsen
22. Mary Lynn Weir
23. Annette Westmoreland Bell
24. Ahleene Westmoreland Reavis

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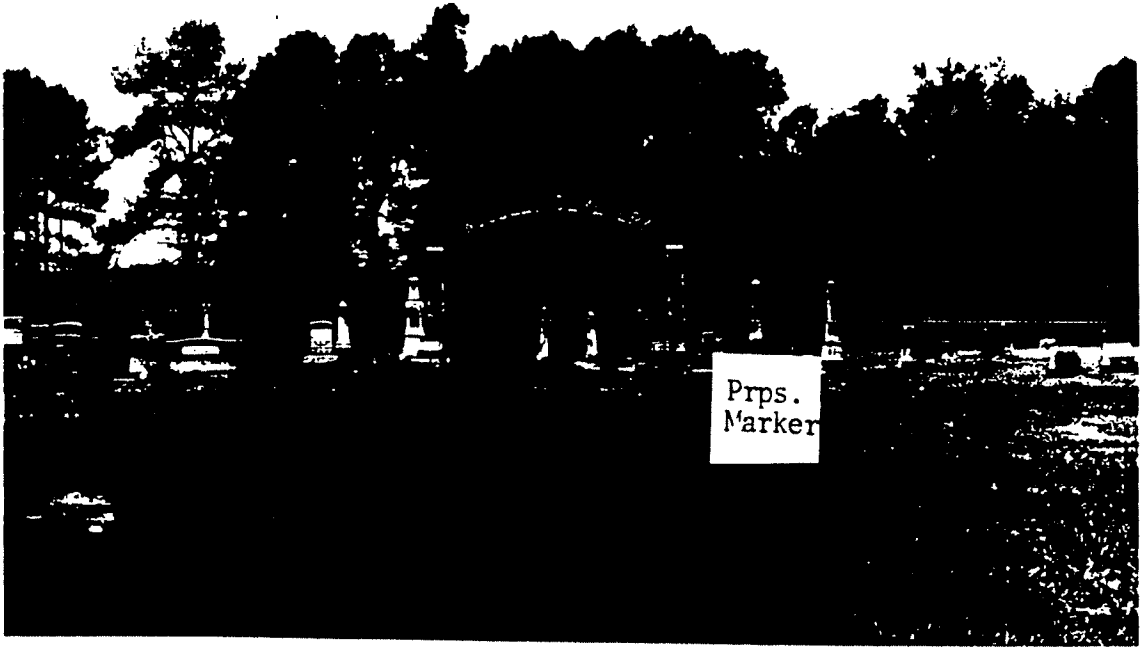
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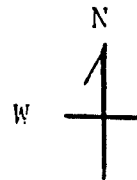
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WOODLEY ROAD

Woodley House

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WOODLEY CEMETERY

Harrison County
Panola County
West Road



WOODLEY CEMETERY

Wingate Woodley arrived in the Republic of Texas in 1839 and settled in Harrison County shortly after its formation that year. He received a letter from his father, William (b. 1787), in 1840, asking that he leave the lawlessness of this area and return to the safety of his former home in Georgia. Wingate remained, and in 1843 his father and mother, Telitha (McMichael), left Alabama with their large family and traveled by wagon train to Harrison County. The cemetery began with the burial of their young daughter, Harriett Ellen, here on their family farm in 1844. Woodley family records suggest that this site was set aside for cemetery use in William Woodley's 1844 will. The will was subsequently lost and never probated.

The families of William and Telitha's eleven children and their descendants formed the nucleus of the former community of Arleston and account for most of the people buried here. This site, property of Woodley Descendants for more than 100 years, was legally set aside by descendants of George and Caroline (Woodley) McJimsey in 1970. Buried here are veterans of conflicts ranging from the Creek Indian War (Alabama-1836) to the Korean Conflict. The Woodley Cemetery Trust was established in 1986 to maintain this site.

(Inscription of Marker)

**DEDICATION CEREMONY
HISTORICAL MARKER
WOODLEY CEMETERY**

*Woodley Cemetery Association cordially invites you to attend the
Dedication Ceremony of the Official Texas Historical Marker
Woodley Cemetery, corner of Woodley and West Roads, Elysian Fields, Texas*

- Opening Remarks* Weldon Woodley
President of Woodley Cemetery Association
- Master of Ceremony* Audrey D. Kariel
Chair, Harrison County Historical Commission
- Invocation* Rev. Tom Hill
- Introduction of Special Guests* Audrey D. Kariel
- Presentation of Certificate* Walter Woodley, Jr.
Secretary and Treasurer, Woodley Cemetery Association
- Early Settlers Tribute and History of Cemetery* A.K. Lacy
- Military Tribute* Ed Gowanlock
Lt. Col., U.S.A.F. "Ret."
- Presentation of Marker* Audrey D. Kariel
- Reading of Marker* J.D. (Jack) McJimsey, Jr.
Director, Woodley Cemetery Association
- Unveiling of Marker* Hanna Clark
Chelsea Riggs
- Benediction* Dr. Steve Woodley

In case of rain DEDICATION will be held at
Cross Roads Baptist Church
Highway 31

April 25, 1993

2:00 P.M.