

Whites Chapel Cemetery Association

Quarterly Bulletin



Monument Repairs and Releveling



During this quarter the Association has been working to make some much needed repairs to tombstones which have sunk into the ground over time. Because of the weight of these stones the association was not able to accomplish this work alone. During our annual meeting we voted to budget funds to hire Worthington Monument Company to accomplish the job. They began work on February 21, 2023. During the following month they were able to make repairs to 21 headstones. For a list of headstones repaired, please see our website whiteschapelcemetery.org. Since these repairs were ear marked in the budget for 2023, we have already paid for these repairs.

We plan to make other repairs needed however, due to the significant cost associated with these types of repairs it is necessary to schedule this work over time as funds are available. Thanks to the generosity of our Association members, we have funds set aside for maintenance of the cemetery but rely mostly on contributions from relatives of persons buried in the cemetery to make non-routine repairs. It is the responsibility of the Association for us to keep up the appearance of our cemetery within the community and maintain the final resting place of our love ones. More coming soon...



New Association Website

Our new association website is now active. New features include :

- Donate" button. This will allow any user to make a donation by debit or credit card to the association account The user will be supplied a receipt and can feel secure the donation will be an easy and safe transaction.
- The burial list now has a search line where you put the name of your relative in the search block. This allows you to view their name, birth date, death date, and plot number.
- Sign up for the news letter button. Just fill in your information and you will automatically sign up for the next newsletter.

Please tell your other relatives and encourage them to sign-up. If you or your family use email this will save the Association 65 cents in postage plus the cost of printing out the newsletter. Please tell your other relatives and encourage them to sign up. If you or your family use email this will save the association 65 cents in postage plus the cost of printing out the newsletter.

The website contains all of the important documents to include old newsletters, and minutes of the annual meetings. Also the Association By-Laws and Procedure Manual are available to all access to information regarding any question and answers such as who is eligible for burial in the cemetery and what needs to be done to arrange for a burial. All of the known Veterans of any war can be found as well a list

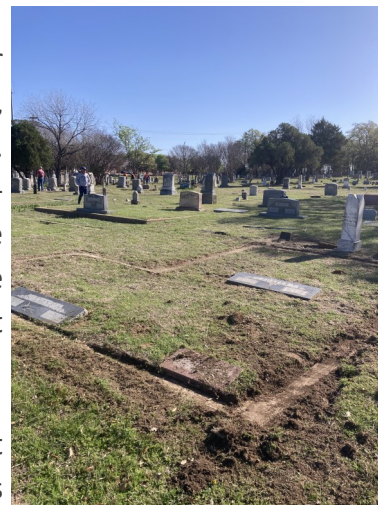
“Whites Chapel Cemetery a historic treasure in the heart of Southlake, Texas”

Spring Cleanup in March



We had a great cleanup day on March 25th. The weather was great and over 30 people pitched in to clean stones, uncover family plot borders and do some needed repairs. During the day representatives from the Sons of the Confederates pitched in to help clean headstones. I am unsure of the exact number of stones which were cleaned. We were using a newly discovered product called D2. It is a product used for cleaning any type of stones with great results.

Another undertaking was removal of briars from the east fence line. Next cleanup will be in October. More photos on next page.



Family plot border unearthed

Sons of the Confederates Rick McCook
cleaning stones



Brooks Mitchell and Michael McGarry digging up borders



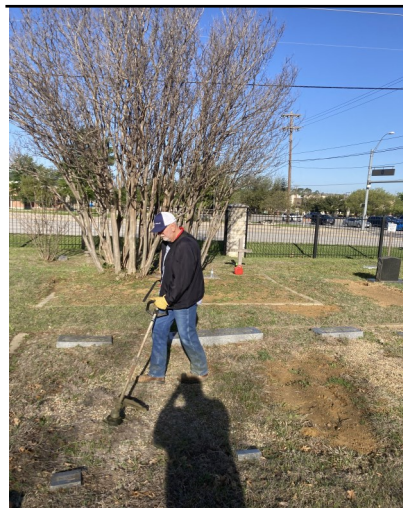
Unearth tombstone



TCSO volunteer mowing



Cleaning headstones



Roy Millican doing some weed eating



Steve Hays & TCSO volunteer unearthing family borders



Littlepage family members working on family plot



TCSO volunteers doing maintenance on equipment



Littlepage family members

Looking Back

Have you ever driven past our cemetery and asked yourself how my family chose to be buried here? As for myself I have several family members buried here, but realize there are not a lot of spaces left in the cemetery so I have burial spaces in another cemetery. Others of you have family plots and know where in the cemetery you or a family member will be buried. Then others drive by and never take notice of our little cemetery. For us who were raised around this area we have many memories of the Whites Chapel community, Whites Chapel Cemetery, the Pleasant Hill Advent Christian Church, Pleasant Run Baptist Church and the original Whites Chapel Methodist Church with the tall white steeple still standing for us to reminisce about. All of us can say "wow how the area has changed". But one consistent thought for us all, we have the memories where mom, dad, husband, wife, other family members and friends are buried. We can be proud of these memories and our cemetery. I know for myself these memories will stay with me, and from the stories I hear from you they will stay with you as well. Although the people who make up our memories of White's Chapel will not change, it is our responsibility to preserve these memories and the history of our cemetery. For this purpose, a non-profit organization was formed preserving and maintaining our cemetery as a historical landmark of the state of Texas and the city of Southlake. Please keep in mind, Whites Chapel Cemetery is a non-perpetual care cemetery, family owned and

the upkeep done by surviving family members. This means no trust fund for maintenance of your family member's burial space was established at the time of their death. In recent years and present, persons who were buried in the cemetery paid \$200.00 as a burial fee. This payment is made through the funeral home which is handling your family's arrangements. These funds are then forwarded to the Association and per the Association By-laws are deposited in the permanent fund. Now it becomes our responsibility to continue this heritage. We have added to our new improved website a Donate button to make it easier for you to make a contribution to the maintenance fund of the cemetery. However, if you prefer you can continue to make your contribution by mailing a check to; Whites Chapel Cemetery, P.O. Box 92082, Southlake Texas 76092. We have more repairs to make plus our monthly upkeep of the cemetery cost are several hundred dollars per month For the next few months we will be having a promotion for a \$50 dollar gift card to Texas Road House for anyone who uses the Donate button on the website before the drawing on the delivery of the next Newsletter on August 1, 2023 You do not need to be present to win. The donations will go to our repair and maintenance for 2023. Our first drawing winner was Katie Harding

In Memory

During the year of 2022 we have had three burials in our cemetery. Cydell Littlepage was laid to rest on December 29, 2021. Kelly Mason was laid to rest May 28, 2022, and Marilyn Smith was laid to rest on December 22, 2022. Please connect the Association of any future plans of burials.

Notes From The Board

We can't express enough of our thanks to everyone for supporting the continuing efforts to maintain this much beloved property. We look forward to what is in store for the remainder of the year. Without your support we could not continue to have this beautiful resting place for all that have gone before us.