

## Guiceland Cemetery Newsletter

April 2015

Thanks to your generous donation, the Guiceland Cemetery grounds and facilities are able to be properly maintained. The current mowing crew is efficient and seems to be causing minimum damage to markers and property. The April "clean-up day" continues to be a point of contention as a difference of opinion sometimes rears its ugly head as to the definition of "out of date" flowers. The volunteers use their "best judgment" in discarding the decorations. Nobody intentionally discards "good" flowers. We apologize in advance if this happens to any good decorations that belong to your family. The best way to avoid this happening is to "show up" at 9 o' clock on Clean-Up Day May 2, 2015! We look forward to seeing you there.

The Board of Directors has been advised of a grant available from the Trinity Valley Electric Co-op for local cemeteries. In discussing a use for these funds, the Board has explored the idea of erecting a memorial to all military veterans. The center piece would be a flagpole and granite marker. Depending on sizes selected, the cost would be from \$4,000 to \$10,000. We could expect up to \$1,000 in grant funds. Prior to moving forward with this project the Board would like input from members. If members want us to go forward with this project, contributions at a Memorial Fund will be greatly appreciated. This issue will be discussed further at our annual meeting and Memorial Day activities, May 31, 2015. Guiceland Cemetery always observes Memorial Day on the last Sunday in May.

Until then, Happy Trails to You.

Jimmie Lynn

### Plots, Markers, Donations, and other Information

Please remember to confirm your burial plot reservations. The "old" system of marking your plot with corner makers has been abandoned since the markers become covered and lost in the sand. ALL reservations are recorded on the plat held by Bryan Willis. The plat will be available for your review at the Memorial Day meeting May 31, 2015.

Donations may be sent to P. O. Box 571, Grapeland, TX 75844

The Guiceland Chapel and grounds may be reserved for family reunions, funerals, etc. by calling a board member.

Please notify Brian Willis prior to placing markers and tombstones in the graveyard.

The Guiceland Cemetery Permanent Fund balance is currently \$46,000. This fund is funded by specific donations and bequeaths. The contributions will not be spent. Only the earnings are spent.

If you are interested in participating in the permanent fund, please contact a board member of additional details. Donations are tax deductible.

#### Burials at Guiceland in 2014

Linda Easley Lamberth	Jan. 30, 1951-Mar. 2, 2014	Old	Row 2 Plot 65
Donna McKenney	Nov. 28, 1959-Mar. 11, 2014	North	Row 16 Plot 13
Larene Duitch	1912-May 10, 2014	Old	Row 11 Plot 26
Henrietta S. Richburg	Sept. 28, 1933-July 2, 2014	West	Row 4 Plot 29
Kathryn D. Chapman	Feb. 15, 1951-Aug. 21, 2014	South	Row 1 Plot 17
Riley Maye Killion	Aug. 3, 1908-Aug. 27, 2014	South	Row 10 Plot 48
Roger (Robert) Vance	Aug. 16, 1914-Oct. 6, 2014	Old	Row 10 Plot 48
Bill Kurz	Dec. 16-1928-Nov. 11, 2014	North	Row 37 Plot 3
Evalena Honeycutt	Mar. 9.1926-Nov. 27, 2014	South	Row 12 Plot 10
Barbara Sawyer Huff	July 21, 1938-Dec. 12, 2014	West	Row 1 Plot 20
W. Wray Whittaker	July 7, 1926-Dec. 27, 2014	West	Row 7 Plot 11

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## Benefits of Flour - Too Interesting not to Pass Along

Recently I was cooking corn and stuck my fork in the boiling water to see if the water was ready. I missed and my hand went into the boiling water! A friend of mine, who is a Vietnam Vet came into the house as I was screaming and asked me if I had some plain old flour. I pulled out the bag and he stuck my hand in it. He told me to keep my hand in the flour for ten minutes.

He said in Vietnam there was a guy on fire and in their panic, they threw a bag of flour all over him to put out the fire. Well, it not only put out the fire, he never even had a blister.

I put my hand in the bag and left it for ten minutes. When I pulled it out, I did not even have a red mark or blister and I had NO PAIN.

I keep a bag of flour in the refrigerator and every time I burn myself, I use the flour. Cold flour feels even better than room temperature flour.

Flour has heat absorbent property and strong antioxidant property, thus it help helps a burn, if it is applied within 15 minutes.

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### Soldier's Application for Pension

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant: J. C. Easley  
Anderson County

Postoffice: Salmon, Idaho

Filed: AUG 31 1909

Approved: Ross

Pension allowed from: \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected: AUG 31 1909

C. H. Boines  
Commissioner of Pensions

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## James Easley

Another of Guiceland Cemetery's interesting stories is that of James Carl Easley. Mr. Easley was born in Nacogdoches County, Texas on October 16 1847 or 1848. By 1860, he shows to have moved to Anderson County, as he is listed as a 13 year old on the 1860 census. At age 27, he married Nancy Berry in Fields chapel. By 1880, James is listed as a widower and his occupation is "farmer." By 1884, James had remarried to Frances E. Pennington and 1900, his residence is listed as Campbell's Store, Anderson County, TX."

James' original marker at Guiceland is a homemade concrete one, but he also has a Veteran's Administration stone that documents his Confederate service. His Confederate service is unusual in that he shows on his stone to have been in Company C of Jamison's Regiment. There are two possibilities: one is Jameson's Regimental Cavalry and the other is Jamison's Reserves. Jamison's reserves is the most likely unit in which Easley served. A family story states Easley served as a camp guard at Camp Ford and Jamison's Reserves is known to provide guards. Camp Ford near Tyler, started out a Prisoner of War camp for Union officers, but quickly became a camp that housed all ranks of prisoners. Eventually, as the war moved west of the Mississippi. Easley's Confederate Pension application lists Salmon as his residence in Anderson County on July 20, 1909, and "Reserves" is penciled in. Reserves normally consisted of younger or older men or men who were ill or had been wounded. Without further information, it is hard to tell, but I think it is likely that Mr. Easley had some type of injury since he was of the age to have served in an active unit rather than reserves.

James Easley live to the ripe old age of 67 or 68, depending on his actual birth year. Four of his children are buried at Guiceland: Henry Archie Easley, Lela Easley Arnold, Iva Easley Bragger, and Robert Web Easley. Another child, Fletcher Easley, is buried in Elkhart at Garden of Memories. Grandchildren and a great-grand child of James Easley are also buried at Guiceland.

James Carl Easley: farmer, soldier, patriot. Another of the fine, honorable lives we remember and honor at Guiceland Cemetery.

David Franklin

If you have any interesting stories or recollections of earlier days concerning Guiceland or people connected to Guiceland, please contact one of the Board Members.