

Guiceland Cemetery Newsletter

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Guiceland Cemetery History

The Guiceland Cemetery was established about 1871, when William Guice, infant son of Benjamin and Caston Dania Guice, was buried on family land. In 1889 the Guiceland Cemetery was deeded one acre (more or less) out of the W. G. Brooks Preemption survey of 160 acres. The original deed was destroyed or lost and a replacement deed recorded on August 19, 1920. On January 25, 1904 a second parcel of land was added to the cemetery. The cemetery purchased from J. A. and F. E. Carnes the 1.2 acre parcel located in B J M Guice survey of 160 acres. This hand written deed was recorded in Houston County in 1904. A third parcel of land came from W. M. and S. K. Weisinger. This one acre parcel is located in the North half of the B J H Guice preemption survey of 106 acres, and was recorded in Houston County on January 19, 1928. The fourth parcel of land is a two acre tract which came from Travis and Tommie Mosley. This parcel is located across the road from the prior tracts in Anderson County. The Anderson County parcel was recorded on July 21, 1970. The last tract is a one acre parcel acquired from D. C. Weisinger and his wife on June 30, 1980. Currently the cemetery has six and two-tenths acres of property and 1320 graves.

The oldest tombstone is that of George W. Brightman (1830 - 1877). Hundreds of member of the Guiceland Community are buried here, including veterans of the Texas Revolution, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam. A one-room building at the site served as a school and location for funeral services until 1908. A tabernacle built in 1936 was replaced in 1959 by the current building.

The Guiceland Cemetery Association holds an annual gathering/meeting in this building on the last Sunday of May every year. This is followed by dinner on the grounds. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM and it is our hope that you can attend.