

Guiceland Cemetery Newsletter 2023

Jimmy's Mumbblings

An uneventful year at Guiceland Cemetery! Declining Covid, no dramatic freeze, wind, or rainfall. Continuing maintenance and mowing are all that occurred during the year.

The reoccurring event that does happen is someone, that we have not heard from recently, has a family member pass away and needs a burial plot. The family marked a "family plot" years ago with corner markers. However, in the Guiceland sand those markers are no longer locatable. The family plots are therefore NOT recorded on the **Guiceland Cemetery Plat** that is maintained by the Guiceland Caretaker! The Guiceland Cemetery Board does not look forward to resolving these issues. If these plots have been recorded as reserved by someone else, no one will be happy with the outcome. Please help us by confirming that your family plots are properly identified on the **Guiceland Cemetery Plat**. George Wallace (903-986-6117) is the Guiceland Caretaker and keeper of the **Guiceland Cemetery Plat**. Also, please notify other friends and family members that the "marker" system used in the past is no longer valid, as markers become buried in the Guiceland sand. The **Guiceland Cemetery Plat** is now the ONLY record of reserved burial plots. This is the method for assigning burial plots.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Memorial Day Gathering May 28, 2023.

Wishing you and your family the best in the future years to come.

Happy Trails,

Jimmy

Guiceland Board Members

David Franklin

Donna Garrison McEwen

Jim Gaines, President

Jo Morehead Oster, Secretary

Tom Gates

Wanda Prejean

Joe Garrison

Tracy Salmon

George Wallace, Caretaker

Important Dates

Sat., May 6 Clean-up Day. 9 AM All help is welcome. Be sure to bring a hat and gloves.

Sun., May 28 Memorial Day Celebration. Meeting at 10 followed by worship and singing.

Recent Burials at Guiceland

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Sect.	Row	Plot	Veteran
Ricky Haskins	12/6/1957	1/16/2022	West	6	68	
Geneva Chaffin	3/10/1934	1/31/2022	West	5	10	
Margie Crawford	2/18/1942	2/18/2022	West	5	20	
Wells Infant	3/31/2022	3/31/2022	Old	4	36	
William Boone	6/16/1952	3/26/2022	South	9	12	
James Powell			West	3	6	
Michael Sanchez	10/14/1929	5/15/2021	North	4	12	
Joyce Bailey Keene	5/26/1938	6/4/2022	North	24	7	
Aneta Rodesney	1/31/1923	6/26/2022	Old	1	59	
Jonathan Chapman	5/23/1978	7/2/2022	South	1	19	
Bobby Maxey	12/15/1940	8/14/2022	Old	3	63	Yes/Army
Vickie Salmon	4/4/1957	9/23/2022	North	25	10	
Roy Melvin Holt	10/5/1952	11/16/2021	North	9	12	Yes
Ruth Holt Moore	6/23/1950	4/23/2023	North	13	9	

Veterans Buried at Guiceland

Every year at Guiceland we honor all veterans by placing the appropriate flag on their grave. If you have a loved one here who does not have a flag on their grave the week surrounding Memorial Day and Veterans Day, please notify one of the board members. Sometimes that information is not available to us.

Significance of Coins Placed on Gravestones

A penny means that you visited the grave.

A nickel means you went through Basic Training together.

A dime means you served together.

A quarter means you were there when they passed away.

Salmon, Texas

Most families associated with Guiceland Cemetery are very familiar with the community of Salmon. If Salmon still had a post office, Guiceland would most likely be serviced by that post office.

According to the online version of the Handbook of Texas:

Salmon is on the Missouri Pacific line, US Highway 287, and State Highway 19, fourteen miles southeast of Palestine in southern Anderson County. It was part of the outgrowth of nearby Elkhart. The earliest name for the community was probably Bryon Switch. In 1902 a post office opened in the general store built and operated by Meredith D. Salmon, the first postmaster and namesake of the community. In 1914 Salmon had an estimated population of 100 and three general stores, a cotton gin, a sawmill, and telephone service. Population estimates varied from ten in 1924 to 100 in 1927 and 1929 to ten again in 1933. In 1939 Salmon had an estimated eighty inhabitants and a church, four businesses, and a number of scattered dwellings. The Salmon post office closed in the mid-1950s, and by 1956 the community had declined to twenty-five inhabitants; no businesses were reported. Salmon grew, however, to an estimated 100 inhabitants by 1964. By 1970 its population had dropped to twenty, and it continued to be reported at that level in 2000. In the mid-1980s the community consisted of a church, a business, and a number of scattered dwellings. The community had a replica of the early general store and post office, built by a descendant of Meredith Salmon, in 2002.
(<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/salmon-tx>)

I can add a little to this story! This descendant of Meredith Salmon responsible for the "replica of the early general store and post office" was our own beloved Cleon Salmon, long-time board member of Guiceland Cemetery Association and lover of Guiceland Cemetery. Cleon referred to his "replica" as his museum and it was a fine museum at that! I always enjoyed private tours Cleon would give and often our board meetings were held at his museum.

Meredith D. "Major" Salmon was near the end of the Civil War, January 10, 1865 in Texas and died August 10, 1910 and is buried at Guiceland. We lost Cleon back in 2009 (can it be that long ago?) and he is buried, of course, at his beloved Guiceland.

Meredith D. "Major" Salmon 1865-1910:



David Franklin
Board Member
Guiceland Cemetery Association

Reminders

The Caretaker must be contacted prior to a burial to mark the correct plot.

The Caretaker must be contacted before a tombstone is placed to mark the correct spot.

Do not plant or trim any bushes, shrubs, or trees.

If graves are not cleared off by the family after a funeral, wilted arrangements will be removed by a board member. Other flowers are not removed by board members; however, we often have high winds that do blow the flowers off of the graves.

Donations

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