

# Thomas Cemetery ASSOCIATION

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## THE FENCE IS UP!



When the Board met with a professional in cemetery restoration at their first meeting last September, his first suggestion was that gates and a fence be installed. This will make the area much more secure from vandals and drive-thru vehicles. There is open access for individuals near each gate.

Border lines were not definitely established when the Cemetery had its first burials. A few stones had to be moved a short distance to remain in Thomas, or to not be under the fence. Care will be given in replacing these close to their original spots.

Other good news is that North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department will be in charge of maintaining the grounds in the future. Having regular mowing, trimming and spraying provided will permit the Association to work toward additional restoration projects.



This very interesting machine was used to dig the post holes for the fence. United Fence let the poles set (dry) overnight before installing the wire.

Thomas Cemetery Association and the Prudence Hall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution are planning a Veterans Day Service on Nov. 11. Plans are not yet complete, but please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.



Many thanks to Pinnacle Chapter of the Arkansas Questers for their generous contribution toward the expense of the fence. Questers is an organization dedicated to the study, conservation and preservation of historical objects for the benefit of today and tomorrow. Pictured are Teresa Clark and Betty Harp, Board members with Jane Bilon and Linda Scherer, representing Pinnacle Chapter.

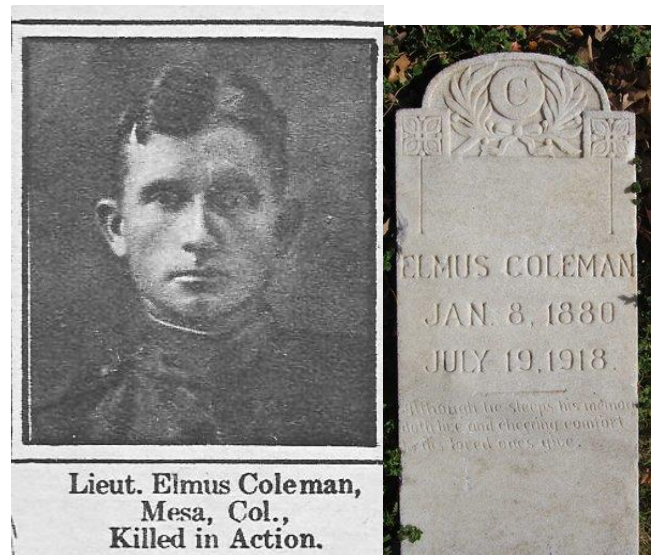
The next step in restoring Thomas is to have the area mapped. Since so many tombstones are missing, a professional service will be necessary for this, and it will be very expensive. If you would like to contribute to this happening, your donation can be sent to Teresa Clark, Treasurer, 13 Oak Tree Circle, North Little Rock 72116. All contributions are tax deductible.



At least 50 friends of Thomas joined these 3 for dinner at the Black Bear Diner on July 16, We appreciate Black Bear providing this fund-raising opportunity for us. Pictured with Betty Harp is Elizabeth Hill, Regent of Prudence Hall Chapter DAR and Lisa Winkleman, Grants Chairman for the Association.

The list of followers on the Thomas Cemetery Facebook page is growing. This is a good way to keep up with what is happening there from day-to-day. earn more about the Association, its work and its goals at [thomascemeterynlr.com](http://thomascemeterynlr.com). Thank you for your interest.

A number of descentants of those buried in Thomas have contacted the organization. One heard from recently was from Alabama and another from Texas. They are being asked to send pictures and any information they have about their ancestors.



EXCERPT FROM “THOMAS CEMETERY, INTERNMENTS, OBITUARIES, AND ARTICLES” compiled by Teresa Clark. Read the rest of the story on pages 45 and 46.

### **To Honor a Hero of War**

Body of Lieut. Elmus Coleman will lie in State at City Hall. The body of Second Lieut. Elmus Coleman who was killed overseas in 1918, will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. today at the City Hall. All city offices will be closed during these hours. Lieutenant Coleman formerly was in Company H, 16th infantry and was wounded in action in France and taken to a hospital, where he died of his wounds July 19, 1918. He is survived by his wife, Annie Wells Coleman and his five year old daughter Thelma Coleman, four brothers George Coleman, Emmett Coleman, Marion Coleman and John Coleman and one sister Mrs. Bertha Elstrom.

--From Little Rock Daily News, Little Rock, AR Sat. May 21, 1921

