

2022 Annual Report



WESTCOTT ASSOCIATION
CEMETERY

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



February 2023

Dear Friends and Fellow Descendants,

Thanks to the funds we received from the Fondren Foundation in December 2021 and the support of our friends and fellow descendants, McDoux Preservation began to develop a Vision Plan for McDaniel Street Cemetery last year. We completed some of the preliminary work that is included in the Vision Plan in 2022 and have reported our progress to you throughout the past year.

We also shared with you the fall community events that we supported in 2022 including Trick Art Treat at HTX Art; the Houston Northeast Community Development Corporation's annual Jensen Jubilee (where we acknowledged Quincy Harris, our groundskeeper, for a year of service to WCA); Greater Northside Management District's Tour of the Northside; and our own Mister McKinney's History Bus party, the proceeds from which benefited WCA.

At our final board meeting in December, 2022, the first in-person meeting since COVID-19 began, Steph McDougal, principal consultant with McDoux Preservation, presented the draft Vision Plan to WCA's board of directors. We were thrilled to hold our meeting at Art in the Heart by HTX Art, the new much-needed community center on Jensen Drive, not far from the cemetery. We acknowledged founding board member, Gayle Roane, for serving two consecutive terms on the board and elected her to the Advisory Council.

On January 30, 2023, the board — including our newest board member, Belinda Stubblefield, MSW, elected at the December meeting — voted to approve the Vision Plan and adopted our 2023 budget to implement Phase 1 of the plan's recommendations. A copy of the Vision Plan can be found on our website at www.westcottcemeteryassociation.org.

We are very pleased to share this annual report highlighting some of our other 2022 activities, including a summary of our financial position, and acknowledging the generosity of the donors who helped fund the development of our Vision Plan and the initial activities and improvements that we have already undertaken. We also gratefully acknowledge our first "Volunteer of the Year," Ed Hyde, in this report.

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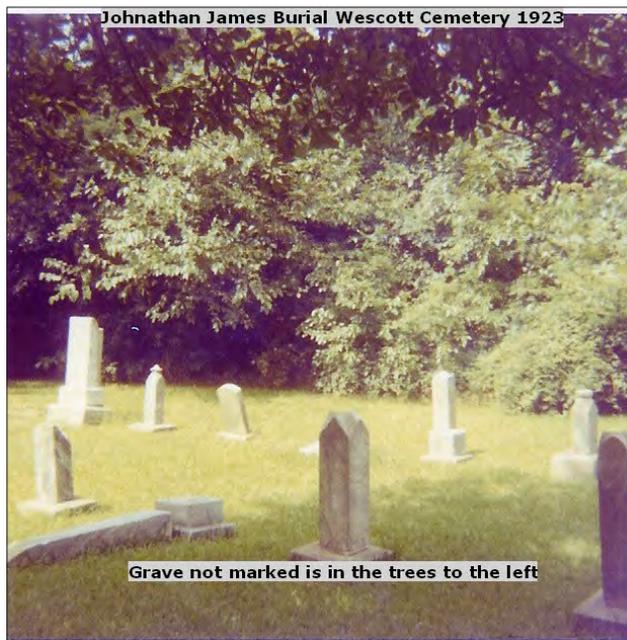
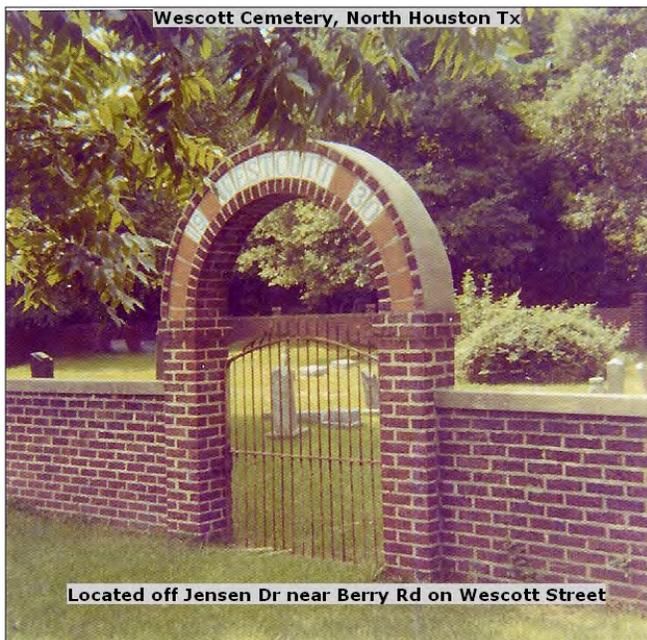
Sara Haynes
Founding President
Westcott Cemetery Association, Inc.

ABOUT MCDANIEL STREET CEMETERY



The Richard D. and Almira Westcott family established a cemetery on their homestead in the late 1800s. Their youngest daughter, Jennie Gammon Westcott Kendall, formally dedicated the ¼-acre Westcott family cemetery for community use in 1893. Over time, Kendall sold land to the neighboring McDaniel, McDonald, Cours, Farmer, and Schuller families. The remaining unsold land became part of the larger cemetery property. John Farmer later added a ¾-acre of land to the west side of the cemetery and several small family plots were also established. Burials continued through the early 1960s.

The cemetery was maintained by volunteers until at least 2005. At some point thereafter, it fell into disrepair. Between 2013–2018, the neighborhood rallied to clean up the cemetery and keep it mowed. In 2018, the Westcott Cemetery Association was formed by three Westcott descendant siblings. In 2020, working with Texas Historical Commission, the previously unnamed property containing the Westcott and other family cemeteries was collectively named McDaniel Street Cemetery and designated a Historic Texas Cemetery. Westcott Cemetery Association became the legal conservator of the cemetery in October 2021 and today is responsible for its care and maintenance.



Photographs of the Westcott Cemetery, circa 1980, shared by Ed Hyde

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WCA's board of directors, volunteers, friends, and vendors were busy in 2022. After securing conservatorship of the cemetery in October 2021, we quickly got to work making some much-needed improvements and completing our Cemetery Vision Plan.

January

WCA engaged Bartlett Tree Service to evaluate all trees in the cemetery in December 2021 (see below). In January 2022, Bartlett's arborists removed seven dead or dying trees, including two trees in the "alley" and two large trees that had contributed to damage of the brick wall around the Westcott Cemetery.



March

Members of the board of directors block-walked the neighborhood surrounding the cemetery to reach out to neighbors and let them know about our work. WCA also held a volunteer clean-up day with local community members, board members, and descendants. Historic preservation consultant Steph McDougal (McDoux Preservation) demonstrated how to spray D2 Biological Cleaning Solution on grave markers. D2 “eats” the microbes, fungi, lichen, and other biological organisms that cause staining and otherwise discolor grave markers.



Volunteers included Loida Casares, Penny Dunn and son Scott Dunn, Quincy Harris, Sara Haynes, Tebben Lewis, and Lona McManus and husband Drew Anderson.

April

WCA held two community meetings to ask Eastex-Jensen neighbors for their input on improvements to the cemetery. Board members put up posters (see right) in English and Spanish throughout the neighborhood and left doorhangers at residential properties. The first meeting was held at our neighbor church, Iglesia Global Vision, on a weekday evening and the second was held at the cemetery on a Saturday morning.

June

Technicians from Texas Cemetery Restoration Services reset 22 grave markers. Unfortunately, during this project, a car traveling at high speed missed the curve from McDaniel Street to Schuller Road and crashed through three newly reset markers. Thanks to the Houston Police Department and the license plate left behind at the scene, WCA was able to identify the driver and successfully process a property insurance claim that we will use to replace those markers in 2023.

McDaniel Street Cemetery



PLEASE STOP BY

to enjoy refreshments and to share your ideas about improvements for this historic cemetery in your neighborhood.
We want to hear from you!

Thursday, April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Iglesia Vision Global

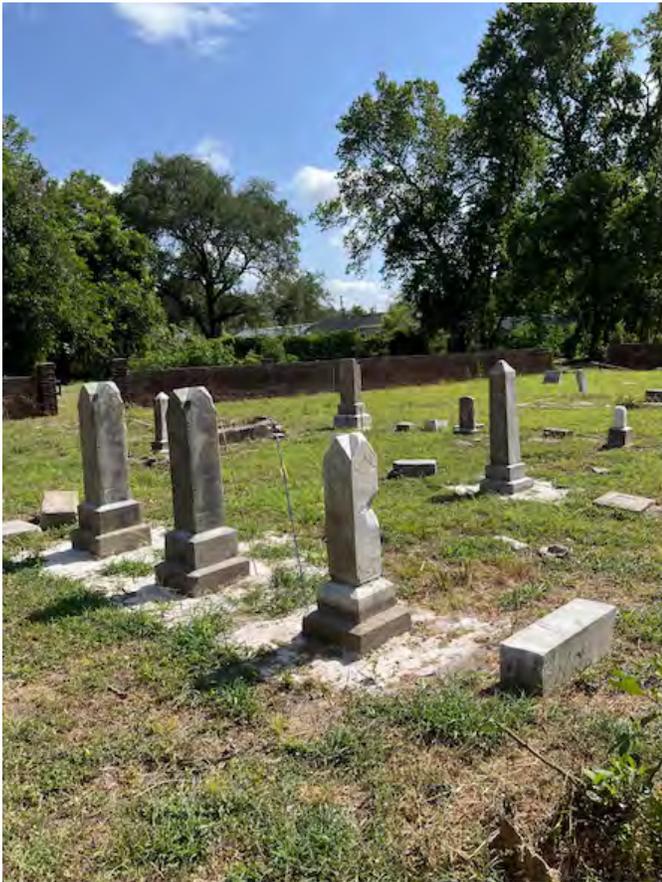
2828 McDaniel Street

OR

Saturday, April 23, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Cemetery, McDaniel St. and Schuller Rd.

info@westcottcemeteryassociation.org



Reset and repaired grave markers
June 24, 2022

July

WCA engaged White Oak Studio landscape architects to develop a conceptual landscaping plan and design a front fence/entrance for the cemetery. We also began working with the City of Houston to add more street lights and street signs cautioning drivers in advance of the sharp curve between Schuller Road and McDaniel Street.



Left: Landscape architects Yimeng Zhang (left) and Jim Patterson met with Steph McDougal (right) and Sara Haynes (not pictured) to discuss options.

Right: Conceptual designs for a new front entry to McDaniel Street Cemetery.

August

In August, we received the first estimate for replacing the brick wall around the Westcott Cemetery.



November

WCA accepted a generous donation of one day's professional maintenance assistance from McDugald Steele, a local landscape design company, that helped clear overgrown areas on the eastern side of the cemetery.



Thank you!



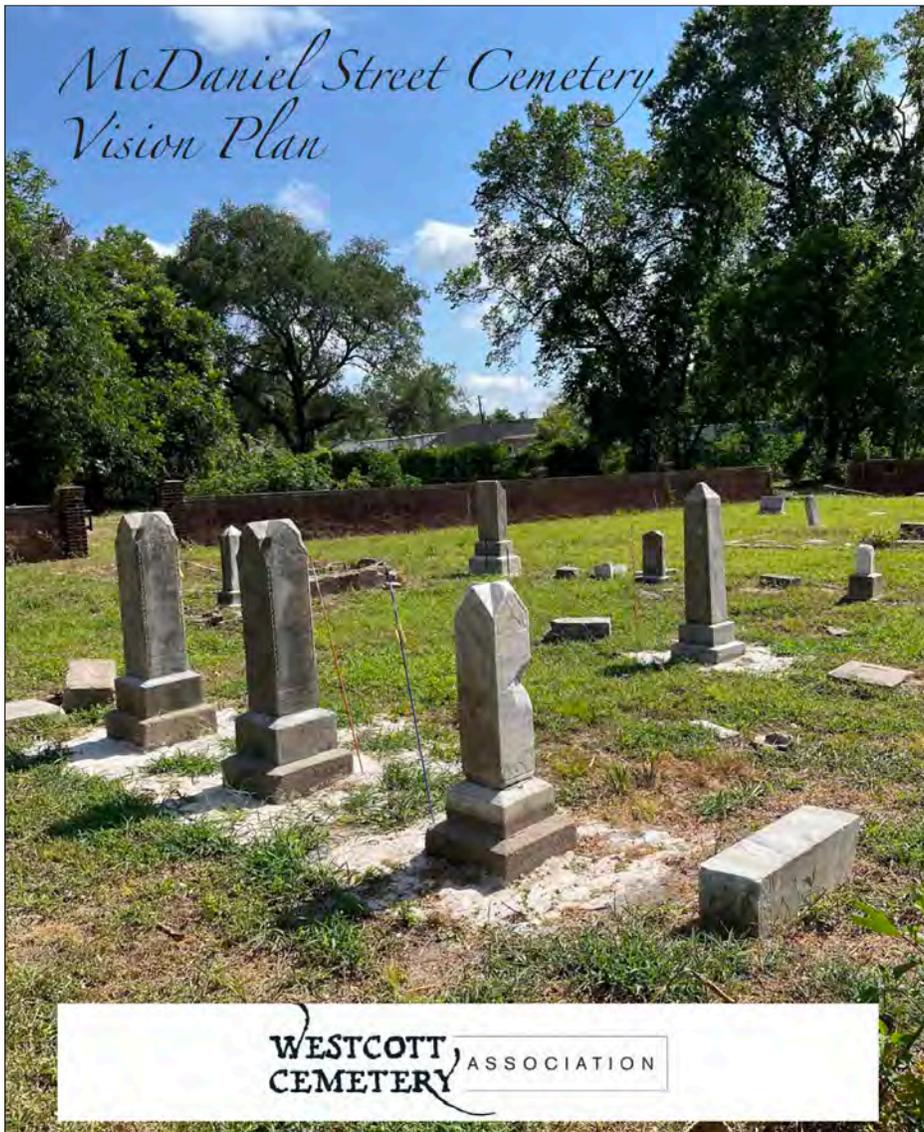
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CEMETERY VISION PLAN

In December 2022, McDoux Preservation completed the Cemetery Vision Plan on schedule and presented the draft Cemetery Vision Plan (including conceptual landscape design) to the WCA Board of Directors. WCA submitted our final report to the Fondren Foundation. Following minor revisions requested by the board, the Cemetery Vision Plan was approved at the January 30, 2023, Board meeting and the Board voted to implement Phase 1, which includes:

- Conduct boundary survey to establish City right-of-way along McDaniel Street (completed in February 2023).
- Remove remaining dead trees (completed in February 2023).
- Remove all stumps. If stumps are not located near a marked or unmarked grave, they can be ground. Otherwise, drill holes and cover them with compost to encourage natural decomposition.
- Regrade drainage swale along north side of property to remove the high spot in the middle. Regrade drainage swale along McDaniel Street. Fill and grade low spots within the cemetery.



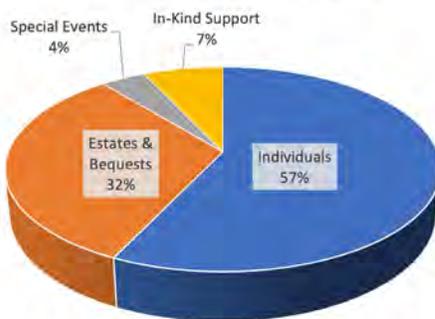
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

WCA continues to maintain a positive bank account balance as we invest in the physical improvement of the McDaniel Street Cemetery and other important programs and activities.

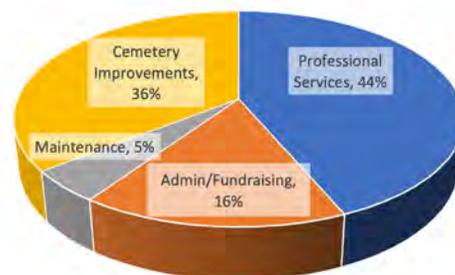
Year	Income	Expenses	Net Income	Balance
2022 Budget	\$38,400	\$93,494	-\$55,094	\$14,857
2022 Actual	\$38,990	\$90,961	-\$51,971	\$17,980
2023 Budget	\$39,294	\$51,818 *	-\$12,594	\$5,456

* Includes \$11,262 in funds remaining from 2022

SOURCES OF INCOME 2022



BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES 2022



WCA's budget for 2023 includes:

Income

\$14,475	Income to be raised from donations
\$2,000	Income to be raised from events
\$4,658	Donations pledged by Board of Directors
\$18,161	Donations from estates and bequests

Expenses

\$6,800	Maintenance
\$5,100	Professional services (accountant, preservation consultant, survey)
\$13,229	Admin/Fundraising (includes general liability insurance, directors & officers insurance, community engagement, nonprofit donation software, storage, etc.)

Cemetery Improvements

\$5,000	Reset remaining grave markers (using funds remaining from 2022)
\$6,262	Replace three grave markers damaged in vehicle crash (using 2022 insurance claim)
\$15,427	Other cemetery improvements (arborist, fencing, earthworks)

2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: ED HYDE

Ed Hyde is a native Texan and Houstonian. Ed's great-great-grandfather John and John's brother Benjamin came to Texas in 1836; his paternal grandfather worked on and followed the building of railroads from East Texas to Central Texas and finally to Harrisburg in 1913. Ed's grandmother was the daughter of Jonathan (John) James, a Westcott descendant, who came of age in Barry County, Mississippi, around 1870. Jonathan married Emeline Birkes, and together they had four children before her death in 1880. Jonathan remarried and moved to Oklahoma before settling in Corsicana, Texas, in 1915. He later moved to Houston, where he died in September 1923. He was buried at McDaniel Street Cemetery, but his grave is no longer marked.



Ed is an accomplished genealogist with more than 20 years of experience. He is a co-founder of the Hyde Genealogy Association, an organizations which fosters communication, collaboration, and community between researchers who have variants of the Hyde surname.

In March 2022, Ed contacted WCA to offer his services as a genealogist. He also provided several photographs of the cemetery, taken around 1980. Ed subsequently completed genealogical research for 77 individuals buried at McDaniel Street Cemetery, which he generously provided to WCA. Ed's research will enable WCA to continue learning about and telling the stories of the many individuals and families buried at McDaniel Street Cemetery. Congratulations, Ed Hyde -- and thank you so much for your support!



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Are you interested in sharing your knowledge, skills, expertise, and time with WCA? If you have an idea for a project that you think would benefit the historic McDaniel Street Cemetery, or if you are interested in financially sponsoring or completing the work for an activity or project listed in the Cemetery Vision Plan, please let us know.

OUR GENEROUS 2022 DONORS

Special thanks to everyone who has made this work possible:

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Iglesia Vision Global
McDugald Steele Landscape Architects & Contractors
Mister McKinney
Teresa Southwell

Estate Gift

Estate of Lynna Kay Shuffield

As of February 2023, Westcott Cemetery Association, Inc. has been recognized by Guidestar with its Platinum Transparency Seal for financial and organizational transparency.



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Descendants and community members who are interested in board service are invited to contact us at info@westcottcemeteryassociation.org.

OFFICERS

WCA founding board president **Sara Westcott Haynes** has more than 20 years of volunteer and professional experience in the nonprofit sector in Houston. She completed the Nonprofit Executive Certificate program at University of Houston and is a graduate of Leadership Houston's XXV Class. Sara is active in the Eastex-Jensen community and is a member of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church.



Houston native **Loida Casares** grew up in the Bonita Gardens/Kashmere Gardens neighborhood, close to McDaniel Street Cemetery, and still lives nearby in the Lindale Park area. Her father owned Nick's Barbershop on Jensen, near the corner of Bennington in the 1960s and early 70s. Loida is an active volunteer with several nonprofit organizations and has been recognized by her employer, the *Houston Chronicle*, and in the news for her work with Little Libraries in Laundromats, a nonprofit that she founded in 2019. Loida was elected secretary of the WCA board in 2019.



Lona McManus was a professional non-profit manager and fundraiser for 20 years at the Texas Medical Center and cultural institutions in Houston, before joining Morgan Stanley as a Wealth Advisor Associate. Her professional mission is to serve as a lifetime resource for people to support them in making strong financial decisions and advancing the causes they care about. Her work in the community focuses on economic justice, equity and inclusion. Lona earned an MBA in 2020 and enjoys Bikram yoga and theater. She was elected treasurer of the WCA board in 2022.



DIRECTORS

Penny Dunn and her family lived in the Crosstimbers neighborhood for generations and her grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and six other relatives are buried at McDaniel Street Cemetery. After attending schools in the neighborhood, Penny taught at Sam Houston High School and raised 11 children. Penny volunteered with Historic Hollywood Cemetery for many years.



Tebben Lewis, a native Houstonian, grew up in the Archer Acres area, almost right around the corner from McDaniel Street Cemetery. She loves and continues to work toward cleaning and caring for her neighborhood to make it better and help those in need. Tebben has served as the president of the Sunbeam Curry Civic Club for five years and as secretary of Super Neighborhood 46; she is also a spokesperson for the Harris County Sheriff's Office in Media Relations.



Belinda Stubblefield is a proud native Houstonian and an involved resident of Eastex-Jensen who has lived in the neighborhood for more than 20 years, carrying on a family tradition of community service. She lives one block away from McDaniel Street Cemetery. Belinda received a Bachelor's degree in social work from Texas Southern University and earned a Master's degree in social work from The University of Houston College of Social Work. She has more than 20 years of experience in community work, including working with nonprofit organizations to build programs, finding funding, connecting with colleges, training community members to build and lead nonprofit organizations, working with boards of directors to report program numbers, and auditing community programs to make sure they are following grant guidelines. Belinda additionally is called to volunteer her time for urban development. Her volunteer and work experience includes Change Happens, The Council on Recovery Houston, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office, Agape Development Ministries, Neighborhood Community Development Corporation, and Eastex/Jensen Super Neighborhood #46.



ADVISORY COUNCIL

WCA's 2023 Advisory Council includes the following individual members:

- Dylan Carroll
- Todd Figura
- Mister McKinney
- Peter Patout
- Gayle Roane
- Vann Vaughan
- Nina Zilkha

Representatives of the following organizations also serve on the Advisory Council:



Greater Northside
Management District



Sunbeam Curry Civic Club



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