

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION

Please review the Guidelines & Instructions document at www.thc.texas.gov/htc before completing this form.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Primary Name of Cemetery: Pleasant Hill Cemetery Also known as: Dog Run Cemetery

THC Cemetery ID or Atlas #, if known: PO-C001, Atlas # 718500101

Person Completing this form: Donna Ebert Date: July 15, 2017

Mailing Address: 1111 Ebert Rd City, State, Zip: Jergenson, TX 77778

Phone: 555-555-5555 Email: ebert@email.com

Affiliation with cemetery: ancestors buried there

LOCATION

County: Post Oak City, town, or community (or the nearest one): Jergenson

Cemetery address, if known: 2241 FM 483

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number: G. Teague Survey, Section 12, Abstract 6140

Latitude / Longitude (optional): 30.111555, -96.222222

Driving directions to cemetery from the nearest town: From Jergenson, 2.7 miles west on US 190, North on SH 289 for .25 miles, right (east) on FM 483 for .6 miles. Turn left (north) onto private drive (dirt road) at residence at 2241. Cemetery is 250' down this dirt road.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OR TRUSTEESHIP

Is the cemetery Public or Private?

Name of cemetery association, organization, political entity, or religious institution that oversees the cemetery:

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association

Mailing address: 2222 Jones Rd, Jergenson, TX 77777

Name and title of organization's primary contact person: Henry Allen, President

Association meeting dates, if applicable: Third Sunday in May

DEED REFERENCES

List the volume, page, and filing date for the earliest deed to specifically reference the cemetery and any later deeds that add (or subtract) acreage to the cemetery. Attach copies (Attachment 1). See Instructions & Guidelines for additional information and tips to guide your research.

Deed Records of Post Oak County, Vol. 23, p. 194 (1895) and Vol. 35, p. 101 (1972)

OWNERSHIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO CEMETERY

Any property owner who shares a common boundary with the cemetery will be notified of this designation request by mail. List any landowners who share a property line with the cemetery. Do not include landowners located across a public street. Attach a current parcel or plat map that illustrates the location of these owners in relation to the cemetery (Attachment 4).

Provide name and mailing address. *Example: John Doe, PO Box 123, Post Oak, TX 77777*

Adjacent Owner No. 1: Henry Allen, 2222 Jones Rd, Jergenson TX 77777

Adjacent Owner No. 2: Jane Miller, 2244 Jones Rd, Jergenson TX 77777

Adjacent Owner No. 3: Joe Miller, 2266 Jones Rd, Jergenson TX 77777

Adjacent Owner No. 4:

Adjacent Owner No. 5:

Adjacent Owner No. 6:

If more than 6 adjacent owners, continue on a separate page.

EXISTING THC HISTORICAL MARKERS

Provide the title and date of each Official Texas Historical Marker marker within the cemetery.

Homer Jones, 1936

SURROUNDING LAND USE (check all that apply)

- Urban setting Suburban setting Rural setting Agricultural Game/nature preserve
 Transitional Industrial Encroachment Other:

CEMETERY ACCESS (check all that apply)

- Direct access to public road Must cross private property to access

Is the cemetery reached primarily by driving or do you have to walk to it? Walk Drive

Limitations to access, if any: Located on private property; owner requires advance notification of visit

IDENTIFIABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (check all that apply)

- African American Asian European Hispanic Jewish Middle Eastern
 Native American Other:

Language on stones: English Any other cultural information:

IDENTIFIABLE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE (check all that apply)

- Catholic Islamic Jewish Protestant Other:

Source: family records, burial records, tombstone symbols

LANDSCAPING

Identify cultural (planted deliberately) plants and naturally occurring plants, if known. Include names of identifiable trees, shrubs, and ground cover.

Cultural plants: crepe myrtle, roses, iris, one old pine at head of grave, St. Augustine grass in areas

Natural plants: wildflowers, post oaks, yaupon along fence

PERIMETER (attach a site plan/sketch map that illustrates these dimensions and perimeter features)

Measured dimensions of cemetery: 30 x 30 feet Irregular shape Acreage: 0.02 acres

Do the on-the-ground measurements given above match those given in the deed description? Yes No

Explain: deed describes "one-quarter acre more or less." Unknown if full extent was ever used for burials. Current dimensions encompass all known burials.

Is the cemetery enclosed by a fence? Fully fenced Partially fenced No fence

If known, approximate year (decade) in which fence was installed: based on type and condition, likely 1920s

Perimeter fence materials (check all that apply): No fence Chain link Cast/wrought iron
 Barbed wire Woven wire Brick Stone Wood Other:

If not fully fenced, is the perimeter of the cemetery property defined by any of the following:

Cultivated fields Trimmed grass Roads Tree/brush line Body of water
 Hedgerow (deliberately planted) Vacant land Other:

AGE AND CONTEXT

Date of oldest burial: 1881 Date of most recent burial: 1912 Cemetery still active? Yes No

Approximate number of graves: 6

Unmarked graves Marked graves, no dates Marked, dated graves

Original associated cultural context (such as community, church, family homestead, etc.): Ebert Family Farm

Subsequent community established around cemetery site? Explain:

Original geographic context removed (cemetery now in road right-of-way, parking lot, etc.)? Explain:

Cemetery relocated from original site? Explain, include source of info:

Burial Records Exist Gravestones are inventoried; location of inventory: Jergenson Public Library

CEMETERY CONDITION

 (check all that apply)

Evidence of cemetery above ground Graves not readily visible Grave depressions

Maintained Overgrown No obvious evidence of maintenance Select sections maintained

Trash/dumping ground Vandalized

Leaning stones Fallen stones Missing features Evidence of gravestone repairs

GRAVESTONE MATERIALS

 (check all that apply)

Cast iron Ceramic photographs Concrete Fieldstone Funeral company marker

Granite Limestone Marble Sandstone Resin/plastic Steel Structural glass

Tile Wood Zinc Other:

CEMETERY FEATURES OVERVIEW

Cemetery sign: Yes No

Text on sign: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, est. 1881

Location of sign: at the cemetery on the road on gate on fence on post

Entry gate: Yes No Manufacturer, if known:

Drivable cemetery roads: None Dirt Brick Gravel Paved Cobblestone
 Grass Other:

Walkways and paths: None Dirt Brick Gravel Paved Cobblestone
 Grass Other:

Fenced plots: (meaning fences which surround individual graves or a family/group plot.)

None Individual graves, number: 1 Family plots, number:

Fence materials: N/A Barbed wire Brick Cast/wrought iron Chain link
 Woven wire Stone Wood Other:

Curbing: (a low rim of building material found around an individual plot or a larger grouping of graves)

None Cut stone Concrete Brick Other:

Grave decoration: Shells Gravel Scraped earth Floral Other:

Terracing/retaining walls: Yes No

Segregated burials: None Family Race Religion Fraternal order Nationality
 Pauper Babies Institutional Other:

Cemetery features: Benches Flagpole Folk decorations Fountains Grave houses
 Grave shrines Grave slabs Handcrafted/local castings Cairns Mausoleums/vaults
 Obelisks Original statuary Outhouse Tabernacle Structures or out buildings
 Unique stone carving Urns Water Well or pump Other:
 Statuary or gravemarkers signed by an artist; name:

VETERAN GRAVES

American Revolution War of 1812 Texas Revolution U.S.-Mexico War Civil War
 Indian Wars Spanish American War World War I World War II Korean War
 Vietnam War Gulf War Afghanistan Iraq Other:

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Provide a brief history of the cemetery. This should include information regarding land ownership; date of establishment; origin of the cemetery name; historical association with a family, community, or church; cemetery development and growth; and current activity. See the Guidelines & Instructions document for additional tips. You may submit this as a separate document if you prefer.

In 1875 John & Lucinda Ebert settled in the Jergenson area on the G. Teague Survey. They built a dogtrot style cabin, which was abandoned in 1900 when Lucinda died. The cabin has since been destroyed. The first burial was for John Ebert in 1875. According to family lore he requested to be buried "on the pleasant little hill," hence the name of the cemetery. When Lucinda became sick, her wish was to be buried at the "dog run" cemetery next to John, thus the secondary name was established. A few family members continued to be buried at the small cemetery until 1912, when subsequent family members chose to be buried at the larger Gilchrist Cemetery. The last burial at Pleasant Hill was for Asa E. Walters, husband of John & Lucinda's second daughter Gertrude.

List bibliographic references (the sources you consulted to write your narrative):

Prater, Elihu. Beyond the Rim: A History of Early Post Oak County. Jergenson: Post Oak County Historical Commission, 1978.

Deed Records. Office of the Post Oak County Clerk, Post Oak County Courthouse, Jergenson.

Petry, Frank M. Interview with John Dalman, September 9, 2005. Tape and notes only, available at the Post Oak County Library, Jergenson

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION LOG

At least five current photographs of the cemetery are required—one of the entrance and one from each corner looking toward the center. Submit no more than five additional photos of outstanding or significant features (Attachment 5). Note the location of photos on your site plan/sketch map (Attachment 3). See Guidelines & Instructions document for more information.

Photographer	Date	Photo Number/File Name	Description
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 1/ Pleasant HillCemetery_01.jpg	From the entry, looking west
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 2/ Pleasant HillCemetery_02.jpg	From the southeast corner, looking northwest
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 3/ Pleasant HillCemetery_03.jpg	From the southwest corner, looking northeast
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 4/ Pleasant HillCemetery_04.jpg	From the northwest corner, looking southeast
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 5/ Pleasant HillCemetery_05.jpg	From the northeast corner, looking southwest
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 6/ Pleasant HillCemetery_06.jpg	From near the center, looking north toward possible unmarked grave

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

(refer to Guidelines & Instructions document for detailed requirements)

There are no deadlines for the Historic Texas Cemetery designation. Applications are accepted year-round.

Please review your application packet carefully. Incomplete submissions may be returned to the applicant.

- HTC “Request for Designation” application form, including narrative history, bibliography and photo log
- Deeds
- Photographs
- Location map (not required if the cemetery is accurately mapped in the THC’s [Historic Sites Atlas](#))
- Property ownership map
- Site plan/sketch map
- Survey map and field notes (not required, but please submit if available)
- \$25 application fee payable to the Texas Historical Commission. On the memo line, write: HTC Application fee for [Name] Cemetery, [Name] County.

SUBMIT THE APPLICATION PACKET

The THC prefers electronic submission of HTC applications and attachments, either by email or on a CD or USB flash drive. Electronic submissions reduce processing times and aid accurate data entry. Hard copies are accepted but not encouraged.

Submit application and all other required components as attachments via email to: htc@thc.texas.gov. Include the cemetery name, county, and “HTC application” in the subject line.

Mail all other materials to:

Texas Historical Commission
History Programs Division
PO Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711-2276

For assistance with this application, contact THC’s Cemetery Preservation Program staff at htc@thc.texas.gov or 512.463.5853.

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