

**HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION**

Please review the Guidelines & Instructions document at [www.thc.texas.gov](http://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 [x] 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 [x]  Rural setting [ ]  Agricultural [ ]  Game/nature preserve

[ ]  Transitional [ ]  Industrial [ ]  Encroachment [ ]  Other:

**CEMETERY ACCESS** (check all that apply)

[ ]  Direct access to public road [x]  Must cross private property to access

Is the cemetery reached primarily by driving or do you have to walk to it? [ ]  Walk [x]  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 [x]  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 [x]  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 [x]  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 [x]  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 [x]  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 [x]  Tree/brush line [ ]  Body of water

[ ]  Hedgerow (deliberately planted) [x]  Vacant land [ ]  Other:

**AGE AND CONTEXT**

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

Approximate number of graves: 6

[x]  Unmarked graves [ ]  Marked graves, no dates [x]  Marked, dated graves

[x]  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 [x]  Gravestones are inventoried; location of inventory: Jergenson Public Library

**CEMETERY CONDITION** (check all that apply)

[x]  Evidence of cemetery above ground [ ]  Graves not readily visible [x]  Grave depressions

[ ]  Maintained [x]  Overgrown [x]  No obvious evidence of maintenance [ ]  Select sections maintained

[ ]  Trash/dumping ground [ ]  Vandalized

[x]  Leaning stones [x]  Fallen stones [ ]  Missing features [ ]  Evidence of gravestone repairs

**GRAVESTONE MATERIALS** (check all that apply)

[ ]  Cast iron [ ]  Ceramic photographs [ ]  Concrete [x]  Fieldstone [ ]  Funeral company marker

[ ]  Granite [x]  Limestone [x]  Marble [ ]  Sandstone [ ]  Resin/plastic [ ]  Steel [ ]  Structural glass [ ]  Tile [ ]  Wood [ ]  Zinc [ ]  Other:

**CEMETERY FEATURES OVERVIEW**

**Cemetery sign:** [x]  Yes [ ]  No

 Text on sign: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, est. 1881

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

**Entry gate:** [ ]  Yes [x]  No Manufacturer, if known:

**Drivable cemetery roads:** [x]  None [ ]  Dirt [ ]  Brick [ ]  Gravel [ ]  Paved [ ]  Cobblestone

[ ]  Grass [ ]  Other:

**Walkways and paths:** [x]  None [ ]  Dirt [ ]  Brick [ ]  Gravel [ ]  Paved [ ]  Cobblestone

[ ]  Grass [ ]  Other:

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

[ ]  None [x]  Individual graves, number: 1 [ ]  Family plots, number:

**Fence materials:** [ ]  N/A [ ]  Barbed wire [ ]  Brick [x]  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 [x]  Gravel [ ]  Scraped earth [ ]  Floral [ ]  Other:

**Terracing/retaining walls:** [ ]  Yes [x]  No

**Segregated burials:** [x]  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

[x]  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 [x]  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.

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| **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](https://atlas.thc.texas.gov/Map))

[ ]  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.

