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Oak Rest Cemetery

Latitude 30 17'43", longitude 96 26'45"

On a beautiful eminence overlooking the Yegua Creek bottom, about one mile north of 390 near Old Gay Hill.

The Rev. Hugh Wilson (1794-1868) organized Prospect Presbyterian Church at this site in February 1839. Located on land included in a Mexican land grant to James F. and Emily Perry, it is the second Presbyterian church founded in Texas. Worship services were conducted in a log schoolhouse where in 1840 the first Presbytery (Brazos) of Texas was organized. The congregation's second pastor, The Rev. James Weston Miller (1815-1888) founded Live Oak Female Seminary in 1853, and the church building housed some school classes. Under Miller's direction a foundation was laid here for a new sanctuary prior to the Civil War. The foundation stones, though never used, still exist. A new building was erected south of here near the seminary in 1872. The church disbanded in 1928 and its members transferred to Brenham Presbyterian Church. The 1872 building was dismantled in 1956. Among those interred in Oak Rest Cemetery are many pioneer members of Prospect Presbyterian Church, including the Miller family, and veterans of the Texas Revolution and the Civil War. Along with the nearby site of the Live Oak Female Seminary, the cemetery and church foundation stones serve as reminders of the area's pioneer heritage.

2005 Visit: Seems like there were some markers that were originally inside and now fallen over (no inscriptions of any kind could be found. Also, there is a footer with a H --- broken and I could not identify it. I don't think it's the AHA as the H is first unless someone mislabeled this in the book and then when they bulldozed the fence out they broke it up. I went several times. It is my idea that some of these small markers were plowed under. I met a lady from Somerville last winter, can't remember her name that said there was a lot more burials there than markers. Some were marked with wooden crosses, etc. and these were destroyed when they cleared the cemetery. Ann Wirtz

A.H.A. , burial 1897, not found in 2004, Plot 1

ALDRIDGE, James E. "Sonny", b. 7-Apr-1927, d. 20-May-2004, Plot C3.19

[ALLAMON], Winnie, b. 16 Sep 1874, d. 28 July 1876, son of W.E. & G.A. Allamon;, Plot 2

ARTHUR, Helen Iris, b. xx-xx-1917, d. xx-xx-1993, Memorial Oaks funeral marker, Plot A6.9

BENNETT, Howard William, b. 9-Apr-1918, d. no dates, sp. Lucille, married 29 Mar 1942

BENNETT, Lucille (Lucy) Coad, b. 1-Sep-1919, d. 8-Jul-1999, sp. Howard William, (Baby Doe)same stone as Howard William, Plot A4.1

BIDDISON, Elsie Fowler, b. 20 Oct 1889, d. 2-Jan-1951, Plot A3.5

BIDDISON, James Hawes, b. xx-xx-1891, d. xx-xx-1979, 2nd Lt. US ARMY World War, Plot A3.6

BIDDISON, Lillian Seale, b.20-Oct-1927, d. 24-Feb-97, Plot A4.5

BIDDISON, William Douglas, b. 25-Aug-1953, d. 24-Oct-1968, Plot A4.4

CALE, J.E, b.4 May 1832, d. 30 Dec 1888, Plot 4

CALE, James E., b. 8 Sept 1871, d. 31-Aug-1934, sp. Maggie Hardy, brother* twin to William T., Plot 5

CALE, Margerete Elizabeth, b. 25 Mar 1852, d. 8-Jan-1929, sp. J.E. Cale Mother:*Maggie E. Hardy"married J.E Cale 27 Nov 1869, Plot 6

[CALE], R.D.B., b. 20 June 1881, d.9 Nov. 1884, son of J.E. & M.E. Cale, Plot 7

[CALE], Rosa M., b. 11 Sept 1874, d. 21 Nov 1876, daughter of J.E. & M.E. Cale, Plot 8

[CALE], Walter P.C., b. 5 June 1872, d. 27 Jan 1890, son of J.E. & M.E. Cale, right side of J.E. Cale stone, Plot 9

CALE, Walter P.S., b. 5 June 1872, d. 27 Jan 1890, Plot 10

CALE, William T., b. 8 Sept 1871, d. 4-Jun-1929, brother*twin to James E., Plot 11

CARLSON, Howard Richard, b. 7-Sep-1953, d. 2-Jan-2002, b. Amarillo TX, d. Houston TX, Plot C2.17

[CARTER] Braxton, b. xx-xx-1861, d. xx-xx-1920, *Carter Braxton married Stella Harris 15 Oct 1888, Plot 12A

[CARTER] Stella, b. xx-xx-1871, d. xx-xx-1899, Plot 12B

COMPTON, R. S. , b. 12 Oct 1803, d. 31 May 1880, *Robert S., Plot 14

[COMPTON], Carrie W., b. 23 July 1873, d. 23-Nov-1900, sp. G.W. Compton, Plot 13

[CURRY], Emily J., b. 23 July 1845, d. 24 Sep 1880, sp. B.P. Curry, "right side R.S. Compton stone, *3rd wife of Berkely Perry Curry. He is buried at Prairie Lea Cemetery with 2nd wife and a daughter." Plot 15

[CURRY], Emily Juliet, b. 7 Jan 1881, d. xx-xx-xxxx, "aged 2yrs. (left side R.S. Compton stone), (infant dau of Dr. B.P. & E. J. Curry)", Plot 16

DILLEN ?

Dillon Plot Baby size concrete bedstead - no marker, Plot 78

DILLEN, J.C., b. xx-xx-1855, d. xx-xx-1937, sp. E.A. Kirk, Wash.Co. marriage record J.C. Dillen-E.A.Kirk 3 Nov 1884, Plot 17

DILLEN, Lida, b. xx-xx-1866, c. xx-xx-1938, "*"

Alice Elizabeth "Lida" Kirk dau of A.W. Kirk & A.E. Crawford, Brenham Memorial Chapel records.

Alice Eliza Dillen, widow aged 71yrs, b. 26 Sept 1866 in Washington Co. TX, d. 5 Feb 1938 in Weatherford, TX.", Plot 18

DORVEE, Hollis Norman, b. 5-May-1917, d. 5-Sep-1992, sp. Irene, Plot C3.18
DORVEE, Irene F. Shuchowsky, b. 9-Apr-1914, d. 31-Mar-1998, sp. Hollis Norman, Plot C3.17
ELDRIDGE, Emma F., b. 13 Sept 1859, d. 29-Nov-1933, sp. Robert T.*
Emma Massey married R.T. Eldridge 3 Nov 1875. Plot 19
ELDRIDGE, G.W., b. xx-xx-1881, d. xx-xx-1904, Plot 20
ELDRIDGE, Karl H., b. no dates, burial 1939, unmarked, Plot 21
ELDRIDGE, R.L, b. xx-xx-1888, d. xx-xx-1909, Plot 22
ELDRIDGE, Robert T., b. 23 Dec 1850, d. 23-Nov-1918, double stone, Plot 23
GARDNER, John A., b. 13-May-1911, d. 23-Oct-1995, sp. Jane, double stone-inscription
"together forever", Plot A5.3
GARDNER, June Cole, b. 1-Jun-1911, d. 6-Sep-1999, sp. John A., Plot A5.2
GOODYKE, Kenneth Dale, b. 3-Jun-1939, d. 10-Mar-1995, PFC US ARMY Korea, Plot A3.8
HAHN, Charles William Jr. b. 18-Sep-1905, d. 9-Oct-1998, Plot A3.2
HAHN, Dollie E. , b. 23-Nov-1906, d. 11-May-1997, Plot A3.1
HAMMONS, Eugene C., b. 29-Mar-1931, d. no dates, sp. Lisabeth, b. Galveston TX married 30
June 1972, Plot C2.4
HAMMONS, Lisabeth Lind Millard, b. 2-Jan-1946, d. 17-Apr-2003, b. Tulsa OKLA., Plot C2.3
[HARDY], J.E. Gordon, b. 15 Jan 1877, d. xxxx, stone broken off , son of J.T. & Julie E. Hardy, Plot
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HARDY, James T. , b. 8 May 1848, d. 23-Apr-1911, sp. Julia Elizabeth Nunn, Plot 25
HARDY, Julia Nunn, b. 2 March 1855, d. 27-Apr-1925, sp. James T., Plot 26
HARDY, S. J., b. 18 Aug 1843, d. xxxx, stone broken off, Plot 27
HARRIS, Janis Leftwich, b. 11-Jul-1928, d. 16-Jul-1995, (Moo-May), Plot A5.6
HARRISON, Warren T., b. 26-Mar-1977, d. 5-Jun-1994, Plot A5.11
HILL, Amelia, b. 18 Feb 1848, d. 6-Feb-1920, (mother) * 2nd wife of W.C.J.Hill, Plot 28
HILL, E. B., b. 15 Mar 1815, d. 24 Mar 1866, "in memory of my mother", *1st wife W.C.J.Hill,
Plot 29
[HILL], Lula B., b. 16 April 1866, d. 1 June 1867, "dau of W. P. & N.E. Hill, *William P. Hill married
Nancy E. Bridges 26 Oct 1861, William Pinkney Hill is the son of W.C.J. & 1st wife Elizabeth B.
W.P. & N.E. Hill both buried at Prairie Lea", Plot 75
HILL, W. C. J. , b. 25 Dec 1814, d. 5 Jan 1897, "Settled in Gay Hill Tex in 1834 A Texas Veteran,
*William Carroll Jackson Hill, (the Hill that Gay Hill is named after)", Plot 30

[HOGG],Maggie A., b. 12 Nov 1847, d. 30 Aug 1879, sp. J.B. Hogg, *Margaret A. Clark married John B. Hogg 21 Dec 1865 in Dallas County, Arkansas, Book B Page 151, Plot 31

HONERKAMP, Bettye Pylant, b. 22-Apr-1927, d. no dates, sp. Fred, Plot A6.7

HONERKAMP, Fred O., b. 14-Feb-1922, d. 2-Dec-1994, sp. Bettye, 1st Sgt US ARMY AIR CORPS World War II, Plot A6.8

JOHNSON, Leon, b. 28-Oct-1921, d. 25-Jul-2002, 101st Airborne WWII, Plot A4.8

JOHNSON, Edna Christine Holder, b. 4-Nov-1922, d. no dates, loving mother, Plot A4.7

King, Mary Eugene (Red) "Genie", b. Feb 7, 1931, d. Nov. 2, 2007, married Hart Ayres King in 1950, daughter of Dr. William Stuart & Louise (Gardner) Red, grand-daughter of Dr. George Clark Red, who was the founder of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. [A portion of her cremains are buried in the family plot in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin, Texas.]

KIRK, Allen W., b. 21 July 1820, d. 16-Oct-1905, "*Allen Web Kirk (metal star C.S.A. veteran 1861-65-Cpl Co B 8 Regt. Tex Cav Confederate States Army)", Plot 32

[KIRK],Eliza, b. aged 44yrs, d. 20 Jan 1872, sp. A.W. Kirk, "back side of Lafayette Kirk stone, *Eliza Crawford married A.W. Kirk 4 Dec 1855, 1st Wife Alice Eliza Crawford - Allen Webb Kirk", Plot 33

[KIRK],Lafayette, b. 30 Aug 1856, d. 28 July 1893, son of A.W. & Eliza Kirk, Plot 34

KNIGHT, Juanita Branch, b.24-Sep-1921, d. 4-Nov-1999, brass emblem DAR, Plot C3.2

LOCHRIDGE, J. B., b. 2 Nov 1835, d. 13 Aug 1893, *often spelled Lockridge, mother Rebecca, Plot 35

*LOCKRIDGE, Mrs. Mollie, b. xx-xx-xxxx, d. 26-Oct-1931, "*funeral: 26 Oct 1931(Record of Herman Funeral), resident of Gay Hill interment

at Oaklawn, (most probable unmarked grave at Oakrest) "

LOCHRIDGE, Rebecca, b. 16 Jan 1806, d. 18 Jan 1875, our mother, Plot 76

MASSIE, Robert, b. xx-xx-1861, d. xx-xx-1881, Plot 39

MASSIE, Sarah, b. xx-xx-1834, d. xx-xx-1903, Plot 40

McCABE, Ella Hill, b. 22 Feb 1882, d. 20-Feb-1912, sister, Plot 36

McDONALD, Katherine Marie, b. 24-Sep-1991, d. 28-Nov-1991, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John T. McDonald II, Plot C1.18

McMAHAN, Mary R. Miller, b. xx-xx-1856, d. xx-xx-1933, Wash.Co. marriage record Lee J. McMahan - Mamie Miller 13 Sep 1882, Plot 37

McSHAN, Rebecca L. Red, b. 17 Sept 1825, d. 17 Oct 1874, written on right side of Dr. George Red Obelisk, Plot 38

MILLER, Calvin, b. xx-xx-1862, d. xx-xx-1923, *son of Rev. J.W. Miller, Plot 41

MILLER, Doris Cooley, b. 10-Nov-1919, d. no dates, sp. Eugene, Plot A5.7

MILLER, Elizabeth S., b. xx-xx-1825, d. xx-xx-1908, sp. Elizabeth Scott Stewart Miller and is the same person as listed back side of Miller Obelisk, Plot 44

[MILLER], Elizabeth Scott Stewart, b. 10 Nov 1825, d. 30-Aug-1908, sp. Rev. J. W. Miller, listed back side Miller Obelisk, Plot 45

MILLER, Elizabeth A., b. xx-xx-1824, d. xx-xx-1850, "same person as Elizabeth McKennan Miller, *Elizabeth Adams McKennan Miller, 1st wife of Rev. J.W. Miller." Plot 42

MILLER, Elizabeth McKennan, b. 1 Nov 1824, d. 17 June 1850, front of Miller Obelisk stone, Plot 43

MILLER, Eugene Leslie, b. 23-Apr-1919, d. 14-May-2001, sp. Doris, Lt. Col. US ARMY World War II, Plot A5.8

MILLER, Reverend J.W., b. 25 Nov 1815, d. 29 April 1888, "left side of Miller Obelisk *Rev. James Weston Miller born in Mill Village, Pennsylvania.", Plot 46

MILLER, Robert Finney, b. 9 Jan 1866, d. 4-Apr-1935, "Physician Surgeon Soldier - Societas: Cincinnati: Instituta: AD 1783 - American Legion - Mason) *son of Rev. J.W. Miller", Plot 47

MORAN, Dan James III (Danny), b. 29-Aug-1955, d. 4-Jul-2000, son of Carolyn & Dan Moran, Plot C3.23

*MUEHLBERGER, Mrs. Anna Christine, b. xx-xx-1828, d. 10/17 Dec 1891, *died on the way from Berlin to Salem found dead 17 Dec 1891. St.

Peter's burial records: Miller graveyard near Gay Hill. Children: Mrs. Christine Schwarze, Georg Muehlberger, Mrs. Anna Margaretha Kramer, Johann Muehlberger, Plot UM

PARKER, Wilma Clark, b. xx-xx-1919, d. xx-xx-2004, funeral marker, Plot C3.3

PEEL, William, b. 7 Nov 1825, d. 11 Oct 1877, Plot 48

PITTS, Jeffrey, b. xx-xx-1974, d. xx-xx-1998, funeral marker, Plot C3.6

R.I.R.M, in Kirk plot, Plot 77

RANKIN, Olvin Patton, b. 1 April 1879, d. 2 Nov 1879, Plot 49

RED, Dr. George C., b. 16 Dec 1820, d. 16 Aug 1881, back side of Obelisk *George Clark Red, Plot 51

RED, Elizabeth E., b. 31 July 1818, d. 15 June 1864, top front of Dr. Red Obelisk, Plot 50

RED, Mary V., b. 19 Feb 1855, d. 25 Mar 1855, left side of Dr. Red Obelisk, Plot 52

RICHARDS, Ethel, b. 10-Apr-1901, d. 24-Feb-1914, Plot 53

RICHARDS, Homer, b. 28-Apr-1909, d. 23-Mar-1912, Plot 54

RICHARDS, Thomas D., no dates, Co.H. 24 Tex Cav C.S.A., Plot 55

R, Alexander, "Miller Plot Sandstone Marker almost unreadable. This is what is readable: Scared to the memory of Alexander (looks like) R depart xxx life Agedxxx 18xx . Some believe that this is Alexander Roberts? Some believe that this is Alexander R. Miller?!", Plot 56

ROBERTS, John L., b. 2 June 1821, d. 3-Feb-1901, "bottom of headstone with Lizzie, repaired stone--not sure these originally went together", Plot 58A

ROBERTS, John Lea Roy, no dates This may be same J.L. as above, same row as Red's & Roberts, Plot 57

ROBERTS, Lizzie, b. 16 Dec 1867, d. 21 Aug 1890, top of headstone, from census daughter of John L. Roberts, Plot 58

ROBERTS, Mary J. Red, b. 18 Dec 1827, d. 7 April 1885, "bottom front of Dr. Red Obelisk *wife of John L. Roberts. (M. J.C. Redd married John L. Roberts 31 Dec 1866)", Plot 59

ROBERTS, Ola M., no dates aged 16, Plot 60

ROBERTS, Robert Burns, b. 14 Mar 1827, d. 24 Apr 1849, aged 22yrs 1 mo. & 10 days, Plot 61

ROSS, Mrs. Alice L, b. xx-xx-1917, d. xx-xx-1935, a funeral marker listed in the Winfield book - marker not found in 2004), Plot 62

SAPP, Jean (Jeanne) Evelyn Brent, b. 19-Oct-1947, d. 3-Nov-2000, mom, Plot C3.12

SAYLES, Claire Cale, b. 1 Jan 1885, d. 30-Apr-1956, sister, CALE HARDY plot, Plot 63

SEARS, Charles D., b. 18 Jan 1879, d. 24 Sept 1898, Plot 64

SPARKS, Bunyan F. (Sparky), b. 3 July 1907, d. 31-Mar-1989, sp. Bunyan Franklin, Plot 79

SPARKS, Daisy Richards, b. 28-Jun-1909, d. 18-Jun-1997

SPENCER, M. E., b. 6 Jan 1817, d. 6 Jan 1884, "our mother*mother of Sarah Davis,Margaret Elizabeth Nimmo married Hiram Ephraim Davis 18 Oct 1832 Lincoln Co TN, then John Fuller 11 Jan 1845 Wash Co TX, then S.W. Spencer 3 Sep 1856 Wash Co TX Brenham Daily Banner, Wednesday morning, January 9, 1884: Died - Near Paige, on Sunday, the 6th inst., Mrs. M. E. Spencer, of Gay Hill, aged 67 years. Mrs. Spencer was on a visit to her daughter and was thrown from a wagon and so severely injured that she died. Mrs. Spencer was born in Tennessee and came to Texas in 1835. She and her family have resided in Washington County ever since. Her remains were brought down from Paige", Plot 65

STADELMANN, Greta Katryn, b. 17-Jul-1979, d. 27-Apr-1996, Plot A5.10

[STEPHENS], Our Little Babe "Infant dau of W.W. & S.A. Stephens *S.A. Woodard married W.W. Stephens 13 May 1876", Plot 69

[STEPHENS], Robert B., b. 7 Aug 1865, d. 2 Mar 1866, son of J.J. & A.E. Stephens- Our little Bob, Plot 66

[STEPHENS], Samuel D., b. 12 July 1848, d. 19 Oct 1873, son of S & S.J. Stephens, Plot 67

STEPHENS, William C., b. 7 Aug 1871, d. 14 Sep 1873, "son of J.J. & A.E. Stephens -Our little Willie) * Ann E. Hunt married John J. Stephens 2 Nov 1863.", Plot 68

TAMPLIN, R.E., b. 11 Nov 1875, d. 22 July 1884, *Remus E.(family says Remus C), Plot 70

TAMPLIN, R. F., b. 20 Nov 1832, d. 11 May 1883, "*b: GA d: Washington Co. TX.

*Robert F. married Sarah Davis 6 Sept 1859." Plot 71

*TAMPLIN, Renby Umphrey, b. 17 Apr 1865, d. 28 Nov 1867, *b:&d: Washington Co. TX family history lists buried OakRest no marker, UM

* TAMPLIN, Sarah M.C. (nee Davis), b. 3 May 1841, d. ???? *b:&d: Washington Co. TX family history lists buried OakRest no marker, UM

[THOMAS], Lucy M., b. 10 June 1850, d. 17 Sept 1882, sp.

W. H. Thomas, b. in Cole Co. Mo., Plot 72

[UPSHAW], Estelle, b. 28 Sept 1878, d. 17 Oct 1880, dau of H. & L.D. Upshaw*

Harvey Upshaw & Lizzie Hunt, Plot 73

WEBSTER, Charles Joseph, b. 29 Oct 1945, d. 19-Sep-2000, Plot C1.8

WROBLISKY, Annie, b. xx-xx-1878, d. xx-xx-1963, WROBLISKY, Annie Eldridge Richards, Plot 74

YONLEY, Louis Franklin, b. 23-Sep-1925, d. 5-Apr-1998, US NAVY World War II, Plot A4.10

ZEISS, Catherine Moran, b. 27-Jul-1958, d. 21-Jan-2004, dau of Carolyn & Dan Moran, Plot C3.22

*denotes information from census, family, marriage or funeral records

Winfield Book: Gay Hill Quadrangle, p. 192