

BARNETT-ESTES CEMETERY - aka: The Old Craig Graveyard [2004]

Latitude 30° 14' 38", Longitude 96° 32' 13"

On private property in the Long Point Community, north of FM 390 and east of Long Point Road.

The cemetery is well kept, with roads between various large plots of marked graves and possible unmarked graves. There is evidence of at least 10 more graves. In recent years, this cemetery has been identified as Barnett-Estes; however, the property deed records refer to it as "The Old Craig Graveyard".

The Craig Family:

William Wallace "W.W." Craig was born August 1, 1810 in Maury County, Tennessee, the son of John P. and Elizabeth Money Craig. On May 17, 1832, W. W. Craig and Mary Bloys were married in Tennessee, where Mary had been born on February 22, 1812. After the couple had been blessed with 6 children, the last three of whom were known to be born in Obion County, Mary died on May 30, 1852. On October 14, 1853, W. W. married Nancy Caroline Adams, who was born on June 11, 1826, in Tennessee. W. W. and Nancy also had 6 children, the last three being born in Washington County, Texas.

The Craigs first property in this county was in the John L. Money League, some of which was inherited from W. W.'s mother, who was the sister of John L. Money. Probably in November of 1872, W. W. purchased the property on which the cemetery is located in the Stephen F. Austin League. He also owned several lots within the Town of Long Point.

Sometime between May 1885 and November 1886, W. W. & Nancy moved to Coleman County. W. W. died on December 7, 1889, and is buried in Glen Cove Cemetery. Nancy's death date and burial place are unknown.

More information is known about the Craig Family children:

(1) James Money Craig, born August 23, 1833, was in Washington County, Texas, by 1855, caring for his uncle, John H. Money. James married Isabella Adams Bowen in 1856, and by 1880, they were living in Coryell County, Texas.

(2) The second son, John P., born January 2, 1836, remained in Tennessee.

(3) Nothing further is known of the third son, William D, born June 12, 1838.

All of the other children moved to Washington County with their parents.

(4) Robert D., born November 20, 1840, married Maggie Neuman on December 12, 1866. They are both buried in Glen Cove Cemetery in Coleman County.

(5) Daniel W., born May 17, 1843, married Arie Estes on December 27, 1866. In 1870, they were living in Washington County, along with their son John, age 2, and Frank Griffin, age 30, occupation – Teamster. Daniel & Arie had two other children, James born circa 1871, and Charles born circa 1873. Daniel died on May 27, 1873, and is buried in this cemetery. In 1880, Arie married Frank Griffin.

(6) Andrew J., born July 26, 1846, married Cassy Moore in 1873 in Washington County.

(7) Mary Elizabeth, born July 22, 1854, married A. S. Edmondson in 1874 in Washington County. In 1900, they were living in Howard County, Texas.

(8) Rebecca Jane (Jennie), born November 17, 1856, married Robert H. Lauderdale (probably Lauderdale) in 1878 in Washington County. They were living in Washington County in 1900.

(9) Franklin F. was born February 26, 1859. No other information has been found.

(10) Benjamin Money, born November 5, 1861,

(11) Thomas G., born February 26, 1864, &

(12) Thadeus H., born January 8, 1868, were with their parents in Washington County in 1880.

The Estes Family:

John Estes was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1812, and was in Washington County Texas by May 1840, when a marriage license was issued for John Estes and Nancy B. Tom. It is believed that the couple had 3 children, John, Joseph L. (Lafayette), and James E., and that Nancy then died. John married Elizabeth Owen Shannon in February 1844. Elizabeth was born in Calloway Co., KY on September 24, 1822. She probably was previously married to a Mr. Shannon and had a child, Martha J. Shannon. John and Elizabeth had the following children: Arie, John, Emily/Emma, Wayne, Hester (buried in this cemetery), and Ada. The family lived in the Long Point area where John purchased various properties. He died in 1859 and Elizabeth died on November 22, 1905. They are buried in Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham.

Arie Estes married Daniel W. Craig on December 27, 1866. (See earlier information regarding Daniel & Arie.) After Daniel's death, Arie married F. M. Griffin in February 1880 and they continued to live in the area, possibly on the Craig property. By 1900, they were living in Precinct 4 in Bureson County with daughters, Sarah, born in November 1880, and Ada, born in January 1886.

Joseph L. Estes was born circa 1841 and married Kate (Mathilda Catherine) Clemons in January 1867. They had the following children: Lizzie, who is buried in this cemetery, Martha, John J., Netta, Hester, and Edwin. The family was still living in Washington County in 1880, but by 1900, they had moved to Jones County. Joseph L. died April 24, 1919, and Kate died October 31, 1933.

The Barnett Family:

John Clark Barnett was born June 15, 1842, the son of Josiah O. and Martha E. Clark Barnett. In 1870, he was a retail goods merchant living in the household of William W. Craig. A marriage license was issued in Washington County, Tx on November 6, 1871, to John Clark Barnett and Mary Clark. John & Mary had the following children: (1) Infant died October 26, 1872, buried in this cemetery, (2) Josiah C., born December 1873, (3) Geo. A., born February 13, 1876, buried in this cemetery, (4) Mary E. born April 1877, (5) James Hugh, born October 1, 1879, buried in this cemetery, (6) Bennett H., born February 1882, (7) Malcolm S., born December 1883, (8) John W., born October 1885, (9) Winnie, born October 1886, (10) Frank R., born June 1889, and (11) Catherine R., born January 1892. John C. Barnett was postmaster at Long Point from January 3, 1876 until December 26, 1877. Sometime between 1880 and 1900, the family moved to Burleson County where John died on January 10, 1918.

G. A. Fifer:

Little is known about this person. Although his name seems to have an English spelling, there are German words on the tombstone. A newspaper article from that time period reports: "Suicide – Gus Pfeiffer, a young man aged 23 years, who lived in the Long Point neighborhood, committed suicide at 7 o'clock Monday morning by shooting himself under the ear with a rifle, the ball coming out on the top of the opposite side of his head, killing him almost instantly. Pfeiffer had offered his hand in marriage to a young woman and had been refused. He concluded that the world had no charms for him, and sailed out at the muzzle of a rifle." It is assumed that this is the man buried in this cemetery. There seems to be no relationship to the other families in this cemetery.

Sources: U. S. Federal Census; Washington County, Texas, Marriage Records; Washington County, Texas, Probate Records; Washington County, Texas, Deed Records; Email_correspondence from Bill King, various dates; Brenham Daily Banner, various dates.

Burials:

Barnett, Geo. A., b. Feb 13, 1876, d. Jul 27, 1876, probably son of John C. & Mary (Clark) Barnett.

Barnett, James Hugh, b. Oct 1, 1879, d. Jul 20, 1883, son of John C. & Mary (Clark) Barnett.

Barnett, Infant, b. (no date) d. Oct 26, 1872, son of John C. & Mary (Clark) Barnett.

Craig, Daniel W., b. May 17, 1843, d. May 27, 1873, husband of Arie Estes; son of William Wallace & Elizabeth (Money) Craig.

Estes, Hester Bell, b. Sep 22(?), 1856, d. May 15, 1873, daughter of John & Elizabeth (Owen) [Shannon] Estes.

Estes, Lizzie, b. Jan 15, 1868, d. Jul 13, 1879, daughter of Joseph Lafayette & Mathilda (Clemons) Estes.

Fifer, G. A., b. Dec 3, 1859, d. Oct 14, 1883, may be Pfeiffer