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## Boyd-Carmack Cemetery [2005]

Latitude 30° 10' 10" - Longitude 96° 38' 24"

Located on private property west of Nixon Lake Road and north of Harmon School Road.

Enclosed with a short rock wall. Fieldstones are the only grave markers.

Samuel L. Boyd, born circa 1820 in Alabama, and Mary Green Boyd, born circa 1820 in North Carolina, were living in Benton County (currently Calhoun Co.), Alabama, in 1850. They had 5 children, all born in Alabama: Augustus born circa 1842, Eugenia born circa 1844, Oscar born circa 1844, Samuel born circa 1847, and Juliet born circa 1848. Parents and siblings of Samuel are unknown; however, Mary had at least the following brothers & sisters: Jacob, Pink, Columbus, Frank, Elizabeth & Caroline. Her mother may have been Margaret.

On February 3, 1853, Samuel purchased 555 acres of land from Wm. & Rebecca Love and on July 17, 1854, he purchased 911 acres from W. W. Hackworth in Washington County Texas, just west of the present town of Burton in the Samuel Hinch League. Although no death date has been found, it is believed that he had died by January 12, 1856, the probable date of the inventory in the probate records. His estate was valued at \$20,079, of which \$10,000 was land.

In 1860, Mary Boyd and all of her children, except Oscar, were living in Washington County. Samuel's probate record indicates that Oscar and Eugenia were still alive when Samuel died, but they were deceased by the time of a probate document dated March 1866. Oscar had probably died by June 1860 since he was no longer on the census. Eugenia probably died before July 25, 1865.

On that date, Mary's son, Samuel, was accused of murdering a member of the Garrett Mob, and soldiers came to the Boyd home in order to arrest Samuel. When the soldiers arrived, Mary and her children, Augustus, Samuel and Julia, were in the home. After the soldiers asked that Samuel come out of the house, shots were fired from within and one of the soldiers, Henry Bennett, was shot in the arm and later died from gangrene. Julia was wounded in the arm and Samuel escaped. On October 11, 1865, in the District Court of Washington County, the Grand Jury indicted Samuel for murder and indicted Augustus for assault with intent to murder. Both of these cases were stricken from the docket, Augustus on April 24, 1867, and Samuel on April 26, 1869, due to the deaths of the defendants. Mary Boyd was charged with armed resistance to the authority of the United States Government. She was found not guilty.

On January 2, 1868, Mary Boyd married W. H. Carmack (Cammack) and she continued to live on the original Boyd property with her new husband. He and Mary are still shown on the 1880 Washington County Census; however, it is believed that W. H. died before Mary's death on March 25, 1897. There was no mention of any remaining children in Mary's will. Proof has been

found for the deaths of all of her children except Julia, who was last mentioned in regards to being wounded during the shootout at the Boyd home.

In an 1899 deed record, reference is made to the property "being a part of Mrs. Mary Carmack homestead tract.....less  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre reserved.....for grave yard near old Carmack residence...". The probable burials listed below are derived from a combination of the research above and local lore.

Sources: U.S. Federal Census; Washington County Texas Deed Records; Washington County Texas Probate Records; Washington County Texas Marriage Records; Confederate Heroines: 120 Southern Women Convicted by Union Military Justice, by Thomas P. Lowery, Louisiana State University Press, 2006.

### **Probable Burials:**

Boyd, Augustus, b. circa 1842, d. between Oct 8, 1866, and Apr 24, 1867, son of Samuel L. & Mary (Green) Boyd.

Boyd, Eugenia, b. circa 1844, d. between 1856 and Jul 25, 1865, daughter of Samuel L. & Mary (Green) Boyd.

Boyd, Julia, b. circa 1848, d. between 1865 and 1870, daughter of Samuel L. & Mary (Green) Boyd.

Boyd, Oscar, b. circa 1844, d. between 1856 and Jun 1860, son of Samuel L. & Mary (Green) Boyd.

Boyd, Samuel, b. circa 1847, d. between Oct 27, 1868, and Apr 26, 1869, son of Samuel L. & Mary (Green) Boyd.

Boyd, Samuel L., b. circa 1820 in Alabama, d. circa Jan 1856, husband of Mary (Green) Boyd.  
Carmack, Mary, (Green) [Boyd], b. circa 1820 in North Carolina, d. Mar 25, 1897, wife of: 1st Samuel L. Boyd; 2nd Wm. Carmack.

Carmack, Wm., b. circa 1814, d. between 1880 and 1897, husband of Mary (Green) [Boyd] Carmack.