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Gentry Cemetery [2004]

Latitude 30° 14' 41" - Longitude 96° 31' 47"

Located on private property north of FM 390 and east of Long Point Road in an overgrown area under some trees.

Local lore indicated that members of the Gentry Family and their slaves are buried here. Only one stone was found with initials G. P. H. G.

Nicholas Gentry was born September 15, 1782, in Davidson County, North Carolina (later Tennessee), the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Gibson) Gentry. He married Sarah (Sally) Browder on February 19, 1805, in Williamson County, Tennessee. They were blessed with 4 children, all born in Williamson County, Tennessee:

1. Elizabeth P., born January 27, 1806, married Wilson Wynn, and remained in Tennessee.
2. George Washington, born November 6, 1808, may have moved to Washington County TX at the same time as his father & step-mother. George married Jane Smiley June 1, 1848, in Washington County TX. Their children were (1) George Vincent and (2) Sarah E., twins born circa 1849, and (3) William born circa 1853. Jane died between 1853 and 1860.

George W. then married Martha Jane Spratt on January 1, 1860. George & Martha had the following children: (4) Mary J. born circa 1861, (5) Ophelia born circa 1864, (6) Orsalis/Cora born circa 1866, (7) Lillie/Lallier/Lila born circa 1868, and (8) F. B. born circa 1878. In 1850, George owned 3 slaves and, in 1860, he owned 10 slaves and had 3 slave houses. In that year, he is also listed as Superintendent for Mrs. Stamps and shown with 24 slaves and 6 houses. George and his family continued to live in Long Point until sometime in 1882 when they moved to Comanche County, Texas. George died on January 5, 1883. 04/22/2015 Update: From Texas Historical Marker at his gravesite. "A member of Stephen F. Austin's colony, George Washington Gentry came to Texas in 1835 with his father and brother, settling in what is now Washington county. He worked as a farmer and surveyor. He participated in the Texas Revolution, several Indian Skirmishes, and the defense of San Antonio during the 1842 invasions of Rafael Vasquez and Adrian Woll. He later moved to Comanche County, where he was a farmer and rancher."

3. Frederick Browder, born January 10, 1810. He came to Texas in December 1835, settling in Washington County. He served in the Republic of Texas Army from March 1 to June 7, 1836, being a member of Captain William W. Hill's Company at San Jacinto. He married Rebecca, the daughter of Dr. George W. Barnett, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, on November 23, 1840. They had three children: (1) Elizabeth Augusta, (2) George Nicholas, and (3) Emily Elisa. In 1856, the family moved to Hamilton County, where Frederick died on April 18, 1897, and Rebecca died March 13, 1905.

4. Caroline, was born Dec. 18, 1812, and married Stephen Fuqua on February 4, 1834 in Gibson County, TN, where they lived until sometime between 1838 and 1840 when they moved to Washington County, TX.

Their children were: Twin daughters (1) Martha J. & (2) Mary E, born in 1837 in Tennessee, (3) Nancy, born 1842, (4) George Washington, born 1844, (5) Emily, born 1846, (6) James Franklin, born October 5, 1847, (7) Cassandra, born in 1850, and (8) Newton, born in 1853. The family moved to Hamilton County between the births of the last two children. Caroline died in 1864 and was buried in a pasture on their farm with a field stone marking her grave.

Apparently Sally died between 1812 and 1818. Nicholas married Mary (Polly) Nunn on October 27, 1818 in Williamson County, TN. Nicholas and Polly were blessed with 10 children; all but the last one born in Tennessee.

5. James R., born October 22, 1819. He and wife, Amanda, had 1 child, W. N., born about 1850. James died on January 27, 1852, and Amanda may have died about that same time since Mary Gentry became the guardian of W. N. James and Amanda may both be buried in this cemetery.

6. Thomas Newton, born October 2, 1821. He married Martha Jane Shannon on July 16, 1856 and they had the following children: (1) Ida, born circa 1859, (2) Thomas, born circa 1864, (3) Adie, born circa 1867, (4) Lee, born circa 1869, (5) Louise, born circa 1873, (6) Hester, born circa 1875, (7) Ausker/Oscar, born circa 1878. Deed records show that Thomas was still a resident of Washington County in April 1891. He presumably died between that time and 1900.

[04/22/2015 Update: Findagrave has memorials for Thomas and Martha with photos of their stones which read: Husband T. N. Gentry 1821-1905, Wife M. J. Gentry 1840-1913. These stones are located in Montgomery New Cemetery in Montgomery County, Texas.](#)

7. William Nicholas, born December 10, 1823. In 1860, he was living in Williamson County with his wife, Amanda, and their 5 children. This was probably his second marriage; the first may have been to Martha Layne. By 1900, William & Amanda were living in Runnels County. In 1910, Amanda was in San Angelo, so it is presumed that William may have died between 1900 and 1910.

8. Sarah Tennessee, born December 18, 1825, died before 1840.

9. Mary America Gentry, born March 20, 1829, died February 24, 1847, presumably in Washington County, Texas.

10. Francis F., born December 25, 1832, died before 1840.

11. Rebecca I, born September 8, 1834. She was in Texas with the family in 1850, presumably died between 1850 and 1872.

12. Nancy Louisa, born February 6, 1836. Louisa married James E. Gray in November 1855. They lived in Washington County until sometime between 1880 and 1900, when they moved to Comanche County, Texas. They were both still living there in 1920, and presumably died between that year and 1930.

13. Emily Amanda, born June 7, 1838. Emily married Elijah Allcorn in May 1859 and they lived in Washington County until sometime between 1860 and 1880, when they moved to Williamson County.

14. Columbus A. Gentry, born March 29, 1841, presumably born and died in Washington County, TX.

Nicholas & his family moved to Washington County Texas, in about 1838. Nicholas died September 27, 1843, in Washington County, and Mary probably died between 1870 and 1880. They are both possibly buried in this cemetery. There are other children and grandchildren who died while the Gentry Family lived in Washington County, and some or all of them may be buried here.

The only stone found in this cemetery has the following initials only: G.P.H.G. This is presumably the stone of Dr. Green P. H. Gambill, who was born circa 1844 in Washington County, Texas. He married Sarah Elizabeth Gentry, daughter of George Washington Gentry, December 19, 1867. The couple had 3 children: Bula & Lula born circa 1869 and Katie born circa 1871. Dr. Gambill died in 1872, in Long Point. Sarah married Columbus Hardy on January 22, 1874, and by 1880, they had moved to Coryell County.

Sources: Journal of Gentry Genealogy, Tennessee Gentry Families, Nicholas Gentry of Davidson County, by Willard Gentry, <http://www.gentryjournal.org/archives/jgg04f.htm>, accessed June 28, 2009; Veteran Biographies, San Jacinto Museum of History, http://www.sanjacintomuseum.org/Herzstein_Library/Veteran_Biographies/San_Jacinto_Bios/biographies/default.asp?action=bio&id=3159, accessed 08/06/2006; Daughters of Republic of Texas by Dorothy Burns Peterson, Turner Publishing Company, Daughters of Republic of Texas; U. S. Census Records; Washington County, Texas, Marriage Records Index; Washington County, Texas, Deed Records; Washington County, Texas, Probate Records.

Possible Burials: Using the information found in the historical summary above, these are the possible burials in Gentry Cemetery.

Gambil, Green P. H., b. ca 1844, d. 1872, husband of Sarah Elizabeth (Gentry) Gambil. (Footstone found with initials "G.P.H.G") Find A Grave Memorial# 48272666, photo.

Gentry, Amanda, b. ca 1819, d. ca 1850, wife of James Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299188

Gentry, Columbus A., b. Mar 29, 1841, d. no date, son of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299299

Gentry, Francis F., b. Dec 25. 1832, d. before 1840, daughter of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299376

Gentry, James, b. Oct 22, 1819, d. Jan 27, 1852, son of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry, husband of Amanda Ge ntry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299438

Gentry, Mary "Polly" (Nunn), b. ca 1795, d. between 1870 &1880, 2nd wife of Nicholas Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299571

Gentry, Mary America, b. Mar 20, 1829, d. Feb 24, 1847, daughter of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299659

Gentry, Nicholas, b. Sep 15, 1782, d. Sep 27, 1843, wife of: 1st Sarah "Sally" (Browder) Gentry; 2nd Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry;

son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Gibson) Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299771

Gentry, Rebecca I., b. Sep 8, 1834, d. between 1850 and 1872, daughter of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299863

Gentry, Sara Tennessee, b. Dec 18, 1825, d. before 1840, daughter of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry. Find A Grave Memorial# 87299943

Gentry, Thomas Newton, b. ca 1864, d. ca 1895, husband of Martha Jane (Shannon) Gentry, son of Nicholas & Mary "Polly" (Nunn) Gentry. 04/22/2015 Update: [See note above for Thomas Newton Gentry.](#)

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