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Lauderdale Cemetery [2005]

(aka: Confederate Cemetery) [2005]

Latitude 30° 16' 22" - Longitude 96° 32' 17"

Located on private property on Rehburg Road east of Beaver Road.

Most of the people who have lived in the area for many years indicate that the only identifiable grave in this cemetery is that of Colonel Lauderdale, so the assumption is that it is Samuel D. Lauderdale. Another person simply called it "the Confederate Cemetery", but that may only have been because Colonel Lauderdale was a Confederate soldier. There are also some who say Poteets are buried there.

The Lauderdale Family

Samuel D. Lauderdale was born in 1776 in Botetourt County, Virginia, the son of James & Sarah (Mills) Lauderdale. He was a veteran of the War of 1812 and served under Jackson as a Colonel in the Creek War. Colonel Lauderdale was placed in command of the transportation of the Choctaw Indians when they were removed to the west in 1833. He was probably in Texas by 1851; however, the first positive date that can be established is April 7, 1854, when he witnessed an agreement between John & Henriette Stamps. At one time, he owned about 1300 acres. In 1860, Sam owned 28 slaves who lived in 4 slave houses. In December 1860, Sam and Gideon

Lincecum, with their long white beards and blue cockades, led the Long Point Minute Men on a march from Mount Vernon in Washington County to Brenham to support the county secession movement. The following is from a letter from Lincecum to Richard Powell: "...the long line marched into dumfounded Brenham, reaching from the lower tavern up to McIntyres where they halted and at that point sang out, three or four voices froglike, 'hurra for Long Point'." From the tavern to the courthouse on the main street of Brenham, spectators applauded as the men entered the city. Sam was president of a relief committee for Long Point and Gay Hill. Donations were distributed to the families of the

men serving in the war. When donations ceased, Sam & Gideon led the drive to levy a tax for this purpose but this was still not enough to help the needy families since most citizens were not able to pay their taxes.

Sam married Sarah Hawkins in Virginia, and she is presumed to have died in Mississippi by 1850. Sam & Sarah had the following children:

1. James Shelby Lauderdale was born on July 23, 1815, in Tennessee. He married Agatha Adams on November 8, 1843, in Lowndes County, Mississippi. The couple had the following children who were born in Mississippi: (1) Sarah, born circa 1844, married Samuel W. Adams in 1868, (2)

Cornelia, born July 4, 1846, married William H. Ford in 1874, (3) Caroline Catherine, born September 29, 1848, married M. L. Acee in 1870, (4) John Samuel, twin, born August 16, 1851, and died when he was a child, (5) William C, twin, born August 16, 1851, married Annie Hoover in 1880, (6) James, born February 8, 1854, married Florence Brooks in 1888, (7) Robert Daniel Gilmer, born December 21, 1856, married Katie Higgens in 1881. Their daughter drowned in Galveston in 1899; then all the other children, their mother and grandmother drowned in the 1900 storm; Robert later married Sara Estrada Jackson. The last two children of James S. and Agatha were born in Texas: (8) Charles Lucullus, born August 9, 1859, married Bessie Davis, (9) Allison Nelson, born March 9, 1862, married Julia Covington in 1888. James Shelby Lauderdale was Captain of the 10th Regiment, Texas Infantry, CSA, and was responsible for raising the first company in Texas for the Confederate cause, the first drill being held on Christmas Day 1860. He was a prisoner at Camp Chase and then at Johnson's Island. Later he served on the staff of General J. B. Robertson. He left Washington County sometime after 1870 and was living in Burnet County in 1880. He died at his son's home in Burleson County on January 27, 1909, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas County, along with Agatha who died on October 1, 1901.

2. John H. Lauderdale was born in Mississippi in 1817. He married Emaline Jeffreys and, in 1850, he was a planter in Noxubee County, and he and Emaline (Evaline) had one child, Samuel, born about 1849. He was in Washington County, Texas, by April 7, 1854, and married Elizabeth J. Howlett in 1856. In 1860, he owned 4 slaves and had 1 slave house. John & Elizabeth had the following children: (1) Julia, born circa 1858, died in 1873, possibly buried in this cemetery, (2) James J., born November 17, 1860, lived in Calvert for many years, died in San Angelo in March 1930, buried in Fairmount Cemetery, (3) Lillie, born circa 1862, died in July, 1869, of fever, possibly buried in this cemetery, (4) Mattie L, born February 8, 1864, married William McIntosh in Calvert in 1884, died September 5, 1939, buried in Calvert. John's first child, Samuel, died in November 1869, and John died of measles in March 1870; they may both be buried in this cemetery. In 1900, Elizabeth was living with the McIntosh Family in Calvert; she died January 19, 1906 and is buried in Calvert City Cemetery.

3. Andrew Jackson Lauderdale was born in 1818 in Mississippi. He married Catherine Givens on May 28, 1851, and they were in Texas by the time their first child was born in about 1852. Their children were: (1) Cornelia, born circa 1852; (2) Robert, born circa 1854; (3) John born circa 1856; (4) Josiah, born circa 1858; (5) Gilbras, born circa 1861; Sam, born circa 1866; and L. G., born circa 1875. In 1860, A. J. owned 5 slaves who lived in 1 slave house. A. J. died in 1885 in Washington County and is possibly buried in this cemetery. It is unknown when Catherine died but she may also be buried here.

4. Cornelia J. Lauderdale was born in 1820 in Alabama. She married John Lewis and they had one child: (1) John, born circa 1838, was a sergeant under his Uncle James in Co. G, 10th Texas Infantry; died of disease in Arkansas on

September 17, 1862. Cornelia's second husband was Benjamin Seale. They had a son (2) James S., born November 25, 1842; he was a corporal under his Uncle James in Co. G, 10th Texas Infantry, and surrendered near Durham NC on April 28, 1865. He married Laura Virginia

Higgason. James died on November 25, 1880, and is buried in High Prairie/Union Cemetery in Burleson County. Laura died on October 2, 1925, and is buried in Oaklawn Cemetery in Burleson County. Cornelia died in 1851 in Texas, but is probably not buried in this cemetery since Samuel did not buy the property until 1858.

5. William C. Lauderdale was born in 1822 in Alabama. He married Catherine Turner in 1848 in Lowndes County. William remained in Mississippi and died in 1885.

6. Edna Caroline (Kate) Lauderdale was born in 1825 in Mississippi. She married Lucullus Garland Lincecum, son of Gideon Lincecum, in 1853 in Washington County. They had the following children: (1) Leonidas, born circa 1854; (2) Gideon, born circa 1856; (3) John, twin, born circa 1859; (4) James, twin, born circa 1859; and (5) Ida, born circa 1861, died by 1870, possibly buried in this cemetery. Kate died in 1872 in Washington County, and she is probably buried in this cemetery. Lucullus married two more times, and moved to Lampasas County in about 1878.

7. Sarah Virginia Lauderdale was born in 1829 in Mississippi. She married Leonidus L. Lincecum, son of Gideon Lincecum, in 1845 in Lowndes County, Mississippi. They had the following children: (1) William H., born circa 1847; (2) Cassander, born circa 1849; (3) Clara, born circa 1854; (4) Edgar, born circa 1857; (5) Shelby, born circa 1864; and (6) Herbert, born circa 1866. The family moved to Texas sometime between 1850 and 1854. Sarah died circa 1866. The family moved to Texas sometime between 1850 and 1854. Sarah died in 1871, and Leonidas died in 1870. They may both be buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

8. Samuel B. Lauderdale was born in 1832 in Mississippi, where he died in 1892.

The Poteet Family

James Samuel Poteet was born on July 21, 1841, in Missouri, the son of Levi Rufus and Katherine (Basham) Poteet. Among James' siblings was Anderson J. and William H. Poteet. By November 1846, the family was in Johnson County, Arkansas.

In 1870, James was a teamster living in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas. On December 4, he purchased Lot 10 in Block 6 in the Town of Long Point, Washington County, Texas. On this lot stood a large stone house with stone basement that had once been owned by Gideon Lincicum. By December 13, James had returned to Williamson County to marry Amanda Caroline Meers. He continued to buy property for the next several years, mostly in the Peake and Hanks Leagues. James sold his property in the county in October 1902 and, shortly thereafter, the family left for the Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

The children of James and Amanda were:

1. William Silas Poteet born November 2, 1872 in Long Point, died December 27, 1877, possibly buried in this cemetery.

2. Dettie May Poteet, was born October 3, 1874, in Gay Hill, Washington County. She married W. A. Lyon Jr. on January 9, 1898, in Burleson County. She died January 29, 1967.

3. Charles Morton Poteet, born January 15, 1877, in Gay Hill, Washington County. He married Mollie Nevels in June of 1897, and they were living in Washington County in 1900 with their daughter, Ella, who was 6 months old. Charles died in Dallas in February 1975.

4. Julia Ann Poteet, born July 22, 1879, in Gay Hill, died November 1964.

5. Albert Lesley Poteet, born September 5, 1881, in Gay Hill, married Emma Ludwig on November 6, 1902, in Caldwell, Burleson County. The newlyweds moved with his family to Indian Territory in Oklahoma, but, by 1910, they were in Nolan County, Tx, with their three children. In 1920, they lived in Atascosa County, and, in 1930, they were in Scurry County, where Albert died on March 8, 1971. Emma died on July 3, 1960, in Coleman County. They are both buried in Friedens Cemetery, Gay Hill, Washington County, Tx.

6. Louis Ernest Poteet, born March 19, 1884, in Gay Hill. He apparently moved to Indian Territory with the family as he and his wife, Mamie, are in Hughes and Pittsburgh Counties in later years.

7. Susan Minerva Poteet was born on August 29, 1886, in Gay Hill.

8. Rosa Maude Poteet was born October 5, 1888, in Gay Hill and presumably died by June 1900, may be buried in this cemetery.

9. Walter Scott Poteet was born February 5, 1890, in Gay Hill and presumably died by June 1900, may be buried in this cemetery.

10. Ethel May Poteet was born July 26, 1892, in Gay Hill.

11. James Samuel Poteet was born August 15, 1895 in Gay Hill, and died June 25, 1982.

Anderson J. Poteet, another son of Levi

Rufus and Katherine (Basham) Poteet, also lived in Washington County. He was born in 1837 in Tennessee, and by 1850, was living in Arkansas with his parents. In 1857, he joined his brother, Francis Marion, on the Fancher-Baker wagon train going to California. Apparently, the two brothers had left the wagon train just prior to the Mountain Meadows Massacre in Utah in which 120 pioneers were killed by Mormons on September 11. Anderson J. was possibly a miner in Oregon in 1870, and, by 1880, was in Tulare County, California, with his wife, Minerva, and their three children. On November 3, 1891, he purchased property in the Hanks League in Washington County, Texas, died in 1897, and is possibly buried in this cemetery. A. J. & Minerva had 6 children, only 4 of whose names are known: (1) Louis Ernest born October 1874 in Oregon; (2) William, born January 1876 in Oregon, died between June 1900 & April 27, 1904, and may be buried in this cemetery; (3) James, born February 1878 in California; and (4) Robert, born September 1893 in Texas. Louis, James and Robert were living in Burleson County on December 31, 1904. Minerva died on April 27, 1904 and is possibly buried in this cemetery.

The third son of Levi Rufus and Katherine (Basham) Poteet to live in Washington County was William H. Poteet, born November 30, 1846 in Johnson County, Arkansas. He was living there with his wife, Lavanda J., and their three children in 1880. On November 15, 1882, they bought property in the Hanks League in Washington County, and sold it on October 26, 1886. In 1900, they were back in Johnson County Arkansas.

The three brothers' father, Levi, probably died in Arkansas. Supposedly, James brought his mother, Katherine, to Texas after his father's death. She was born on September 1, 1807 in Lawrence County, Tennessee. She presumably died in Washington County and is probably buried in this cemetery.

Sources: Burleson Co. Texas Marriage Records; Find A Grave Cemetery Records; Gideon Lincecum, 1793-1874, A Biography, by Lois Wood Burkhalter, University of Texas Press, Austin & London, 1965; Gideon Lincecum's Sword: Civil War Letters From the Texas Home Front, by Jerry B. Lincecum, Peggy A. Redshaw, Edward Hake Phillips, University of North Texas Press, 2001; <http://angelfire.com/al2/McCalebs/Lauderdales.html>; <http://awt.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2064530&id=I98006919>;

<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/ut-mountainmeadowsvictims6.html>; The Lauderdale of Scotland and America, 1056-1936, by Charles Jackson Lauderdale, Graham Printing Company, 1937; United States Federal Census; Washington Co. Texas Deed Records; Washington Co. Texas Marriage Records Index; Washington Co. Texas Probate Records.

Possible Burials:

Since there are no stones in this cemetery, all of the burials below are assumptions based on research of the Lauderdale and Poteet families. Information used for these conclusions is within the story and the sources given above. (*Italics indicates possible burials*)

Lauderdale, A. J., b. 1818 in Mississippi, d. 1885, husband of Catherine Givens, son of Samuel D. & Sarah (Hawkins) Lauderdale.

Lauderdale, Catherine (Givens), b. circa 1833 in Tennessee, d. after 1880, wife of A. J. Lauderdale.

Lauderdale, John H., b. 1817 in Mississippi, d. Mar 1870, husband of 1st Emaline Jeffreys, 2nd Elizabeth J. Howlett, son of Samuel D. & Sarah (Hawkins)

Lauderdale.

Lauderdale, Julia, b. circa 1858, d. 1873, daughter of John H. & Elizabeth J. (Howlett) Lauderdale.

Lauderdale, Lillie, b. circa 1862, d. Jul 1869, daughter of John H. & Elizabeth J. (Howlett) Lauderdale.

Lauderdale, Samuel, b. circa 1849 in Mississippi, d. Nov 1869, son of John H. & Emaline (Jeffreys) Lauderdale.

Lauderdale, Samuel D., b. 1776 in Botetourt County, Va, husband of Sarah (Hawkins) Lauderdale, son of James & Sarah (Mills) Lauderdale.

Lincecum, Edna Caroline "Kate" (Lauderdale), b. 1825 in Mississippi, d. 1872, wife of Lucullus Garland Lincecum, daughter of Samuel D. & Sarah (Hawkins)

Lauderdale.

Lincecum, Ida, b. circa 1861, d. by 1870, daughter of Lucullus Garland & Edna Caroline "Kate" (Lauderdale) Lincecum.

Poteet, Anderson J., b. 1837 in Tennessee, d. 1897, husband of Minerva E. (maiden name unknown) Poteet, son of Levi Rufus & Katherine (Basham) Poteet.

Poteet, Katherine (Basham), b. Sep 1, 1807 in Lawrence County, Tennessee, d. after 1880 in Washington County, Tx., wife of Levi Rufus Poteet, daughter of James & Arta M. (Hollaway) Basham.

Poteet, Minerva, b. Dec 1852 in Missouri, d. Apr 27, 1904, wife of Anderson J. Poteet.

Poteet, Rosa Maude, b. Oct 5, 1888 in Gay Hill, Washington County, Tx, d. by Jun 1900, daughter of James Samuel & Amanda Caroline (Meers) Poteet.

Poteet, Walter Scott, b. Feb 5, 1890, in Gay Hill, Washington County, Texas, d. by Jun 1900, son of James Samuel & Amanda Caroline (Meers) Poteet.

Poteet, William, b. Jan 1876 in Oregon, d. between Jun 1900 & Apr 27, 1904, son of Anderson J. and Minerva E (maiden name unknown) Poteet.

Poteet, William Silas, b. Nov 2, 1872, in Long Point, Washington County, Tx, d. Dec 27, 1877, son of James Samuel & Amanda Caroline (Meers) Poteet.