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Muehlenbruch Grave [2006]

Latitude 30° 10' 32" Longitude 96° 34' 57"

Located on private property, in a wooded area southeast of Burton and west of Indian Creek.

Friedrich Franz Muehlenbruch was born May 5, 1805, probably in Jordensdorf, Mecklenburg, Germany. By 1839 he was in Missouri, probably living in Bridgeport, Warren County. By 1850 he was living in Washington County, Texas, with his wife Rosina (maiden name not known) who was born about 1821 in Strasbourg, France. They had at least three children:

(1) Abram Augustus, born about 1839 in Missouri. No further records were found for Abram except a will in which Friedrich indicates that there were problems between father and son.

(2) Mary Henriette, born about 1849 in Texas. She married Alberry P. Poole in Washington County, Texas, in 1866. Mary was widowed and living in Austin in 1900.

(3) John L., born about 1862 in Texas. John lived in Austin in 1891-1892 and possibly settled in Spokane, WA.

On December 10, 1850, Friedrich purchased 178 acres in the Alexander McCoy League south of the present town of Burton. Friedrich died between January 2, 1868, and August 4, 1869; Rosina and the children sold the property on October 1, 1885. Rosina's death date is unknown.

Local lore indicates that the grave located on the former Muehlenbruch property is that of Friedrich. There is no name on the grave. The only readable markings are "N 3" and below that is "9" (or possibly "8") and then "36" (see photo). There are also stories of there being an Indian campground on this property and the possibility that there is also an Indian graveyard. There are indications of many other graves surrounding Mr. Muehlenbruch's, although no markers exist.

Sources: Dorothy L. Jones Miller Family Records; Washington County TX Deed Records and Census; History of Burton, V. II, by Annie Maud Knittel Avis, Henington Publishing Co., 1985, p. 313.

Possible Burial:

Muehlenbruch, Friedrich Franz, b. May 5, 1805, d. between Jan 2, 1868, and Aug 4, 1869, husband of Rosina Muehlenbruch.