Union Cemetery [2004]

[Revisited 2011]
Latitude 30º 06' 09" - Longitude 96º 31' 56''
Located on private property at 9755 FM 389

This Cemetery is generally open space with a few large trees and is located approximately 200 yards from the road entrance. The site is no longer an active burial site. Access is permitted by the property owner. A sign on the gate is visible at the roadside entrance

On January 19, 1855, Harrison Bryant and Addison Burdett donated two acres in the Josiah Lester League to the Primitive Baptist Church known by the name of the Mill Creek Church. On January 25, 1870, Carl Albrecht Weinhold and his wife, Christiane Caroline Weinhold, sold for $10 to J. N. Radford, Josiah Dougherty and C. J. Cambel, trustees of the Mill Creek Union Church, a one-acre tract of land in the J. Lester League; this acre was identified in a later deed as the "Old Graveyard". On October 24, 1884, William and Sophie Voss for $1 granted one acre of land in the J. Lester League for a public burial place to D. M. Harris, A. D. Williams, D. S. Boyd, Jacob Wedemeyer and G. A. Schloeman of the Union Church Cemetery. On May 3, 1889, Mrs. Margaret Klaus sold 1135 square varas for $5 to J. M. Harris, A. J. Williams, Jas. L. Boyd, G. A. Schloemann and J. Wedemeyer, the Trustees of the Union Church Cemetery, to be used as a place for burying the dead. On July 30, 1892, Mary (Martha?) Klaus sold 45/100 acre for $10 to J. M. Harris, Jas. S. Boyd, A. J. Williams, G. S. Schloemann and Jacob Wedemeyer, trustees of the Union Church Cemetery near the J. H. Harris residence to be used as a public highway or road for the public to travel to and from the Union Church Cemetery. The trustees were prohibited from selling or transfering this tract of land to any other person and it should remain a public highway or road for all time to come.

The deeds indicate that the name of the church was Mill Creek Church in 1855 but is shown as Mill Creek Union Church in 1870. The deeds for the cemetery in 1884, 1889, and 1892 identify the cemetery as the Union Church Cemetery. Stories handed down through some of the families indicate that there were Union soldiers buried there and it thus became known as Union. The timeline for the name change does fit with that story; however, since there are three known Confederate soldiers, and possibly others, buried here, one does wonder if there were Union soldiers also buried here. The cemetery is known today as Union Cemetery.

Although the first land deeded to the cemetery was in 1870, records indicate that Anna (Noll) Klaus died between 1860 and 1865 and the family has always known that she is buried in this cemetery. This indicates that the area may have been used for family or community burials prior to the actual deeding of the property to the church, but no proof was found in our research. The tombstone with the earliest death date is that of Louisa (Houchin) Eldridge who died December 29, 1868. The last documented burial was in 1942; however, the adjacent landowner remembers that there was one there in the 1960s.

The fence that was around the cemetery when the site was visited in 2004 and 2011 was built in the 1960s and replaced a previous fence. In about July 2002, the Klaus-Hubenthal Family Reunion contributed their auction proceeds for the upkeep of the cemetery and have continued this contribution each year thereafter. In April 2011, a group met at the cemetery with deed records, burial records, memories, and, along with the use of grave dowsing, determined that there were graves outside of the current fence. The landowners, who were also present, were very interested in the project, agreed that the fenced area could be expanded to include those graves. Workers will soon begin to remove the old fence, clear the brush, and build the new fence. Other work will continue as funds are available to repair and/or reset stones so that the burial place of these early pioneers will be an asset to its surroundings.

Becker, Elisabeth Louise (Schmoll), b. Nov 26, 1864, d. Mar 27, 1901, wife of Gerhardt Becker. [Gerhardt is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Burton, Texas.]

Becker, Elizabeth (Dippel), b. Sep 15, 1834, d. Jan 1, 1913, 2nd wife of Heinrich Becker.

Becker, Frieda, b. May 29, 1895, d. Mar 10, 1896, daughter of Gerhard & Elisabeth (Schmoll) Becker.

Becker, Heinrich, b. Jun 7, 1832, d. Dec 17, 1913, husband of: 1st Marie Katherine (Noll) Becker, 2nd Elizabeth (Dippel) Becker. Heinrich's first wife was buried in Germany.

Boone, Laurence S., b. Oct 2, 1866, d. Jul 13, 1884, probably the son of Thomas W. & Louise Boone

Boone, Louisa, b. Nov 18, 1840, d. Jul 8, 1888, probably the wife of Thomas Boone.

Boyd, Mary Annie D., b. Feb 17, 1879 in Gonzales Co., Tex., d. Aug 21, 1889, in Washington County, Texas.

Boyd, Robert Lester, b. Apr 16, 1886, d. Jun 12, 1888, [2years, 1 month, 27days], son of R. P. & L. A. (Campbell) Boyd.

Brydson, David W., b. circa 1822, d. Nov 9, 1891, (69 years), 2nd husband of Sarah (Scott) Brydson.

Brydson, R. K., b. circa 1830, d. Jan 4, 1900, (70 years), brother of David W. Brydson.

Brydson, Sarah (Scott), b. Jan 15, 1822, d. Aug 24, 1903, wife of David W. Brydson. Sarah's 1st husband was Wilston T. Lightfoot.

Campbell, Charles Green, b. Nov 9, 1819, on Little River, Blount Co., East Tenn., d. Aug 3, 1893, at Greenvine, Washington County, Tex., husband of Lucinda Ann Campbell.

Campbell, Crape Myrtle, b. Jan 16, 1893, d. Oct. 12, 1905, [12y 8m 26d], daughter of Wm. & Della (Dyer) Campbell.

Campbell, Lucinda Ann, b. Nov 25, 1821, on Pistol Creek, Blount Co., East Tenn., d. May 4, 1894.

Dyer, Amanda, b. Aug 16, 1842, d. Nov 16, 1876, (34 years, 3 months).

Dyer, Infants, b. Nov 5, 1876, d. Nov 16, 1876 (aged 11 days), children of Amanda Dyer; this information is included on the mother's stone. In graves next to the mother are a boy and a girl;

one stone is marked with an I (presumably for Infant), the other stone is worn and no initial can be seen.

Eldridge, H. N., b. 1804, d. Oct 29, 1869, husband of Louisa (Houchin) Eldridge.

Eldridge, Louisa (Houchin), b. Dec 8, 1825, d. Dec 29, 1868, wife of H. N. Eldridge, daughter of John & Mary Houchin.

Gravesite with marker, no name or dates visible.

Gravesite with marker, no name or dates visible.

Gravesite with marker, name "Luther" and date "March 1880".

Gravesite iron fence and field stone marker, no visible lettering.

Green, Melan?, d. 1914, (Listed in 1960 Winfield book, marker not found June 2004).

Grimm, Bertha, b. Jan 29, 1889, d. May 21, 1910.

Grimm, Elisabeth, b. May 10, 1872, d. Jan 9, 1890, daughter of Henry & Louise Grimm.

Grimm, Emily Sophie, b. Feb 28, 1886, d. Aug 17, 1908, probably the daughter of Henry & Louise Grimm.

Grimm, Henry, b. Aug 26, 1846, d. Jul 25. 1929, husband of Louise Grimm, son of Fred Grimm.

Grimm, Louise, b. Nov 30, 1854, d. Apr 29, 1916, wife of Henry Grimm.

Grimm, Norma Louise, b. Sep 25, 1914, d. Nov 7, 1919, daughter of Otto & Ella (Wittner) Grimm.

Grimm, Otis Alvin., b. Oct 8, 1911, d. Mar 23, 1932, son of Otto & Ella (Wittmer) Grimm.

Grimm, Walter, b. Sep 1, 1888, d. Sep 1, 1888.

Harris, M. P., b. Jan 23, 1849 in Edgefield Co., S.C., d. Jul 17, 1892, husband of Frances E. (Rambo) Harris, son of John C. & Sophie Louise (Fox) Harris.

Hubenthal, Kathrina Rosine (Becker), b. Jan 3, 1843, in Oberkaufungen Hessen, Germany, d. Aug. 30, 1904, wife of Valentine Wilhelm Hubenthal, daughter of Wilhelm & Anna Elizabeth (Schonewolf) Becker. Valentine Wilhelm Hubenthal is buried in Falls County, Tx.

Kageler, Frank Edward, b. Feb 3, 1901, d. Nov 22, 1901.

Kessler, Paulalisebeth, b. Dec 19, 1917, d. Jul 29, 1918, daughter of Paul & Lizzie (Klaus) Kessler.

Kiphen, Willie, b. Jun 4, 1893, d. Jul 15, 1903, son of Jonas & Mary (Engelmohr) Kiphen, grandson of Peter and Elizabeth Engelmohr, no marker.

Klanke, Bettie, b. Jun 11, 1866, d. Oct 28, 1898.

Klanke, Ella, b. Aug 22, 1893, d. Feb 14, 1900.

Klaus, Anna (Noll), b. no date in Germany, d. between 1860 and 1865, 1st wife of Jacob Klaus, daughter of Fredrick & Martha Noll.

Klaus, August, b. Nov 13, 1896, d. Sep 3, 1903, son of August & Mary (Leseman) Klaus, no marker.

Klaus, Gertrude, b. 1802 in Germany, d. Mar 12, 1876, Mother of Jacob Klaus.

Klaus, Jacob, b.1836, d. Dec 27, 1883, [Pvt. Co. F Waul's Texas Legion CSA,], husband of: 1st Anna (Noll) Klaus, 2nd Marguerite (Noll) Klaus, son of Gertrude Klaus.

Klaus, Louis, b. Jul 10, 1874, d. Nov 15, 1924, husband of Eliza (Pontruff) Klaus, son of Jacob & Marguerite (Noll) Klaus.

Klaus, Marguerite (Noll), b. 1842 in Germany, d. Jul 24, 1899, 2nd wife of Jacob Klaus, daughter of Fredrick & Martha Noll.

Klaus, Stillborn Infant Girl, b. & d. Dec 26, 1929, daughter of Hugo & Elsa (Geisler) Klaus.

Lightfoot, Joseph H., b. Oct 3, 1845, d. Jun 1, 1872, husband of Delilah Henrietta (Taylor) Lightfoot, son of Wilson T. & Sarah Jane (Scott) Lightfoot. Sarah Jane's 2nd husband was David Brydson.

Ludemann, Gustav, b. Mar 4, 1883, d. Mar 8, 1900, son of Wilhelm & Albertina (Laseman/Leseman) Ludemann/Luedemann.

Luedemann, Albertine, b. May 5, 1846, d. Jul 18, 1931, wife of Wilhelm Luedemann.

Luedemann, Wilhelm, b. Nov 29, 1844, d. Feb 26, 1915, husband of Albertine Luedemann.

Lyon, B. F., b. Feb 15, 1815, d. Jun12, 1903, [age 88years], husband of Mary A. Lyon, son of Jesse & Martha Lyon, Confederate Army in Company B, 23rd Battalion Regiment TST.

Lyon, Mary Amanda., b. Jul 9, 1820, d. Aug 20, 1887, [age 67years], wife of B. F. Lyon, daughter of John & Sarah (Lester) Carrington.

Mueller, Clarence, b. Feb 26, 1914, d. May 27, 1920, son of August & Emmie (Grimm) Mueller, accidentally killed by a horse.

Noll, Fredrick, b. 1813 in Germany, d. Nov 22, 1875, husband of Martha Noll, father of Anna (Noll) Klaus & Marguerite (Noll) Klaus.

Noll, Martha, b. 1814 in Germany, d, May 4, 1889, wife of Fredrick Noll, mother of Anna (Noll) Klaus & Marguerite (Noll) Klaus.

Pontruff/Pontroff, Peter, b. Feb 1835, d. Mar 10, 1918, husband of Marie (Schoenewolfe) Pontruff/Pontroff, no marker. Death certificate states he's buried in Union Cemetery; Greenvine Baptist Church records state he's buried in Coryell County. Further research indicates the most likely burial place is here at Union.

Pontruff/Pontroff, William, b. Apr 30, 1872, d. Sep 7, 1937, husband of Anna (Klaus) Pontruff/Pontroff. [Anna is buried in Prairie Lea Cemetery, Brenham, Tx.],

son of Peter & Marie (Schoenewolf) Pontruff/Pontroff.

Riske, Christine (Dippel) [Schmoll], b. Dec 25, 1836, d. Nov 28, 1895. Wife of 1st ? Schmoll; 2nd Charles Riske.

Rohling, Gertrud, b. Apr 7, 1820, d. Oct 23, 1888, wife of Heinrich Rohling.

Rohling, Heinrich, b. Sep 15, 1812, d. Jan 23, 1885, husband of Gertrud Rohling.

Rost, Henry, b. Jun 29, 1868, d. Feb 5, 1924, husband of Louise (Schwartz) Rost, son of John & Martha (Diemer/Deamer) Rost. [Louise is interred in Greenvine Baptist Church Cemetery.]

Rost, Johannes, b. Mar 9, 1837, d. Jun 4, 1902, husband of Martha (Diemer/Deamer) Rost.

Rost, Lydia, b. Oct 1, 1898, d. May 31, 1899.

Rost, Martha (Diemer/Deamer), b. Oct 15, 1839, d. Jun 20, 1889, wife of Johannes Rost.

Rost, Sophie (Eichholt), b. Dec 9, 1876, d. Feb 18, 1907, wife of William Rost.

Rost, William, b. Apr 27, 1874, d. Oct 16, 1942, husband of Sophie (Eichholt) Rost.

Sanders, Alby, b. Feb 2, 1872, d. Sep 24, 1873.

Sanders, Bula, b. Sep 7, 1877, d. Jul 3, 1878, daughter of M. E. Sanders.

Sanders, W. O., b. Feb 3, 1825, d. Sep 9, 1873, husband of Mattie/Martha Simms.

Schlomann, H. F., b. Feb 9, 1859, d. May 13, 1880.

Schlomann, Marie (Werner), b. Nov 29, 1830, d. Feb 13, 1905, daughter of Anna Marie Werner.

Schroeder, August, b. Dec 29 1835, d. Nov 24, 1896.

Schroeder George, b. Nov 15, 1900, d. Jul 30, 1903.

Schulte, Anna, b. May 11, 1912, d. Jan 1912, daughter of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Charlotte (Snell), b. Jan 14, 1830, d. Oct 16, 1904, wife of Henry Schulte.

Schulte, Erneste, b. Feb 18, 1898, d. 1898, child of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Frank, b. Mar 26, 1903, d. 1904, son of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Frieda, b. Sep 16, 1894, d. ? 14, 1895, daughter of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, George (?), b. (no date), d. before 1900, son of Henry & Charlotte (Snell) Schulte. First name may be incorrect.

Schulte, Harold, b. Mar 6, 1919, d. Mar 6, 1919, son of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Henry, b. (no date), d. between 1880 and 1900, wife of Charlotte (Snell) Schulte.

Schulte, Henry, b. Aug 25, 1901, d. ? 25, 1901, son of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Linda, b. May 2, 1914, d. Dec 15, 1918, daughter of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Meta, b. Aug 14, 1892, d. Aug 21, 1892, daughter of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Schulte, Selma, b. Jun 5, 1907, d. Jun 8, 1907, daughter of Henry & Annie (Luedemann) Schulte.

Stamport, Heinrich E., b. Mar 23, 1880, d. Jan 6, 1882, son of Henry & Emilie (Maass) Stamport. [Listed in Winfield book, Marker not found June, 2004]. Sydow, Mina F., b. May 4, 1863, d. Sep 27, 1880, daughter of J. F. & Friederike Sydow.

Sydow, Sophie, b. Dec 06, 1870, d. Nov 13, 1871.

Underwood, Maggie W. (Mills) [Williams], b. Mar 10, 1858, d. Feb 16, 1940, wife of 1st Andrew J. Williams, 2nd H. S. Underwood, daughter of W. R. & Jane (Scott) Mills.

Voss, Marie, b. Mar 3, 1890, d. Jun 27, 1890, [Listed in 1960 Winfield Book, Marker not found June 2004]. Probably the child of William and Sophie Voss.

Werner, Anna Marie, b. 1804, d. 1877, mother of Marie Schlomann.

Williams, Andrew J., b. Jan 11, 1845, d. Apr 16, 1913, Pvt. Co. B, 16th Regt. Tex. Inf, Confederate States Army, husband of: 1st wife Mary Ann (Lightfoot) Williams, 2nd wife Maggie W. (Mills) Williams. Maggie married H. S. Underwood after Andrew's death.

Williams, Maggie W. (Mills), See Underwood, Maggie W.

Williams, Mary Ann (Lightfoot), b. Jul 16, 1843, d. Jun 3, 1881, 1st wife of A. J. Williams. daughter of Wilton T. & Sarah Jane (Scott) [Brydson]Lightfoot.

Probable Burials:

Engelmohr, Elizabeth, (no dates), wife of Peter Engelmohr.

Engelmohr, Peter, b. Aug 1839, d. Jan 20, 1889, husband of Elizabeth Engelmohr.

Kiphen, Hedwig, b. Oct 6, 1891, d. Feb 17, 1892, daughter of Jonas & Mary (Engelmohr) Kiphen.

Kiphen, Margaret (Schroeder), b.Apr 18, 1838, d. Jan 31, 1904, 65y, 9m, 13d, wife of W. Louis Kiphen, mother of Jonas & Valentine Kiphen.

Klaus, Baby Girl, b. & d. Mar 20, 1881, daughter of Jacob & Marguerite (Noll) Klaus.

Pontruff/Pontroff, Marie (Schoenewolf), b. circa 1838, d. circa 1909, wife of Peter Pontroff/Pontruff.