

MONTGOMERY- BUSH FAMILY CEMETERY AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS

Latest Update: **27 Oct 2006**
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The cemetery is on the former homesite of McGrady and Minerva (Lucas) Montgomery, near the old town of Sempronius in Austin County, Texas. McGrady fought in the Battle of San Jacinto and served in the Texas Army for several months following the war. He returned to his home in Gibson County, Indiana, married and had five of his six children, before returning to Texas in 1852, bringing his wife, his children and his parents, Isaac and Martha (McClure) Montgomery.

Dedication Ceremony set for ~~Saturday, April 14, 2007~~

Oops.... Unexpected delay in obtaining approval for the historical designation and backlog in manufacturing medallions have necessitated rescheduling the ceremony until Fall of 2007 (date to be determined).

Dru still hopes to arrange for the attendance of :

USD 1812 State Chaplain Esther Biggers for dedication of the Veteran of the War of 1812 medallion

DRT representative Lois Welch from the Clara Driscoll Chapter, DRT, for the dedication of the Veteran of the Texas Revolutionary War medallion

Peggy Tombs (a Crump descendant), Honorary Division (State) President of UDC, for the dedication of the three Confederate gravestones

[Click Here for the Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag of Texas](#)

Brief History of the Land:

In December 1852, McGrady Montgomery bought 271 acres from N.W. Bush and wife Judith A. Bush for \$1900.00 as part of the "league of lands granted to James Steefshinsen [Stephenson]." The last sentence in the deed specifies "It's expressly understood that fifty feet including the burying ground each way is Reserved to the Said Bush & unsold." In 1895, after the deaths of McGrady and Minerva Montgomery, their son Fielding Lucas Montgomery sold the land to John Berger for \$2695.00, describing it in the deed as 269-1/2 acres being "a portion of my parents old homestead...and also being a portion of the old N.W. Bush homestead...of which..one (1) acre is hereby reserved from this sale to be located so as to include the old family graveyard." In 1933, Malinda Berger sold the same tract to Fritz Kramer. In 2002, Johnnie E. and Lillie Mae Kramer sold 45.793 acres of that tract to W.T. Byler, designated as including "an old family graveyard."

The cemetery is located at 30° 03' 29" N and 96° 16' 54" W.

[Click Here for Road Map to the Cemetery](#)

[Click Here for an Aerial View of the Cemetery](#)

[Click Here for an Aerial View that includes Kenney and Cochran Cemetery](#)

[Click Here for Driving Directions to the Cemetery](#)

Military and Public Service of the Interred:

Several individuals buried here are known to have served in Military or Public Service.

*Isaac Montgomery – Veteran of War of 1812

*McGrady Montgomery – Veteran of Texas Revolutionary War

**James Waddie Crump – Veteran of the Confederacy

*Judith A. (Thacker) Bush – Citizen of the Republic of Texas

*Robert Brice McNutt – Citizen of the Republic of Texas

*Malinda (Collins) Cochran – Citizen of the Republic of Texas

John Q. Wallis – first Mayor of Chappell Hill (1856-57)

Nathaniel Richardson Crump – fourth Mayor of Chappell Hill (1859-61)

Also memorialized here are two brothers of James Waddie Crump:

**William H. Crump – Veteran of the Confederacy, who died and was buried in Houston in 1862.

**George P. Crump – Veteran of the Confederacy, who was buried in Lavaca County.

* = gravemarker medalion commemorating service

** = Confederate gravestone commemorating service

Historical Designation:

An application has been filed with the Texas Historical Commission for designation as an Historical Texas Cemetery.

Recent History of the Principal Marker:

A four-sided spire shaped marker (obelisk) was originally erected here for McGrady, Minerva, Isaac and Martha. There was no fence around the graveyard, and cattle were knocking down, trampling and damaging the stones. Sometime in the 1980's Erette Reese Red, a great granddaughter of McGrady and Minerva Montgomery, had this marker moved to a farm she owned where it could be protected. She had the marker repaired and cleaned as the top portion had been broken off (regretting that a better job of repair was not possible). In 1996, Erette's nephew, Jay Reese Jones, had it moved to the Masonic Cemetery in Chappell Hill, a few miles from the Montgomery Family Cemetery, in Washington County, Texas. During the restoration of the cemetery, the repair on the obelisk was redone, and the marker was reset on its original base. It is now the most outstanding memorial in this historic cemetery.

Restoration Effort:

On 30 June 1996, Drusilla (Cochran) Sheldon, a great granddaughter of McGrady and Minerva Montgomery, photographed all four sides and transcribed the inscriptions of the Montgomery obelisk, which was the beginning of several years of effort and expense in restoring the neglected Montgomery Family Cemetery.

The officers of the Montgomery-Bush Cemetery Association are:

[Drusilla \(Cochran\) Sheldon](#) – president (click name to email)

Robert Paxton Pinkney – vice president

Gaye McNutt – secretary

Curtis Thomas Cochran – treasurer

T. W. Byler – member-at-large of executive committee

Special efforts made by:

Mark van Hudson and Linda Reed – dedicated volunteer cemetery preservationists who began recovering and identifying grave markers in 2000

W. T. Byler – present owner of the property who has supported the effort and provided materials and constructed the wrought iron fence around the cemetery

Kevin McWilliams of McWilliams Monument Co. in Hempstead, Texas repaired, cleaned and reset the gravemarkers

Joy Neely (of Bellville Historical Society) – assistance in application for Historic Texas Cemetery designation

Grave Marker Medallions provided by:

Drusilla (Cochran) Sheldon: Veteran of the War of 1812 – on grave of Isaac Montgomery

Clara Driscoll Chapter of DRT: Veteran of Texas Revolution – on grave of McGrady Montgomery

Janet Suggs Mangin: Citizen of Republic of Texas – on grave of Judith A. (Thacker) Bush

Linda Wyatt: Citizen of Republic of Texas – on grave of Robert Brice McNutt

Irak McGrady Cochran: Citizen of Republic of Texas – on grave of Malinda (Collins) Cochran

Confederate Gravestones (obtained by Peggy Tombs from Veterans Administration):

on grave of James Waddie Crump

in remembrance of William H. Crump (buried in inaccessible cemetery)

in remembrance of George Patrick Crump (buried in cemetery easily accessible to vandals)

Monetary contributions:

Montgomery – Cochran (Nehemiah) Family:

Curtis Thomas Cochran, Florene Cochran Trust Fund, Dr. Irak McGrady Cochran, James Murphy Cochran, John Fielding Cochran Jr. Trust Fund, Susan Sheldon Crysler, Jack Clifton Jordan, Rev. Cathy Cochran Mordicai, Mary White Peticolas, Drusilla Chase Sheldon, Drusilla Cochran Sheldon, Joan Cochran Terrell, grandchildren & great grandchildren of John Fielding Cochran Sr.

Montgomery – Crump Family:

Kathy Copeland, J. Ford Griggs, Elizabeth Morris, Peggy Tombs, William Lucas Crump Jr.

Montgomery – Reese Family:

Pat Tottenham Johnson, Kathyrine Reese Jones, Kathyrine Jones Simank

Bush Family (Taglioni Cochran):

John Bush, Julia Suggs Cazayous, Eula Bush Chance, Claudia Heidbreder, Loma Chance Hobson, Janet Mangin, Kenneth Mann Jr., Robert Paxton Pinckney, Becky McDonald Walenciak

Collins Family (Taglioni Cochran):

Annabel Clemons Crow

McNutt Family:

Frank Andrew Klahn, Gaye McNutt, Tom C. McNutt, Connie M. Stone, Linda Sue McNutt Wyatt

Montgomery Cemetery

CEMETERY DIMENSIONS

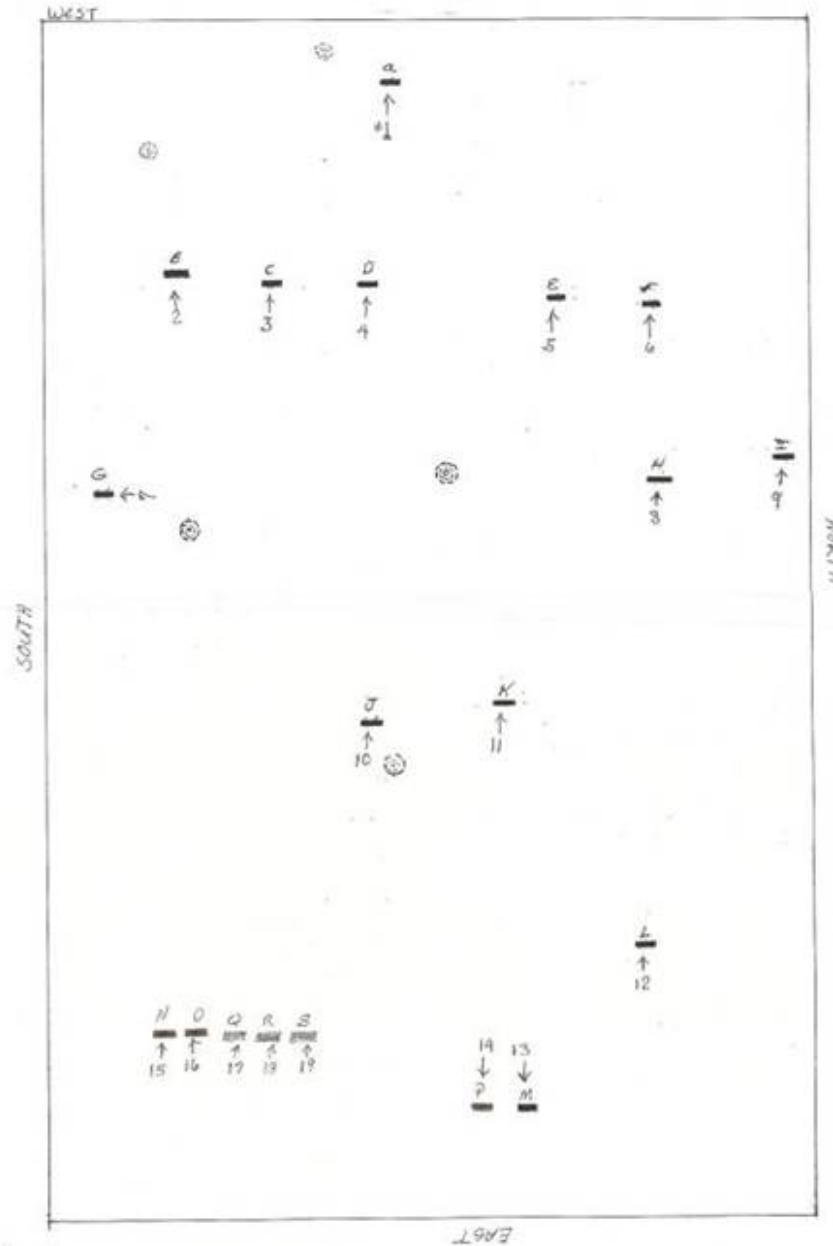
North Fence is 59'2"
 South Fence is 59'2"
 East Fence is 37'6"
 West Fence is 37'6"

Scale: 1/4" = 1'

MAP KEY



1. Montgomery Obelisk
 Isaac Montgomery
 Martha (McClure) Montgomery
 McGrady Montgomery
 Minerva (Lucas) Montgomery
2. Judith A. Bush (Judith A. Thacker Bush)
3. Zillah N. Bush (Zillah N. Sherrill Bush)
4. Eustatia A. Pearson (Eustatia A. Bush Pearson)
5. Sarah J. McMutt
6. R. B. McMutt (Robert Brice McMutt)
7. Eddie and Frankie, son and daughter
 of W.W. and A.M. Bell
8. Replacement gravestone for John Q. Wallis
9. Mary Frances, wife of John McNeese
 (Mary Frances Collins Wallis McNeese)
10. John Howard Collins
11. Malinda Cochran (Malinda Collins Cochran)
12. Unknown
13. Sarah Lue, daughter of N & F Cochran
14. Replacement gravestone for John Price Collins
15. Replacement gravestone for Nathaniel R. Crump
 (Nathaniel Richardson Crump)
16. Replacement gravestone for Harriett I. D. Crump
 (Harriett Ingram Diggs [or Deggs] Crump)
17. Replacement gravestone memorial for
 William H. Crump
 (buried in unmarked grave in Houston, TX)
18. Replacement gravestone memorial for
 George P. Crump
 (buried in unmarked grave in Lavaca Co., TX)
19. Replacement gravestone for James W. Crump
 (James Waddie Crump)



[Click Here for a Diagram of Family Relationships](#)

[Click on pictures below to see larger ones](#)

1



In Memory of
Isaac
Montgomery
Born
Oct. 25
1776
Died
July 15,
1861
Aged 84 Yrs, 9
M's, 20 D's

1



In Memory of
Martha
Montgomery
Born
Sept. 10
1780
Died
Oct. 10
1867
Aged 87 Yrs, 1 Mo.

1



In Memory of
McGrady
Montgomery
Born
May 23
1812
Died
Sept. 19
1878
Aged 66 Yrs, 3
M's, 26 D's



In Memory of
 Minerva
 Montgomery
 Born
 Aug. 10
 1822
 Died
 Feb. 17,
 1883
 Aged 60 Yrs, 6 M's, 7 D's

1



Footstone:
 I.M.

Isaac Montgomery
 father of McGrady
 26 Oct 1776 – 15 Jul 1861

1



Footstone:
 M.M.

Minerva (Lucas) Montgomery
 wife of McGrady
 10 Aug 1822 – 17 Feb 1883

1



Footstone:
 M.G.M.

McGrady Montgomery
 23 May 1812 – 19 Sep 1878

1



Footstone:
 M.M.

Martha (McClure) Montgomery
 wife of Isaac
 10 Sep 1870 – 10 Oct 1867

1



Judith A., Wife of N.W. Bush
 Born in Virginia Feb 15, 1813
 Departed this life Jan 10, 1861

Judith (Thacker) Bush
 Her husband, Nathan W. Bush, is buried in the Cochran Cemetery, Buckhorn,
 Austin Co, Texas.
 Judith and Nathan's son, George Howard Bush, married Tagiloni Cochran, a sister
 of Nehemiah Cochran (husband of Florence Montgomery).

2

3



Zillah N., Wife of W.T. Bush
11 Aug 1820 – 21 Aug 1857

Zillah N. Sherrill married William Tandy Bush,
a brother of Nathan W. Bush and Eustatia A. Bush

4



Eustatia A., Wife of W.H. Pearson
Born Oct 1, 1826
Departed this life Aug 29, 1850

Eustatia A. Bush, sister of Nathan W., William Tandy, and Elizabeth Bush, married
W.H. Pearson (who was listed in the 1860 census for the Buckhorn Precinct on pg
27 as "Pierson", Planter, age 42, born in Tenn).

5



Sarah J. McNutt
Born April 10, 1850
Died Jan 10, 1863

Sarah J. McNutt, daughter of R.B. McNutt
Fatally burned while standing in front of open fire.

5



Footstone:
S.J.Mc.N.

Sarah J. McNutt

6



R.B. McNutt
Born Feb 3, 1826
Departed this life July 11, 1860
Aged 34 yrs. 5 mos. 8 days

Robert Brice McNutt married Elizabeth Bush,
sister of Nathan W. Bush.
McNutt family – pioneer settlers in Buckhorn area
per "Record of Southwest Texas" pg. 566

6



Footstone:
R.B.M.

Robert Brice McNutt



7

Table Top Slab:

In Memory of
Eddie
who died Oct 24th
Aged 7 days
Frankie
who died Dec 30th
Aged 1 yrs. & 7 mos.
1855
Daughter and Son of
W.W. and A.M. Bell
Oh! Strangers, pity us
For we loved them.
Father & Mother

8

Footstone:
J.Q.W.
(headstone missing, but base located)

Jonathan Q. Wallis
Listed on the 1850 Austin County census mortality schedule as died Nov 1850 of
yellow fever.
Age 30, born KY
"Cemeteries of Austin County" has death as 1859.



9

In Memory of
Mary Frances
Wife of John McNeese
Died Apr 10, 1864
Age 26 yrs. 1 mo. 28 ds.

Mary Frances Collins married first John Q. Wallis
and second John L. McNeese on 6 May 1863

Mary Frances, John Howard and Malinda are children of John W. Collins and Malinda (Bush) Collins



10

Footstone:
J.H.C.

John H. Collins
Born Feb 26, 1849
Died Sept 12, 1871
Aged 22 Y, 7 M, 14 D

John Howard Collins,
first husband of Taglioni Cochran,
sister of Nehemiah Cochran.
Taglioni m(2) George Howard Bush,
son of Nathan A. Bush
and Judith A. (Thacker) Bush

11



In memory of
Malinda
Wife of
N. Cochran
Died
Nov. 15, 1869,
Aged
24 Yrs. 1 mo & 10 ds.

Malinda (Collins) Cochran
first wife of Nehemiah Cochran

11



Footstone:
M.C.

Malinda (Collins) Cochran

13



Gone Home
Sarah Lue,
Dau. Of
N & F Cochran
Born
May 27, 1881
Died Nov 20, 1881
Sleep on sweet Daughter
And take this rest.
God called thee home,
He thought it best.

Daughter of Nehemiah Cochran
and Florence (Montgomery) Cochran
Granddaughter of McGrady Montgomery
and Minerva (Lucas) Montgomery

14



Footstone:
J.P.C.

John Price Collins
son of Kinchen Collins
and Mary (Cochran) Collins

Two grave markers of fieldstone encased in cement and one of soft cement were uncovered in close proximity to each other in 2002 by Mark vanHudson. All markings have disappeared. These are presumed to be the markers for three individuals who family members reported as having been buried in the family graveyard on the Montgomery farm.

15

Nathaniel Richardson Crump
Born abt 1811 in Virginia

Father of James W. Crump

16

Harriett Ingram (Deggs) (or Diggs) Crump
Born in Virginia

Wife of Nathaniel Richardson Crump
and mother of James W. Crump

19

James Waddie Crump
10 Jan 1845 – 22 Jan 1889

Husband of America Montgomery,
who was a daughter of McGrady and Minerva Montgomery

James died six weeks after the birth of a daughter, and his parents died soon after that.

America M. Crump lived until 1940, and was buried in the Oak Knoll Cemetery in Bellville, Austin Co, Texas.

Some pictures of the Montgomery Family Cemetery site before restoration



left to right: Drusilla (Cochran) Sheldon, Annabel (Clemons) Crow, Rev. Wm. F. Lanigan



left to right: Troy Byler, Dr. Irad McGrahy Cochran, James Murphy Cochran, Merlene Byler, Ben Copeland



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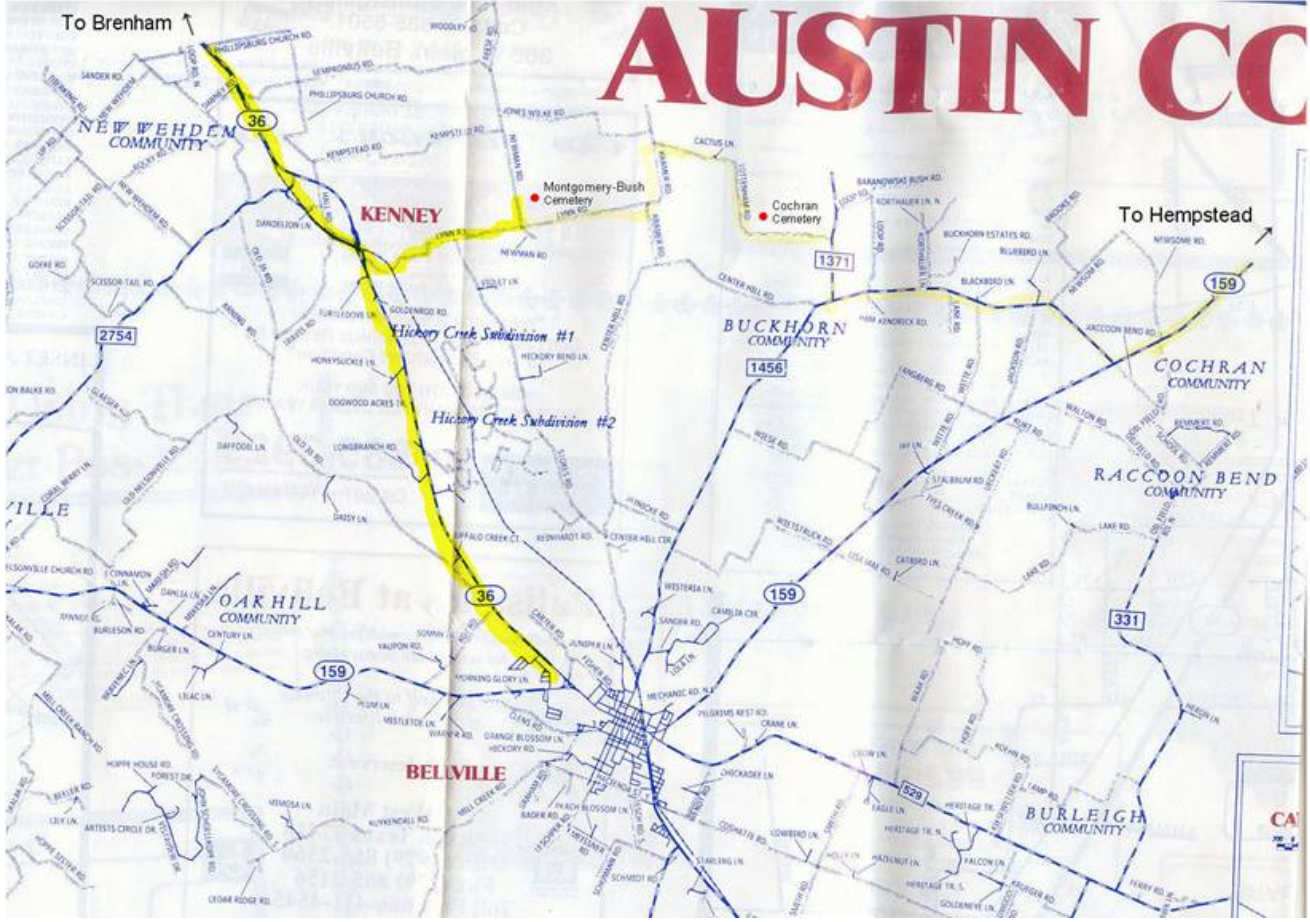
left to right: Merlene Byler, Ben Copeland


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Log of Modifications to Website (with most recent at top)

- 27 Oct 2006 [Replaced Driving Directions with updated version](#)
- 27 Oct 2006 [Added link to PDF version of Montgomery Cemetery website](#)
- 26 Oct 2006 [Added link to aerial view of Montgomery Cemetery](#)
[Added link to aerial view of Kenney, Montgomery Cemetery, Cochran Cemetery](#)
Added link to Log of Website modifications (this page)
Added latitude and longitude location of the cemetery
Removed incorrect reference to a first marriage of Eustacia Bush to H.C. Switzer
- 23 Oct 2006 [Added link to Diagram of Family Relationships](#)
- 20 Oct 2006 Announced postponement of the Dedication Ceremony to Fall 2007
- 14 Oct 2006 [Added link to the Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag of Texas](#)
- 13 Oct 2006 Announced Dedication Ceremony set for 14 Apr 2006
- 11 Oct 2006 [Added link to Road Map to the Cemetery](#)
[Added link to Driving Directions to the Cemetery](#)
- 11 Oct 2006 Launched the website

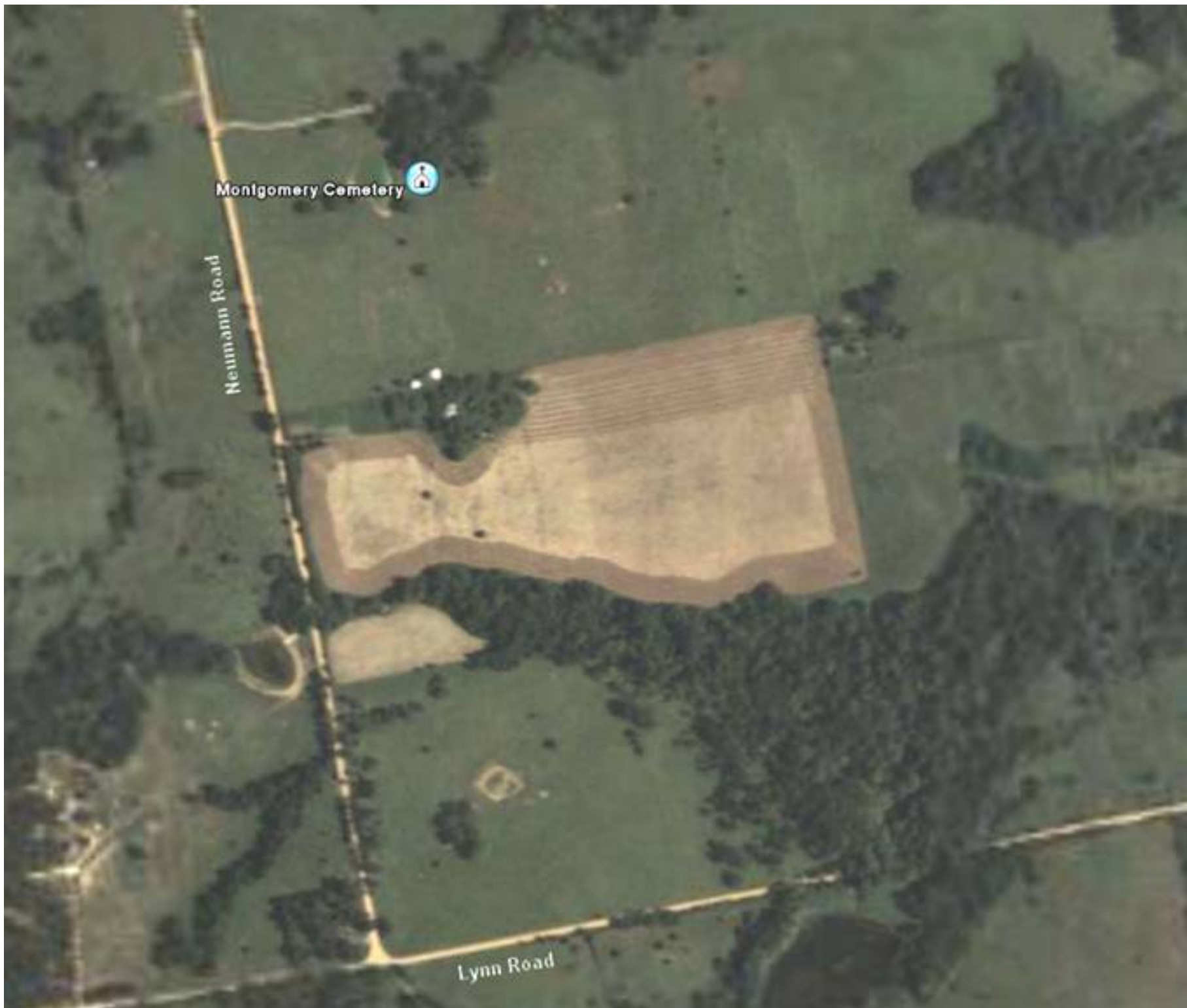
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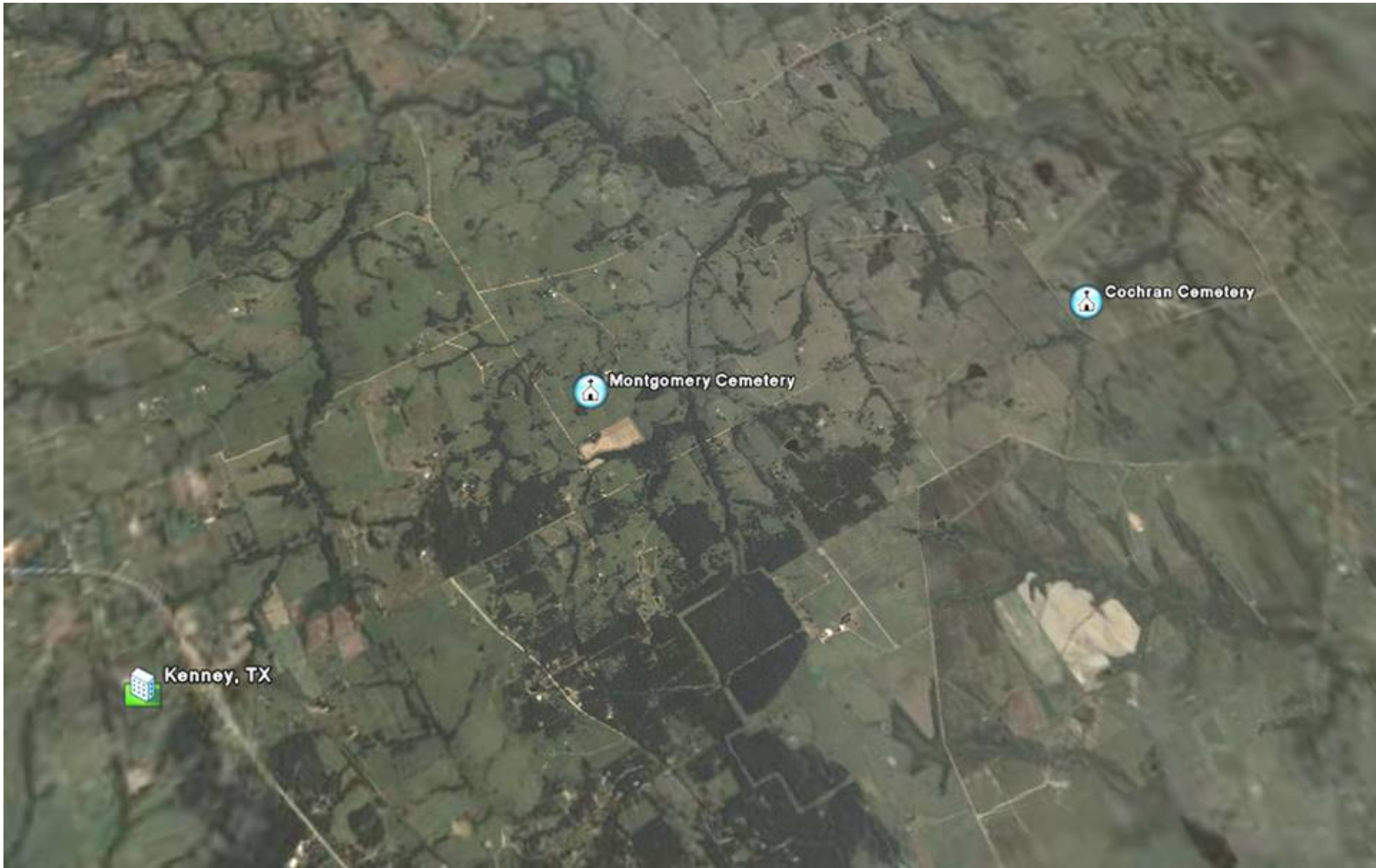


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Neumann Road

Lynn Road





Kenney, TX



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Cochran Cemetery

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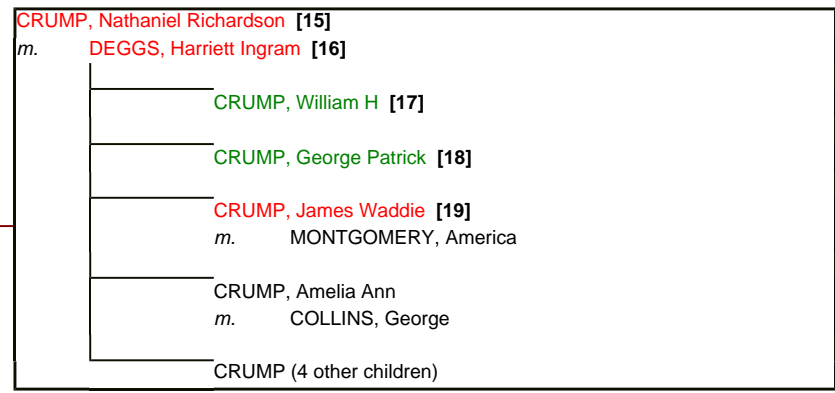
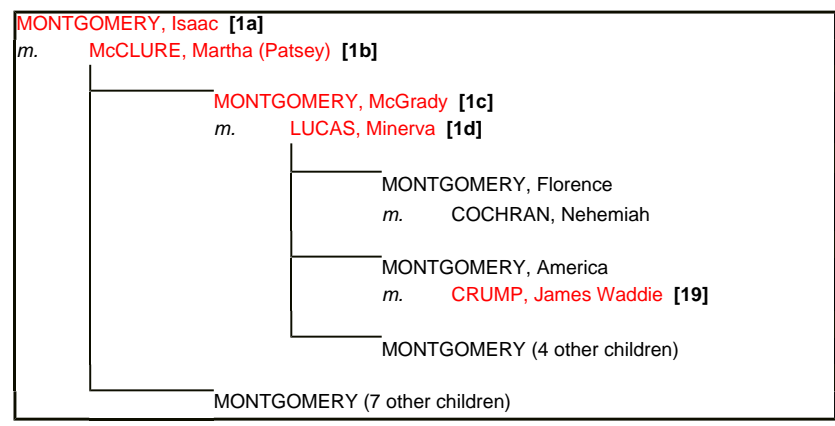
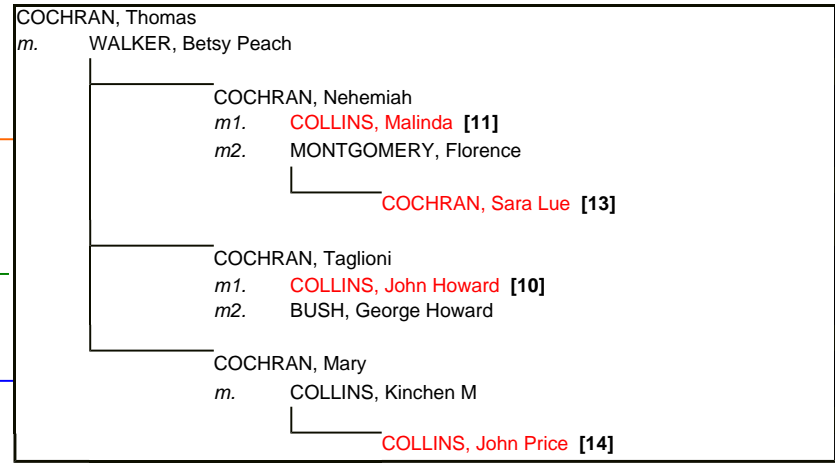
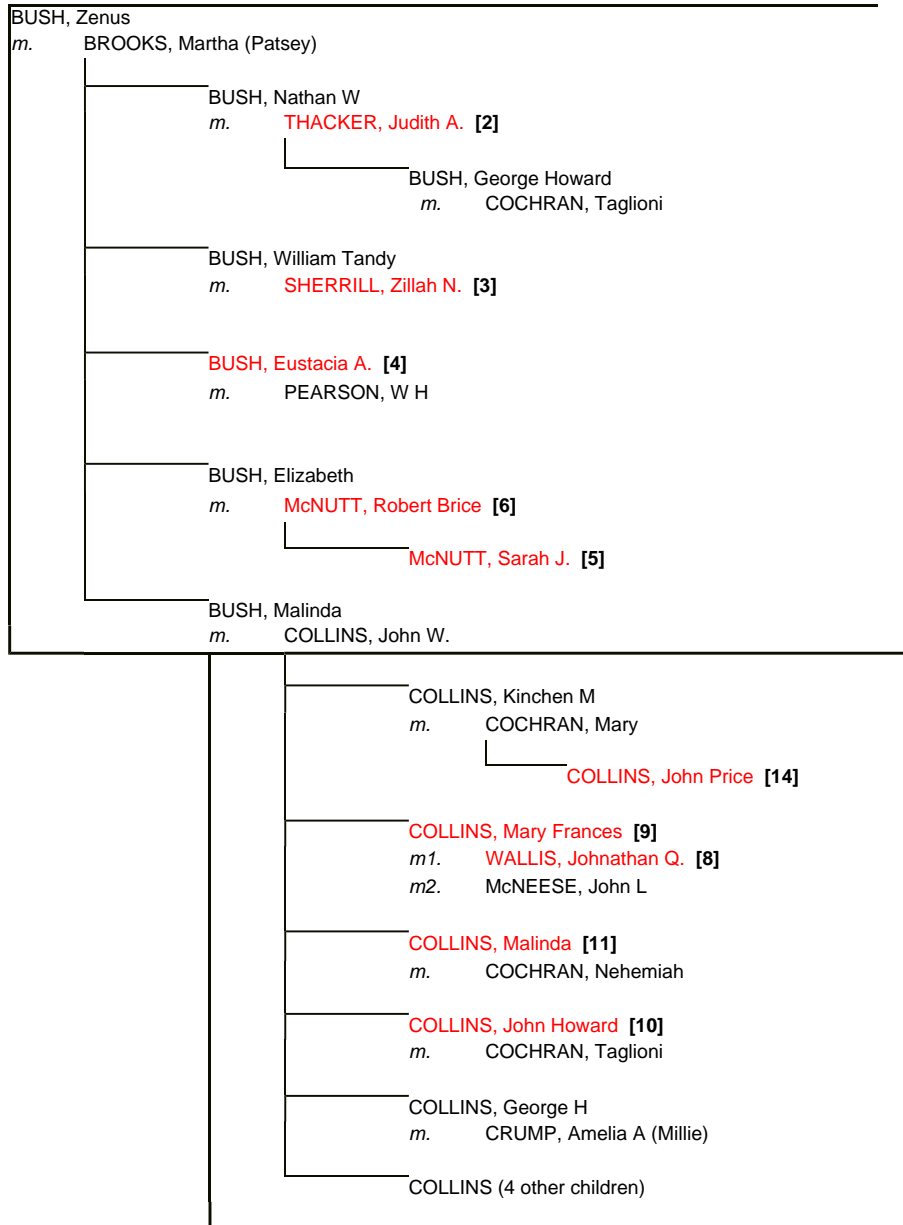
Diagram of Family Relationships

for the families of BUSH, COLLINS, COCHRAN, MONTGOMERY, CRUMP

Individuals shown in **RED** are interred at this cemetery

[xx]=Site #

Individuals shown in **GREEN** are memorialized at this cemetery



Note: There is a marker for Eddie and Frankie Bell, children of W.W. and A.M. Bell, whose relationship (if any) to others interred in the cemetery is unknown.

Directions to Montgomery-Bush Cemetery

Property owners: Troy & Merlene Byler

From whatever direction to drive, once you get to the gate leading onto the property, you should be able to see the white fence around the cemetery from the gate.

Be sure to follow the Law of the West – Any closed gate that you go thru must be closed behind you and secured .

Drive or walk a short way across the pasture to reach the cemetery.

From Brenham:

Take Hwy. 36 south.

Take exit to Kenny, then follow sign(s) to Lynn Road, going East under Hwy. 36.

Follow Lynn Road to Neumann Road.

Take Lynn Road until the blacktop ends (approx. 3 miles)

Turn Left on Neumann Road.

Go about ½ mile to gate on right.

From Bellville:

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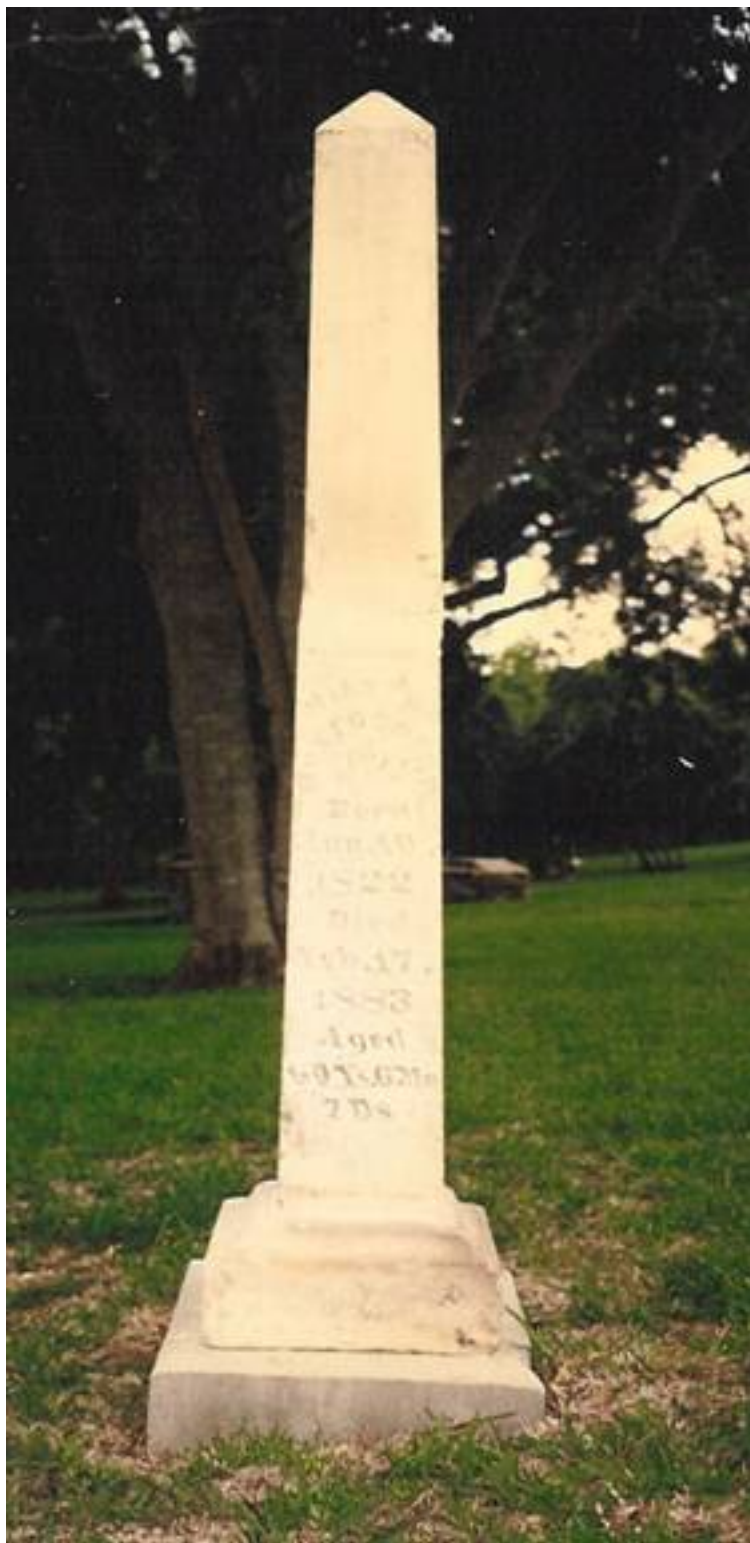


ISAAC
MONTGOMERIE
BORN
OCT 26
1776
DIED
July 15
1861
Aged
84 Y's 9
M's 20 D



MARTHA
MONTGOMERY
BORN
OCT 10
1867
Aged
27 Yrs 1 Mo















JUDITH

N. W.

Born in

Rehoboth

Departed

MILAN

U.S.A.

Virginia

1813

This life


1861

ZITTA H. ST.
WIFE OF
W. T. BUSH.

Born Aug. 13, 1826

Died Aug. 21, 1857

Age 31 years



EUSTATIA A.

Wife of

W. H. BEARSON

Born Oct. 1, 1826.

Departed this life

Aug. 29, 1850.



SARAH J. McNEILL

Born

Apr 1, 1850

Died

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MARY FRANCES

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John M. Faust,

DIED

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AGED

26 Yrs 11 mo & 28 ds



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MALINDA.
Wife of
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DIED
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N. & F. COCHRAN,

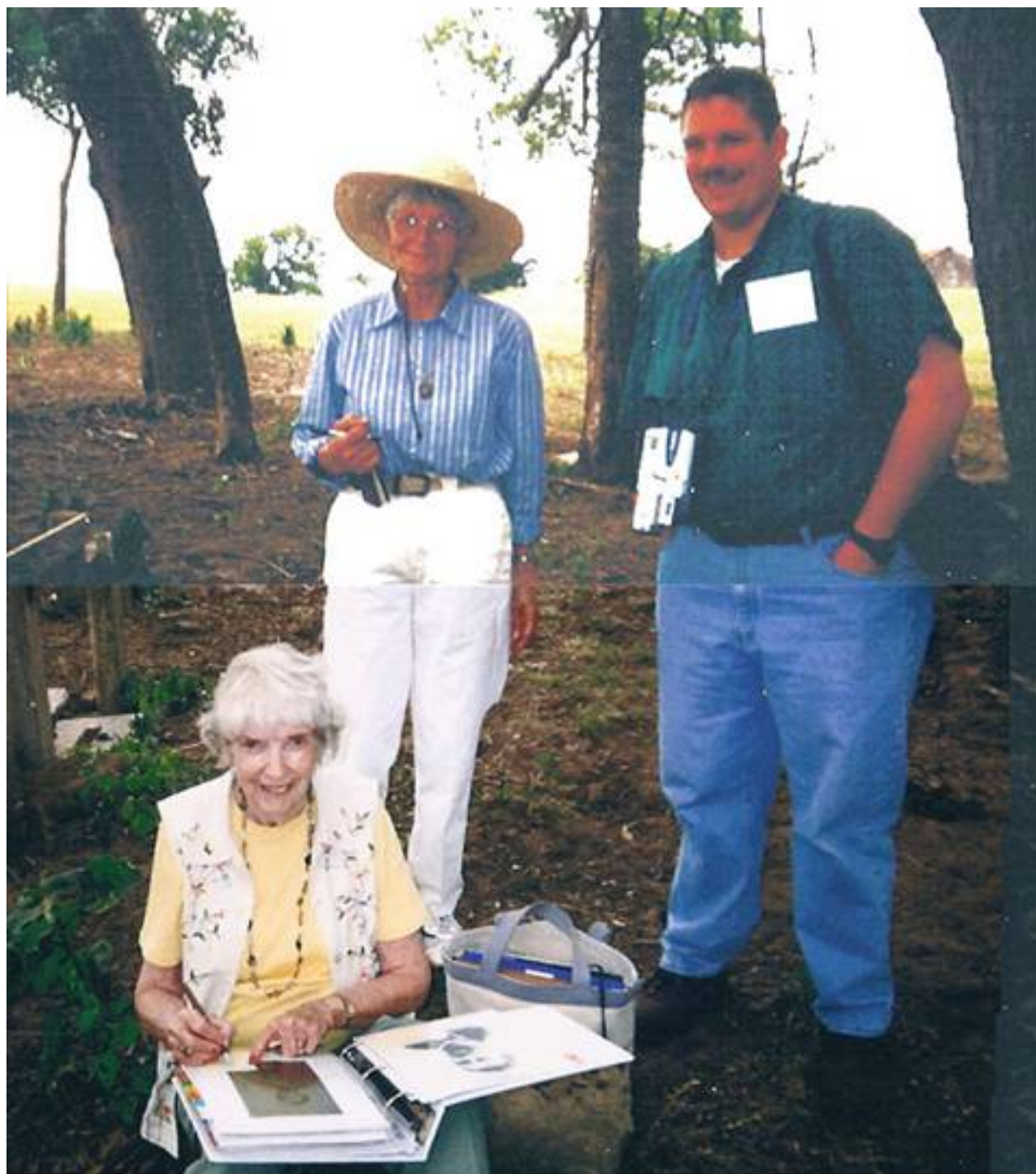
BORN

MAY 27, 1880

DIED NOV. 20, 1881

Sleep on sweet Daughter
And take thy rest
God called thee home,
He thought it best.





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