

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CEMETERY

BY MIKE MCLAIN

We have prepared a plat of the cemetery to confirm the names of those buried there and the locations of their graves. This plat is based upon information provided by Evans Moody in a plat dated Aug 22, 1938, which was subsequently updated as additional graves were added. Two additional published sources were used to verify this information as follows:

1. **Grimes County Cemeteries—Book Two** compiled by John R. Maxwell for the Grimes County Historical Commission (www.co.grimes.tx.us) –Second Edition 2001 with input provided by Alene M. Arrington, Lorraine M. McLain, Jessica M. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stolz.
2. **Cemeteries of Texas—Grimes County** by Gloria B. Maxwell and submitted by Bill Murphy (www.cemeteries-of-tx.com). The most recent burial entry in this listing is dated 2004.

In addition to utilizing the above sources, members of the Cemetery Board performed an onsite walk-through to verify and to add names and locations of persons buried since 2004. This plat will be very beneficial in locating loved ones buried in the cemetery and to help in confirming requests for burial locations. When the plat is finalized, it will be used to create an updated alphabetical listing of those buried in the cemetery. The information will be added to the website upon completion.



**Dues Must Be
Received by
August 31st**

Please join us in preserving your family's graves by contributing to the Fuqua Family Cemetery / Erwin Cemetery Association

- COMPLETE the information on the BACK of this page
- CUT out and MAIL to
Mr. Pat McClure, Treasurer
3886 FM 149 W.
Anderson, TX 77830
- Payments may be made with check. Credit/debit card transactions may be made via website.
- Questions? Contact the Secretary or Treasurer.
- Dues are tax deductible.

\$50/FAMILY UNIT

- Family Unit includes husband, wife, and children under age 21. Children over the age of 21 will be considered a new family.
- New Lifetime Memberships are available with a \$2,000 donation and includes documentation filed at the courthouse along with a printed certificate.



GETTING OUR HANDS DIRTY

BY BRADLEY FUQUA

During 2019, the mowing was more consistent, but there were other obstacles that prevented our cemetery from looking its best. Overgrown shrubs and dead trees have been removed. During a clean-up day in May, we pulled weeds, cleaned memorial stones, baited ant mounds, removed dead branches, and sprayed poison oak. Your membership dues have covered these repairs.

Your donations help ensure that the cemetery is kept in top notch condition year round which preserves our family cemetery and honors our ancestors.

Some members have funded the leveling of their family's memorial stones. If you are interested in having your family memorial repaired, feel free to contact the cemetery at **fuquafamilycemetery@gmail.com**.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

BY BILLY BINFORD

Ephraim Fuqua came to Texas in the early 1830s. The area he settled became known as Fuqua Prairie. In 1841, he received a land grant from the Republic of Texas, a part of which he donated for a cemetery. During the late 1890s, a post office was established on the original Fuqua land grant. Erwin Post Office was named in memory of a Fuqua child. Therefore, the cemetery and the community went by the same name. The Texas Historical Commission has designated the name of the cemetery as Fuqua Family Cemetery, although the association will continue under the name Fuqua Family Cemetery aka Erwin Cemetery Association.

Complete and Return with Dues Payment

NAME:

PHONE:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

EMAIL:

SPOUSE:

CHILDREN (AGE):

RELATIVES BURIED IN CEMETERY:

2019 DUES PAYMENT RECEIPT

WHO CAN BE "A FRIEND OF THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION"?

Although voting membership is limited to descendants of Ephraim Fuqua, anyone interested in helping preserve a historic Texas landmark is encouraged to join.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

- Annual dues: **\$50/FAMILY** to be paid by **AUG 31** (see more details on front)
- Lifetime membership dues: **\$2,000 WITH COUNTY-RECORDED DOCUMENTATION**
- Dues are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** due to the cemetery being a 501c3 non-profit organization
- The annual membership mtg. is held the **FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY**
- **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?** Contact the association by email, facebook, or through our website.

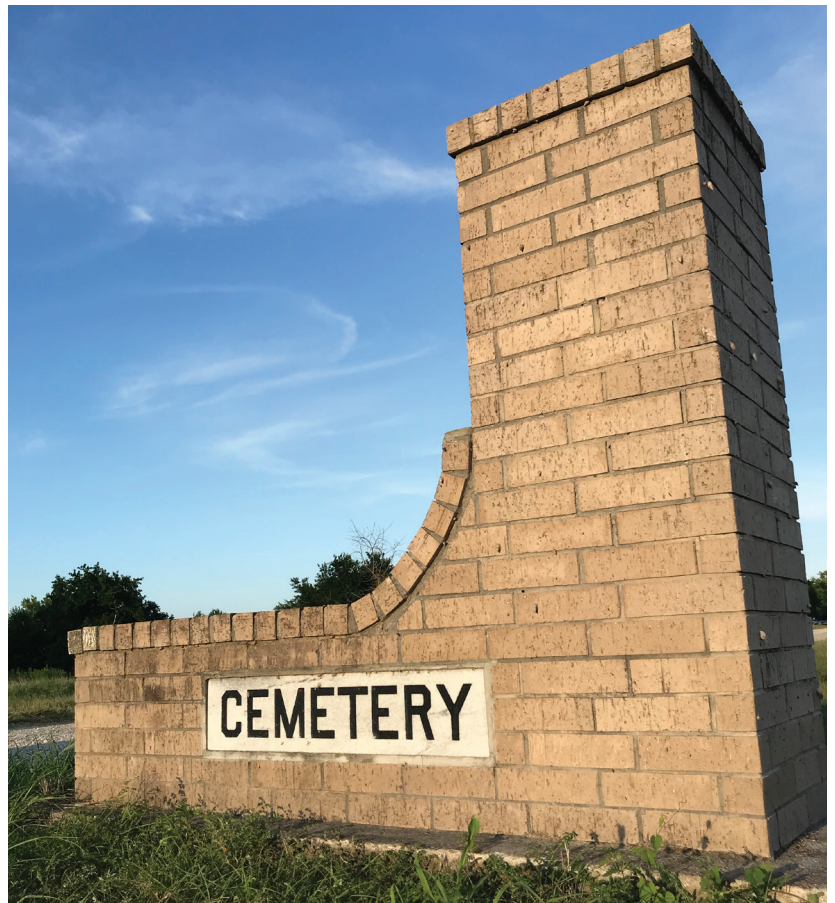
WHAT DOES BECOMING A MEMBER MEAN?

BY MELANIE ROGERS

Your dues go toward the upkeep, maintenance, and restoration of our historic family cemetery including mowing, tree/shrub maintenance, and road upkeep. It is critical that we strengthen the support of the next generation ancestors if the organization is to maintain adequate funding. We encourage members to get their adult children involved by paying membership fees for them as well. If you do, we will let those children know you have done so, and begin communicating with them about the cemetery association activities. More importantly, please take your children to visit the cemetery and point out the graves of their ancestors. Emphasize that someday it will be up to them to help maintain the cemetery.



FuquaErwinCemetery.org



WE'RE GOING ONLINE!

BY JOHN STOUT

Be on the lookout for our new website. We intend to use this website to improve communications with our members by posting all the latest activities of the cemetery meetings, notices, and minutes.

We encourage you to fill out and submit the membership information page to make sure we have your latest contact information. You will have the option to pay your dues or make donations online.

Eventually we will add more information to the website so you will be able to view additional pages about the cemetery's history and information on the ancestry history/family tree of our members.

**Visit Website and submit your
Contact Information on
the Family Information Page**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please let us know of any relatives you may know who are not considered "dues-paying members" as well as their contact information so that we can get in touch with them! Please send information to Charlotte Moody, Secretary.

WHAT DID I MISS?

During our last meeting, held on May 5, 2019, the membership voted to increase the annual dues to \$50 due to the increased cost of maintaining the cemetery.

A Lifetime Membership was approved for those wishing to pay a one-time membership fee. The \$2,000 donation will be placed in perpetual funding for cemetery upkeep and maintenance. Documentation will be recorded at the County Courthouse and a certificate will be sent to the family.

For more information, contact Charlotte Moody at charlotte@moodyranch.com.



Join us for the next
Cemetery Meeting
to be held the first Sunday
of May 2020.

Time and location will be
announced at a later date.

2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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QUESTIONS?

Email fuquafamilycemetery@gmail.com

Facebook
"Erwin Cemetery Association"

Website
FuquaErwinCemetery.org

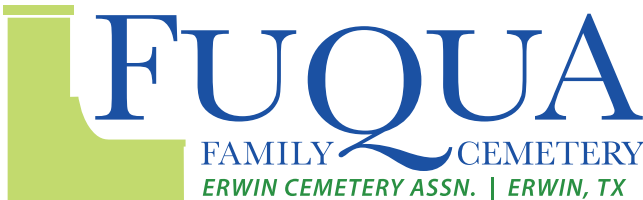
DUES & MEMBERSHIP

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Preserving Our Family's History

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Making a change for the next
chapter of our book