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Sunrise Memorial

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Program

Introduction

Casey Paul Griffiths, JWHA President

Reading of the names of the interred

Katherine Peake

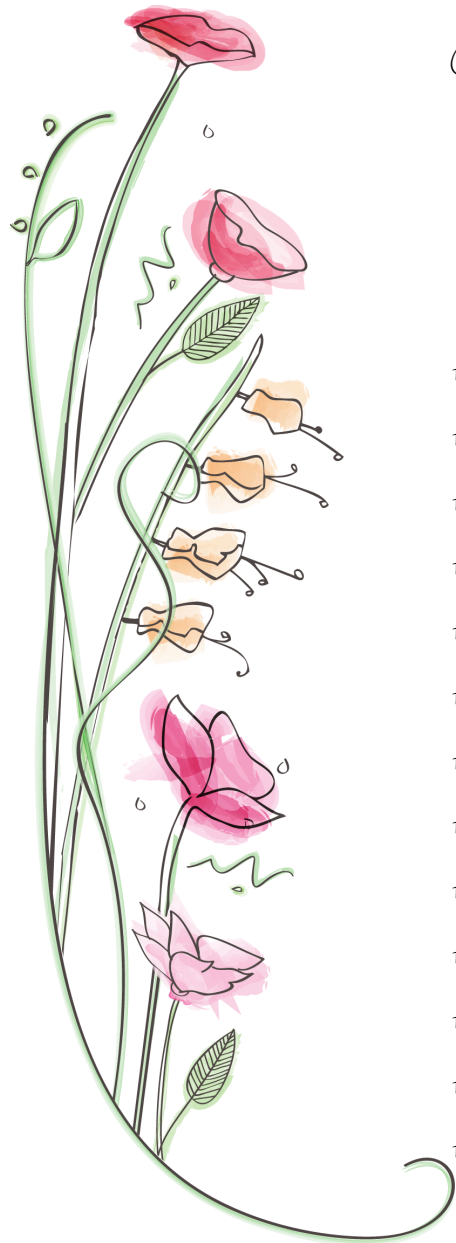
“The Spiritual Heirs of Zodiac, Texas
are Gathered in Memory”

Barbara Walden

Moment of Silence

A special thank you to Elmer Schmitzinsky

property owner and friend.



*Partial List of Deaths at
Zodiac, Texas,*

1847 to 1850

- 1847 Lyman Spencer Smith
- 1848 William Bell
- 1848 Sophia Wallace Leyland Miller
- 1848 Permelia Young
- 1849 Sally Goodale Johnson
- 1850 Clarissa Cornelia Smith
- 1850 Sarah Wight
- 1850 Mina Wight
- 1850 Rosina Minerva Wight Miller
- 1850 Amalona (Amahona) Chipman
- 1850 William Leyland, Jr.
- 1850 William P. Eldridge
- 1850 Otis Hobart

Lymam Wight was buried here March 3, 1858.

In 1881, Heman C. Smith, born in Zodiac, 1850, visited Zodiac Cemetery with family and friends. He noted only wooden rails and broken tombstones remained of the final resting place of those several dozen people from the extinct frontier community. Those there gathered to remember the passed souls and the once material community, Smith noted, that those gathered as well as those who in the future did so were the spiritual heirs of the indomitable frontier spirit and will of the pioneer. Zodiac cemetery reminds us that even when mortal flesh has perished and all that is left is splinters and crushed masonry, the stubborn will and spirit of humanity always continue.