

FRANKFORD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION NEWS

May 2012

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FRANKFORD STORIES

The Frankford site is particularly beautiful during this time of the year. The leafing out of the trees and the advent of wildflowers signal that spring is here. In late March a mass of blue wild hyacinths exploded into bloom in the meadow north of the cemetery. The wildflowers remind us that Decoration Day will soon be here.

Traditionally, on Decoration Day the Frankford Cemetery Association Board hosts a program in Frankford Church, before the annual business meeting of the association. At the program we sing the old hymns accompanied by the pump organ and usually listen to a guest speak about some topic pertaining to Frankford. This year we are doing something a little different.

Several association members, whose memories of Frankford reach back to the twenties and thirties, will share personal and family memories of events and life in the tiny community surrounding Frankford Cemetery and Church. Time permitting, we hope to invite others to share their stories related to Frankford as well. Though this Decoration Day service will be a change from tradition, I believe this will be a special time of remembering and sharing.

In the words of the old hymn sung so often at Frankford, "As I travel on life's pathway, know not what the years may hold. As I ponder, hope grows fonder, precious memories flood my soul." I look forward to seeing you in the little church, May 20th at 2:00.

Kathy Wells Power
President

Decoration Day Program
Sunday, May 20
2:00



Gayfeather – September 2011



Wild hyacinths – April 2012

Photos courtesy of David Rogers

FRANKFORD PROJECTS

Following are some of the projects the FCA Board completed during the past year:

- Re-rocked the road north of the cemetery, creating a turnaround at the eastern end of the road to help people enter and exit the cemetery.
- Added a "wing" to the east end of the drive through the middle of the cemetery to help people exit.
- Leveled "sunken" or crooked cemetery monuments.
- Applied for and received the Texas Historical Commission's designation as a Texas Historic Cemetery, the highest honor for historic Texas cemeteries.
- Planted forty-nine native trees along the northern and eastern boundaries of the Frankford site.

DONATIONS FOR PROJECTS

The FCA Board welcomes donations for the following projects:

- This past year we leveled sunken and leaning cemetery monuments. We strive to keep the monuments in good repair, and due to shifting soil the monuments need to be leveled periodically. This project was expensive so we hope some lot owners will help offset the cost. Completing this project benefits the look of the entire cemetery and prevents monuments from completely falling down in the future.
- In the next year we hope to plant native trees in some of the "bare spots" of the cemetery. If you would like to contribute toward the general cost of this project or specifically pay for a tree to be added near your burial space, the board will be grateful for your contribution. All trees added to the cemetery will be natives appropriate for our soil and climate. Landscape architect Rosa Finsley will be the consultant for all trees added to the cemetery.

We greatly appreciate all donations. Please make checks payable to Frankford Cemetery Association and mail to:

Frankford Cemetery Association
5600 W. Lovers Lane, Suite 116
Box 132
Dallas, Texas 75209

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

As we prepare for another Decoration Day to remember our loved ones and decorate their graves with flowers, I want to share with you the rewarding feeling I have each time I look at the burial records of our cemetery. I have learned how connected the families are. It's almost as though we have kinship in some way with each person buried there. There are family friendships here that began in the 1800s and still exist today, carried on by descendants of the early families. It is an honor to be one of those descendants.

Our website has been very well received, not only by association members who have commented on it, but by the general public as well. We will continue to keep it updated with current events as well as accurate burial records and historical information. If you haven't visited the website yet, give it a try at www.frankfordcemetery.org.

As you are aware, I take minutes of every board meeting, as well as the annual meeting in May. As an association member, you are welcome to access these minutes as a need arises. Feel free to get in touch with me at 972-272-9209 or email psudden@verizon.net.

Patsy Sudden
Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee would like to introduce the following three nominees for board members:

Virginia Cotten – term ending 2013
Norman Dolch – term ending 2015
Patsy Sudden – term ending 2015

Have you registered as a Member of the Association? If not, you will find as part of this newsletter a copy of a letter sent to our entire mailing list on June 6, 2011. If you have not returned the Membership Registration form and wish to be a voting member, please complete and return this form as soon as possible so your name can be added to the official voting membership register. Send form to:

Patsy Sudden
4342 Leatherwood Lane,
Garland, TX 75042

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 20, you may wish to have someone else vote for you. If so, please complete the Proxy Form included at the end of this newsletter and have your proxy present it at the annual meeting.

VIRGINIA COTTEN



Virginia has more than 34 years of experience in the field of education and is currently an education consultant. She began her career in McKinney ISD as a reading teacher before moving to Richardson ISD and serving 26 years as a teacher and central office

administrator. In 1995, she was named RISD's Director of Instructional Initiatives and then moved to Director of Teacher Leadership in 1997. She later served as the district's Executive Director of Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction. In 2005 she returned to McKinney ISD to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Virginia retired from that position in June 2010 to pursue different opportunities.

Virginia received her doctorate in education in 2003 from the University of North Texas. She presently serves on the state board for the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. In addition, she is a past board member of Frankford Cemetery where her parents, maternal grandparents, and other family members were a part of the cemetery's celebrations each year.

Virginia enjoys spending time with her family, as well as reading and walking. She is a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano and lives in Fairview, Texas.

NORMAN DOLCH



Norm recently retired from the Institute for Human Services and Public Policy at Louisiana State University. Norm was appointed Senior Lecturer in the spring semester of 2010 at the University of North Texas.

He earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in Sociology from the University of Missouri and earned a B.A. in sociology from Bethany College in West Virginia. He has conducted and published applied and theoretical research on nonprofit organizations. Norm has served as the executive director of a youth serving organization and volunteered on the national staff of a youth serving nonprofit.

His connection with the Frankford Cemetery Association began about a year ago when Norm started doing voluntary consulting on matters of general nonprofit management operations and

governance. While doing so, he realized that the cemetery, prairie, church, and wagon yard ground were very special. As he says, "I had a deep sense of contentment when visiting Frankford and good feelings that led my wife and me to purchase cemetery lots. We like the people we've met and want to do whatever we can to further the association and maintain the property so future generations can appreciate and experience all that Frankford has to offer, including its rich heritage."

PATSY SUDDEN



Patsy was elected to the Board of Directors in 2008 and has served as Secretary since that time. Among the Secretary's duties is maintaining the burial records for Frankford Cemetery. During Patsy's tenure the records have been

computerized, making it simple to locate the grave site of a loved one.

Patsy has spent much time searching for descendants of those buried at Frankford and has had a good bit of success. She feels it is very important to maintain the accuracy of these records for future generations and genealogists seeking information.

Patsy also helped to get the FCA website up and running, which will prove beneficial to anyone searching for information regarding Frankford. "I have thoroughly enjoyed contributing to the association in this way; it has been a labor of love," she says. "For that reason, I am placing my name on the ballot for a second term as a board member. Thank you for the privilege of serving you during the past four years."

FRANKFORD COMMUNITY NEWS

Deaths since November 2011

Sharon E. Evans
9/21/1944 – 3/6/2012

Charles J. Hansen, Jr.
11/28/1934 – 2/29/2012

David W. Noell
10/16/1941 – 3/9/2012

We extend our sincere condolences to the Evans, Hansen, and Noell families.

CEMETERY COURTESY AND PROTOCOL

On Decoration Day weekend many Frankford families will visit the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of loved ones. With just one main access into the cemetery (the concrete drive in the middle) it is easy for vehicles to get wedged in between other vehicles and unable to exit the cemetery. To avoid this frustrating situation the board asks everyone decorating graves or visiting the cemetery during Decoration Day weekend to follow this protocol:

Please park outside the cemetery if at all possible. If you must park on the drive in the middle of the cemetery, please no more than two vehicles on the drive at a time. Be alert to the need to back out your vehicle if the person in front of you is ready to leave.

Please, no vehicles on cemetery grounds (other than the concrete drive). Funeral home vehicles are the only vehicles allowed on the cemetery grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

PROXY

I, the undersigned member of Frankford Cemetery Association, do hereby appoint

_____ as my Attorney-In-Fact to represent and to vote
(Print Proxy Name)

on any and all business to come before the Business Meeting of Frankford Cemetery Association on May 20, 2012, or any adjournments thereto.

Member's Signature

Date

Address

Telephone Number

Frankford Cemetery Association, Inc.

5600 Lovers Lane Suite 116 Box 132 ♦ Dallas, Texas 75209 ♦ (214) 350-7822

June 6, 2011

Dear FCA Community:

At the Frankford Cemetery Association annual business meeting on May 15, 2011, the members present approved new by-laws presented by the Board of Directors.

One of the changes is our ability to enlarge our *voting* membership. The previous by-laws allowed voting rights to lot owners only. The new by-laws allow voting rights to all registered members who meet certain requirements. Each member has one vote. One member = one vote. This also gives us a larger pool of interested members who may wish to serve as board members.

Current lot owners are automatically voting members and do not need to complete the form below. If you want to become a voting member of the association, we ask that you complete the form below and return it to the above address. Lot owners do not have to complete this form. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kathy Power at 214-350-7822.

Sincerely,

Patsy Sudden
Secretary

Frankford Cemetery Association, Inc. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership eligibility (see examples below): _____

Name of Lot Owner or Deceased: _____

Comments: _____

- Descendant of Lot Owner
- Descendant or Spouse of Descendant of the Buried
- Sibling of the Buried
- Married to Deceased at Time of Death
- Owner of burial space(s) in cemetery