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Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2024



Decoration Day is Sunday, May 19, 2024

RSVP today for dinner on the grounds (served at 1pm) by emailing info@frankfordcemetery.org or calling Wayne Lewis at 903-372-3807. In order to ensure everyone has a plate of chicken and "the fixins" from Babe's, our hard deadline is Monday May 13. Sign up now! Following the meal, we will gather at 2pm in the historic Frankford Church for our program and annual meeting. Please don't eat and run, but do stay to sing the old hymns and share memories.

1pm Dinner on the Grounds
2pm Annual Meeting

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 19, 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.

PROXY

I, the undersigned member of Frankford Cemetery Association, do hereby appoint _____ as my Attorney-In-Fact to represent and to vote on any and all business to come before the business meeting of Frankford Cemetery Association on May 19, 2024, or any adjournments thereto.

Member's Signature

Date

Address

Telephone Number

Mission Statement

Frankford Cemetery Association's mission is to preserve and maintain the historic Frankford Cemetery and "Wagon Yard" which are part of the Frankford site in far north Dallas. The Association is aware of the unique historic significance of Frankford Cemetery and the Wagon Yard, and wants to maintain them in a way that preserves their historic integrity. Frankford today is what remains of a tiny pioneer community which was an important crossroad on the Shawnee Trail.

The Art of Storytelling



For the program portion of our meeting, we are delighted to have Elizabeth Ellis with us. The Dallas Morning News has called Elizabeth "Dallas' premier storyteller." She is that, and much more. Elizabeth Ellis grew up in the Appalachian Mountains in a family of storytellers. Her grandfather, a circuit riding preacher, told stories he had collected in his travels through the mountains. He also shared tales he created to delight his grandchildren. Her aunt was a keeper of the old fairytales that she had learned from her Irish immigrant grandmother. Many of the Frankford ancestors laid to rest in our cemetery would have had similar stories and experiences. The first recipient of the John Henry Faulk Award from the Tejas Storytelling Association, Elizabeth has served three terms as its President. She has mentored and coached storytellers in Texas and around the nation for forty years, and we welcome her to Frankford.

In Memoriam

Robert Wayne "Rob" Gluskin

November 22, 1946 – November 29, 2023

Curtis Graham

August 16, 1930 - March 14, 2024

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these Frankford Community members now laid to rest in the cemetery.

Gone but not forgotten are these for whom this year marks an anniversary of their passing

150 years ago
1874 - 1874 Infant daughter Cook
1854 - 1874 Emma Jeffries Alexander

125 years ago
1878 - 1899 Marion A. McCloskey
1884 - 1899 Robert Wheeler Dickerson

100 years ago
1844 - 1924 Cyrena Lowe Womack
1863 - 1924 William E. (Willie) Womack
1858 - 1924 James Prior McClary
1920 - 1924 Norbert Eugene Lewis
1840 - 1924 William Walker Julian
1844 - 1924 Jonas McBride Huffman, Sr

75 years ago
1869 - 1949 James H. Webb
1867 - 1949 Nora E. Breedlove Kelley
1872 - 1949 John Liter Huffman
1888 - 1949 Major Pat Gallop
1948 - 1949 Ginger Dale Eaton
1869 - 1949 John William Cook
1881 - 1949 Opha Jane Needham Cook
1859 - 1949 Mary Dunn Choate

50 years ago
1912 - 1974 Floyd Lafayette White
1940 - 1974 Carl Landis Shaw
1895 - 1974 Gladys Skinner Huffman
1959 - 1974 Edward Ray Chapman
1921 - 1974 James Earl Cavin

25 years ago
1911 - 1999 Lillie Verona Gravley White
1927 - 1999 Elgin Annette Baker Watson
1941 - 1999 Alan Stuart Varney
1919 - 1999 Effie Olivia Gallop Sams Scarborough
1926 - 1999 Melvin W. Rapp
1963 - 1999 Kathryn Overheu
1915 - 1999 Daisy Dean Lester Nance
1999 - 1999 Babies McLemore
1933 - 1999 Quita Dolores Julian Luna
1929 - 1999 Clelia Kerkman
1942 - 1999 Maureen E. Howell
1957 - 1999 Thierry Herve Essary
1921 - 1999 Aaron Jerre Boggs



Before and after pictures of marker restoration on grave of Margaret McKamy

Planning ahead for your Lot

If you are a person who holds the right of sepulture (burial) to a lot or spaces at Frankford, please plan for the future by deciding who will follow you in that capacity. Send the Credentials Committee written notification of your choice so that it might be entered into the records for ease of transition. If you need assistance with getting your rights ownership verification in order, the Committee can be contacted through info@frankfordcemetery.org or mail delivery to Frankford Cemetery Association PO Box 115 Van Alstyne, Texas 75495.

Cemetery Courtesy and Protocol

On Decoration Day weekend, many Frankford families will visit the cemetery to place flower arrangements, fresh cut flowers, and/or potted plants 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 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 the cemetery grounds (other than the concrete drive). Funeral home vehicles are the only vehicles allowed on the cemetery grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

Board of Directors Election

This year’s Nominating Committee consists of FCA member Nancy Warder and FCA Board Secretary Sandy Greyson. For Board of Director terms ending in 2027, they recommend re-election of current Board members Dr. Benjamin Kitchens and Kathleen McKamy Johnson.

Benjamin Kitchens



Ben Kitchens is a native of Dallas, Texas, and great - grandson of Henry W. Coit on his mother's side. Ben grew up in the Lakewood area and attended college at NYU before returning to Texas to attend medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He completed his medical training at UT Southwestern and Baylor University Medical Center and currently practices oncology with Texas Oncology. Apart from maintaining a very active interest in Dallas and its history, he is an active musician as well, playing in several bands throughout the Dallas area. Ben and his wife Ashley were married last December in the Frankford Church.

Kathleen McKamy Johnson

Kathleen McKamy Johnson is a 5th Generation Dallasite, her family coming as a part of the Peter's Colony in the 1840’s. Her Grandmother, Pharis Whittenburg McKamy was the great - niece of Henry Clay, former statesman from Kentucky. Generations of Kathleen’s family are buried in Frankford Cemetery and have cared for this property. Kathleen has been a Texas real estate broker since 1980 and is a Master National Flower Show Judge, Texas Daffodil Judge, Credentialed Sogetsu Ikebana Teacher, and Dallas County Master Gardener. She has also served for 6 years as a C.A.S.A volunteer (court appointed advocate for Children) in Dallas County. Kathleen is married to William E. Johnson III and is the proud mother of three sons and five Grandchildren.



Board of Directors

- Term 2026 - Wayne Lewis
- Term 2026 - Sandy Greyson
- Term 2026 - Mark Jaudes
- Term 2025 - Sarah Wells Macias
- Term 2025 - Meredith Ellis
- Term 2024 - Ben Kitchens
- Term 2024 - Kathleen McKamy Johnson

Committees

Frankford Cemetery Associations is a volunteer organization. The Credentials Committee and the Grounds Committee are accepting new members this year if you would like to assist with either historical research and upkeep of records or coordination of landscaping and beautification of the cemetery grounds. Let us know.

Finance Committee

- Meredith Ellis, chair
- Jeff Sheriff
- Graham Noell
- Chris Underwood
- John D. Wells III
- Ben Kitchens

Credentials Committee

- Sandy Greyson, chair
- Nancy Warder

Grounds Committee

- Mark Jaudes, chair
- David Powell
- Bob Buford
- Kathleen McKamy Johnson