

## August Blum of Weisboden, Germany and Corsicana, Texas

By Susan Lelia Bracken Finn, Irvine, California

August Blum came to Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas, from Weisboden in the Empire of Germany. By trade August Blum was a confectioner, operating a business on land he purchased in Corsicana at the corner of North 11th and Jefferson Streets. August and his family – his first wife whose name is unknown and a daughter named Matilda Blum born on August 8, 1882 – settled in Corsicana to be near other family members. Records indicate that a Charles and Louis Blum were doing business in Corsicana.

It is unknown as to the date of August's first wife's death, but by July 1883, he had entertained a second marriage to a lady named Mary Ann Maynard, who died not long after their marriage. In October 1883 August Blum married a third time to Carrie Rich O'Daniel. To this union a daughter was born, named Ida Blum.

By the summer of 1891, August Blum became ill. The Court of Navarro County had August Blum admitted as a patient to the State Lunatic Asylum in Austin, Texas. AT the time of his admittance, August was only 35 years of age. The Court appointed an attorney, J.L. Autry, as his guardian. After his admission to the state facility, his wife arranged for a divorce and married David King. On August 7, 1914, August Blum died while a patient at the asylum. No record of his burial place has been located to date. I have checked with the present day Austin State Hospital, formerly know as the State Lunatic Asylum for the mentally ill, the cemetery records for Navarro County and funeral homes in Corsicana that were established by 1914.

Carrie Rich O'Daniel Blum King and her husband David King raised Matilda Blum and her half-sister Ida Blum. The King's worked hard to raise their extended family.

Matilda Blum Bracken was my grandmother. She passed away never knowing the name of her birth mother. Matilda married James V. Bracken in 1901. They moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where they had two children: Adeline Alice Virginia Bracken and William Wesley Bracken. As I was growing up, I treasured Matilda's stories of Texas relating various incidents about wood-burning stoves, spending summer afternoons in the root cellar, chasing chickens around the farm yard, baking bread in a wood-burning stove, working in the garden, fixing meals for the farm workers, how to tell when an iron was ready to use. These memories I will retain forever and pass on to my family.

Where is August Blum buried? Is he buried in Navarro County, Texas, in an unmarked grave or on the grounds of the Austin State Hospital with no marker? It is the hope of this writer that someone will read my sketch and send information to let me know what became of August Blum and if August had any family left behind in Germany. What was the name of his first wife, the mother of Matilda Blum?

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## Charles F. Austin Cemetery

Transcribed by Billie Blackstock, Austin, Texas, 2002

The Charles F. Austin Cemetery is located south of the intersection of Burleson Road and U.S. 183. After crossing Onion Creek and Cottonmouth Creek, it is the first left at the intersection of Hillmore Drive, Colton Road and U.S. 183. Caretakers are Milton and Bonnie Blackstock, Edgar Daugherty and other volunteers.

Billie Blackstock, who transcribed the cemetery April 24 and 25, 2002, reports that the cemetery's appearance has been good since 2000 and that the property includes large pecan and hackberry trees. The cemetery is divided into three sections: north, center and south. A chain link fence encloses the center section, and barbed wire encloses the north and south section.

This transcription also includes burial information from death certificates, the Russell collection done in the 1960s, records of the Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home and family members. There may not be markers for some of the burials listed.

Many burials are of the McAngus, McKenzie, Ross and McLean families, who sailed from Scotland on the boat Havelock and landed in Galveston in February 1867. The immigrants then made their way to Central Texas and settled in the southeast part of Travis County.

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### Charles F. Austin Cemetery, Travis County, Texas

Surname	Birth	Death	Section
ARMSTRONG, Harold	none	none	North
ASH, John	Dec. 18, 1843	Sep. 29, 1903	North
AUSTIN, Alma Day	May, 19, 1886	Jun. 21, 1961	North
AUSTIN, Walker	Apr. 4, 1804	Sep. 2, 1865	North
AUSTIN, Euphemia	Mar. 28, 1811	May. 19, 1902	North
AUSTIN, Charles F.	Dec. 8, 1851	Dec. 18, 1930	North
AUSTIN, Anna Pope	Jan. 26, 1855	Jun. 30, 1935	North
AUSTIN, Frank Leon	Oct. 15, 1890	Nov. 15, 1967	North
AUSTIN, Della P.	Dec. 28, 1895	May. 16, 1924	North
AUSTIN, A. M.	none	none	North
AUSTIN, J. M.	none	none	North
AUSTIN, J. W.	none	none	North
AUSTIN, T. F.	none	none	North
AUSTIN, W. A.	none	none	North
AUSTIN, W. H.	none	none	North
BACCUS, George L.	Nov. 10, 1871	Feb. 10, 1939	South
BACCUS, Nora	Jun. 2, 1927	Aug. 26, 1934	South
BACCUS, Walter	Feb. 17, 1911	Jun. 18, 1938	South
BAKER, Elvira	1840	1920	North
BAKER, Leonidas	1877	1901	North
BAKER, William R.	1824	1882	North

## Charles F. Austin Cemetery (cont.)

BERRY, Will Z.	Sep. 1, 1876	Nov. 22, 1922	Center
BERRY, Annie R.	May. 18, 1884	May. 28, 1962	Center
BERRY, Milas L.	Feb. 11, 1915	Oct. 25, 1917	Center
BERRY, Wooten	Nov. 6, 1913	Nov. 2, 1917	Center
BOATMAN, Christopher C.	Mar. 18, 1835	Apr. 26, 1915	South
BOATMAN, Mary E.	Oct. 18, 1843	Jul. 5, 1921	South
BOATMAN, Grover	Nov. 23, 1884	Mar. 2, 1948	South
BOATMAN, Mable S.	Nov. 24, 1875	Dec. 29, 1944	South
BOOTHE, Annie	Feb. 22, 1888	Apr. 13, 1909	North
BROWN, Buddy	Jul. 14, 1913	Feb. 20, 1918	North
BROWN, W. H.	Feb. 12, 1903	Dec. 31, 1903	North
BROWNLOW, James David	Oct. 10, 1853		South
BROWNLOW, Mary Ester	Jul. 16, 1860	Nov. 21, 1934	South
BROWNLOW, Austin L.	Dec. 15, 1900	Nov. 26, 1926	South
BROWNLOW, Frank	Dec. 14, 1902	Mar. 29, 1965	South
BROWNLOW, Zora L.	Jun. 17, 1879	Oct. 17, 1932	South
BROWNLOW, infant	Oct. 18, 1918	Oct. 18, 1918	South
BROWNLOW, Lizzie Burch	Jan. 20, 1889	Mar. 22, 1911	North
BROWNLOW, Ollie	Aug. 17, 1897	Aug. 23, 1913	North
BRYANT, Hiram	Aug. 16, 1855	Dec. 26, 1928	
BRYANT, Leora W.	Feb. 28, 1861	Oct. 11, 1935	
BYRNS, infant	Mar. 12, 1894	Mar. 17, 1894	North
COLEMAN, Rufus	Mar. 24, 1845	Sep. 12, 1923	South
COLEMAN, John V.	1875	Jan. 11, 1953	South
DAUGHERTY, Alvin	Aug. 23, 1906	Dec. 15, 1934	South
DAUGHERTY, Henry Lee	Oct. 23, 1873	Aug. 13, 1953	South
DAUGHERTY, Rebecca R.	Nov. 2, 1872	Jul. 20, 1940	South
DAUGHERTY, Henry Lee	Nov. 21, 1921	Nov. 21, 1921	North
DAUGHERTY, Louis Nicolas	Nov. 21, 1921	Dec. 15, 1921	North
DAYTON, Robert C.	Aug. 24, 1899	Jan. 4, 1903	North
DEPEW, Rufus W.	May. 6, 1864	Jan. 4, 1899	North
DOHERTY, infant	Aug. 8, 1908	Aug. 12, 1908	North
DYER, Bettie	Sep. 12, 1844	Sep. 18, 1899	North
DYER, Bird P.	Nov. 9, 1836	Apr. 6, 1915	North
FISK, Bertha E.	Oct. 10, 1893	Jun. 29, 1894	North
FISK, Mattie E.	Jul. 28, 1892	Dec. 28, 1892	North
HAGUE, M. A. R.	Jun. 11, 1825	Jan. 6, 1869	North
HILL, Edgar	Jan. 26, 1902	Oct. 17, 1983	North
HILL, Georgia Anna	Apr. 1, 1862	Apr. 22, 1944	North
HILL, Luther L.	Jun. 2, 1891	Mar. 26, 1966	North
HILL, Odie	Aug. 15, 1894	Mar. 20, 1947	North
HILL, Oscar	Dec. 4, 1886	Sep. 27, 1961	North

## Charles F. Austin Cemetery (cont.)

HILL, infant		1929	North
HOLIDAY, Aubrey, Jr.	Apr. 16, 1924	Apr. 22, 1924	North
HOLIDAY, Elizabeth	Feb. 14, 1923	Feb. 14, 1923	North
HOLIDAY, Sammie	1904	1905	North
HOUSTON, Herminia	Jun. 11, 1898	Nov. 26, 1902	Center
HOUSTON, Luther	Nov. 7, 1902	Feb. 22, 1905	Center
HOUSTON, Mollie	Feb. 22, 1896	Mar. 18, 1904	North
HOUSTON, Western	Dec. 5, 1900	Mar. 26, 1904	North
KIDD, Mrs. M. C.	Aug. 12, 1814	Jun. 9, 1894	North
LAWSON, Mark E.	Sep. 21, 1902	Jul. 11, 1905	North
LAYTON, F. C.	Nov. 16, 1877	Feb. 6, 1896	North
MARTIN, John E.	Apr. 16, 1851	Jan. 23, 1934	South
MARTIN, Mary J.	Jan. 15, 1863	Oct. 26, 1951	South
MARTIN, Ada May	Apr. 27, 1874	Jun. 21, 1906	South
MARTIN, Clifton	Jun. 11, 1906	Jun. 11, 1906	South
MARTIN, Nettie	Dec. 2, 1879	Nov. 4, 1916	South
MARTIN, O. E.	Oct. 13, 1887	Apr. 19, 1970	Center
MARTIN, Bell Ross	Oct. 14, 1891	Oct. 27, 1918	Center
MARTIN, Martha J.	Aug. 6, 1916	Aug. 16, 1916	Center
MARTIN, Mollie Ross	Aug. 16, 1894	Mar. 14, 1917	Center
McANGUS, Andrew	Apr. 17, 1875	Apr. 5, 1940	South
McANGUS, Lena	Aug. 13, 1884	1964	South
McANGUS, William	1842	Dec. 2, 1932	South
McANGUS, Jessie	1849	Jan. 12, 1906	South
McANGUS, David L.	Jun. 4, 1932	Apr. 8, 1982	South
McANGUS, Guy E. Jones	Apr. 13, 1876	Aug. 21, 1910	South
McANGUS, Laura	Mar. 10, 1877	Jul. 10, 1948	South
McGREGOR, Permilie	Nov. 18, 1838	Feb. 20, 1910	South
McKENZIE, Arthur	1868	1947	South
McKENZIE, Donald	1824	1901	North
McKENZIE, Jamima	1834	1935	North
McKENZIE, Joan	Apr. 20, 1861,	Jan. 13, 1913	South
McKENZIE, John	1861	1925	South
McKINNEY,			North
McKINNEY, Charles C.	Mar. 28, 1816	Jan. 3, 1868	North
McKINNEY, Eleanor P.	1780	1860	North
McLEAN, Allen	Mar. 4, 1836	Nov. 12, 1892	North
McLEAN, Sarah	none	none	North
McLEAN, William A.	1875	1948	North
MUNRO, William	1848	1934	South
MUNRO, William D.	Nov. 30, 1883	Oct. 29, 1907	Center
PICHOT, Christine	Feb. 4, 1864	Mar. 31, 1947	South

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PICHOT, Louis N.	Dec. 6, 1860	Oct. 23, 1925	South
PICHOT, Joe	Jun. 12, 1885	Sep. 16, 1888	North
PICHOT, Mollie		1896	North
RICKS, Florence T.	1866	1896	North
RICKS, Johnnie	Oct. 29, 1894	Jun. 22, 1895	North
ROBINSON, A. G.	Dec. 21, 1888	Aug. 2, 1904	North
ROBINSON, Virginia	1847	1928	North
ROGERS, Eupha A.	1882	1961	North
ROGERS, James P.	1846	1929	North
ROSS, Amanda	Jun. 2, 1873	Jan.31, 1892	North
ROSS, Annie A.	1843	Aug. 13, 1911	South
ROSS, William D.	Sep. 10, 1887	May. 31, 1928	Center
ROSS, Bessie Berry	Dec. 3, 1893	Feb. 6, 1970	Center
ROSS, Dan	Oct. 14, 1857	Jul. 20, 1929	Center
ROSS, Sarah	Dec. 13, 1858	Mar. 9, 1909	Center
ROSS, Henry	1835	Jul. 1, 1911	South
ROSS, JOHN K.	1877	1922	South
ROSS, William	1820	Oct. 23, 1902	Center
ROSS, infant		Oct. 8, 1928	Center
SASSMAN, Fred Sr.	Sep. 7, 1843	Feb. 3, 1929	Center
SASSMAN, Mary R.	Jul. 12, 1856	Jul. 23, 1943	Center
SASSMAN, John F.	Apr. 30, 1873	Dec. 10, 1964	Center
SASSMAN, Ella Guy Jones	Apr. 13, 1876	Sep. 22, 1920	Center
SASSMAN, Thomas Henry	Aug. 11, 1875	Sep. 28, 1946	Center
SASSMAN, Lenora Roselee	May. 20, 1877	Jun. 4, 1944	Center
SASSMAN, John F. Jr.	Oct. 3, 1901	Oct. 2, 1992	Center
SASSMAN, Reba	Nov. 11, 1902	Jan. 10, 1970	Center
SASSMAN, Alma	Jan. 7, 1898	Jan. 5, 1981	Center
SASSMAN, Crystal	Feb. 22, 1958	Sep. 26, 1985	Center
SASSMAN, Emily T.	Jan. 11, 1882	Jan. 30, 1973	Center
SASSMAN, Emma	Jul. 4, 1883	Jun. 17, 1974	Center
SASSMAN, James	Dec. 30, 1878	Feb. 24, 1943	Center
SASSMAN, James H.	Jun. 15, 1900	Oct. 21, 1903	Center
SASSMAN, Josie Ida	Apr. 22, 1870	Dec. 8, 1915	Center
SASSMAN, Loyse	Oct. 11, 1915	Feb. 27, 1933	Center
SASSMAN, Mary E.	Jan. 23, 1899	Oct. 21, 1903	Center
SASSMAN, Mary	Dec. 26, 1886	Aug. 30, 1902	Center
SASSMAN, Paul N.	Apr. 7, 1904	Nov. 22, 1985	Center
SASSMAN, Thomas V.	Nov. 14, 1905	Sep. 29, 1964	Center
SASSMAN, infant		1900	Center
SASSMAN, infant	Aug. 13, 1905	Aug. 13, 1905	Center
SASSMAN, infant	Feb. 23, 1933	Feb. 23, 1933	Center

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SASSMAN, infant		Dec. 1955	Center
STATHAM, George		Feb. 24, 1948	North
STEWART, J. W.	Oct. 19, 1834	Jul. 23, 1902	North
STEWART, J. W.	Jan. 17, 1858	Jan. 15, 1902	North
TATE, E. M.	May. 15, 1890	Feb. 13, 1962	North
TATE, J. D.	Sep. 12, 1852	Dec. 27, 1909	North
TATE, Mollie	1861	1938	North
TATE, W. H.	1878	1936	North
TRAMMEL, Ray	Jan. 14, 1905	Feb. 9, 1910	North
VOIGHT, James E.	1933	1934	South
WHEELER, Adam	Jan. 9, 1883		South
WHEELER, Mamie	Feb. 28, 1890	May. 6, 1918	South
WHEELER, Thomas	May. 17, 1880	Feb. 2, 1903	North
WHEELER, Woodrow	1914	1918	North
WILLIAMS, W. B.	Apr. 12, 1865	Mar. 19, 1925	North
WILLIAMS, Ms. W. B.	Dec. 11, 1870	Jul. 22, 1907	North
YARNELL, Edgar	May. 15, 1881	Nov. 22, 1890	North
YARNELL, Mrs. N. A.	Dec. 20, 1858	Mar. 20, 1896	North
YARNELL, P. C.	Jan. 20, 1886	Jun. 15, 1886	North

**Obituaries of some buried at Austin Cemetery**

Submitted by Billie Blackstock, Austin, Texas

**Austin Statesman, Nov. 18, 1930:** C.F. Austin, age 78, born in Missouri, December 19, 1851. Survived by his wife, five daughters: Mrs. M.S. Hutcher, Mrs. Eupha Rogers, Mrs. M.K. Dale, Mrs. H.D.N. Gammel Jr. and Mrs. Brooks Hill; and three sons, C.F. Austin Jr., Frank L. Austin and Stephen F. Austin. Arrangements by Cook Funeral Home, buried in Austin Cemetery in Del Valle.

**Austin Paper, Feb. 4, 1929:** Fred Sassman, born 85 years ago in Germany. Came to New Braunfels with his father. His father died soon after the arrival in America and he was apprenticed to a saddle maker. He soon ran away and came to Austin. Went to work in a flour mill, saved his money and bought a farm. Served in the Confederate Army. Survivors are his widow and two daughters, Mrs. O.B. Houston and Miss Emma Sassman of Austin and seven sons, John, James, Fred Jr. and Will of Austin, Tom and Joe of Creedmore and Dan of Robstown.

**Austin American, Jan. 25, 1934:** J.E. Martin, pioneer Travis County farmer. Arrangements by Thurlow Weed with burial in Austin Cemetery on Onion Creek. Survived by widow; daughters, Mrs. R.C. McCullough, Austin, and Mrs. L.L. Walker, Texarkana; son, Oscar T. of Austin.

**Austin Statesman, 1932:** William McAngus, 90 years, born Ross Shire Scotland, 1842; came to Texas in 1866. Married Jessie McKenzie in 1866; she died in 1906. She came to Texas at the same time as he did. They landed on the Carrington Ranch, 10 miles north of Austin. Ten

years later they moved to Del Valle. Funeral from family residence with Rev. C.H.P. Showalter and Rev. T.H. Etheride officiating. Burial at Charles Austin Cemetery, Onion Creek. Survivors: 11 children, Mrs. Jessie Chapman, Austin; Mrs. Walter Doherty, Bishop; Miss Laura McAngus, Del Valle; Mrs. George Bradshaw, Bluff Springs; Dan McAngus, Hominy, Okla.; Dave, Del Valle; Hugh and Will, Eldorado; Andrew, Alexander and M.K. of Austin.

**Austin Statesman, March 14 and 15, 1935: Mrs. Donald McKenzie Sr.**, believed to be Travis County's only centenarian, born in Taen, Scotland, Dec. 25, 1834. Came to Texas in 1866, to Colton, Texas in 1868. Arrangements by Thurlow Weed Funeral Home. Survivors: Five of her 12 children: daughter, Mrs. E.E. Ross, Austin; sons, Arthur and Donald of Colton, Walter of Austin and James of Waco. Two sons, one only two years old and the other four, were temporarily left in Scotland when the McKenzies came to America. One grew up there and died there, the other came to Travis County and died here. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

**American, Nov. 22, 1934: Mrs. Mary Brownlow**, age 74. Survivors: husband, J.D. Brownlow; 2 daughters, Mrs. A. McAngus and Mrs. Mike Balagia of Austin; 2 sons, Sam Brownlow and Frank Brownlow of Bluff Springs. Services at Cook Funeral Home. Burial in Charlie Austin Cemetery at Del Valle.

## San Jose I Cemetery

Transcribed by Mary M. Elizabeth, Austin, Texas, on June 17, 2003

San Jose I Cemetery is in Austin off Hoecke Lane, west of 183 and south of Ben White. Hoecke Lane runs south from Riverside near Hwy 183. To get to the cemetery, take Lee Hill Road to the left off of Hoecke Lane, go to the top of the hill, turn left, go about 100 yards to the cemetery, about 50 yards west behind a mobile home and a travel trailer, across a flattened wire fence.

The cemetery appears abandoned, overgrown with high grass, shrubs, small trees and rose bushes. The head stones are hard to see. Many markers cannot be read, some graves unmarked.

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**Nieves Castillo**, d: July 10, 1948, "Nieves Castillo, Fallecio el dia de Jul 10 de 1948"

**Guadalupe Puente**, d: Sept. 24, 1952

**David Moreno**, b: 1918, d: 1962

**Eudemia A. Pina**, d: 1947

**Gregoria Guzman**, d: Dec. 22, 1951

**Micaela T. Perez**, b: July 7, 1920, d: July 27, 1948

**Sr. Santiago Bargas**, b: July 25, 1896, d: Aug. 29, 1948, "Sr. Santiago Bargas, Nacio 7-25-1896, Fallecio 8-29-1948"

**Francisca Sifuentes**, b: Oct. 10, 1926, D: March 18, 1950, "Francisca Sifuentes, Oct. 10, 1926, March 18, 1950, 23 years of age"

**Virginia Aleman**, b: Jan. 14, 1948, d: May 22, 1949

**Tomas V. Rodriguez**, b: Sept. 7, 1888, d: Nov. 1, 1949

**Celso Monreal**, b: 1858, d: March 26, 1950, "Celso Monreal, Age 92 years"

**Juan Manuel Mendoza**, b: March 28, 1961, d: Oct. 29, 1988

**Pedro Ignacio Balderas**, b: 1912, d: 1988

## Manda Methodist Cemetery, Manor, Texas

Transcribed by Fred and Jeanne Toewe, Round Rock, Texas, 2000

Mary Lou Ellison of Austin manages Manda Methodist Cemetery and legal owner is Hartwin J. Magnuson, 14212 Wells School Road, Manor, Texas 78653-3717.

The cemetery, which is on Wells School Road in Manor, Texas, is approximately two acres of grassland surrounded by a 4-foot chain link fence with an iron archway over the entrance gate labeled Manda Methodist Cemetery. An iron cross is centered in the archway.

From the intersection of U.S. 79 and FR 973 in Taylor, drive south for 12 miles to New Sweden Road. Turn left onto New Sweden Road and follow it for 3.0 miles to the end of the road. Turn left onto Manda-Carlson for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Wells School Road and go 1.0 miles to the cemetery on the right (N 30.39381, W 097.45535).

Contact Fred or Jeanne Toewe at [ftoewe@austin.rr.com](mailto:ftoewe@austin.rr.com) or 512-310-2462.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Britta	Katrina	(Johnson)	27 Oct 1864	17 Nov 1908
Charlotte		(Tholin)	1915	1917
Arthur		(Tholin)	1918	1920
Alice		(Tholin)	1913	1924
B.		Bengtson	25 March 1835	6 July 1899
Edahlia	(nee Johnson)	Berg	24 Jan 1896	26 Aug 1917
Elma		Brinell	1877	1906
Mary	Lou	Ellison	12 July 1928	
Bobby	F.	Ellison	25 Aug 1929	17 Jan 1991
Mathilda	C.	Eng	9 Sept 1838	27 June 1913
Johannes		Eng	21 March 1837	16 April 1900
Ida	J.	Forsdahl	21 May 1865	27 Feb 1920
John	W.	Forsdahl	4 May 1897	5 Sept 1914
Claus	W.	Forsdahl	1 March 1861	7 Sept 1924
Leon	H. W.	Fredrickson	11 Oct 1899	22 March 1901
Hedvig		Fredrickson	17 July 1840	4 Jan 1899
Agda	Charlotta	Fredrickson	1876	1942
Axel	William	Fredrickson	1873	1938
David		Fritz	23 April 1904	25 April 1904
Infant son		Fritz	19 Aug 1908	
Infant son		Fritz	2 March 1913	

## Manda Cemetery, Manor, Texas (cont.)

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Edward	Hjalmar	Johnson	2 Jan 1890	8 Dec 1913
Carl		Johnson	16 Dec 1850	14 April 1930
Carl	J.	Johnson	28 Sept 1858	28 Dec 1911
Simon	T.	Johnson	15 Oct 1887	27 Oct 1918
Carl	Anton	Johnson	21 Dec 1895	21 Nov 1917
S.A.		Johnson	21 Aug 1859	4 Dec 1899
Minnie	Victoria	Johnson	21 Dec 1892	10 July 1913
Carolina		Johnson	8 April 1868	1 Jan 1936
S.A.		Johnson		
Belle	R.	Johnson	13 Aug 1898	7 Feb 1985
Carl	L.	Johnson	17 July 1896	26 March 1991
Gus		Johnson	1887	1946
Helga		Johnson	1885	1940
Mathilda	S.	Lyckman	25 Jan 1847	17 July 1930
Carl	A.	Lyckman	10 Aug 1843	21 Feb 1920
Minnie		Nygaard	20 Jan 1890	4 Sept 1925
Christian		Nygaard	6 Nov 1889	6 May 1962
Elaine		Quinton-Cox	7 Feb 1929	10 Dec 1986
Irene		Sponberg	15 Oct 1905	9 Sept 1906
Myrtle	M.	Tetrault	13 Sept 1913	12 July 1985
Hanna	E.	Tholin	1882	1979
Hjalmar	A.	Tholin	1883	1968
Judith		Wilhelmina	20 Dec 1877	5 May 1904

## Smith Medearis Cemetery

Transcribed by Ginger Goetz and Bob Harris, Austin, Texas, June 2, 2000

The small Smith-Medearis Cemetery is located on Slaughter Lane in Austin, one mile east of IH 35 along the south bank of Onion Creek. The cemetery is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, and the cemetery is very wooded, somewhat overgrown and in need of maintenance.

Plot 1: William S. Smith, b: 9 Mar 1798, d: 1 Jan 1876

Nancy Smith, b: 22 Apr 1813, d: 29 Apr 1867 (Information for Nancy, wife of William S. Smith, was on reverse side of tombstone, facing south)

Plot 2: Alice D. Smith, b: 15 Oct 1852, d: 15 Feb 1886, Wife of Wade M. Smith

Plot 3: Babe Medearis, The infant babe of T.W. and E.M. Medearis

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## Manor, Texas: A short history

Collected by Kay Dunlap Boyd

Manor is an incorporated community on U.S. 290 about 6 miles northeast of Austin in north-eastern Travis County. A post office called Grassdale opened there in 1859 with James Manor as postmaster, but it was discontinued in 1860. A post office called Gregg was established in 1871, but changed its name to Manor the next year in honor of James Manor. The Houston and Texas Central Railway was built through the town in 1871, giving residents easy access to markets. By the mid-1880s, Manor had a district school, three churches, six general stores and a population of 125. Cotton, cottonseed, and grain were the principal commodities shipped from the area. The community grew rapidly in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with population estimates reaching 500 by 1892 and 900 by 1914. In the late 1920s Manor had 1,000 residents, but the onset of the Great Depression led to a decline. When the community was incorporated in the early 1930s, it reported only 654 residents. In spite of the general economic decline, however, Manor continued to serve as a commercial center for area farmers, many of whom used the railroad to ship livestock and dairy products. The population of Manor rose to 688 by the 1940s, to 813 by the 1950s, and to 940 by the 1970s. In 1988 Manor had 1,233 residents and sixty-two businesses. In 1990 its population was reported as 1,041. (*From Handbook of Texas Online, Manor, Texas, [www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/MM/hjm.3.html](http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/MM/hjm.3.html)*)

### Notes of Kay Dunlap Boyd

The city of Manor was named for James Manor who was born Nov. 17, 1804, in North Carolina, later moving to Tennessee where he made acquaintance with Sam Houston. In 1832, Houston was commissioned by President Jackson to negotiate treaties with Indian tribes in Texas, and James Manor was one of the men he asked to accompany him to Texas. Manor returned to Tennessee in 1835 and brought his family and brother, Joseph J. Manor, back to Texas to live. In 1841 he received a land grant for 640 acres. The Manor home was built on Gilleland Creek. This house served as the first post office and stage stand out of Austin on the Austin-Houston road. (*From Manor family notes*)

Cotton and corn were the main crops with sweet potatoes and wheat also cultivated with oxen and plows. This section of the county was then known as a portion of Webberville and later as Wheeler's store before it was named Manor.

Beside the Manors, other pioneer families included A.F. Boyce, W.M. Boyce, James Boyce, Sterling Chamberlain, Dave Eppright, J.I. Haynes, Ed Harrington, A.C. Hill, W.H. Hill, W.B. Howse, N.A. Rector, W.L. Shipp, E.D. Townes, and Joe, Bill, Sam and Walter Vaughn. Isaac Wilbahn gave the site for the Parson's Female Academy. Judge Townes, Judge Parson, T.M. Rector, Ed Harrington, J.B. Manor and Mr. Borhens paid for the academy. The first teacher was C. Yellowly. Others included the Rev. and Mrs. D.H. Bittle, and T.C. Bittle, and among its students, T.B. Wheeler and John C. Townes.

The school board in 1908 consisted of M.C. Abrams, T.M. Rector, C.A. Anderson, Jno Sellstrom, Wm. Luedecke and G.J. Eppright. W.I. Rowe was the superintendent. The faculty members were Mrs. Alice Vickers, Miss Mary Almquist, Miss Lavenia Browning, Mrs. Hattie Cain, and Miss Bessie Caperton. The tuition ranged from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per month, depending on the grade.

Mrs. Evelyn Donnell remembered that in 1924 downtown Manor had two blacksmiths, a state bank, an ice house, two barber shops, two meat markets, two jewelry stores, six grocery stores, two drug stores, a bakery, two car companies, a lumber yard, three doctors, a café and two gins. (*From a 1991 recollection*)

In 2003 the town's population is 1,204, with about 500 new homes built and twice as many still under construction. Other developments are a planned metropolitan park, several new food establishments, a new car dealership, and a new 18-hole golf course. Besides the horse track, the town also has its own newspaper, coffee company, library, two motels, bank, veterinarian and expanded city

