

# Jaeger Witte Cemetery Newsletter

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## Mission Statement

The Jaeger-Witte Heritage Cemetery Association's purpose is to oversee care and preservation of the cemetery

## Board Members

Sandy Jaeger—president  
Jeff Featherston—vice president  
Debbie Byrd—treasurer  
Steven Jaeger—grounds and maintenance  
George Zemanek—secretary

## Meetings

The Jaeger Witte Heritage Cemetery Association meets regularly throughout the year. Minutes from each meeting are available for interested parties. Please contact George for your copies.  
[Gzemanek1@yahoo.com](mailto:Gzemanek1@yahoo.com)

## President's Report

See attached

## Recent JWHCA Events

At our July 2015 meeting, the board of directors voted unanimously to add the word "Heritage" to our name to reflect our mission of preserving our family's heritage. We have enlisted the help of attorney Katherine Kenjura to help us in our efforts to establish the JWHCA as a non-profit organization. In addition, we are in the process of having a formal survey of the burial plots done.

We have been given the opportunity to acquire a small parcel of land surrounding the existing cemetery, which will eventually allow us to expand the cemetery as well as ensure adequate parking space. Roy Wunderlich was hired to construct a fence around this property and place the cattle guard in its permanent location. In addition, a sign will soon be erected on Jaeger road directing visitors to the cemetery.

## Congratulations!

Angel Bierman graduated from Porter High School and plans to attend Lone Star College in Kingwood in the fall. She plans to later attend Sam Houston State University to study Forensics.

Thomas Jaeger graduated from Navy Basic Military Training on July 8th. He is in Technical Training in Charleston, South Carolina.

Emily Goar graduated from Cypress Falls High School. She plans to attend Lone Star College in Cypress this fall. She plans to later attend Sam Houston State University.

## How You Can Help

There are many ways you can get involved in preserving our family cemetery. Cleanup days are held throughout the year on the cemetery grounds. We gather to mow, pull weeds, and provide general maintenance for headstones and other structures.

Cleanup days are scheduled for:

August 6  
September 10  
October 15  
November 12  
December 10

These dates may be adjusted depending on the weather. All cleanup days begin at approximately 8:00am.

Please contact Steven Jaeger at [steven.jaeger3065@gmail.com](mailto:steven.jaeger3065@gmail.com) for more information on cleanup days.

We also rely on financial support from the family. Your contributions help us in many ways, such as providing routine maintenance, repairing headstones and structures, and covering the cost of postage as we reach out to family members.

Checks can be made to the "Jaeger-Witte Heritage Cemetery Association" and mailed directly to

JWHCA  
c/o Debbie Byrd  
5700 Jaeger Rd  
Burton, TX 77835

## A Little Bit of Cemetery History

Carl Dietrich Hagedorn was an Evangelical Lutheran pastor and teacher in Lubbecke, Westphalia, Germany. He was born July 14, 1786, in Germany and married Marie Louise Knipping on February 2, 1826, and had 5 children. Their oldest daughter Anna Marie married Victor Witte and in April 1850, along with their two children and her brother Ferdinand, left for America arriving in Galveston June 1850; their destination was Washington County, Texas. Anna Marie's parents, Carl Dietrich and Marie Louise (Knipping) Hagedorn, and their daughter Adele, age 15, left for America arriving in Galveston December 28, 1853, going to Washington County where they stayed with their daughter Anna Marie and Victor Witte.

Carl Dietrich Hagedorn soon bought property (about 100 acres) next to their daughter and son-in-law Victor Witte. This land was part of a larger tract of land owned by Hamilton Ledbetter and Samuel K. Lewis. Carl Dietrich donated land for the Witte/Hagedorn Cemetery shortly before he died, circa 1860. After the death of Carl and Marie Louise Hagedorn, the Hagedorn farm was divided among their children. Adele and her husband, Herman von Bieberstein, received the land where the cemetery was located.

In 1899, Henry Claude Jaeger, Sr., born March 12, 1864, in Texas, and his wife Alvina (Tonn) Jaeger, born February 15, 1872, in Pudewitz, Posen, Germany, bought the Herman von Bieberstein farm. Additional land was set aside for a cemetery next to the Hagedorn/Witte Cemetery as a burial place for Jaeger family members. The Cemetery sites have since been combined and the name changed to the Jaeger/Witte Cemetery. Henry Claude Jaeger, Jr. bought the farm in 1932 from his dad, Henry Claude Jaeger, Sr. This site continues as the final resting place for Jaeger family descendants.

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<http://bluebonnetgenealogy.org/cemeteries/western/29-jaeger-witte>