

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
George Zemanek—secretary
Debbie Byrd—treasurer
Steven Jaeger—grounds and maintenance

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

President's Report

See attached

Recent JWHCA Events

The JWHCA obtained a green and white double sided road sign which will be placed on Jaeger road this summer directing visitors to the cemetery's entrance. We also obtained a survey of the current plots (thank you Uncle Jerry!) which will be beneficial in planning for future burials and overall expansion of the cemetery. We have reached out to caregivers of nearby private cemeteries including the Latium, Shelby, Mayer and Greenvine Emmanuel Lutheran Church cemeteries. These caregivers have provided us with valuable information about caring for and maintaining private cemeteries.

We have recently begun adding our cemetery's information to www.billiongraves.com. This website allows us to upload pictures and GPS coordinates of every headstone for ancestry and genealogical purposes. Please visit the website for more information.

A Special Thanks!

The JWHCA would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Sanford Schmid. He is affiliated with the Jaeger Witte Cemetery through his relation to the Hagerdorn family. Through donations from the Sanford Schmid Family Trust, Sanford and his wife Mannie Schmid have helped fund numerous charitable programs and projects in and around Fayette, Austin, and Washington counties.

Sanford's generous contributions throughout the years have helped keep the Jaeger-Witte cemetery in good shape and will continue to help us maintain the property for future generations. Thank you Sanford for your care and support of the JWHCA.

How You Can Help

There are many ways you can get involved in honoring 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. Please contact Steven Jaeger at steven.jaeger3065@gmail.com for more information on cleanup days.

We also rely on financial support from the family. Your contributions will help fund much needed projects such as fixing the chain link fence and erecting a new storage shed.

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

Memorials

The JWHCA board members donated \$35 in memory of our family members.

Jeanette Zemanek donated \$50 in memory of her husband Robert and her brothers Wilburn, Melvern, Bernhardt, Lanis, and sister Delores.

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>