

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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**HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION**

Please review the Guidelines & Instructions document at [www.thc.texas.gov/htc](http://www.thc.texas.gov/htc) before completing this form.

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

Primary Name of Cemetery: Pleasant Hill Cemetery Also known as: Dog Run Cemetery

THC Cemetery ID or Atlas #, if known: PO-C001, Atlas # 718500101

Person Completing this form: Donna Ebert Date: July 15, 2017

Mailing Address: 1111 Ebert Rd City, State, Zip: Jergenson, TX 77778

Phone: 555-555-5555 Email: ebert@email.com

Affiliation with cemetery: ancestors buried there

**LOCATION**

County: Post Oak City, town, or community (or the nearest one): Jergenson

Cemetery address, if known: 2241 FM 483

Original Survey Name and Abstract Number: G. Teague Survey, Section 12, Abstract 6140

Latitude / Longitude (optional): 30.111555, -96.222222

Driving directions to cemetery from the nearest town: From Jergenson, 2.7 miles west on US 190, North on SH 289 for .25 miles, right (east) on FM 483 for .6 miles. Turn left (north) onto private drive (dirt road) at residence at 2241. Cemetery is 250' down this dirt road.

**CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OR TRUSTEESHIP**

Is the cemetery  Public or  Private?

Name of cemetery association, organization, political entity, or religious institution that oversees the cemetery:

Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association

Mailing address: 2222 Jones Rd, Jergenson, TX 77777

Name and title of organization's primary contact person: Henry Allen, President

Association meeting dates, if applicable: Third Sunday in May

**DEED REFERENCES**

List the volume, page, and filing date for the earliest deed to specifically reference the cemetery and any later deeds that add (or subtract) acreage to the cemetery. Attach copies (Attachment 1). See Instructions & Guidelines for additional information and tips to guide your research.

Deed Records of Post Oak County, Vol. 23, p. 194 (1895) and Vol. 35, p. 101 (1972)

## OWNERSHIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO CEMETERY

Any property owner who shares a common boundary with the cemetery will be notified of this designation request by mail. List any landowners who share a property line with the cemetery. Do not include landowners located across a public street. Attach a current parcel or plat map that illustrates the location of these owners in relation to the cemetery (Attachment 4).

Provide name and mailing address. *Example: John Doe, PO Box 123, Post Oak, TX 77777*

Adjacent Owner No. 1: Henry Allen, 2222 Jones Rd, Jergenson TX 77777

Adjacent Owner No. 2: Jane Miller, 2244 Jones Rd, Jergenson TX 77777

Adjacent Owner No. 3: Joe Miller, 2266 Jones Rd, Jergenson TX 77777

Adjacent Owner No. 4:

Adjacent Owner No. 5:

Adjacent Owner No. 6:

If more than 6 adjacent owners, continue on a separate page.

## EXISTING THE HISTORICAL MARKERS

Provide the title and date of each Official Texas Historical Marker marker within the cemetery.

Homer Jones, 1936

## SURROUNDING LAND USE (check all that apply)

- Urban setting    Suburban setting    Rural setting    Agricultural    Game/nature preserve  
 Transitional    Industrial    Encroachment    Other:

## CEMETERY ACCESS (check all that apply)

- Direct access to public road    Must cross private property to access

Is the cemetery reached primarily by driving or do you have to walk to it?  Walk    Drive

Limitations to access, if any: Located on private property; owner requires advance notification of visit

## IDENTIFIABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (check all that apply)

- African American    Asian    European    Hispanic    Jewish    Middle Eastern  
 Native American    Other:

Language on stones: English   Any other cultural information:

## IDENTIFIABLE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE (check all that apply)

- Catholic    Islamic    Jewish    Protestant    Other:

Source: family records, burial records, tombstone symbols

## LANDSCAPING

Identify cultural (planted deliberately) plants and naturally occurring plants, if known. Include names of identifiable trees, shrubs, and ground cover.

Cultural plants: crepe myrtle, roses, iris, one old pine at head of grave, St. Augustine grass in areas

Natural plants: wildflowers, post oaks, yaupon along fence

## PERIMETER (attach a site plan/sketch map that illustrates these dimensions and perimeter features)

Measured dimensions of cemetery: 30 x 30 feet  Irregular shape Acreage: 0.02 acres

Do the on-the-ground measurements given above match those given in the deed description?  Yes  No

Explain: deed describes "one-quarter acre more or less." Unknown if full extent was ever used for burials. Current dimensions encompass all known burials.

Is the cemetery enclosed by a fence?  Fully fenced  Partially fenced  No fence

If known, approximate year (decade) in which fence was installed: based on type and condition, likely 1920s

Perimeter fence materials (check all that apply):  No fence  Chain link  Cast/wrought iron  
 Barbed wire  Woven wire  Brick  Stone  Wood  Other:

If not fully fenced, is the perimeter of the cemetery property defined by any of the following:

Cultivated fields  Trimmed grass  Roads  Tree/brush line  Body of water  
 Hedgerow (deliberately planted)  Vacant land  Other:

## AGE AND CONTEXT

Date of oldest burial: 1881 Date of most recent burial: 1912 Cemetery still active?  Yes  No

Approximate number of graves: 6

Unmarked graves  Marked graves, no dates  Marked, dated graves

Original associated cultural context (such as community, church, family homestead, etc.): Ebert Family Farm

Subsequent community established around cemetery site? Explain:

Original geographic context removed (cemetery now in road right-of-way, parking lot, etc.)? Explain:

Cemetery relocated from original site? Explain, include source of info:

Burial Records Exist  Gravestones are inventoried; location of inventory: Jergenson Public Library

## CEMETERY CONDITION (check all that apply)

Evidence of cemetery above ground  Graves not readily visible  Grave depressions

Maintained  Overgrown  No obvious evidence of maintenance  Select sections maintained

Trash/dumping ground  Vandalized

Leaning stones  Fallen stones  Missing features  Evidence of gravestone repairs

## GRAVESTONE MATERIALS (check all that apply)

Cast iron  Ceramic photographs  Concrete  Fieldstone  Funeral company marker  
 Granite  Limestone  Marble  Sandstone  Resin/plastic  Steel  Structural glass  
 Tile  Wood  Zinc  Other:

## CEMETERY FEATURES OVERVIEW

**Cemetery sign:**  Yes  No

Text on sign: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, est. 1881

Location of sign:  at the cemetery  on the road  on gate  on fence  on post

**Entry gate:**  Yes  No Manufacturer, if known:

**Drivable cemetery roads:**  None  Dirt  Brick  Gravel  Paved  Cobblestone  
 Grass  Other:

**Walkways and paths:**  None  Dirt  Brick  Gravel  Paved  Cobblestone  
 Grass  Other:

**Fenced plots:** (meaning fences which surround individual graves or a family/group plot.)

None  Individual graves, number: 1  Family plots, number:

**Fence materials:**  N/A  Barbed wire  Brick  Cast/wrought iron  Chain link  
 Woven wire  Stone  Wood  Other:

**Curbing:** (a low rim of building material found around an individual plot or a larger grouping of graves)

None  Cut stone  Concrete  Brick  Other:

**Grave decoration:**  Shells  Gravel  Scraped earth  Floral  Other:

**Terracing/retaining walls:**  Yes  No

**Segregated burials:**  None  Family  Race  Religion  Fraternal order  Nationality  
 Pauper  Babies  Institutional  Other:

**Cemetery features:**  Benches  Flagpole  Folk decorations  Fountains  Grave houses  
 Grave shrines  Grave slabs  Handcrafted/local castings  Cairns  Mausoleums/vaults  
 Obelisks  Original statuary  Outhouse  Tabernacle  Structures or out buildings  
 Unique stone carving  Urns  Water Well or pump  Other:  
 Statuary or gravemarkers signed by an artist; name:

## VETERAN GRAVES

American Revolution  War of 1812  Texas Revolution  U.S.-Mexico War  Civil War  
 Indian Wars  Spanish American War  World War I  World War II  Korean War  
 Vietnam War  Gulf War  Afghanistan  Iraq  Other:

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Provide a brief history of the cemetery. This should include information regarding land ownership; date of establishment; origin of the cemetery name; historical association with a family, community, or church; cemetery development and growth; and current activity. See the Guidelines & Instructions document for additional tips. You may submit this as a separate document if you prefer.

In 1875 John & Lucinda Ebert settled in the Jergenson area on the G. Teague Survey. They built a dogtrot style cabin, which was abandoned in 1900 when Lucinda died. The cabin has since been destroyed. The first burial was for John Ebert in 1875. According to family lore he requested to be buried "on the pleasant little hill," hence the name of the cemetery. When Lucinda became sick, her wish was to be buried at the "dog run" cemetery next to John, thus the secondary name was established. A few family members continued to be buried at the small cemetery until 1912, when subsequent family members chose to be buried at the larger Gilchrist Cemetery. The last burial at Pleasant Hill was for Asa E. Walters, husband of John & Lucinda's second daughter Gertrude.

List bibliographic references (the sources you consulted to write your narrative):

Prater, Elihu. Beyond the Rim: A History of Early Post Oak County. Jergenson: Post Oak County Historical Commission, 1978.

Deed Records. Office of the Post Oak County Clerk, Post Oak County Courthouse, Jergenson.

Petry, Frank M. Interview with John Dalman, September 9, 2005. Tape and notes only, available at the Post Oak County Library, Jergenson

## PHOTO DOCUMENTATION LOG

At least five current photographs of the cemetery are required—one of the entrance and one from each corner looking toward the center. Submit no more than five additional photos of outstanding or significant features (Attachment 5). Note the location of photos on your site plan/sketch map (Attachment 3). See Guidelines & Instructions document for more information.

<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Photo Number/File Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 1/ Pleasant HillCemetery_01.jpg	From the entry, looking west
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 2/ Pleasant HillCemetery_02.jpg	From the southeast corner, looking northwest
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 3/ Pleasant HillCemetery_03.jpg	From the southwest corner, looking northeast
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 4/ Pleasant HillCemetery_04.jpg	From the northwest corner, looking southeast
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 5/ Pleasant HillCemetery_05.jpg	From the northeast corner, looking southwest
Donna Ebert	07-15-2017	Photo 6/ Pleasant HillCemetery_06.jpg	From near the center, looking north toward possible unmarked grave

## APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

(refer to Guidelines & Instructions document for detailed requirements)

There are no deadlines for the Historic Texas Cemetery designation. Applications are accepted year-round.

Please review your application packet carefully. Incomplete submissions may be returned to the applicant.

- HTC “Request for Designation” application form, including narrative history, bibliography and photo log
- Deeds
- Photographs
- Location map (not required if the cemetery is accurately mapped in the THC’s [Historic Sites Atlas](#))
- Property ownership map
- Site plan/sketch map
- Survey map and field notes (not required, but please submit if available)
- \$25 application fee payable to the Texas Historical Commission. On the memo line, write: HTC Application fee for [Name] Cemetery, [Name] County.

### SUBMIT THE APPLICATION PACKET

The THC prefers electronic submission of HTC applications and attachments, either by email or on a CD or USB flash drive. Electronic submissions reduce processing times and aid accurate data entry. Hard copies are accepted but not encouraged.

Submit application and all other required components as attachments via email to: [htc@thc.texas.gov](mailto:htc@thc.texas.gov). Include the cemetery name, county, and “HTC application” in the subject line.

Mail all other materials to:

Texas Historical Commission  
History Programs Division  
PO Box 12276  
Austin, TX 78711-2276

For assistance with this application, contact THC’s Cemetery Preservation Program staff at [htc@thc.texas.gov](mailto:htc@thc.texas.gov) or 512.463.5853.

