

Rick Schroder

From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 2:46 PM
To: Rick Schroder
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery
Attachments: 20230707 JP Johnson Cemetery Monument Carved Letter Painting proposal.pdf; James P Johnson Cem Monument Restoration Quote 2023-07.pdf

Rick:

My apologies for not getting back to you sooner. Attached is the proposal for painting the carved letters for all the monuments at JP Johnson Cemetery. I have also included a revised cover sheet for the monument restoration quote including the painting cost. If you would prefer only some of the monuments to be painted and not all just let us know which ones and we will charge only for the work approved.

Please note that we cannot guarantee we will be able to paint any carved letter that is smaller than 1 inch in height or has soft edges due to the process we use to paint the letters.

Please review the attached documents and let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you
Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2023 10:27 AM
To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Dan –

When you get a moment, can you please send a quote for painting the lettering / figures on the monuments? I believe we discussed that a week or so ago.

Thanks,



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From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 4:34 PM

To: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>

Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Rick:

Completely understand wanting to get the monuments restored in more timely manner. I would suggest you reach out to the following people to get their independent opinion and recommendations for restoring historic monuments before starting this project.

Jennifer McWilliams – Texas Historical Commission – Cemetery Preservation

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/cemetery-preservation>

Jason Church [National Center for Preservation Technology & Training](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ncptt/cemetery-conservation.htm) – a division of the National Park Service

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/ncptt/cemetery-conservation.htm>

Blanco County Historical Commission

<https://portrait.blancoguide.com/commission>

Having untrained people restore historic monuments could possibly cause more damage during the restoration.

Our quote is good for a year so if you change your mind let us know.

Thanks
Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 1:22 PM

To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>

Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Mr. Kieninger –

Last night, the City Council discussed moving forward with the quote for leveling + cleaning and repairs. As you are aware, Mr. Corrigan was also present at the meeting and advised Council that, in his opinion, cleaning the monuments would eliminate the ability to read the front of the monuments.

In his opinion, he would prefer that the City level and repair the monuments, but not clean them. Moreover, Mr. Corrigan advised that there would be a significant time period between quote approval and actual work – March 2024?

When you get a moment, could you please provide insight and advise what you think is possible / preferable?

Best,



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From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 3:14 PM
To: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Cc: Chad Norris <Chad.Norris@brightview.com>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Rick:

I was able to complete the GPR survey at James Polk Cemetery last week and attached is the report explaining my findings. The data revealed the location of 8 possible unmarked burials. All the locations listed in the data are also marked in the cemetery with a stainless steel disc and a green flag. While I was at the cemetery I went ahead and assessed the monuments to give you a quote for restoring the monuments (leveling, repairing, cleaning).

Please review the attached GPR report and monument quote and let me know if you have any questions.

Finally I have included our statement for what is owed for the work completed. Please mail a check to the address at the top of the statement.

Thank you and let us know if there is anything else we can do for you and the city.
Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Cc: Chad Norris <Chad.Norris@brightview.com>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Lets go ahead and schedule that please.



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From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeterystoration.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Cc: Chad Norris <Chad.Norris@brightview.com>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Rick:

Those rock piles are fine and are probably marking a burial. Items like that I expect to encounter at the cemetery. Will the cemetery be ready by Wednesday (06.07) for me to do the GPR survey?

Thanks
Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 3:47 PM
To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeterystoration.com>
Cc: Chad Norris <Chad.Norris@brightview.com>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Dan –

I just did a site visit with BrightView Landscaping Services, cc'd onto this email, and all of the cemetery brush has been removed. The tree stand still needs to be lifted up and dead limbs removed.

Moreover, there are some areas with boulders / rock walks, but it appears those areas may hold gravesites. See attached picture of just the fenced in area (much smaller than the total site) and advise.



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From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeterystoration.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 1:28 PM

To: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Rick:

I wanted to check in to see if James Polk Johnson cemetery would be ready by the first or second week of June?

Thanks
Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Dan –

I met with our landscaping crew leader yesterday, and I don't believe they will be completed by the first week of May. It might be better to shoot for the end of May. Please advise.



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From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 9:32 AM
To: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Rick:

Thank you and we look forward to working with you and the city. I am putting you on our schedule for the first week of May (05.01-05.05). The field work requires clear weather conditions that is why I cannot give you an exact date currently but the field work will only take 1-2 days.

Thank you again and I will let you know the exact date towards the end of April when the weather forecast is a little more accurate.

Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 11:50 AM

To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>

Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Mr. Kieninger –

The City Council approved your proposal last Tuesday. I have attached the Requisition Order to this email.

I will need to get our landscaping crew out to the site to trim all of the trees, remove brush, etc., so I am not ready to proceed immediately. Please advise on your schedule so that I can coordinate with our landscaping crew.

Best,



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From: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 2:45 PM

To: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>

Subject: RE: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Rick:

Attached is our proposal for conducting a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey at James Polk Johnson cemetery to see if there are any possible unmarked burials. I have also attached a report from a recent project to give you an idea of the deliverables. I also want to mention that we will mark our findings in the cemetery with a flat stainless steel disc so that you will be able to find the unmarked burials in the future.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Dan

From: Rick Schroder <rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:44 PM

To: Dan Kieninger <dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com>

Subject: James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Mr. Kieninger –

The City of Johnson City owns the James Polk Johnson Cemetery located near the intersection of N. Ave. L and W. Pecan Dr. I believe it is a recognized historical cemetery through the Texas Historical Commission:

Details for unknown (Johnson City) (Atlas Number 7031004305)
Cemetery — Atlas Number 7031004305

James Polk Johnson Cemetery:

The resting place of James P. Johnson (1845 - 1885) and family. James Johnson's homestead was selected as the site of the City of Johnson City in 1879. In 1890, the newly formed community became the Blanco County seat.

Marker Text:

(August 24, 1845-October 20, 1885) A native of Georgia, James Polk Johnson came to Texas with his family and grew up in DeWitt County. Following his service in the Confederate army during the Civil War, he moved to Blanco County to join his uncles in the cattle business. He bought the business in 1871 and became successful in his own right. In 1879 he founded a new town, Johnson City, on the Pedernales River and was instrumental in its development. His dream of making Johnson City the seat of Blanco County was not realized until 1891, six years after his death. Little did he know that the town that bears his name would someday also be known as the hometown of his cousin and 36th president of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson.

We are interested in restoring the premises / markers, mapping the cemetery and using ground penetrating radar to determine if unmarked graves exist on the property. Where should we begin?

The property can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/maps/UxqBkJofcDoXftPB8>

Where should we begin?

Best,



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J. R. Brenner Owner/Craftsperson

1710 SE Loop 304

Crockett, Texas 75835

(214) 686-0014 Cell

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James Polk Johnson Cemetery Monument Restoration Quote 2023-07

Leveling + Cleaning	\$ 1,998.20
Repairs	\$ 1,000.00
Monument Letter Painting	\$ 2,000.00
Travel Surcharge	\$ 1,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 5,998.20</u> * †
Down Payment	<hr/>
Balance	<i>(Due upon completion)*</i>

Please make check payable to Texas Cemetery Restoration LLC

Signature: _____

(Must be signed by an officer of the listed Cemetery Association)

**Any additional work that is not listed on the detailed bid sheet will be added to final payment and work not needed will be deducted from final payment.*

† Pricing is based on a \$7,000 minimum job size

James P. Johnson Cemetery (Blanco County, Texas)

Rick Schroder – Johnson City

830-868-7111 ext. 8

rschroder@johnsoncitytx.org

Monument Carved Letter Painting proposal 2023 July 7th

Project: Paint the carved letters on the monuments so that the letters will contrast with the surrounding stone to make it easier to read the monument. * †

* We cannot guarantee that we will be able to paint any carved letters with height less than 1 inch or having soft edges.

† All monuments must be cleaned thoroughly prior to the painting process.

Cost:

Monument Carved Letter Painting \$ 2,000 *

*Priced is based on approval of the monument restoration and done at the same time.

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Dan Kieninger (214) 476-8654 dan@texascemeteryrestoration.com



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"CONSERVATION - PRESERVATION - RESTORATION"

James P. Johnson Cemetery Monument Restoration Quote 2023-06

provided by
Texas Cemetery Restoration LLC

G	Sur Name	First Name 1	Monument Size (xyz) ft	Leveling + Cleaning	Repair	Subtotal	Conserv. Priority
10	BOND	SOLOMON	1.33x1.33x4	\$269.60		\$269.60	2
9	BROWN	BELVA	1.33x1.33x3.5	\$239.60		\$239.60	1
1	DOCKERY	ARTHUR E.	3x7x2	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	3
5	JOHNSON	INFANT	1.2x1.2x3.5	\$224.00	\$350.00	\$574.00	1
2	JOHNSON	JAMES P.	2x1x3	\$230.00		\$230.00	2
3	JOHNSON	JULIA A.	2x1x2	\$170.00		\$170.00	1
4	JOHNSON	MARK	2x1x2	\$170.00		\$170.00	2
8	JOHNSON	ROY	1.5x0.8x1.75	\$170.00		\$170.00	1
7	JOHNSON	ZOUNAH	2x1x3.25	\$245.00	\$175.00	\$420.00	1
6	WITHERS	BOBER T. LEE	2x1x3	\$230.00	\$275.00	\$505.00	1

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Monument Conservation Descriptions

Priority 1 Monuments

Any monument that has a loose top, has fallen over, or is broken in multiple pieces. These monuments should be restored as soon as possible.

Priority 2 Monuments

Any monument that has a secure top but is leaning severely, any of the old tablet or obelisk monuments that are extremely dirty and unlevel, any flat monument that is sunken into the ground and has a chance of being lost. These monuments should be restored within a 2-3 years from time of assessment.

Priority 3 Monuments

All the remaining monuments that do fall into priority 1 or 2. These monuments may require leveling and cleaning but not immediately. These monuments should be reviewed every 3-5 years to see if anything changed and requires restoration

Monument Style Descriptions

Historic

Any monument that was hand carved or chiseled by a professional to create the design and words on the stone. Typically made out of softer stone like marble and limestone

Modern

Any monument that was pneumatically blasted with sand by a professional to create the design and words on the stone. Typically made out of granite and harder stone.

Homemade

Any monument that was made by a loved one that is not in the monument profession and using any material they are comfortable with using. Typically concrete, wood, or metal

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MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Pedestal Obelisk
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Concrete/gray
Material of Base	Concrete/gray
Footstone Quantity	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	1.33
Monument Depth	1.33
Monument Height	4

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Severely leaning
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Secure
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	3
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling



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 Daniel Kieninger - Craftsman 214.476.8654

CEMETERY:		JAMES POLK JOHNSON	
CITY/COMMUNITY		JOHNSON CITY	
COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	10
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	BOND
FIRST NAME 1	SOLOMON
FIRST NAME 2	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	2
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

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LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position	
Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size	
Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments	
Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material	
Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique	

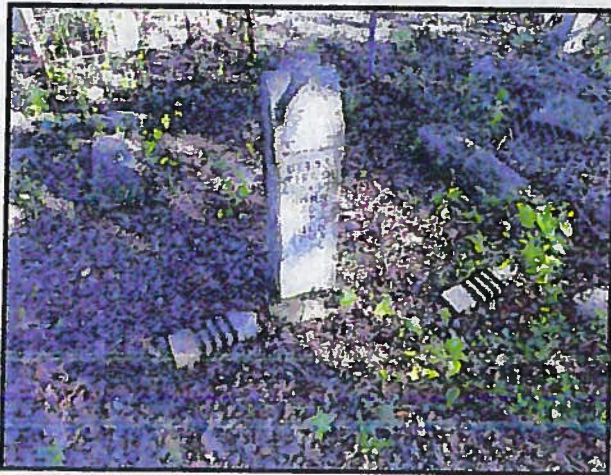
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Leveling	\$269.60
Repairs	\$0.00
Total + local tax	\$269.60

COMMENTS

Prices listed above are based on a project size totalling \$7,000 or more. All information given and recommendations made herein are believed to be accurate, but not guaranteed.
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MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Pedestal Obelisk
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Marble/White
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	1.33
Monument Depth	1.33
Monument Height	3.5

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	Sunken
Security of Top	Loose
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	3
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling



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COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	9
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	BROWN
FIRST NAME 1	BELVA
FIRST NAME 2	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	1
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

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LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

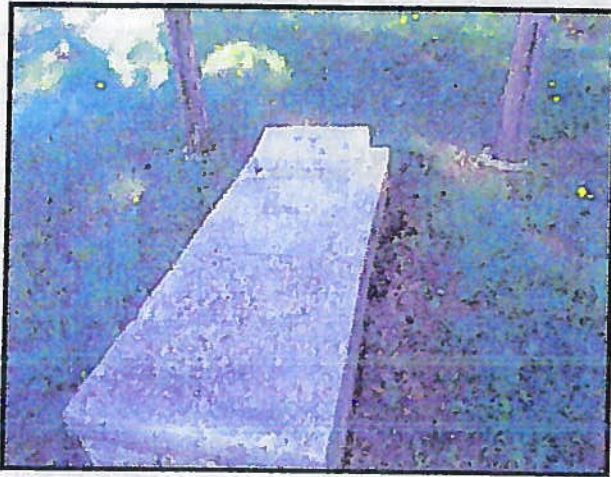
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Leveling	\$239.60
Repairs	\$0.00
Total + local tax	\$239.60

COMMENTS

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COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	1
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	DOCKERY
FIRST NAME 1	ARTHUR E.
FIRST NAME 2	

MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Gravecover
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Granite/gray
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	3
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	3
Monument Depth	7
Monument Height	2

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

Fill Cracks with Jahn color matched restorative mortar.

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Level
Monument Position 1	
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Secure
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5)	4
<small>5 = very soiled</small>	
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

PRICING: Pricing is valid until 06/30/2024

Leveling	\$50.00
Repairs	\$200.00
Total + local tax	\$250.00

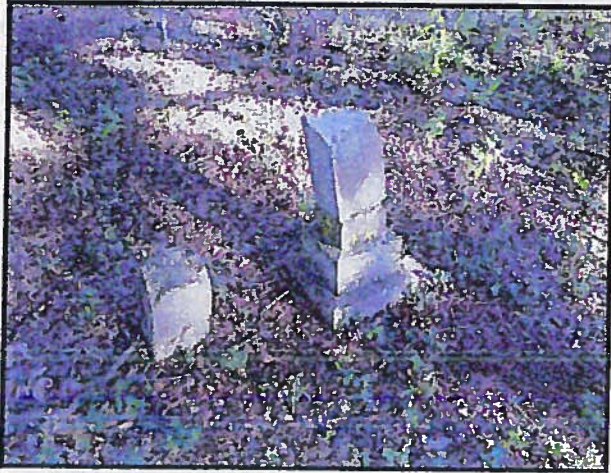
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MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Pedestal Obelisk
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Concrete/gray
Material of Base	Concrete/gray
Footstone Quantity	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	1.2
Monument Depth	1.2
Monument Height	3.5

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	fallen
Monument Position 2	broken
Security of Top	Loose
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	4
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling



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LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	JOHNSON
FIRST NAME 1	INFANT
FIRST NAME 2	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	1
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

Epoxy broken pieces back together.
 Fill Cracks with Jahn color matched restorative mortar.

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
 Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
 Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
 Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
 Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

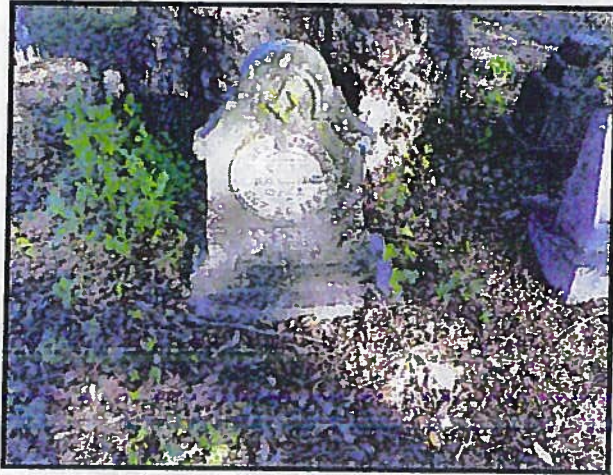
PRICING: Pricing is valid until 06/30/2024

Leveling	\$224.00
Repairs	\$350.00
Total + local tax	\$574.00

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MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Upright w/ Base
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Marble/White
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	2
Monument Depth	1
Monument Height	3

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Secure
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	5
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling



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CITY/COMMUNITY		JOHNSON CITY	
COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	2
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	JOHNSON
FIRST NAME 1	JAMES P.
FIRST NAME 2	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	2
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

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LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

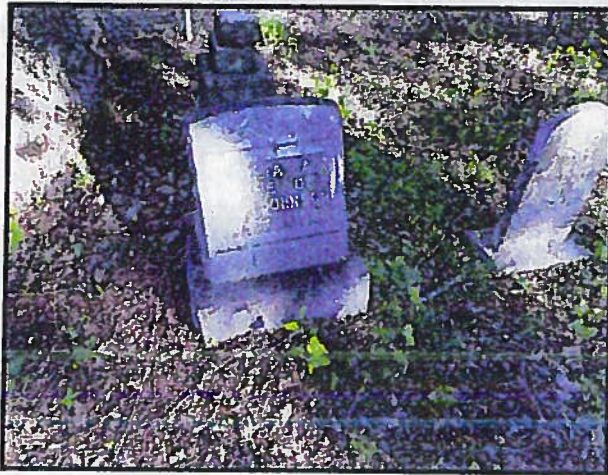
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Leveling	\$230.00
Repairs	\$0.00
Total + local tax	\$230.00

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COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	3
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	JOHNSON
FIRST NAME 1	JULIA A.
FIRST NAME 2	

MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Wedge on Base
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Granite/gray
Material of Base	Granite/gray
Footstone Quantity	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	1
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

MONUMENT SIZE (feet)

Monument Width	2
Monument Depth	1
Monument Height	2

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

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MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Loose
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	4
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

PRICING: Pricing is valid until 06/30/2024

Leveling	\$170.00
Repairs	\$0.00
Total + local tax	\$170.00

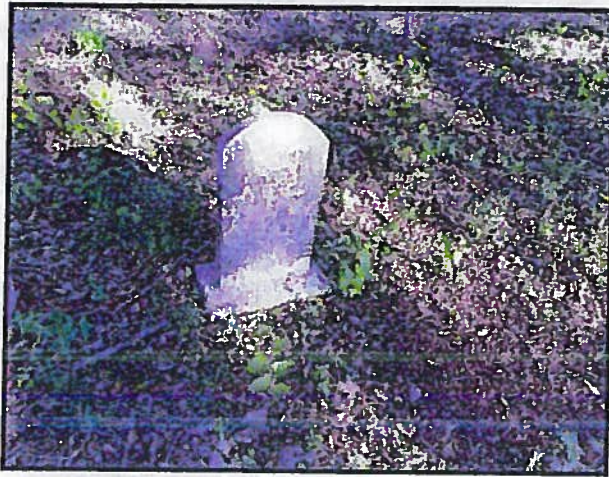
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COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	4
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	JOHNSON
FIRST NAME 1	MARK
FIRST NAME 2	

MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Tablet w/ Base
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Marble/White
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	2
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	2
Monument Depth	1
Monument Height	2

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Secure
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	5
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
 Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
 Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
 Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
 Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

PRICING: Pricing is valid until 06/30/2024

Leveling	\$170.00
Repairs	\$0.00
Total + local tax	\$170.00

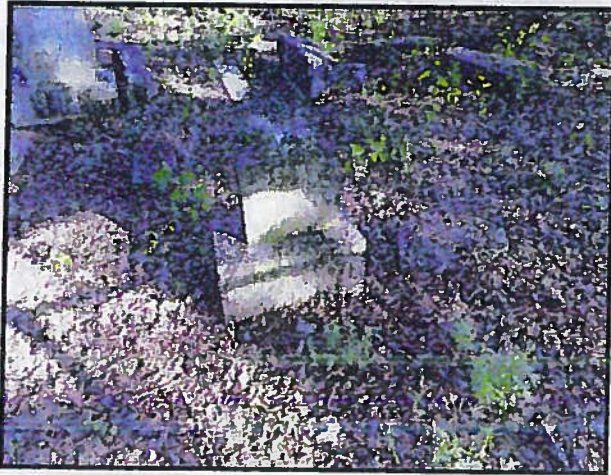
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COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	8
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	JOHNSON
FIRST NAME 1	ROY
FIRST NAME 2	

MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Upright w/ Base
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Marble/White
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	1
1 = Immediate attention	
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MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	1.5
Monument Depth	0.8
Monument Height	1.75

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

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MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Loose
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled.</small>	5
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique



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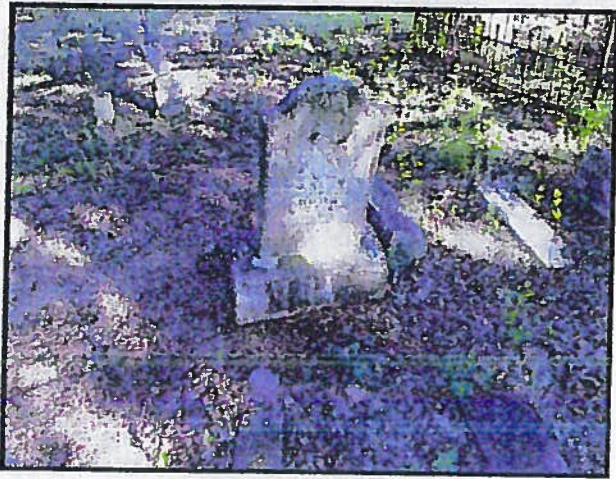
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Leveling	\$170.00
Repairs	\$0.00
Total + local tax	\$170.00

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MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Tablet w/ Base
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Marble/White
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	2
Monument Depth	1
Monument Height	3.25

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	
Security of Top	Loose
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	4
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling



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STATE	TEXAS	ROW
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE
		7
LONGITUDE		
LATITUDE		

SURNAME	JOHNSON
FIRST NAME 1	ZOUNAH
FIRST NAME 2	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	1
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

Mortar tablet monument into slotted base.

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
 Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
 Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
 Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
 Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

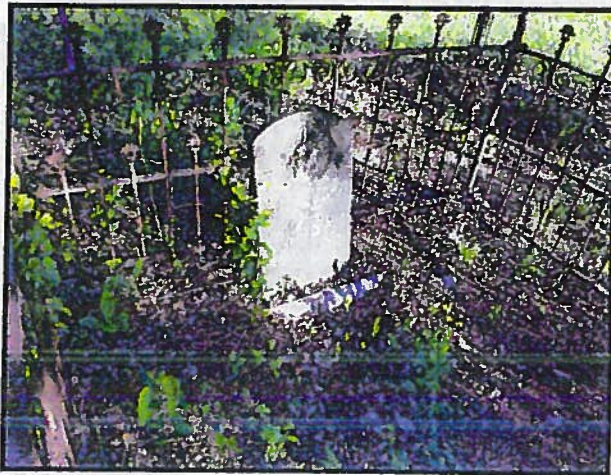
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Leveling	\$245.00
Repairs	\$175.00
Total + local tax	\$420.00

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MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

Monument Type	Tablet w/ Base
Monument Style	Historic
Material of Top/Color	Marble/White
Material of Base	Limestone/White
Footstone Quantity	

MONUMENT SIZE (Feet)

Monument Width	2
Monument Depth	1
Monument Height	3

MONUMENT CONDITION

Levelness	Unlevel
Monument Position 1	Tilted
Monument Position 2	Sunken
Security of Top	Loose
Needs Cleaning	Yes
Soil Severity (1-5) <small>5 = very soiled</small>	5
Soiling Type 1	biological growth
Soiling Type 2	soiling



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COUNTY	BLANCO	SECTION	
STATE	TEXAS	ROW	
DATE	06/2023	GRAVE	6
LONGITUDE			
LATITUDE			

SURNAME	WITHERS
FIRST NAME 1	BOBER T. LEE
FIRST NAME 2	

CONSERVATION PRIORITY

Priority (1-3)	1
1 = Immediate attention	
2 = Needs attention in 2-3 years	
3 = Should be reevaluated in 3-5 years	

REPAIR RECOMMENDATIONS

Carefully remove excess mortar.
 Mortar tablet monument into slotted base.

LEVELING + CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

Safely lift monument from current position
 Remove old foundation and replace with suitable foundation for monument type and size
 Level monument base and align with neighboring monuments
 Remove all failed setting masonry and compounds and replace the setting material
 Safely clean monument with appropriate cleaning solution and technique

PRICING: Pricing is valid until 06/30/2024

Leveling	\$230.00
Repairs	\$275.00
Total + local tax	\$505.00

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Geophysical Survey at James Polk Johnson Cemetery

Report Submitted To:

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June 12th, 2023



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Introduction

Texas Cemetery Restoration collected approximately 0.85 acres of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) data at James Polk Johnson Cemetery in Blanco County, Texas. A total of eight (8) possible unmarked graves were located within the survey area (Attached map). The coordinates of the unmarked graves are presented in Table 1. These coordinates are in Latitude and Longitude.

Geophysical Survey Investigations in Archaeology

Geophysical survey investigations have become an important part of the pursuit of North American archaeology and employ a range of techniques for the non-destructive prospecting of archaeological deposits (Gaffney and Gater 2003; Kvamme 2008). Several techniques have been derived from geophysical prospecting and adopted for archaeological investigations through rigorous field collection techniques and unique data processing programs specifically developed for the study of the archaeogeophysical record. (Clark 2000; Kvamme 2003). Techniques used mostly for archaeological research include soil resistivity, soil conductivity, magnetic susceptibility, magnetometry, and ground-penetrating radar (GPR) (Clark 2000; Kvamme 2003).

All produce different results and require different equipment. Magnetometers record the net sum of all magnetic fields, both induced and remnant; GPR records relative dielectric permittivity; and electromagnetic induction meters record both the conductivity of the soils as well as their induced magnetic properties (magnetic susceptibility). The geophysical instruments are differentially affected by variables such as moisture, metal trash or debris, and the transmission of signals such as cell phones and transmission lines. Data collection is also impacted differently for each of the geophysical instruments by physical impediments such as trees, pavement, fences, and vegetation. The different geophysical techniques that have been used in archaeology have been discussed in a number of seminal books and journal articles (Bevan 1998; Clark 1990; Conyers 2004; Gaffney 2008; Gaffney and Gater 2003; Scollar et al. 1990; Weymouth 1986; Witten 2006).

Ground Penetrating Radar

GPR is an active, non-invasive technique that uses a shielded surface antenna to transmit pulses of radar energy, generally high-frequency electromagnetic (EM) waves, that reflect off of buried objects, features, or geological bedding contacts and are detected using a receiving antenna (Conyers 2004:23-28). The waves detected by the receiving antenna are recorded in nano seconds (ns), which reflect the **two-way travel time of the radar energy**. Fairly accurate approximations of depth of recorded anomalies can be determined through velocity analysis (Conyers and Lucius 1996).

While GPR is one of the more widely used techniques in archeological geophysics, its success, like that of the other archeological geophysics techniques, is largely based on such site conditions as soil type, sediment mineralogy, and moisture content (Conyers 2004; Kvamme 2003). For example, ideal soil types for GPR include dry homogenous soils with minimal clay. On the other extreme, radar energy will become attenuated more quickly in more conductive mediums such as clay and poorly drained soils or in mediums with high magnetic permeability (Conyers 2004).

When site conditions are appropriate, GPR has been shown to be one of the most effective geophysical methods for locating unmarked graves and delineating historic cemeteries (Conyers 2004). GPR can be employed to detect the buried coffin or vault as well as disturbed soils related to the burial activities (i.e., the grave shaft) and possible reflections from other remains of the burial (i.e., coffin hardware, grave goods, voids). **The presence of false negative results are always possible, even in soils with good signal penetration. GPR cannot be used as the sole technique for determining the presence or absence of unmarked graves. Ground based manual excavation is always needed to "ground truth" GPR data.**

GPR Data Processing

The initial data processing involved the generation of amplitude slice-maps (Conyers 2004). Amplitude slice-maps are a three-dimensional tool for viewing differences in reflected amplitudes across a given surface at various depths. Reflected radar amplitudes are of interest because they measure the degree of physical and chemical differences in the buried materials. Strong, or high amplitude reflections often indicate denser buried materials, such as burials. Amplitude slice-maps are generated through comparison of reflected amplitudes between raw vertical profiles. In this method, amplitude variations recorded as digital values are analyzed at each location in a grid where there is a reflection recorded. The amplitudes of all traces are compared to the amplitudes of all nearby traces along that profile. This database can then be "sliced" horizontally and displayed to show the variation in reflection amplitudes at a sequence of depths in the ground. The produced result is a map that shows amplitudes in map view, but also with depth. Often when this is done, changes in the soil related to disturbances such as burials become apparent, making them visible to the human eye.

From the original dzt files (raw data), a series of image files were created for cross-referencing to the amplitude slice-maps that were produced. Two-dimensional reflection profiles are analyzed to determine validity of the features identified on the amplitude slice-maps. The reflection profiles show the geometry of the reflections, which can lend insight into whether the radar energy is reflecting from a flat layer (seen as a distinct band on profile) versus a single object or burial (seen as a hyperbola in profile). **Using these profiles to confirm or refute ideas about the nature of buried materials seen in the three-dimensional slice maps, unmarked burials were then delineated at the cemetery.**

Unmarked graves are located by analyzing the individual GPR profiles (or radargrams). Unmarked graves can create many different types of signatures in profile. Their variation depends on several different factors including the age of the grave, the physical nature of the grave (coffin, vault, depth, and state of decay) as well as the soil conductivity (higher soil conductivity typically attenuates radar energy more quickly). Locating unmarked burials is done by plotting anomalies in the individual GPR profiles then projecting these points in autocadd. This allows you to see the overall pattern of anomalies. Groups of anomalies that fit known patterns – such as the east/west orientation of most cemeteries – are then used to help determine the presence or absence of unmarked graves. Unmarked graves that do not fit the overall pattern of a cemetery can be missed and objects that appear to fit the overall pattern of a cemetery can be misinterpreted.

Survey Results

A total of eight (8) possible unmarked were recorded (Table 1 and attached map). Figure 1 is an example of a GPR profile with a grave legible in the data.

Figure 1. Interpretation of GPR data showing location of possible unmarked graves.

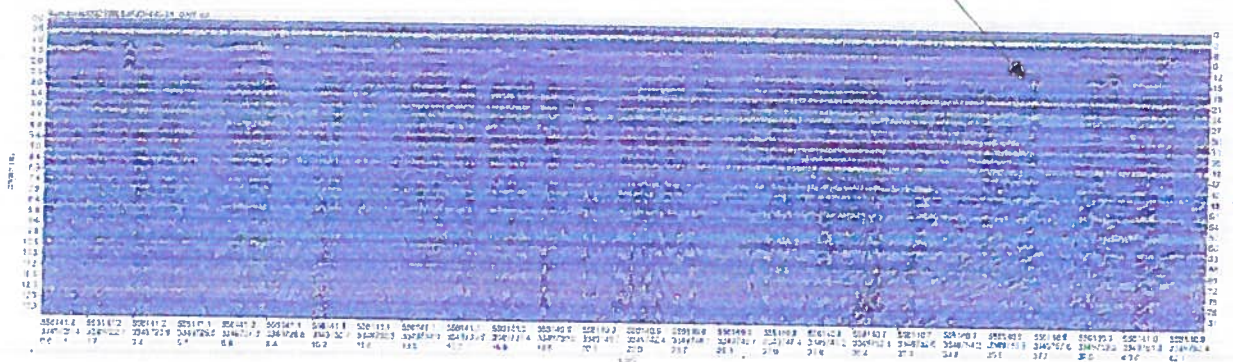


Table 1. Unmarked Grave Locations

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GPR-A1	-98.41624697	30.27789533
GPR-A3	-98.41612273	30.27788561
GPR-B1	-98.41625321	30.27798662
GPR-E4	-98.41601237	30.27816918
GPR-F1	-98.41628523	30.27824392
GPR-F5	-98.41596904	30.27821808
GPR-I-4	-98.4160329	30.27842456
GPR-I-6	-98.41588816	30.27846245

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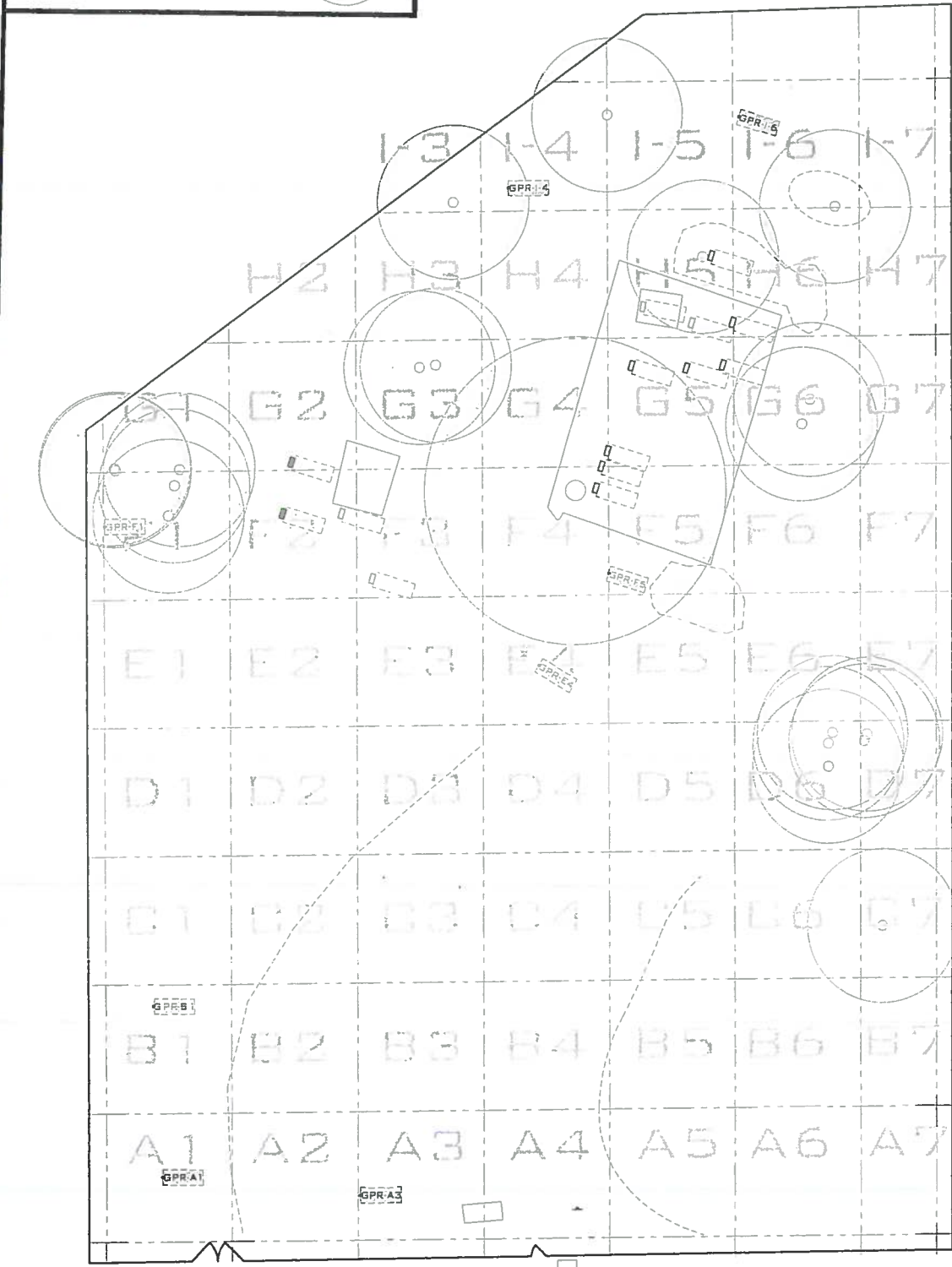
MAP LEGEND

EXISTING MARKED BURIALS 

POSSIBLE BURIALS LOCATED WITH GPR 

EXISTING TREES 

TRUE NORTH 



JP JOHNSON CEMETERY

BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS

SECTION:
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

MAP DRAWN BY TEXAS CEMETERY RESTORATION LLC

