

# Burleson Cemetery

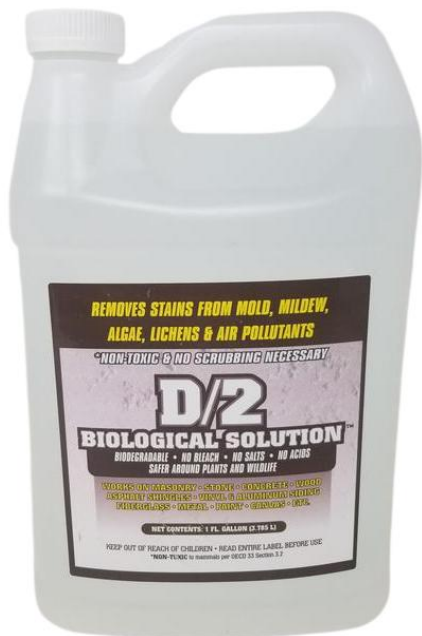
## Smithville, TX

Members of the Burleson Family met at the Burleson Burying Ground cemetery on Saturday, June 18, 2022. JD Burleson, April Burleson Chester, Brenda & John DeSimone, and Debra Jordon were welcomed by the owner of the land and a Burleson descendant, Bill Stephens. The purpose was to film a demonstration of cleaning markers for the Burleson Family Association (BFA) Reunion and Board Meeting in Austin, Texas.

We started out to clean the grave marker of Joseph Burleson, Sr. (see his family attached).

**D/2 Biological Solution** is what I use and I buy it from

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L to R, Brenda, John DeSimone, Debra Jordon, and Bill Stephens

We also visited Rector Cemetery on the outskirts of Smithville where several Burlesons are buried.



### *Descendants of Aaron Burleson*

AARON<sup>6</sup> BURLESON (*JOSEPH R (JOE) SR<sup>5</sup>, AARON<sup>4</sup>, JONATHAN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 Nov 1805 in JACKSON CO, TN, and died 15 Jul 1868 in SMITHVILLE, BASTROP CO, TX 37386081. He married MARIDA HALLMARK 29 Jan 1824. She was born 08 Oct 1808 in MADISON CO, AL, and died 01 Aug 1888 in FAYETTE CO, TX.

Children of AARON BURLESON and MARIDA HALLMARK are:

- i. NANCY<sup>7</sup> BURLESON, b. 1833; d. 1888.
- ii. ELIZABETH BURLESON, b. 1836; d. 1903.
- iii. JOHN BAPTIST BURLESON, b. 09 Jan 1839; d. 20 Nov 1903, TX FAG#37386082; m. MARTHA JANE ROBBINS, 13 Nov 1856; b. 16 Oct 1840, FRANKLIN CO, TN; d. 02 Feb 1913, BASTROP, BASTROP CO, TX FAG#118678061.
- iv. AARON BURLESON, b. 1843, TX; d. Bet. 1875 - 1880, BASTROP, TX; m. LAURA HARDEMAN; b. 1848, TX; d. Aft. 1894.
- v. LAURA MARILDA BURLESON, b. 1847; d. 1925.
- vi. ABIGAIL BURLESON, b. 1852, TX.

Another favorite picture of mine, taken at an earlier BFA Reunion, I think in 2015? Mutt, Sue, and Margaret.

LOUIS (MUTT) JR<sup>12</sup> BURLESON (*LOUIS ALMOND<sup>11</sup>, BENJAMIN LEE<sup>10</sup>,*

*JOHN JOSEPH (JOE)<sup>9</sup>, SILAS<sup>7</sup>, JOHN WASHINGTON<sup>6</sup>, DAVID BURLESON<sup>5</sup> SR, JOHN (???) BURLESON, JONATHAN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>*) was born 16 Jan 1927, and died 28 Jun 2017 in TYLER, TX FAG#180863399. He married MARGARET COKER 17 Jun 1948. She was born 28 Dec 1927.



Children of LOUIS BURLESON and MARGARET COKER are:

- i. LOUIS WAYNE<sup>13</sup> BURLESON, b. 05 Feb 1949; d. 24 Nov 2009, FAG#44794626.
- ii. PAUL BURLESON, m. TERRI.
- iii. SUE BURLESON, m. JACK JOHNSON.



Saturday we enjoyed lunch at Cedar's, a local cafe.



Then we went to the Smithville Historical Society & Museum and met with the President, Ralph Smucker and Historian, David Herrington.



Ralph Smucker, David Herrington and Bill Stephens

Our Saturday concluded with research in the Historical Library.

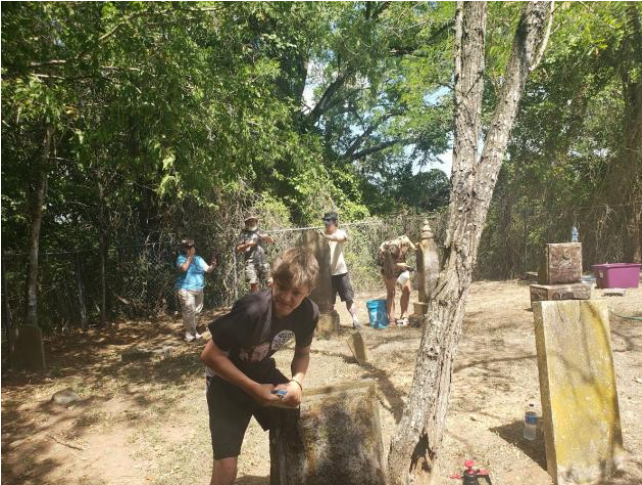


Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>, we went back to the Burleson Cemetery where we met up with Leslie Horan and her three children, Landon Lockhart, Elissa and Ben Horan.

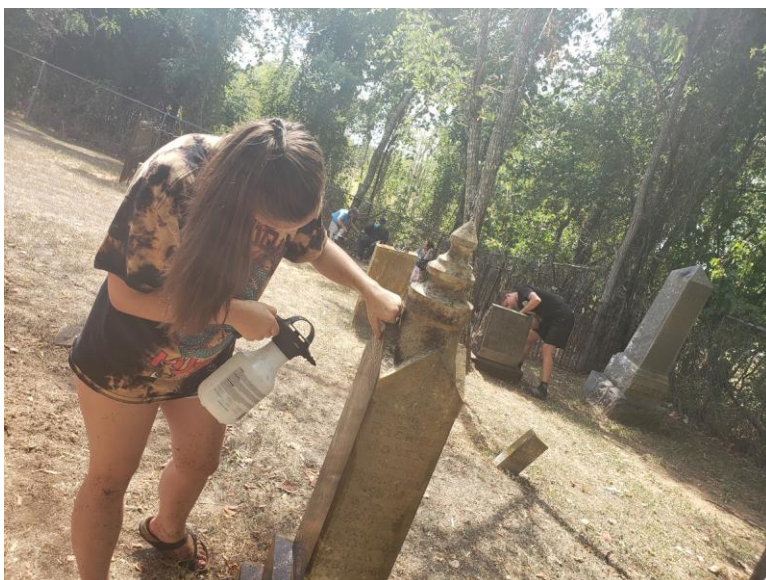


Landon did a great job; that design was not visible when he started.

First the kids started listing names and numbering the location of each stone. After we finished filming, they all picked a marker and started cleaning.



All three worked very hard, and remember it was 104, very hot!



Elissa picked the stone for Rachael Burleson Jones. She liked the design and it was in bad shape. Rachel is the daughter of JOSEPH BURLESON and NANCY GAGE



### *Descendants of Wm D. C. Jones*

WM D. C.<sup>2</sup> JONES (*JAMES*<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 Dec 1799 in King and Queen Co, VA, and died 18 Apr 1893 in Belmont, Gonzales Co, TX . He married RACHEL BURLESON 04 Sep 1822 in Lawrence Co, AL, daughter of JOSEPH BURLESON and NANCY GAGE. She was born 14 Apr 1803 in Tipton Co, TN, and died 19 Feb 1866 in Bastrop, TX 38018112.

Children of WM JONES and RACHEL BURLESON are:

- i. NANCY JANE BURLESON<sup>3</sup> JONES, b. 04 Oct 1823, MARION CO, AL; d. 17 Jan 1879, WOODVILLE, TYLER CO, TX 45455410; m. STEPHEN BURR DR JOHNSON; b. 21 Dec 1819, HADDAM, MIDDLESEX CO, CONN; d. 01 Sep 1880, WOODVILLE, TYLER CO, TX 45455413.
- ii. JAMES JONES, b. 15 Jul 1825.
- iii. ELIZABETH JONES, b. 19 Mar 1827.
- iv. GEORGE WASHINGTON JONES, b. 05 Sep 1828.
- v. ANNA MARIE JONES, b. 19 Jun 1831.
- vi. CHARLES HILL JONES, b. 20 Dec 1833.
- vii. WILLIAM HENRY JONES, b. 06 Oct 1836.
- viii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JONES, b. 06 Oct 1838.
- ix. PATSY JONES, b. 25 Jun 1840.
- x. JOSEPH BURLESON JONES, b. 13 Sep 1842.



**Photo: Ben cleaning John B Taylor's stone.**

JOHN BURLESON DR<sup>2</sup> TAYLOR (*LEVI H P*<sup>1</sup>) was born 30 Nov 1822 in MORGAN CO, AL, and died 14 Feb 1923 in SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR CO, TX FAG#38018115. He married Susan Minerva, the granddaughter of Joseph Burleson, Sr.

(1) SUSAN MINERVA BURLESON b. 30 May 1860 in BASTROP CO, TX, daughter of JOSEPH BURLESON and ALLIE SEATON. She was born 1842 in ARKANSAS, and died 21 Nov 1867 in FAG#38018116.

(2) NANCY ANN BURLESON 06 Feb 1872 in BASTROP CO, TX, daughter of JOSEPH BURLESON and ALLIE SEATON. She was born 17 Jan 1829 in TIPTON CO, TN, and died Nov 1907 in BASTROP CO, TX FAG#41162640.

Children of JOHN TAYLOR and SUSAN are:

- i. YANCY DAVIS<sup>3</sup> TAYLOR, b. 18 Mar 1861, SMITHVILLE, BASTROP CO, TX; d. 20 Jul 1942, REGAN WELLS,, YVALDE CO, TX; m. ELIZABETH BURLESON, 1891; b. 1873; d. 1944.
- ii. JOHN M TAYLOR, b. Sep 1863, SMITHVILLE, BASTROP CO, TX.
- iii. TEMPY SUSIE TAYLOR, b. Nov 1865, TX; d. 10 Jul 1962, EL PASO CO, TX ; m. ALBERT GRANVILLE SR FAWCETT, 29 Apr 1891, BASTROP CO, TX.

**Attendees at the BFA Reunion were very impressed with these three young people. It was great to see the younger generation taking an interest in preserving our heritage.**



We also visited **Burleson Crossing** in Bastrop where there were three plaques listing early Burleson pioneers.



What a beautiful spot carved out of the center of the shopping center to honor Burleson settlers in the area.





## **Edward Burleson**

### **Texas Frontier Leader**

**Edward Burleson, the most distinguished resident in Bastrop's history, moved to Texas in 1831 with his wife Sarah and settled in present-day Bastrop County the following year. Prominent in early Texas, he served as commanding general at the Siege of Bexar in 1835 and second-in-command at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Throughout life, he aided Texas as a protector of the western frontier against hostile Indian warriors and threatening Mexican soldiers. Burleson represented Bastrop County in the House and Senate of the Republic of Texas and was elected Vice President in 1841. He lost to Anson Jones in the last election for President. Thereafter, he served as president pro tempore of the Senate in the first and subsequent state legislatures until his death in 1851. To honor Edward Burleson, the Texas Legislature purchased land and created the State Cemetery for his burial as well as for future distinguished Texans.**

## James Burleson

Father of Edward

Born in Tennessee in 1775, James Burleson was a lifelong adventurer and head of an extended family of pioneers. With his wife Elizabeth Shipman he had twelve children, the oldest of whom was Edward. James never shied from a fight to protect his family, and he served with distinction in the War of 1812 against Creek Indians. He took thirteen-year-old Edward along, and his son courageously saved his father's life. Constantly on the move, James broke new ground in southeastern Tennessee and northern Alabama, eventually moving to Missouri, and then back to Tennessee. In 1832, now a widower, he followed Edward to Texas, joining a large contingent of the family including his brother Joseph and all but one of his children. He obtained land on Pin Oak Creek in Bastrop County and in the town of Bastrop. In 1834, James married Mary Buchanan Christian, widow of Thomas Christian who had been scalped and murdered in the famed Willbarger Massacre in 1833. In 1835, he served under Edward at the Siege of Bexar, and, in the celebrated Grass Fight. Though one of the oldest combatants, he distinguished himself by his courage and resolve leading a crucial charge that won the day. After James became ill, Edward discharged him and retired from the army to accompany his father home. A few days later, on January 3, 1836, James died at the home of his daughter Rachel Rogers, 10 miles north of Bastrop and was buried there.



## Jonathan Burleson

Brother of Edward Burleson

Jonathan Burleson moved with his extended family to Texas in the early 1830s and settled land in Austin's Little Colony, northwest of Bastrop. He often followed his brother Edward into battle alongside their brothers Jacob, John, and Aaron and brothers-in-law James Rogers and Joseph Rogers. Among Edward's extended family, Jonathan provided the most effective support in battle and could always be depended upon for courage and leadership. His exploits included participation at the Battle of Velasco, the Siege of Bexar, and the Battle of San Jacinto. Fighting at the Battle of Brushy Creek against a band of Comanche, he witnessed the death of both his brother Jacob and brother-in-law Edward Blakey. Jonathan took part in the decisive Battle of Plum Creek in 1840. He served as a captain in the Texas Rangers until 1845. He and his wife Nancy B. Blakey settled on her mother's land to offer her protection and support, and gained title to this portion of her original grant in 1852. Jonathan proved a successful farmer and by 1860 owned 31 slaves. He lived on the Nancy Blakey Survey until his death in 1879 and was buried there.



## *Descendants of JOSEPH R (JOE) SR BURLESON*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. JOSEPH R (JOE) SR<sup>5</sup> BURLESON** (AARON<sup>4</sup>, JONATHAN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, EDWARD<sup>1</sup>) was born 01 Feb 1770 in RUTHERFORD CO, NC, and died 02 Aug 1849 in SMITHVILLE, BASTROP, TX FAG#7253729. He married (1) NANCY GAGE 28 Feb 1790, daughter of DAVID GAGE and ESTER. She was born 19 Jun 1772 in WOODBURY, ORANGE CO, NY, and died 19 Jan 1815 in MADISON CO, AL FAG#101615109. He married (2) ELIZABETH AYLOR 15 Feb 1815 in MADISON CO, AL. She was born 17 Apr 1788, and died 08 Apr 1858 in PRAIRIE LEA, CALDWELL CO, TX FAG#55537569.

Children of JOSEPH BURLESON and NANCY GAGE are:

- i. JAMES RANDOLPH<sup>6</sup> BURLESON, b. 06 Feb 1793, SANDY RUN CREEK, RUTHERFORD, NC; d. 01 Jul 1868, FORDS PRAIRIE, FAYETTE, TX FAG#49428883; m. (1) MALINDA ARNETTA SEVIER; m. (2) SIBRA; m. (3) AMANDA VAN DYKE, 30 Nov 1816, Madison, AL; b. 1827, GA.
- ii. JOHN (HOPPING JOHNNIE) BURLESON, b. 19 Oct 1795, Rutherford Co, NC; d. 13 Apr 1878, Lampasas, TX; m. (1) SARAH KATHERINE MCGINNIS; m. (2) MARY MARGARET (PEGGY) PRIDE, 14 Feb 1814, Madison, AL; b. 1796; d. 17 Mar 1847, Gonzales, TX.
- iii. MARY A. (POLLY) BURLESON, b. 02 Jan 1798, RUTHERFORD CO, NC; d. 03 Nov 1876, Gonzales, TX FAG#101600547; m. RICHARD LEE PRIEST, 20 Feb 1815, Madison, AL; b. 15 Oct 1792, RUSSELL CO, VA; d. 19 Jul 1859, GONZALES CO, TX FAG#101597784.
- iv. JONATHAN BURLESON, b. 28 Jun 1801.
- v. RACHEL BURLESON, b. 14 Apr 1803, Tipton Co, TN; d. 19 Feb 1866, Bastrop, TX 38018112; m. WM D. C. JONES, 04 Sep 1822, Lawrence Co, AL; b. 13 Dec 1799, King and Queen Co, VA; d. 18 Apr 1893, Belmont, Gonzales Co, TX .
- vi. AARON BURLESON, b. 24 Nov 1805, JACKSON CO, TN; d. 15 Jul 1868, SMITHVILLE, BASTROP CO, TX 37386081; m. MARIDA HALLMARK, 29 Jan 1824; b. 08 Oct 1808, MADISON CO, AL; d. 01 Aug 1888, FAYETTE CO, TX.
- vii. JOSEPH JR BURLESON, b. 04 Mar 1808, WASHINGTON CO, TN; d. 1891, BURNET CO, TX FAG#43116159; m. ALLIE MURRAY SEATON; b. 05 Aug 1807, TN; d. 16 Jul 1881, SMITHVILLE, BASTROP CO, TX FAG#38018080.
- viii. SARAH BURLESON, b. 25 Aug 1810, MADison, AL; d. Oct 1857, FREESTONE CO, TX FAG#24999232; m. HOPSON H BURLESON, 1825, AL; b. 24 Jan 1806, RUTHERFORD CO, NC; d. 04 Jul 1882, KIRVIN, FREESTONE CO, TX FAG#24997860.

Children of JOSEPH BURLESON and ELIZABETH AYLOR are:

- ix. ABIGAIL<sup>6</sup> BURLESON, b. 02 Dec 1817; d. 25 Jun 1822.
- x. NANCY GLOVER BURLESON, b. 28 Jan 1821; d. 05 Jul 1835.
- xi. SUSANNAH M (SUSAN) BURLESON, b. 11 Nov 1824, LAWRENCE CO, AL; d. 04 Mar 1860, CALDWELL CO, TX FAG#55725352; m. THOMAS MONROE HARDEMAN, 24 Jun 1840; b. 30 Sep 1814, BOLIVAR, HARDEMAN CO, TN; d. 14 Sep 1862, KNOXVILLE, KNOX CO, TN.
- xii. MARION WASHINGTON BURLESON, b. 15 Dec 1827; d. 04 Aug 1856.
- xiii. PEGGY MALINDA SMITH BURLESON, b. 25 Oct 1830.