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Collin County Historical Commission News

2023 Preservation Celebration Award Winners

Collin McKinney Achievement Award

Anna Area Historical Preservation Society

Excellence in Historical Education Award

Michael Hill, Weston

Leadership in Preservation Award

Jane Huddleston and

Jane Willard, Celina

Young Visionaries Award

Landon Mullin Johnson, Anna

Nicky Sasso, Allen

Living Legacy of Collin County Award

Diane Miller, Melissa

CC Coalition Assoc. Member

Princeton Cemetery Assoc.

Established in 1895, The Princeton Cemetery is located within the city limits, a few blocks from the center of Princeton. The cemetery is administered and maintained by the Princeton Cemetery Association a nonprofit chartered in June 1967.

The Princeton Cemetery has been an important part of the history of central eastern Collin County since 1895. It is the largest cemetery in this region of the county and serves the rural area to the north and south where the only other cemeteries are primarily small family ones. There is no evidence to suggest that there has ever been another cemetery in Princeton. The tracks of the East Line and Red River Railroad, which was once a part of the historic Katy system, are no longer visible but were originally the cemetery's eastern boundary.

Today there are 128 veterans buried in Princeton Cemetery, nearly 10% of the total burials. They collectively represent service in the Civil War (both Confederate and Union soldiers), the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.



Princeton Cemetery

Yorkshire Drive

Princeton, Texas

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214 504-5639

Established 1895

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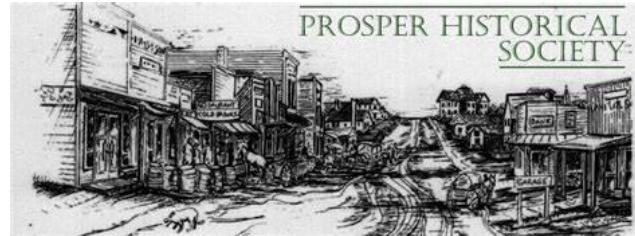
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CC Coalition Member Prosper Historical Society

Jack Dixon, current PHS President says, "My mission for the Prosper Historical Society is to continue and enhance the preservation of the history of the Town of Prosper. Prosper Historical Society has many avenues to learn about Prosper's fascinating history. A valuable and comprehensive history is covered in the two-volume book set "Prosper, Texas: Its History and Families" written by the late Bill Hays. A visit to the Historical Museum in the PISD Board Room will captivate and educate all ages of inquiring minds.

The Historical Society meets every second Tuesday of the month. The society's monthly meetings are an informative and important way to be involved. Historical members themselves are each a wealth of information as well.



CC Coalition Cemetery Association Member Wilson Creek Chapel Cemetery Assoc.

This cemetery is southeast of McKinney in Lowry Crossing. Houses and mobile homes are on the road to the chapel. There is a driveway around the cemetery. The cemetery is unfenced but is well cared for. This is a large and full cemetery, covering several acres of land. There does not appear to be any old-style stones in the cemetery.

The Bridgefarmers were a prominent family in the area. There is a large plot for the family in this cemetery. The chapel on the north was with the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It is no longer in use. A deed for the cemetery is listed in Vol 68, p 63. It was deeded by A. E. Wilson and his wife.

This area was once part of the Higgins community. The old bridge across the East Fork was near here. Today this area is part of the community of Lowry Crossing. The Higgins Cemetery and the Kennedy Cemetery are still in the area.

This cemetery can also be reached by taking FM 546 east out of McKinney about 5 miles and turning north onto Bridgefarmer Road. The cemetery road is about 1/4 mile on the east. FM 546 is called Industrial Blvd./Eldorado Parkway in McKinney. On several maps this is called the Wilson Cemetery. *Cemeteries of Collin County, Texas*, by Joy Gough.



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