

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing the Comal Cemetery as a Texas Historical Commission Historic Texas Cemetery

WHEREAS, the Comal Cemetery, located at 301 Peace Ave, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas has been awarded an Official Texas Historical Marker designating it to be an Historic Texas Cemetery, and the site to be a significant part of Texas History; and

WHEREAS, soon after establishment in 1845, the New Braunfels cemetery neared capacity, and a new burial ground was needed, so in March of 1868 John F. Torrey had a promissory note drawn up to give 8 acres and \$500 for the establishment of a cemetery on the bluff of the Guadalupe River, stipulating that it be fenced, that a proper hearse be obtained for funerals, and that a small plot be reserved for himself and friends; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature incorporated the Comal Cemetery Association in August 1870, and Torrey released the deed for one dollar; and

WHEREAS, the first known burial was for Frederick (Fritz) Hartwig on August 12, 1873; however, earlier burials were documented as being on the "bluff overlooking the river" in the 1850s; and

WHEREAS, at John Torrey's request, the City of New Braunfels has administered the cemetery since January 1887, and after he died and was buried in San Antonio, his family relinquished the deed to the reserved family plot; and

WHEREAS, later acquisitions enlarged the cemetery to about 25 acres, and it contains more than 12,550 burials, reflecting the community heritage of New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery contains a variety of mature trees, Victorian era iron plot fences, concrete curbing, a wide variety of cemetery markers including early hand carved marble and limestone tablet markers, obelisks, statuary, metal crosses and handmade markers; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of the marker is the City of New Braunfels, Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 pm, at the cemetery located on Peace Ave.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Commissioners Court of Comal County and the Comal County Historical Commission that the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department is commended on their work towards receiving this marker and their dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 9th day of May, 2024.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest: 
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk