

DONATE TODAY!

This restoration project will educate citizens and visitors of our colorful history and instill a sense of pride in the community. When this project is complete, the public can fully experience the stories of Arlington's earliest pioneers.

Please consider a donation, small or large, to this wonderful project. You can keep up with our progress by checking our Facebook Page, or the Arlington Historical Society website. Cash, Check, and Pay by Phone are accepted!

Donations of \$300 or more will receive a plaque with the donors name on one of the new fence panels.

Attach the information below and mail to:

Arlington Historical Society
1616 W. Abram Street
Arlington, TX 76013

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Thank you for your contribution to preserve
Arlington's history!

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THE APPROACH

We've broken the project into three phases, each with its own price tag. Our partners have committed to this project's success, and greatly reduced our fundraising goals. Even with our partners, this project won't be possible without your help! In all, we need \$60,000 to complete the project.

We have explored available grant funding, reached out to our local businesses and organizations with success, but the individuals like you will get the final funding needed to complete this worthy project.

We know \$60,000 sounds like a lot, but just one panel of fencing is only \$300!

We expect the Fencing & Security and Gravestone Restoration phases to be complete by June 2017. The Interactive Tour will take a little longer, but we hope to have it ready to install by the end of 2017.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Fence & Security	Purchase 147 fence panels with recognition of donor	\$45,000
Grave Restoration	In addition to a grant received from the DAR Chapter	\$3,000
Interactive Tour	Includes pedestrian and vehicle path with information boards throughout the cemeteries	\$12,000

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Preserve
the
Historic Cemeteries
on
Arkansas Lane



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THE VISION

We have big plans for the Cemeteries! In September of 2016, the Texas Historical Commission partnered with the Arlington Historical Society to complete Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to identify any unknown graves in the cemeteries.

Fencing & Security

The cemeteries are currently surrounded by a chain link fence topped with barbed wire. Not only is it uninviting to our visitors, it does not secure the cemetery adequately. Our plan is to secure the cemeteries with a beautiful wrought iron fence to provide aesthetics and security to keep our historic cemeteries pristine for years to come.

Gravestone Restoration

More than 40 gravestones in the cemeteries require immediate attention. The Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has been invaluable in the gravestone restoration effort. They have secured a grant to help, but additional resources will be required to complete this phase of the project.

Interactive Tour

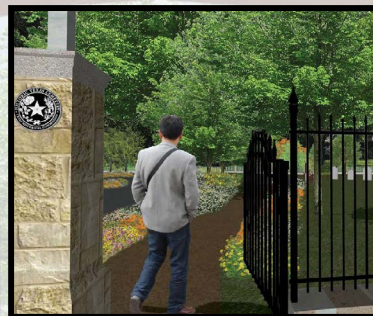
Finally, we want the Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane to be an interactive learning center for residents and visitors of all ages to learn about Arlington. With the help of the Arlington Urban Design Center, we have developed a path with information boards to guide visitors through the cemetery in a curated and informative way.



Pedestrian paths will be decomposed granite with lighting and native plant landscaping. A small vehicle path will also be included.



A new entryway will be inviting for visitors and provide prominence to one of Arlington's most preserved elements of history.

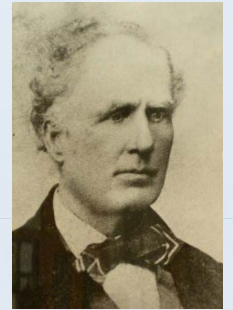


A pedestrian gate will give visitors access during business hours to experience the Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane.

THE HISTORY

The Historic Cemeteries on Arkansas Lane are actually three separate cemeteries that were established independently, but are now combined into one single cemetery that serves as a monument to the early History of Arlington.

The earliest known burials were in the 1850s. The eastern portion of the area was originally named Mill Branch Cemetery,



including the Eli Ford family and members of the M.T. Johnson family. This cemetery is the resting place of Colonel Middleton Tate Johnson, the father of Tarrant County.

At his death in 1866, Col. Johnson was buried in the State Cemetery in Austin, but in 1870 his family moved his body to the family plot in Arlington. In 1936, the State of Texas marked his gravesite with a Centennial Marker. In the 1950's, family members petitioned the court to

officially name this small section the M.T. Johnson Family Cemetery.

This cemetery was also the only place in Arlington where black residents could be buried from 1900 to the 1950s. Most of these graves are located on



the western part of the cemetery. The earliest known burial was in 1916.