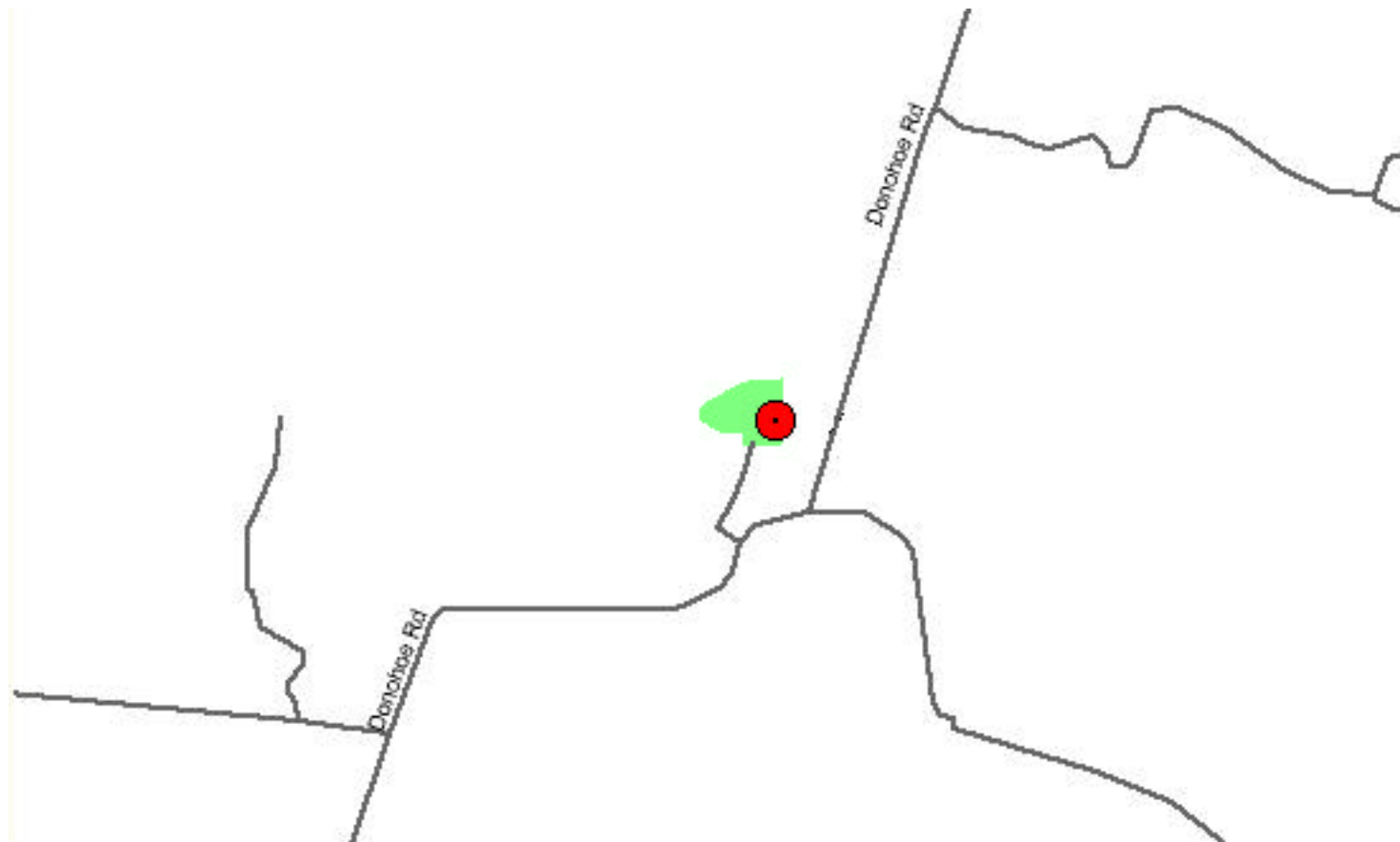




Donaho Cemetery, Donahoe Lane, Bell Co., TX, 19 Oct 2001
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This cemetery is called Science Hill on many maps, but all other documentation indicates that it should correctly be called Donahoe. From I-35 in Salado, TX, take FM2268 east to Holland. Go south on Hwy 95 for about 1/2 mile, then pick up FM2268 going east again. Turn south on Donahoe Lane and follow until the cemetery is reached. The road shown going into the cemetery from Donahoe Lane does not exist. This cemetery is on private land.



DONAHOE COMMUNITY

COLONISTS SETTLED IN THE LATE 1840s ALONG THE FERTILE DONAHOE CREEK. SAMUEL GIBBS LEATHERMAN (1809-1888) ARRIVED IN 1854 AND OPENED THE FIRST MERCANTILE STORE. HE GAVE LAND FOR THE CEMETERY AND BROUGHT IN THE FIRST DOCTOR. IN 1880 LEATHERMAN DONATED LAND FOR THE SCHOOLHOUSE. IT ALSO SERVED AS A CHURCH UNTIL 1911 WHEN THOMAS JEFFERSON JONES AND HIS WIFE GAVE THIS SITE FOR THE BAPTIST CHURCH. DONAHOE BOASTED A TOWN SQUARE, POST OFFICE, TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND VOTING PRECINCT. WITH THE COMING OF GOOD ROADS TO OTHER TOWNS, DONAHOE DECLINED, LEAVING ONLY THE CEMETERY.

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DONOHOE CEMETERY

ESTABLISHED IN THE 1860s BY PIONEER SETTLERS SAMUEL G. AND HELEN LEATHERMAN, THIS CEMETERY SERVED AS THE COMMUNITY BURIAL GROUND FOR CITIZENS OF DONOHOE. THE EARLIEST DOCUMENTED GRAVE HERE IS THAT OF THE LEATHERMANS' INFANT GRANDSON, WHO DIED IN 1869. OTHER INTERMENTS INCLUDE THOSE OF AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN AND CHILD WHO DIED WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE AREA; PIONEER SETTLERS; AND VETERANS OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION, THE CIVIL WAR, AND WORLD WAR I. THE CEMETERY REMAINS AS THE ONLY PHYSICAL REMINDER OF A ONCE-THRIVING COMMUNITY.

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Ida Mills Rainwater, 14 Jan 1878 - 21 Jul 1896
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Ida Mills Rainwater, wife of Joseph Richard Rainwater
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