HARRIS CREEK CEMETERY

THE HALEY, CRAIN, CAUFIELD, AND JONES FAMILIES WERE THE FIRST TO ARRIVE IN THIS AREA IN THE 1850S. THEY ESTABLISHED THE COMMUNITY OF HARRIS CREEK, WHICH TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE NEARBY WATER SOURCE. THIS CEMETERY MARKS THE BURIAL PLACE OF THOSE EARLY SETTLERS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE ITS FOUNDING.

THE Earliest Marked Grave in the Harris Creek Cemetery is that of Hattie Timmons, who died in 1865 at the age of eighteen. She was the niece of Joel and Sarah Crain, who settled here on land granted to Joel for his services in the Battle of San Jacinto (1836). Joel (d. 1887) and Sarah (d. 1902) are buried here, as is their daughter Patience, whose grave, dated 1869, is the second oldest in the cemetery.

In 1872, Aquilla and Delilah “Dillie” Jones formally set aside 1.5 acres of their land for the burial ground. Part of that acreage was also to be used for a church and a schoolhouse. Both of the land donors are buried here in marked graves.

The graves are maintained by the Harris Creek Cemetery Association. The burial ground is a good reflection of the history of the Harris Creek community and of this part of McLennan County.
McIlhaney-Hardin-Warren plot, towards rear of cemetery
Harris Creek Cemetery, McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
Photographed 19 June 2005 by R. Steven Rainwater & Susan Chance-Rainwater
Bettie Hardin McIlhaney, wife of James, 8 June 1870 - 12 Dec 1965
Harris Creek Cemetery, McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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B.
Truman Hugh McIlhaney, 20 Feb 1907 - 30 Jul 1994, son of Bettie and James
Harris Creek Cemetery, McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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C.
Zara Kuykendall Hardin, wife of W. H., 15 Nov 1844 - 15 May 1917
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D.
Baby McIlhaney, (no dates)
Harris Creek Cemetery, McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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Infant son, Melvin D. Warren, Jr., Feb 3 - 5, 1942
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Fannie Elizabeth McIlhaney Warren, wife of Dolpha, 26 Jan 1900 - 6 Jul 1993
Married 14 Dec 1919
Harris Creek Cemetery, McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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DOLPHA WARREN
US ARMY
WORLD WAR I
OCT 15 1894   FEB 14 1981

Dolpha Warren, US Army World War I
Harris Creek Cm., McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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Abijah Warren, 13 May 1853 - 23 Oct 1895
Ella V. Warren, 15 Jun 1857 - 8 Jun 1915, wife of Abijah
Harris Creek Cm., McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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HE HOLDS OUR BABY CLOSE
WITHIN HIS ARMS TODAY.
JAMES AND JOANNE
WARREN
JUNE 23, 1994

Infant of James & Joanne Warren, 23 June 1994
Harris Creek Cm., McGregor, McLennan Co., TX
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