

Cherokee County, Texas Myrtle Springs Cemetery
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MYRTLE SPRINGS CEMETERY - CHEROKEE CO TX

North on Hwy 110 from Rusk to SR 204; right a few yards to FM 2274 left on 2247 approx. 1.3 miles to CR 4501 then left approx 1 mile to cemetery. (Surveyed in December-2001) Begun during the 1860's this cemetery served as a burial ground for citizens of the town of Lone Star as well as other scattered settlements in the area. Many homesteads were located nearby and a Union church was attended by many families until the 1920's. The cemetery is located on land deeded to the Myrtle Springs Church by area pioneer, Thomas Garrison. Though several hand-cut sandstone markers are illegible or contain only initials, the earliest marked grave is that of Martha C. Wallace, born in 1852 buried here in 1866. At least 15 veterans of the Civil War are interred here and more are believed to rest in unmarked graves. In October 1950 an additional tract of land was added to the original cemetery plot, in 1963 a group of area citizens formed a cemetery association for the care of the burial ground. The State of Texas granted a perpetual care charter to the association in 1967. Although the settlement of Lone Star became a ghost town, the cemetery has served a widespread rural community including the town of Ponta and area farms and homesteads.

Section II South of Road (MS2)
Row 1 North to South

Rainwater, Richard Wayne MS2-01 Jan-29-1949 Jun-01-1980
Rainwater, Flora Pauline MS2-01 Sep-16-1921 'm. Oct-08-1937'; with Silas
Rainwater, Silas Ross (Papaw) MS2-01 Nov-20-1905 Apr-21-1999 with Flora

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