

# Corpus Christi City Council

August 2017 Presentation



## WILLIAM DURYEE

(May 18, 1835 - Mar 21, 1907)

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# OLD BAYVIEW CEMETERY

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The oldest federal military cemetery in Texas, Old Bayview was laid out by US Army Engineers while Brig. Gen. Zachary Taylor was encamped in Corpus Christi on the eve of the [Mexican War](#). On September 13, 1845, the steamer "Dayton" used to transfer men from St. Joseph's Island to Corpus Christi, burst a boiler near McGloin's Bluff (Old Ingleside), killing seven soldiers. Taylor obtained a burial site from H. L. Kinney, founder of Corpus Christi.

Col. Hitchcock who served under Taylor wrote:



### OLD BAYVIEW CEMETERY

THE OLDEST FEDERAL MILITARY CEMETERY IN TEXAS, OLD BAYVIEW WAS LAID OUT BY U. S. ARMY ENGINEERS WHILE BRIG. GEN. ZACHARY TAYLOR WAS ENCAMPED IN CORPUS CHRISTI ON THE EVE OF THE MEXICAN WAR. ON SEPT. 13, 1845, THE STEAMER "DAYTON," USED TO TRANSFER MEN FROM ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND TO CORPUS CHRISTI, BURST A BOILER NEAR MCGLOIN'S BLUFF (OLD INGLESIDE), KILLING SEVEN SOLDIERS. TAYLOR OBTAINED A BURIAL SITE FROM H. L. KINNEY, FOUNDER OF CORPUS CHRISTI. COL. HITCHCOCK, WHO SERVED UNDER TAYLOR, WROTE:

"ON SEPTEMBER 14, A MILITARY FUNERAL TOOK PLACE AT THE BURIAL GROUND WHICH I SELECTED. IT IS ON THE BROW OF THE HILL NORTHWEST OF CAMP AND COMMANDS A VIEW OF THE NUECES AND CORPUS CHRISTI BAYS. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SPOT."

AFTER TAYLOR'S ARMY LEFT CORPUS CHRISTI IN 1846, THE CEMETERY BECAME THE COMMUNITY BURIAL GROUND. HERE ARE GRAVES OF PIONEER SETTLERS, AND OF VETERANS OF WAR OF 1812, TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE, MEXICAN WAR, INDIAN CAMPAIGNS, CIVIL WAR, AND LATER CONFLICTS.

MARKERS BEAR THE NAMES OF MEN OF THE 9TH U. S. CAVALRY, 1ST U. S. INFANTRY, 38TH U. S. INFANTRY, U. S. MOUNTED RIFLES, AND 1ST TEXAS CAVALRY.

(1967)



### EXPLOSION OF THE STEAMSHIP DAYTON

SHORTLY AFTER THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS VOTED TO APPROVE ANNEXATION TO THE U.S. IN JUNE 1845, THE U.S. ENTERED A BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN TEXAS AND MEXICO. PRESIDENT JAMES K. POLK ORDERED GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR TO POSITION HIS TROOPS ON OR NEAR THE RIO GRANDE. CORPUS CHRISTI WAS CHOSEN AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE TROOPS.

THE TEAMER "DAYTON" WAS CARRYING TROOPS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI TO ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND ON SEPT. 12, 1845 WHEN A BOILER BURST NEAR MCGLOIN'S BLUFF (INGLESIDE). A SECOND BOILER BLEW AS THE BOAT PLUNGED INTO THE WATER. THE REMAINS OF THE VESSEL CAUGHT ON FIRE AND SOON SANK. A SMALL BOAT PICKED UP THE WOUNDED IN THE WATER FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSIONS. SEVEN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED, AND ONE DIED SEVERAL DAYS LATER. A BURIAL SITE WAS CHOSEN HERE BY GEN. HITCHCOCK AND A MILITARY FUNERAL TOOK PLACE THE SAME DAY AS THE ACCIDENT. THE "DAYTON" EXPLOSION VICTIMS BURIED HERE ARE: LT. BENJAMIN A. BERRY, AGE 28; LT. THADDEUS HIGGINS, AGE 28; RICHARD EDWARDS, BORN IN NEW YORK, AGE 33; JOHN HUGHES, BORN IN CHAMBLY, CANADA, AGE 18; ALEXANDER IWANOWSKI, BORN IN KAMIENIC, POLAND, AGE 39; JAMES JOHNSON, BORN IN NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND, AGE 36; JAMES MARSHALL, BORN IN NEWCASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AGE 39; AND DANIEL MCKERNS, BORN IN CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA, AGE 26.

(1997)



### THOMAS S. PARKER

BORN IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1817, THOMAS S. PARKER CAME TO TEXAS AT THE AGE OF TWENTY. IN 1839 HE AND HIS PARENTS WILLIAM W. AND HANNAH PARKER WERE AWARDED LARGE LAND GRANTS IN THE VICINITY OF PRESENT-DAY CORPUS CHRISTI; THEY USED THE LAND TO RAISE CATTLE.

ABOUT 1845 PARKER JOINED FORCES WITH HIS FRIEND HENRY L. KINNEY, WHO HAD ESTABLISHED A TRADING POST IN THIS VICINITY AND ALSO COMMANDED A TEXAS RANGER UNIT. WHEN GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR'S U.S. ARMY SET UP CAMP NEAR THE TRADING POST IN AUG. 1845, KINNEY WAS NAMED THE ARMY'S QUARTERMASTER, AND THOMAS PARKER WAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO SUPPLY BEEF FOR THE SOLDIERS. IT WAS FROM THIS ARMY POST THAT THE TOWN OF CORPUS CHRISTI GREW.

AS AN ESTABLISHED RESIDENT OF THE AREA, COL. TOM PARKER, AS HE WAS KNOWN, WAS APPOINTED THE FIRST NUECES COUNTY SHERIFF AFTER TEXAS WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION IN 1845. HE LATER SERVED AS A TEXAS RANGER AND AS A SOLDIER IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY. AFTER THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR, PARKER RETURNED TO CORPUS CHRISTI, WHERE HE BECAME CITY MARSHAL IN 1873 AND DIED IN 1886.

THOMAS PARKER'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WERE VITAL TO THE EARLY GROWTH OF CORPUS CHRISTI. HE AND HIS WIFE RACHEL ARE BURIED AT THIS SITE.

(1983)



## LOUIS DE PLANQUE

BORN IN PRUSSIA IN APRIL 1842, LOUIS DE PLANQUE IMMIGRATED TO MEXICO DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR ERA. BY 1864 HE WAS WORKING IN MATAMOROS AND SOON OPENED A PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, THE CONFEDERATE COTTON TRADE TRANSFORMED BROWNSVILLE AND MATAMOROS INTO BOOMTOWNS, WHICH HELPED DE PLANQUE'S BUSINESS. IN ADDITION TO PHOTOGRAPHING BOTH UNION AND CONFEDERATE TROOPS STATIONED IN THE AREA, DE PLANQUE ALSO SOLD TINTYPES, CARTES DE VISITE, FRAMES AND STEREOPTIC EQUIPMENT AND SLIDES. DESPITE SUSTAINING HEAVY DAMAGE TO BOTH HIS STUDIOS AND LOSING VALUABLE EQUIPMENT IN THE 1867 HURRICANE, HE MANAGED TO PHOTOGRAPH THE STORM DAMAGE.

IN THE TWO YEARS AFTER THE STORM, HE OPENED STUDIOS IN INDIANOLA AND CORPUS CHRISTI. AS DE PLANQUE PREPARED TO CLOSE HIS INDIANOLA STUDIO, THE 1875 HURRICANE STRUCK THERE AND HE AND HIS WIFE BARELY SURVIVED. USING A LANTERN SHOW TO RAISE MONEY, DE PLANQUE PURCHASED NEW EQUIPMENT AND REVIVED HIS CORPUS CHRISTI STUDIO, WHERE HE SPENT THE REST OF HIS CAREER. CALLED "DON LUIS" IN CORPUS CHRISTI, THE SIX-FOOT, 200-POUND DE PLANQUE WAS KNOWN TO LOVE PARTIES AND CUT A STRIKING FIGURE BY ATTENDING MANY EVENTS DRESSED IN ECCENTRIC COSTUMES, SUCH AS LEATHER LEGGINGS AND A SERAPE TOPPED WITH A FEATHERED TYROLEAN HAT. LOCAL LORE STATED THAT NO LOCAL OR VISITING CELEBRITY COULD ESCAPE A SESSION IN DE PLANQUE'S STUDIO. HE DIED OF A STROKE IN CORPUS CHRISTI ON MAY 1, 1898. HE MARRIED TWICE AND TRAINED HIS SECOND WIFE, FRENCHWOMAN EUGENIE J. ROBERT, AS A PHOTOGRAPHER. SHE CONTINUED TO OPERATE HIS PHOTOGRAPHY BUSINESS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH.

MARKER IS PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

(2014)



## JOHN DIX

BORN IN LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS, IN 1796, JOHN DIX PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN AMERICAN AND STATE HISTORY. AS A TEENAGER, HE SERVED ABOARD A PRIVATEER DURING THE WAR OF 1812. HE WAS ENGAGED IN CAPTURING THE ENGLISH BRIG DON COSSACK, WHICH HAD LEFT A CALIFORNIA PORT. HE SOON BECAME A SEA CAPTAIN AND WAS SHIPWRECKED ON THE ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND. IN 1825 DIX MARRIED MARY ELIZA HAYES OF GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, AND HE FOUNDED A SETTLEMENT IN WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, WHICH BEARS HIS NAME. ONCE HIS FAMILY MIGRATED TO TEXAS, DIX SERVED AS A SOLDIER IN THE TEXAS REVOLUTION. IN OCTOBER OF 1835 HE ENLISTED IN THE TEXIAN ARMY AS A PRIVATE IN THE COMPANY OF CAPTAIN JAMES SWISHER AND SERVED ONE MONTH AT SAN ANTONIO DE BEXAR BEFORE BEING DISCHARGED ON NOVEMBER 4.

IN 1849, AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS OF FARMING IN THE TOWN OF INDEPENDENCE, THE DIX FAMILY MOVED TO NUECES COUNTY AND SETTLED IN CORPUS CHRISTI WHERE DIX PURCHASED SIX CITY LOTS FROM THE CITY'S FOUNDER, HENRY L. KINNEY. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL SHEEP RANCHER, WINNING PRIZES AT THE LONE STAR FAIR. DIX WAS APPOINTED AS "SURVEYOR AND INSPECTOR OF THE REVENUE FOR THE PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI" BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN PIERCE IN 1854 AND WAS LATER REAPPOINTED BY PRESIDENT JAMES BUCHANAN IN 1858. THE CIVIL WAR SPLIT THE DIX FAMILY WHEN MEMBERS TOOK OPPOSITE SIDES. DIX, A PRO-UNION ACTIVIST, WAS INDICTED IN 1864 FOR TREASON AGAINST THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA ALONG WITH EIGHT OTHERS. THE WAR ENDED BEFORE ANY ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THE MEN. AFTER THE WAR, DIX WAS APPOINTED CHIEF JUSTICE OF NUECES COUNTY, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL 1869, THE YEAR BEFORE HIS DEATH.

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## ELI TODD MERRIMAN

BORN THE SON OF A DOCTOR, ELI TODD MERRIMAN (1852-1941) WAS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CORPUS CHRISTI. THE MERRIMAN FAMILY MIGRATED TO CORPUS CHRISTI FROM CONNECTICUT IN 1838 BY WAY OF BASTROP, SAN MARCOS, EDINBURG AND BANQUETE, FINALLY ARRIVING IN THEIR FINAL DESTINATION IN 1865. IN 1870, ELI, AT THE AGE OF 18, BEGAN WORKING AS A TYPESETTER FOR THE *NUECES VALLEY*, A WEEKLY PUBLICATION. HE WOULD SOON BECOME A FOREMAN AND LATER A REPORTER. ELI LATER MOVED ON TO THE *GALVESTON NEWS* DURING A BRIEF SEPARATION FROM CORPUS CHRISTI BUT LATER RETURNED TO WORK FOR THE *CORPUS CHRISTI GAZETTE*. IN 1876, ELI AND WILLIAM H. MALTBY, AN EXPERIENCED PUBLISHER, CREATED AND PUBLISHED THE *CORPUS CHRISTI FREE PRESS*. ELI, WHO HELD THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SECURING SUBSCRIPTIONS, TRAVELED BY HORSEBACK AS FAR AS THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY. AFTER MALTBY'S DEATH IN 1880, ELI BECAME SOLE PROPRIETOR.

IN 1883, THE PAPER WAS SOLD TO THE CALLER PUBLISHING COMPANY, WHICH IN TURN RENAMED THE PAPER THE *CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER*. TODAY IT IS CALLED THE *CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES*. DURING HIS STINT, ELI EARNED THE NICKNAME "DEAN OF TEXAS NEWSPAPER MEN" AS THE CALLER WAS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PAPERS IN TEXAS. RETIRING FROM THE NEWSPAPER DID NOT SLOW ELI DOWN. HE EMPLOYED HIMSELF IN REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE. HIS MAIN EFFORTS WERE TO CREATE A DEEP-WATER PORT FOR CORPUS CHRISTI AND TO REPAIR AND PRESERVE THE OLD BAYVIEW CEMETERY, WHERE HE IS NOW BURIED. ELI WORKED TIRELESSLY TO FUNDRAISE FOR THESE CAUSES. IN 1941, AT THE AGE OF 88, ELI TODD MERRIMAN PASSED AWAY LEAVING A LEGACY FOR HIS THREE CHILDREN OF COMMUNITY PRIDE AND RESPONSIBILITY. THE STATE HONORED HIM WITH A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING HIS ASTOUNDING CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS.

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## WILLIAM DERYEE

(May 15, 1825 - May 23, 1903)

CHEMIST, GEOLOGIST, AND PHOTOGRAPHER WILLIAM DERYEE WAS BORN AS WILLIAM DÜRY IN WÜRZBURG, BAVARIA. HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE GYMNASIUM AND LATEINSCHULE IN WÜRZBURG, THEN WENT ON TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE 1848 UPRISING AGAINST KING LUDWIG I, BUT WHEN IT WAS SUPPRESSED, HE LEFT WITH OTHER DISSIDENTS TO SETTLE IN TENNESSEE. HERE HE MARRIED HIS WIFE, DOROTHEA MYLIUS FROM SAXONY, IN 1849. THEY HAD FIVE CHILDREN. HE ALSO CHANGED HIS NAME TO "DERYEE". AFTER ESTABLISHING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE COTTONSEED MILLS, HE GATHERED THE ATTENTION OF MANY COPPER MINE OPERATORS AND THEY HIRED HIM TO INVESTIGATE THEIR MINES. HE AND HIS FAMILY RELOCATED TO NEW BRAUNFELS, WHERE HE DEVELOPED AND DEMONSTRATED NEW PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNIQUES ALONGSIDE OTHER GERMAN IMMIGRANTS.

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, DERYEE SERVED UNDER THE CONFEDERACY AS A STATE CHEMIST TO HELP DEVELOP MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS AND TO FIND SOURCES OF NITRATES FOR THE MILITARY. HE ALSO INVENTED SMOKELESS EXPLOSIVES, AND MATERIALS FOR MARINE TORPEDOES, BUT THESE DID NOT SEE USE IN THE CIVIL WAR. AFTER THE WAR, HE MOVED TO CORPUS CHRISTI, AND OPENED THE DERYEE AND BINGHAM DRUGSTORE. IN 1867, AFTER A YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC TOOK HIS SON, EMIL, AS WELL AS PHYSICIANS IN TOWN, WILLIAM DERYEE DEVELOPED REMEDIES FOR THE FEVER, INCLUDING AN EFFECTIVE ANTISEPTIC. HE LATER REPRESENTED NUECES COUNTY AT THE WORLD COTTON EXPOSITION IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1885. HE WENT ON TO PUBLISH IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH FOR THE STATE. DERYEE IS REMEMBERED AS A MAJOR SCIENTIFIC LEADER IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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# U. S. VETERANS OF THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION (1845 - 1846)

THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO THE VETERANS BURIED IN  
OLD BAYVIEW CEMETERY BUT WHOSE EXACT BURIAL LOCATIONS ARE UNKNOWN

## 3RD INFANTRY

CAMP, DAVID R.  
EISENBERGER, JOHN  
FORREST, ELZA B.  
FORREY, WILLIAM  
HEARTY, ARDEL  
HEPERMAN, HENRY  
HERBERT, REUBEN

HIGGINS, DANIEL  
HUGHS, PETER  
KENNEDY, THOMAS  
MARTIN, JOHN  
MILLER, DAVID  
STATON, ELIJAH W.

## 4TH INFANTRY

BULLOCK, ARCHIBALD  
FOWLER, DANIEL H.  
GALLOWAY, ROBERT  
KAISEN, LOUDWIG  
LEWARS, JOHN  
MC LOWLEN, JOHN  
MILLS, WILLIAM W.

MORGAN, JOHN  
MURPHY, ROBERT  
RICHARDSON, JOHN F. B.  
SANDERS, MICHAEL  
STEWART, ROBERT  
VAN ALLMEN, GUTLIEB

## 5TH INFANTRY

FORD, JOHN  
GOODHAND, JAMES  
JEFFRIES, WILLIAM  
MC CAEL, EDWARD

MERRILL, HENRY  
MESSERSMITH, HENRY  
WADE, WILLIAM W.

## 7TH INFANTRY

DEMPSEY, JEREMIAH  
FRASER, WILLIAM

HOFFMAN, WILLIAM  
LUGENBUHL, JOHN

## 8TH INFANTRY

GRAHAM, WILLIAM  
HANDY, JAMES O.  
HUMPHRIES, ALFRED

MURPHY, PATRICK  
PUGH, JOHN M.  
WILSON, JOSEPH

## 2ND ARTILLERY

CALLAHAN, LAWRENCE  
CASHMAN, JAMES  
COF, ROBERT

HOGAN, HUGH  
RIDDLE, JAMES

## 3RD ARTILLERY

BYARS, SAMUEL  
DREVES, JACOB

GETTNER, GEORGE

## 4TH ARTILLERY

BUTCHER, JOSEPH

MILLER, JOHN F.

## 2ND DRAGOONS

ALLEN, WILLIAM T.  
CLARK, JOHN  
COOK, AUGUSTUS  
EDGAR, JAMES T.  
FOY, PATRICK  
GAREY, WILLIAM  
HELLAN, FRANCIS

KELLY, EDWARD  
KELLY, JOSEPH  
MARCELLIS, JOHN F.  
REIFSTACK, ANDREW  
WARNER, ULYSSES W.  
YOUNG, CAMILE

## UNKNOWN UNITS

CHAMBERS  
ENGERSPIEL  
WEST

... AND ADDITIONAL VETERANS KNOWN BUT TO GOD.



JOHN H. HARRIS  
BORN 1871  
DIED 1901  
AGE 30

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GEORGE WASHINGTON HOCKLEY  
BORN IN PHILADELPHIA  
DIED AT CORPUS CHRISTI  
JUNE 6, 1854  
DIRECTED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS





MATTHEW NOLAN  
6016  
2ND U.S. DRAGOONS

THOS. NOLAN  
6016  
2ND U.S. DRAGOONS

SERGT.  
WARFIELD  
CO. K.  
38 U.S. C. INF.





HENRY MOTE  
PVT 8 TEXAS INFANTRY  
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY  
AUG 18 1862  
1832

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23  
GEO. OWENS

COL. F.

97TH U.S. INF.




JEANILES


CO. A.

3RD TEXAS INF.

WAR WITH SPAIN



MOTHER



ANNA MOORE SCHWIEN  
1856 — 1946

COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT  
LABOR AND ARE HEAVY  
LADEN, AND I WILL  
GIVE YOU REST.

White  
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Clark  
 (his position  
 as far west)

Bird  
 2000

Birdland

Mrs. Coffer

Hooking

Mr. Clenden

R. B. Hunt  
 in charge of  
 one of the  
 number

Edmund

John  
 Dugg

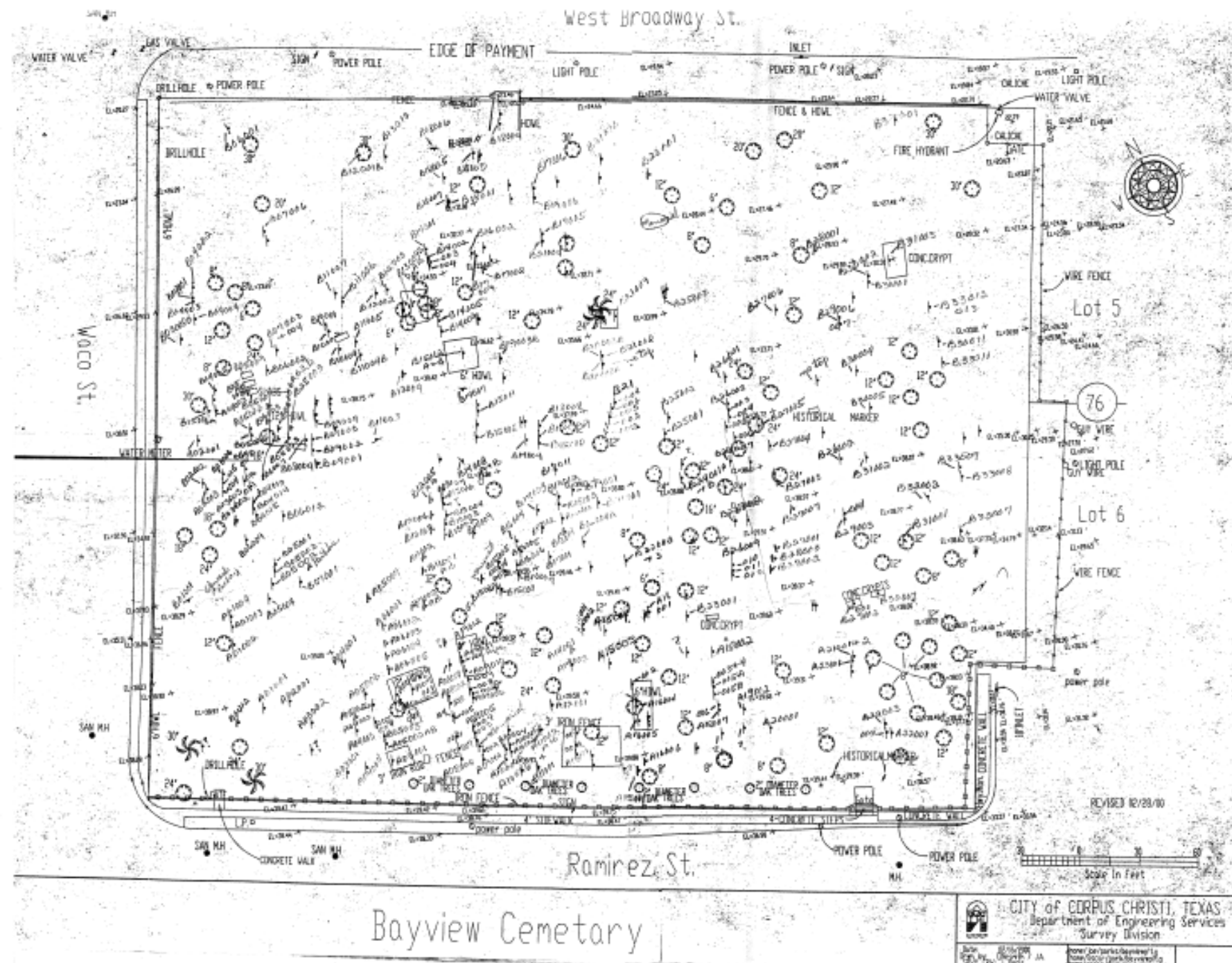
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Morrison

& wife  
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 All residents  
 200  
 Kingswood  
 Horace Taylor  
 L. L. Lewis and wife  
 Thomas Brown  
 Dr. Abner Hammett  
 (Seldons)  
 Lowmille Mrs. Rader  
 Armstrong  
 James Mc Kenzie family  
 Laura wife of S. T. Hill  
 General Nicholas  
 200

Ramirez, St.

Bayview Cemetary



























IN MEMORY OF  
FREDERICK W. COOLING

BORN NORTH WINGTON, ENG.  
DEC. 17, 1843

DIED  
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FREDERICK COOLING  
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OCT. 15, 1869  
DIED  
MAY 6, 1894

