

Famous Folks Scavenger Hunt
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WHO WERE THESE FAMOUS FOLKS? SECTION 3

30. Unknown Citizen's Burial Area: this area has been the final resting place of many San Angelo residents who were not able to afford a proper burial in the early half of the twentieth century. Most of these burials were paid for with public funds. The existing headstones are simple and handmade, unique tributes a loved one.

31. Daniel B. O'Brian and the old cross headstone: was buried in the Unknown Citizen's Burial Area. The old cross headstone is an example of one that is homemade by a loved one.

32. American flag: our national flag flies over Fairmount Cemetery and the Veterans Burial Area. The Fairmount Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony takes place by the flag each year on November 11, at 11:00 PM. Flags are also placed on over 1,200 service men and women's graves to honor this National Holiday.

33. Veterans Burial Area: here lie over 150 service men and women who fought for our freedom, including two vets from Texas War of Independence. Note the white crosses in this area that designate a veteran, with more located throughout the cemetery.

34. Houston Harte: was a newspaperman, born on January 12, 1893, in Knob Noster, Missouri. He was business manager in 1916 and then editor and publisher of the *Missouri Republican* in Boonville, Missouri. In 1920 he purchased the San Angelo, Texas, *Evening Standard*, and in partnership with Bernard Hanks in 1927 formed what became Harte-Hanks Communications. In 1972 the chain consisted of one television station and nineteen newspapers, including the *Abilene Reporter-News*, the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, the *San Antonio Express* and *Evening News*, (see SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS) and the *Paris Evening News*. That year the total circulation of the chain, covering six states, was over 600,000.

35. Katharine Tweedy Waring: was a noted local historian born in March of 1917 in San Angelo. She was the granddaughter of Joseph Tweedy, one of West Texas' noted pioneers. Katharine began school in the 4th grade at Santa Rita in San Angelo in 1927 after being home schooled. She attended the Hartridge School in Plainfield, New Jersey and in 1938 graduated with honors from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. After graduation, she lived and worked in New York City modeling for Lord and Taylor and working for Doubleday Books, where she began a career in research and writing, then returned home and working for the San Angelo Standard-Times. Katharine taught in the San Angelo schools for 18 years where she taught English until her retirement in 1977. A noted historian, and board member of the Fairmount Cemetery she was involved in its 100 year celebration. Her belief was that every person and each family contributes to the historical record.

36. Memorial to Judy Rowlett: was one of 184 persons killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon in Washington, DC. She was born May 8, 1957 in Tom Green County, Texas, and was a dedicated civil servant, never resisting a challenge. She was a transportation assistant with the Office of the Joint Department of Defense Activities Resources. She perished aboard American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon.

37. M. D. Bryant: was a wildcatter oilman, rancher and civic leader born in Louisiana in August 1895 and died in San Angelo in January 1967. His real name was Marcellus Douglas, but he went by "M.D.". He was a World War I veteran of who influenced the development of San Angelo area dams and reservoirs. He served as mayor of San Angelo in 1956 and was a confidant of President Lyndon Johnson. Bryant Boulevard is named for him.

38. **Ira G. Yates** was a rancher in the hardscrabble Trans-Pecos region of West Texas. An exploratory well drilled on the Yates ranch produced a "gusher." Today, Yates Field is among the most prolific oilfields in the world, having produced over one and a half billion barrels of oil since it was discovered in 1926. The town of Iraan, located near the original field, is named for Ira and Ann Yates.
39. **Lieutenant Jack Mathis** was a recipient of the Medal of Honor for heroic service in World War II. Mathis Field, now San Angelo Regional Airport, was named in his memory.
40. **The Weldon O. Landers grave** is marked by a unique headstone made of a large petrified wood log. Landers was a veteran of WWII and is buried between his two wives. What is the significance of the petrified log? Who chose it? Where did it come from? Questions such as these are part of a family history that is often memorialized with unique symbols for future generations to enjoy and ponder.
41. **Robert Carr** made his fortune in the oil and gas business, allowing him and his wife, **Nona K. Carr**, to donate generously to Texas Christian University, West Texas Boys Ranch, San Angelo Emergency Corps, Salvation Army, St. John's Hospital, and Shriner Orthopedic Hospital in Houston. In his will, he endowed a scholarship fund at Angelo State University that financed the Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr Academic Scholarships. The Education-Fine Arts Building and a residence hall at Angelo State are named in honor of the Carrs. Mr. Carr served in both World War I and World War II.
42. **Captain William A. Griffis III** was killed during his second tour of duty in Vietnam. During his military career, he was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Purple Heart, Navy Commendation Medal with "V" device, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal as well as other commendations.
43. **Col. Kenneth G. Herring** was a distinguished United States Army officer whose final military assignment was Director of Policy, Supreme Allied Command Atlantic. A graduate of West Point, he served in Korea and Vietnam. He was the recipient of Purple Hearts from both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts as well as other commendations.
44. **The Rogers Family Marker** is a wonderful example of how a family history can be memorialized in stone using symbols and epitaphs. Jimmy Rodgers was a City of San Angelo Park Superintendent from 1955 to 1989 and a Baptist preacher. The James Rogers Gazebo, located at 500 Rio Concho Drive, is named after him. Note the picture of the gazebo on the headstone and the Bible scripture below the photo. His wife, Lola, was an English teacher at Lee Middle School and church pianist. Truly this headstone tells a story about two loved ones who wish to be remembered.