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**WHO WERE THESE FAMOUS FOLKS?**

**SECTION 2**

**Block 27, Lot 21 Texas Revolutionary and Civil War Soldiers**: There are 12 civil war veterans buried in this designated area by the gazebo. Others are located throughout the cemetery.

**Block 28, Lot 14 Reece Albert**: was a successful San Angelo business owner of Reece Albert, Inc. who was born in 1910. After graduating from San Angelo High School in 1928, he was the first student to sign up for San Angelo Junior College. After one year he transferred to Texas A&M to study civil engineering but could not afford to finish college. He worked seven years as the Assistant Engineer for the City of San Angelo before receiving his engineer’s license. During this time, he did private jobs on weekends but struck out on his own in 1942. Mrs. Albert had the red granite headstone made to represent the company emblem. The company is still owned and operated by the family.

**Block 33, Lot 7 Jim Morris Bass**: was a successful San Angelo Business owner of Jim Bass Ford, Inc. He wa**s** born in 1913, served in WWII, and worked with Ford Motor Company before moving to San Angelo in 1961 to start his own business that would become Jim Bass Ford. His son and grandson continue to operate the dealership. The family headstone was found in an abandoned limestone quarry on his land.  A large "boulder" was taken to TexaStone Quarry in Garden City, sliced into the necessary pieces, and now stands in Fairmount Cemetery.

**Block 33, Lot 7 The Honorable Edd B. Keys:** was a basketball coach at San Angelo High School and also San Angelo College (ASU). He graduated from Baylor Law School in 1950. The next year he was appointed County Attorney. In 1959 he was elected County Judge and served for 28 years. Keys was the longest serving Tom Green County Judge. He lost his life after an ice storm accident near Dallas on New Years Day, 1986. The Judge Edd B. Keyes building at 113 W. Beauregard is named for him. His father and grandfather were also judges.

**Block 61, Lots 5-29 Greek Orthodox Church Burial Area:**  are three sections in Block 61 purchased by the Greek Orthodox Church. The first burial was in 1932. Many of the white marble crosses are inscribed in the Greek alphabet with photos of loved ones on them. The congregation deeds the lots to church members.

**Block B and C Pleasant View Burial Area, Historic African American Cemetery**: (sections A, B and C) were deeded to a group of African American citizens. They were restricted to burial in this section until integration in 1954. The deeds to these lots were issued by Mrs. Maggie Fullilove Starks (1903 to 1991), the owner of Starks Funeral Home since 1927. These deeds are still handled by her estate.

**Block B Sancho Mazique and Elijah Cox, Pleasant View Burial Area:**

**Edward “Sancho” Mozique:** was a born into slavery on June 20, 1849 in Colombia, South Carolina. Mozique enlisted with the United States Army following the Civil War and in 1875, at age 26, Sancho was assigned to Company E of the 10th Calvary. Sancho was posted to Fort Concho and served his entire time in the military assigned there. Mozique was assigned to the carpenter’s shop of the quartermaster’s section, working under the direction of Dennis Keating. Sancho was an expert carpenter and an active member in the 10th Calvary band. Mozique was close to Colonel Benjamin Grierson and on occasion went hunting with him. When Edith, Colonel Grierson’s daughter, died, Sancho helped build her coffin. Following an honorable discharge from the military, Sancho returned to San Angelo helping erect many of the town’s early buildings including the Tankersley’s Concho Hotel. However, lumber was scarce and expensive, so there were little demands for a carpenter. Mozique travelled throughout Texas and the Southwest looking for carpentry jobs to support his wife, Alice Johnson, but always returned to San Angelo. Sancho worked at the old corral at Kickapoo Springs Ranch as a cook following previous work at early San Angelo hotels and restaurants. Sancho retired from being a cook at the Sugg Ranch in 1931 to take care of his wife. He continued to be active in the San Angelo community until his death at the age of 101 on April 20, 1951.

**Elijah Cox:** known by many as “Old Cox”, was born on September 25, 1842 in Mackinaw, Michigan. When the Civil War broke out, he joined the Union Army as a personal servant to Captain George Madison. Once the war ended, he left the army and became an apprentice carpenter in his hometown. However, in the spring of 1870 he rejoined the army as a Buffalo Soldier and eventually ended up at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He stayed in the army for 18 months and was posted at various forts. In 1871, he was discharged from the army and while escorting a body to San Antonio, he went through San Angelo and said it “just naturally looked good to him” and stayed for 69 years. He worked at Fort McKavett for a few years as a cook and learned to play the guitar. He then served as a buffalo hunter, saloon worker, and at one point owned his own saloon and dance hall. He was known by many in San Angelo as a “fiddle” player and lived to the age of 98.

**Block C, Jacob W. Wilks, Pleasant View Burial Area**: was born a slave in Clarke County, Kentucky around 1840.  His slave master was John P. Wilks.  Jacob Wilks escaped slavery along with his parents and a sibling via the “Underground Railroad.”  A Mrs. Waddell raised him in the free state of Ohio after his parents died. Jacob Wilks was one of the first to enlist at Camp Nelson, Kentucky on the 16th of September 1863 in Company “C” 116th Regiment United States Army Colored Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Union General Ulysses S. Grant.  He was discharged in October 1866 after serving 3 years 1 month.  He re-enlisted the same day at Greenville, Louisiana in Company “F” 9th U S Calvary, The Buffalo Soldiers.  Sergeant Wilks served until 1871 and re-enlisted for a second term. He was stationed at Fort McKavett, Texas from 1869 to 1874.  Sergeant Wilks and his comrades chased hostile Indians all over western Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.  While stationed at Fort Sill in Indian Territory, Sergeant Wilks contacted chrome disease from exposure in the line of duty.  Sergeant Wilks was honorably discharged 2 October 1876 from Fort Seldon, New Mexico. He was married on 20 October 1884 at Fort McKavett, Menard County, Texas to Elizabeth Moore.  They had six children: Maggie, Mary, Ophelia and Ovelia, Bernice and Mamie Sue.  The family moved to San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas in 1899. Jacob died in 1922 in San Angelo, Texas.  He is buried in the family plot in the Pleasant View Burial Area inside Fairmont Cemetery.

**Block D, Lot 50 Mamie Yeary: w**as born in 1876 and the daughter of a Confederate Veteran. She was physically disabled and never married. In 1912, Yeary edited and published *Reminiscences of the Boys in Gray, 1861–1865*. This 904-page book comprised memoirs submitted to her by Confederate Army veterans living in Texas at the time of writing. She worked three years to conduct interviews and received letters from hundreds of veterans who fought in all branches of the military and survived the Civil War. She moved to San Angelo and lived with her bother’s family until her death in June 1922.

**Block E and F Statue of St. Francis and Quail perched on Log:**  is the nine foot Italian bronze statue of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of nature. It overlooks the Memorial Garden and is a focal point of Fairmount Cemetery. Marilyn Mertz, a past Board member, was committed to having more art in the cemetery for public enjoyment. The statue was designed by artist Bernard Zuckermann and completed in 1973 with private funds raised by project committee chairman Mrs. Mertz. The bronze quails perched on the log were added in 1988, designed by artist Rene Castleberry and cast by the Chicken Farm Art Center in San Angelo.

**Block A, Lot 1, Row 1 Kenneth McNease**: was a community activist, a committed public servant, and served on the San Angelo City Council for 11 years, from 1974 to 1982 and 1989 to 1990.  McNease Convention Center is named after him. He also served on numerous city boards prior to his death in July 2007.

**Block 62, Lot 27 David Marcel Grice**: wasborn 10 June 1901 and died 23 March 1937. He died in Val Verde County and is buried in Fairmount Cemetery. His flat headstone has a classic epitaph that reads, “For when the one great scorer comes to write against our names, He counts not that we have won or lost, but how we played the game.”

**Block 69, Lot 16 Kenneth G. Gunter:** wasan entrepreneur, cable-TV pioneer, visionary, historic preservationist, pilot, MENSA member, and pilot. A native San Angeloan, Gunter was born in 1933 and died in 2014. He attended Central High School and graduated from Rice University in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. In 1958, he and his father, E.C. Gunter, became pioneers in the cable television industry by building a community television service. Growth and mergers followed at a fast pace. Gunter was pioneering cable television with satellite delivery and Earth stations for instant communications around the world. At one point the cable company had 750,000 subscribers in 16 states. As a historic preservationist, he helped to stabilize the Historic Business District on Concho Avenue, also know as Block One.

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