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Rice University Archives

- Letter from Henry Smith (Governor of the Mexican Territory of Texas) to Leonard Groce

- January 18, 1836
  - Letter describes the turmoil and fighting in Texas
  - Discusses how Henry Smith's provisional council had plans to impeach him from office (of which they later succeeded)

Bernardo Plantation

Jared Ellison Groce II

- After coming to Texas, chose a plot of land and named it Bernardo.
- Later gave Bernardo to his son Leonard Waller Groce.

Leonard Waller Groce.

- Bernardo was opened to Sam Houston's army
- Moved to Liendo, and left Bernardo to his cousin.
- The remains of the old house were destroyed by an 1870 flood on the Brazos River.

Liendo Plantation

Justo Liendo

- One of the first 32 settlers in the area.

- Acquired land through Spanish land grant
  - Found his birth records from Mexico

- Sold land to Groce for unpaid taxes

Col. Leonard Groce

- Became the social center of southeast Texas. Convenient stop between Houston and Austin.

- Many owners since Groce.
  - Groce → Dr. Leonard Clarke→ Dr. Edmund Montgomery → Capt. George Harris→ Sybil Glen Bock (as well as smaller pieces to others) →Willene Compton (held centennial celebration for Liendo) →Mr & Mrs. Carl Detering (opened home to public during Waller County Centennial celebration)

Prairie View Memorial Park Cemetery (modern cemetery)

- Contacted Mary Lewis with Prairie View and received the following information:

  - Managed by Dean/Administrator of Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel
  - For employees of Prairie View and their immediate families only
  - No charge
  - Current Funeral Homes serving the cemetery:

    - Singleton and Sons (Est. 1934, records weren't kept until 1984)
    - Lewis Funeral Home
    - Daniels Funeral Home (Out of business around 1970)
      - Ran by Daniels family, but both parents are deceased

  - Will possibly receive rough draft of cemetery plots and Cemetery Policies and Procedures to aid in further investigation.

Prairie View Memorial Park Cemetery

- Mapped GPR lines

- Discovered 3 unmarked graves in modern cemetery
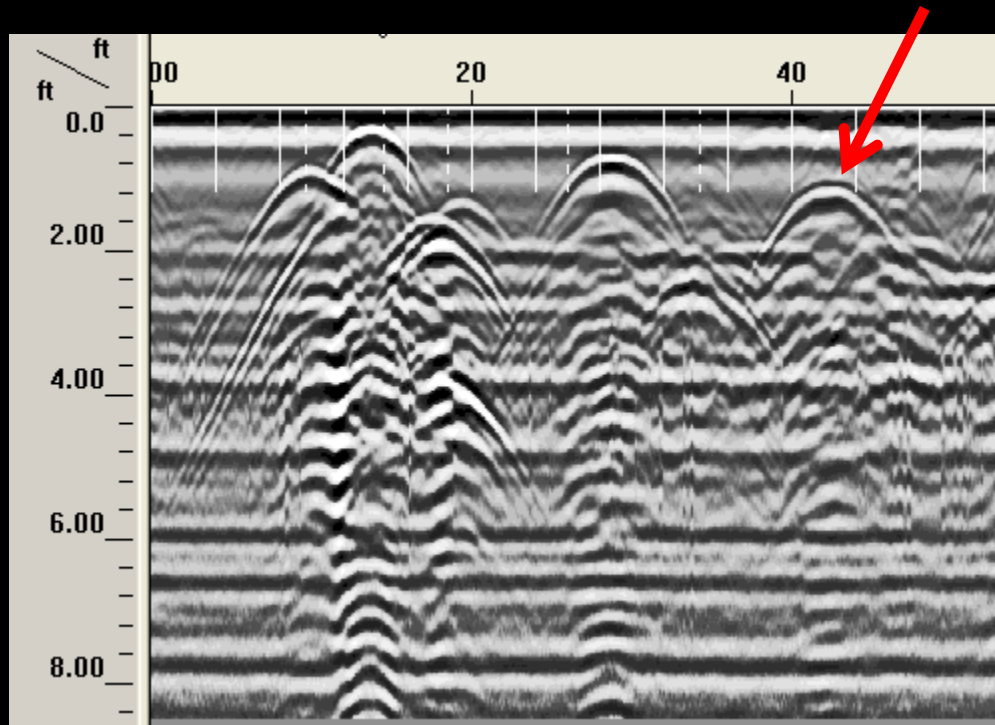 - 2 are located between Thomas P. Dooley and Mr. and Mrs. Sorrell

ARC map of modern cemetery

Prairie View Memorial Park Cemetery

- Recorded locations of more than 100 graves (including names and dates) using total station

- Noted names:
  - Edward Evans (could this be the 1st president? Buried next to Canzetta, but wife was Lucille. Second wife?)
  - Edward Cuney (son of the Mason?)
  - James Muse (commissioner for Waller county, freeway named for him)

Line 14

This is the first line we collected in the modern cemetery. Note the very strong responses from the caskets. Dashed white lines indicate headstones on the surface. At about 42' along the line, there is a strong anomaly that is not associated with a headstone.

Cemetery Research

- Milo Wilson: trustee of Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church
  – Bought it from A.W. Umland, September 22, 1925

- 1882 storm may have washed away markers; it took Pickett Hall off its blocks

- Used the Total Station to document locations of graves and GPR lines.

ARC map of old cemetery

Possible leads to investigate…

- Sarah Groce Berlet's Groce Family Records
- Effects on the community of the flood of the Brazos in 1870.
- Edward Evans headstone: Is this the president? Who is Canzetta Evans? Where is Lucille?
- Find more Muse's in the area to establish connection to the community and gain further knowledge of James Muse and possibly community/cemetery history.
- Records from Singleton and Sons
- Records from Lewis Cemetery
- Contact someone from the Daniels family regarding records from their funeral home (Possible contact with Daniels children through Mary Lewis)
- Map of cemetery from Prairie View from Mary Lewis
- Locate more funeral homes
- Continue plotting headstones
- Compare dates to abandoned cemetery