

Garvin Memorial Cemetery, Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas

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Directions: This small cemetery is located between Marsh and Midway Roads on Northwest Highway in Dallas, Texas, and is situated on the south side of the road.

Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/oMrYUjM4PGWeURKa8>

Though the cemetery sits back about 100 feet from the road and is not immediately visible, it is marked by two metal signs indicating the presence of a state historical marker and a plywood sign that reads:

Garvin Memorial Cemetery
Established 1868
Rededicated in 1897
Cemetery restored in 1977 by Jesse & Ruth Swor in memory of
William T. Swor, Sr., buried 1888 and John Wesley Swor, buried 1912.

The Texas Historical Commission marker was placed in 1980, and reads:

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This burial ground served the pioneer families who settled in the area. Graves here date from the 1870s. The land for the cemetery was donated to the community by James G. Garvin (1838–1897), a former Dallas merchant, his wife Eliza and brothers, Col. William L. Crawford (1839–1920) and Judge M. L. Crawford (1841–1910), prominent attorneys of the county. Several veterans of the Civil War are interred here, including Col. Pleasant G. Swor (1834–1878), who led an assault against Union forces at the Battle of Corinth.

This cemetery is badly overgrown and nearly a dozen of the headstones have been broken off at the base and are missing. Quite a number of gravesites are marked with metal tags set in concrete which give only the family name. Two groups of graves are contained within concrete-edged curbs and the remainder surround them.

RECTANGLE 1:

GARVIN, Joseph S., 10 Jan 1869 – 22 Sept 1912, Woodman of the World

GARVIN, James G., 13 Sept 1830 – 16 Jul 1897, Sgt., Co. B, Perkins Battery, MO Inf, CSA

Louisa, no dates, "Mother"

Mollie, no dates

Catherine A., no dates, "Mother"

GARVIN (4 sided obelisk)

J. G., 13 Sept 1830 – 16 Jul 1897

Catherine A., 14 Sep 1832 – 13 Oct 1875, wife of J. G. Garvin

Louisa, 26 Feb 1858 – 11 Dec 1879, wife of J. G. Garvin

Mollie, no dates, wife of J. G. Garvin

RECTANGLE 2:

MATHIS, William H., 26 Feb 1812 – 28 Jun 1878, "Father"

MATHIS, Martha J., 2 Jul 1802 – 22 Apr 1876, "Mother"

STONES OUTSIDE THE RECTANGLES:

MAYES, Eliza, 6 Oct 1866 – 31 Aug 1891, wife of S. M. Mayes

TRAVIS, Daniel M., 10 Jun 1830 – 2 Aug 1916

TRAVIS, Jane C., 25 Apr 1829 – Jan 8 1903

SWOR, Pleasant G., 22 Feb 1834 – 3 Jun 1878 (replacement stone)

Captain, Co. C, 5 Tenn Inf, CSA

SWOR, P. G., died 3 June 1878, "Father" (original stone)

SWOR, Martha, 11 Jun 1846 – 11 Jul 1888

SWOR, Jessie, died 1876, "infant"

GRAVES MARKED WITH METAL TAGS:

Sparkman Family

Mackey Family

Lively Family

Quillen Family

WEST, Theo Belle Ferree, 1859 – 1888

FERREE, Elizabeth, 1880 – 1883

W. Eder _____ (tag is broken in half)