

'Quiet Place To Rest' Not Always Quiet

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Magnolia — "It's such a quiet place to rest" was the comment of a lady visitor at Fields' Store Cemetery, located far from city noises, 12 miles west of Magnolia, 12 miles east of Hempstead and 10 miles north of Waller on Farm Rd. 1488. Its past wasn't so quiet, how-

The exact date of the founding of the cemetery is not known, but D. H. Fields, owner of Fields' Store, donated the land before the Civil War and was buried there on Sept. 7, 1872.

Fields' Store had quite a reputation for fights and killings during and after the Civil War.

Some people still contend that the three children of George Lynch were killed and the home near Fields' Store set on fire while the old folks were away. All that was left of the bodies was buried in Fields' Store Cemetery—and rocks and bricks still cover the grave plot.

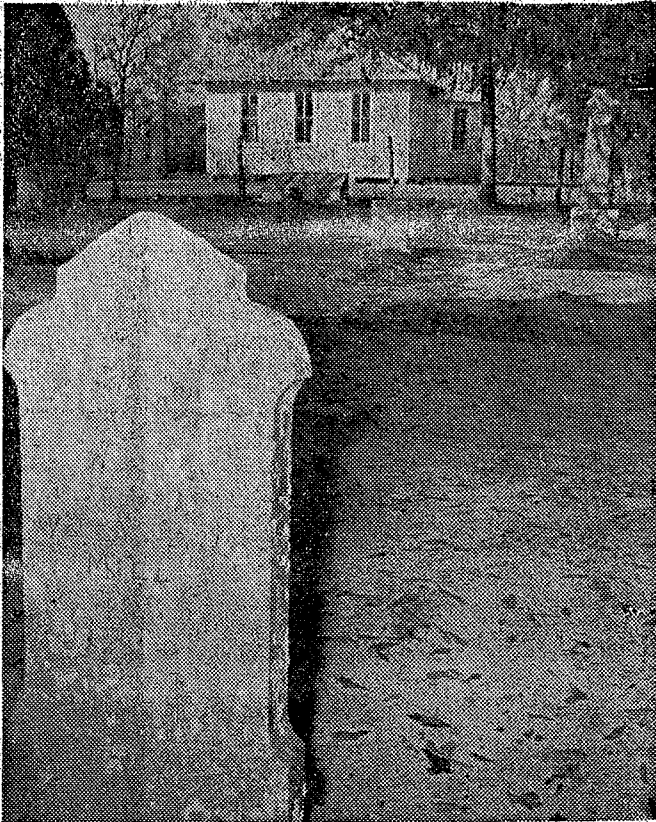
Temper ran high after the Civil War and Charles Quinn was killed during an election at Fields' Store in November, 1892. His uncle, Hugh Quinn, was killed in Hempstead in September, 1893, continuing the same argument.

The men are buried side by side on a plot with the father of Charles, who was a Confederate veteran.

Several veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars are buried in Fields' Store Cemetery, although quite a few of the graves are not marked.

In the 1950s the cemetery association decided to enlarge the cemetery. Now a rodeo is held every Fourth of July to raise money to take care of the grounds.

Wide spreading cedars and other trees tend to make the old cemetery a beauty spot. The Pleasant Hill Masonic Lodge has a hall just outside the cemetery fence. A church is also located just outside the gate.



FIELDS' STORE CEMETERY
Small Church Is Outside Main Gate