

Texas Historical Marker Dedication

Wixon Cemetery

Saturday, May 25, 1996

2:00 p.m.

Brazos County Historical Commission

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WIXON CEMETERY

THE RURAL FARMING COMMUNITY OF WIXON WAS SETTLED IN THE LATE 1860s BY FORMER RESIDENTS OF SEVERAL WAR-TORN SOUTHERN STATES. THE WIXON SCHOOL AND WIXON CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE 1870S ON LAND ADJACENT TO THIS CEMETERY. THE EARLIEST RECORDED BURIAL HERE WAS THAT OF NANCY SUMMERS IN 1871. BOTH THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL CLOSED IN THE 1930s AND IN 1968 THE SCHOOL PROPERTY WAS DEEDED TO THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION. BURIED HERE ARE MANY OF THE AREA'S EARLY SETTLERS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS AND AT LEAST 17 CONFEDERATE CIVIL WAR VETERANS.

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STATEHOOD 1845-1995

Program

Welcome	Dr. Charles Schultz, Chairman, Brazos County Historical Commission
Invocation	Calvin W. Beard
Recognition of Guest	Dr. Charles Schultz
Comments about Wixon	Ruth Jones Hary
"My Country Tis of Thee" Sing-a-long	Led by Johnny Saculla
"Old Rugged Cross"	Johnny Saculla
Presentation of Marker	Janis Jones Hunt
Acceptance of Marker	Doug Stallings, Pres. Wixon Cemetery Association
Recognition of Confederate Service Veterans	Myrtle Hicks Martin
Military Honors	Company E, Second Texas Volunteer Infantry, Recreated.
Benediction	Dave Burdett, Company E

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love:
I love thy rocks and rills,
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee
Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!