



Cherokee County Historical Commission
Mixon Cemetery Association
Texas State Historical Marker Dedication
Sunday, October 7, 2012
2:00 pm

To Live in Hearts We Leave Behind is Not to Die



Dedication Ceremony

Welcome Elray Partin, Association President

Elizabeth McCutcheon, Chair

Cherokee County Historical Commission

(CCHC)

Invocation...... James D. Myers, Trustee
Mixon Cemetery Association

Pledge

US, Texas Flags...... Shelley Cleaver, Vice Chair, CCHC

Group Singing Ruth Sheppard, President

Troup Genealogical/Historical Society

"There's a Mansion over the Hilltop"

History of Mixon Cemetery . Deborah Burkett, Cherokee County
Historical Commission
Elray Partin, President Mixon Cemetery
Association

Unveiling of the Marker...... Terry Guinn, Marker Chair CCHC
Assisting with the unveiling: Hazel
Williams, Navoleine Roddy, Charlie &
Vernon Willingham, Ruth Cole, Nelda
Jett, Vivian Hendrick, Vera Mae Myers,
Joyce Williams, Mae Gean Pettit

Memories of Mixon

Audience Participation Elizabeth McCutcheon, Terry Guinn

Group SingingRuth Sheppard "When the Roll is called Up Yonder"

Closing, Lord's Prayer Led by Cemetery Association Board
Members
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Graham

Refreshments Served

Stones Evoke The Past

Mixon Cemetery headstones speak to us of the brave pioneers who settled the area in the mid 1800s. We are moved by their determination which led them to their new home in northeast Cherokee County. Because of their religious and family values, churches and schools were established soon after they arrived. Descendants of these pioneers still live in the area and support two churches, spiritual vestiges from the past which are open regularly for worship. Since the 1800s when the land was set aside for the churches, Trustees have cared for the property. Initial representatives of each church congregation, S.K. Braly, Moses Langston, and L.T. Willingham supervised the cemetery.



Today an active Mixon Cemetery Association, under the direction of President Elray Partin, works diligently to ensure the traditions of our founders continue and active burials occur. Cemetery Trustees are: James D. Myers,

Otha Blanton, C.T. Shackelford, Darren Partin (member elect) and Secretary Carolyn Graham. A memorial service and dinner on the ground is held yearly.

With the support of over 250 active members in the association, from various states around the country and from multiple counties in Texas, efforts will continue to protect this resting place known as Mixon Cemetery.

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