

Griffith Park, on which now stands dorm 15 of Stephen F. Austin State University. He died June 26, 1881.

**22 KARLE WILSON BAKER**

Born October 13, 1878 in Little Rock, Arkansas, Karle moved to Nacogdoches in 1901 with her father, who owned a grain and feed store. By the time of her death on November 8, 1960, she was known both statewide and nationally as one of Texas' most talented writers of poetry, essays and fiction.

**23 DIEDRICH ANTON WILHELM RULFS**

He was born, educated and married in Germany. He and his wife Johanne Emilie Helene Wilhemine Boeschen had three sons when they came to Nacogdoches in 1880. A son and a daughter were born here. From 1880 to 1923, Rulfs designed more than 50 structures in Nacogdoches, Garrison, San Augustine, Crockett and Lufkin. The buildings he designed reflected several architectural styles. He died in 1926.

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# HISTORIC OAK GROVE CEMETERY



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vaults. His wives, Koziab C. Finley Blake was born in 1819 and died May 15, 1853, and Ella Blake born July 1, 1832, died November 24, 1886.

#### **14 JOHN S. ROBERTS\***

He was sheriff in Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1826; one of the leaders in the Battle of Nacogdoches; member of Consultation 1835; commanded the Nacogdoches Company in the storming of Bexar in 1835; signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence; and owned the Old Stone Fort for many years. He was born in Virginia on July 13, 1796 and died August 9, 1871.

#### **15 WORLD WAR I CASUALTIES**

Fallen soldiers whose bodies were returned home. Here the flag of the United States flies.

#### **16 EMERY S. HUSTON**

Son of Col. Almanzon Huston, he was the Quartermaster General of the Texas Army in 1835 & 1836. He was born February 21, 1821 and died November 7, 1879. First Wife, Antonette Lewis Huston was born March 9, 1825 and died October 22, 1864. His second wife, Rose R. Huston was born March 29, 1841 and died March 26, 1890. Graves of several of his children are also here.

#### **17 DAVID RUSK**

David was an early sheriff of Nacogdoches and the brother of Thomas J. Rusk. He was born in 1814 and died September 1, 1877. His wife, Elizabeth Rusk was born in 1822 and died December 16, 1908.

#### **18 MAJOR HENRY W. RAGUET**

The "Steamboat" marker was erected in memory of Mary H. and Condly Raguet, two children of Henry and Marcia A. Raguet, who lost their lives on the steamboat "America" during a storm on the Ohio River, December 5, 1868. One side of the marker is in memory of Major Henry W. Raguet,

who "fell at the battle of Glorieta, New Mexico on the 28th of March, 1862." Henry Raguet, the father, and family moved to Marshall, Texas after the Civil War, and died December 8, 1877 and is buried in Marshall, Texas.

#### **19 WILLIAM S. CLARK\***

He signed the Declaration of Independence as "W. Clark, Jr" but was generally known as William S. Clark. He was born in Virginia April 14, 1798 and died January 3, 1871. He settled in the Sabine District in 1829, serving that section as a delegate to the Conventions on 1832 & 1833. He was also a member of the Convention of 1836, and the Second Congress of the Republic. He moved his family to Nacogdoches in 1840. Martha B. Wall Clark, was born May 16, 1801 and died February 4, 1863. This is known as the "Angel Marker."



#### **20 DR. ROBERT A. IRION**

He was born in Paris, Tennessee on July 7, 1806 and died March 2, 1861. He was the husband of Anna Raguet. He carried messages between Sam Houston and the lovely Anna, and like John Alden, he married the girl. He was a Senator in the First Congress of the Republic in 1836-1837 and was the Secretary of State in 1837-1838. Anna Raguet Irion was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 1, 1819 and died in Overton, Texas on November 7, 1883 and is buried in Marshall, Texas.

#### **21 ALFRED GRIFFITH**

Born in Annapolis, Maryland on August 23, 1825, he married Margaret, the daughter of William Clark. Their heirs donated the land formerly known as

*Oak Grove Cemetery is one of the most famous cemeteries in Texas. Not because of its age — the first marked grave dates back to 1837 — but because it's the final resting place for a number of legendary Texans, including four signers\* of the Texas Declaration of Independence.*

**1 JACOB LEWIS**

Participated in the storming of Bexar. Born in Houston County, Georgia on February 7, 1811, died December 4, 1883.

**2 HENDERSON MUCKLEROY**

Born March 24, 1830, died October 25, 1874. He was one of the original contributors to the building of the Old Nacogdoches University. His wife, Mary C. was born on February 29, 1836 and died February 18, 1916.

**3 KELSEY HARRIS DOUGLASS**

Member of the Second Congress of the Republic. Commander of the Texas forces in the decisive battle with the Cherokee Indians July 16, 1839. He was a charter member of Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas. The town of Douglass, Texas is named for him. He died on October 4, 1840.

**4 THOMAS JEFFERSON RUSK**

He was the First Secretary of War of the Republic of Texas, a member of the Convention of 1836, commander of the left wing of the army at San Jacinto, a member of the second and third Congress of the Republic, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1839-40), and State Senator to the U.S. Congress (1846-47). He was born in South Carolina on December 5, 1808 and died July 29, 1857. His wife, Mary, was born August 1809 and died on April 26, 1856.

**5 CAPTAIN HAYDEN ARNOLD**

Commander of the Nacogdoches Company at the Battle of San Jacinto, member of the House of Representatives from Nacogdoches in the first Congress of the Republic. He was born in 1805 in Tennessee, and died in 1839.

**6 FROST THORNE**

Born in Glen Cove, New York in 1793, he was Texas' first millionaire. He died on December 3, 1854. Susan W. Thorne, his wife, died at the age of 92 on December 11, 1891 in Tyler, Texas. Here, too is the grave of their infant daughter, Estelle, age 2 months.

**7 HAYDEN EDWARDS\***

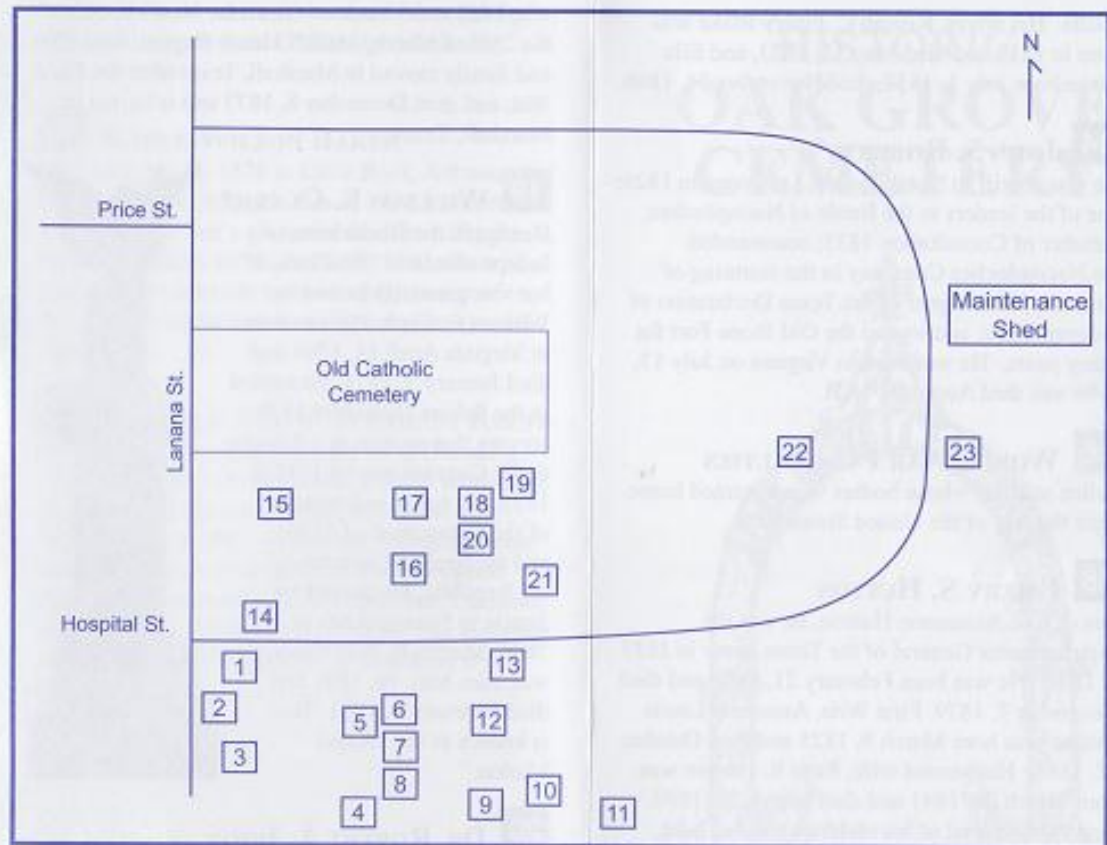
Empresario and leader of the Fredonia Rebellion. Signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. He was born in Virginia on August 12, 1771 and died on August 14, 1849. His wife, Susan Beall, was born in Maryland on April 10, 1774 and died April 6, 1849.

**8 FRANKLIN JEFFERSON STARR**

One of the early realtors of Nacogdoches, born in Hartford, Connecticut on April 11, 1805. He died on July 7, 1837. This is the oldest marked grave in the cemetery. His son, James Franklin Starr was born in Nacogdoches on May 18, 1836 and died on June 7, 1839. His wife was Pamela Orme Starr and his brother was Dr. James Harper Starr.

**9 ADOLPHUS STERNE**

Died on March 27, 1852, at the age of 51. Adolphus was a staunch supporter of the Texas Revolution, an official of the Mexican Government who had sworn not to bear arms against Mexico. It was in his home that Sam Houston was baptized into the Catholic Church. Mrs. Sterne was Houston's Godmother. The Sterne home is located on Lanana Street. The home was built in 1830. It is still preserved and is now occupied by the Sterne-Hoya House Library & Museum. His wife, E.C.R. Sterne died on March 1, 1897 at the age of 87.



**10 CHARLES S. TAYLOR\***

He served as alcalde under government of Coahuila and Texas, Land Commissioner of East Texas 1833, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence 1836, Chief Justice of Nacogdoches County 1837, District Attorney 1839, Rio Grande Land Commissioner 1854. Born in London, England in 1808 he died November 1, 1865. His wife, Anna Maria Taylor, was born March 1, 1814 in Germany and died Feb 8, 1873.

**11 JOHN FORBES**

Commissary General under Sam Houston in 1836. He was the first mayor of Nacogdoches. Born in Cork, Ireland in 1798, he died June 22, 1880. His wife, Emily

Sophia Forbes, was born October 27, 1800 and died June 20, 1872.

**12 ELIAS E. HAMILTON**

Participated in the storming of Bexar in 1835 and the Battle of San Jacinto. He was born in Clarksville, Georgia in 1816 and died on September 30, 1840 in Douglass, Texas.

**13 BENNETT BLAKE**

Born in Vermont on November 11, 1809, he served as Chief of Justice of Nacogdoches for several years during the Republic. His two wives and his brother are buried across the road in brick