For many years there were few burials, however, during the Civil War several prominent Confederate generals and public officials were buried for his burial by Senator Andrew Jackson Hamilton. The Legislature went a step further and established Jackson's land as the "state burying ground." The Legislature convened to plan a state funeral for a devoted Texas patriot and fellow colleague. Services were arranged and land was donated. General Edward Burleson's death in 1851 came as a surprise to most Texans. No formal funeral arrangements had been made, so the Texas Historical Commission was commissioned to raise a monument in his honor. By the early 1900s there were many ambitious projects on the horizon at the Cemetery. The first was the construction of Elisabet Ney's sculpture building, designed to reflect various facets of Texas. The Visitor Center, made of limestone from Sisterdale, Texas, opened in 1994, with the construction of a visitor's center, recirculating pond, columbarium wall, and memorial plaza. In addition to the construction efforts, Confederate headstones were cleaned and restored. The project began in 1929 with the removal of Governors James Pinckney Henderson and Peter Hansbrough Bell and continued until more than 70 men and women were moved in 1939. As a special thanks to Kemp and his efforts the State Highway Department paved the Cemetery's main drive and declared it State Highway 165 in 1939 and named it in his honor.

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In 1997, the Legislature established a three-member committee appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives to oversee the Cemetery. The Architecture of the Cemetery was designed to reflect various facets of Texas. The Visitor Center, made of limestone from Sisterdale, Texas, is dedicated to Texas Medal of Honor recipients.

**BURIAL ELIGIBILITY**

Persons eligible for burial at the Texas State Cemetery are:

1. A former member of the United States or Texas legislature who dies in office.
2. A former military or naval officer of the United States or Texas who dies in office.
3. A former state official or a state official who dies in office.
4. A person specified by a governor's proclamation.
5. A person specified by a governor's order.
6. A person specified by order of the Governor who has made significant contributions to the fields of education, health care, transportation, oil and gas, performing arts, philanthropy, public administration, technology, religion, science, and leadership; sports, writing, and art.

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

The Cemetery is located at 401 Northust Avenue, Austin, 78702. Admission to the Cemetery is free.

**Home for Women:**

The Cemetery was chosen so that the veterans could be memorialized with many of their former generals. The architecture of the Cemetery was designed to reflect various facets of Texas. The Visitor Center, made of limestone from Sisterdale, Texas, is dedicated to Texas Medal of Honor recipients.

**Honor Roll Gallery:**

In May 1993, the Cemetery debuted the Honor Roll Gallery, which contains the names of Texas Medal of Honor recipients. This section is dedicated to Texas Medal of Honor recipients.

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**Texas State Cemetery**

**Texas State Cemetery Committee**

Biographies, Members, and News

**Tour Reservations**

463-6600

**Visitor Center and Gallery**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Everyday

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

No, but photographs may be obtained at the Visitor Center.

**Website**

www.texas.gov/cemetery.

**Hours of Operation**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday

**Phone Numbers**

Cemetery Main Line (512) 463-6600

Tour Reservations (512) 463-6600

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The Texas State Cemetery is located approximately one mile east of the State Capitol, between 7th and 11th Streets, and serves as the final resting place for notable citizens of Texas. Following Edward Burleson's funeral on December 28, 1851, the Cemetery became the burial place for soldiers and founders of the Republic and State of Texas, elected state officials, jurists and other prominent men and women.

The Cemetery's historical significance is defined by the many early Texas founders buried here, such as Stephen F. Austin, Robert Potter and Edwin Walker – Austin’s first mayor. In addition to the early settlers, the Cemetery’s importance has grown with the burials of 13 governors, like James Pinckney Henderson - the first Governor of Texas - Governors “Mc” and “Pe” Ferguson and John Connally.

Culturally, the Cemetery is unique because it represents every aspect of Texas history from European Colonization to modern day Texas politics. Historical and cultural icons are recognized and honored at the Cemetery. In addition to the prominent Texans buried here, many are represented by cenotaphs (a memorial marker). Individuals with cenotaphs include Susanna Dickinson, Alamo survivor; James Michener, Pulitzer Prize winner; Tom Landry, legendary coach of the Dallas Cowboys; and United States Senator John Tower.
Self-Guided Walking and Audio Tour

Welcome to the Texas State Cemetery self-guided walking tour and audio tour. The audio tour can be obtained at the Visitor Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. You will be asked to leave a driver’s license before using the audio wand. The self-guided walking and audio tour will take you on a walk through Texas History. The audio device allows the visitor to tour the grounds at their leisure. The tour follows a numbered pattern to correspond with the audio tour technology. Each monument or point of interest is given a number. The audio device will let the visitor type in a number from the corresponding list below and hear the monument or person’s description. Press 69 for wand instructions. Press 55 to listen to an introduction to the Cemetery. If you have any questions or questions, please stop by the Visitor Center for assistance. Please have a safe and enjoyable visit at the Texas State Cemetery.

1. Visitor Center
2. George Christian Reception Room
3. Highway 165 (Audio Tour 1)
4. Columbarium Wall (Audio Tour 2)
5. French Sailor (Audio Tour 3)
6. September 11th Memorial Section (Audio Tour 5)
7. Veterans Memorial Section (Audio Tour 4)
8. Medal of Honor Monument (Audio Tour 6)
9. Vietnam Memorial (Audio Tour 7)
10. Gold Star Mothers Monument (Audio Tour 8)
11. Rusk Monument (Audio Tour 9)
12. Purple Heart Monument (Audio Tour 10)
13. World War II Monument (Audio Tour 11)
14. Confederate Field (Audio Tour 12)
15. Albert Sidney Johnston (Audio Tour 13)
16. John A. Wharton, Confederate General
17. Joanna Troutman (Audio Tour 14)
18. Fred Gipson (Audio Tour 15)
19. Walter Prescott Webb (Audio Tour 16)
20. Ralph Yarborough, U.S. Senator
21. Jim Mattox, Attorney General
22. James Frank Dobie (Audio Tour 17)
23. James Michener, Writer (Cenotaph)
24. Francis R. Lubbock, Governor
25. James and Miriam Ferguson (Audio Tour 18)
26. A.W. Terrell, Confederate General
27. John Ireland, Governor
28. William P. Hobby, Governor
29. Stephen F. Austin (Audio Tour 20)
30. Looking Glass, Confederate General
31. Xavier B. Debray, Confederate General
32. Allan Shivers (Audio Tour 22)
33. Stephen Williams, American Revolutionary War Veteran
34. Joel Robison and James Sylvester (Audio Tour 23)
35. Joel Robison and James Sylvester (Audio Tour 23)
36. William Wayne Justice, Federal Judge (Caretaker’s Cottage)
37. Susan Dickinson (Audio Tour 24)
38. Louis Wiltzlaeger (Audio Tour 25)
39. Robert Runnels, American Revolutionary War Veteran
40. Robin Williams, American Revolutionary War Veteran
41. Bob Bullock (Audio Tour 27)
42. Edward Bellamy (Audio Tour 26)
43. John B. Connally (Audio Tour 28)
44. Thomas Williams “Big Leg” Ward (Audio Tour 30)
45. Edward J. Dunn (Audio Tour 31)
46. John Tower, U.S. Senator (Cenotaph)
47. James F. Kehoe, Governor
48. Peter H. Bell, Governor
49. Preston Smith, Governor
50. John B. Connally, U.S. Senator
51. John Lindsey, Governor
52. Robert “Three Legged Willie” Williamson (Audio Tour 32)
53. Mark B. Connally (Audio Tour 33)
54. Tom Landry (Audio Tour 33)
55. Ann Richards (Audio Tour 34)
56. Willie Willson (Audio Tour 35)
57. Darrell K. Royal
58. José Antonio Navarro

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