Boerne Cemetery
Established 1867
Self-Guided Tour

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Boerne Cemetery Foundation
Points of Interest

Letters on the map indicate points of interest. Start your tour in Section I S.E., and experience all of the wonderful history within this cemetery. Proceed at your own pace. For more information visit the Dietert Historical Archives at the Patrick Heath Public Library at 451 N. Main Street.

Early Pioneer Settlers Buried in the Boerne Cemetery

A. Mary Ann Schertz Becker (1854-1947) Sec. II S.E., L 21, R 2, G 5. Of French and German descent, her parents came to Texas in the early 1840s. She was reported to be the first white girl born in Boerne. In 1896 she established the Becker House Hotel located on the southeast corner of Main and Rosewood.

B. Bruno Phillip (1887-1918) Sec. II, S.E., L 68, R 6, G 4. Eldest son of Julius Phillip, he died at age 31 from wounds received somewhere in France during WWI. The Boerne V.F.W. Post was named Bruno Phillip Post in his honor.

C. Julius A. Phillip (1867-1935) Sec. II S.E., L 83, R 6, G 2. Born in Kreutzberg, the oldest son of Julius Paul Phillip. He served as Kendall County Judge for 10 years and also held several other county offices. He loved music, played the violin, and played a horn in the Boerne Brass Band. His father erected the original cross at Kreutzberg.

D. Dr. W. G. Kingsbury (1823-1896) Orig. Rock Fence, L 30, R 18, G 22. Born in New York, he played an important part in the early history of Boerne. A local dentist, he kept an office in London to recruit British citizens to come to Boerne. Some of the English who came at that time were the Calrows, Gilliats, Grogans, Howards, Hugheses, Clarks, Grays, Guthries, Kings, Johns, Molesworths, Taylors, Wilkins, Perrins, Oughtons, Uphams, Whitworths, and Stephenson's. He also dealt in real estate.

E. Phillip Zoeller (1818-1900) Orig. Rock Fence, L 27, R 18, G 7. Immigrated from Germany, arrived in Indianola on July 4, 1847, at "Tusculum" in the early days, farmed in Kendall County.

F. Bickel-Spangenberg Mass Grave Sec. I S.E., L 2-5, R 19, G2-6. Earliest recorded graves in the cemetery. John Bickel, Cathrine Bickel, H. Spangenberg, and Baby Spangenberg, killed in Indian massacre in 1868. Henry Bickel was 12 at the time of massacre and escaped to the neighboring Zoeller farm. He was buried in 1917.

G. Anton Peter Loth (1823-1869) Sec. I S.E., L 9, R 19, G 9. One of the oldest graves in cemetery. Family replaced original marker (which indicated death in 1862) with new marker indicating death in 1869.

H. Jacob Luckenbach (1817-1911) Sec. I N.E., L 91 R 27, G 13. Born in Germany, he arrived at Indianola in December 1845. After living in Fredericksburg and Luckenbach, he moved to Boerne in 1883 to be near his children. His home on Main St. still stands.

I. Emeric Szab (1825-1894) Sec. I S.E., L 112, R 24, G 11. Immigrated from Hungary, he was an author and a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army during the Civil War. His grave was unmarked for 93 years before the local V.F.W. and Masonic Lodge formally recognized and marked it in 1987.

J. Rudolph Carstanjen (1827-1902) Sec. I N.W., L 13, R 30, G 13. A wealthy, educated German immigrant who was a founder of Tusculum. He built several homes and buildings in Boerne. He played an important part in the development of Boerne through his financing of additional housing and commercial structures.