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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN Birdville Cemetery Reunion!

It is time for the annual Birdville Cemetery Reunion with dinner on the grounds of one of the oldest cemeteries in Tarrant County

Historical Birdville Cemetery

May 21, 2016

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The special guest for the 2016 reunion will be local author Andrew Sanders. Andrew has written a book about the history and the people of the "Garden of Eden" right here in our neighborhood. The Garden of Eden is located south of Haltom City and has been owned by the Sanders family for more than 100 years. You will want to come and hear what was going on in this area while pioneers were busy relocating here in hopes of a better life. Peter's Colony was dispensing free land, and the activity led to the development of a viable community.

Sanders Family members were brought to this area as slaves and later developed their property into the very first African American Cultural and Historic District as designated by the City of Fort Worth.

Andrew will have books for sale. I have read this book and it is very informative and lends to the cultural diversity that was introduced by this family.

Lunch

Bill and Roberta Reeves have offered to pay for the main dish this year. We will have Schlotzsky's Sandwiches. Drinks, paper goods, serving utensils and tables will be furnished by BHS. Members are asked to bring items to pass such as chips, beans, potato salad, dessert or anything you think would complement a sandwich.

NOW HOW EASY IS THAT?

Sam Houston visited Birdville Cemetery in 2015



Questions

A Birdville graduate who now lives in California is looking for help in locating his GG Grandmother. She was married to Robert Alexander Elliott in Tarrant County in 1856. Please call 817-235-7865 if you know of this family.

And if you are related to William and Martha Anderson Austin who came to Birdville in 1900 and are buried in Birdville Cemetery, please contact Jane Austin Bruckner jane@janebruckner.com before July 2016. She is compiling a notebook about this family.

Museum

The Birdville Museum is now open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We comply with the BISD schedule and will not be open if school is closed. Those planning a trip to the museum should call 817-547-5498 for the schedule. Admission is free. The museum is very fortunate to benefit from donations by citizens who are willing to entrust their family treasures to the museum's care.

If you have not had opportunity to join or pay your dues for 2016, please do so at this time. Mail your checks or contributions to Birdville Historical Society, P.O. Box 14246, Haltom City, Texas 76117

Membership Levels

DIAMOND CORPORATE SPONSOR	\$1000.00
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