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Dodie Weidner
171 Fischer Store Road
Fischer, TX 78623

Re: Historic Texas Cemetery designation for Peyton Cemetery, BC-C004

Dear Dodie Weidner:

The Texas Historical Commission is honored to designate Peyton Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC). The enclosed certificate is testament to your commitment to the preservation of this important historic resource. However, this is just the first step toward the protection and preservation of the Peyton Cemetery. Enclosed please find information to help develop a master preservation plan for the cemetery. A master plan is a tool to help establish goals, priorities, and maintenance schedules and estimate costs. It also contains a detailed record of the cemetery through photos and surveys of the gravemarkers and cemetery features.

You will also find a sample press release and the HTC designation fact sheet should you choose to publicize your cemetery's HTC designation. This is an optional choice that we leave to the discretion of those affiliated with the cemetery, as there are circumstances in which drawing attention to an isolated burial ground may not be prudent. However, highlighting this additional level of recognition for an already highly visible cemetery can be a positive way to reassert the fact that the community treasures the sacred burial ground.

The Historic Texas Cemetery designation is a qualification for an Official Texas Historical Marker, an option you may want to consider. Please visit our website at www.thc.texas.gov/markers for Marker Program updates and news.

Regards,



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History Programs Division

Cc: Linda Howard, Chair, Blanco County Historical Commission, *via email*
Sharon Baxter, Peyton Colony Heritage Association, *via email*

