The Fate of the Moseley Cemetery

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The Moseleys contracted with Brown County to operate the County Poor Farm. On this farm was a cemetery where “clients” and family members were buried. The cemetery was located on the land around the Brownwood Airport. During the build up of Camp Bowie, there was a need to extend the runways and provide structures to protect the aircraft of the Army Air Corps. It was necessary to remove those interred in the cemetery to another location to accommodate this expansion.

Recently located documents detailing the burials at the Moseley Cemetery at the Air Field and locations and names of those moved to Greenleaf. Although these documents do not identify the exact location of the cemetery, it does have “new” information as to the locations and names of those moved.

The Army Real Estate Department purchased cemetery plots at Greenleaf Cemetery in 1942 and contacted with London Funeral Home to exhume the 13 bodies and re-bury them at Greenleaf. I have attached an updated Greenleaf Map in Re-sub Section, where they were buried. Unfortunately, they did not bother to place markers on these graves.

There are most likely still individuals buried at the Airport location that were overlooked because of no grave markers, or anyone remembering them.

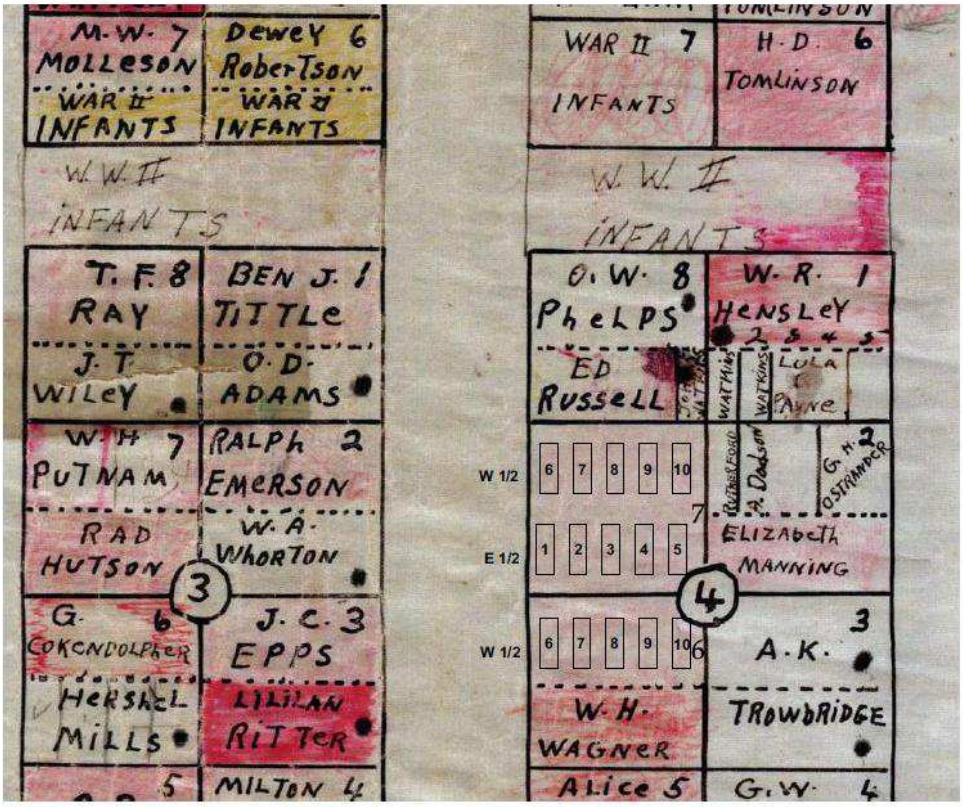
Plot Plan & Identification of Bodies Removed From Mosely Cemetery and Re-Interred In Block 4, Lot 7 and W1/2 of Lot 6. Re-Sub Greenleaf Cemetery

Lot 7

1.Lige Moseley
2. Ike Moseley
3. Sallie Moseley
4. Infant Moseley
5. Jim Moseley
6. Silas Wilson
7. Fannie Moseley
8. W.P. Moseley
9. Ella Moseley
10. Lucy Moseley

Lot 6 W1/2

6. Unknown Infant
7. Unknown Adult
8. Unknown Infant



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