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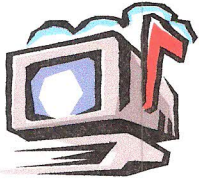


"UNITED WE STAND"

224 years ago....on July 4th, 1776
This great nation, the United States of America,
In a struggle for what was right and free,
Was proudly born....

May we celebrate that precious freedom
For which our forbears fought so bravely....

The freedom that is inherent
In the Stars and Stripes, our revered flag....
Celebrate Freedom
This Fourth of July!



From the Editor:

Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter

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On June 30, 2002 the price of first class postage stamps will be increased to 37 cents. Since the cost of stamps and printing are going up, we, the staff newsletter, have decided to increase the subscription fee \$2.00. Also, the postal clerk advised us to mail the newsletter in a white envelope to protect it from damage by the machine at the post office. The expense of buying envelopes is included in the \$2.00. The new rate will be \$12.00 per year effective on January 1, 2003. Thank you for your support by continuing to subscribe.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you could write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news item for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to hdsnews@yahoo.com, or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15th of each month.**

Note: If your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you,

Frank Shaw



Flash News for next field trip
Navasota & Independence – July 19, 2002

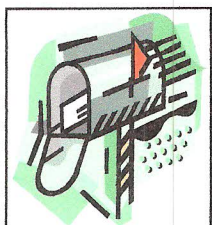
Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Drive at 8:00 AM. The bus will depart at no later than 8:30 AM. The group will visit Horlock History Center, St Paul's Episcopal Church, Statue of LaSalle, and Old Baylor Park. For lunch we will eat at Guadalajara Restaurant at noon.

Fee is \$2.00 per person at Horlock History Center

No charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Old Baylor Park

If you are interested to go to the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger-Wright at 281-437-6224 before the 19th. Come and join fun together. See you on 19th.

NEWS



Todd's lawsuit seeks more captioned films:

By Rosanna Ruiz, Houston Chronicle - May 24, 2002

Submitted by Thelma Jo Hays

Former Houston Councilman Rob Todd, acting on behalf of his son Robert, a severely hearing-impaired minor, is accusing studios of producing few closed-caption movies in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Todd's class-action federal lawsuit names AMC Entertainment, Cinemark USA, Inc., Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp., Paramount Pictures and others. Most theaters do not show movies with closed captions, making it impossible for the deaf or hearing-impaired to understand them, the lawsuit said. Todd could not be reached for comment Thursday, but his lawsuit said that only six theaters in Texas, including one in Houston, have screens dedicated to showing such films. It says the one Houston theater with closed-captioning shows those movies just twice a day. During a recent week, the only closed-captioned movie was rated "R," which limited the audience of deaf and hearing-impaired to people over 17 unless accompanied by an adult.

The suit said only 15 theaters in 12 states have dedicated screens to show the films up to four times each week, while another 114 show such films only monthly or bi-monthly. The lawsuit, citing statistics from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said that more than 22 million people were deaf or severely hearing-impaired in 1996 and that current estimates stand at 25 million.

"Although assisted-living systems are installed in a few movie theaters, persons who are deaf or have serious hearing impairments are unable to see motion picture films in movie theaters in a manner to allow them to appreciate the sound track," the lawsuit states. Todd wants production companies to be required to incorporate closed-captioning in films and distribute the movies to theaters so that deaf and hearing-impaired patrons can watch and understand them.

Albert Roy Adams' Case: E-mail from Adrenna Hill Montez

Years ago, he was working in a company that did book binding and other similar work. He had his hands then. He complained to the foreman that something was wrong with his machine. His machine had both pressuring and cutting parts. The foreman checked several times at different times and said they seemed fine. One day while Roy was straightening pages, the pressuring part fell on both of his hands. He screamed and passed out. He woke up in the hospital and saw his hands gone. He could not speak, but his Deaf wife, Joyce, could read his lips, and said he wanted to see the hands. The doctor brought them, and they were very flat and there was no way to save them. Later on, Roy wanted the company to pay for the loss of his hands from his insurance plus loss of speech because he signed with his hands. The company refused to pay for loss of speech, just the hands, so Roy sued the company in court and won the case for the loss of speech. He won (unknown amount of money to us) for all three cases. He bought a new house in Sugar Land, which is about 20 miles from Houston.

I was wondering how many of you have insurance that cover loss of hands, feet, eyes, and speech? You all better check and maybe amend that because if anything happened, you would want all of the three cases to be paid to you. There is nothing for heredity kinds of blindness like Usher's disease or other kinds.

Roy had to get hooks for his hands with long leather covers up to his elbows. He needed help everyday. He used to try to sign to the deaf with them, which was sometimes very difficult. He loved to bowl; one day he got a new set of hooks to be able to pick up bowling balls and bowl which he liked to do very much. He did several jobs till he retired. His death is a big loss to the deaf community because he always smiled and looked happy all the time.



A Renaissance Wedding by Esther Brownalenoir:

May 22, 2002 at Falkenstein Castle, Burnett, Texas was the scene of a Renaissance wedding with Suzanne Powell, the Brownalenoir's oldest hearing daughter, and Angus Booth.

I sewed Richard's robe, a doublets (like a fancy front jacket), gathered short pants, a fancy robe, and a beret with feather. AI also sewed my own gown, but made a huge mistake of using snaps in the back, which unsnapped all through the wedding. I was very embarrassed as folks tried to help by snapping them back together. I should have used eyelet or buttonholes with laces either on the sides or the back. The bride made her own beautiful wedding gown of sapphire and silver. She made Angus a laced collared and wrist shirt, with kilt and beret. He wore high, soft leather boots, and shouldered a Scottish sword. Rachel and Mark Bailey with their 4 girls, Greg and Roxanne Brown with their 2 boys, and Wesley Brownalenoir with his girlfriend, Yolanda, completed a wonderful family reunion.

One hundred and fifty guests attended and wore the year 1535 clothes. A solemn man with thick striped stick pounded on the floor at the entrance to announce, "Welcome Lord and Lady (last name)," Frocked priest used High Mass and a CODA interpreter, Betty Ross made the ceremony clear to understand for the 7 deaf people. Reception was held in Burnett Park Center with walls draped with coat of arms, tables decorated with real ivy, and tiny white roses. Everything was as if in 1535; even the food, dancing and music. This exciting and unique wedding will never be forgotten. If you would like to see the pictures, ask me when you see me.

From Z.X. Curry

My wife and I decided to make a trip to Baton Rouge, LA to visit my sister in law, Leslie Moody Wheeler, during the pre-Memorial Day, May 25 and 26 in our car. Our daughter, Carol and her husband alternately drove in our car for us as I am suffering from arthritis in my knees. When we arrived in Baton Rouge, we found Leslie doing all right. She still is alert although she had a stroke. She was tending her green houses when she had the stroke. She lay there for three days before a neighbor found her. The next day we found out that Mrs. Gus White was very ill and was put in the hospital. The doctor put a pacemaker in her. Her daughter was taking care of her. We had fun because we used to live in Houston Heights a long time before the Whites moved out to live in Lake Charles. We wish that we could have visited Martin and Mabel Bienvenu, but the time was limited.



From Karen Hansen Clifton

Fred Clifton and I are proudly becoming a Grandparent for the first time. Our older son, Paul Clifton and his wife, Lea, have their beautiful baby girl, Lauren Elizabeth, born on June 11, 2002, weighing 7 lbs., 7oz. Mrs. LaRue Clifton is also becoming a Great-Grandmother.



DEAFHISTORY - LOOKING BACK:

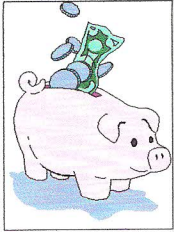
Year 1898 - Akouphone Company (Alabama) invents the worlds' first self-powered hearing aid.

[Deaf_digest] DEAFDIGEST GOLD - JUNE 2, 2002



THANK YOU NOTE from Joyce L. Adams & son, Craig A. Adams:

Dear Friends,
Many thanks to all of you, who supported us during Albert Roy's death, and donated to Southwest Baptist Deaf Church. During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. My son and I will always remember your expression of sympathy. Love, Joyce & Craig



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND: Arlene Benham, Nellie Bishop, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger-Wright, Elnora Morgan, Jenice & Tommy Wells, Sue & Daril H. Williamson, and Damon Wright.**

*Marie Hays, thank you very much for your donation to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF ALL SENIOR CITIZENS FRIENDS.***

Zelma & Gus Curbello, and Jean & Gene Harkness, thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF ALBERT ROY ADAMS.**

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to **LOVE FUND** should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:
Mrs. Zelma Curbello, 9623 Tiltree, Houston, TX 77075-4042

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Eugene Alaniz, Sandra Barnes-Smith, M/M. Martin Bienvenu, Jr., Allen Bubeck Jr, Emma R. Cross, Shirley Dye, Audrey Edgley, Jennie Lee Jordan, William & Judy Lorenz, Ima Jean Martin, Raymond & Jessie Martinez, Jeanette Mortzfeldt, Mildred Reeves, and John & Wan-Exa Reynolds.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARIES



Albert Roy Adams, 71, passed away May 30, 2002 in Houston, TX. Roy was born September 21, 1930, in Trinity, TX to Sylvester and Lillie Sanford Adams who preceded him in death. His three brothers Sylvester, Jr., Floyd and Lloyd also preceded him in death. He worked 30 years for Oak Farm Dairies. He was a member of the NFSD #81 (National Fraternity Society for the Deaf), HAD (Houston Association of the Deaf), and Southwest Baptist Deaf Church in Stafford, TX. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Joyce LaVerne Adams, son Craig Adams, and sister Marie Noble of Livingston, TX. Visitation was held from 3 PM to 5 PM Sunday, June 2nd. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM Monday, June 3rd in the Chapel of Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Oscar Louis Rome, 79, retired after 40 years of service from CoCo Millworks and a resident and native of Baton rouge, LA, he died Thursday, May 30, 2002. He was 79, born June 19, 1922. Survived by his wife of 58 years, Marjorie Babin Rome; a son, John L Rome and wife Andree; a daughter, Judy Rome Dodd and husband Alan; a son, William L Rome; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; brothers, Joseph E, Anthony S, Raymond J, Ronald J, and Donald F Rome; and sisters, Althea Brossett and Antoinette Nagle. Preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Angelina Strange Rome; twin brother, Jack S. Rome; a sister, Nona Wilkinson; and a great-granddaughter, Abigail Rader. He was a member of the Catholic Deaf Center, National Society of the Deaf and Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf. Visitation was held at the Catholic Deaf Center, 2585 Brightside Lane, Baton Rouge, LA, from 4 PM to 8 PM Sunday, June 2nd and from 9 AM until Mass at 10:30 AM Monday, June 3rd. A prayer service was held at 7:15 PM Sunday. Graveside service at Greenoaks Memorial park at 1 PM Monday, June 3rd. Services conducted by the Rev. Rich Luberti, C.Ss.R.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 30 - July 2, 2002 (Sunday - Tuesday)

Open Captioned movie: "Bad Company", Rated: R, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



July 2, 2002 (Tuesday)

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

July 4, 2002 (Thursday)

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

July 5, 2002 (Friday)



FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, July 5th at 11 - 11:30 AM at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right). If you are interested to be a member or want to know more about FRAT insurance, you're welcome to come. Besides getting all you want from the buffet, you can also find out who is getting the discount!

July 5, 2002 (Friday)



ASL Social at Golden Island Chinese Buffet Restaurant at 901-A North Shepherd, Houston, TX 77008 (just across north from (I-10) Katy Freeway) from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please contact Earl Johnson at (281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice), either 711 or (800) 735-2988; e-mail to Roger Spivey at spivey39@ev1.net before 1st of July, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.

July 10, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

July 18, 2002 (Thursday)



ATTENTION: There will be no potluck lunch at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Autry at (713) 984-8186 TTY or Gertrude Sessions at (281) 447-7575 TTY.

July 19, 2002 (Friday)

























Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Navasota and Independence, TX to tour the Historic Museums. Please be at Woodhaven Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX between 7:30 & 8 AM. The bus will pick people up by 8:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

July 24, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with folding Senior Citizens newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.

July 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Montie Strother 	2 PIP Meeting 	3 Joyce Hammons 	4 Independence Day 	5ASL Social Golden Island Chinese Buffet Restaurant Homer & Joan West—1963 	6 William Lambert 
7 Rubin & Faye Sims—1956 	8 Arlene Benham 	9 James Spaulding Audrey Leger-Wright 	10 S.C.M.M.S.C. Lynwood Davis 	11 Clyde Clark 	12 Thelma Jo Hays 	13 Z X Curry 
14 Lowell & Ruth Montgomery - 1955 	15	16	17	18	19 Navasota & Independence Field Trip 	20 Dewey Adams 
21 Jack & Evelyn Aury—1951 	22	23 Marlene Hanks 	24 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	25	26	27 Joe & Lennie Morton—1941 
28 Alma Whittemore 	29	30	31 Roger Spivey 			

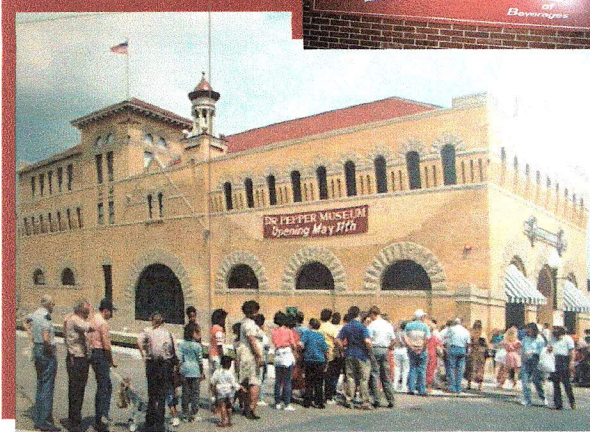
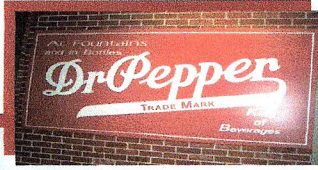
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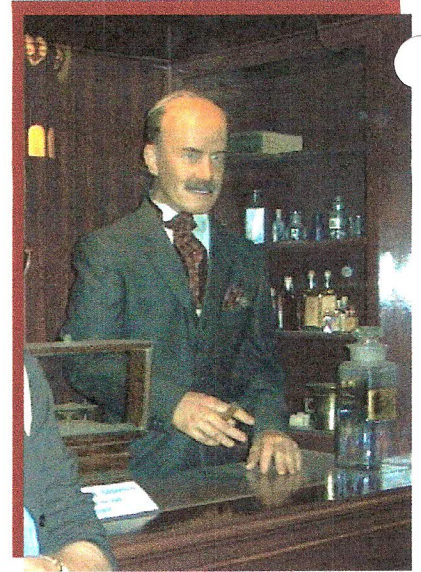
WACO FIELD TRIP

JUNE 14, 2002

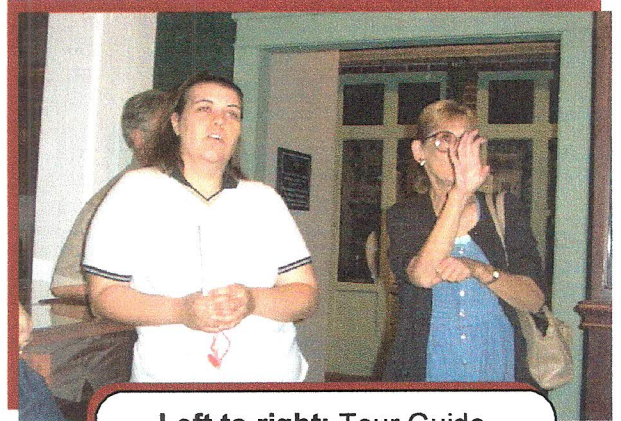


← Dr Pepper Museum
The 1906 "Home of Dr Pepper" with exhibits, memorabilia and a working turn-of-the-century Soda fountain featuring floats and shakes.

Animatronic →
Dr. Charles C. Alderton
He has been given lots of credit for creating a new soda flavor. These days it's called *Dr Pepper*, but *back in the beginning*, everyone just called it a *Waco*.



This displays the very first delivery truck they used at the Dr Pepper Museum. It was doorless and had no windshield wipers. The body & flatbed were made of wood. The truck couldn't drive forward up steep hills, so the drivers had to go backwards in reverse gear to get up the steep hills.




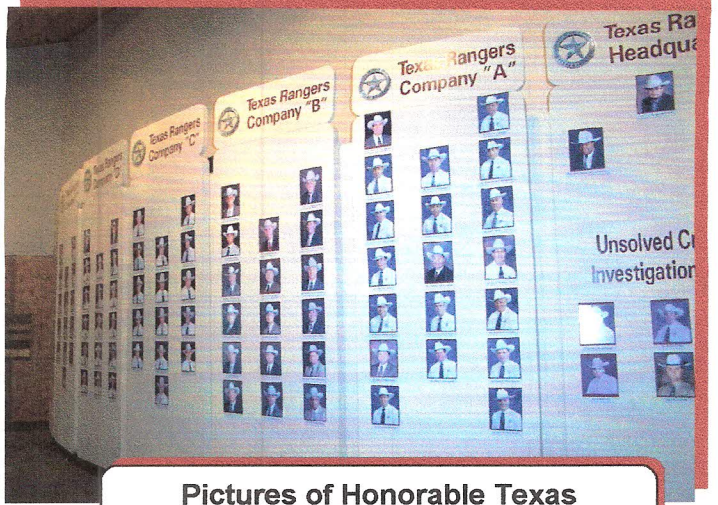
Left to right: Tour Guide, Janessa Reed & An Interpreter, Mary Ella Redman



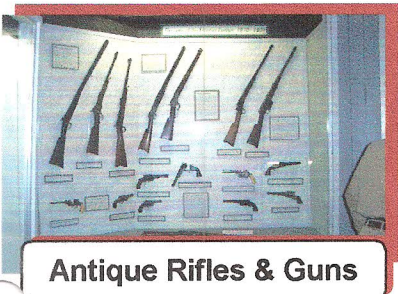
Front row left to right: Rubin & Faye Sims, Anne McFadden, Montie Strothers, Pernella Smith, Christine McKinnon, Billy Buza, Early McVey, Audrey Leger-Wright, Hazel Richard, and (kneeling) Zelma Curbello.
Back row left to right: Roger Spivey, Tommy Wells, C. Richard Brownalenoir, Jenice Wells, Wm. Lambert, Esther Brownalenoir, Floyd Wicker, Patsy Walker, I.D. Wicker, Elnora Morgan, Lanier Page, Frank Shaw, Arlene Benham, Mary Ella Redman, Raymond Wilson, and Thelma Jo Hays.



 **TEXAS RANGER MUSEUM**

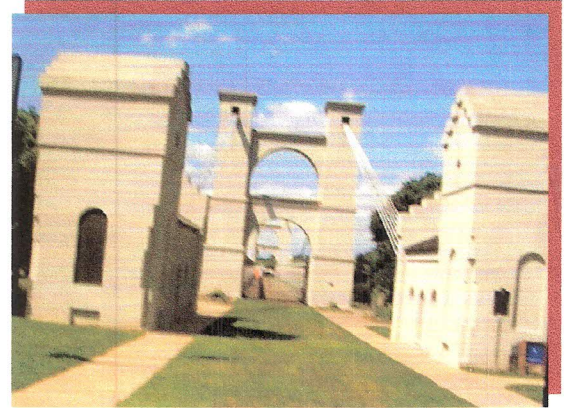


Pictures of Honorable Texas Rangers included two women.



Antique Rifles & Guns

The Waco Suspension Bridge →
 In 1866 the Waco Bridge Company was granted a 25-year charter to build a toll bridge. Construction began in 1868 and was finished in 1870. In 1889, it was sold to McLennan County which gave it to the city of Waco as a free bridge. The bridge closed in 1970.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



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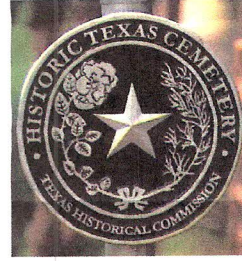
JUNE
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IN REMERBERANCE of Myrtle Hornsby Callan, the former TSD teacher

Historic cemetery tells family's story: *Hornsby burial site gets official marker*

State Honors county's oldest cemetery

By Dick Stanley
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF
Thursday, May 9, 2002



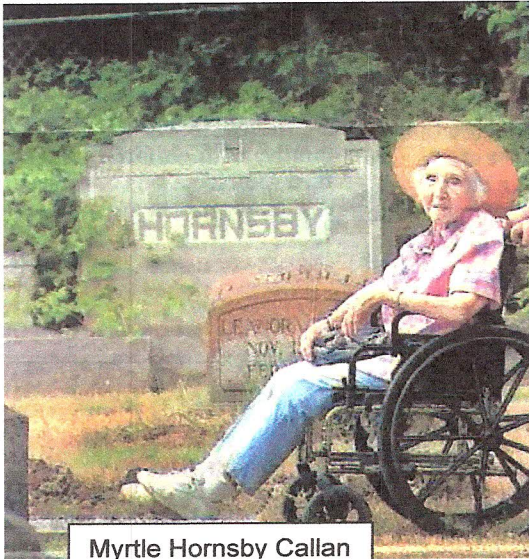
At 4 feet tall, Reuben Hornsby's 1873 granite spire is one of the more modest markers in Travis County's oldest cemetery.

Hornsby, who received the county's first Mexican land grant four years before the Texas revolution in 1836, is buried with his wife, Sarah. They are near the 1836 graves of two Texas Rangers killed by Comanches while successfully protecting the couple's farm.

Their resting places will be among the stops that scores of Hornsby descendants will make Friday when the three-acre burial ground, on private property near FM 969 east of Austin, is dedicated as an official historic graveyard by the Texas Historical Commission.

The new honor, a designation awarded to 300 cemeteries statewide in the past five years, includes benefits such as an increase in the normal penalties for vandalism, said Hugh Hornsby of San Antonio, the patriarch's great-great-grandson.

But a cemetery's owners must pay up to \$300 for the commission's black-and-silver metal historical marker.



On Wednesday, Austinite **Myrtle Hornsby Callan** sat in her wheelchair and grinned under a straw hat beside Reuben and Sarah Hornsby's monument. She said she hopes to be well enough to speak at Friday's dedication.

"I'm the family historian because I'm the oldest," said Callan, a former teacher at the Texas State School for the Deaf who will celebrate her 100th birthday in July. "We keep the family's traditions. We know everybody's business."

She will be joined Friday by fourth-graders from nearby Hornsby-Dunlap Elementary School, who will sign "Texas, Our Texas," County Judge Sam Biscoe, Austin Mayor Gus Garcia, state Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and representatives of the Texas Rangers, the Texas Department of Agriculture and others.

They'll pay tribute to a family whose Texas exploits began on 4,600 acres in a spot on the Colorado River still called Hornsby Bend. Events there, on the county's first Anglo family farm, have been celebrated by Texas writers such as J. Frank Dobie and Edwin "Bud" Shrake. The land, sold over the years to buyers including the City of Austin, is best known today as a haven for bird watchers.

More than 360 Hornsby descendants are buried in the fenced and locked cemetery, including local teachers, engineers, a judge, a state senator and a sheriff. Their granite, marble and limestone markers span the history of American funerary practice, from carved names and dates accompanied by poetry or Bible verses to modern symbols of a deceased's occupation, such as a farm tractor.

One simple marker is decorated with four baseballs and a decaying fielder's glove. It's the grave of National League baseball great Rogers Hornsby, who died in 1963.

"He still holds the (league's) highest lifetime batting average for a right hander," said Hugh Hornsby. That's .358.

Hugh Hornsby, 68, has combined his occupation as a financial adviser with maintaining the cemetery where he plans to be buried.

"I've grown up with this cemetery," he said. "It ties together the entire family."

Submitted by Julius Seeger of Austin, TX

Deaf Sport History

The Life and Times of resident – Lyman Smiley

Story written by Lyman Smiley at La Vista Newsletter
(Submitted by Tennie Session)



Babe Ruth and Lyman Smiley

I was born in Hampton, Virginia on December 10, 1919. My mother told me that my deafness causes unknown. We moved to Bloomington, Indiana and I attended Indiana School for the Deaf when I was 8 years old. A baseball coach taught me how to play baseball, football and basketball. They were really fun.

On February 1940, I went to Palatha, Florida, and attended a baseball school with Babe Ruth and 150 hearing students. I used mime and home made sign language to communicate with them. Babe Ruth used lip reading. I couldn't understand him, but he went ahead to train me without an interpreter.

Babe Ruth showed us low and high balls over the fence pitching. I did pitch against Babe Ruth, but he hit several balls over the fence. My instructor sent me to the shower. The other pitcher tried to pitch against Babe, but he still hit the balls over the fence. The Palatha paper announced that Babe hit 2 dozen balls over the fence on that day.

← On March 20, 1940 Babe Ruth presented me a baseball trophy for an outstanding student of baseball school. I enjoyed mingling with 150 hearing students even without an interpreter.

One of the instructors sent me to Jacksonville, Florida to play in minor leagues so I got a release paper from them. I took a bus from Chicago to stay at my parents'. While visiting with my parents, I got a letter from the Chicago Cubs for a tryout. They of course had no written pad and no interpreter. The next letter I got from the Chicago White Sox. I did pitch against professional players. The managers liked my pitching.

I gave my trophy, scrapbook and pictures of Babe Ruth to the Indiana School for the Deaf Museum.

Mr. Smiley is married to Edna Smiley, who is also Deaf. They were married in 1945.

They are blessed with a son and two grandchildren.

Bay Area Deaf Community

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SUMMER PICNIC

Social

Clear Lake Park Clubhouse
5001 Nasa Road One
Seabrook, TX

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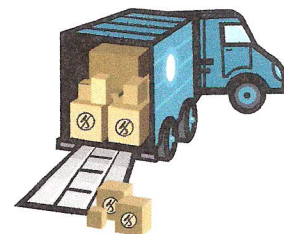
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