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Subject: Cemetery Cleaning with Community Service Hours in Collin County

Mr. Jon Kleinheksel
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Dear Mr. Kleinheksel,

RE: Using Community Service Hours in Collin County to Clean Vegetation and Trash from Collin County Cemeteries

As we recently discussed last Tuesday, there is a tremendous need for the labor of "volunteers" to clean vegetation and trash from cemeteries located in Collin County. There are over two hundred small and medium sized cemeteries in Collin County and many do not have a group or association to regularly clean, prune and mow them.

Our organization and members of the Collin County Historic Preservation Group, Inc. are actively involved in protecting and cleaning these neglected or needy cemeteries.

We have identified a needy cemetery, the Orenduff Cemetery on CR #278 near SH 121 and SH 5 and received permission from the descendents to clean it. This is a large, isolated wooded cemetery with over known 75 burials and possibly many more unmarked graves. The cemetery covers a number of acres on a hillside just west of the DART rail right-of-way, south of Melissa, TX. This cemetery currently needs mowing, pruning, brush cutting and debris removal. There are many small trees that need pruning and "raising" of lower limbs so a riding mower can easily cut the grass and weeds. The perimeter needs to have brush cut and removed. There are numerous small stumps that need to be cut off below the ground or removed so a riding mower will not hit them and damage the blade. Most of the work needs to be done with hand tools like weed-eaters, mowers, shovels, grubbing hoes and saws. The brush and trash need to be removed to a compost site.

We would like to request that you seek permission from the necessary Collin County Court to be allowed to provide and supervise this proposed work at the proposed Orenduff Cemetery on this first project for County offenders who are required to work Community Service Hours as part of their sentence and rehabilitation.

Several of our members will be available to mark and direct the initial activity for your supervisors as needed on any Monday thru Saturday that is necessary. We will use spray paint and plastic colored tape to mark limbs and stumps and boundaries.

We hope this first requested project will be the start of an outstanding program that develops into to an ongoing Countywide program at many more needy cemeteries.

Thank you so very much for this opportunity to present this request.

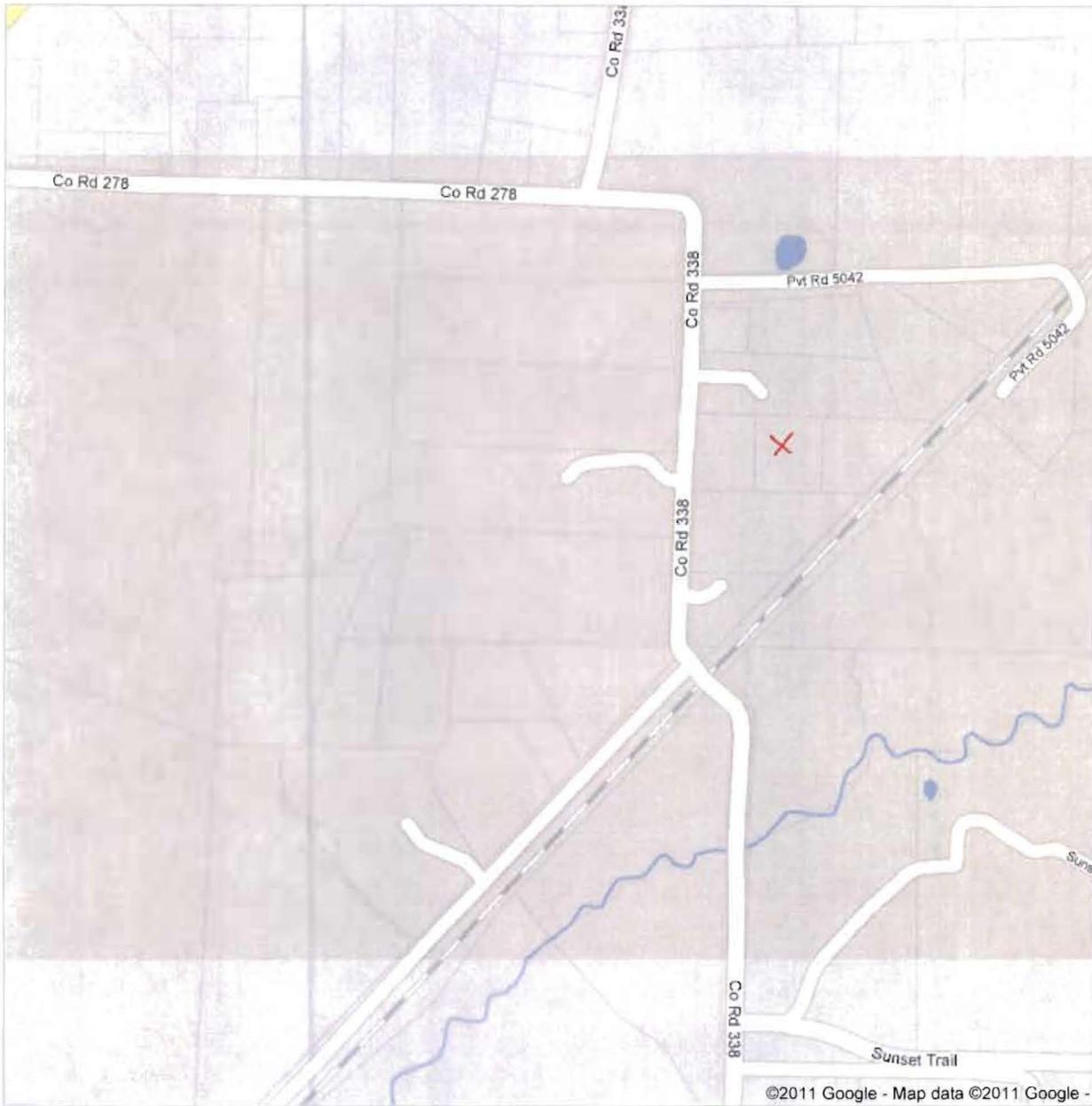
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10/7/93 RECON OF ORENDUFF CEMETERY #68
TRINITY CEMETERY
WILLOW WILD CARE CEMETERY #236

THIS CEMETERY IS NORTH OF MCKINNEY ON THE EAST SIDE OF US 75.

PROCEED NORTH ON US 75 FROM MCKINNEY TO MELISSA AND SH 121 EAST. GO EAST ON SH 121 ABOUT 1 MILE TO SH 5 SOUTH. FOLLOW SH 5 SOUTH ABOUT 2 MILES TO CR 278 EAST. GO EAST ON CR 278 ABOUT 1 MILE TO WHERE IT JOINS CR 338. CONTINUE EAST ON CR 338 TO WHERE IT TURNS SOUTH. PROCEED AROUND THE CORNER. SOUTH OF THE CORNER TAKE THE DIRT ROAD EAST FOR ABOUT 100 FEET. ENTER THE FIELD ON THE SOUTH AND PROCEED SOUTHEAST ACROSS THE FIELD. THE CEMETERY IS ABOUT 50 YARDS SOUTH OF THE DIRT ROAD.



This cemetery can also be reached by taking SH 5 north out of McKinney to CR 278 east.

This area was the community of Trinity. According to Capt. Hall, it was the second oldest settlement in Collin County. It was started by Leroy Clements in 1842. Clements Creek, which ran through his property, was named for him. Eventually several Clements (Clemmons) families settled in the area. A school was established in the area in 1870 and called Trinity. The cemetery is on the John Orenduff homestead. William Orendoff came to Collin County from Kentucky in 1855. Some members of the family spell their name "Orendorff."

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