

Historic Markers at Oakwood Cemetery (current as of Aug. 2019, by Terri Hoover Mirka, Save Austin's Cemeteries)

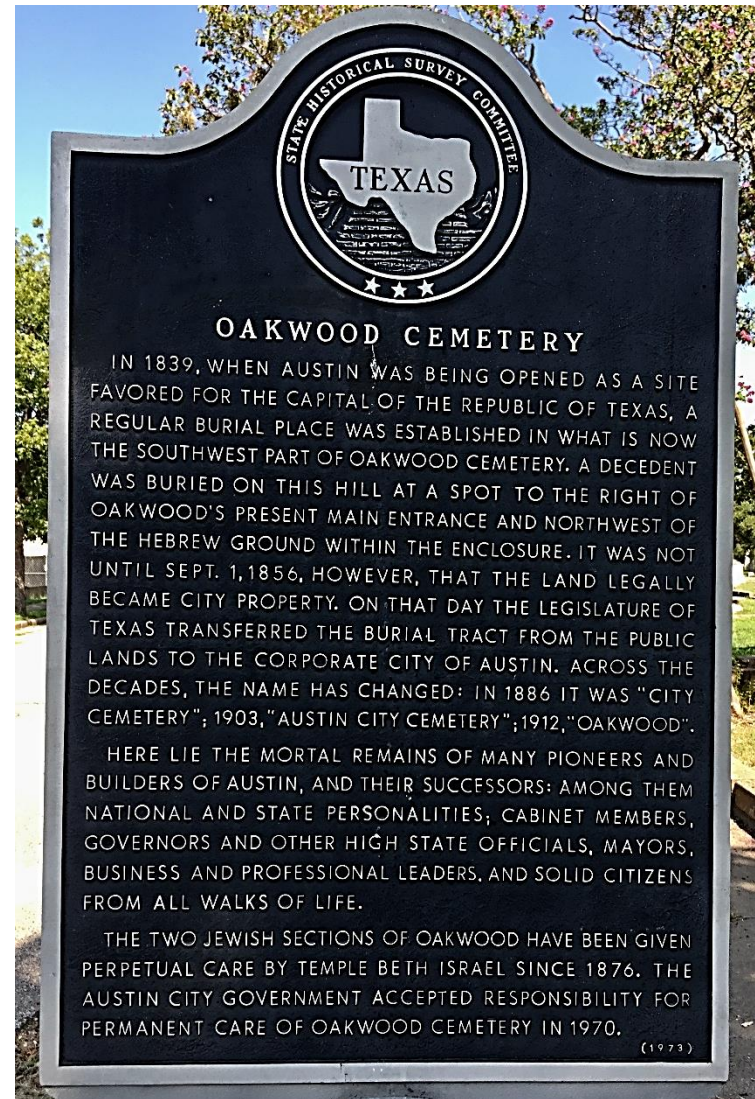
Through its historic markers program, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) commemorate diverse topics in Texas history, including houses, buildings, religious congregations, military sites, historical events, and individuals who have made lasting contributions to the state of Texas, community organizations, and businesses.

The THC accepts applications for historical markers each fall for the following calendar year, typically during the application period of September 1 through November 15. You must first submit through the county commission so please submit individuals to the Travis County Historical Commission to get additional Austin cemetery “residents” the recognition they deserve. Please see the THC website for more information.

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/state-historical-markers>.

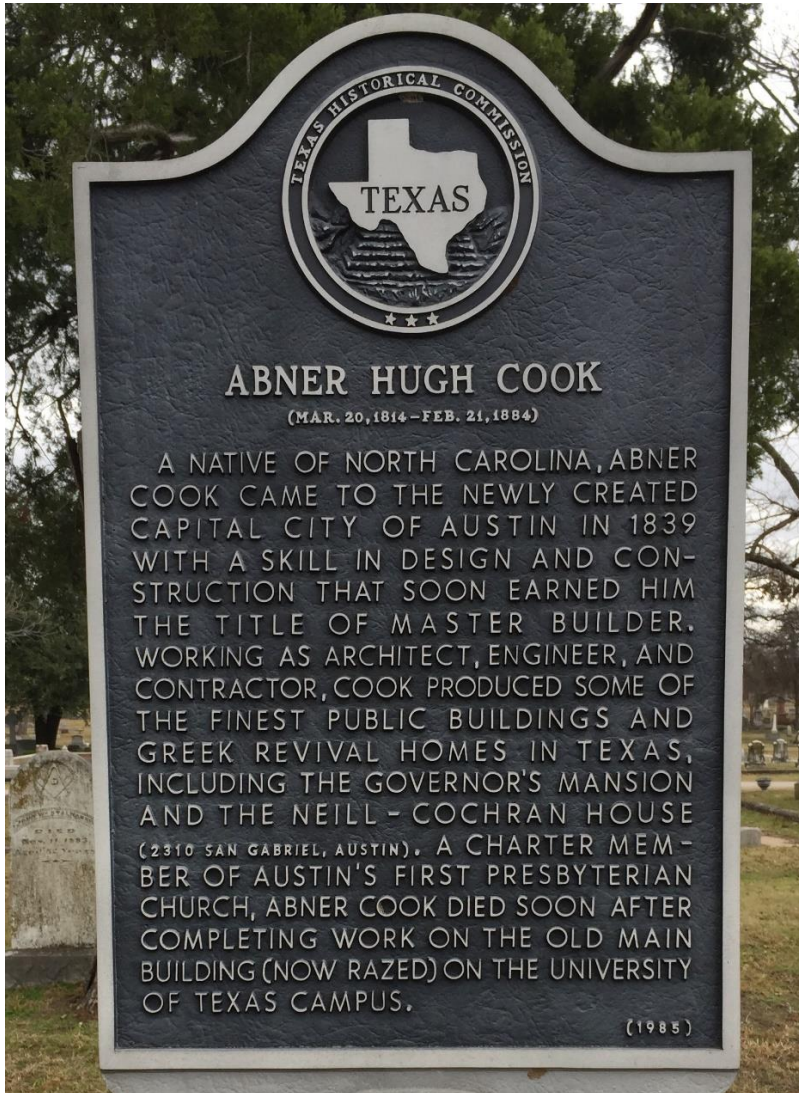
Oakwood Cemetery Historic Designations

Oakwood was named a Texas Historic Landmark in 1972 by the THC as detailed in a THC marker on Main Avenue shown to the right. Oakwood Cemetery as the “City Cemetery” was placed in the prestigious National Register of Historic Places in 1985, but there is no plaque for this important designation. Oakwood was also named a Historic Texas Cemetery in 2010 but like the National Register, there is no marker for this. In 1976, Oakwood was designated an Austin Historic Landmark, and small markers were added to the gates at the Comal Street entrance. The four historic designations have been added into the text in the small kiosk near the Oakwood chapel. Think these Oakwood historic designations need more recognition? Let us know at info@sachome.org.

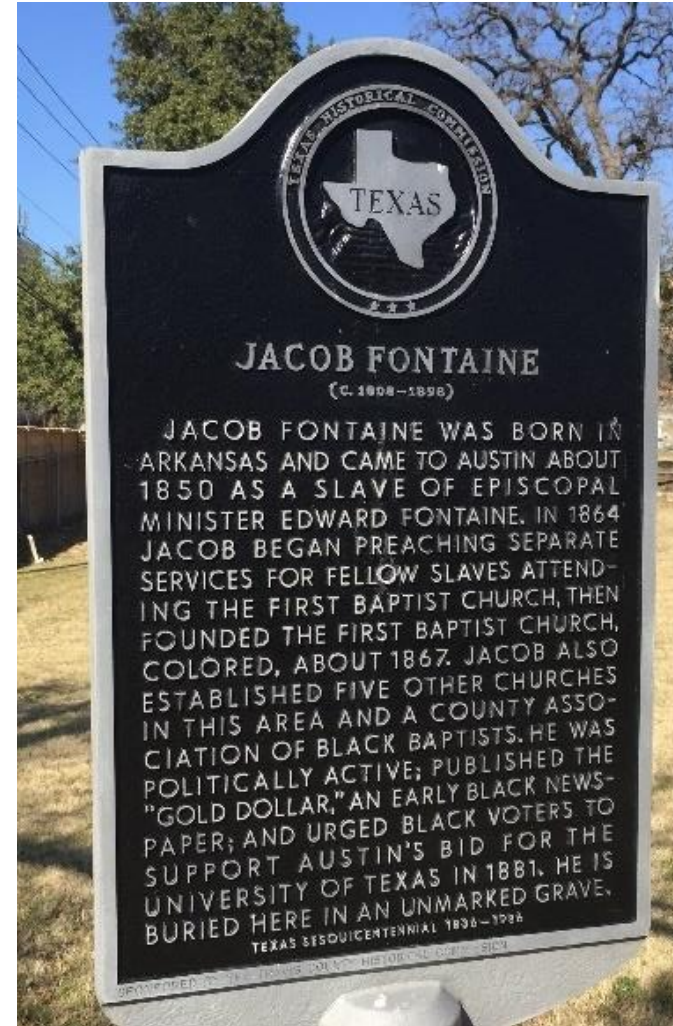


THC Historic Markers of Individuals at Oakwood Cemetery (birth-death, burial location)

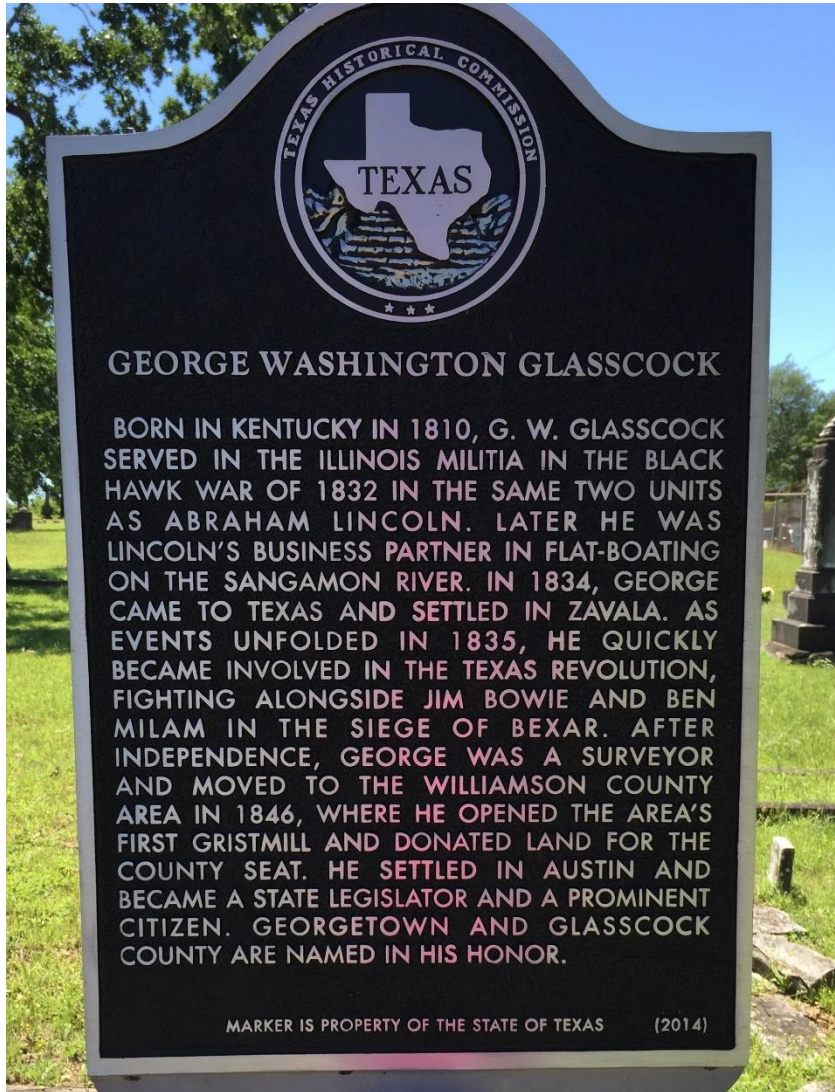
Abner Hugh Cook (1814-1886, lot 1-158) – Noted architect who produced some of the finest Greek revival buildings in Texas.



Jacob Fontaine (1808-1898, unmarked grave / community grounds) – African-American preacher, church founder, activist, publisher



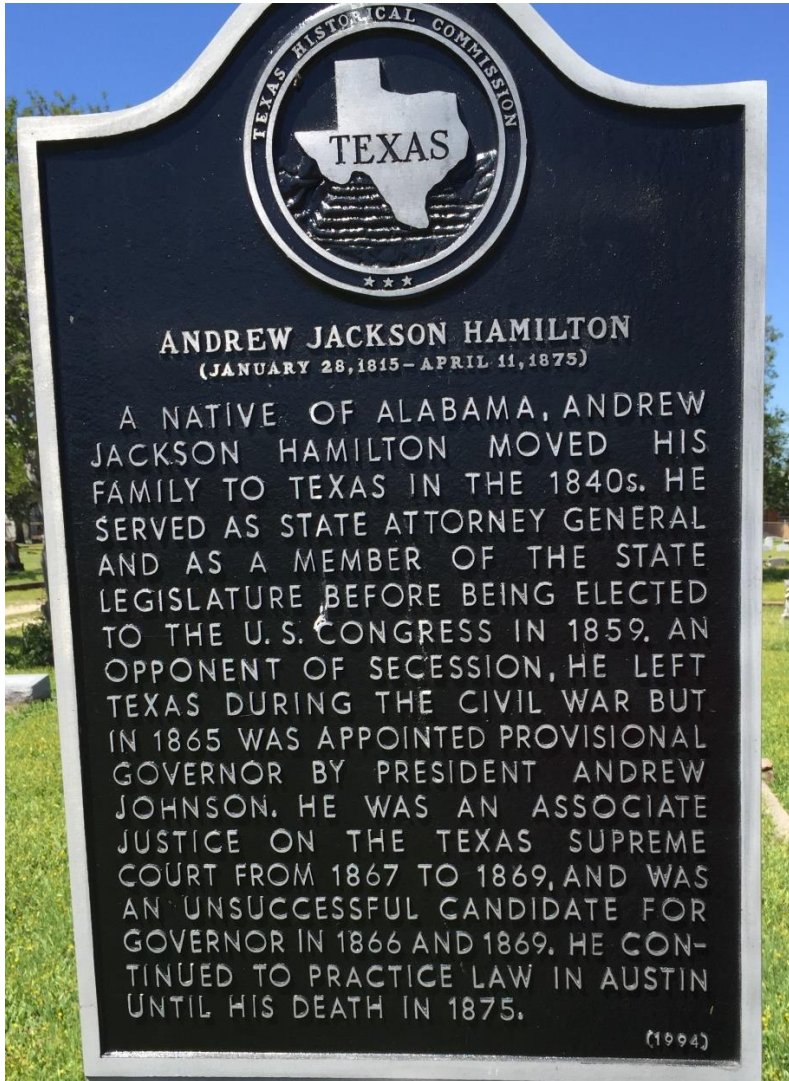
George W. Glasscock (1810-1868, 1-243) – Texas Revolution soldier, state legislator, gristmill operator, land donor



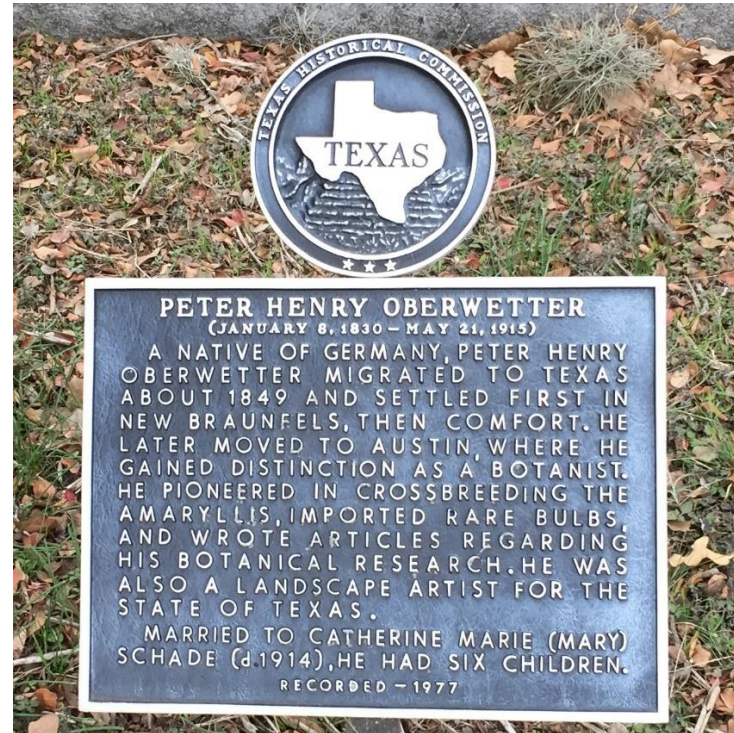
Johann Jacob Groos (1822-1878, 1-266) – Helped found New Braunfels, government official, Texas land commissioner



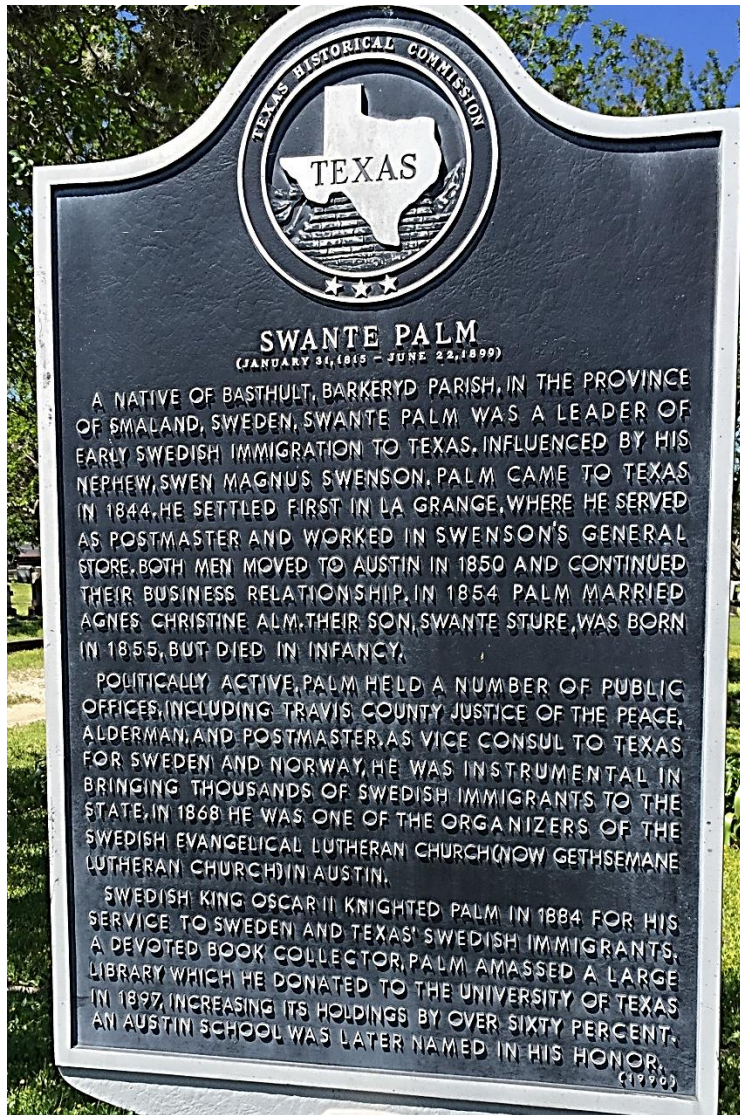
Andrew Jackson Hamilton (1815-1875, 1-73) – Texas Attorney General & Supreme Court justice, state legislator, US Congressman, provisional governor, lawyer



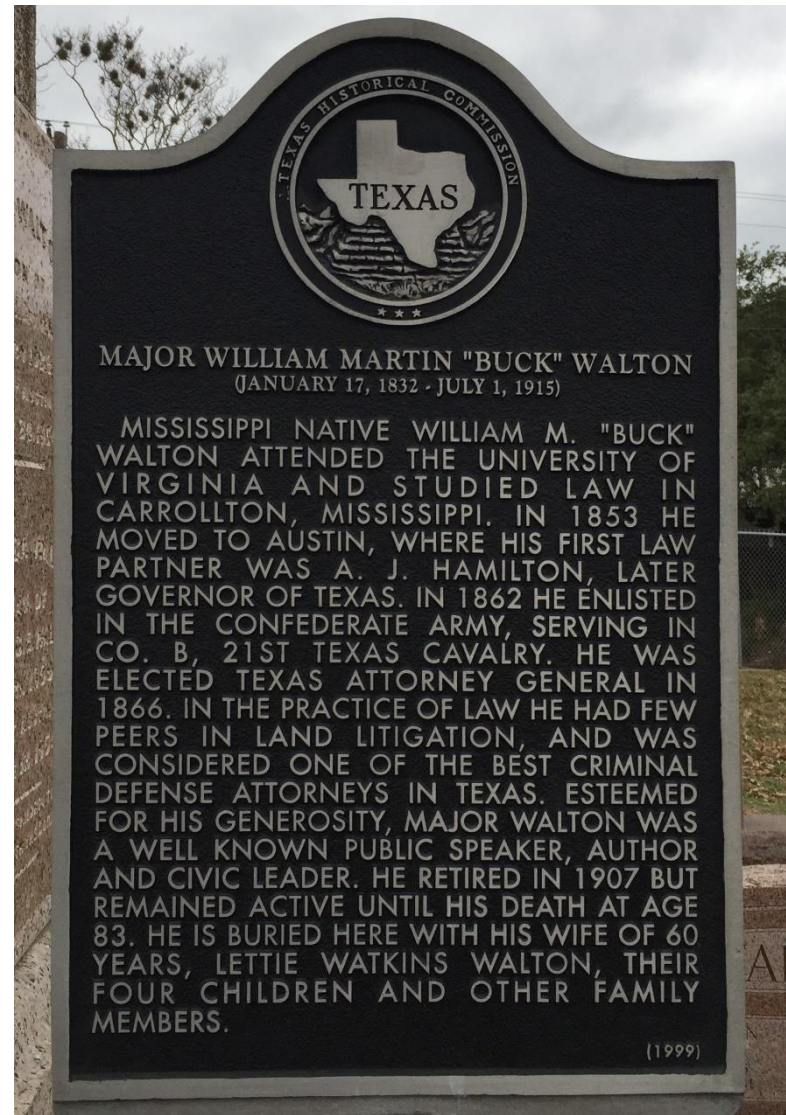
Peter Henry Oberwetter (1830-1915, 2-467) – distinguished botanist and author, landscape artist for the state of Texas



Swante Palm (1815-1899, 1-72) – leader of early Swedish immigration to Texas, active in many public offices, devoted book collector



Major William Martin "Buck" Walton (1832-1915, Old Grounds-Walton) – Texas Attorney General, lawyer, author, civic leader



Colonel Lewis Miles Hobbs Washington (1813-1857, memorial marker in 3-714) – Texas Revolution soldier, Republic of Texas official, news reporter

