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Sowers Community 3rd Annual Celebration & Appreciation Day

Sponsored by **Bruce Burns**
and **Wesley W. Agler, DMV,**
Pioneer Animal Hospital







Before After

Saturday, September 25, 2021 | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sowers Cemetery Grounds, 3101 W. Pioneer Drive, Irving, TX 75061

Public Welcome – Reminisce about Old Irving History and the surrounding Sowers Community.
 Celebrate Improvements to the Cemetery and discover one of Irving's most historic sites.

You are encouraged to bring old photos, cemetery and community records and documents to share.

Agenda and Activities

10:00 a.m. – Gather and Visit

10:15 a.m. – Cemetery Tour

11 a.m. – General Meeting followed by ceremony

11:30 a.m. – BBQ lunch will be served under the big oak trees – Donations Accepted
(Bring chairs to sit and visit)

12:45 p.m. – Cemetery Tour

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Contact Gerald Farris with more information 972-754-6547, info@sowerscemetery.com
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A Memorial to the Sowers Community and Irving Pioneers for over 150 years

September 6, 2021

Dear Sowers Cemetery families and friends of those interred at the cemetery,

Thank you for helping us honor the memories of over 1300 loved ones and community members resting in Sowers Cemetery. The Sowers Cemetery (est. 1868) located at 3101 W. Pioneer Drive is privately run by a small volunteer association.

During the past year, the Cemetery Association has:

- **Partnered with Wreaths Across America** the last five years to place Christmas Wreaths on veteran's graves in the cemetery.
- **Organized our third annual Sowers Appreciation Day** for September 2021 to share food, honor the interred, fellowship and exchange facts about the cemetery.
- **Continued to research land documents and historical information** to confirm 105 veterans interred at Sowers dating as far back as the Mexican American war. And tell the stories of Irving families interred at Sowers.
- **Continued to research and survey the cemetery** to locate unmarked graves, and improve interment data and mapping.
- **Ongoing cleaning, straightening and repair** of over 25 headstones/markers during the last 3 years.
- **Cut cemetery annual maintenance cost by 35%** from an overall high in 2018 and improved the financial health of the cemetery by over 23% since 2016. Even with new driveway entrance and 900 feet of fence replacement in 2017.
- **Have held our annual fundraising garage sales** for the fifth year to raise money for maintenance and operations of the cemetery.
- **A Boy Scout Troop 874 member** earned an Eagle Scout badge by organizing volunteers to map grave markers and update information on billiongraves.com.

Please consider making a donation to the Sowers Cemetery Association. Any gift, no matter the size, helps us continue the mission to improve and keep Sowers Cemetery an honorable part of the community.

Yours truly,

The Sowers Cemetery Association Board

Gerald Farris, *President*

Bruce Burns, *Vice President*

Betsy Farris, *Treasurer*

Susan Candelaria, *Secretary*

SOWERS CEMETERY FOUNDATION – FUND DRIVE

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ Other _____

Checks payable to: Sowers Cemetery Association, 1817 W. Pioneer Dr. #1007 Irving, TX 75061

If you would like your gift named in memory of a loved one, please let us know below.

Gift in memory of _____

Your check's name and address will provide us the necessary address information for our records.

Can we publish your donation on our website? YES ☐ NO ☐ I do not wish to have my name published.

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