

Collin County Historical Commission



COATS/HORTON/ROLAND CEMETERY WESTMINSTER, TEXAS

Location: Westminster, in the woods on the south side of FM2862

There is one stone for the Coats, 2 for the Hortons, and about 9 for the Rolands. [Rowland is spelled without the "W" on the stones.] The original headright was for John Rowland. Christopher Roland married Martha Horton Arrington. They helped raise Horton nieces and nephews after their parents died. William Horton married Susan Coats. William and Susan Horton are said to be buried in this cemetery. There are no markers for them. No deed has been found for this cemetery.

Cemeteries of Collin County, Texas, by Joy Gough

COATS-HORTON-ROLAND CEMETERY

History by Scott T. Ulrich, part of historical marker application for Elm Grove Cemetery.

The Coats-Horton-Roland Cemetery is located on the John Roland Survey near FM 2862 in Westminster, Texas. It is located one and one-fourth miles due south of Elm Grove Cemetery and is surrounded by land under private ownership. The cemetery was the original dedicated burial site for the Roland family, early pioneers of Texas from Alabama. Court records show that family members, Martha Pace Arrington, mother, and sons, Sherrod and Ezekial Roland, were residents of Texas by November 1834. Martha's son, John Roland, was killed in the Texas Revolution in August 1836 and the Texas Land Grant of 1,920 acres was deeded to his heirs, Martha, Sherrod, and Ezekial, by the Republic of Texas. In 1853, the John Roland Survey was divided among three heirs as shown on Collin County deed records. Ezekial Roland died in 1859 and was the first person buried on land in the north portion of the Survey in what is now Elm Grove Cemetery. Sherrod Roland's son, E. R. Roland, was the first person buried in 1854 on the south portion of the Survey in what is now the Coats-Horton-Roland Cemetery. Martha's grave

site is in the Elm Grove Cemetery; however, her portion of the Survey is now the location of the original town plat of Westminster which is east of the two cemeteries.

The small Coats-Horton-Roland Cemetery is currently being used as grazing land for cattle and the tombstones have fallen over on the ground. The Coats, Horton and Roland names are the only names recorded on tombstones in the cemetery.

The area near the Coats-Horton-Roland Cemetery was the home of Susan and Sherrod Roland, who are buried in the cemetery. Their children were the first to be buried there. The land around the area was later sold to a Claiborn W. Coats who is also buried there. Susan Roland donated land on the Survey for Seven Points College, originally a four year theological seminary for the Texas Methodist Conference. After 1902, the college became a Baptist Academy, a preparatory school for preachers and teachers....

List of Known Burial in Coats-Horton-Roland Cemetery.

Roland, E. R. b. 2-13-1852 d. 1-12-1854
Roland, N. J. b. 11-26-1853 d. 7-24-1855
Roland, James R. b. 3-2-1867 d. 3-9-1867
Roland, Sherrod b. 1-19-1823 d. 3-23-1885
Roland, Susan b. 2-22-1827 d. 3-26-1907
Roland, T. J. b. 3-21-1861 d. 12-7-1866
Coats, Claiborn b. 1-23-1801 d. 12-9-1896
Coats, Elizabeth b. 1806 d. 5-8-1872
Horton, Claiborn b. 3-11-1883 d. 8-17-1884

