OLD HALL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.

HELLO TO ALL FRIENDS OF OLD HALL CEMETERY

MAY, 2019

Now that beautiful iris flowers decorate our historic cemetery, we know that our Decoration Day/Memorial Day celebration is just around the corner. This year, on the weekend of May 26, we will memorialize our friends and families buried at Old Hall, as well as honor our fallen US heroes and heroines who have protected our freedoms. The following Monday, May 27, is the official Memorial Day. The VFW will conduct a service at the Tabernacle at 10 am and the ROTC from one of our High Schools will present the flags. You, your family and friends are invited to visit Old Hall on this special weekend.

You have likely noticed our ongoing efforts to maintain the grounds of Old Hall Cemetery---stretching from the newly-opened areas to the east, back to the spaces holding graves dating from the 1850's. Over the years and even now, heavy rains followed by near drought conditions cause soil to expand and then contract. The result: unleveled/broken markers, plus low areas that become small ponds after heavy rain. Our most obvious efforts have been to use existing soil to fill in low areas. In some spaces, the initial result may appear a bit rough, but in good time the areas will level—and we avoid the expense of purchasing new soil. Too, we are focused upon repairing our cemetery's older markers. While it is actually each family's responsibility to maintain monuments, some families simply no longer live in the area and cannot be identified. We feel that Old Hall itself must assume this work and expense.

As Decoration Day/Memorial Day nears, we invite and encourage each of you to honor and memorialize your family and friends buried in our cemetery with a MEMORIAL DONATION to Old Hall Cemetery Association. Since we are a non-profit organization, you must know that Old Hall Cemetery depends upon each family to share the expense of maintaining the cemetery. Upon this special occasion, please consider making a contribution. If you will, please make your contribution payable to Old Hall Cemetery Association and mail it to Old Hall Cemetery Association, PO Box 498, Lewisville, Texas 75067. Our Treasurer, Dianne Hayes Mayfield, will send you a receipt acknowledging your tax-deductible donation.

Many, many thanks to each of you for past and present support. We will continue to maintain the grounds of Old Hall as a respectful tribute to those at peace there. Please visit our website @ oldhallcemetery.com

Sincerely,

Aubrey H. Polser, Jr., President Board of Directors, Old Hall Cemetery Association Website: <u>oldhallcemetery.com</u>