



WARREN FERRIS CEMETERY: A FUTURE AS WELL AS A PAST

Learn about our Forest Hills history! Two more segments have been completed of the FWFC documentary: *A Future as Well as a Past*. Visit friendsofthewarrenferriscemetery.org and click on About, then the Documentary Segments section.

Segment 3 features Chris Freeman, Professional Land Surveyor, of Lina T. Ramey & Associates and Chris Bohannon, Director of Collections for the Dallas Historical Society. They share details about Ferris as surveyor and the adversity faced in surveying Dallas and Dallas County in the mid 1800's. The discussion includes a demonstration of the type of equipment that would have been used by Warren Ferris. This segment was shot at the Old Red Museum which now has similar survey equipment on display.



Rena Darcy, granddaughter of Warren Ferris, and her daughters (L-R) Rena "Billie" D'Arcy, Anna D'Arcy Walker, Gill Dee D'Arcy Sheaffer, and Ada D'Arcy Walker.



(L-R) Charles Frederick Ferris, Edward Warren Ferris, and Robert Edwin Ferris; sons of Charles Drake "Charley" Ferris (C 1910).

Segment 2 features an interview with Susanne Starling, Warren Ferris historian, educator and biographical author of *Land is the Cry* by Dallas historian Mike Hazel, Editor of Legacy Magazine. Ms. Starling recounts her journey researching the history of Warren Ferris, the original surveyor of Dallas County. The interview chronicles the rise of Dallas as a "quite a little town," the eventual vandalism of the cemetery in the 20th Century, the historic marker installed in 1985, the cemetery's 2016 designation as a Texas Historic Cemetery and finally its current beautification program and the research being performed by Remembering Black Dallas on the people buried in the cemetery.

Youngest daughter of Warren Ferris, Sarah Ellen Ferris, age 13.

