

Court Records to Document Burials of County's Indigent

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A plot map will no longer be the only way to find out who is buried in the county's pauper cemetery. Although gravemarkers are not included in the plan, Presiding Commissioner Elizabeth Faulkenberry said the name of any pauper buried in Neely Cemetery will be entered into court records. Faulkenberry said the records will provide another form of documenting burials, should the plat map ever be misplaced.

Since 1982, 25 paupers have been buried by the county. Of those, 17 were buried in a small section of Hillsboro Cemetery, while the others were laid to rest in the county's pauper cemetery. Faulkenberry said the records go back only as far as 1982, and that all names documented since that time will be entered into court records.

The county provides funeral arrangements for indigent countians who have no relatives either willing or able to fund the services.