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Details for Eli Jackson Cemetery

Historical Marker — Atlas Number 5507013730

Data

Marker Number	13730
Atlas Number	5507013730
Marker Title	Eli Jackson Cemetery
Index Entry	Jackson, Eli, Cemetery
Address	US 281
City	Pharr
County	Hidalgo
UTM Zone	14
UTM Easting	581617
UTM Northing	2886135
Subject Codes	graveyards; African American topics
Marker Year	2005
Designations	
Marker Location	US 281, south side, just east of the intersection with S. Veterans Blvd. (I Road)
Marker Size	HTC Medallion and 24" x 16" interpretive plaque
Marker Text	In 1857, Nathaniel Jackson came from Alabama and established a ranch in this area. A former slave owner, Jackson, who was white, came with his wife Matilda Hicks, who was black, their children and his freed slaves. On his 5,500-acre ranch, Jackson raised livestock and grew vegetables, cotton and sugarcane. He also established a chapel that served family and friends. He was known for his generosity and hospitality, and many, including runaway slaves, came to the ranch in need of lodging and other resources. Upon Jackson's death in 1865, his heirs divided the property. The share to his son Eli included this site, the family cemetery. Eli and his wife, Elizabeth Kerr, and their children continued the family tradition of hospitality. Eli served a county official, as did his son Nathaniel "Polo" Jackson. Polo's daughter Adela operated the ranch and cared for the cemetery until her death in 1992. Today, the Eli Jackson Cemetery represents the early area ranching communities. The burial ground is a tie to the Jackson family, and to their friends and neighbors from the past who share this as a final resting place. Historic Texas Cemetery - 2005

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Location Map



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