

Welcome to the 21st century.

The Williamson County Historical Society was organized in 1966 as a group of citizens interested in preserving the past. In 1967, members of the Society began surveying the cemeteries found throughout the nearly six hundred square miles encompassing Williamson County.

In 1973, the *Directory of Williamson County, Tennessee Burials, Volume 1* was published, followed by Volume 2 in 1975 and Volume 3 in 1991. Volume 1 recorded 528 cemeteries. Volume 2 recorded mainly Mt. Hope Cemetery in Franklin and 55 additional cemeteries out in the rural country side. Volume 3 recorded 231 cemeteries, not included in Volume 1 & 2, and provided corrections and some new graves not recorded in the previous surveyed cemeteries.

One deficiency found in these three volumes is the unclear directions provided in locating many of the cemeteries. Many locations of the cemeteries are identified by the landowner at the time of recording, and, in the past fifty years, ownership has changed hands several times. Subdivisions have changed the landscape greatly making cemeteries more difficult to find. To alleviate this short fall, the Williamson County Archives will be providing GIS technology to aid in finding the over 800 known cemeteries. With luck, more cemeteries may be found in the future and added to the list.

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