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Grassyville cemetery dedication April 23

About 150 people, many descendants of Grassyville pioneers, attended the Grassyville Cemetery Marker Dedication Ceremony at the cemetery April 23 at 2:30 p.m. This affair was preceded by a church service conducted by the Rev. Orion N. Lewis at the Paige Methodist Church and a dinner at the Paige Community Center.

The Official Texas Historical Marker installed at the cemetery reads as follows:
Grassyville Cemetery

German immigrants settled the Grassyville Community in the 1850s and organized a Methodist Church. Many gravestones in this cemetery are lettered in German script. The two earliest burials, Auguste D.

Hamff and Bertha Kunkel, are both dated 1871. Seven confederate veterans who served in Cronsbaur's Welhausen's Battery during the Civil War (1861-1865) are buried in the 1.5-acre graveyard. Although the village has disappeared, the burial ground continues in use. There are 130 graves tended by Grassyville Cemetery Association, which was established in 1963.

Grassyville is the first cemetery in Bastrop County to receive such a marker.

N. Conrad Hamff of Sherman, Texas, an officer of the cemetery association, related a short history of the cemetery and the once-ac-

tive Grassyville community and then introduced Mrs. G.P. Herndon, Jr., Chairman of the Bastrop County

Historical Commission. Herndon had charge of the program. After remarks of welcome and recognition of

guests, Herndon introduced Mrs. C.W. Webb of Elgin who in turn introduced the main speaker, County Judge Jack A. Griesenbeck of Bastrop. Griesenbeck congratulated the Grassyville

descendants for their efforts to preserve the cemetery, their pride in the accomplishments of their ancestors and their interest in Bastrop County.

