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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



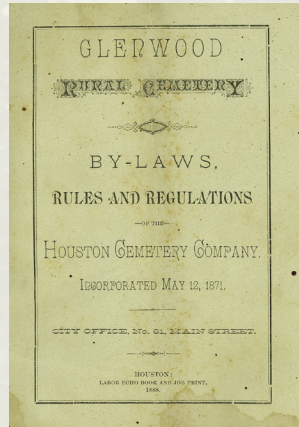
“One of the Most Beautiful Spots in Texas”

Glenwood derives historical significance from its roots in the nineteenth-century “picturesque” rural garden cemetery movement, which originated in post-revolutionary France.

While hard to envision now, with Glenwood tucked right alongside Buffalo Bayou mere miles from vibrant downtown Houston, Glenwood was originally outside of the city limits. Glenwood’s landscape and history speaks to the larger story of Houston’s growth as a city, from frontier settlement to industrial city to sophisticated metropolis.

IN THE BEGINNING

Newspaper accounts of the late 1800s cited the growing popularity of the cemetery as a tourist destination, referring to it as a “resort” and “one of the most beautiful spots in Texas” and credited Glenwood as having thousands of visitors on All Saints and All Souls feast days.



1871

Houston Cemetery Company was formed by an act of the Texas legislature.



1888

The Victorian style Office Cottage was completed.



The Cemetery Oak is over 120 years old with a stunning canopy spread of over 120 feet.



1872

The cemetery opened as Texas' first rural garden cemetery and the “Glenwood” name was adopted. The first burial was Eddie Masterson in June of 1872.

Glenwood Cemetery Association, a non-profit body, was formed to take over the management of Glenwood.

1904

Today there are approximately 27,000 burials in Glenwood and Washington Cemetery.

1950's

Former southern boundary of Glenwood, Memorial Drive was constructed, which changed the boundaries of Glenwood. Buffalo Bayou was re-routed, increasing the size of Glenwood from 55 to 65 acres.



Circa 1901

THE GROWTH OF GLENWOOD



1995

The Office Cottage was remodeled to its current capacity, adding additional office space including a conference room, kitchen facilities and renovated basement.

From the 1950s to today Glenwood has grown from 55 to 88 acres, with development adding a substantial number of burial spaces and the ability to extend the life of Glenwood by over 60 years through future revenue from lot sales.

“We have incredibly beautiful statuary, extraordinary horticulture, so we’re not a museum of paintings, but we’re a museum of beauty and I think it’s time we invite the community in.”

William P. Conner, Board Member and
Past President and Chairman

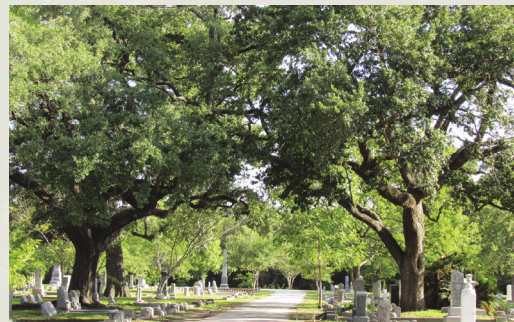


1989-1990



The Belvedere area of Glenwood was developed out of a large gully, bringing in 4 ½ acres of additional burial space.

1999



View of Washington Cemetery

The Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation was formed and Glenwood merged with adjacent 22 acre Washington Cemetery, which included 7 ½ acres of undeveloped land.

2007-2010



Glenwood developed 6 acres of property; Oakdale West, Oakdale North, Oakdale Ridge and the Stream Garden, which includes an above ground cremation “niche” area.

THE FUTURE OF GLENWOOD

As we envision the next 150 years, we hope to not only provide for the needs of the cemetery and its families but allow current and future Houstonians to better experience this museum of beauty, preserved in the heart of the city and to gain a greater understanding of the history of Houston and beyond through the lives and legacies memorialized here.



2015

The 10-acre Skyline Meadow section was developed, overlooking a 1 ½ acre lake, which serves as both a water feature and the cemetery's primary water source for irrigation.

2017

A Building Committee, led by Lora Jean Kilroy Wilson, created the comprehensive vision for the future of Glenwood, and the Campaign for The Center for Glenwood was launched.



Groundbreaking for the new Center for Glenwood, turning the page to a new historic chapter in the life of Glenwood Cemetery.

2021



“I think future tours of Glenwood will come away with an understanding of how important Houston has been to Texas, as well as the country and its development. And it will be through visiting the gravesites of extremely influential people who made an impact on culture and society.”

Ransom Lummis, President and Chairman of Glenwood Cemetery

Aerial photo shows Glenwood's new state of the art Maintenance Facility. Development included a connecting road between Glenwood and Washington Cemetery and the creation of Washington View, a 2 ½ acre section of land opened up for future burial sites.

2020



MEMORIALIZING LIVES & HOUSTON LEGACIES

The individuals highlighted in this brochure represent just a few of those who are buried at Glenwood and have changed the landscape of Houston.

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ANSON JONES
1798-1858

Physician who served as the last President of the Republic of Texas, and later became known as the “Architect of Annexation” for his role in annexing Texas into the Union.

Most notably during his administration, he insisted that the Republic set up a university system for higher education.

Established the first Masonic lodge in Texas, Holland Lodge #36 and helped found the Medical Association of Texas in 1853.



CHARLOTTE BALDWIN ALLEN
1805-1895

Regarded in Texas History as “The Mother of Houston”. She used her inheritance, along with her husband, Augustus C. Allen and his brother John Kirby Allen, to purchase half a league of land along Buffalo Bayou for \$5,000 in 1836, advertised as “Houston”.

She is a founding member of many of Houston’s key civic and cultural institutions, and donated the city block known as Market Square where City Hall still stands.



CAPTAIN JAMES A. BAKER
1857-1941

Joined his father at Baker, Botts, and Baker where he was the personal attorney of William M. Rice.

After Rice’s murder in 1900, he brought to justice those responsible and saved the Rice fortune that endowed the Rice Institute, now Rice University.

Instrumental in creating Glenwood as a nonprofit institution.



GEORGE R. BROWN
1898-1983

HERMAN BROWN
1892-1962

Herman co-founded Brown and Root in 1919 with his brother-in-law Dan Root, joined by George in 1922.

Brown and Root was the builder of many large-scale facilities including the Marshall Ford Dam, now Mansfield Dam.

During WWII, at the request of the Navy, they founded the Brown Shipbuilding Company, producing over 350 warships by the end of the war.

Founded the Brown Foundation along with their wives, Margaret Root Brown and Alice Pratt Brown in 1951, which has distributed more than \$1.85 billion in grants across the state of Texas and elsewhere in the country.

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HOWARD HUGHES
1905-1976

Known as a business magnate, aviator, film director and producer, investor, philanthropist and one of the world's richest people at the time of his death.

Formed Hughes Aircraft Company in 1932 and established the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in 1953.

Acquired Trans World Airlines (TWA) in 1956.

Best-remembered films, *Hell's Angels* (1930), *The Outlaw* (1941), and *Scarface* (1932).



ROY HUFFINGTON
1917-2008

Founded Roy M. Huffington Inc., an independent, international oil and gas exploration company in 1956 and served as Chairman of the Board and CEO.

Appointed U.S. Ambassador to Austria by President George H.W. Bush in 1990.

Inducted into Texas Business Hall of Fame in 1992.



DR. DENTON COOLEY
1920-2016

Performed the first successful human heart transplant in the US in 1968 and the first human implantation of a total artificial heart in the world in 1969.

Founded the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in 1962, where he served as surgeon-in-chief for over 40 years.

Received the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.



BOB McNAIR
1937-2018

Bob McNair was a businessman, sportsman and philanthropist in Houston for more than 50 years.

Founded a family trust that owns McNair Interests – a real estate and investment company, the Houston Texans and The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation.

Returned NFL football to Houston in 2002 and served as Houston Texans founder, senior chairman and CEO.

Co-funded multiple charitable foundations with his wife and gave more than a half billion dollars to community organizations.



THE NEXT 150 YEARS

The Center for Glenwood will provide a place to gather for families, visitors, and community members alike, a place to host events, such as educational seminars, a place to research and connect with the history and legacies memorialized at Glenwood and a place that will help the community to experience all that Glenwood has to offer.

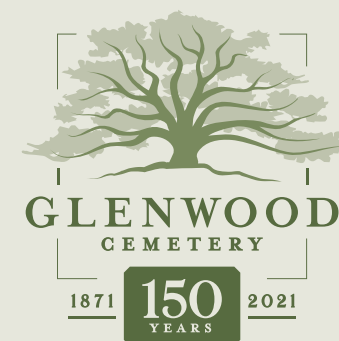
The Center for Glenwood

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The Center for Glenwood Capital Campaign

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PHYSICAL SPACES

<i>Welcome Center Naming</i>	<i>.....\$3,000,000</i>
<i>Groundskeeping (Maintenance)</i>	
<i>Headquarters</i>	<i>.....\$1,500,000</i>
<i>Front Gate Entrance Recognition</i>	<i>.....\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Porte Cochere</i>	<i>.....\$1,000,000</i>
<i>Porch</i>	<i>.....\$750,000</i>
<i>Executive Wing</i>	<i>.....\$500,000</i>
<i>Corridor to the Assembly Room</i>	<i>.....\$250,000</i>
<i>Archives Room</i>	<i>.....\$250,000</i>
<i>Board Room</i>	<i>.....\$250,000</i>
<i>2nd Floor Lobby, Elevator and</i>	
<i>Elevator Waiting Areas</i>	<i>.....\$250,000</i>
<i>Sales Office</i>	<i>.....\$250,000</i>
<i>Safe</i>	<i>.....\$100,000</i>

<i>Catering Area</i>	<i>.....\$100,000</i>
<i>Balcony</i>	<i>.....\$75,000</i>
<i>Rear Downstairs Offices (1 available)</i>	<i>.....\$50,000</i>
<i>Upstairs Offices (1 available)</i>	<i>.....\$50,000</i>
<i>Breakroom</i>	<i>.....\$50,000</i>

QUIET SPACES

<i>Ravine Gardens</i>	<i>.....\$1,000,000</i>
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DONOR WALL

<i>Recognition will be available starting at</i>	<i>.....\$5,000</i>
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1871

150
YEARS

2021

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