

Restland Cemetery in Gatesville, Texas is operated by the city. If entering Gatesville on Main Street (US Hwy 84) from the Waco direction, turn right on 22nd Street and follow the street two blocks directly to the cemetery entrance. When entering the cemetery, you are traveling north, with the grave site markers generally facing east.

This listing project has been a volunteer effort and is being made available to the Gatesville Public Library. The desire is for this information to be made available to as many people as are interested at no cost other than incidental costs of printing at the library. As with most projects of this nature, there are certainly some errors of data capture, typing and listing. Any errors contained are not intentional.

This particular listing of Restland grave site markers differs from previous listings primarily by including the plat location of each grave marker. A lot plat for most sections is on page two of the spreadsheet on this website. With several thousand markers now in the cemetery, this will hopefully be of some assistance

Restland is currently divided into seven major sections labeled A through G. There are signs for these sections. For all sections except F there are 8 grave sites platted within each numbered lot. Using the plat maps for each section, find the lot number and the general location of the lot within the section. This should narrow the search. There are ground surface level markers designating lot numbers implanted at lot corners along the hearse roads. These are small, round concrete markers with a brass tag stamped with the lot number. It is common for these navigation markers to become overgrown with grass. Enough markers should be visible for visitors using the available plats to find their family members.

Over the 60+ years since the origination of Restland Cemetery there have been many, many people involved in placement of graves. Due to misunderstanding of platting, failures in measurement, special exceptions and just plain errors there are several instances of grave sites not in accordance with the original plat.

Many grave site locations within Restland are sold but not occupied. This listing is of grave markers only and is not intended to indicate availability of grave sites. Inquiries of grave site availability should be directed to the Gatesville city offices at (254) 865-8951.

For those more interested in the details of the platting:

The original plat was designed with hearse roads and walkways.

- Each individual grave site is 5 x 10 feet, with two rows of four lots each. The 8 grave sites make lots that are 20 feet x 20 feet.
- Traveling south to north, measure 2 lots of 8 sites, a 6 foot hearse road, then 2 lots of 8 sites, then repeating again. This yields 6 foot hearse roads running east to west.
- Traveling east to west, measure 2 lots of 8 sites, a 4 foot walkway, then 2 lots of 8 sites, then repeating again. This yields 4 foot wide walkways running south to north.

Section F is a narrow area and was platted with only 4 grave sites per lot, spaced 2 x 2. This yields a lot size of 10 feet x 20 feet. There is not a hearse road, but only a 2 foot wide walkway in its place.

Section E does extend beyond the driving road to the west.