

Gober-Wright Cemetery

Denton County, Texas

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THE GOBER-WRIGHT CEMETRY

The Gober-Wright Cemetery is located in northern Denton County, Texas, southwest of the city of Sanger. From the County Seat of Denton take I-35 north to Rector Road, go west on Rector Road and when the road turns south the cemetery is on the west. It is located in a field in front of an old trailer house. It is enclosed by a pipe fence. The land is owned by the Dorothy Evans Estate (2009) and permission is needed to gain access to the cemetery. The cemetery is located on the John Gober survey A505 of Denton County, Texas. There are only six marked graves here.

John Gober moved his family from Georgia to Fannin County Texas in 1851 and to Denton County in 1853 or 1854 depending on your source. The family first settled on Duck Creek in far north Denton County in the area of Cash's Settlement (north of Bolivar today). He had a survey here. In 1860 the Gober family moved again, this time southeast of Bolivar on the south side of Clear Creek. They must have moved after June 13th because they can be found on the census next to the Cash family. The Post Office listed for them is Carter. Here John Gober had 2 surveys of land. The John Gober family on the 1860 census includes John W. Gober and his wife Mary A., daughter of Arthur T. Camp. They were married in the Cherokee Purchase of Georgia on 20 November 1845. Their children are Arcaro Rosemanch Elizabeth, born 22 November 1846 in Georgia; Julia Ann Amanda, born 17 March 1849 in Georgia; Young Arthur Tarply, born 9 May 1851; William Penn, born 22 May 1854 in Texas; Martha Lurkin, born 16 Oct 1856 in Denton County, Texas; Felix Augustus, born 4 January 1861 in Denton County, Texas; John Stonewall Jackson, born 1 March 1863 in Denton County, Texas; and George Otis Bonaparte Eugene Robert, born 11 February 1868 in Denton County, Texas.

Shortly after the family moved to the south side of Clear Creek they needed a burial space for Young Arthur Tarply. Some cemetery surveys state that he died in 1911 but when I looked at the stone (which is in poor condition) it looked like it read 186_. He was only found on the 1860 census with his parents. He is also not listed on either of his parents' wills or their obits. From what I can find out his most likely died on 25 January 1861 on his family's farm.

The next burial was Josephine Wright. She was the daughter of Robert W. and Arcane Rosemanch Elizabeth Gober Wright. She was born on 20 March 1877 most likely on the family farm, which was located northwest of John Gober's. She died on 3

October 1880 at the age of 3 years, 6 months, and 8 days. She was buried to the south of her Uncle, Young Arthur T. Gober. She was listed on the 1880 census as living with her parents in Denton Co., Texas. Her father had a survey of land, A1437, just North West of John Gober's survey south of Clear Creek. Her mother was the oldest child of John and Mary Camp Gober.

The next burial is Josephine's sister, Sallie L. Wright. Sallie was born 23 December 1879 most likely in Denton County, Texas. She died on 28 February 1881, less than 5 months after her sister had died. The Paradise Messenger reported on 11 March 1881 "Wright, W.C. near Bolivar - The 2 year old girl of our friend R. W. Wright, near Bolivar died last Sunday night. She fell into the fireplace about 3 weeks since and was from the effects of the terrible burn she died. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all in this trying affection. (From The Denton Monitor). Sallie is listed as Lorena on the 1880 census living with her parents. She is buried not far from her sister in the Gober-Wright Cemetery.

Earl Scoot Gober is the next person buried here. He was the son of William Penn Gober and Lizzie (Elizabeth) Bennett. He was born 10 April 1881 most likely in Denton County, Texas. He died 31 January 1888. He was buried in the east end of the cemetery.

William Penn Gober was born 22 May 1854 in Texas. He may have been one of the first white babies born in Denton County, Texas. He was the second son of John W. Gober and Mary A. Camp. On 23 December 1877 he married Lizzie Bennett in Denton County. She was from Clinton Township, DeWitt County, Illinois. Lizzie was the daughter of Robert and Sarah Bennett. I do not know how she came to be in Denton County, Texas. William and Lizzie had 7 children that I know of. They are Claude Wesley, born Feb 1879; Earl Scott, born 10 April 1881; Bert, born September 1883; Flora A., born December 1885; Nannie, born February 1888 and Willie Pearl, born December 1889. The last child, a son, Ova O. was born January 1892, mostly just days before his father died. William Penn Gober was a farmer and can be found on the 1880 census living with his wife and child next to his parents. He died on 30 January 1892. He is buried in the east end of Gober-Wright Cemetery. He shares a stone with his son. Sometime after his death Lizzie moved back to Illinois with the children. His six living children are listed as his heirs on his father's will. From what I can find Lizzie never remarried and lived the rest of her life with her parents or her sister. She is not buried here.

The last known burial in this cemetery was that of an Infant of Neal N. and Leo Oliver Wright. This is the grandchild of Robert Wright. This child was born on 17 January 1901 and died 29 January 1901. The baby was buried on the west end of the cemetery. Some other surveys of this cemetery state that it was twins that are buried here, but I could only find evenidence of one baby here. Shortly after the baby died the parents moved to the Texas Panhandle, near Amarillo.

There may be some unmarked graves here, but I did not find any evidence of them. The cemetery had tall grass and some of it was matted down when I was here. This paper is not meant to be the final source on these people but was to satisfy my interest in cemeteries and the people buried there

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Earl Scott Gober; son of W.P. and Lizzie Gober.

Born: 10 April 1881 Died: 31 January 1888



William Penn Gober; the husband of Lizzie Gober

Born: 22 May 1854

Died: 30 January 1892



Sallie L. Wright; the daughter of Robert W and Arcare Rosemanch Elizabeth Gober Wright.

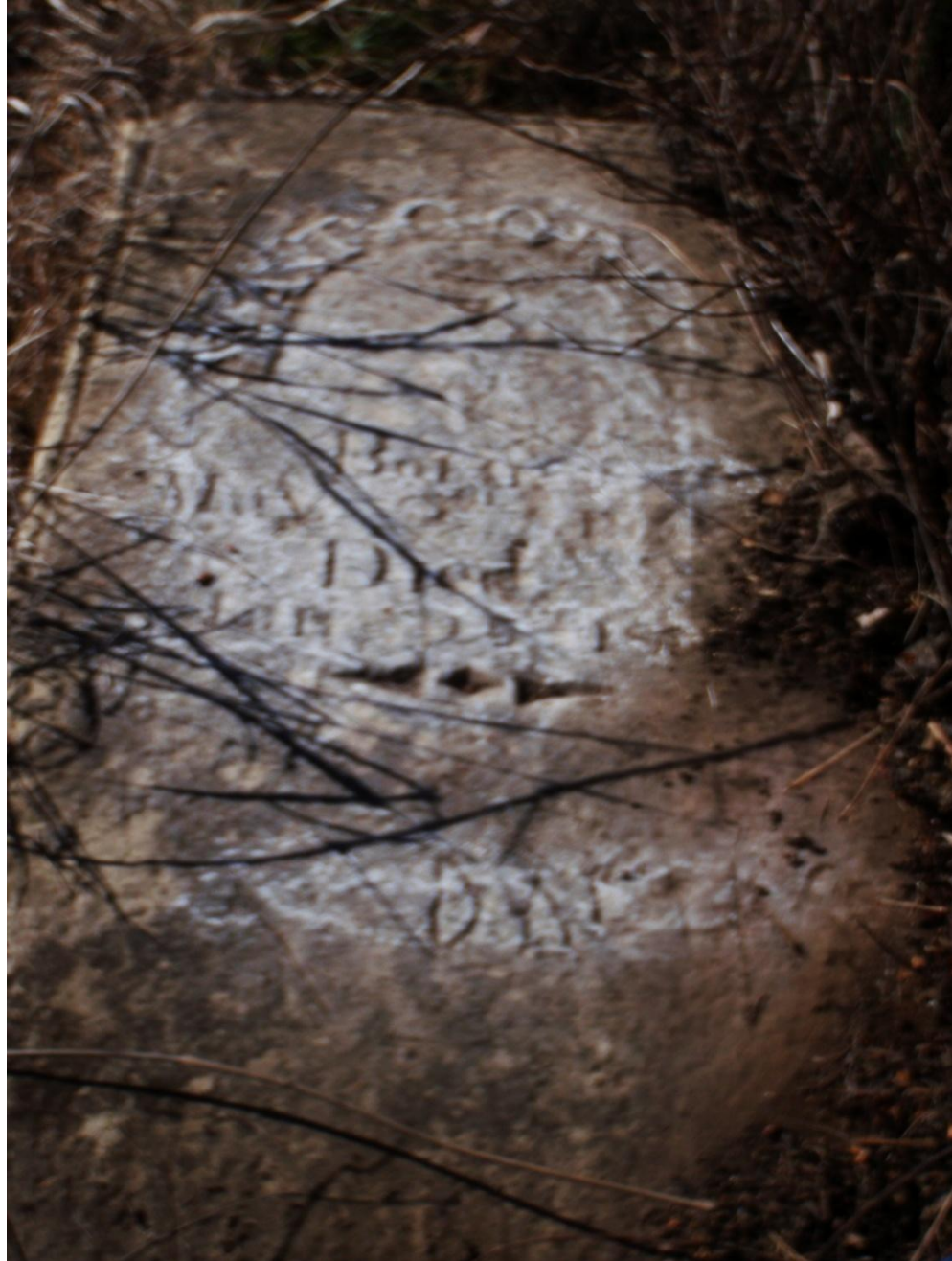
Born: 23 December 1879

Died: 28 February 1881



Josephine A. Wright; the daughter of Robert W. and Arcare Rosemanch
Elizabeth Gober Wright.

Born: 25 March 1877 Died: 3 October 1880



Y. A. T. (Young Arthur Tarpey) Gober; the son of John W. and Mary A. Camp
Gober

Born: 8 May 1851

Died: 25 January 1861



The Infant of Neal M. and Leo Oliver Wright.

Born: 17 January 1901

Died: 29 January 1901