

Ad Hall Cemetery



The Ad Hall Cemetery is located in the northwest quadrant of Milam County and is near State Hwy 36. To drive to the cemetery from Cameron: take US 190/SH 36 northwest and travel six miles to Pettibone. At the juncture of SH 36 and Farm to Market Rd (FM) 486, turn to the left, cross the railroad track, and proceed for about a mile. FM 486 will curve sharply to the left but continue straight on the gravel road of CR 205. Follow it for one-quarter of a mile and an open pasture will appear on the left. The gap gate was blocked, so it is necessary to park the vehicle and walk approximately two hundred yards.

The graveyard is fenced with an ornamental wrought iron fence and canopied by cedar trees. There are 10 known people buried in the 50 by 50-foot cemetery that Adam Hall established in 1865. Most accounts say that he bought and settled the land in 1874, but the first burial is 1865 and two more follow in 1867.

Among the burials is Eliza Cheeseman Tice, daughter of Richard Tice, a Revolutionary War veteran buried in Independence, Texas. Her grave has a Real Daughter marker from the Daughters of the American Revolution, but it should have been a Daughter of a Revolutionary Patriot marker.

Post Oak Springs or Tappan Springs is located nearby and supplied the community and travelers with fresh water. The Old Cameron Belton road passed through here.

The springs were the site of a tragedy in 1837 when a group of men were attacked and massacred by Indians. Their bodies must have been buried nearby. According to Mary Bell Batte's *History of Milam County*, the men's names were Aaron Collins, Sterrett Smith, Jesse Bailey, David M. Farmer and Clairborne Neal.

Above referenced from Norinne Holman's *170 Years of Cemetery Records in Milam County, Texas*. Photos and directions by Jack Brooks.