



## Bear Creek Cemetery Reception Sunday, April 15, 2-4 pm

The Bear Creek Cemetery Foundation invites you to attend a reception Sunday, April 15th, from 2 pm to 4 pm. We are celebrating the completion of new improvements to the cemetery.

Bear Creek Cemetery has been awarded three grants from the Collin County Historical Commission. The first grant was awarded in August of 2010. This grant was used to install an iron fence with a walk-through and drive-through gate on the east side of the cemetery. This fence is in the front of the cemetery along the road. In 2011 Bear Creek Cemetery was awarded two grants. One grant was used to fence the south side of the cemetery. The other grant was used to level and repair grave markers in the cemetery. This cemetery was neglected for many years leaving several grave markers in need of repair. With this grant we focused on repairing the largest stones that were in danger of falling. Twenty-three grave markers were repaired. In April of 2011 a marker restoration workshop was held at the cemetery, and three grave markers were repaired at that time. Many more markers still need repair.

Bear Creek Cemetery was designated an Historical Cemetery in 2005. We have mapped the cemetery and have photographed all of the grave markers.

Future projects include: fencing the west and north sides of the cemetery, repairing more grave markers, cleaning the markers, GPR (ground penetrating radar) to locate unmarked graves, leveling the dirt where graves have collapsed and where animals have dug holes, improving the driveway, pruning trees and installing a flag pole.

We are in the process of writing a book about the cemetery. If you have any pictures or information of people who are buried at the Bear Creek Cemetery please contact us at: [beckybabyfeet@verizon.net](mailto:beckybabyfeet@verizon.net) or call 972-463-7523.

Please consider attending our reception, joining our foundation, doing volunteer work, or making a donation to continue taking care of this very old cemetery.

