

Subject: Re: Bones (presumably human) discovered on ground surface in First Street Cemetery, Waco
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Mr. Griggs,

Thank you for directing our attention to this matter. These potential remains appear to be located outside of the construction area. I understand that there have been heavy rains recently. We have forwarded your information to the City and PBS&J, who will be inspecting the cemetery area tomorrow to locate and recover any remains that may have eroded out of the unmarked area of the cemetery.

Once again, thank you,

Roger

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Cemetery, Waco

Dear Mr. Knowlton:

It has come to my attention that what is apparently a partial human skull and associated bone fragments are exposed on the ground surface in the unmarked section of First Street Cemetery (within the boundaries of the historic property as delimited in the MOA). The bones are located in the southern part of the cemetery under a large burr oak near the law school parking lot. I do not live in Waco and have not seen the remains. The person who discovered them (not a consulting party) wishes to remain anonymous.

The person who discovered the bones photographed them and then covered them with leaves. Attached are scans of the photos, as well as a computer-generated copy of a map sent with the photos. The photos were reportedly taken on February 6, 2010. I am writing to bring this matter to your attention so that the remains can be evaluated and, if confirmed to be human, receive proper treatment in accordance with the MOA and state laws pertaining to cemeteries.

Handwritten notes on the photos are as follows:

1. "Exposed skull missing cap, base of Burr Oak, scale"
2. "Same shot further away"
3. "Skull at tree, 'x' skull bone fragments"
4. "3 or 4 skull fragments about 5'-6' S.E. of skull"

Sincerely,

John Griggs, Ph.D.

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