

**ANTIOCH LIFE PARK CEMETERY**  
**GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK**  
**Site Medallion No. 66**  
**Hardy Road**  
**2049 Avenue D    [www.antiochlifepark.com](http://www.antiochlifepark.com)**

The Antioch Cemetery is in the northern portion of the American Memorial Park Cemetery and is located in southeast Grand Prairie, Texas, near the shores of Mountain Creek Lake, south of Avenue D, west of Hardy Road and north of Bogarte Drive. It may be reached by traveling south on SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, then east on Lakeview to Hardy Road where you will then turn north. Antioch was originally established as the cemetery for freed slaves living in Freetown, which is now part of Grand Prairie.

Because of the many changes of ownership over the years, it has been impossible to accurately document the history of this cemetery at this time. Grand Prairie Genealogical Society and the Grand Prairie Historical Commission are endeavoring to do so, and will publish its findings in the next update of this survey.

However, the following information from land records held in the Dallas County Court House reveals a portion of its background, and indicates some of the personalities involved.

GRANTOR:        Jules Schneider and Alfred David  
GRANTEE:        Charles O'Donnell  
DATE:            November 4, 1881

. . . . 200 acres with one acre off the west end of this tract to be reserved by Mrs. Eugene Long and for the purpose of fencing off a graveyard and erecting a Catholic Chapel thereon . . . .

GRANTOR:        H.M. Moore  
GRANTEE:        Antioc (sic) Baptist Church  
DATE:            November 16, 1891

. . . . one half acre and more fully described lying on the Dallas and Fort Worth Road and being on south side of said road and being on the A. Cockrell 320 acre survey and being one acre east and west and one half acre north and south containing one half acre of land; said Antioc Baptist Church has a church building on said half acre of land (Trustees – H.M. Moore, W.M. Alexander, L.G. and B.F. Jordan); said land being for church purposes . . . .

GRANTOR:        H.M. Moore  
GRANTEE:        Live Stone Lodge No. 152 (A defunct Masonic Lodge)  
DATE:            February 3, 1904

. . . . Beginning on the south line of what is known as the Dallas and Fort Worth Road and the west line of a ½ acre tract of land and conveyed heretofore by H.M. Moore to the Baptist Church and also for public school at that place; thence west on south line on said Dallas and Fort Worth Road, forty feet to a stake; then thirty feet to a stake, then east forty feet to a stake on . . . .

This survey includes all graves in both the Antioch Cemetery and the American Memorial Park Cemetery as the dividing line is very indistinct. Because there are not any definite lots and rows, and the lots are scattered indiscriminately, they have been left out.

In 2011 and 2012, the Texas Department of Banking records show:

Antioch St. John's Cemetery Company dba American Memorial Park (the Cemetery) located in Grand Prairie, Texas owners Gerald Weatherall, Sr. (Weatherall); and Beverly Randall-Weatherall (Randall-Weatherall) were issued an emergency order to cease and desist from operation a perpetual care cemetery without a valid certificate of authority.

In 2017, new owners changed the name of the American Memorial Cemetery Park to Antioch Life Park. The current owner is Tom Aldridge at phone number 888-485-5152.