

Scott Family Cemetery

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Map approximating locations of land purchased in West Dallas by pioneer Jack Scott¹
along the eastern boundary of the William Coombes Survey and including sites in the W.P. Overton Survey
Described location of former cemetery: 32.776154°N; 96.830416°W (SE corner of 1877/1899 parcel)

All of the graves of the ***Jack Scott family cemetery*** were moved in year 2017. The cemetery's original location was described as being 300 feet east of the intersection of *Beeville* and *Fabrication* streets, "near" the *Texas & Pacific Railroad* tracks. On the above map that might place the original Jack Scott family cemetery at the southeast corner of the parcel purchased in 1877, a purchase for some reason partially repeated in 1899. That site is inside the W.P. Overton Survey, east of the William Coombes Survey boundary line. I have no direct evidence of any cemetery ever being in this area, and it was long reported that no grave markers were visible – that the cemetery was "about to be obliterated". But apparently the family remembered its exact location and had all its burials moved to the *Oak Grove Memorial Gardens* in Irving, Texas – a cemetery in western Dallas County, about 6 miles to the west-southwest. There were six burials moved – three adults and three children.

Emma Mildred (Barker) Scott, second wife of Jack Scott; born in Nebraska, 1850; died in Dallas Co. 30th April 1885.²

Jack Scott, born in Brown Co., Ohio; 28th August of 1837; died in Dallas Co., Texas; 13th May 1903..³

Andrew "Andy" Scott: son of Jack and Emma Scott: born 13th April 1870 in Dallas Co.; died in Dallas Co. 1st Sept.1931. ⁴

Three children: exact identities unknown to this author.⁵

No house location is shown on any of these Jack Scott properties on either the 1900 *Sam Street's map of Dallas County, Texas*; nor on the 1920 *U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soils Map*. The house Jack Scott had occupied as his "homestead" had apparently disappeared by 1900, before his 1903 death, when he was living as a widower in a boarding house.

Land outlined in red on the map above covers an area of approximately 18.4 acres, a site with unusually fertile soil for farming but prone to flooding before the Trinity River levees were built in the mid-20th century. Jack Scott had also purchased an additional ten acres of land in the W.J. Walker Survey, west of Hampton Road at today's Kiest Park.⁶

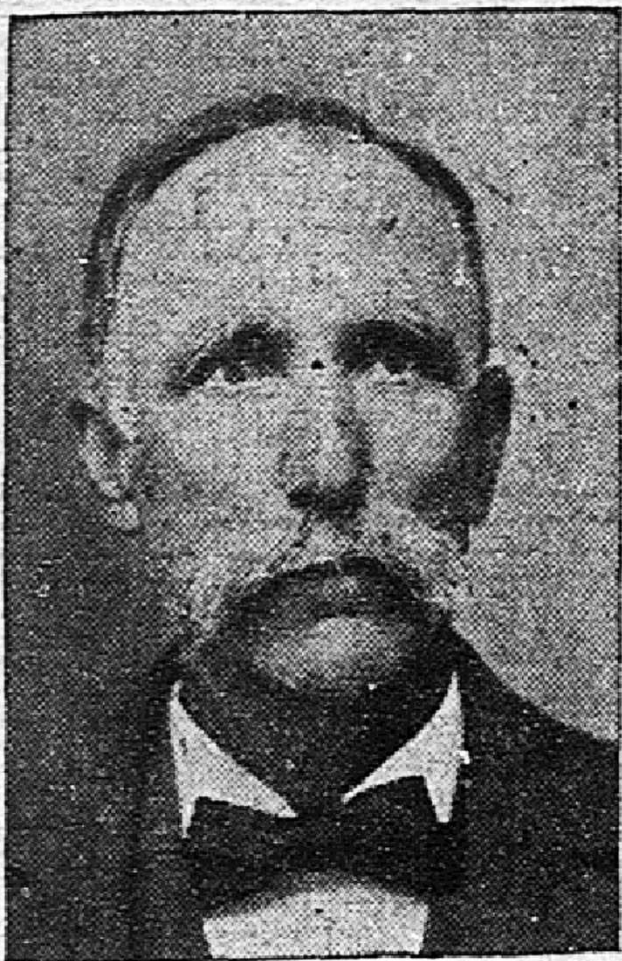
DEATH OF A PIONEER.

He Had Resided in Dallas County Since 1863.

Jack Scott, a pioneer of Dallas County for the last thirty-three years, died of heart failure on the 18th. He was born in Brown County, Ohio, August 28, 1837, and was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools.

At the age of 18 years he started out in life for himself; went to the Territory of Nebraska, and there engaged in farming, and afterward in the stock business.

In 1863 he came to Texas and located in Dallas County, near where he resided at the time of his death.



JACK SCOTT

Of West Dallas, a Pioneer of Dallas County.

He first engaged in the manufacture of shingles, which he continued for three years, and then turned his attention again to agricultural pursuits. He subsequently became associated with the firm of A. W. Littlehale & Bro. of Dallas, remaining thus engaged three years; afterward to farming and gardening, which he has since followed, his farm being located a mile and one-half west of Dallas.

Mr. Scott was married in 1862 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Penny, a native of Indiana. Their union was blessed with one child, Rilla, now the wife of Emanuel Santerre of Dallas County. The young wife and mother passed away the year following her marriage, 1863. In January, 1869, before leaving Nebraska, Mr. Scott wedded Emma Baker, a native of Michigan. By their marriage six children were born, of whom four are living, three being married, namely, Andrew Scott, Mrs. M. Roy, Mrs. Henry Birdsong, and Emma Scott.

Mrs. Scott departed life April 30, 1885.

During the late war Mr. Scott served as a Captain in the State Guards, under Gov. Davis' Administration.

Mr. Scott has been connected with the school of his district for the last ten years, serving as Trustee, and always took a great interest in political affairs.

Mr. Scott's pallbearers were among his old friends and settlers, namely, Columbus Mason, William Boldin, Charles Williams, A. F. Whitmire, George King and George Hoggard.



Above: Marker at relocation of the *Scott Family Cemetery* burials
Oak Grove Memorial Gardens; Irving, Texas⁷

Left: 18th May 1903 obituary for Jack Scott in the *The Dallas Morning News*,.⁸

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FOOTNOTES:

1. **MAP:** The base map shown above is a detail from the website of the *Dallas Central Appraisal District* (January 2026).
Right of way for the *Texas & Pacific Railroad* was deeded 1st November 1872, by B.L. and Ivy (Coombes) Cowand.
Real estate deeds where lands were conveyed to the ownership of Jack Scott:
1873-March-22nd; Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. T, page 44; John W. Bumpass to Jack Scott.
1874-November-20th; Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 32; page 781; D.L. Britain to Jack Scott.
1875-January-21st: Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 32, page 780; Cowands to Jack Scott
1877-March-14th; Dallas Co. Deed Records; Vol. 35, page 393; Armstrong + Stevens to Jack Scott
1878-October-30th; Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 67, page 603; R.J. Mills to Jack Scott.
1884-Cotober 16th, Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 68, page 78; T.F. King to Jack Scott – 16 ½ foot roadway.
1890-September-15th: Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 139, pages 150-153.
For this record the Dallas County Clerk copied a judgment decree
(Case 7367, 44th District Court; Minute Book No. 1, page 43-44, dated 23rd October 1889)
whereby the court affirmed ownership of the cited land cited on the above map, plus the three
parcels dated 1873, 1874, and 1875, to Jack Scott because he had separately paid for these
parcels before his marriage to Emma Scott, mother of Andy, Minnie, Ida, and Emma Scott.
I am able to find no other recorded deed for Jack Scott's acquisition of the northwestern parcel.
1899-October-2nd: Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 275, pages 433-434; W.L. Diamond to Jack Scott.
a partial repetition of the 1877 purchase-- reason is unknown to me.
1901-November-30th; Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 276- pages 203-205; Gibbs + Elliott to Jack Scott.
The metes and bounds description in this deed makes little sense to me.

The location of the water tank along the railroad tracks is shown on both the *1900 Sam Street's Map of Dallas County*
and in greater detail on the 1922 edition of the *Sanborn Insurance maps of Dallas, Texas*; Volume 5, Sheet 577.

Remarks describing the original location of the Scott Family Cemetery are from the webpage: *Jim Wheat's Dallas County Archives*
(January 2026) – <http://www.freepages.rootsweb.com/~jwheat/history/dalcocems.html> -- scroll down to "SCOTT CEM".
Scott Family Cemetery was sited as cemetery #187 on the map: *Cemeteries of Dallas County 1986*, by Rita Barnes.

2. *FindAGrave.com* (Jan. 2026); webpage on burial of Emma Mildred Baker Scott (1850-1885) in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving, Texas
3. *FindAGrave.com* (Jan. 2026); webpage on burial of Jack Scott (1837-1903) in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving, Texas.
4. *FindAGrave.com* (Jan. 2026); webpage on burial of Andrew "Andy" Scott (1870-1961) in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving, Texas.
5. Same as Notes 2, 3, and 4.
6. 1885-August-5th; Dallas Co. Deed Records, Vol. 84, page 441; John Herman to Jack Scott, ten acres in the W.J. Walker Survey
7. Same as Notes 2, 3, and 4.
8. 1903-May-17th; *Dallas Morning News*; page 40; *Death of a Pioneer*.

(End of Footnotes)