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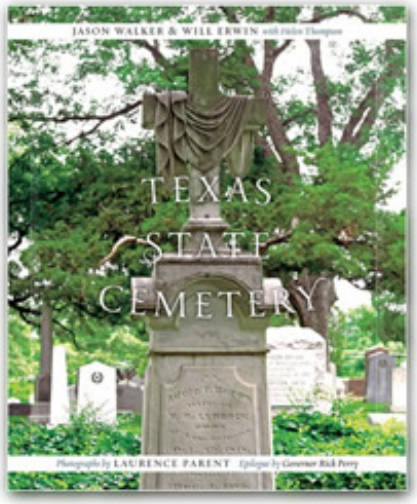

The recently published *Texas State Cemetery* highlights the history of the state cemetery and the noteworthy Texans who are buried there. Established by an act of the Texas Legislature in the winter of 1851, the cemetery has become the final resting place for hundreds of notable Texans, from military and political figures such as Stephen F. Austin and Edwin Waller, to cultural figures like J. Frank Dobie and Tom Landry. The first individual to be buried in the cemetery was Edward Burleson, veteran and vice president of the Republic of Texas, who died unexpectedly in 1851 in Austin. He remained the lone occupant of the cemetery for four years until Abner Smith Lipscomb, a lawyer, veteran, secretary of state during the Mirabeau B. Lamar administration, and Texas Supreme Court justice, died and was buried near Burleson's grave in 1856. Biographical information and photographs for Burleson and many other individuals who are buried in the cemetery are provided in the book, divided into chapters on the Republic of Texas and the Civil War, public officials, cultural figures, educators, and Texas Rangers.

You can learn more about the Texas State Cemetery and the individuals who are buried there by looking at the cemetery website and also by searching the cemetery database.

The library's two copies of this book can be viewed by visiting the library and may be checked out by members of the legislative community.