

**Cemetery Committee Report**  
**December 19, 2014**

**William C. Blardone Military Headstone**

On July 2, 2014, John Kassner received a message that a headstone belonging to veteran William C. Blardone had been found at a residence in Corpus Christi.

On July 6, 2014, John and Irma Kassner went to the Corpus Christi home of Matt and Kerry Brady to retrieve the headstone.

The headstone was brought to Port Lavaca, cleaned, found to be in good condition, and was positively determined to be that of the late Calhoun County resident and Spanish-American War veteran Sgt. William C. Blardone.

A call was put out to find local family members. Joe D. Brett, Mary Belle Meitzen, Leonard McCown and Clifton Baccus helped in the research. Several family members were found, including Rebecca Gill, Reese Rozzell and Patrick Clark Ryan.

On August 29, 2014, John Kassner took the headstone to the home of Patrick Clark Ryan. He will be the caretaker of the headstone until a permanent home can be found.

**Little Mary's Grave**

On August 14, 2014, John Kassner went to the grave, pulled weeds, sprayed weedkiller, and did a minor cleanup. The grave continues to be in good condition since its renovation in April 2013.

**Gladney Cemetery**

This cemetery was expected to be the Fall project of the Cemetery Committee, but due to other Historical Commission work the cemetery is likely to be a project in 2015.

Submitted by John Kassner, Cemetery Chairman  
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