

SWEENY FAMILY TOMBSTONES BRAZORIA COUNTY, TX

John Sweeny Sr arrived in Brazoria county in 1833. This file attempts to document the genealogy behind each of the various Sweeny family tombstones found in cemeteries throughout Brazoria County findagrave.com Who was this person & where does he fit into the family tree? Thanks to Henry Hanson who knows more about the history of Brazoria county than the rest of us put together. Comments, help, input welcome.

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SWEENY CEMETERY

John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855) TOWN BEARS HIS NAME.







William Sweeney (1756-)/Mourning Burrell..... VIRGINIA

John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)/Nancy Fuller Smith (1788-1848

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Dezora Haynie Sweeny (1845-1845)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Dezora Hainey Sweeny (1845-1845)

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1812-1869) HISTORICAL MEMORIAL



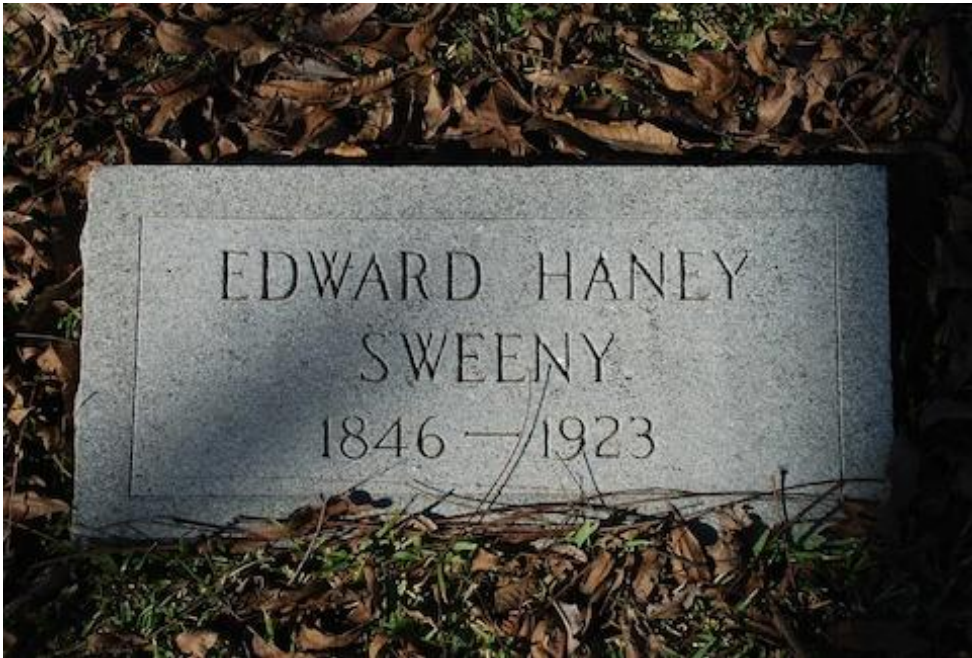
John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)

Died in La Grange, Texas. **Buried there??** Memorial Sweeny.

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)

His wife Valleria Corker (1860-1938). Her 1st husband was John William Sweeny.



Other wives Mary Nash & Emma Bosak

SWEENY CEMETERY CONT'D

John Edgefield Sweeny (1857-1879)



WHO WAS THIS GUY? Was he really a son of Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812-1869)? This stone is next to John William Sweeny who was. Questions.... If he was number III, then who were I & II? Name on stone makes no sense and is an error? More research needed.

John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

John Edgefield Sweeny (1857-1879) ????????????????????

SWEENY CEMETERY CONT'D

John William Sweeny (1854-1878)



Photo by Henry Hanson Sept 2014

John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

John William Sweeny (1854-1878)

Note: This stone added since 2007. (Study by Henry Hanson of his photo records). **ADDED BY WHO?** Notice the difference to John Edgefield Sweeny and other historical stones that might have been added (20's???) by **WHO ?**

SWEENY CEMETERY CONT'D

Jordan Lafayette Sweeny & Sidney Franklin Sweeny ...twins (1853-1853)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

**Jordan Lafayette Sweeny & Sidney Franklin Sweeny...Twins
(1853-1853)**

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Sarah Frances Sweeny (1851-1852)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Sarah Frances Sweeny (1851-1853)

SWEENY CEMETERY CONT'D

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1857-1865)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1857-1865)

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Sophia M Sweeny (1819-1890)

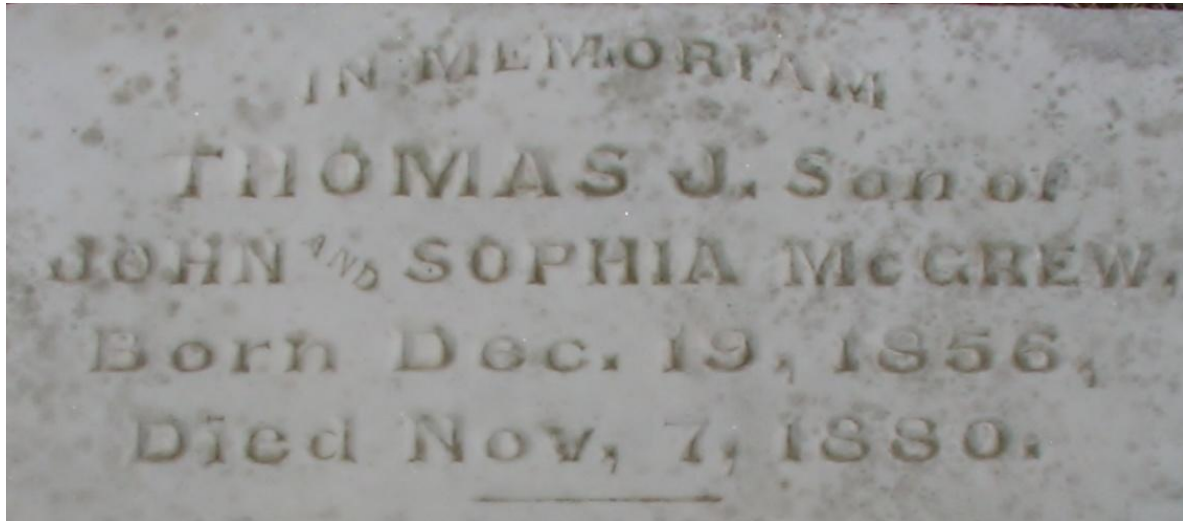


John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Sophia Sweeny (1819-1890) /John McGrew (1819-1870 or 1878)

Tombstone or historical marker?

Thomas Jefferson McGrew (1856-1880)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Sophia Sweeny (1819-1890) /John McGrew (1819-1870 or 1878)

Thomas Jefferson McGrew (1856-1880)

1880 census. John McGrew born 1819, died 1870 or 1878 *

Sophia McGrew age 56, born 1819, died 1890

Annie McGrew age 26, born 1853. What happened to her?

Thomas McGrew age 22, born 1856-1880. See above stone.

Bettie McGrew age 16 (born 1866)

Julia McGrew born 1852. What happened to her? Died young?

Ella McGrew (1855-1931) married Erwin Wilson in 1879

William McGrew born 1858. What happened to him? Died young?

Not shown on census Julia McGrew. Died before 1880?

* 1878 is the death date of John McGrew in the commonly quoted family tree. I have record of when & how he died in 1870 age 46 . No Internet data available on 4 of the kids. Seems like there should be more. Looking.

Ella has a son Ashley Fly Wilson for whom Ashley Wilson Road is named. The name lived on with Ashley Fly Wilson Jr & Ashley Fly Wilson III.

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Mary G Tinsley (1827-1852)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

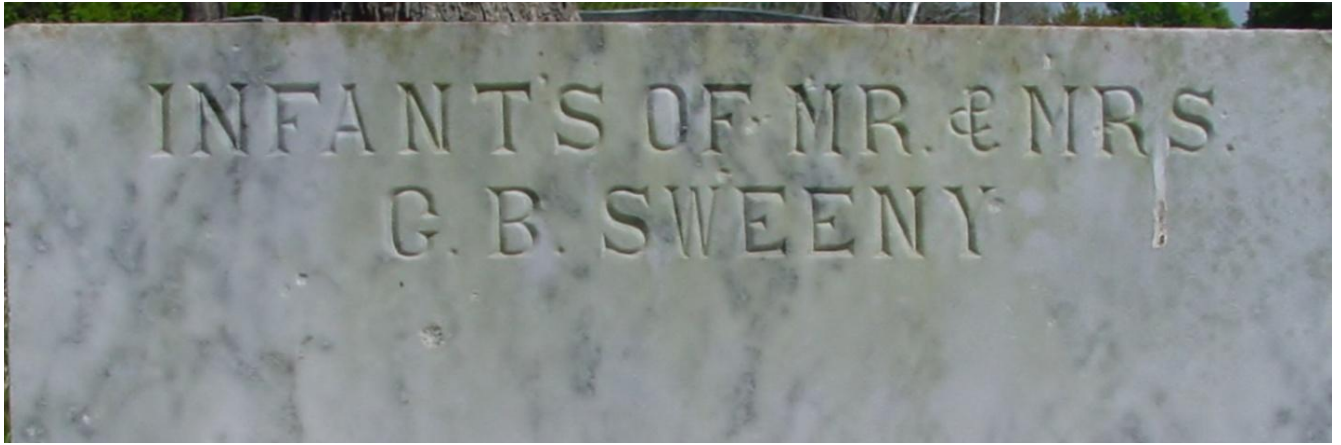
Jordan Woodson Sweeny (1822-1874) Buried where?

wife Mary G Tinsley (1827-1852)*

*** 1st wife. Jordan's 2nd wife Mary Elizabeth Sanders Parks. Buried where**

SWEENEY CEMETERY CONT'D

Infants of Mr & Mrs G B Sweeny



Who is G B Sweeny? Not in the known family tree.

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Sr (1858-1913)

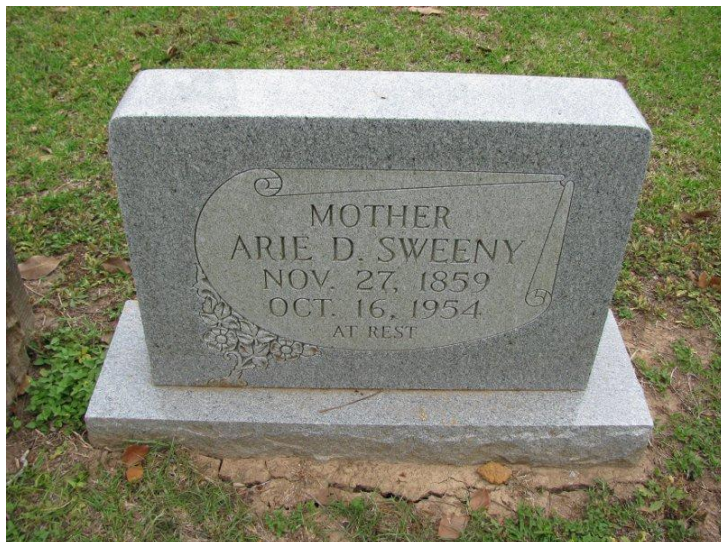


John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Samuel Pickney Sweeny Sr (1827-1864) No tombstone Sweeny?

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Sr (1858-1913)

His wife Arie Davenport Theal (1859-1954)



COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Valeria Sweeny (1895-1982)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Samuel Pickney Sweeny Sr (1827-1864)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Sr (1858-1913)

Valeria Sweeny (1895-1982)

Husband Robert Lee Hodges

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Jr (1883-1956)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Samuel Pickney Sweeny Sr (1827-1864)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Sr (1858-1913)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Jr (1883-1956)

wife Edna May Davis Hearne

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Stanley Gregory Sweeny (1911-1989)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Samuel Pickney Sweeny Sr (1827-1864)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Sr (1858-1913)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny Jr (1883-1956)

Stanley Gregory Sweeny (1911-1989)

wife Annie Lou Hayes

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Rees Porter Sweeny (1856-1937)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny (1829-1860) Buried where?

Rees Porter Sweeny (1856-1937)

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Carey Porter Sweeny (1903-1903?)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Benjamin Franklin Sweeny (1829-1860) Buried where?

Rees Porter Sweeny (1856-1937)

Carey Porter Sweeny (1903-1903?)

Historical marker showing his birth, not tombstone? Think he may have died Chatham, Morris, New Jersey September 1975.

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Buena Vista Sweeny Erskine(1865-1895)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Buena Vista Sweeny Erskine (1865-1895)

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Mussetta Sweeny Holland(1874-1925)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

**Jordan Woodson Sweeny (1822-1874)/ Mary Elizabeth Sanders
Parks. (1833-1874)***

Mussetta Sweeny (1874-1925)/Wesley Mastin Holland

***She is his 2nd wife. 1st wife Mary G Tinsley (1827-1852) buried Sweeny.**

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Catherine Holland Bannister (1898-1970)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Jordan Woodson Sweeny (1822-1874)/ Mary Elizabeth

Mussetta Sweeny (1874-1925)/Wesley Mastin Holland

Catherine Holland (1898-1970)/John Howard Bannister

From Lisa Bannister: A fun story about my gma Catherine.... Having been post mistress and all. When she passed, it was here in California, so my folks had her cremated and then shipped her to by USPS the people at the cemetery to bury her near her mother and husband. I don't remember the exact story, but leave it to gma's ashes didn't arrive as expected. The gentleman from the cemetery contacted my parents to tell them that she 'hadn't arrived' yet. I believe it was about 3 weeks or so later that her ashes did finally arrive. My father chuckled and said that is was expected... she wanted to take a final tour of the postal system... yup, gma got lost in the mail for a time.

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

John Sweeny Jr (1816-1899)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

John Sweeny Jr (1816-1899)/Katherine Fulcord

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Katherine Fulcord Sweeny (1832-1912) wife of John Sweeny Jr



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

John Sweeny Jr (1816-1899)/Katherine Fulcord (1832-1912)*

* John Sweeny was rather too young to participate in the battle of San Jacinto, that his two older brothers fought in and received land grants. But according to newspaper articles he served in the Somerville Expedition in 1842. More info <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qys03>

When John returned to Brazoria County his younger brother Samuel Pikney Sweeny had died and left a widow Katherine Fulcord Sweeny and a plantation. John married Samuel's widow and he and his wife took his brother Jordon Woodson's youngest daughter Mussetta to raise when Jordan's wife died during child birth.

Controversy: Some sources say Fulcro but it looks like Fulcord on the picture of the tombstone. Somebody go look. Unable to find other source data on Internet.

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Reese Porter Sweeny (1888-1949)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1812-1869)

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)

Reese Porter Sweeny (1888-1940)

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

William L Sweeny (1855-1923)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Jordan Woodson Sweeny (1822-1874)/ Mary Eliz Sanders Parks

William L Sweeny (1855-1923)

**Bought Sweeny town site from Sophia Sweeny McGrew's heirs Betty & Ella
(1898?)**

COLUMBIA CEMETERY, WEST COLUMBIA CONT'D

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1873-1895)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)/Mary Nash*

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1873-1895)

***Buried where? Other wife Valeria Corker buried Sweeny**

BRAZORIA CEMETERY

Anna Della Sweeny (1849-1904)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

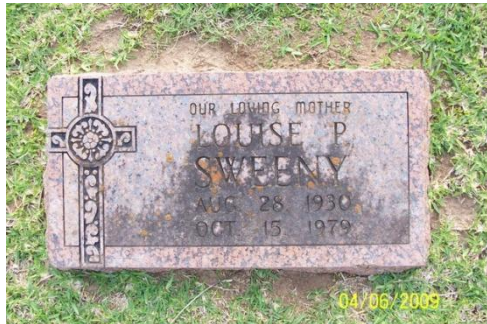
Jordan Woodson Sweeny (1822-1874)/ Mary G Tinsley

**Anna Della Sweeny (1849-1904)/Eugene Joseph Wilson
(1845-1921)**

Eugene's brother Erwin Nicholas Wilson married Ella McGrew, daughter of Sophia Sweeny, daughter of John Sweeny Sr. Erwin & Ella had a son Ashley Fly Wilson as in **Ashley Wilson Road** in Sweeny. Name goes on two more generations Jr & III

BRAZORIA CEMETERY CONT'D

Louise P Sweeny (1930-1979)



Louise Pearl Bonner Sweeny

John Sweeny Sr 1783_1855

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny 1812-1869

Edward Haney Sweeny 1846-1923

Reece Porter Sweeny 1888-1949

Richard Pursley Sweeny 1927-2002 Cremated

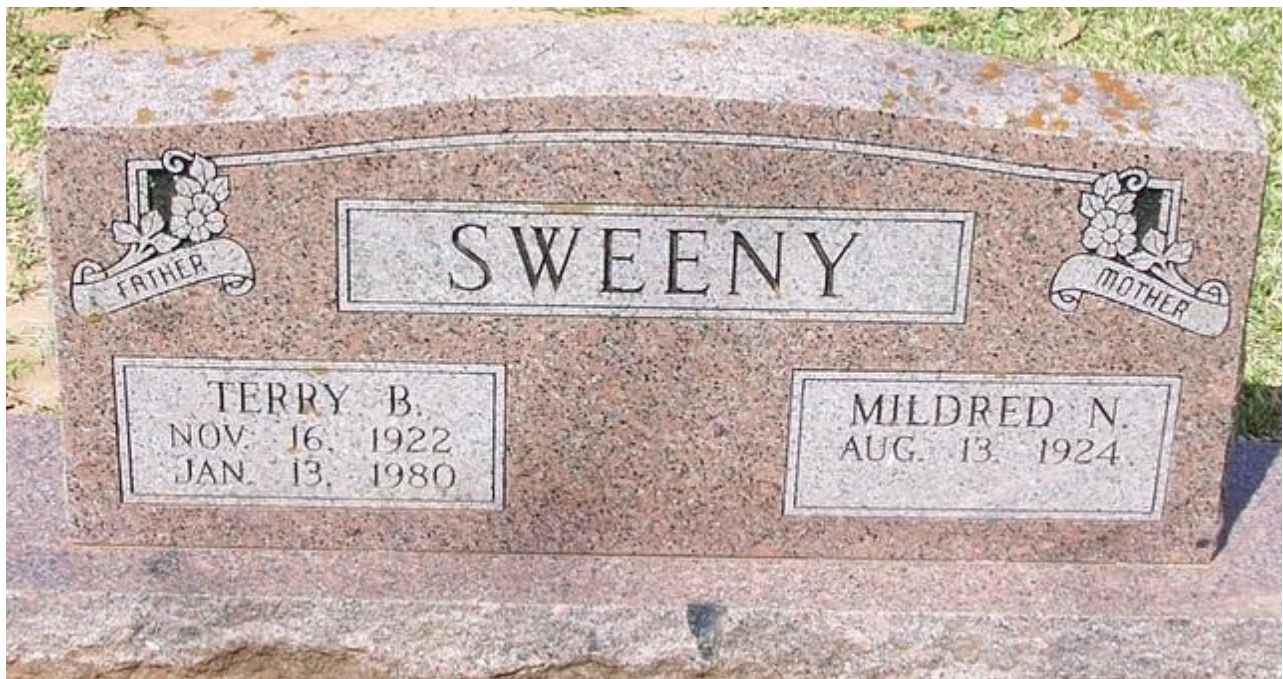
1st wife Louise Pearl Bonner Sweeny 1930-1979

Mary Cookie Sweeny



2nd wife Richard Pursley Sweeny BRAZORIA CEMETERY CONT'D

Terry Ballhorn Sweeny (1922-1980)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)/Emma Bosak (1895-1973)

Terry Ballhorn Sweeny (1922-1980)

Note: Terry's death certificate show these parents.

ANGLETON CEMETERY

Bryce George Sweeny (1901-1975)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

George Houston Sweeny (1860-1914)

Bryce George Sweeny (1901-1975)/ Ima Katherin Franklin

ANGLETON CEMETERY CONT'D

Velma Sweeny (1890-1911)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

George Houston Sweeny (1860-1914)

Velma Sweeny (1890-1911)

ANGLETON CEMETERY CONT'D

George Houston Sweeny



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

George Houston Sweeny (1860-1914)

ANGLETON CEMETERY CONT'D

Laura Black Sweeny (1874-1953)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

George Houston Sweeny (1860-1914)/Laura Black (1874-1953)

ANGLETON CEMETERY CONT'D

Florence Marie Wallin Sweeny



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1812-1869)

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)

Reese Porter Sweeny (1888-1940)

She was his 2nd wife & mother of Carl Emil Sweeny. tombstone picture not available. Notice tree roots overtaking stone.

ANGLETON CEMETERY CONT'D

Diana Frances Hainey Sweeny



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Haynie

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny died in LaGrange & has a memorial in the Sweeny cemetery. Not sure where he is buried.

CONFEDERATE CEMETERY ALVIN, TX

Charles Edward 'Snubber' Sweeny (1937-2005)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny (1812-1869)

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)

Reese Porter Sweeny (1888-1940)

Charles Edward Sweeny (1937-2005)

Graduated West Columbia High school.

DAMON CEMETERY

Diana M & Amella B Sweeny (1946-1946) TWINS



Who are they?

Emma Bosak Sweeny



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)/Emma Bosak (1895-1973)

Their son Terry Ballcock Sweeny buried in Brazoria.

DAMON CEMETERY CONT'D

Thomas Corker Sweeny (1878-1941)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)/Valeria Corker

Thomas Corker Sweeny (1878-1941)

His wife Lula Lucille Mock (1885-1968)



DAMON CEMETERY CONT'D

Ned H Sweeny (1916-1944) B-17 Co-pilot killed over Germany



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)/Valeria Corker

Thomas Corker Sweeny (1878-1941)

Ned H Sweeny (1916-1944)

James Mock Sweeny (1908-1908)



John Sweeny Sr (1783-1855)

Thomas Jefferson Sweeny Sr (1812/1865)/Diana Frances Hainey

Edward Haney Sweeny (1846-1923)/Valeria Corker

Thomas Corker Sweeny (1878-1941)

James Mock Sweeny (1908-1908)