APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Texas Historical Commission Research and Markers Department P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Title of marker (subject to revision by THC staff)	
Sarah Jane Perry Gravesite	
Marker location (street address or highway number; include name of cemetery right-of-way or in a small community, briefly explain how to get there from the .NE of the intersection of Ragland Ext. Re	nearest town)
approx. 3 mi. east of Mansfield City or hearest city shown on Texas Highway Department road map	County
Mansfield	Tarrant
Distance and direction of subject from marker site For example, "Subject is ½ mile SW of marker site."	Surface to which marker will be attached (if not on post)
Marker will be placed on site	Post
Owner of marker site Descendants of N.P. Perry 8846 Lavalle Law (see attached deed)	City, Zip Code ne Dallas 75243
Sponsor of marker Address	City, Zip Code
Mansfield Historical Society P.O. Box 304	Mansfield 76063
Person to whom marker is to be shipped Address	City, Zip Code
NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district	s unavailable, please provide a phone number. If highway engineer.
Beryl S. Gibson 101 E. Kimball, Mansfield,	
Signature of County Chairman Address "I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."	City, Zip Code

signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please do not send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee.

5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

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	16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) \$1	175	\$183.75	
	27" x 42" subject marker with post \$5	575	\$603.75	
	27" x 42" subject marker without post \$5	525	\$551.25	
	18" x 28" subject marker with post			
	18" x 28" subject marker without post\$2	250	\$262.50	
	I(We) request RTHL designation be considered for this ma	arke	-	

BUILDING MARKERS

16" x 12" building marker with post	\$225	\$236.25
16" x 12" building marker without post	\$175	\$183.75

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 15, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

Signature of owner

PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

3" x 4" plastic paperweight	With tax
mounted with replica of marker	75 \$78.75
Allow 2 months from completion of marker	0.000
for receipt of paperweight.	

Medallion paperweight\$25 \$26.25 Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:
24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign \$65 \$68.25 These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.
Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways) Green and White (for interstate highways)
18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign \$65 \$68.25 In black and white only. For city and county roads. Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement. With arrow pointing straight ahead With arrow pointing left With arrow pointing right
OTHER
With tax
□ National Register plaque\$ 35 \$ 36.75
□ 12" x 6" supplemental plate\$ 65 \$ 68.25
□ 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy 11) \$110 \$115.50
☐ Replacement medallion (see policy 11)
granite markers)
1936 granite markers) \$ 10 \$ 10.50
☐ Bronze seals (for replacement on
1936 granite markers) \$ 50 \$ 52.50
☐ Bronze plates (for replacement on
1936 granite markers)
□ Certificates of commendation

SPECIAL

WARRANTY DEED

THE STATE O	F TEXAS
COUNTY OF	TARRANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

of the County of	TARRANT	and State of	TEXAS	for and in
consideration of the sum of	f ONE AND NO/10	0 (\$1.00)		
and other valuable conside	eration to the unders	signed paid by the grantee	s herein na	amed, the receipt of
which is hereby acknowled	ged,			
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nave GRANTED, SOLD A	AND CONVEYED,	and by these presents do C	GRANT, SELL AN	ND CONVEY unto
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Name: Address:	Descendants of Napoleon Bonaporte Perry P. O. Box 304 Mansfield, TX 76063	Name: Address:	
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This by	instrument was acknowledged before me on the	day of	, 19 ,
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	PEGGY L. VEST NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS COMMISSION EXPIRES 9–18–89	Notary Public, State of Texas Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires: 9//8-89	
AFTER	RECORDING RETURN TO:	PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:	
P. O.	ield Historical Society Box 304 ield, TX 76063	Raymond M. Meeks, Attorney 1000 N. Walnut Creek Dr., Suite C Mansfield, TX 76063	

Mailing address of each grantee:

SARAH JANE (GIBSON) PERRY GRAVESITE by Patrick McKenna

Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry (called "Sally") was born in Maury County, Tennessee, January 16, 1828. She was probably the daughter of Henry Gibson of that county. She died at the Perry homeplace in Tarrant County, Texas, on October 2, 1855. The cause of death is uncertain. It was either from childbirth, pneumonia, or a combination of the two. 4

Sally Gibson came to Texas at an early unknown date. She was a school teacher in Harrison County, where she met a young man, Napoleon Bonaparte Perry, who as an adult had come with his parents, Josiah Dixon Perry and Rebecca Perry (nee Perry), the parents having been married in Franklin County, North Carolina, moved by 1827 to Montgomery County, Alabama, and (an area which quickly became first Dallas County, then in two years Lowndes County). The Perry's lived in Lowndes County 13 years, then moved on to Texas, arriving in February, 1840. Josiah Dixon Perry was a prosperous cotton planter and had settled in the Blocker/Swanson's Landing/Port Caddo area, quite near to the Louisiana border.

Sarah Jane Gibson and Napoleon Bonaparte Perry were married in Harrison County, Texas, December 14, 1847, 11 and they settled at the nearby town of Port Caddo, which had been the northern land port of entry into the Republic of Texas, was located on Cypress Bayou, a part of Caddo Lake uniting Texas and Louisiana. It was beginning to experience a decline in business, as Jefferson, Texas, grew in importance as a port. River boats were passing by Port Caddo, which was now essentially "a plantation village with cottom the principle source of income." Napoleon is listed there, the first enumeration in the town, on the 1850 Texas census, Harrison County, as a "merchant." One of his brothers, William Dudley Perry, is also listed as a "merchant in his own store just two doors down the street. 14

"Nap," as he was then called (also "N. B.," and, as an old man occasionally "Capt. Polie,") and Sally Perry had three children, all born at Port Caddo. The first was Josiah Dixon Perry, at first called "Joe D.," which became contracted into "Jodie," (also called "Joe" and "Dick"), 15 born September 14, 1848; then two girls, Anna Camilla Perry, born October 9, 1850; and Louisa Hill Perry, born February 8, 1853. 16

This family moved to Tarrant County, Texas, during 1854. This year is ascertained by two events: a newspaper announcement in a Harrison County periodical early that year 17 and a civil lawsuit involving a dispute over a wagonload of corn, tried in Dallas County District Court the following year, 1855. 18 The first announced in January, 1854, that Nap would be running for the office of Sheriff of Harrison County "in the next general election," 19 and the second refers back to events in Tarrant County involving him in the preceding "autumn or winter" of 1854. Also the first paper in the series is dated December, 1854, "Mr. Perry." 20 These time boundaries definitely establish that it was 1854 that he came to Tarrant County.

They settled on the William G. Logan survey, for which as assignee he received a patent for his 320 acres in 1857. ²¹ It is quite possible that Nap and Sally came from Harrison County to Tarrant with his double cousin, Alfred Perry, with wife Alsey and family, ²² at at lease three of Alfred's sons, Josiah, Hinton, and Green Perry ²³ were subpoened in the civil court case cited above, tried first in Justice of the Peace Court No. 8 at Cedar Mountain and appealed by Nap to the city of Dallas. ²⁴ The Tarrant County tax lists show first Josiah, and later Alfred as residents of the county. They settled on the Henry McGehee survey on Walnut Creek. ²⁵

Within a year, Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry was suddenly dying. She reportedly called her husband each of their two domestic servants²⁶ to her bedside, and she gave instructions on how each child was to be raised and cared for.²⁷ She was 27 years of age.²⁸ She died October 2, 1855,²⁹

and the tombstone there today is believed to be the original one laid at that site. 30 There were other graves, perhaps 6 to 31 within this enclosure. These were marked by simple rock markers, not lettered. All unidentified, they have disappeared from the enclosure. 32

The tombstone, incidentally, is a story within a story. I was among several descendants³³ who visited the grave in December, 1964.³⁴ We discovered the gravestone had disappeared (along with the rock markers), and we went next door to the home of Robert Ragland, a Perry descendant³⁵ and owner of the land. I was asked before we got there to do the talking for the group. We simply wanted to know what information was on the gravestone and was it known if it still existed. After some pleasant reminiscensing I finally asked about the stone. Mr. Ragland and his wife, Dorothy (Rosier) Ragland, were surprised and upset to learn the stone was gone. Robert directed us to drive down the road to the nearby trailer home of his son, J. W. Ragland, who had become owner of the land, and to inquire about the whereabouts of the stone. As we approached his trailer in a field not far away, several people in our car³⁶ recognized J. W., with a passenger, speeding off right passed us as we pulled into the yard. He did not stop. (Evidently he had been forewarned that we were coming.)

We thus believed the stone was forever lost. Then, miraculously, one day in the mid-1970's, the grave marker turned up in the middle of a parking lot during a rodeo in that area. The Mansfield Historical Society graciously returned it to its original location.³⁷

After Sarah Jane's death, N. B. Perry remained living on this land with his three small children, until he met and married Margaret Amanda Melvina Burford (also called "Maggie"), 38 the daughter of William John Burford and Mary Elizabeth Johnson (called "John" and "Eliza"), the latter a sister of Colonel Middleton Tate Johnson, a leading figure in Texas politics, sometimes called "the Father of Tarrant County," and for whom Johnson County was named. 39

Margaret was born in Alabama in 1826.⁴⁰ How they met is unknown, but this marriage took place at the Burford plantation at Johnson Station, December 31, 1857, the Reverend Kelly officiating.⁴¹ Maggie was reportedly given away by her uncle, Col. M. T. Johnson.⁴²

The new family continued to live on this W. G. Logan location. 43

The first of their subsequent eight children was Mary Eliza Perry (named for her maternal grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Burford), 44 born there August 10, 1859. 45

Napoleon B. Perry moved to their new place sometime after February 18, 1860. 46 The Tarrant County tax assessor lists him with 320 acres on the W. G. Logan survey in 1860 (covering the previous 12 months of 1859), 47 his amount of acreage nor headright name are not listed in 1861 nor 1862. 48 In 1863 his taxable acreage has jumped from 320 to 480 acres, but no headright names are listed at all on the tax list that year. Finally in 1864 (covering the year 1863), his 480 acres is designed as on the "J. C. Armstrong" survey. 50

However, since Nap and Maggie Perry sold their 320 acres in the W. G. Logan survey to G. M. Wilson on February 18, 1860, 51 it seems logical that soon after that date the Perry move occurred. The assessor was inaccurate in his tax lists. 52

The builder of the first Perry home, its date of completion, and first occupant on the Logan tract is unknown. A later generation was to call this site "the old Buttrill place." 53

Napoleon served in the Confederacy. He seems to have joined two separate units of the regular Army. ⁵⁴ Previous to that he had joined, in June 1861, a Texas State Troop unit, a sort of local militia or home guard. ⁵⁵ His discharge in July, 1862, (he was overage for service) ⁵⁶ shows he served only under Captains Sweet and Saunders, ⁵⁷ not in the other unit.

N. B. cared about his community. The Commissioners' Court of July, 1885, lists him as one of the Presiding Officers for the election district held at the Loyd School. 58 It is noteworthy to add he donated an acre for the construction of this school on the J. C. Armstrong tract in 1889. 59 He did bookkeeping for himself and his neighbors, an important chore in a rural community. 60

Capt. Polie died at 83 years old at the Perry farm near Webb, seven miles east of Mansfield. He was kicked in the left shoulder by a horse, contracted pneumonia, and died six days later. 61

Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry, school teacher, wife, homemaker, and mother, lived but a few years upon this earth. She gave only life, the greatest gift of all.

Patrick McKenna August 14, 1986 (son of Viva Ellen "Bibie" (Perry) McKenna, grandson of Josiah Dixon Perry, and great-grandson of N. B. Perry and Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry)

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NOTES

- ¹Copy of genealogy pages from original Napoleon Bonaparte Perry Bible.

 Many entries are in the handwriting of Napoleon Perry. Title page reads: "Holy Bible...Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn." (The Perry's were Baptists.)

 This Bible as of August, 1986, is owned by Cecil S. Perry of Argyle, Texas.
- ²Tennessee Census, 1830, Maury County, p.330. Furthermore, Jodie Perry named a son Josiah Henry Perry in 1879. This child died in two weeks at the Old Blockhouse, Mason Co., Texas, from pneumonia. The name Henry has never been in the Perry family, and the Perry's always name their issue after kinsmen. (Child, Maury Co., right age group)
- ³N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit.
- ⁴Conflicting opinions of Mrs. Dolly (Reece) Perry, Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Lula Etta (Perry) Morris, Shreveport, La. Both were interviewed several times on this point in the 1960's to 1970's.
- ⁵Interviews with Mrs. Dolly (Reece) Perry, Fort Worth, Texas, Mrs. Lula Etta (Perry) Morris, and Mrs. Viva Ellen (Perry) McKenna("Bibie"), both in Shreveport, La., 1950's to 1960's.
- ⁶Marriage Bond, Franklin Co., N. C., dated March 17, 1817. (Actual date of the marriage is not on bond.) The original of this bond is on file at the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C.

7_{Ibid}.

- 801d Cahaba Land Office Records & Military Warrants, 1817-1853, by Marilyn Davis Hahn, (Book 304, p.64, Township 15, Range 16, dated Dec. 21, 1827, Montgomery County, Alabama to Josiah D., Lark F. Perry, and Henry Bilberry. Lark F. Perry was a brother of Josiah D. Perry.)
- ⁹District Court, Harrison County, Republic of Texas, awarded 320 acres to Napoleon B. Perry, a single man, and 640 acres to Josiah D. Perry, a married man, both stating they arrived in Texas in February, 1840. Copies on file at Texas Land Office, Austin, Texas.
- ¹⁰Ibid. Also, 1850 Census, Harrison County, Texas, Port Caddo region and Blocker/Swanson's Landing region, showing residence locations of N.B., J. D., and Alfred Perry enclosed, p. 111 and 115. (Child "J.H." is "J.D.")
- ¹¹N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit. Also Marriage License, Napoleon B. Perry and Miss Sarah Jane Gibson, dated, and performed by G. S. Tompleton, Minister. County Clerk's office, Harrison Co., Marshall, Texas, Vol. 3, p. 3.
- Port Caddo, a Vanished Village, and Vignettes of Harrison County, by Vivian H. Hackney, pub. 1966.(no page numbers in book)
- ¹³Texas Census, 1850, Harrison County, op. cit.

¹⁴Ibid.

15These nicknames have been supplied by Cecil S. Perry, Argyle, Texas,
Mrs. Noreane (Perry) Bodiford, Mrs. Dolly (Reece) Perry, and Matthew
Oliver Perry ("Ollie") of Fort Worth; Mrs. Ruby (Loyd) Holland Smith,
Mansfield, and Mrs. Leta (Estes) Jones, of Arlington and Dallas, Texas.
The nicknames for Jodie Perry are further confirmed by the accompanying
letter of Mrs. J. D. Porter (the former Annie Bridges of the old Loyd
School, Mansfield, who was a step-daughter of Jodie Perry) in the
note attached to the Confederate pension of J. D. Perry, #7256, State
of Oklahoma Confederate Dept., Oklahoma City, Okla., letter undated
but written soon after Pension Dept. letter of Dec. 1, 1930).

¹⁶N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit.

17 "Meridian and Pacific Railroad Advocate," January 28, 1854, p.4, column 1, under "Election Notices," pub. by Ward & Co., proprietors, Marshall, Texas. (This newspaper cannot be reproduced to age and condition. The writer has seen this issue, the only known copy of this newspaper known to be in existence, at the Eugene C. Barker History Center, University of Texas, Austin. The notice announces that N. B. Perry will run for Sheriff of Harrison County "in the next general election.")

Ninth District Court, Dallas County, Texas, Case #296, N. B. Perry vs Benjamin Giles, 1855 (original loose papers housed in Box 30-1979/266, now in Texas/Dallas Collection, Dallas Public Library). There were questions concerning N. B. Perry in a dispute in "the autumn or winter of last year" (1854) in Tarrant County. This case was tried November 10, 1855, in Judge John H. Reagan's court, city of Dallas.

¹⁹Op. cit.

²⁰0p. cit.

21Tarrant County, Texas, Deed Book, Vol. 0, pp.214-215, dated February 18, 1860, recorded March 1, 1860, re-recorded March 12, 1879. It states N. B. Perry became assignee of patent for the W. G. Logan tract on June 5, 1857.

22 Texas Census, 1850, Harrison County, p. 114, op. cit. Also District Court Case #296, Ninth District Court, Dallas Co., op. cit.; tax lists, Tarrant Co., Texas, 1857-1864.

²³District Court Case #296, Dallas, Co., op. cit.

24 Ibid.

²⁵Tax lists, Tarrant Co., Texas, 1857-1864, op. cit.

- ²⁶Tax lists, Tarrant Co., Texas, op. cit.
- 27 Interview, December, 1964, with Zelma Wright Rhodes, Fort Worth, Texas, daughter of Tarrant Co. Sheriff "Dusty" Rhodes and Mary Etta (Embry) Rhodes, a descendant of Sarah Jane Perry. Unfortunately, there is no proof to substantiate this story.
- N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit. Also, an obituary in "The Texas Republican," issue of October 27, 1855, quoted in Marriage and Death Notices, the Texas Republican, Marshall, Texas, 1849-1869, by Juanita Davis Cawthon, p.29.
- 29 Ibid.
- ³⁰Interviews in December, 1964, Fort Worth with Mrs. Dolly (Reece) Perry (and other times in 1960's to 1970's), with Mrs. Leta (Estes Jones of Arlington, and Dallas, Texas, with Mr. Ollie Perry, Fort Worth, and Robert Ragland, Mansfield, Texas.
- 31 Interviews with Mrs. Dolly (Reece) Perry, 1960's to 1970's; interview with Robert Ragland, Mansfield, December, 1964; also with Mrs. Beryl Steele Gibson, Mansfield Historical Society, 1986.
- ³²Ibid. Also interview, December, 1964, with Mrs. Leta (Estes) Jones, op. cit.
- Members of this party were Mrs. Hazel (Perry) Durant; Mrs. Ruby (Perry) Boyd; Lester Perry, Georgia (Tatum) Perry, all of Fort Worth; Mrs. Leta (Estes) Jones of Arlington and Dallas, and the author, Patrick McKenna.
- ³⁴The time is vividly remembered because the author's parents, Edmond P. McKenna and Viva Ellen (Perry) McKenna ("Bibie") had died in August and it was the first visit by the author to Tarrant Co. in many, many years.
- Robert Ragland was a Perry descendant via his mother, Mary Eliza (Perry) Ragland, oldest child of N. B. and Margaret (Burford) Perry. See N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit.
- $^{36}\mathrm{Leta}$ Jones and Hazel Durant were the ones who recognized J. W. Ragland.
- ³⁷Discussions with Mrs. Ruby (Loyd) Holland Smith, Mansfield, Texas, and Mrs. Beryl Steele Gibson, Mansfield Historical Society, 1970's to 1986.
- ³⁸Nickname supplied by her grandchildren, Mrs. Noreane (Perry) Bodiford and Cecil S. Perry. Also discussed 1960's with the author's mother, Viva Ellen (Perry) McKenna.
- 39 Handbook of Texas, pp. 916-917.

- 40 Texas Census, 1850, Tarrant County (Navarro District), printed page 89.
- ⁴¹N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit.
- 42This account of giving the bride away comes from grandchildren of this second marriage Mrs. Noreane (Perry) Bodiford and her brother, Cecil Sidney Perry, children of Solomon Ruffin Perry ("Rufus") and Leila Mae (Rhodes) Perry. It would seem more likely that the bride's father, William John Burford, would have given the bride away. It may be that Col. Johnson attended this wedding, and this fact through the years was magnified. The only written document of the wedding to date, is, of course, that which is recorded in N. B. Perry's Bible.
- 43 Tarrant County Deeds, Book O, pp. 214-215, op. cit.
- 44 Tarrant County tax lists, op. cit.
- ⁴⁵N. B. Perry Bible, op. cit.
- 46 Tarrant County Deeds, Book O, pp. 214-215, op. cit.
- ⁴⁷Tarrant County tax lists, 1860, op. cit.
- ⁴⁸Ibid., 1861 and 1862.
- ⁴⁹Ibid., 1863.
- ⁵⁰Ibid., 1864.
- ⁵¹Tarrant County Deeds, Book O, op. cit.
- ⁵²Tarrant County tax lists, 1861-1862, op. cit.
- ⁵³Interviews with Mrs. Ruby (Loyd) Holland Smith, Mrs. Dolly Perry, Mrs. Leta (Estes) Jones, and Mrs. Beryl Steele Gibson of the Mansfield Historical Society; various times from December, 1964 through 1986, in Mansfield and Fort Worth, Texas.
- 54 Capt. George H. Sweet's and Capt. V. P. Saunder's Cavalry Company,
 2nd Regiment, M. T. Johnson's Brigade; this became Company A,
 15th Texas Cavalry. The other unit he signed up for was Capt. Carrol
 M. Peak's Co., 1st Regt., Col. M. T. Johnson, Commanding. This second
 card lists his age as 41, which is correct; however, based on the time
 period and other known facts, he could not have served in this unit.
 This is from Confederate Military Service Records, National Archives,
 Washington, D. C. Also from "Texas Confederate Index," roll 11,
 letter "P"; (microfilm series), Dallas Public Library, Genealogy Section.

- 55 In June, 1861, he had joined the Johnson Station Rangers, Mounted Volunteers, 10th Brigade, Texas Militia (State Troops), Tarrant County, headed by Capt. W. J. Brinson. From "Texas Confederate Index," (microfilm series), roll #11, ibid.
- Honorable Discharge, CSA Army, Napoleon B. Perry, Private, dated July 16, 1862, Batesville, Arkansas. The fact that this particular regiment was at Batesville and participated at the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern (which the Union called the Battle of Pea Ridge) proves that N. B. Perry served in that battle. Note his discharge acknowledges his service as in Capt. Valirius P. Sander's Company, and does not mention the other unit of Capt. Peak that he allegedly was signed up with. This seems to validate he served only in the former unit. His discharge, as noted, is for overage.)
- 57 Ibid.
- ⁵⁸Commissioners' Court, Tarrant County, Special Term, July, 1885, pp.239-241.
- ⁵⁹N. B. Perry and Wife, Deed to County Superintendent of Public Schools, Tarrant Co., for School District 79 (Loyd School), October 21, 1889, Deed Book Volume 62, p. 266.
- 60 Letter from Mrs. Noreane (Perry) Bodiford, Fort Worth, Texas, August 18, 1962 to the writer.
- 61 Death Record, N. B. Perry, December 11, 1903, Webb, Texas (Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas Dept. of Health, Austin, Texas, #52956).

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- 2. Tennessee Census, 1830, Maury County.
- 3. North Carolina Marriage Bonds, North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 4. Old Cahaba Land Office Records & Military Warrants, 1817-1853 (Alabama) by Marilyn Davis Hahn, published 1981, Old South Printing & Publishing Co., Mobile, Alabama.
- 5. District Court Records, Republic of Texas, Harrison County, Texas General Land Office, Austin, Texas.
- 6. Texas Census, 1850, Harrison County and Tarrant County, Texas.
- 7. Marriage License, County Clerk's Office, Harrison County, Marshall, Texas.
- 8. Port Caddo, a Vanished Village, and Vignettes of Harrison County, by Vivian H. Hackney, published by author, 1966.
- 9. Interviews (covering 25 years) citing those without whom this project could not have been attempted, include (in no particular order):
 Mrs. Dolly (Reece) Perry; Mrs. Leta (Estes) Jones; Mrs. Noreane (Perry)
 Bodiford; Cecil S. Perry; Mr. Ollie Perry; Mrs. Ruby (Loyd) Holland
 Smith; Mrs. Lula Etta (Perry) Morris; Mrs. Annie (Bridges) Porter;
 Mrs. Henrietta (Bowers) Park; and Mrs. Beryl Steele Gibson.
- Marriage and Death Notices, the Texas Republican, Marshall, Texas, 1849-1869,
 by Juanita Davis Cawthon, published by the author, Shreveport, La., 1978.
- 11. "Meridian and Pacific Railroad Advocate," (newspaper), issue of January 28, 1854, published by Ward & Co., Proprietors, Marshall, Texas. (This edition is at the Eugene C. Barker History Center, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas.)
- 12. Texas Confederate Records, National Archives, Washington, D. C., and Dallas Public Library, Genealogy Section, (Microfilm Series, Texas Confederate Index, roll 11).

- 13. Commissioners' Court Minutes, Tarrant County, Special Term, July, 1885, Administration Building, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 14. Texas Death Records, Tarrant County, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas Department of Health, Austin, Texas, #52956.
- 15. Deed Records, Tarrant County Courthouse, Fort Worth, Texas, Book "0"; and Vol. 162.
- 16. Tarrant County Tax Lists, 1856-1864, Dallas Public Library, Microfilm Series, Genealogy Section, Dallas, Texas.
- 17. Letter, from Mrs. Noreane (Perry) Bodiford Fort Worth, Texas, to the Applicant, dated August 18, 1962.



TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

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July 1, 1988

Dee Barker, Chair Tarrant County Historical Commission P.O. Box 794 Colleyville, Texas 76034

Re: SARAH JANE GIBSON PERRY

Dear Dee:

The State Marker Committee has completed its review of the above-referenced historical marker application and has voted not to award Sarah Jane Gibson Perry with an Official Texas Historical Marker. They acknowledged the vast amount of genealogical research that had been compiled; however, in keeping with state marker policies that individuals should be eligible for marking on their own merits, rather than for their relationship to significant ancestors or descendants, the committee felt this policy should be upheld.

I am returning the original application materials to you for placement in the proper hands. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this decision.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard, Director

State Marker Committee

/fr

cc: Mansfield Historical Society



Mansfeild Mill, 1860

Mansfield Historical Society

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Telephone (817) 473-4250

July 6, 1987

Cynthia J. Beeman Historian, State Marker Program Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Beeman:

This letter is in accord with our telephone conversation on June 22, and its intent is to answer your questions about the marker application for the Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry grave site.

- You are correct about the focus of the marker. It should carry the original title "Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry Gravesite" rather than "Perry Cemetery." The reason is that we could not recover the other four or five grave markers nor could we identify the persons.
- The grave site is located on the farm first settled by the N.B. Perry family. It was the custom to bury family members on the family property. In 1980 the Mansfield Historical Society surveyed 16 pioneer cemeteries in southeast Tarrant County. The 1855 Perry marker is the earliest marker found.
- As an individual, Sarah Jane Perry cannot be said to have contributed to Mansfield's history, because she died within one year after the family settled here. However, the Perry descendants are still well-known in Harrison and Tarrant Counties. The family genealogy and history is well-documented. N.B. Perry served in Co. A, 15th Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, he donated land for a school and was active in all community affairs. The descendants include almost every family in this part of the County, and they are active in civic affairs.

- The N.B.Perry 360=acre farm is now under development by the Meridian Service Corporation. With "persuasion" on the part of the Mansfield Historical Society, the developers agreed not to move the grave. Instead, they decided the desginate the tract as "Heritage Estates" and named the streets for 51 of Mansfield's early settlers. The grave site was deeded to the Mansfield Historical Society.
- The narrative's author is Patrick McKenna, 8846 LaValle Lane, Dallas, Texas 75243. Mr. McKenna is a great grandson of N.B. Perry and Sarah Jane Perry. He is a genealogist/librarian at the Dallas Public Library.

I hope that you will agree with me that the grave site should be marked as an historic landmark. If you should need more infomation, please call or write me.

Sincerely.

Beryl S. Gibson

Encl: Newspaper clipping, "Mansfield Roots: Napoleon Bonaparte Perry," <u>Mansfield News-Mirror</u>, 21 February 1985.

Newspaper clipping, "Mansfield Roots: Thomas Joseph Ragland (c. 1805-1897)," Mansfield News-Mirror, 4 July 1985.

Tarrant County Deed Record, N.B. Perry to County Supt. of Public Instruction, 21 Oct. 1889.

Tarrant County Deed Record, Meridian Corporation to Mansfield Historical Society, 10 July 1986.

"Marriage and Death Notices," The Texas Republican, Marshall, Texas, 1849-1869.

cc without encl: Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission

Patrick McKenna Dallas, Texas



Mansfeild Mill, 1860

Mansfield Historical Society

101 East Broad Street P.O. Box 304 Mansfield, Texas 76063

Telephone (817) 473-4250

June 5, 1987

Patrick McKenna 8846 LaValle Lane Dallas, Texas 75243

Dear Pat:

I tried to call you, but you were not at home. I contacted the Texas Historical Commission about our marker application for Sarah Jane, because it has been so long since it was submitted. They responded with this letter which irritates the h_ out of me, because the information that they are asking for is in the application - including your address. It makes me wonder how well the narratives are read.

It is my suggestion that we request a subject marker so that more information may be included in the inscription on the Perry family. If you agree with this, let me know and I will forward the information.

Also, I will be glad to send copies of the narrative to other Perry descendants, but you have not sent me the names and addresses. I still would like to have a negative of the Perry house and family. If you should ever get over to Mansfield, we can now make our own negatives. It saves a bunch of money!

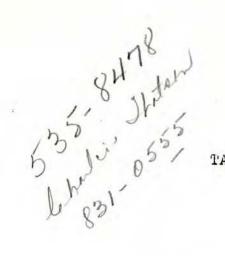
I will call you after June 13 (if I am still living). Fifty people are coming to my house for a first-ever Gibson reunion, and most of them I have never seen.

You really should come to see us.

Sincerely,

cc: Dee Barker, Chairman

Tarrant County Historical Commission





TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

4 June 1987

Patrick McKenna 8846 Lavalle Lane Dallas, Texas 75243

Dear Mr. McKenna,

The marker application for the Perry Cemetery has just been returned to me by the Texas Historical Commission.

The original narrative and the application form seem to differ in focus.

Your narrative is entitled <u>Sarah Jane (Gibson) Perry Gravesite</u>, and the narrative reflects research for that purpose. The title <u>The Perry Cemetery</u> has been typed above your original title, and the application form has been titled Perry Cemetery.

The Texas Historical Commission has determined that if you care to have a cemetery marker more information is needed. The land history should be traced to determine when it was officially designated a cemetery, who else is buried there, how many burials are there, wheather or not it is still receiving burials etc.

If you care to apply for a grave marker for Sarah Perry the state will need documentation of her historic significance to the county beyond that of the other pioneers of her time.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you in regard to what you wish to do.

Sincerely,

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Dee Barker, Chairman Tarrant County Historical Commission Box 794 Colleyville, Texas 76034



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 463-6100

May 29, 1987

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
2200 Oak Knoll Drive
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I think when you read the narrative you will see what I am driving at with these questions. In addition, we will need to have an address for the narrative's author.

We will wait to hear from you before proceeding further with this application.

phone Call - 22 June 87.

Cynthia J. Berman

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Historian

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The State Agency for Historic Preservation



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April 30, 1987

Frances Rickard Director, Research and Markers Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Rickard:

A marker application for the Perry Cemetery in Tarrant County was submitted in September, 1986, and you acknowledged its receipt by letter on September 15, 1986.

We would like to know if the application has been reviewed. If we need to provide more information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Beryl S. Gibson

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Dear Ms. Gibson:

In response to your recent note concerning the Perry Cemetery marker application, I have checked our records and find that it is still waiting to be evaluated. We still have quite a backlog of applications to deal with from the sesquicentennial year; yours is now #24 on the waiting list. I would estimate that it might be evaluated by either late this month or early in June.

Thank you for checking with us. Let me know if I can answer additional questions.

Frances Richard, Director

State Marker Program

5/4/87

Texas Historical Commission P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711



Mrs. Beryl S. Gibson
Mansfield Historical Society
P.O. Box 304
Mansfield, Texas 76063

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN TEXAS 78711 COMMISSION (512) 475-3092

September 15, 1986

Re: Perry Cemetery Tarrant County

This letter is to notify you that we have received the above-referenced marker application.

The application first will be reviewed and evaluated by the Texas Historical Commission staff. Should additional information be needed, you will be contacted. After any deficiencies have been corrected, copies of the application will be sent to the members of the State Marker Committee, who will make the final determination of the topic's acceptability for marking.

You will be notified as soon as the committee makes its decision. If the topic is approved for marking, we will request payment at the time of notification. If not approved, the application will be returned along with a letter of explanation.

Because of the variables involved in the marker process and because we must coordinate our orders with the schedule of the contracting foundry, we would ask that the dedication date not be set until you have received notice that the marker has been shipped.

We appreciate your interest in preserving the history of Texas.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard

Director

Research and Markers

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cc: Duane Gage

Mansfield Historical Society

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, L. GLENN TERRELL, not joined by my wife as the hereinafter described property constitutes no part of my business or residential homestead, of the County of Tarrant, and State of Texas, for an in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and as a gift to the public use by the Grantee of such property for purposes of a historical cemetery, the undersigned has GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY unto the MANSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, an unincorporated non-profit association, whose mailing address is: 101 E. Broad Street [P.O. Box 304], Mansfield, Texas 76063, of the County of Tarrant, and State of Texas, all of the following described real property in Tarrant County, Texas, to wit:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of the WILLIAM G. LOGAN SURVEY, said point being in the centerline of County Road No. 2016 (Ragland Road extension); THENCE North 59° 23' 09" East, 534.69 feet along the South line of said WILLIAM G. LOGAN SURVEY to a point; THENCE North 30° 36' 51" West, 301.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described parcel; THENCE South 59° 23' 09" West, 20.00 feet to a point for corner; THENCE North 30° 36' 51" West, 30.00 feet to a point for corner; THENCE North 59° 23' 09" West, 20.00 feet to a point for corner; THENCE South 59° 23' 09" West, 20.00 feet to a point for corner; THENCE South 30° 36' 51" East, 30.00 feet to the point of BEGINNING and containing 600 square feet of land, more or less, and being the same land save and excepted from the conveyance by GRANTOR in Tract No. 8, in that certain Deed to FIRST AMERICAN CAPITAL CORPORATION, executed on April 11, 1985, and recorded in the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto the said Grantee(s), their successors and assigns forever; and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee(s), its successors and

and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Executed this 26th day of September, 1985.

L. GLENN TERRELL

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Acknowledgement

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this the 26th day of September, 1985, by L. GLENN TERRELL.



Notary Public, State of Texas My commission expires: 2-28

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: Frank R. Jelinek, Atty 719 Ryan Plaza Drive, #102 Arlington, Texas 76011

Perry Cemetery

The persons whose signatures appear below have certain knowledge that several graves of the Perry family were located east of Mansfield and north east of the intersection of the Ragland Extension Road and the Ragland Road (#2016). This was the Wm. G. Logan survey.

The property is now owned by James Knapp, 201 W. Front St., Arlington, 76106. 'phone #274-6891

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on the day personally appeared Alza Curry Robertson, E. C. Robertson, Opal Curry, A. E. Curry, Geneva Howard and Horace Howard, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 10 th day of

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