

# Samuel Barber Cemetery: Location

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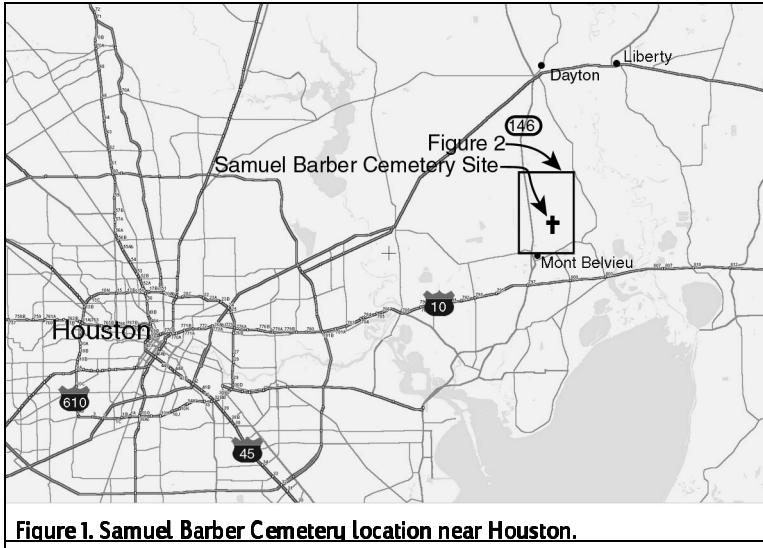


Figure 1. Samuel Barber Cemetery location near Houston.

The Samuel Barber Cemetery is located some thirty miles east of Houston and about three miles northeast of Mont Belvieu, Texas (Figure 1). The site is on private property about a mile northeast, via a private agricultural road, from State Route 146, which runs from Mont Belvieu to Dayton (Figure 2).

Figure 3 shows the site on an aerial photograph from Orthophoto Sheet 0601 from

the Liberty County Central Appraisal District. This photo was taken on April 21, 2000. The site is situated on the C. C.P. Welch survey on property owned, in April, 2002, by Keith Jannise and A. C. Carley, and identified by the Liberty County Appraisal District as parcel number R19974.

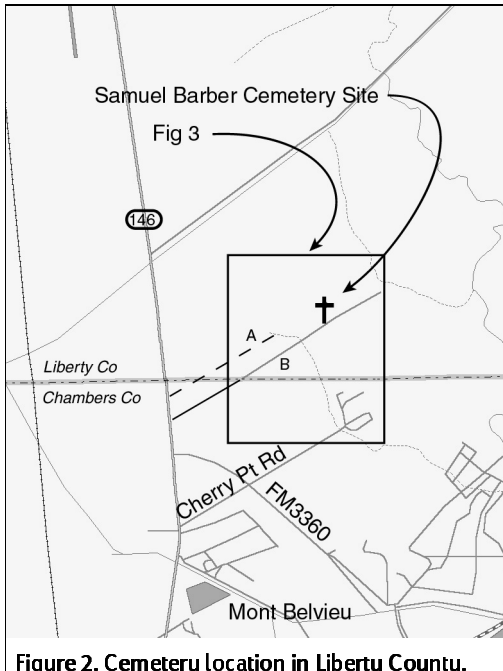
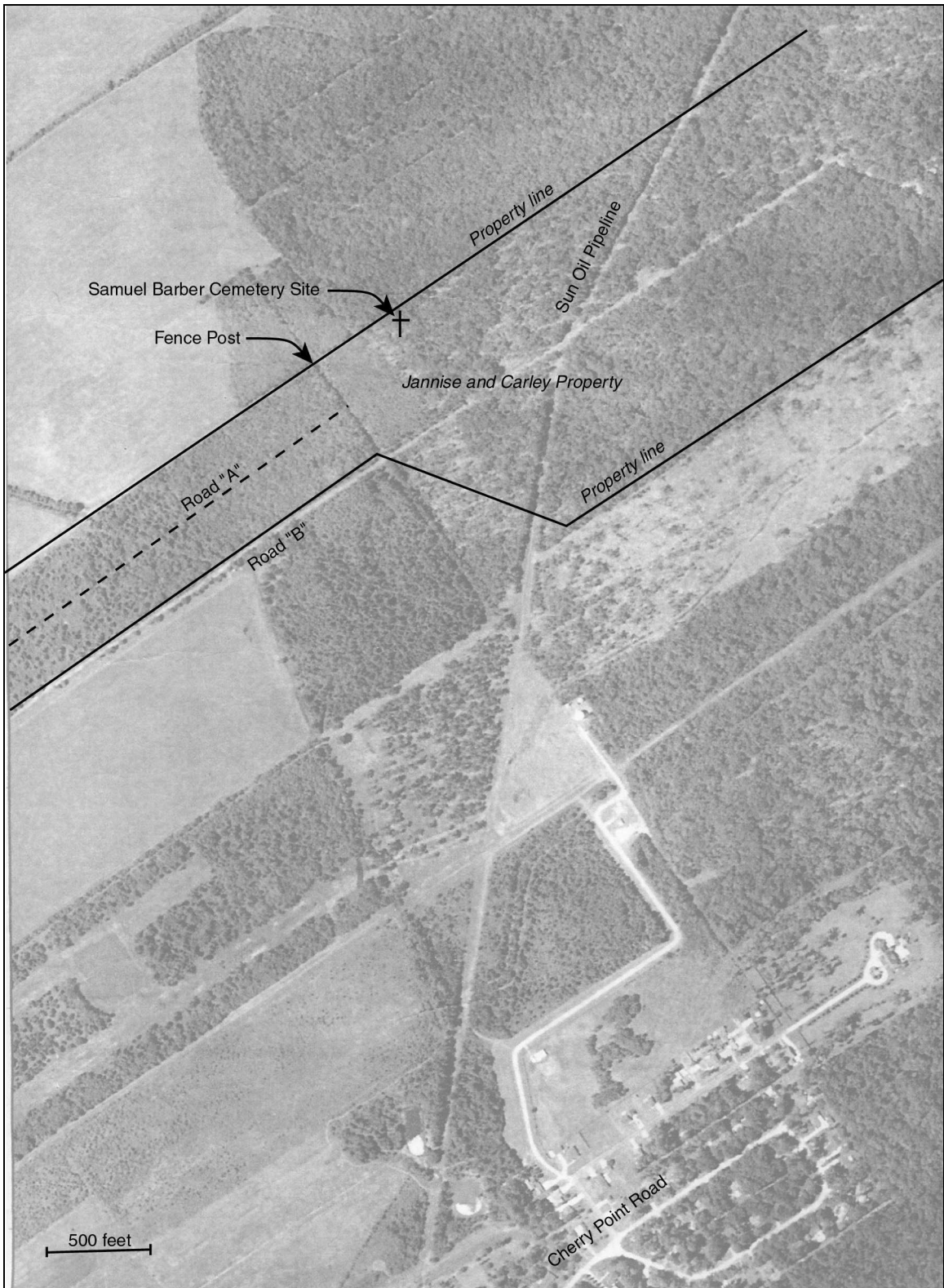


Figure 2. Cemetery location in Liberty County.

The center of the cemetery site, the burial mound of Samuel Barber, is located at  $N 29^{\circ} 53.563'$ ,  $W 94^{\circ} 52.572'$ <sup>1</sup>. The estimated extent of the cemetery, subject to further research, is a fifty foot square centered on the burial mound, with sides oriented ENE-WSW (parallel to the nearest property line), as shown in Figure 4 of "Samuel Barber Cemetery: Narrative History".

Alternatively, the location of the burial mound can be derived from the point identified as "Fence Post" in Figure 3. This post, at the intersection of two fence lines is at the location identified as "Set 1 1/4" G.I.P." at the three way junction of the Juanita Winfree Miller Tract No. 2A, the Otis K. Winfree Tract No. 1B, and the Otis K. Winfree 473.14 Ac tract on the R. C. McCulley survey, dated December 24, 1965, and filed with the Chambers County Recorder. This 1 1/4" iron pipe could not be found on our visit in

1. Latitude/Longitude references taken on April 18, 2002, with a Garmin GPSII Global Positioning Receiver. Estimated position error for all readings was nineteen feet or less and the datum is WGS-84.



**Figure 3. Samuel Barber Cemetery site.**

April, 2002, but the fence lines were very clear. The post is at  $N 29^{\circ} 53.537' W 94^{\circ} 52.650'$ . From the post the burial mound is  $N 60^{\circ} E 437$  feet, then  $S 30^{\circ} E 70$  feet.

In the spring of 2002 the property owners were developing the site as a residential subdivision. The dashed line marked "A" in Figures 2 and 3 at that time was a roadway under construction. It lies entirely on Jannise property and gives access, in dry weather, from SH146 to within a couple hundred yards walking distance of the cemetery site. Though this roadway ended at the point indicated in Figure 3, it will ultimately be extended to the northeast passing within a hundred feet or so of the site. The road marked "B" in Figures 2 and 3 also gives access, but does not lie on the Jannise property and is gated at the southwest end at SH146.