

Drlik, Nelson wed June 27 at St. Mary's

A double ring ceremony uniting Vicki Lynn Drlik and Todd William Nelson was held at 2 p.m., June 27, 1998, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

The Rev. Joseph Koebel performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rudy and Carol Drlik of Garwood.

Parents of the groom are Gerion and Pauline Nelson of Cat Spring.

Boston ferns, magnolias, candelabras, peach bows and caladiums decorated the church.

Music was provided by Landon McClain, organist, and soloists Samantha Labay and Rebecca Frels.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her parents. She chose a white antique satin gown which featured Alencon lace, a Victorian styled neckline and beaded appliques of pearls

and iridescents. Her Gibson girl sleeves were accented with lace and teardrop pearls.

Other details included a cathedral-length train, sweetheart open back draped with teardrop pearls and a large bow trimmed with pearl and iridescents that centered the back waist.

The bride's crown of silk flowers

was accented with seed pearls and pearl sprays which held a double pouf, waist-length veil of hand-rolled illusion highlighted with scattered pearls. Her traditional bouquet included peach and white roses with trailing greenery and lilacs.

Anessa Nelson of Justin, sister-in-law of the groom, was matron of honor.

Attending her sister as maid of honor was Lisa Drlik of Houston.

Bridesmaids were Amy Leopold of Dallas; Ashley Cranek of San Marcos; Cari Cranek of Huntsville; Terri Nelson of Cat Spring, sister-in-law of the groom; Kori Klein of College Station; Jody Weishuhn of El Campo; and Jackie Reichle of Bastrop.

Bridal attendants wore double crepe georgette navy sheath gowns styled with a sweetheart neckline and a shined strap which met in the back with a bow and chiffon floor-length streamer. The bow was centered with a pearl and rhinestone brooch.

They carried bouquets of peach roses.

Natalie Frels and Kaylee Nelson were flower girls.

Jamie Strauss was ring bearer.

Jason Reichle of Bastrop served as best man.

Groomsmen were Donald Nelson of Cat Spring and Brian Nelson of Justin, brothers of the groom; Leavy Owens of Fort Worth, Bill Hefner of Garwood, Troy Roensch of Cat Spring, Steven Foster and Chad Noska of Columbus, cousins of the groom; and Clement Belota of New Ulm.

Ushers were Craig Noska, Chris Parks, Shane Glaizer and Wesley Jasek.

Craig and Chance Waligura were candlelighters.

Other wedding participants were Sharon Roensch, lector; Brittany Waligura and Jessica Nelson, program attendants; and Dan and Jean Gansky, the bride's godparents, gift carriers.

A reception followed at the Taiton Community Center.

Houseparty members were Susie Strauss, Jo Ann Nelson, Sharon Roensch, Brenda Bittner, Dottie Simmang, Misty Cranek, Kristen Stienke, Tammy Heimann, Joy Maertz, Patsy Weishuhn, Sher Sunderman, Debbie Wilson, Jamie Hill, Shanna Waligura, Becky Broesche and Becky Lobpries.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Rice High School and a 1997 graduate of Sam Houston State University. She is a fourth grade teacher at Katy ISD.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Columbus High School. He is employed by Tornado Flare Systems in Alleyton.

Following a wedding trip to California and Las Vegas, the couple now reside in Katy.



Mr. & Mrs. Todd William Nelson

Montgomery-Thatcher Historical Cemetery Association holds meeting

The Montgomery-Thatcher Historical Cemetery Association met Saturday, June 27, at the cemetery located on FM 950 to dedicate a cenotaph to honor members of the pioneer Montgomery and Thatcher families who are believed buried in the cemetery but now can not be found.

Carol Beth Gore, President of the Association welcomed 41 members and guests. The Rev. Russell Minter, Pastor of Christ Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Pidgeon presented a Proclamation in recognition of the Association's 20 years of preservation and restoration of the cemetery that was first used in July 1836 and in continued use until 1926. Frances E. Hutchings, organizing President accepted on behalf of the Association.

The following is a brief description of those named on the newly dedicated cenotaph.

Dorothy Elkins Cox spoke of James Thatcher who was born and died on the same day and has no tombstone. Family tradition tells us he was buried on the battlefield of San Jacinto.

His mother, Sarah Mirah Montgomery Thatcher, was one of many women who quickly gathered a few belongings to rush ahead of the Mexican soldiers of Santa Ana in the Run Away Scrape.

Later, she and George Thatcher returned to the battlefield to reclaim his body but were unable to find his grave. His name is on the cenotaph.

Laura Ann Montgomery McNeel Wynn was born in Jefferson County Mississippi and came to Texas with her parents, Frances Gilbert and James S. Montgomery, in 1835. She married John Shelby McNeel and they had three children.

After his death at Koble's Spring near Columbus on 19 Aug. 1852, according to letters at that time, his body was brought to the Montgomery Plantation and buried that evening. Later, Laura Ann married W.L. Wynn. She died 17 Sept. 1855.

Clara Lane Lovell and John Beard were introduced and spoke on their ancestor, Judge James Webb, who was the brother of Dr. Thomas Francis Webb. Dr. Webb came to the Montgomery Plantation as a physician after graduating from Transylvania University in Kentucky. He married Jane Montgomery 17 August 1845.

Jane was born in Jefferson County Mississippi 22 March 1826 and came to Texas with her parents, Frances Gilbert and James S. Montgomery. Jane and Thomas Webb had four children. Jane died 7 August 1878 and Dr. Webb died 23 May 1889.

Clara Jane and John unveiled the cenotaph which reads, "To the memory of those who are buried in this cemetery who graves can not be found; John Shelby McNeel, Laura Ann McNeel Wynn, Jane Montgomery Webb, Dr. Thomas Francis Webb, James Thatcher, as well as those who faithfully served the Montgomery-Thatcher families, we dedicate this marker."

Special recognition was given to Bill Appelt for his dedication and superior performance in caring for the cemetery for 17 years.

Larry Dulany was recognized for his dedication and support in the restoration of the Montgomery-Thatcher Cemetery.

Also, Bill Harrison Sr. was recognized for his support in the historical aspect of the cemetery.

Lemonade and cookies were (See M-T, Page 6)



Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Pidgeon presented a Proclamation from the City of Eagle Lake to Frances E. Hutchings, organizing President of the Association. Photos Courtesy of Fair Wells



John Beard and Clara Jane Lovell unveil the cenotaph honoring family ancestors buried in unknown graves.



Dorothy E. Cox addresses the group gathered at the family cemetery near Matthews.



Family and friends gathered to honor ancestors.

Highlights

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In the election, Stockman defeated longtime Democratic U.S. Rep Jack Brooks of Beaumont.

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission last week approved proposals to better manage prison industries and lower the state's recidivism rate. The 10-member commission, which reviews state agencies, forwarded its proposals for consideration in the 1999 state Legislature.

Three-fourths of Texans answering the latest Texas Poll said it is important for public schools to provide bilingual education. In the June 1-11 telephone survey, 24% of the respondents said only English should be taught in Texas classrooms.

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