

# Kimbro Cemetery To Receive Marker

A Texas Historical Marker, honoring a family of early settlers in the Taylor area, is to be unveiled during ceremonies beginning at 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 18.

The marker will be placed in the Kimbro private family burial plot where ancestors of Roy Bland and others have lain since the late 1860s or early 1870s. In fact, it was in 1871 that Daniel Kimbro and R. B. Turner sold the land on which is the burial plot to Euclid Ulysses Kimbro, Daniel's eldest son.

It is believed that Daniel's unnamed infant son and at least some of the family's slaves were already buried in the plot when E. U. Kimbro bought the land.

Vandals, careless workmen, and the ravages of time have left the cemetery in sad condition, but even as late as 1960 Daniel's headstone was in place in the cemetery, according to a record prepared by Miss Kate Kimbro, daughter of E. U. Kimbro, who visited the site with Henry Pumphrey, another of the descendants of the Kimbro family.

**FAMILY MEMBERS ARE** also sure that Daniel's wife, Mary Pol-

ly Kimbro, is buried there although no headstone has been found.

By 1980, the fallen and broken monuments of E. U. Kimbro, his wife and adolescent son were the only evidences of the burial plot.

Plans for restoration of the small graveyard were undertaken by the current land owner, Dan Cervenka, who was helped by Roy Bland Jr., a direct descendant of the family through his mother. Final restoration was completed this year by Bland who also sponsored the State Historical Marker.

The pioneering Kimbro family wrote a footnote in the history of the state and of the area, a fact acknowledged by the State Historical Commission in its approval of the marker.

Daniel Kimbro and his wife, E. U.'s parents, were natives of South Carolina and Ohio. Their forebears fought in the American Revolution in 1776. In 1836, Daniel and his wife and four-year old E. U. came to Texas, crossing the Sabine at San Augustine County, and settling first in Bastrop County. The elder Kimbro set up shop for making looms, spinning



**E. U. Kimbro**

wheels, wagons, etc. He went on campaigns against the marauding Indians, sometimes accompanied by his son.

**IN 1846, THE** family moved to an area near Taylor on Brushy

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Creek, then known as Avery's Crossing, now Rice's Crossing. For many years a school near the location was named Kimbro School. It later became a part of the Hutto School District.

In the early years of their life in Texas, Daniel and his family lived in a pole and deerhide tent on the banks of the creek where he trapped and hunted deer, used the hides for clothing and harness parts, and sold surplus works in Austin. Later he engaged in farming and resumed his former trade and woodworking skills.

According to family records, Daniel was considered one of the top rifle marksmen in the country and fought in the Mexican War of 1848 where he rose from the rank of sergeant to second lieutenant.

Kimbro was one of the signers of the petition that went to the state legislature to create Williamson

county out of a part of Milam County.

Records also show that Daniel was a member of the first grand jury in Williamson County in a contested title case involving James Rice of Blue Point Crossing, now known as Rice's Crossing.

**OF THE SIX** children of Daniel and his wife, only E. U., the eldest, remained in Williamson County. The young E. U. survived encounters with the Indians, and helped haul lumber for the first State Capitol building in Austin.

At the age of 25, he married the daughter of Willis Avery, a veteran of the San Jacinto battle. He engaged in raising cattle and horses.

He served under Col. Easley's Company to fight with the Confederates. When he returned home, he found half of his

livestock missing.

Five children were born to E. U. Kimbro and his wife: Edwin T. who died at the age of 15; Kate, a spinster; Haydee Fridonia, wife of R. B. Pumphrey, a Texas traildriver; Josephine, wife of G. M. Kuykendall, another traildriver; and Henry T. who was a charter officer in the City National Bank and who later helped found Texas Tech College in Lubbock.

In his later years, E. U. Kimbro lived for a brief time in Austin and Georgetown, finally settling in his Taylor home at the corner of Cecelia and Kimbro Sts. He died on Aug. 6, 1895 at his home.

Senator Kenneth Armbrister will be one of the speakers at the marker dedication. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies at the Kimbro Farm just off the road from Frame Switch to Norman's Crossing.