

## Persistence Pays Off

Since the year 2000, PKFA member and former Property and Assets Manager, Dolores Samons Harvell, has worked diligently with the archeologist at Fort Bragg, NC, to obtain artifact preservation and formal recognition of the Kivett family role in the history of what was originally named Camp Bragg in 1910.

The Main Post Cemetery, which has been continuously maintained by Fort Bragg, was once the Henry Jackson Kivett family peach orchard. During 2009 the enduring efforts of this granddaughter of the Mont View site owners, Henry Jackson and Mary Kate Gardner Kivett, seem to have been rewarded with the receipt of the letter shown near the page bottom of this link on the previous web site page:

[Historical Marker at Ft. Bragg](#)

Dolores states, "It was first proving the Kivett site existed and then learning the history of the area surrounding the displacement of the many families living in the area, and in particular, the history of the family site." It was discovered that after the Kivett family left the area, their existing buildings were used to house the Puerto Rican construction workers and their sick.

Henry Jackson Kivett was the son of David Lawrence Kivett and Elizabeth Hendricks Kivett. Henry was born 11 November 1850, died 04 August 1932.

### **Mrs. Harvell reminds us, "They live as long as they are remembered"**



The reader should consider this and the other referenced page as an example of what can be done by just one person, even with limited resources, given the will to persist. Properties containing historic cemeteries can be still be preserved. Personal labor to clear debris and remove brush is not always required. Others can be pressed into action, even if dogged use of persuasion is required, and painful delays must be endured.

Do you know of a place important to you that will soon be lost to time and the elements without someone's action? Do you want your grandchildren to never know about nor be able to visit this place? Remember this example – you may be the only one who can, and does, make a difference.