There was once a community here called Highland that preceded Anna. According to A TOWN NAMED ANNA, at its height, Highland consisted of the post office, a gin, a grist mill, a church building, a school, and several residences. It was hit by tornadoes twice.

The church building housed Friendship Baptist Church, among other denominations. Friendship was one of the earliest Baptist churches in the county. It was an off-shoot of Rowlett Creek Baptist Church. The Friendship Church later became Anna Baptist Church. The deed for the cemetery is listed in Vol 113, p 497. It is for 3 acres. The land for the church and cemetery was donated by Dr. Charles H. Wysong, who established the Wysong Clinic. The Highland community disappeared after the railroad bypassed it. The towns of Anna and Melissa were developed by the railroads.

This is a large cemetery with at least 500 graves. It is not fenced but it has a brick entrance way. It is well maintained and is currently in use. There is a cemetery association for the cemetery. The cemetery has a historical marker.

(Cemeteries of Collin County, Texas, Joy Gough)

The highland community was established in the mid-1800s as a stop on the stage route between Buckner (approx. 3 mi. w of the present site of McKinney) and Bonham. an early settler, Charles H. Wysong, donated 3 acres of land for a community church, school, and cemetery in 1858. The first marked grave, that of Robert Strother, is dated 1861. Many north central Collin County pioneers and their descendants are buried here. The graveyard is cared for by the highland cemetery association, organized more than one hundred years ago.

The reference to Dr Charles H. Wysong as the donor is in error; he is a descendant with the same name. The original settler, Charles H Wysong, was born in 1820 and died in 1906. His occupation listed on the various census is Wagon Maker, Cabinet Maker and Farmer.

There is a possibility the "crossing" might refer to the north-south stage line crossing the east-west "farm lane" that I believe divided the Wysong and Foster lands. Stage service began in the mid 1850s along existing mail routes.