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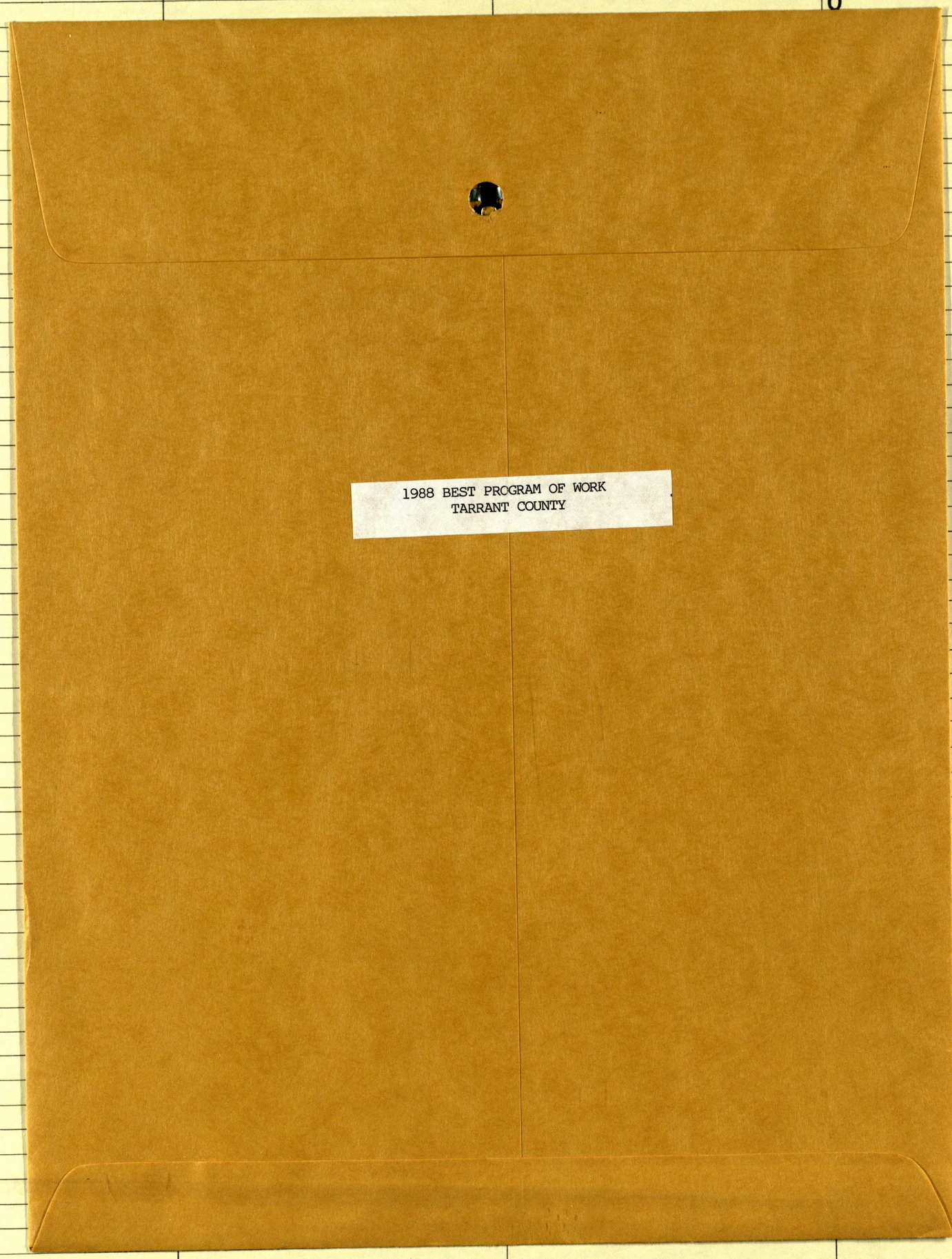

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With an 800 copy mailing list, the recipients are varied. It is sent to all County Commissioners, key legislators, historical societies, schools, universities, cities, libraries, newspapers, foundations, Chambers of Commerce, Convention and Visitor Bureaus, and a great variety of individuals. Copies are sent to the adjacent County Historical Commissions.

The newsletter is written by the county historical commission Chairman.

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This award could not have been received without the dedicated service of many of our members, who had a spirit of pulling together this year. This Commission chairman appreciates everyone who worked to make our commission the best.

Cushman to be Recognized

Evelyn Cushman, chairman of the Historical Markers and Research Committee, will be recognized as the Outstanding Committee Chairman of a County Historical Commission, at the annual Preservation Conference in April. Evelyn was nominated by the commission chairman for both her accomplishments and quality of work while chairing the committee.

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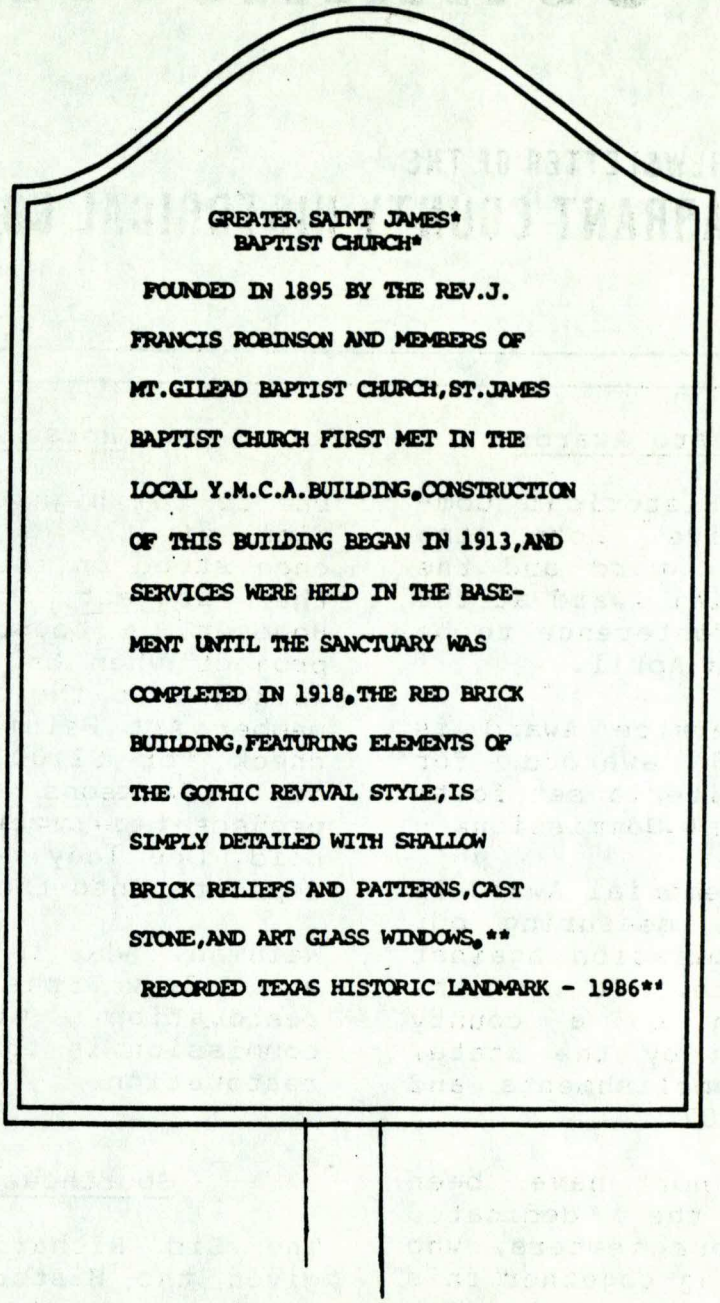
Weinman, who is also the architect who drew the plans for the restoration, will represent the commission in further efforts toward restoration.

Courthouse Medallions

The Sid Richardson Foundation has given the Historical Commission the remaining Courthouse Medallions that were made for the dedication of the courthouse following the restoration. These are the large Bronze Medallions which were given to dignataries and guests of the county. They are numbered and have a small wooden stand.

A Medallion will be given to each of the first fifty people who make a minimum donation of $100 to the Horse Fountain Fund. Donations should be sent to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, Box 794, Colleyville, Texas 76034.



Dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for
GREATER ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday the 20th of March 1988
Fort Worth, Texas

Advisory Council

Dee Barker, Chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, has been appointed by the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission to a newly created Advisory Council to the THC staff.

The Council, composed of selected county historical commission chairmen, met with Curtis Tunnell, Executive Director of the THC and Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Director of Field Services in Austin February 26th. Programs of the THC were evaluated, considering the interaction of the THC and the county historical commissions. The all day meeting was lively and productive. We should see quite a few changes in the future, some small and some substantial.

The Advisory Council will meet with the staff again at the annual Preservation Conference in April, and is expected to have periodic conferences thereafter. Both the THC staff and the Council members felt the initial meeting to be very constructive.

Annual Preservation Conference

The 1988 Historic Preservation Conference sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Historical Foundation, will be held in Brownsville April 21-23.

This year the workshops will focus on the theme "Rivers, Roads, Rails, and Trails", all instrumental in the development of Texas.

As usual there will be a time for fun, with a choice of tours, a reception hosted by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce,and musical entertainment at Texas Southmost College.

Regional Workshop

In response to a growing need to address preservation issues at the local level, the Texas Historical Commission, Preservation Texas, and the Texas/New Mexico field office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation will host a series of regional workshops throughout 1988.

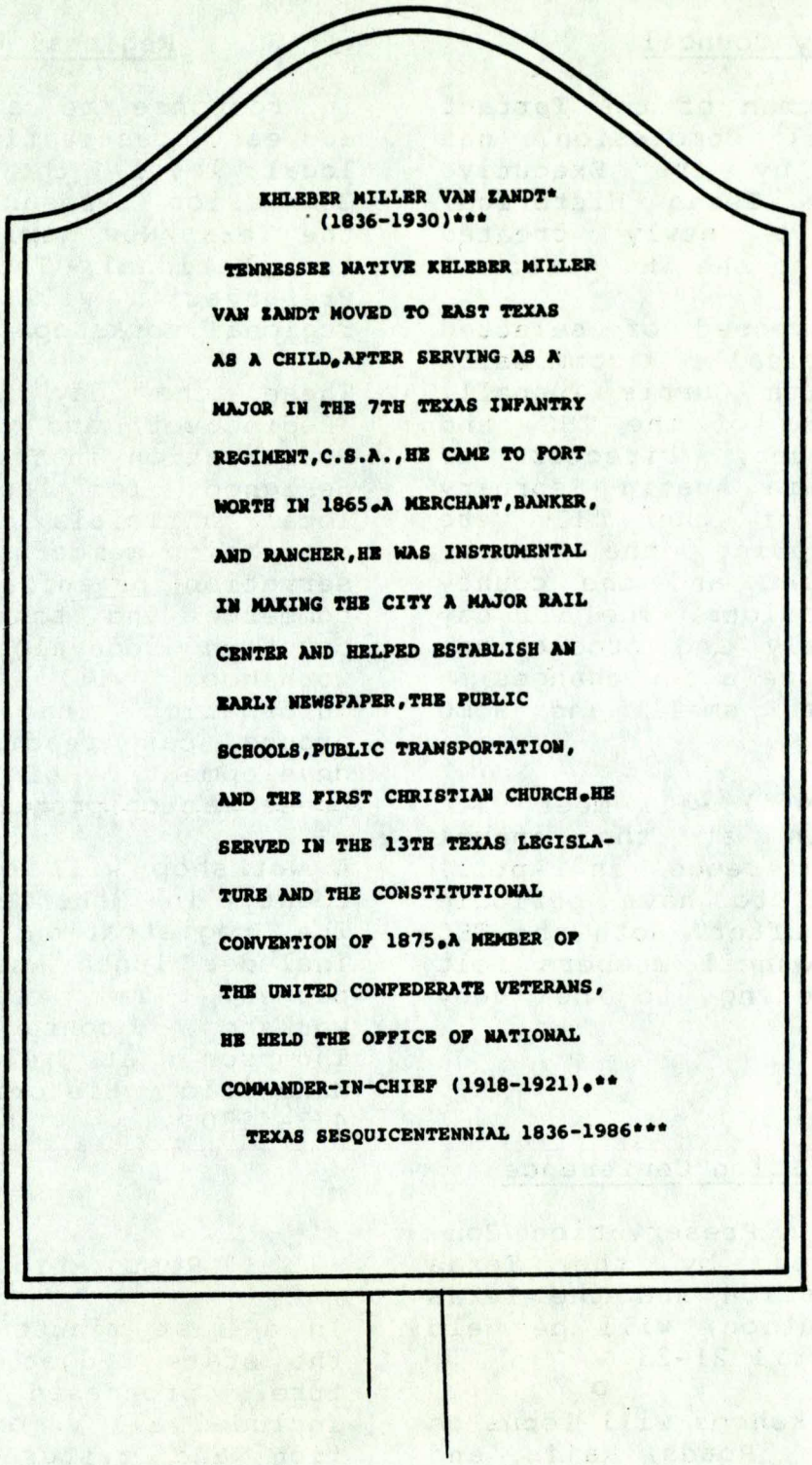
These one day workshops, titled "Rediscover and Learn: Successful Preservation in Your Community", are designed for community leaders, local officials, county historical commission members, nonprofit preservation organizations, chamber of commerce and tourism leaders, and downtown redevelopment groups. The workshops will provide practical information that individuals and groups can readily apply in the development of an effective preservation program.

A workshop will be held in Tarrant County in Mansfield on July 23rd. The registration fee is $10 and includes lunch and an informational packet. To register for the workshop, contact either Sandy Thompson at 477-2296, or the Mansfield Historical Society at 473-4250.

Restoration Sales Tax

In a last minute effort to balance the state budget, the 70th Legislature broadened the sales tax and included all remodeling, rehabilitation and restoration of commercial buildings.

During a meeting at the THC office, we were informed it is anticipated the law may be changed as it has a stifling effect on economic development through restoration and rehabilitation of the older historic buildings in Texas.



Dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for
KHLEBER MILLER VAN ZANDT
Sunday the 10th of April 1988
Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth

TCHC Archives

The Tarrant County Historical Commission recently received an additional five feet of old land records from Stewart Title Company. These have been placed in our Archives.

Federal Funds Cleared

The Texas Historical Commission has been allocated $527,485 in federal funds for fiscal year 1988. This represents a slight increase from last year's apportionment.

The monies, which are derived from the federal government's Historic Preservation Fund, are used to assist in historical surveys, nominations, and tax act and federal project reviews. In addition, ten percent of the funds is reserved as grants for certified local governments in Texas, which are communities that have established planned preservation programs according to federal guidelines.

The 1988 funding also represents good news for state preservation offices because additional money has been cleared for predevelopment grants, which are considered critical for saving landmarks in poor condition or in imminent danger of collapse. Examples of predevelopment grants include feasibility studies, historic structure reports, and master plans. The THC may use up to 9.1 percent of its share of federal funds to develop this grant program.

In Tarrant County these grant monies have been used for the historic resources survey administered by the Preservation Council, publication of the survey findings, for a staff position in the Ft. Worth planning department, and for preparation of National Register nominations.

Ft. Worth was designated a Certified Local Government in 1987, and it is anticipated that Grapevine will qualify this year to bring more preservation funds to our county.

Rep. Doyle Willis Honored

Rep. Doyle Willis, of Ft. Worth, was presented the Texas Award for Historic Preservation on February 25th. Given by the State of Texas, the award recognizes those who have made significant contributions toward preserving Texas history. This was a most deserved award, as Rep. Willis has been a friend of preservation for many years.

THC Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Historical Commission held its quarterly business meeting in Austin in January. Chairman T.R. Fehrenbach presided. The THC reported: Plans are underway for the celebration of the Capitol centennial this May. Events will include Capitol tours, a parade, and exhibits; Commissioners approved the distribution of $40,520 in matching grants to certified local governments; and Commissioners gave initial approval for newly revised agency rules. The THC uses these rules to keep the public informed about its activities and legislative responsibilities. The new rules, scheduled for final approval at the next THC meeting in April, will be published later this summer.

Texas Antiquities Committee

Members of the Texas Antiquities Committee recently elected Dr. William G. Reeder, director of the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin, as chairman. T.R. Fehrenbach, Chairman of the Texas Historical Commission was elected vice-chairman.

At the same meeting the TAC revised wording in the Texas Antiquities Code, chapter 41, to specify that any nomination for State Archeological Landmark status must first be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

UTA Hosts Webb Lectures

The Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures were held at UTA on March 17th. This year the lectures were on the subject Sunbelt Cities and Recent Urban America. The speakers were Robert Fairbanks, of UTA; Roger Lotchin of the University of North Carolina; Carl Abbott, of Portland State University; and Zane Miller, of the University of Cincinnati.

The Commission has information in our files for your use in ordering the books in the Webb series, including those recently published. Essays on the History of North American Discovery and Exploration is the most recent book. These essays encompass four centuries in the discovery and exploration of North America, and continue the Webb theme of interaction between the Old World and the New.

UTA Special Collections

We wish to thank the UTA Special Collections Division of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries for keeping us informed of their new acquisitions. If we all keep one another informed regarding our collections it will surely help us all.

Ft. Worth Advisory Board

The Ft. Worth Historic & Cultural Advisory Board informs us that additional resources are being considered for the Grand Avenue historic district. Funding for the study would be through the CLG grant. Peter Maxson, from the THC, looked at the properties in January.

Early School Building

Alice Marie Lewis has called our attention to what may be the oldest existing former school building in Ft. Worth. It was a subscription school building built by less than a dozen families on donated land. Thought to have been built in 1872, it was moved in 1883 and became a common school, Marine School District. It was later sold and moved again to be used as a church. After one more move, it became a residence. It is now vacant, and Alice Marie is concerned about the buildings future. If you can be of help, give her a call at 624-8002.

House Committee Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Cultural and Historical Resources Committee of the Texas Legislature on June 7th in Ft. Worth. The subject to be discussed is "Economic Impact of Historic Preservation on Business". The hearing will be from 1:30 to 4:00, at Mama Lou's Resturant.

Marker Dedications

Khleber Miller Van Zandt
April 10, at 2:00.
Oakwood Cemetery, Ft. Worth

Johnson Station Cemetery
April 24, at 2:00
At the cemetery, Arlington

General Edward H. Tarrant
May 15, at 2:30
Pioneer Rest Cemetery, Ft. Worth

Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge Building
May 28, at 2:30
4600 Camp Bowie Blvd. Ft. Worth

Bransford, Texas
June 11, time to be set
Bransford Rd., Colleyville

Restored Dentzel Carousel at Six Flags Over Texas

Three years ago a decision had to be made, whether to buy a new carousel for the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park, or restore the fine old Dentzel carousel built in 1925. They made the more expensive choice, restoration.

A few years before that, when the Historical Commission checked the condition of the historical markers at Six Flags, the history of the carousel was discussed with Bruce Neal, director of Public Relations. When the decision was made to restore the carousel, he remembered. This writer was privileged to watch the process of restoration.

The horses were restored on-site in a Six Flags workshop by a team of five artists who spent an average of 120 hours on each horse. Some horses were in especially bad shape, with parts rotted or damaged. All had many coats of paint that hid many of the finely carved features.

The horses legs had been covered with fiberglass to protect them from the weather. Instead of giving protection, the fiberglass held water around the legs after a flood at the park, allowing the legs to rot. Many parts had been broken from years of having children climb upon tails and pull on ears. When the paint was removed and the horses taken apart, they were found to have been repaired many times with large nails.

Each horse is made of many carved pieces, which were put together with wooden pegs. Each piece was carefully restored and new pieces were carved to replace those which could not be repaired. They were reassembled, again using wooded pegs as originally constructed. Each horse was then painted several coats of enamel and trimmed with gold. Carving, sanding, fitting the pieces together and painting became a labor of love for the artists.

Research showed the previous owner had made changes to various parts of the carousel. After finding samples of original parts, new pieces were made to restore the original design. In addition to the five artists who restored the horses, thirty craftsmen worked to restore the carousel.

Three years and 30,000 man hours after restoration began, the carousel stands gleaming and beautiful, housed in a special building which raises it to a place of prominance and protects it from the weather.

Friday, the 18th of march, we saw not only the wisdom of their choice, but a company that cares. Rather than have an affair focusing upon dignitaries, the park management chose to have an unveiling of the carousel for the permanent employees and their families. They chose to honor and focus attention upon those thirty five men who had worked on the carousel for so long and with so much care.

It was a hot dog and champagne affair. Hot dogs in the spirit of Six Flags park and all carousels everywhere, and a champagne toast to the men and their special carousel. The names of the men were read, and as each mans name was called out, he went aboard the carousel. These men were then honored by being the first to ride on this newly restored carousel.

This carousel is the last one built by Dentzel, and he owned and operated it himself the first two years it was in operation. The horses are of such a variety it is suspected he may have used some showroom samples on this last carousel. It would have been easier and much less expensive to purchase a new carousel with fiberglass horses. We thank Six Flags for restoring this fine old carousel.

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The Texas Historical Commission's highest award, the Ruth Lester Award for Meritorious Service, was presented to the Meadows Foundation. The foundation has maintained a program of giving that encourages historic preservation projects, both the large and the smaller projects that often may be overlooked but are nonetheless imaginative and innovative.

Evelyn Cushman, Marker Chairman, received an award for Outstanding Committee Chairman for her work with the Marker Committee. Tarrant County members attending were Chairman Dee Barker, Secretary Ruth Stone, Evelyn Cushman, and Oliver Cozby.

UTA SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Commission is frequently asked questions regarding the location of the Fort Worth Star Telegram collection. This material is housed in Special Collections, in the UTA Library, under the direction of Dr. Gerald Saxon.

This collection consists of 180,000 black and white photographic prints, 112,000 film negatives, and 1,000 glass negatives, which together document virtually every aspect of life in Tarrant County from the early 1870s through the 1970s.

The collection also contains over 512,000 clippings from the 1920s to 1960s, 18,000 index cards on Texans who served in World War II, a 170,000 card index of oil wells in Texas fields from 1944 to the early 1970s, and 101 oversize sectional maps showing the location of Texas oil wells. This collection is one of the few complete newspaper morgues in the nation which will be open to the public.

Marker Workshop Held

A workshop focusing on how to prepare a historical marker application was held in Plano, Collin County, on April 9th. About 20 people from 5 counties attended, including Dee Barker, Chairman, and Evelyn Cushman, Marker Chairman, from Tarrant County.

Texas Historical Commission staff members Frances Rickard, Cynthia Beeman, and Jim Steely reviewed criteria, procedures, research, and proper documentation. The success of the workshop has led the THC to plan for additional workshops throughout the state.

Architectural Fellowship

The School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin, announced the establishment of the Blake Alexander Traveling Study Fellowship in Architecture for outstanding students interested in studying abroad.

The fellowship is named in honor of Alexander, a professor of architecture at the university since 1955. Nationally recognized for his work on behalf of architectural preservation, Alexander has been instrumental in the restoration of numerous historic sites across the state and serves on the board of various preservation organizations, including the National Register Board of Review and the Austin Landmark Commission.

Because the school currently has limited financial resources to support travel and study abroad, the goal of the fellowship's development program is to raise a $25,000 endowment fund to support an annual travel award to the school's most outstanding graduate. If the goal is met by August 31, the fund is eligible to receive a matching grant of $12,500.

In the mid 60s, as a joint project with the Amon Carter Museum and the University of Texas School of Architecture, Alexander led an architectural survey of Texas homes of the nineteenth century. He was prominent in the U.T. decision to restore and operate the Winedale Properties as a museum and study center. Locally, Alexander was a consultant on the Historic Architecture of Fort Worth project for the Fort Worth Junior League.

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Marker News

The THC has announced that guidelines on documentation of historical markers has been revised to emphasize the need for strong footnotes and bibliography. We are pleased to see this step taken, as it should provide for better and more accurate marker narratives with information available, rather than contained in voluminous attachments.

Marker Dedications

In Tarrant County more markers have been dedicated this year than in all of 1987. The following markers have received official dedication: General Edward H. Tarrant; Johnson's Station Cemetery; Armour and Company, Fort Worth Plant; Swift and Company; Bransford; Dr. Azle Stewart; Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge Building; Greater St. James Baptist Church; Major K.M. Van Zandt; and Tarrant County State Bank Building.

Betty Wilson, chair of the Marker Dedication Committee, not only meets with sponsors to plan the dedications, but attends all dedications with her photographer husband to photograph and vidio tape the dedications for the official files of the commission. Anyone desiring copies of photographs from the commission negatives may obtain them by calling Bette at 265-2606.

Isham Cemetery

The official dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for Isham Cemetery will be held at 9:30 a.m. on 16 July at the cemetery on John T. White Road. The Tarrant County Historical Commission and the Isham Cemetery Association extend an open invitation to the dedication.

Cemetery Project

Your county Historical Commission is in the process of driving the county to precisely locate every cemetery within the county, even small one-grave sites. These locations will be placed on Texas Highway Department maps, with copies placed in the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archives and Research Library, the Texas Historical Commission Library, and a copy given to the State Highway Department for use when planning new roads or widening of roads.

We are also gradually accumulating black and white photographs of local cemeteries. Anyone who has photographs of tombstones which are now missing are encouraged to contact the Commission.

If anyone knows of a small deserted cemetery which may be unknown to others, we would appreciate being informed of its location. In order to protect and save these cemeteries or gravesites we must know of their existance.

Cemetery Law

There are numerous state laws and court decisions that offer protection to burial sites. In addition to the information listed below, there also may be specific statutes that pertain to individual counties and cities. There are also federal regulations pertaining to cemeteries, which are not covered here.

Basic Cemetery Law - Under Texas law (Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Title 26, Article 912a-10 and 912a-11), property dedicated as a cemetery cannot be disturbed unless the district court for that area has formally removed its purpose of dedication.

Definition of a Dedicated Cemetery - Court decisions have established that an enclosed tract and evidence of burials are two criteria that constitute dedication of land for a cemetery. In the case of Michels v. Crouch (Court of Civil Appeals, 1939), it was determined that if tombstones still marked burial sites, the property was considered a cemetery, even if it had been abandoned or neglected.

Ownership of Cemeteries - Through a ruling in 1936 (Smallwood v. Midfield Oil Co.), the Court of Civil Appeals ruled that a cemetery cannot be sold or conveyed in such a way as to restrict its designated purpose. This ruling does

not necessarily mean, however, that owners must grant access to a cemetery.

Penalties - According to the state's penal code (sections 36.01 to end), intentional desecration of a burial site is punishable as a class A misdemeanor.

It is important to note that cemetery laws are not administered by the Texas Historical Commission or any other state or county agency. In most cases enforcement is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies. Despite laws, vandalism is frequent, and the vandal often uncaught. Vigilance is the best deterent.

Cemetery Resources

For more information on cemeteries, the following sources are recommended:

The Association for Gravestone Studies, 46 Plymouth Rd., Needham, MA 02192, 617-455-8180.

Jordon, Terry G., Texas Graveyards: A Cultural Legacy. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1982.

The Medallion. The newsletter of the Texas Historical Commission has featured a variety of articles on cemeteries in the past several years. More specific information and copies of back issues are available from the THC, Publications Dept., P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711.

Preserving Cemeteries. Texas Preservation Guidelines. Austin: Texas Historical Commission, 1984.

Researching Cemeteries. Information sheet prepared by the State Marker Program, Texas Historical Commission, Austin 1983.

Steely, Jim, Tombstone Territory, Texas Highways, March 1976.

THC Assistance

The Texas Historical Commission is committed to assisting citizens preserve the historic and prehistoric cemeteries in the state. If you are aware of a threatened cemetery that is on state land or is part of a project involving state funds, contact your county historical commission or the Texas Antiquities Committee (housed with the THC) at 512/463-6098. If a threatened cemetery is part of a federally funded or federally permitted project, contact the THC's Review and Compliance Department at 512/463-6096. For endangered cemeteries on private land, the THC's Archeology Department (Office of the State Archeologist) can offer information on preserving the site. The most successful way to save a cemetery is to use preventative maintenance, so the department encourages early contacts. The phone numberfor the Archeology Department is 512/463-6090.

We encourage readers to keep the County Historical Commission informed of any vandalism, sale of cemetery sites, discovery of unknown sites, or problems concerning cemeteries. We also have files with information on cemeteries within the county which are available for information to the public.

Cemetery Cataloguing

Evelyn Cushman, commission member, has given several workshops on cemetery cataloguing. They are always well received, as was the one given at the pre-conference session in Brownsville.

Following are suggestions similar to a handout she has developed for her workshops. Cemetery buffs will find it interesting and useful.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CATALOGUING CEMETERIES

Optional but helpful supplies for cataloguing a small rural graveyard can be kept in a zippered bag in the trunk of your car. Insect repellant, a small tube of Colgate toothpaste for ant and wasp stings, hightop shoes, chalk and charcoal sticks for making rubbings of worn stones, a pencil sharpener, 2 to 3 pencils and a spiral notebook. I also recommend some washcloths, a plastic bottle of water, sturdy pointed stick and a plastic-covered kneeling pad.

At the cemetery, a quick spray of chigger-chaser and change of shoes and you're ready. Pin the carkeys in a pocket and with pencil and notebook in one hand and your sturdy staff (to hold back the briars and barbwire) in the other, you're ready for business.

For a large cemetery, a little more preparation is worth considering.

First, inquire if the inscriptions have been copied by the cemetery association or a local history group. Try to obtain the records. Stones may have fallen and become covered up, yet can be found if you knew to look for them. This is another advantage of not listing tombstone inscriptions in alphabetical order. Reserve that for the Index.

Second, obtain a plot plan or map. If the cemetery association or caretaker does not have a map, try the county and city Tax Assessors. This will be helpful when dividing the area into small sections for easier recording. Try to locate a surveyor that has recently surveyed adjoining tracts, he may still have his field notes.

Use easily recognizable boundaries that will not change, driveways, for instance. Include the description at the beginning of each section's list of inscriptions.

Park your car in a shaded area, one that can be easily reached. A sudden rainshower, injury, or you may just want a comfortable place to take a break.

There are no set rules or methods of surveying. Some recorders copy row by row, others lay out grids with string across each section. Describe your method at the beginning so specific tombstones can be located.

Keep each section's listing separate, starting a new page in your notebook. If you begin Section No. 1 in the southeast corner, then start all Sections in the southeast corner.

When a group is doing the survey, work in teams of two persons. Divide each section in half. Have each member of the team copy half of the section and then exchange books, rechecking and correcting if necessary.

Use binder clips on your notebook to keep the pages from blowing in the wind. A clipboard makes a firm writing surface. Place a strip of Velcro on your pencil and on the clipboard to keep them together.

Knowledge of burial customs can be helpful as well as interesting. The wife is usually buried to the north of her husband, taking the traditional position by his left side. For that reason it works better to begin the survey in the southeast corner of the cemetery, working toward the northwest corner. Be careful not to miss a small plot or a single grave between curbed plots. As there are variable size and shaped plots, place a chalk mark, a number, perhaps, on the top of each recorded stone to reduce the chance of missed markers. If there is a caretaker, check with him beforehand, even though the next rain will wash away the chalk.

Do not crowd your copy, leave a space between each inscription with the exception of double headstones and family monuments. Leave at least two spaces or a symbol to indicate the beginning and end of family plots. If a row divides, label them "Row X east" and "Row X west".

Look on all sides of the stones and check footstones for further information. "Mother" at the foot of a grave where only initials preceed the surname, is one example of the importance of recording all information.

Note and record the number of unidentified graves, especially in family plots. By inquiring later, you may learn their identity. Hopefully it will remind relatives that the grave needs a marker.

Record military service and symbolic carvings that may give a clue to occupation or religion. Stones placed by fraternal organizations such as the Masons, Odd Fellows or Woodmen of the World, should be noted because their records are available for research by relatives.

If the memorial verse gives genealogical information, social or local history, copy it verbatim. But enclose in brackets any explanations, directions, notes, decorations, unusual gravemarkers or anything other than what is actually inscribed on the marker. Make a note if a stone is broken.

Burial sites with illegible funeral markers, concrete blocks, vases, fieldstones, etc. should NOT be recorded as being "unmarked". Make an appropriate notation such as: "(NOTE: child's grave marked with a styrofoam cross, located between J. A. Smith and Jane Jones)".

Headstones that have sunk so that the data is obscured should never be pulled up. Carefully use your pointed stick to uncover it. Be sure to replace all the dirt and stamp firmly to prevent the stone from toppling forward.

Turning over markers that have fallen face down is perilous to the stone. Plan ahead how you are going to replace it, making sure the ground is firm and level. Use gloves for a firm grip.

Copy inscriptions exactly, even if it is obviously misspelled. Use the same lettering and punctuation. Do not make abbreviations.

Different styles of lettering is used on tombstones and care must be taken in distinguishing between many of them. There may be as many as three types on the same marker. For severely weathered stones it is sometimes easier to make a quick rubbing of the worn letters. Place a piece of paper against it and rub with a soft pencil. It should give enough contrast to read. If necessary, use silkspan, #00 Pellon or rice paper and charcoal to make a full-sized "rubbing". To hold the paper secure, use freezer tape rather than masking tape, it leaves less residue.

For hard to read inscriptions try talcum powder. For upright stones apply the powder with a puff or wad of cloth. Rub it into the stone with your palm and lightly blow the excess away.

A hairpin or pointed soft pencil is useful to dislodge mud or moss but be careful. Try a stiff brush with water.

A last ditch method is to use a piece of chalk or charcoal, according to the color of the stone. Lay it flat against the stone and draw it across the inscription leaving the carving in contrast. NEVER use wax crayons or colored pencils as they will permanently stain the stone.

The ability to read worn stones often depends upon the light. If the sun's rays hit the stone at an angle and no shadows are cast in the incisions, it may help if you shade the inscription with your sunhat, brush the stone with water or trace each letter with a soft lead pencil.

After returning home wash your hands immediately. Boraxo hand cleaner is very good to remove the plant oils. If you have chiggers, add a half cup of Clorox to your bathwater.

Make frequent rest stops. A banana or other energy-replenishing snack with cool water will prevent heat exaustion and errors in copying. Recording tombstone inscriptions should be done at a leisurely pace. Take time to

appreciate the surroundings and the imagination and artistry of the stone carver. It can be an enjoyable method of preserving the records of past generations which, in many cases, are slowly being lost.

A brief history will make your cemetery report more useful as well as interesting. Use it's current name but ask if it was ever known by any other. The precinct garage, funeral homes, elderly residents, the city secretary or clerk of a nearby church may give you much information. Ask them about the unmarked graves. Inquire about known burials that do not have inscribed tombstones. Cite the name and address of your informant in the report.

The history should include the date it was started, the oldest surviving marker, and where records of internments are located. Determine if it is a privately owned cemetery or a public one. List the name and address of the person or association in charge.

Cemetery transcribing can be considered an art. It requires skill, interest and ability, all developed through patient practice. Satisfaction results if your transcription appears as a verbal image of the tombstone itself. Not only will your art aid researchers if placed in local and major libraries, but it will serve future generations when the stones have worn to only smooth remembrances or have become some thoughtless individual's doorstep.

ADDITIONAL AIDS FOR A LONG-TERM CEMETERY SURVEY

Some of the following items could be handy if you are cataloguing a large cemetery that is not close to your home. If it will take more than a few days and several hours there on each trip, assemble the items you may need for the entire project and keep them together.

Picnic lunch plus a thermos of water. Fruit for snack time.
Sunhat, workgloves, a sharpshooter and shears to cut briars.
Magnifying glass, pocket compass, road and cemetery maps.
Rice paper, Silkspan or Pellon for making full-size "rubbings".
Short and long tapes to measure boundaries of the sections.
Hammer and 12 inch spikes for boundary stakes or to make holes for wire coathanger stakes. Use colored plastic strips as "flags".
White vinegar for lichens. Mix 1 part to 3 parts water.
Red pen for special directions or notations on your recording.

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Tourism, History and Economics

Tourism, as the number two industry in Texas, has become especially important to our economy since the downturn in the Texas oil industry. With that in mind, the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Department of Commerce, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Highways and Public Transportation and Texas A&M University are working to develope a strategic tourism plan to function through the turn of the century. Historical attractions will be a part of that plan. Tourism is already a $17 billion a year business in the state, and it is important to the state and the counties to further build that tourist economy.

In 1986 the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas conducted a survey. They gave out questionnaires to every tourist who stopped at the Texas Highway Department entrance stations. They asked the tourist to take the questionnaires home with them, and fill them out after returning home. Surprisingly, most were returned. It was determined that most tourists came to Texas to shop. The second most frequent reason was historical attractions. 67% said historical attractions were their primary interest. Through this study we learned that in 1986, $1,472,815,000 tourist generated dollars were spent in Tarrant County. Travel connected payrolls in our county were $321,388,000 through 33,112 jobs. Local tax receipts from tourists in Tarrant County were $33,645,000.

The Texas Historical Foundation, now assoicated with Texas A&M University, quotes a survey that indicates that for every dollar invested in preservation and restoration, the Texas economy receives an estimated $323 in return through tourist dollars spent on lodging, food and entertainment.

Recent communication from the Texas Historical Commission encourages the county historical commissions to become actively involved with promoting tourism within the county. Your Historical Commission has been actively doing this for years. The Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau funded a Historical Resources survey administered through the National Register Program of the THC, at the request of this commission member. This member also worked with the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and a Merchants Association to establish a Main Street Restoration Program that has generated over five million dollars of activity on Main Street within the past six years. This was done with no tax

dollars other than the hotel tax monies for a dirctors salary. This was done with private capital. Businesses are moving into once empty buildings, and restored buildings have improved the tax base. Our members in Mansfield are actively working with the City of Mansfield to establish a Main Street Restoration Program in that city.

We have provided research and application for numerous Texas Historical Markers, which have been funded by Convention and Visitor Bureaus and Chambers of Commerce; the Commission and these groups working together to promote history and tourism. We have also provided Historical Marker information and other historical information to these organizations for numerous brochures featuring historic sites. These have been placed in Texas Highway Department stations, hotels, and other tourist areas. Members work on the promotion of the Chisolm Trail Roundup, and the Stockyards District. We maintain a close relationship with the biggest tourist draw in Tarrant County, Six Flags Over Texas. We have placed over 270 historical markers in the county, a major tourist interest, with the financial support of the community. Your County Historical Commission was a step ahead of the state initiative, and we thank all the public and governmental entities who have worked with us so well over the years.

Preservation Workshop

A one day workshop, entitled Rediscover and Learn: Successful Preservation in Your Community, was conducted by the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas-New Mexico Field Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Preservation Texas. The workshop was held in Mansfield at the Roy English farm on 23 July, and sponsored by the City of Mansfield. The lectures were designed for community leaders, local officials, county historical commission members, chamber of commerce and tourism leaders, and downtown redevelopment groups. Speakers were: Libby Willis, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Jim Bratton, of Dallas; and Gerron Hite, Jim Steely, and Anice Read, of the Texas Historical Commission.

Over ninty people attended, among them Tarrant County Historical Commission members: Kate McDonald, Pam Holland, Beryl Gibson, Lanora Rolla, Evelyn Cushman, and Dee Barker.

Sales Tax Exemptions

A policy issued recently by the Texas Comptroller's office may save money for contractors rehabilitating commercial structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The policy exempts these properties from the state's new sales tax on the cost of labor.

The rules concerning repair and maintenance of National Register buildings also address mixed-use projects. Labor costs for residential portions of buildings that are used both for commerical and residential purposes also are eligible for exemption from the sales tax, provided that those costs are separately identified. If residential repairs and remodeling are not identified, labor costs for the entire job will be taxed, the rules state. For more information, contact the Comptroller's office at 512-463-4044.

Joe Pool Lake

The Corp of Engineers recently published a three volume report on the SMU studies of the Joe Pool Lake and Mountain Creek areas. These are very interesting and valuable studies of the area affected by the construction and filling of the lake. We appreciate the Corp of Engineers donation of this valuable resource material to the Archives and Research Collection of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. This is one more example of service to others eventually being of benefit to us. Last year we provided maps and information to one of the SMU investigators. We now have material from the study which greatly exceeds any we were able to provide.

Acquisitions

Recent acquisitions to the Commission collection include Book of Neighborhoods, produced by the Greater Fort Worth Realtors' Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, with some materials furnished buy the Commission. Black Journalists: Voices of Preservation and Change/Dual Consciousness, An Exploration of Preserving Black Tradition and Changing Black Lifestyles , by the Black Historical and Genealogical Society. Two Society of American Archivest manuals have been received, Archives & Manuscripts: Conservation, and Administration of Photographic Collections. We have also received Conservation of Photographs, and excellent manual by Kodak. The two volume set Old Northwest Texas, by Nancy T. Samuels and Barbara Knox, and published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. This was a long overdue acquisition.

Marker Microfilm

The commission recently ordered three reels of microfilm of Texas Historical Commission marker files. The state files contain notations and comments made by the THC, which are not available in our local files. The film, obtained from the Texas State Library, is of early Tarrant County markers. We are encouraging the state office to film the entire Tarrant County file in the near future.

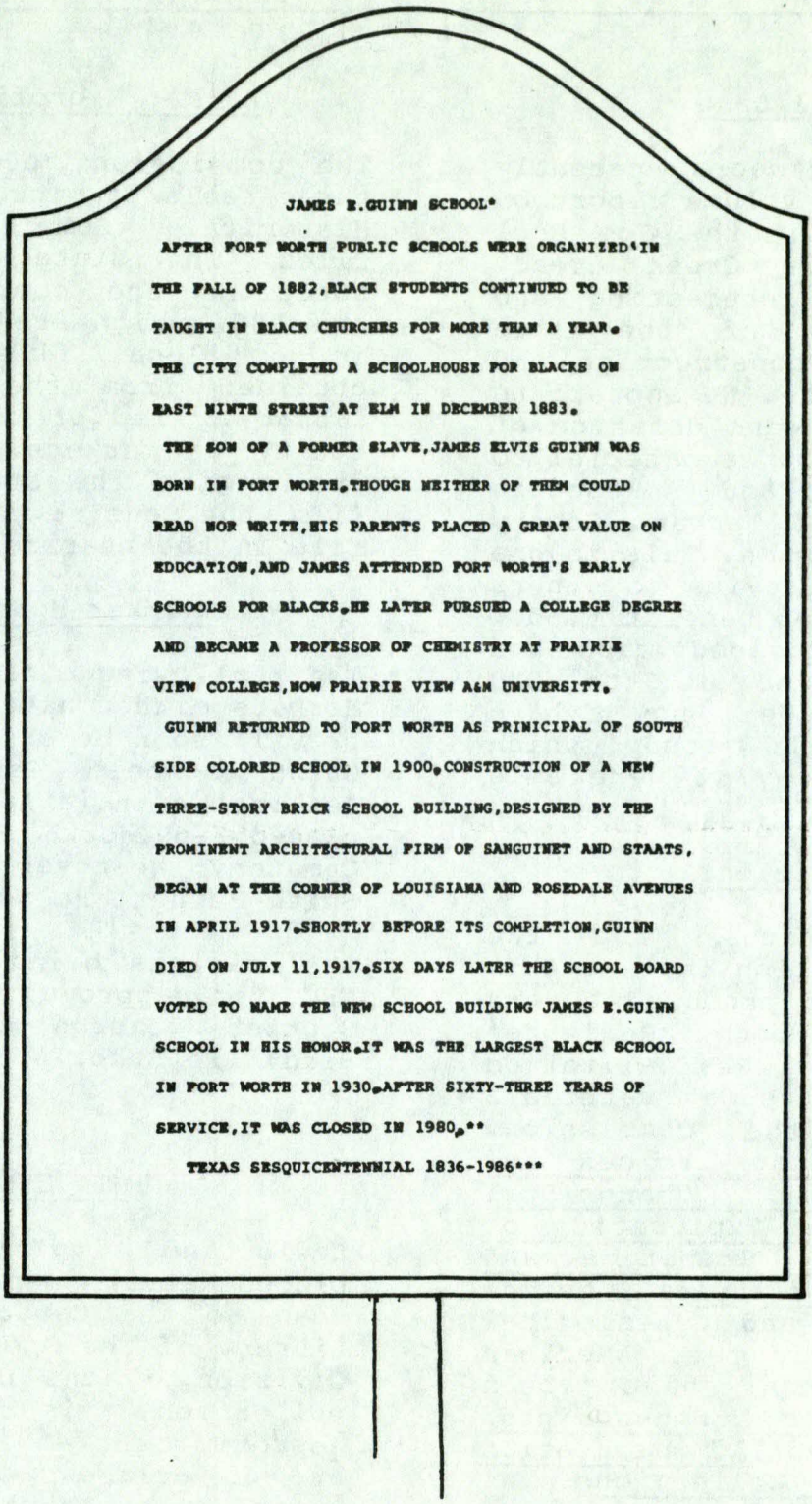
Marker Update

The following Texas Historical Markers either have been received or will soon be shipped: James E. Guinn School; General William Jenkins Worth (a new marker to be placed in Worth Square); Hitch Cemetery; Westover Manor; and the Smith-Burnett House.

Applications being mailed to the THC for approval: Woods Chapel Baptist Church; and Pioneer Birdville Schools.

UTA Library

Lewis and Virginia Buttery have placed their map collection on loan to the Cartographic History Library of the Special Collections Division of the UTA Library. The collection is composed of approximately 450 maps and charts and 40 atlases, dating from 1540 onward. At least 100 different cartographers are represented in the Buttery collection. The size, quality, and breadth of coverage provide a valuable addition to the already fine Cartigraphic History Collection at UTA.



The dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for
JAMES E. GUINN SCHOOL
will be held on Saturday the 5th of November at 2 p.m.
1100 Louisiana Avenue, Ft. Worth

The public is invited to attend

World War II Reunion

The 11th reunion of the Amphibious Tractor Battalion of World War II will be held in Bossier City, Louisiana, October 6-9. This will coincide with the battalion's 45th aniversary.

The landing craft specialists operated in the Pacific Theatre for nearly two years, landing men and material on beaches throughout the Pacific.

For information regarding the reunion call Allyne Wood at 927-0323.

CCC Reunion

The Texas State Civilian Conservation Corps Reunion will be held October 29-30 at the Cleburne State Recreation Area, located 6 miles west of Cleburne and 6 miles south of State Highway 67 on Park Road 21. The park was occupied from 1934 to 1941 by CCC Co. 3804. For information call Verle Oringderff, 626-6296.

A local group of former CCC workers meet regularly on the second Saturday of each month at the North Side Multiple Purpose Building, 1901 Harrington Street in Fort Worth. They meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Thistle Hill

Texas Heritage, Inc. will present "Eight Decades of Christmas" at Thistle Hill December 3-23, 1988. The museum exhibit will capture the spirit of America's Christmas traditions from the turn of this century to the present. Each decade, depicted in the various rooms of Thistle Hill, will be historically accurate -from the tree and its ornamentation to the gift items displayed beneath the tree. Holiday choirs will perform Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The Sixth Floor

Entitled "The Sixth Floor", an historic exihibit chronicling the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is scheduled to open in Dallas this November, the 25th anniversary of the shooting.

The exhibit will feature events leading up to the shooting, the political history of the era, and subsequent investigations into the assassination. The display was organized by the Dallas County Historical Foundation. For more information, call the Dallas County Historical Foundation at 214-653-6701.

Old Marriage Liscenses

A reminder -- The Tarrant County Historical Commission has old unclaimed marriage licenses which the county is not required to hold. These are original licenses which the couples failed to pick up from the courthouse following their marriage, dating from 1876 to the 1960s. The principals involved, or in the case of the deceased, a descendant or next of kin, may obtain a license upon submitting a written request, giving us the names of the marriage couple, date of marriage, your relationship to the couple, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. A donation to support the Commission's work is appreciated. Mail requests to: Tarrant County Historical Commission, Box 794, Colleyville, Texas 76034.

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State Capitol

A team of architecture students recently completed work on a three-year project designed to produce detailed computer-assisted drawings of the State Capitol Building. Begun in 1986 and funded by the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Capitol Committee, the finished drawings will be essential to restoration of the Capitol.

Under the direction of Prof. Robert Giebner of the University of Arizona, students from architecture schools across the state spent the summer making detailed field drawings of sections of the Capitol. Using a new, state-of-the-art computer graphics program, the students entered their measurements into computers at the University of Texas' School of Architecture, which donated its computer lab facilities for the project. Students were then able to make precise computer drawings of the Capitol sections, which were later assembled into larger drawings.

The completed drawings were sent to the HABS office in Washington, D.C., where negatives were made, allowing the drawings to be reproduced easily and cheaply. The results are the most comprehensive and accurate architectural drawings of the Capitol ever produced. They will serve as a standard for future maintenance and restoration projects.

These drawings will be useful to the staff of the Capitol Architect because original drawing were imcomplete and do not accurately portray the building as constructed. The orginal plans, for example, call for a limestone structure, although the Capitol was built in pink granite. Much of the detailed stonework was therefore left out of the plans. In addition, there are hidden portions of the building that never were drawn, except perhaps for working blueprints that have not survived. Also, numerous structural and stylistic changes have occurred since the building was constructed in 1888.

The Capitol is the largest building ever to be documented by HABS since the federal program's inception during the Great Depression. The objective of the program is to produce accurate measured drawings and photographs of the nation's historic buildings; the drawings are then stored in the Library of Congress. In Texas, about 200 buildings have been documented by the HABS program.

Telephone Pioneers

We see by the Telephone Pioneers of America Newsletter that they are still actively supporting the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup program, cleaning a highway in Tarrant County. This is a valuable gift to our state and the citizens.

Tarrant 2000

The Tarrant 2000 committees were formed to study the needs of county government, using the year 2000 as a reference date for recommendations. The committees were comprised of both county government employees and private citizens, being primarily a citizens committee. The reports are in, providing observations and recommendations interesting to those who are conscious of the value of preservation and design. Several recommendations are of special interest to the Historical Commission. The committee recognizes the need for a master plan for county facilities and recommends that the county identify all county owned facilities, identify surrounding land use, and be sensitive to and compatable with the current CBD plan for Ft. Worth. They also recommend long range facility plans and policies for working upon historic or potentially historic buildings.

The committee recommended the development of a comprehensive construction and maintenance history of each building which would provide the name of the architect, construction company and subcontractors, "as built" plans, date of completion, and notes of changes. The committees also recommended that comprehensive facility maintenance and construction guidelines be developed that would contain quality aesthetic construction standards for new buildings. It also recommended that new buildings should be designed and built to last 100 years.

The committee recommended that the county facilities committee include a minimun of one citizen of Tarrant County, that the meetings be open to the public with advance notice with one purpose being to receive comments from historical interest groups. They further recommend that the committee should approve all work on county owned structures, and that proposed work on historical structures should receive review and approval by the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Environmental Assessment

The County Historical Commission regularly receives requests for environmental assessment clearances prior to approval of projects using or backed by federal funds. These include federally backed mortgages, development, and engineering.

After a recent communication from an Austin planning firm concerning the widening of Highway 114, we communicated with the THC and the district office of the Texas Highway Department concerning possible encroachment upon two old cemeteries.

This local office of the Highway Department was pleased to learn we are mapping all the burial sites in Tarrant County and has asked for a copy of this map so that they will have the information when in the early planning stages of both highway expansions and new highways. We are very p1eased to see this interest by the Highway Department.

Donated Work

While the Texas Historical Commission serves as a clearinghouse and administrative center for preservation work in Texas, much of the ongoing guardianship of Texas heritage

would not be possible without the County Historical Commissions and thousands of volunteers in museums and archaeological societies statewide. If these individuals were paid for the invaluable services they perform, the estimated annual cost of their work would exceed $26 million.

Texas Historical Markers

The Texas Historical Commission is emphasizing the need for more complete and better documentation of marker narratives throughout the state. Regional workshops will be held by the Marker and Research Department of the THC in order to aid those who need more information.

In order to eliminate voluminous appendices, all pertinent information must be included within the text of the narrative. We also must have copies of all documentation. If a book is used, put that page on the copy machine and turn in with the narrative. When the Chairman of the County Historical Commision signs the application, that chairman is signing that the information within the narrative is accurate. The documentation must be at hand to know.

Main Street Program

The Texas Historical Commission has selected the cities of Denison, Fort Stockton, Mineola, Sulphur Springs, and Yoakum as 1989 Main Street cities. Official designation entitles these communities to join a growing network of towns working to revitalize their downtown areas.

Each of these cities will receive architectural assistance from the THC for three years, as well as guidance on interior design, marketing, and business development. In return each city is required to hire a Main Street manager for the three year period to coordinate the project.

The THC's Main Street Project, recognized as one of the most successful programs in the nation, was initiated in 1981 and has since served as a model for other states. A key to its success, according to the THC, is the combination of historic preservation and economic development. Since the program began, Texas Main Street cities have seen a total of 2,198 downtown buildings rehabilitated, a net gain of 1,095 new businesses, 3,258 new jobs, and private reinvestment in downtowns totaling more than $170 million.

Confederate Soldiers

Last year Gov. Bill Clements made an appeal to have the remains of 31 Confederate soldiers from Texas, who were killed in action at the 1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass, returned to Texas.

The board of regents of the Museum of New Mexico voted in September to inter the remains in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Board members felt that keeping the soldier's remains at the national cemetery in New Mexico would increase the historical significance of the Glorieta battlefield should it become a national monument. The battlefield is located 15 miles southeast of Santa Fe.

T.R. Fehrenbach, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, will request that Gov. Bill Clements make a written appeal to the museum's board to reconsider its decision. Gov. Clements last year tentatively approved a plan to

return the soldiers' remains for reinterment in the State Cemetery in Austin. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has volunteered to raise funds to cover the cost of the move.

In the Battle of Glorieta Pass, Confederate soldiers attempted to capture the gold mines of Colorado. All of them, who varied in age from 15 to 23 years, lost their lives in intense and close fighting with Union forces.

The University of New Mexico and the state Laboratory of Anthropology have been conducting forensic studies on the remains since their accidental discovery in June 1987.

National Womens History Month

March 1989 will be National Women's History Month. The Texas Historical Commission will act as a clearinghouse for information and encourages heritage groups and interested individuals to organize activities at the local level that will increase awareness of women's history in Texas.

The event is sponsored at the national level by the National Women's History Project, headquartered in Santa Rosa, California. The theme of the 1989 celebration is "Heritage of Strength and Vision".

The 1989 celebration marks the third year that an entire month has been dedicated to the commemoration of women's history. It was in 1986, after a decade of grass roots efforts across the country, that the U.S. Congress passed a resolution calling for an annual, month-long tribute to women's history. The THC sponsored its first Women's History Month in Texas celebration in 1987.

Jewish History

The Texas Jewish Historical Society is sponsoring the publication of Texas Jews: A Pictorial History by Ruthe Winegarten. The society asks that information on this topic be sent to Box 49084, Austin, Texas 78765. The Tarrant County Historical Commission furnished a photograph for this book.

Auto Visitor Survey

The following is from an auto visitor survey covering January through June 1988, from questionnaires returned by 7,207 out-of-state or foreign travel parties who visited one of the state's 12 Texas Tourist Bureaus.

Of the visitors, 64.7 percent were on vacation and spent an average of $36 per person per day in Texas.

Activities, in order of popularity, included shopping, historic tours, historical museums, photography, camping, bird-watching, and hiking. When asked what they most enjoyed about Texas, 65 percent listed friendliness first, followed by scenery, good highways, food, shopping, wildflowers, historical museums, small towns, desert/plains, historical markers, and beaches. The most visited towns included San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, El Paso, Austin, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, and Brownsville. The most visited site was the Alamo, with the San Antonio River Walk next, followed by Padre Island National Seashore, LBJ Ranch, NASA, Confederate Air Force Flying Museum, Judge Roy Bean Museum, LBJ Library, and the State Capitol Building.

Change of Officers

After serving two years as Chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, this Chairman has asked that her name not be considered for reelection. New officers will be elected in January. The new Chairman, not yet selected at this writing, has my good wishes and encouragement for a successful term of office.

Chairing the Commission, if one gives time and attention to the work and the public as one should, is a full time administrative position. Without office and staff in Tarrant County, and conducted as a volunteer position, the chairman depends heavily on the support of fellow commission members.

Many have been supportive in various ways during my term of office, most through active participation, and others through encouragement and loyalty to the Commission.

There are several members who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the commission, giving far beyond the average.

Howard McPeak, for his devotion to the Archives, opening and manning it weekly for both commission work and for public access. And for making special trips when neccessary for the public. For chairing the Archives Committee in a way that brought committee members into the decision process. For driving several hundred miles checking locations of burial sites for the new map, and for assembling information of our several courthouses for the Texas Historical Commission.

Evelyn Cushman, who as chairman of the Research and Marker Committee worked with numerous people guiding them through the research and writing of narratives for Texas Historical Markers. And for all the "extras" that are too numerous to name.

Bette Wilson, the Marker Dedication chairman, who not only worked with sponsors in order to include them in the planning and conduct of the marker dedications, but also attended every dedication ceremony to see that it went well.

Kate McDonald, who worked regularly at the archives with the responsibility of accessioning and cataloging photographs. Kate was the mainstay in pulling together the cemetery mapping project. She also helped in developing a new filing system for the research material.

Lela Standifer, who worked regularly at the Archives, at a variety of duties. As chair of the History Appreciation Committee she took on the large task of culling the newletter mailing list, and keeping it updated. Lelas wit and sense of humor has kept us sane.

Jenkins Garrett, whose wisdom, advice, and support was invaluable.

Oliver Cozby, who served as liason monitoring the Historic Preservation Council meetings.

Ruth Stone, who recorded our minutes and could always be depended upon to be there. And for gathering documents for our DSA submission.

Billy Sills, who developed a work book on the courthouse for elementary school history classes, as part of our DSA for the Texas Historical Commission.

There are also two volunteers who contributed greatly to our activities. Frances Young, who single handedly handles the marriage license project, and Marvin Wilson, who attended and filmed all the Texas Historical Marker dedications.

I express my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed, whether the contribution was large or small. And my thanks to those who are loyal to the commission and its work.

Marriage Licenses

The Tarrant County Historical Commission, a county agency, has been given old unclaimed marriage licenses which the county is no longer required to hold. These are original licenses which the couples failed to pick up from the courthouse following their marriage, dating from 1876.

A decendant may obtain a license upon submitting a written request, giving us the name of the marriage couple, date of marriage, your relationship to the couple, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. A donation to support the Commission's work is appreciated. Mail requests to: Tarrant County Historical Commission, Administration Building, 100 E. Weatherford, Ft. Worth, Texas 76196.

Marriage information is of public record, and available in the Tarrant County Courthouse. One may check the records there for a determination if a marriage was performed in this county, and to obtain a date.

The following marriages performed in 1876 have an available certificate on file with the Historical Commission:

James Wyrick
Stella Pair (Parr)
February

Jeremiah Asbury Jr.
A.E. Henderson
April 8

James Marklee
Cynthia P. Hargrove
May 10

J.B. Cadenhead
H.J. Hayden
March 1

B.A. Edwards
A.J. Edwards
March 22

James Morton
Eliza Wallace
Feb. 22

W.C. Turner
Emma S. Sigler
June 27

R.D. Lidster
Mary Ann Miller
April 8

J.T. Yancy
Mary Allen
April 11

W.M. Cross
M.E. Stovall
April 12

W.F. Elliot
Mary G. Massie
June 7

A.J. Wallace
Virginia F. Stephens
June 4

J.R. Fraser
Agness Marshall
June 4

J.A. Hunter
Sallie Davenport
July 10

J.E. Short
Lula Goodwin
June 25

D.C. Webb
Abbie Barcroft
July 18

C.B. McDonald
Isabella Bird
July 26

Charlie W. Nance
Agnes Nance
Aug 2

W.C. McGinnis
Mary Harris
Aug 13

Frank Smith
M. F. Garrison
Aug 10

William Barr
Lucinda C. Trimble
Aug 16

James Suddath
Hannah Farmer
Aug 18

J.J. Tolbert
M.E. Booth
Aug 6

S.R. Rachaels
Clarisa Carter
Aug 20

A.G. Davis
H.A. Lewis
Aug 20

D.H. Harris
Elinor V. Witten
Aug 20

B.C. Carter
Louisa E. Rector
Aug 20

A.J. Witt
Theodocio Jones
April 30

John B. Austin
Elizabeth A. Cameron
May 3

Richard Braddy
Georeotta Maxfield
May 4

W.B. Martin
A.E. Perkins
May 2

Andrew Streetman
Nettie Anderson
May 1

P. Cantrell
Mary M. Gregg
May 4

C. H. Hawkings
Jane Meek
May 4

G.W. Rogers
M. L. Young
May 7

J.L. Poynor
Emma Sansom
May 11

M.L. Haddock
Emily Jane Marshall
May 7

S.H. Tummins
F.M. Wilson
May 11

John W. Sutton
Isabelle Jefferson
May 29

George Owings
Nancy Brown
June 11

Stephen Prince
Laura M. Johnson
May 25

Cyrenas Hammons
L.A. Brown
Aug 31

J.B. Clark
M.E. Hampton
Sept 2

Robert Ferris
Texana Stanford
Aug 25

E.F. Brown
N.H. Eaves
Aug 31

J.C. Maxwell
Julia A. Fry
Aug 29

S.P. Tucker
Lizzie English
Sept 12

John F. Watts
Mattie Blankenship
Sept 14

J,W. Coldwell
Sallie Lindsey
Sept 7

John Donifer
Margarette Brockman
Sept 7

C.H. Sturdivant
Mary J. Martin
Sept 3

Albert Elliott
Jane Senters
Sept 1

Henry Sims
Bettie Bush
Sept 1

J.L. Colbert
Mary A. Scharr
Sept 24

B.F. Duncan
L.B. Cathey
Sept 17

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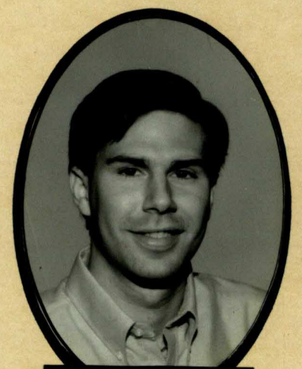
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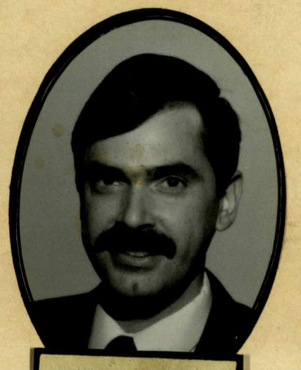
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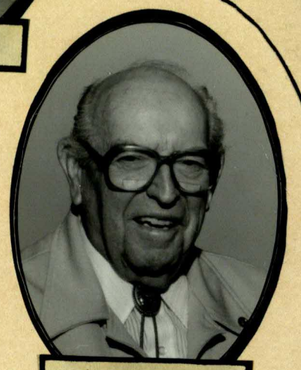
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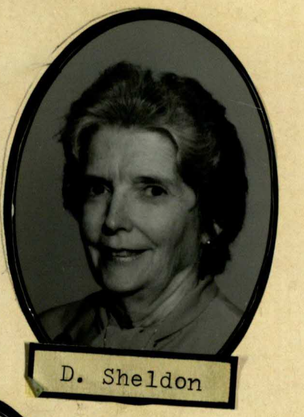
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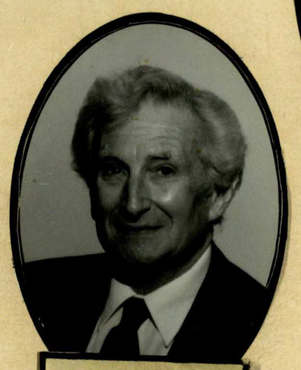
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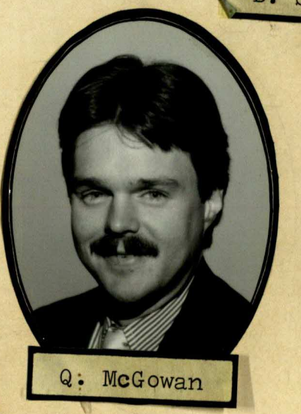
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

presents this

BEST NEWSLETTER AWARD

to

Tarrant County Historical Commission

JR Fehmlark
Chairman, Texas Historical Commission

Executive Director,
Texas Historical Commission

April 29, 1989
Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

awards this

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

to

Tarrant County Historical Commission

for distinguished service
in the field of historic preservation
at the county level

J. R. Fehmel
Chairman, Texas Historical Commission

Chairman, County Historical Commission

April 29, 1989
Date

COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Pct.	Name	Home Phone	Bus. Phone	Address
J	Dee Lynn Aguilar	737-5278		1501 Shady Oaks Lane, Ft. Worth 76107
1	Frances Allen	924-4461		2256 Fifth Ave., Fort Worth 76110
3	Dee Barker	283-0030		2200 Oak Knoll Drive, Colleyville 76034
4	Paul Campbell	731-2490	870-7740	1905 Hillcrest, Fort Worth 76107
J	William Cantwell	461-3130		809 Ross Trail, Arlington 76012
4	B.J. Clark	237-1505	444-2533	1024 Gladstone, Azle 76020
2	Oliver Cozby	572-4746	280-4813	4605 Lindburg, Arlington 76016
3	Evelyn Cushman	284-5792		4904 Wedgeview, Hurst 76053
L	Gayle English	473-1637		1739 Matlock, Mansfield 76063
4	Joye Evetts	244-1232	336-6367	4400 Idledell, Fort Worth 76116
~~3~~	~~Duane Gage~~	~~282-5740~~	~~656-6610~~	~~1425 Karla, Hurst 76053~~
4	Jenkins Garrett		335-5050	33100 Continental Plaza 777 Main St. , Fort Worth 76102
2	Beryl Gibson	473-6850	473-4250	101. East Kimball, Mansfield 76063
2	Pamala Holland	473-6760		2050 Matlock Road, Mansfield 76063
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4	Sue McCafferty	626-0580	625-5082	3115 Northwest 28th St., Fort Worth 76106
1	Kate McDonald	738-0584		3724 Linden Ave., Fort Worth 76107
4	Quentin McGown IV	246-8081	625-7005	P.O. Box 9533, Fort Worth 76107
1	Howard McPeak	923-6855		4621 Rutland, Fort Worth 76133
4	Susan Pritchett	244-3369		Rt. 17 Box 283 P, Fort Worth 76126
3	Janie Reid	838-2188		5941 Tourist Drive, Fort Worth 76117
2	Dorothy Rencurrel	465-1990		1809 Kingsborough, Arlington 76015
L	Carol Roark	926-4212	738-1933	2103 Sixth Ave. Fort Worth 76110
J	Lanora Rolla	534-1349	332-6049	4751 Ramey, Fort Worth 76105
J	Ruby Schmidt	531-1547		4812 Morris, Fort Worth 76103
3	Drusilla Sheldon	488-7450		Box 26, Grapevine 76051
3	Billy W. Sills	451-8842		7208 Yolanda, Fort Worth 76112
L	Martha Singleton	534-7737	534-6848	3029 Gardenia Drive, Fort Worth 76119
3	John Hugh Smith	284-5894		3600 Dawn Drive, Fort Worth 76118
J	Mildren Spratling	451-1775		1970 Nottingham, Fort Worth 76112
1	Lela Standifer	292-1612		4404 Wedgmont Circle, Fort Worth 76133
1	Ruth Stone	924-9862		#3 Chase Court, Fort Worth 76110
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4	Arthur Weinman	731-9214	737-0977	3717 Stoney Creek, Fort Worth 76133
L	Gardner Williams	265-8798		1200 Ravenwood, Arlington 76013
2	Bette Wilson	265-2605		1323 W. Sanford, Arlington 76012
2	George Younkin	429-2674		3501 Quail Lane, Arlington 76016

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1988 OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

Chairman - Dee Barker

Vice Chairman - Howard McPeak

Treasurer - Billy Sills

Secretary - Ruth Stone

Meetings were held on January 27, March 30, June 15, July 26, Sept 28, and Nov 30. All meetings have been held in the Tarrant County Courthouse.

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1988 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
Howard McPeak - Chairman
Frances Allen
Kate McDonald
Lela Standifer
Gardner Williams
Jenkins Garrett
Gayle English
William Cantwell
George Younkins

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Quentin McGown - Chairman
Sue McCafferty
Arthur Weinman
Carol Roark

HISTORY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE
Lela Standifer - Chairman
Dorothy Rencurrel Pamala Holland
Betty Wilson
Beryl Gibson
Joye Evetts

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Billy Sills - Chairman
Gardner Williams

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION COMMITTEE
Betty Wilson - Chairman
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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John Hugh Smith

HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE
Evelyn Cushman - Chairman
Janie Reid
Ruth Stone
Paul Campbell
William Cantwell
Lanora Rolla
Frances Allen
Ruby Schmidt
Susie Pritchet
Dee Lynn Aguilar
Drusilla Sheldon
B.J. Clark
Mildred Spratling

COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION PARTICIPATION

The attached three sheets were handed out at the first meeting of the year, with a request that each member check those areas in which they were interested in participating. They were also asked to keep a copy for themselves for a reminder of their expected participation.

ACTIVITIES REPORTED
ANNUAL REPORT TO TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

A report is made to the THC at the end of each year. Questions concerning the following activities are among those on the form. These are things that are expected of us as commission members. Please indicate which duties you prefer to perform. No one person would be expected to assume the entire responsibility for any of these items, only to participate and do their share.

1. Plan and carry out Marker dedication programs.
2. Record and document oral history.
3. Compile a bibliography of county source materials.
4. Cosponsor a Junior Historian Program
5. Does anyone serve on a Chamber of Commerce tourism committee?
6. Talks of historical nature to groups throughout the county.
7. Newsletter at least 4 times a year.
8. Organize and conduct tours of county's historical markers, sites, homes etc.
9. Attend out of county Commission meetings. They ask at how many we were represented.
10. Attend out of county Marker dedications. They ask at how many we were represented.
11. Speaker at out of county historical functions. They ask how many functions.
12. Commission representative at out of county tours. They ask how many tours.
13. Attendance at state or regional programs. They ask how many were attended and how many members participated.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE, SIGN, AND RETURN. I suggest you keep a copy as a reminder.

NAME:

The following committees are those standing committees as established by the Texas Historical Commission. Please indicate on which committee or committees you would like to serve, and which activity on that committee you find most interesting. In some cases there will be subcommittees.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Responsible for establishing an active historic preservation program in the county.
1. Maintain contact with those who are concerned with building and site preservation.
2. Contact with those who are publishing histories of county.
3. Contact with museums in county.
4. Establish and maintain a bibliography of county source materials.
5. Oral History
6. Secure old papers, documents, and records relating to the history of the county and local communities.

HISTORICAL MARKERS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Responsible for matters related to Official Texas Historical Markers.
1. Critique marker applications.
2. Advise applicants
3. Obtain permission from land owners to erect marker.
4. Responsible for Marker dedication programs.
5. Keep updated list of markers.

HISTORY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Responsible for projects related to disseminating information about Texas and local history.
1. Speeches, civic clubs, chambers of commerce, new media etc.
2. Publish newsletter
3. Sponser historical tours, commerations, and observations.
4. Make visitation arrangements with neighboring commissions.
5. Work with schools and civic organizations in presenting programs on county's history.
6. Organize activities with Jr. Historians.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Concerned with all matters relating to the fiscal responsibilities.
1. Determine when the county budget is prepared and request budgdt, presenting program of work to substantiate the request.
2. Prepare budget.
3. Raise private funds to supplement county appropriations.
4. Use budget to guide expenditures.
5. Make necessary reports to county.

Optional Committees that may be reported separately.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Responsible for overseeing the preservation of documents pertaining to the county historical commission.
1. Responsible for TCHC archives.
2. Work with county records management.
3. Work in archival ficility as needed.
4. Secure old papers, documents, and records relating to the history of the county and local communities.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERENCE, SIGN AND RETURN. Please keep a copy so you may be familiar with the committee responsibilities. If there is anything other than these routine duties that you would also like to do please communicate with me, by note or phone.

PLANNED PROGRAM OF WORK

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1988

1. Appoint working committees, whose members will carry out the duties of the committees.

2. Will continue a program of inventory and accession of the contents of the Archives.

3. Will continue to collect historical and research documents for the Archives.

4. Will carry out the normal duties in support of the THC Historical Marker program.

5. Will continue to aid the volunteer organization which is administering the Historic Resources Survey under contract with the National Register Department of the THC.

6. An effort will be made to obtain county facilities for an office and for the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archives and Research Collection.

PROGRAM OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED

1. Accomplished. Every commission member was appointed to the committee of his choice. Most committees did everything expected of them, completing all work related to that committee. Only one committee was relatively inactive.

2. Accomplished. The Archives Committee met regularly once a week with for to six people working every week. Inventory and accession of contents continued on a regular basis.

3. Documents were regularly collected for the research files, and several archival collections were made.

4. Accomplished. Six applications were submitted, nine are in process, almost completed, fourteen were dedicated, and two await dedication.

5. Members provided research form our collection.

6. The County Judge has stated that we will given proper and ample facilities in the old Criminal Courts building after the present offices move after completion of a building now under construction.

LONG RANGE GOALS

Tarrant County Historical Commission

1. Continue to seek county facilities, with space for office, work area, and a secure archive.

2. Maintain and protect the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archive and Research Collection.

3. Collect official papers of former County Judges.

3. Continue to inventory archival collection.

4. Continue the program to monitor cemeteries for their condition and care.

5. Pursue a major program to copy photographs that are in private collections, storing negatives and contact prints.

6. Work with cities throughout the county with a goal of having the cities assume responsibility for upkeep of abandoned or unkept cemeteries within their bounderies.

7. Encourage research for markers that "tell a story", for a better balance of marker subjects.

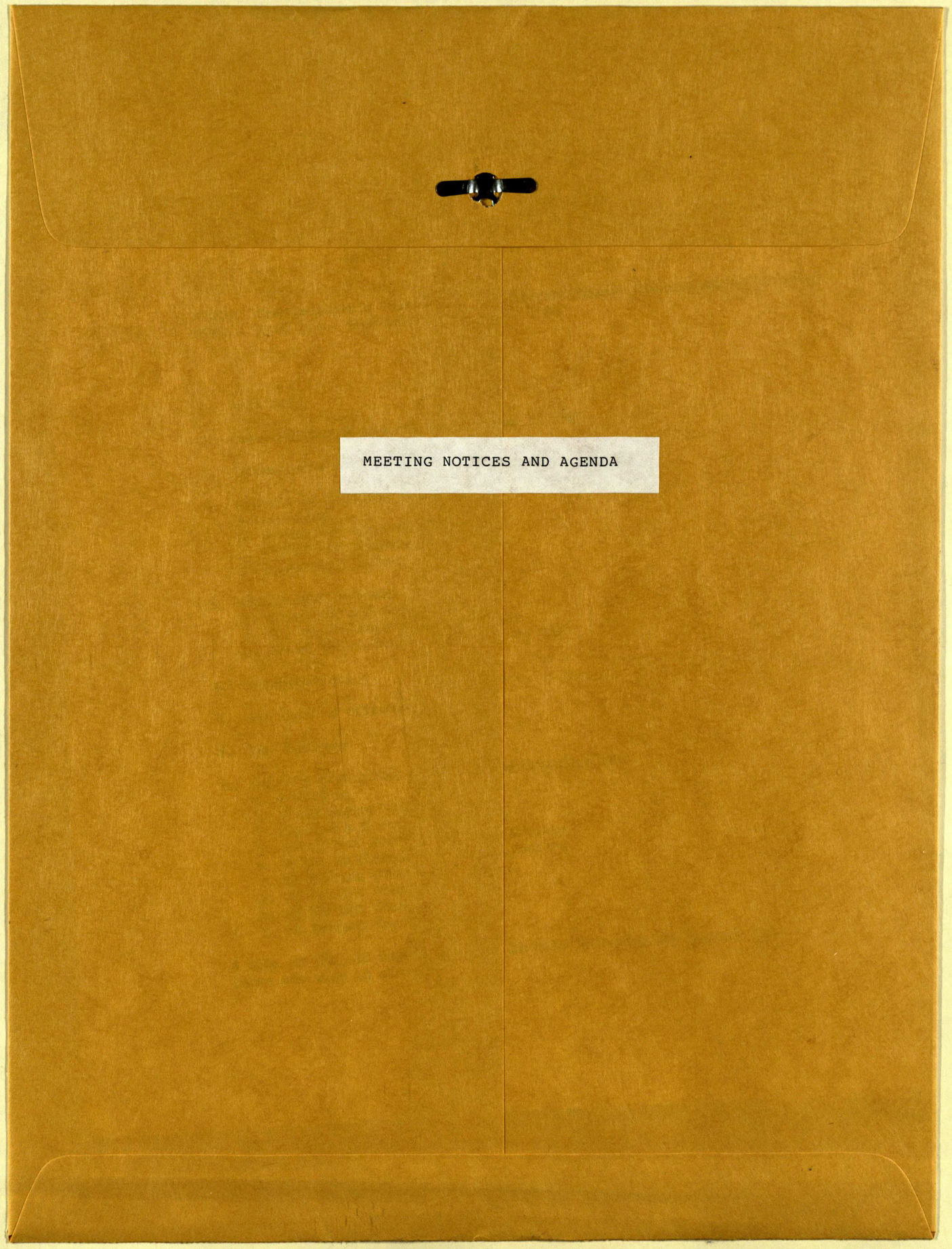
8. Continue to publish a newsletter, at least four a year.

9. Continue to work with Convention and Visitor Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, and cities, to promote the history of the county and tourism based upon that history.

10. Continue to support governmental agencies which require resource clearance for approval of federal funds.

11. Continue to support and supply information for engineering firms and the Texas Highway Department respective to historic resources which may be affected by construction.

11. Support the programs of the Texas Historical Commission.


MEETING NOTICES AND AGENDA

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF JANUARY 1988 MEETING

PLACE: Commissioner's Court Chambers, Tarrant County Administration Building
TIME: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday January 27, 1988

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Consideration of minutes of November 18 1987

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Archives
   b. Historical Appreciation
   c. Historical Preservation
   d. Historical Marker

5. Unfinished Business
   a. Report on DSA submission
   b. Ft. Worth Library Archive Floor
   c. Preservation Needs Assessment to THC

6. Announcements

7. Election of Officers

8. New Business

9. Reports from areas of county and organizations
   a. Arlington
   b. Black Historical Society
   c. Mansfield Historical Society
   d. North Fort Worth Historical Society
   e. White Settlement Historical Society
   f. NE Tarrant County
   g. NW Tarrant County
   h. SE Tarrant County
   i. SW Tarrant County

A tour of the old courthouse will be held following the meeting for those who wish to attend.

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF MARCH 1988 MEETING

PLACE: Room 504C, 5th floor, Administration Building
TIME: 1:00 p.m. Wednesday March 30, 1988

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Consideration of minutes of January 27, 1988 meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Archives
   b. Historical Appreciation
   c. Historical Preservation
   d. Historical Marker

5. Unfinished Business
   a. Office and Archive space

6. Announcements
   a. DSA and Millard C. Cope Award

7. New Business
   a. 1894 Room
   b. Report of Advisory Council meeting in Austin
   c. DSA subjects for 1988

9. Information from other organizations

ARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF JUNE 1988 MEETING

PLACE: Room 504C, 5th floor, Administration Building
TIME: 1:00 p.m. Wednesday June 15, 1988

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Consideration of minutes of March 30, 1988 meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Archives
   b. Historical Appreciation
   c. Historical Preservation
   d. Marker Dedication
   e. Historical Marker
   f. Education

5. Unfinished Business

6. Announcements

7. New Business

8. Information from other organizations

A reminder: you may park in the lot behind Leddy's and have your ticket validated in the office of Commissioner's Court

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF JULY 1988 MEETING

PLACE: Room 504C, 5th floor, Administration Building
TIME: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday July 26, 1988

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Consideration of minutes of June 15, 1988 meeting

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Archives
   b. Education
   c. Historical Appreciation
   d. Historical Preservation
   e. Historical Marker Dedications
   f. Historical Marker

5. Unfinished Business
   a. Responsibility of Dedications
   b. DSA progress

6. Announcements

7. New Business
   a. Budget Request

8. Information from other organizations

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER 1988 MEETING

PLACE: Room 504C, 5th floor, Administration Building
TIME: 1:00 p.m. September 28, 1988

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Consideration of minutes of July 26, 1988

3. Treasurers Report

4. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Archives
   b. Historical Appreciation
   c. Historical Preservation
   d. Marker Dedication
   e. Historical Marker
   f. Education

5. Unfinished Business
   a. Report on Budget Hearing
   b. Facilities
   c. Annual Reports
   d. Bylaws

6. Announcements

7. New Business

8. Information from other organizations

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOTICE OF NOVEMBER 1988 MEETING

PLACE: Room 504C, 5th floor, Administration Building
TIME: 1:00 p.m. November 30 1988

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

2. Consideration of minutes of September 28, 1988

3. Treasurers Report

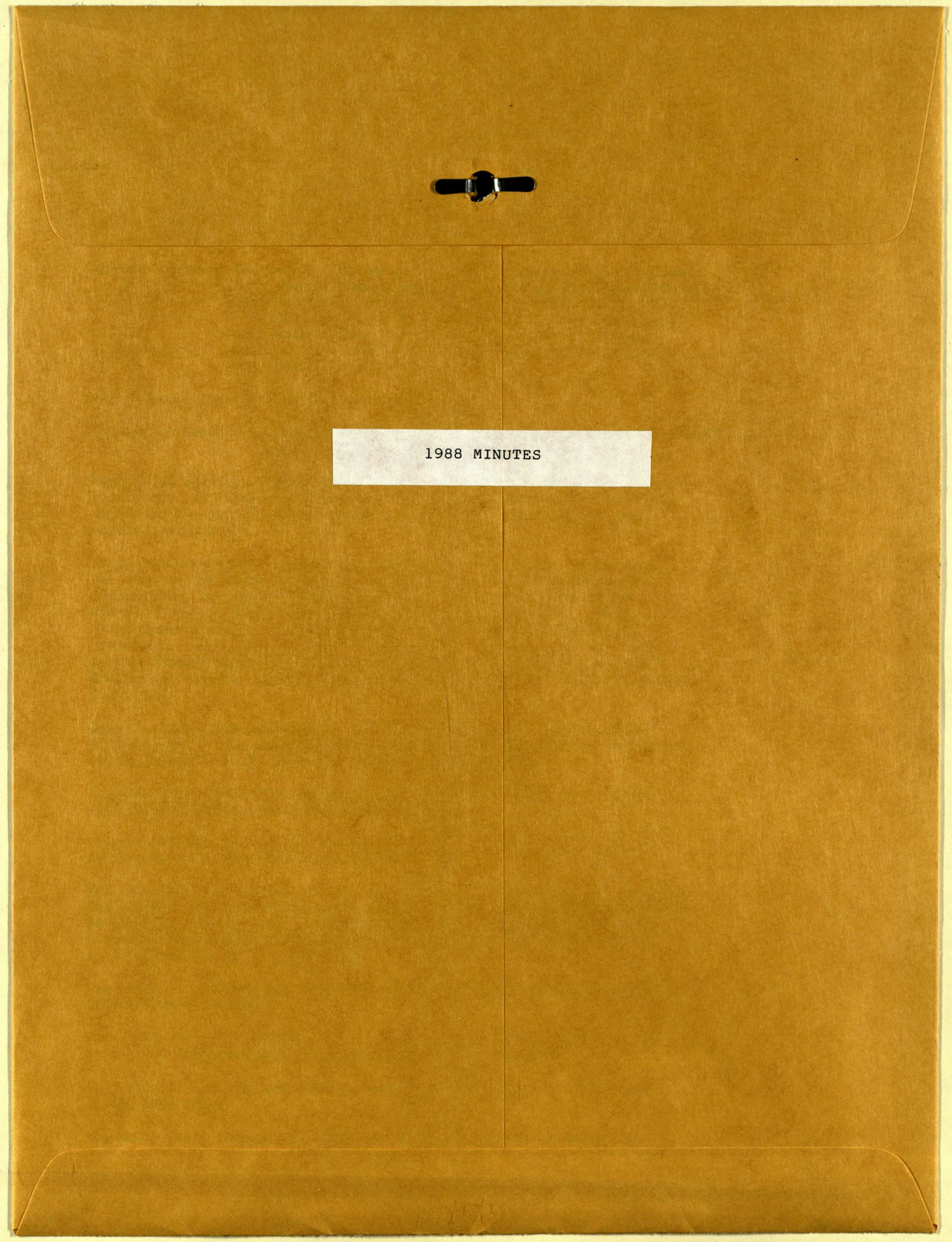
4. Reports of Standing Committees
   a. Archives
   b. Historical Appreciation
   c. Historical Preservation
   d. Marker Dedication
   e. Historical Marker
   f. Education

5. Unfinished Business
   a. Commission policies and procedures
   b. Suggested changes to By-laws, made by By-laws Committee

6. Announcements

7. New Business
   a. Report of Advisory Committee meeting at THC
   b. Appointment of Nominating Committee for officers

8. Information from other organizations


1988 MINUTES

MINUTES -JANUARY 27, 1988

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members present: Dee Barker, Oliver Cozby, Evelyn Cushman, Gayle English, Joye Evetts, Pamela Holland, Sue McCafferty, Kate McDonald, Quentin McGown, Billy Sills, Ruby Schmidt, Billy Sills, Martha Singleton, Mildred Spratling, Lela Standifer, Ruth Reiter Stone, Arthur Weinman, Gardner Williams, Bette Wilson, George Younkin. Guests: Tad Howington, Mrs. Oliver Cozby.

The November 18, 1987 minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: General Fund 070: 12,601.47; Horse Fountain Fund: $32,303.54; Cemetery Fund: $17,545.88.

Reports of Standing Committees: The Archives Committee gave an oral report and the Historical Marker and Research Committee gave a written update of the markers to the members. People are needed to critique marker applications.

Evelyn Cushman made a talk for a cable TV station. A tape of the show was sent to the state as part of the DSA. Copies of 260 Texas Marker Inscriptions in Tarrant County was sent to 4 school systems. These are in 37 middle school libraries for Texas History students. Billy ills bound a copy to present to the Commission. The Ft. Worth City government has stated that the Ft. Worth Public Library will not house Tarrant County Historical Commission Archives. The County Historical Commission Archives awaits to be assigned a space by the County Facilities Committee.

Quentin McGown has photographs that show deterioration of the patches of the holes in the copper sheeting of the Courthouse dome. An assessment of the damage will be given to the County Commissioners.

A bylaw review committee was appointed. Bette Wilson will be chairman, with Quentin McGown and Oliver Cozby also serving.

We were reminded that $700 was budgeted for members to attend the THC conference in Brownsville April 21-23.

The Department of Agriculture has announced its Texas Family Land program. The deadline is July 15. George Younkin reports the Texas State Historical Association will meet at the Hotel Regency in Austin March 3,4, and 5 and the Southwest Archives Association will have its annual meeting in Arlington May 18, 19, and 20th.

The slate of officers for 1988 were approved and seconded as presented. Officers were elected.

The City of Fort Worth has received funds from THC to put the Tarrant County Rrsource survey on a computer.

All material has been received to complete the displays for the cases in the 1894 room.

The McCoy Trail through Ft. Worth had been marked with 13 markers in 1936. New research is being done to remark the ½ mile wide trail for the Chisolm Trail Round-up, Quentin McGown states.

The Historical Commission will purchase two arrow markers to locate the Mitchell Cemetery near Decator Ave. and 28th St.

The 1988 committee assignment sheets were handed out. This is to be checked and returned. At the end of the year members are to report to the chairman what they have done during the year.

Members are to pick up their pictures from Bette Wilson.

A tour of the old courthouse was held following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00.

Submitted by: Ruth Reiter Stone

MINUTES - MARCH 30, 1988
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members present: Dee Lyn Aguilar, Dee Barker, Oliver Cozby, Evelyn Cushman, Gayle English, Joye Evetts, Jenkins Garrett, Pamela Holland, Sue McCafferty, Kate McDonald, Quentin McGown, Susan Pritchett, Janie Reid, Dorothy Rencurrel, Ruby Schmidt, Billy Sills, Martha Singleton, John Hugh Smith, Lela Standifer, Ruth Reiter Stone, Bette Wilson, George Younkin. Guests: Alice Marie Lewis, Charley Stamps. Charley Stamps.

The January 27, 1988 minutes were read, and corrected to read: The Texas State Historical Association met at the Austin Hilton Hotel; the McCoy Trail markers were installed in 1923; and a spelling correction of Decatur Avenue.

Treasurers Report: General Fund 070: $12,236.33; Horse Fountain Fund: $33,822.48; Cemetery Fund: &17,637.93.

Appointments of Standing Committees: Budget and Finance, Billy Sills as Treasurer; Archives, Howard McPeak; Historic Preservation, Quentin McGown; Historic Markers, Evelyn Cushman; Marker Dedications, Bette Wilson. Jenkins Garrett chairs a special committee for a Union List of archival holdings.

Reports of Standing Committees: The Archives Committee and the Marker Dedication committees gave oral reports and the Marker Committee gave a written report.

The Mansfield Historical Society gave a written report and a copy of their printed pamphlet.

A meeting with Judge English indicates that in the future the Archives may be placed in the old Criminal Courts Building. There has been no decision about immediate space.

Monday April 4 at 1:30 the Commissioners Court will honor the Historical Commission for receiving the DSA and the Millard C. Cope Award from the THC, and Evelyn Cushman for being chosen Outstanding Committee Chairman of a County Historical Commission.

The Horse Fountain Fund received a donation of $1,000 from William Jackson. Lela Standifer presented $9 to the Horse Fountain Fund from the sale of aluminum cans.

The Chairman has been invited to witness the Governor sign a proclamation for National Preservation Week in Texas, to be May 8-14.

The Advisory Council to the THC will meet again in April at the Brownsville conference.

The House committee for Historical and Cultural Resources will meet in Fort Worth June 7 from 1:30 -4:00.

A motion was made and seconded to relinguish the 1894 room, since it was not officially under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission. The Chairman found it had been placed under the jurisdiction of the County Records Manager several years ago.

DSA subjects for 1988 will be: The Courthouse; Cemeteries; and the required Commission Structure.

A motion was made and seconded to sell copies of our microfilm to othe organizations. A motion was made for the Chairman and George Younkin to comprise a committee

A motion was made and seconded to sell copies of our microfilm to other organizations. A motion was made and seconded for the Chairman and George Younkin to comprise a committee to agree on the sale conditions, and if not in unanimous agreement, it would then come before the Commission for approval.

A motion was approved by acclamation to pay four nights hotel at the Brownsville Conference for Evelyn Cushman because giving a pre conference session at the request of the THC required that amount of time in Brownsville.

It was reported the Texas Air National Guard presented meritorious awards to the NFWHS and to Bill Turner, on March 26.

It was reported that Rev. Singleton of Patradise Missionery Baptist Church will receive a tribute for fifty years of continuous service.

Jenkins Garrett was officially congratulated by the Commission on his election as President of the Texas State Historical Association.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Submitted by: Ruth Reiter Stone

MINUTES - JUNE 15, 1988
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The TCHC meeting was called to order by Chairman Dee Barker at 1:00 P.M.

Members present: Frances Allen, Dee Barker, Oliver Cozby, Evelyn Cushman, Gayle English, Joye Evetts, Sue McCafferty, Kate McDonald, Dorothy Rencurrel, Ruby Schmidt, Drucilla Sheldon, Martha Singleton, Mildred Spratling, Ruth Stone, and Bette Wilson.
Guest: Karl Komatsu, member of THC.

A letter of resignation has been received from Duane Gage, stateing he completed his responsibilities to the Commission when he turned over additional documents in May.

The March 30, 1988 minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers Report: General Fund 070: $10,223.45; Horse Fountain Fund: $34,475.53; Cemetery Fund: $17,787.87.

Reports of Standing Committies: Bette Wilson gave an oral report from the Marker Dedication Committee. Sue McCafferty asked that additional marker covers be made so that we would have two sets. Bette Wilson, chairman of the dedication committee concured. Evelyn Cushman gave a written report for the Historical Marker Committee. The chairman announced that anyone who wanted to serve on the Education Committee would be welcome to do so.

Business: It was announced that the THC grant for the repair of the courthouse dome must be applied for by the end of June. Quentin McGown has looked at the dome interior and taken photographs of the deterioration.

The THC was pleased with Evelyn Cushman's session on cemeteries at the Annual Preservation Conference, and have said they would like to have her give sessions at regional workshops. The THC Advisory Council met with Curtis Tunnell and staff members during the Annual Conference. The relationship between the county historical commissions and commissioner's court was discussed.

The DSA work on cemeteries is progressing. Information is being collected on Emanuel Hebrew Rest Cemetery. The Tarrant County cemeteries are being checked and plotted on Texas Highway Department maps. Another DSA project is the Tarrant County Courthouse. The oldest architectural plan found to date is 1917, and the TCHC has acquired a copy. Black and white photographs will be taken of the courthouse's interior, and tours will be given.

Pam Mauk, a graduate student at UTA, studying under Dr. Gerald Saxon, is doing her internship at the TCHC Archives.

The Horse Fountain Fund has received five $100 donations.

Kate McDonald made a motion to request funds for the purchase of an additional typewriter. Motion carried. It was noted by Martha Singleton that a typewriter could possibly be obtained from county surplus. Gayle English suggested this be pursued.

Karl Komatsu, chairman of the Architectural Division of the THC, spoke briefly on continued communication between the THC and all of the county historical commissions. He said that the THC relied on the many good works provided by the county commissions. He also spoke on the issuing of THC grants to nonprofit oganizations.

Sue McCafferty made a motion that the TCHC be a support group and act only in an advisory capacity to sponsors of state historical markers for dedication ceremonies. Motion seconded by Ruth Stone. Motion failed. Komatsu stated that the THC attends marker dedications on request and by invitation. The recording secretary asked for a recount following additional discussion after the vote, it was denied. Dru Sheldon moved that any further discussion of dedication ceremonies be tabled. Bette Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements: There will be a Preservation Workshop sponsored by the city of Mansfield at the Roy English farm in Mansfield on July 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Cost is $10.00 for registration and lunch.

The Isham Cemetery historical marker dedication will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 16 at the cemetery at 7100 John T. White Road.

Frances Allen presented The White Settlement Book to the TCHC. It is a history of the Sesquicentenial Celebration with additional historical facts.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

MINUTES - JULY 26, 1988
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The TCHC meeting was called to order by Chairman Dee Barker at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Dee Lynn Aguilar, Frances Allen, Dee Barker, William Cantwell, Evelyn Cushman, Joye Evetts, Pamala Holland, Kate McDonald, Quentin McGown, Susan Pritchett, Janie Reid, Ruby schmidt, Billy Sills, John Hugh Smith, Lela Standifer, Ruth Reiter Stone, Bette Wilson. Volunteer: Judy Hill.

The June 15, 1988 minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurers Report: General Fund 070: $10,295.44; Horse Fountain Fund 022: $35,074.92; Cemetery Trust Fund 016: $17,975.86. It was noted the Auditors department was in a position of computer changeover and the funds totals given us were approximate.

Reports of Standing Committees: The Archives have received three new books relative to archival procedures. Judy Hill is a new volunteer working in the archives and research collection weekly. Billy Sills reports that the Education Committee will prepare a book on the Tarrant County Courthouse for young children. This will be a credit toward our DSA. The Chairman has asked Art Weinman to reassess the horse fountain, going back to the original plans. Ruby Schmidt noted that the Commissioner's Court committee had not done anything about the offer of money for the horse fountain. The Historical Appreciatio Committee reports that the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M, has requested our cooperation in identifying the largest tree in the county. Historic Preservation: Quentin McGown reports that the grant request to repair the courthouse dome will be held for next year as there was not time enough to develope cost estimates. Historic Marker Dedications: Bette Wilson reported that the Isham Cemetery dedication went well. Evelyn Cushman gave a written report on Historical Markers.

Janie Reid made a motion to reopen the tabled business that the TCHC be a support group only and act only in an advisory capacity to sponsors of state historical markers for dedication ceremonies. Motion seconded by Ruth Stone. Motion carried. Guidelines for Dedications from the THC were read and discussed by the Chairman. Lela Standifer made a motion that the TCHC stand behind its purpose and reason for being and issue guidelines to members identifying proper procedures of the TCHC for the purpose of uniformity and control. Motion seconded by Janie Reid. Motion carried.

DSA progress update: Members are driving and locating cemeteries and gravesites in the field, correctly plotting them on Texas Highway Department maps. Corrections are being made to the list of cemeteries.

The Chairman checked with the Purchasing Department. There are no typewriters in surplus which are in condition for use. All are typewriters which are unfit for use and would cost more to repair than their worth.

It will not be necessary to have two new marker covers made as Gage had two in his possession that had not been turned over to the commission.

Announcements: We were asked to suggest space for the U.S. Census Bureau, who are looking for 6000 to 12000 feet of air conditioned office space, with mass transit available. This will be used from January 1998 to the summer of 1990.

The Texas Highway Department is working with George Frost, trying to improve access to the Public Market Building, which is affected by the new highway interchange.

The THC Antiquities Committee contacted the City of Ft. Worth about work on drainage improvements at Marine Creek, in respect to the archaeological and historical importance of the area.

The Fort Worth Planning Department has presented a proposed ordinance to the Fort Worth City Council regarding tax abatement for restored historic structures. The Ft. Worth planning department asked the Chairman to present a similar program to Commissioner's Court. They proposed an evaluation freeze for ten years. The Chairman asked Gardner Williams to evaluate the proposed plan.

Quentin McGown brought up the subject of insurance on the TCHC collection. The Chairman will look into the value of the collection and the cost of the insurance.

The TCHC Budget Request for funds from October 1988 to October 1989 was presented. Billy Sills made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by John Hugh Smith. Motion carried.

The Mansfield Historical Society gave a written report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 28, 1988
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The TCHC meeting was called to order by Chairman Dee Barker at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Dee Barker, Paul Campbell, Oliver Cozby, Evelyn Cushman, Joye Evetts, Pamela Holland, Kate McDonald, Lenora Rolla, Ruby Schmidt. Billy Sills, John Hugh Smith, Mildred Spratling, Lela Standifer, Ruth Reiter Stone, Arthur Weinman, and Bette Wilson.

The July 26, 1988 minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report: General Fund 070: $9,345.80; Horse Fountain Fund 022: $35,115.42; Cemetery Trust Fund 016: $17,975.86

Reports of Standing Committees: The Archives have received two new archaeological survey books, from the Corp of Engineers, reporting on the Joe Pool Lake area. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, is setting up guidelines for identifying the largest tree in the county. The Marker Dedication Committee reports that the dedication for the James E. Guinn School site at 600 E. Rosedale will be held November 5, 1988. The Tate family had a family gathering honoring the Tate Cemetery marker in June, due to a family health problem. No formal dedication will be held. A marker for General Worth will be placed in General Worth Square, the dedication to be in March when the Commandant of Cadets at West Point will be able to participate. The Chairman suggested we make a basic pattern for marker covers to show at the Preservation Conference next year. Evelyn Cushman gave a written report on Historical Markers. She asked for volunteers to critique narratives. Education Committee chairman Billy Sills reported that tours of the Courthouse are planned.

We received the same budget amount as last year when other departments were being cut, but withdrew our request for increase due to not being able to move into an office space at the anticipated September date. Judge English announced at the budget hearing that we will eventually be officed and have Archival space in the old Criminal Courts Building.

Annual Reports: Committee reports and individual activities for the Commission must be in by the middle of December. DSA projects must be ready for shipment by the middle of January, necessitating individual reports by December.

The suggested By-law changes will be discussed at the November meeting. Members not present at todays meeting will be mailed a copy of the proposed changes.

Announcements: Bette Wilson received a book from the Baptist Association which is a Centennial History of the Tarrant Baptist Association. It will be place in our Archives. Evelyn Cushman reminded members to turn in historic articles appearing in the small area newspapers. Dee Barker reported a scripwriter for a film of Cynthia Ann Parker and Quannah Parker was in the area researching the subjects and sites. The Baird Bakery Building will be photographed and have drawings made before it is torn down for the widening of the freeway. The HEB school district asked for suggestions for a historic name for a new elementary school in Bedford. TCU students asked for suggestions for a cemetery to clean. The commission furnished information to Channel 13 for a documentary on the Tarrant County Courthouse. Candle-Lite Christmas

in Ryan Place will be held again this year. The "Tarrant 2000" committee reports have been distributed. A portion which affects the Commission are in the files for your information. The report has suggested a master plan for county buildings, and a role for the Historical Commission concerning facilities.

The Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas made a survey in 1986 which shows tourism generates about 1½ billion dollars a year in Tarrant County, and much of this tourism is based upon historical subjects.
Downtown Fort Worth Inc. has asked us to meet with them as part of a committee to establish a first class walking tour of downtown Ft. Worth. Chairman Dee Barker will attend.

Ruby Schmidt reports Judy Cohens book Cowtown Modern is out. Dee Barker suggested it be submitted for the Fehrenbach award, though the THC program.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by : Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 30, 1988
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The TCHC meeting was called to order by Chairman Dee Barker at 1:00 p.m.

Members present: Frances Allen, Dee Barker, Paul Campbell, B.J. Clark, Evelyn Cushman, Joye Evetts, Beryl Gibson, Pamela Holland, Quentin McGown, Susan Pritchett, Dorothy Rencurrel, Ruby Schmidt, Billy Sills, Martha Singleton, John Hugh Smith, Lela Standifer, Ruth Reiter Stone, George Younkin.

The September 28, 1988 minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report: General Fund 070: $8,170.14; Horse Fountain Fund 022: $35,115.42; Cemetery Trust Fund 016: $17,975.86.

Reports of Standing Committees: Lela Standifer, History Appreciation Committee Chair reported that the Commission will not participate in the Largest Tree survey, as the project was not THC sanctioned as the Agriculture Department indicated. Quentin McGown reported on the work being done with the Downtown Ft. Worth Inc. committee to develope a working tour. Evelyn Cushman reported she has been copying oral history tapes relating to the town and area of Haslet. Billy Sills reported the Education Committee has been working on an elementary school level book about the Tarrant County Courthouse.

Unfinished business: A Policy and Operating Procedure statement regarding the Historical Commission Archives and Research Collection was submitted. The submitted guidelines were amended by moving the last sentence in paragraph two to paragraph one, then approved by vote. Guidelines were also submitted for the Texas Historical Marker dedications, based upon Guidelines issued by the THC to the county chairmen. An additional set of guidelines for Tarrant County, which would insure the inclusion of the sponsor in the planning of the ceremonies, was submitted and further discussion was tabled. The chairman brought it to the attention of the commission that former chairman Gage had turned the Julia Kathryn Garrett manuscripts held by him over to Quentin McGown with a signed directive that they be given to Jenkins Garrett after editing. A letter from Miss Garrett dated February 26, 1980 stating she was giving the manuscripts to the Historical Commissic for editing and publication was read. After discussion Dorothy Rencurrel made a motion to write a letter to Quentin McGown directing him to return the manuscript to the commissi to be accessioned and held until the Commission made a decision regarding the editing of the manuscripts. Motion seconded by John Hugh Smith. Motion passed.

The proposed new by-laws were presented by Dorothy Rencurrel and discussed. She asked that further comments be submitted in writing.

Chairman Dee Barker reported on the THC Advisory Council meeting held in Austin in November. Dedication of markers were discussed, with the chairmen of other county Historic Commissions agreeing that in their counties the marker dedications are held by the County Historical Commissions. The THC staff agreed it was the County Historical Commissic responsibility.

The Nominating Committee was named as follows: Evelyn Cushman, Sue McCafferty, Oliver Cozby, George Younkin, and Kate McDonald. Alternates: Frances Allen and Martha Singleton.

The Mansfield Historical Society turned in a written report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

1988

Section 1, Chapter 152, Acts of the 58th Legislature, 1963 as amended (Article 6345.1 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) determines that each County Historical Commission make an annual report of its activities and recommendations to its Commissioner's Court and to the Texas Historical Commission. The report for the year 1988 follows.

COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

Appointed by Commissioner's Court, the 34 members of the Historical Commission present a well balanced representation of residency throughout the county. they are of varied age groups and ethnic heritage. At least five are under the age of 40, an age suggested by the Texas Historical Commission. The membership was reduced from 37 at the start of the year to 34, by resignations, with 2 members moving out of the state.

Meetings

Meetings were held on January 27, March 30, June 15, July 26, September 28, and November 30. Attendance averaged 18. Members were notified of meetings by mail, with an agenda of the upcoming meeting.

Officers

The following officers were elected at the January 27, 1988 meeting: Dee Barker, Chairman; Howard McPeak, Vice-Chairman; Ruth Stone, Secretary; and Billy Sills, Treasurer.

Committees and Chairmen

Archives Committee - Howard McPeak
History Appreciation Committee - Lela Standifer
Historical Marker and Research Committee - Evelyn Cushman
Marker Dedication Committee - Bette Wilson
Historical Preservation Committee - Quentin McGown
Budget and Finance Committee - Billy Sills (as Commission Treasurer)
Education Committee - Billy Sills

Committees were active working committees, with the chairmen and members of the committees responsible for the work of the committees. Committee chairmen accepted this responsibility and did their work well.

BUDGET

The budget submitted in 1987 for the period of October 1987 to October 1988, was a request for $7996. The request submitted in the summer of 1988 for the October 1988 to October 1989 year was for the same amount. This full amount was approved by Commissioner's Court, in a year when county department budgets were being cut.

ACTIVITIES

A primary focus of the Historical Commission this year was organization. A policy statement was written, voted upon and passed, to formally establish control and protection of the the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archive and Research Collection. It establishes recognition that the collection is the property of both the Historical Commission and Tarrant County, and that no deaccession may be made without proper procedure by both the Historical Commission and the County Records Manager. It establishes procedures for the protection of the collection. Policies were written to establish badly needed consistancy of the Marker Dedication Ceremonies, and to bring Tarrant County in line with the rest of the county historical commissions in the conduct of these ceremonies.

In order to have a smooth transition between successive commission chairmen,and consistancy of opportunity to serve well, this year the current chairman set up a permanent reference file that will be passed on from Commission Chairman to Commission Chairman as they come into office. This is designed for ready reference of needed information. This includes the laws which pertain to the Historical Commission, cemeteries, the courthouse, and other of our concerns. It includes legal opinions from the county attorney that affected the commission. It includes marker application forms, restoration guidelines, the newsletter mailing list, blank forms of the County Auditor's office, National Register information, Purchasing Department information, operating policies, records of owned equipment, services polices for equipment, and other such information which should be readily at hand. This should make any new Historical Commission Chairman better equipped to come into office and perform well.

By federal law the Texas Historical Commission must review any federally funded or licensed projects affecting cultural resources in our state. A recent law now requires that these resources be first researched by the requesting agency before being submitted to the THC. Many of these agencies now require clearance from the County Historical Commission. The commission responds to requests for information and clearance from these agencies and from engineering and planning firms. This is becoming increasingly frequent.

After a descendant of former Tarrant County pioneer resident and legislator Isaac Parker contacted the Governor, we entered into consultation and correspondance with both the descendant and the City of Hurst. What began as a desire to set up a trust fund for maintenance of the Parker Cemetery has led to probable fencing of the cemetery and a request to the Historical Commission for a suggestion of a proper way to honor Isaac Parker through a substantual donation for a historical or educational purpose.

All burial sites in the county, both large cemeteries and one plot burials, were visually checked for location and condition. All sites were plotted on county maps from the State Highway Department. A list of the cemeteries with pertinent information about each was developed to accompany the map. The Texas Highway Department has

asked for a copy for planning purposes when widening or designing highways. An engineering and planning firm has also expressed interest in a copy. Two firms have already used our information, even before the map was completed. It is an aid which will provide resource information before, rather than after, designs are developed.

The Historical Commission responded to requests from the public for information and aid. The Commission provides a great variety of consultation and informational services. These range from providing information for the resources survey contracted through the THC, providing information on the courthouse to public television, showing a scriptwriter the historic sites for a major film, to providing information on Tarrant County for an elementary school child. Our services are many and varied.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Archives Committee
There has been a continuing program of accession of documents that were collected over the past twelve years. These are being given both accession and collection numbers, and identified by these numbers in storage.

A detailed inventory of collections is continuing.

The program of distributing old marriage licenses which were not picked up by the marriage partners and still held by the county, is continuing. Periodic notices are made in either the newsletter or the newspaper. We also send out post cards to those whom we know to have interest in a license which we hold. This project is a source of donations for the commission.

This committee keeps the commission archives facility open regularly one day a week. We furnish historical material, information, and aid to the public. The archives facility has become a popular research site.

The committee did the research, physical checking of cemetery locations, and developing the map of cemetery locations. It also compiled the inventory list of facts about the cemeteries.

There is a continuing program of gathering photographs from files and properly enveloping them for proper storage in acid envelops and boxes.

Black and white photographs were made of several old cemeteries, the beginning of a long range project to photograph cemeteries.

A box of old military discharge papers was obtained from the County Clerks office for distribution to those discharged, a program which will work similar to the marriage license program.

Budget and Finance Committee
The chairman of the committee, who is also the commission Treasurer, makes a report of the finances to the members of the Historical Commission at each meeting of the commission. Books are kept by the Commission, which are frequently compared to the printout from the County Auditor. The committee chairman participates in the planning session for the commissions DSA subjects and the proposed Plan of Work for the year.

History Appreciation Committee
Newsletters are published quarterly. The mailing list is kept up to date by this committee. It is also the responsibility of the committee to label the newsletter and sort by zip code in preparation for mailing. This provides for a lower cost mailing. The newsletter has proven to be very popular with the public and a good public relations tool for the county. Over 800 copies are distributed.

Historic Marker and Research Committee
The committee provided Texas Historical Marker application forms and instructions, consulted with those writing narratives, and guided and aided with research and composition.

Critiqued completed narratives for form, accuracy and compliance with THC requirements. Helped with rewrites.

Kept a record of narratives in progress, with stage of progress.

In 1988 there were 6 marker applications submitted. There are 9 in active process, with several almost completed.

Historical Marker Dedication Committee
This committee scheduled the dedications so that there were no conflicts of two dedications at the same time, working with the sponsors and others concerned for a convenient date for all concerned.

This committee contacted the sponsors of the markers and asked them to meet with us to help plan the dedication ceremonies. The committee worked with all concerned with the marker, to plan an appropriate dedication.

The committee maintained invitation addresses of county and state officials.

The committee provided photographic coverage of all the marker dedications, both still photographs and vidio tape, for the commission records.

The committee chairman attended all dedications but one, seeing that all went well. The one was unavoidable as the sponsor planned the dedication and sent out invitations without the commissions knowledge, the date being at a time when attendance was impossible. This emphasized the need for published dedication policies, which have been distributed.

Confered with the commission Chairman in writing Dedication Policies.

Fourteen Texas Historical Markers were dedicated this year.

Historic Preservation Committee
Two members of this committee served on a committee formed by Downtown Ft. Worth Inc. to develop a major walking tour for downtown Ft. Worth. They attended meetings, provided research and narratives for historical and architectual sites. This is a long range project which is being done by the business community at the request of the City of Ft. Worth.

Education Committee
This committee developed a book about the Tarrant County Courthouse for the use of elementary school classes. The books purpose is to educate these children about their courthouse, as well as install an interest in history.

SUMMERY
A major accomplishment of the Commission was organization for the future. Some policies of operation were established. The archives and research collection continued to be organized. Reference material was assembled for future chairmen.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission proved by its selection for the Millard Cope Award in 1987 that it is doing its job well. The response of the public is a more valuable proof. Yet the Historical Commission is far below its potential because of no facilities for an office and staff, work space for members, and space for the archive and research collection with which we work regularly. The single most important action the Commissioner's Court can take for the protection and promotion of the counties cultural resources is to begin now to make long range plans for proper housing of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. The work of the Historical Commission has contributed to the tax base of Tarrant County, and to the well being of its citizens. Its work must be supported.

The following policies and procedures were established in 1988 to give consistancy to the dedication ceremonies so that every sponsor would be aware of the dedication responsibilities of the Commission. These are based upon the Guidelines issued by the Texas Historical Commission.

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

POLICY AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
for
TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATIONS

THESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE EXCERPTED AND CONDENSED FROM GUIDELINES ENTITLED MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONIES ISSUED TO EACH COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION BY THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

A marker dedication is an event which not only calls the attention of the public to the area's heritage, but also highlights historical preservation and research. The ceremony is a means for making the activities of the County Historical Commission more clearly understood, and for fostering further preservation in the county.

The dedication ceremony further gives the Commission the opportunity to express appreciation to those who were involved in the placement of the marker, to acknowledge those individuals and groups who helped acquire the marker.

The guidelines are herewith divided into catagories for simple follow through:

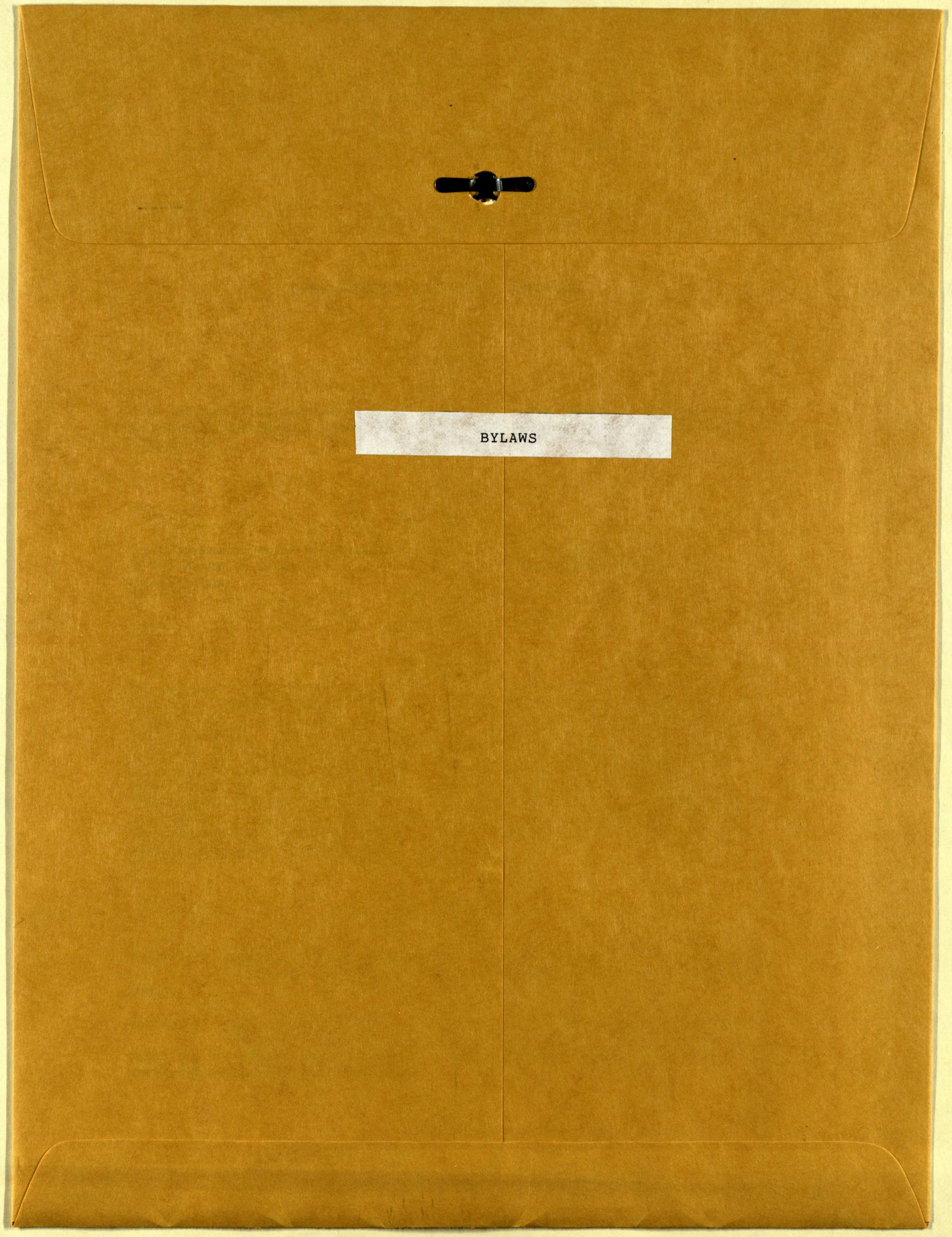
PUBLICITY
1. The County Historical Commission should not schedule the dedication and issue publicity until the marker is received. Delays at the foundry or in shipment can spoil the best planned ceremony.
2. Rewrite the history of the marker into a short, simplified press release. Black and white photographs sent to newspapers with the press release enhance the coverage. Releases should also be sent to TV stations.

INVITATIONS
1. The Commission should send invitations to government representatives, particularly your area's state representative and state senator. The County Judge and members of Commissioner's Court should be invited. County Historical Commission members and Texas Historical Commission members who live in the area should be invited. City officials, chambers of commerce, and local schools may also be notified.

PRINTED PROGRAMS
1. Programs may run from one-page stenciled handouts to engraved multi-paged souvenir brochures. Brochures may include photographs, a brief history of the subject, a copy of the marker inscription, information about the local Historical Commission, and acknowledgements of those individuals and groups who helped acquire the marker or helped plan the ceremony. All programs should contain these basic items:
   a. Date
   b. Time
   c. Location of ceremony
   d. Order of program with speakers names

CEREMONY
1. Ceremonies should not be too long. Speakers should be advised to avoid lengthy speeches.
2. Dedications should not be held in conjunction with a Commissioner's Court meeting unless the two events are completely separate, so that one may attend the marker dedication without having to attend the meeting.
3. Every dedication ceremony should include these basic items:
   a. Introduction of distinguished guests. (This might include the expression of appreciation to those who were involved in the markers placement.)
   b. A reading of the history of the marker subject.
   c. Unveiling of the marker and reading of the text.
4. Speakers may be local or someone from outside the area. A good choice would be an outside government official or someone related to the marker subject, with itimate knowledge of the subject.

Other items considered optional but commonly included are:
1. Invocation and benediction.
2. Musical entertainment.
3. Posting of colors, pledge of allegiance and singing of National Anthem.
4. Presentation of Certificate of Commendation (available from the Texas Historical Commission) as an acknowledgment and an expression of appreciation to those individuals and groups who helped acquire the marker.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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ARTICLE I

NAME

This commission is created by the Legislature of the State of Texas and shall be known as the Tarrant County Historical Commission (hereinafter called the "Commission").

ARTICLE II

AUTHORITY

This Commission shall be organized and governed in accordance with an Act of the State of Texas (Article 6145.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) and these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Commission shall be the preservation of the historical heritage of Tarrant County. The Commission shall initiate and conduct such programs as may be suggested by the Commissioners Court and the Texas Historical Commission. The Commission shall institute and carry out a continuing survey of the county to determine the existence of historical buildings and other historical sites, private collections of historical memorabilia, or other historical features within the county, and shall report the date collected to the Commissioners Court and to the Texas Historical Commission. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Commissioners Court and the Texas Historical Commission concerning the acquisition of property, real or personal, which is of historical significance.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members. The Commission shall consist of at least seven residents of Tarrant County, appointed by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County.

Section 2. Term. Members shall be appointed during the month of January of odd numbered years and shall serve for a term of two years, or until the successive appointments. In-term appointments shall serve only until the next regular appointments.

*Section 3. Attendance. Members shall be regular in attendance at all officially called Commission meetings. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Commission and who during that time is not involved actively in Commission projects will be requested to resign by the Executive Committee so that another person can be appointed to take that inactive member's place on the Commission.

Section 4. Reappointments. Preceding the end of each two-year term all current active members shall be polled by the Nominating Committee to ascertain who wishes to be reappointed to the Commission, and this information shall be submitted by the Chairman of the Commission to Commissioners Court. Attendance and activity records shall accompany the poll.

Section 5. Resignation. Letters of resignation submitted to the Commission shall be forwarded to the respective appointing member of Commissioners court. The Commission may request the said County Commissioner to appoint a new member to fill the vacancy. Resignations accepted by the County Commissioner shall be reported and recorded in the minutes of the Commission.

Section 6. Responsibility. The officers, committee chairmen, and members are subordinate to the Commission and shall not involve the Commission in any way or incur debts unless given the authority to do so by the Commission.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Commission shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting. Their terms shall be for one year.

Section 2. Chairman. The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission. He shall call the meetings and preside at those meetings, appoint committees and chairmen, serve on or designate a representative for any board, commission or committee as requested and deemed appropriate by the Commission. He shall maintain an active file of all correspondance and documents relating to Commission activities and shall make said file available to the public. The chair shall have the usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office and shall perform other such duties as designated by the Commission. The Chairman shall be an ex officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. He shall report annually and as requested to the Commissioners Court and the Texas Historical Commission. The Chairman shall represent and stand for the Commission, and in all things obey its commands.

* Amended Jan. 12, 1983.

Section 3. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall preside at the meetings in absence of the Chairman. He shall possess all the duties and responsibilities of the Chairman in the event of prolonged illness in which the normal activity of the Commission would be curtailed or in the event of resignation or death of the Chairman. He shall perform special duties and liason as requested by the Chairman.

*Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall record and promptly provide the minutes of all meetings, keep records of individual attendance, attend to correspondence and reports as designated by the Chairman, cosign with the Chairman any contracts or instruments designated by the Commission, and perform such other duties normally pertaining to the office.

*Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall present a financial report of Commission funds, requests for payment, and purchase order requests at every regular meeting and as often as required. He shall make an annual report to the Commission of the year's financial records. He shall prepare the annual budget and the budget request submitted to Commissioners Court.

Section 6. Nomination and Election. Nominations for these officers shall be made by a committee composed of five members elected at the November meeting. The Nominating Committee may submit two names for each office. The nominations shall be in writing and submitted to the general membership at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor from any member with the consent of the nominee. The chairman of the Nominating Committee shall conduct the election of officers at the Annual Meeting. Election shall be by written ballot for any office in which there is more than one candidate for that office. A majority vote of members present and constituting a quorum shall constitute election. Proxy or absentee voting shall not be allowed in election of officers. Should no candidate receive a majority vote, a runoff shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes. Two members of the Nominating Committee and one non-member appointed by the Chairman shall count the ballots and report to the members.

Section 7. Resignation and Vacancy. An officer may resign the office by submitting a letter to the Commission which shall be read into the official minutes. Vacancies occurring in any office other than the Chairman shall be filled for the remainder of the term by election at the regular meeting in which the resignation occurred or the regular meeting following the resignation.

*Amended January 1984

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. There shall be a minimum of six regular meetings for the general membership as suggested by the Texas Historical Commission. Notification of dates, times and places shall be by mail. At least one meeting per year shall be held in the county seat.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be the regular meeting in January. Business for the Annual Meeting shall include election of officers, recommendations of programs for the ensuing year, and any such business as is proper.

Section 3. Special Meetings. The Chairman may call special meetings as necessary to conduct business between regular meetings.

Section 4. Voting. Transaction of business shall be by vote of members of the Commission, and shall carry by a majority of members present. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be the lesser of (1) seven members or (2) a majority of members.

Section 5. Resolutions. Proposed resolutions shall be presented to the Commission in writing. The manner of disposition of the resolution shall be a part of the motion for approval and shall be recorded in the minutes.

Section 6. Public Notice. Meetings and notice of meetings shall conform with the Texas Open Meetings Law, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Policies. In accordance with the recommendations of the Texas Historical Commission the following committees shall be standing committees: Finance and Budget Committee, Historical Marker and Research Committee, Historical Preservation Committee, and History Appreciation Committee. Commission activities shall be reported to the Texas Historical Commission under these seperate committees as designated by the Texas Historical Commission. Additional standing committees may be formed, and activities of all standing committees shall be determined by standing rules.

*Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be an advisory committee composed of the officers and chairmen of standing committees. All deliberations and recommendations by the Executive Committee shall be recorded and reported to the Commission at its next succeeding meeting.

Section 3. Members and Chairmen of Standing Committees. Members and chairmen of standing committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission after polling of members to determine their interests. The terms of chairmen of committees shall be for one year and shall coincide with those of the officers.

Section 4. Special Committees. The Chairman of the Commission may appoint members and chairmen of Special Committees which will serve to accomplish a specific goal or project. Such committees will be terminated at the completion of the goal or project unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

*Section 5. Reports. Each committee shall submit a written report at each regular meeting. At the first regular meeting following the Annual Meeting each standing committee chairman shall submit a Planned Program of Work in which the proposed projects for the year are presented. Each Committee Chairman shall submit a written Annual Report covering the year's activities of the committee to the Chairman by December 15th.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Term. The fiscal term for the Commission shall coincide with that of the Commissioners Court.

*Section 2. Budget. The proposed total budget and the proposed budget request to Commissioners Court shall be developed by the Executive Committee, mailed to the general membership prior to the November meeting, and presented by the Treasurer of the Commission for approval at the November meeting. Upon approval, the Treasurer shall prepare an itemized budget request to be accompanied by an itemized total budget, and both shall be co-signed by the Treasurer and the Chairman. These shall then be submitted to the Tarrant County Budget Officer and Commissioners Court forthwith.

*Section 3. Custodian of Funds. The County Auditor shall be the custodian of funds with the responsibility of receipt, deposit, disbursal, and the keeping of bookkeeping records of all funds.

*Section 4. In accordance with the policies of the County Auditor, all expenditures shall be approved by the vote of the Commission. Check requests and purchase order requests shall then be presented by the Chairman to the County Auditor, accompanied by a copy of the official minutes of the Commission meeting in which the expenditures were approved. The Secretary shall promptly provide such minutes for this purpose.

*Amended January 1984

Section 5. Supplement Funding. Projects to raise private funds and applications for grants to supplement county appropriations shall be the responsibility of the Finance and Budget Committee.

Section 6. Receipt of Gifts. The Commission shall be authorized to accept gifts of money and other property from any source for use in the furtherance of its lawful purposes. Acceptance of gifts other than money and historical memorabelia shall be by vote of the commission, and approval of Commissioners Court.

ARTICLE IX

STANDING RULES

Standing rules shall establish standing committees and define their activities. Policies set forth by the Texas Historical Commission, and other guidance for the performane of the Commission, and which do not conflict with th Bylaws will be established by Standing Rules. Standing Rules may be enacted, amended, or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of members present at any regular meeting of the commission, a quorum being present.

ARTICLE X

PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Commission in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistant with these Bylaws and any special Rules of Order the Commission may adopt. A Parlimentarian shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall advise on points of parlimentary procedure.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDING

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed at any Annual Meeting of the Commission by a vote of two-thirds of members present, a quorum being present, provided the amendments were submitted in writing to the general membership at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XII

PRECEDENCE

Action required by policies or request of Commissioners Court and which does not conflict with Article 6145.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, but conflicts with these Bylaws shall have precedence over the Bylaws.

ADOPTED by the membership of the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Date _____ Chairman _____

Secetary _____

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APPROVED by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

_____ _____

County Judge County Commissioner Pct 3

_____ _____

County Commissioner Pct 1 County Commissioner Pct 4

_____ _____

County Commissioner Pct 2 Date

STANDING RULES

1. The Commission shall be a well balanced representation of men and women of diverse ages, ethnic composition and residency throughout the county.

2. The Commission should initiate projects as necessary but should not duplicate projects and activities that are satisfactorily being carried out by established historical preservation groups. The Commission should coordinate these projects and activities and guide and direct these efforts when needed and desired.

3. The Commission will endeavor to participate in activities of the Texas Historical Commission and submit a yearly compliation to document the work of the Commission.

4. In addition to the duties detailed in the Bylaws the Vice Chairman shall have the following duties: (a) maintain a checklist of deadline dates for required Commission action, and shall notify those affected by such deadlines (b) shall arrange with neighboring County Historical Commissions to exchange ideas, programs, and to work on joint projects.

5. The Commission shall publish a quarterly newsletter to inform the public of historical preservation activities and shall follow the guidelines suggested by the Texas Historical Commission.

6. Meetings shall be open to the public as determined by statute (Vernons Texas Civil Statutes Article 6252-17). A notice shall be posted in the county courthouse. Notice of the meeting must be posted for at least 3 days preceding the day of the meeting. However, in case of emergency or urgent public necessity, which shall be expressed in the notice, it is sufficient that the notice is posted before the meeting is convened or called to order.

7. Commission officers and members may use Commission letterhead stationery in matters that specifically relate to their duties as outlined in these bylaws and standing rules, but a Commission member may not communicate any view under Commission letterhead (thereby speaking for the Commission) unless said member is given authority to do so by a duly enacted resolution. The Chairman may express and identify himself as "Chairman" on matters consistent with the purpose of the Commission.*

* Added September 14, 1983.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

1. Shall work toward securing old papers, documents, and records relating to the history of the county and local communities.
2. Shall work to develop a depository for all historical materials in the county.
3. Shall cooperate with the Regional Archivist in developing the Tarrant County Historical Commission Collection.
4. Shall develop a bibliography of county source materials.
5. Shall obtain reprinting and microfilming of documents when advisable.
6. It shall promote techniques and practices essential to the preservation of documents.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. It shall make recommendations to the Commission concerning appropriate procedures and nominations for special awards for historic preservation both in state competition and at the county level.
2. Shall assume responsibility for obtaining awards to be presented locally.
3. Shall participate in the selection of the recipient of the Heritage Award at the annual TCU History Fair.
4. Shall obtain copies of reports, Planned Programs of Work, newspaper articles, pictures, and all materials that document the activities of the Commission.
5. Shall develop an annual compilation of documents for submission to the Texas Historical Commission for state competition, and shall deliver such compilation to the state office within the designated time as evidence of the activities of the Commission.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. Shall work with schools in promoting the history of the county.
2. Shall work with and support the county's Junior Historian Program.
3. Shall support the TCU History Fair by presenting an annual "Heritage Award" to the entry that best represents the heritage of Tarrant County, and it shall attempt to recruit volunteer workers for the TCU History Fair.
4. Shall work to establish and develop a TEXAS HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER which will house resource materials, teaching aids, and classroom materials on state and local history, materials which will provide local Texas History instructors and their students assistance in the study of Texas' heritage.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. It shall raise funds and seek grants to support the projects of the Commission.

*2. Shall compile an information file of available grant sources, and shall prepare and dispense packets of grant application information for preservationists who are seeking grant assistance.

*3. The Treasurer shall be the Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee.

*Amended January 1984

HISTORICAL APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

1. Shall conduct Texas and County history appreciation programs.
2. Shall represent the Commission at such programs conducted by others.
3. Shall organize and coordinate dedication programs for Texas Historical Markers when no other sponsoring group is involved.
4. Shall prepare packets of materials to assist sponsors planning marker dedication programs and it shall advise recipients of markers in regard to dedications, invitations, and programs.
5. Shall arrange tours of historical sites, markers, and homes.

HISTORICAL MARKER AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1. Shall survey, study, and review subjects and sites for possible historical marking.
2. Shallhelp prepare, and shall critique, and submit appropriate marker applications, and may recommend that inappropriate applications be rejected by the Commission.
3. Shall update marker lists.
4. Shall keep a permanent file on each marker application including all correspondence, documents, and critiques pertaining to it.
5. Shall provide copies of marker narratives for the county archives and for certain special collections, and shall allow any public library to make copies of marker narratives.
6. Shall refer any marker application to the Commission for majority approval or rejection whenever any person submits a written request challenging the application's accuracy, qualifications, or suitability.
7. Shall conduct cemetery research and promote cemetery preservation.
8. Shall conduct an oral history program which emphasizes oldtimers recollections and significant contemporary events, in accordance with accepted standards.
9. Shall assist the Archives Committee in collecting historical materials for the Tarrant County Historical Commission Collection.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

1. Shall promote the preservation, restoration, and maintaining of historic buildings, structures, and objects in the county.
2. Shall conduct restoration/preservation workshops or arrange such workshops.
3. Shall secure blueprints, photographs, and other data pertaining to structures, for the Commission's archives or files.
4. Shall coordinate efforts to have appropriate local structures placed on the National Register.
5. Shall prepare and dispense packets of materials on tax benefits, legislation, preservation techniques, and the appropriate contacts for those who propose to restore and preserve historic structures.
6. Shall monitor county and municipal planning and zoning activities regarding matters affecting historic structures and preservation policies.
7. Shall assist the Marker and Research Committee in critiquing marker applications for structures, when requested.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

1. Shall prepare and release Commission news and feature stories to the press and broadcast media, and shall submit copies of all releases to the Commission Chairman.
2. Shall prepare and release notifications of marker dedications when requested.
3. Shall send copies of all news releases to the Director of Programs, Texas Historical Commission.
4. It shall collect news clippings, magazine articles, brochures and phamplets relating to the activities of the Commission and to historic preservation in general, and shall dispense copies of those items to appropriate committees and agencies.
5. Shall assist the editor of the Commission's newsletter in collecting and preparing items for the newsletter.
6. Shall maintain an updated mailing list for the newsletter.
7. Shall assist the newsletter editor in printing and mailing the newsletter, when requested.
8. Shall monitor the Commission's newsletter and shall advise the editor regarding quality, accuracy, style, purpose, and editorial content, The usual powers of supervision and management shall be retained by the Commission Chairman and the usual precedence of editorial license shall be followed, within the policies and guidelines set forth by the Texas Historical Commission.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE
&
MARKER DEDICATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

HISTORICAL MARKER AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1. Committee sent out application forms, consulted with those writing narratives, and guided and aided with research when neccessary.

2. Critiqued completed narratives for form, accuracy and compliance with THC requirements. Helped with rewrites.

3. Kept record of status of markers in progress both in county and at THC.

4. In 1988 there were 6 marker applications submitted. There are 9 in active process, with several almost completed. There were 14 marker dedications, and 2 await dedication.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION COMMITTEE

1. Committee contacted sponsors and asked them to meet with us to help plan dedication ceremony. Worked with sponsor to plan an appropriate dedication.

2. Scheduled dedications so that there would not be two ceremonies planned for the same date, cooperating with the sponsor.

3. Supplied names and addresses of appropriate state, county, and city officials for invitations.

4. Provided photographic coverage of dedications, both still photographs and vidio tapes.

5. Attended all dedications, seeing that all went sell.

6. Fourteen Texas Historical Markers were dedicated this year.

HISTORICAL MARKER REPORT - JUNE 15, 1988

MARKER DEDICATION DATES:

July 16 ISHAM CEMETERY 9:30 a.m.
7100 John T. White Road

MARKERS RECEIVED, AWAIT LOCAL ACTION:

FORT WORTH ELKS LODGE #124 (YMCA)
JAMES E. QUINN SCHOOL SITE
MAXWELL-LISTON HOUSE
RAY-MANSHIP CEMETERY
TATE CEMETERY
WILLIAM REEVES HOUSE

APPLICATIONS ON FILE WITH THC:

SMITH-BURNETT HOME - at foundry
HITCH CEMETERY - at foundry
GEN. WILLIAM JENKINS WORTH (Worth Square Marker)
WESTOVER MANOR
SITE OF FRENCHMAN'S WELL

APPLICATIONS BEING PROCESSED BY TCHC

DAGGETT, FIRESTATION #1, HARPER'S REAST, MAJESTIC THEATER

Evelyn D. Cushman, Chairman

HISTORICAL MARKER REPORT - NOVEMBER 30, 1988

MARKERS RECEIVED, AWAIT LOCAL ACTION:

FORT WORTH ELKS LODGE #24 (YWCA) Dedication to be held in Spring, 1989.
MAXWELL-LISTON HOUSE
RAY-MANSHIP CEMETERY
SMITH-BURNETT HOME
WILLIAM REEVES HOUSE
WESTOVER MANOR
GEN. WILLIAM JENKINS WORTH Dedication to be held in March, 1989.

APPLICATIONS ON FILE WITH THC:

HARPER'S REST
HITCH CEMETERY - at foundry
PIONEER BIRDVILLE SCHOOLS
SITE OF FRENCHMAN'S WELL
WOODS CHAPEL

NARRATIVES BEING CRITIQUED:

FORT WORTH FIRE STATION #1 - Susan Pritchett
RIVERSIDE METHODIST CHURCH - Bette Wilson

APPLICATION RETURNED TO AUTHOR FOR FURTHER RESEARCH:

MAJESTIC THEATER

APPLICATION BEING REWRITTEN DUE TO DISCOVERY OF ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE:

CAPTAIN EPHRAIM M. DAGGETT - C. Rogers McLane
(Member of SRT)

Evelyn D. Cushman, Chairman

I. M. TERRELL SCHOOL
FEB. 13, 1988

John Herod Presiding

DEDICATION

of the

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER

for

I. M. TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL

at

Three o'clock, P.M.

Sunday, February Fourteenth

Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Eight

1411 East 18th Street
Fort Worth, Texas

Sponsor	Co-sponsor
I.M.Terrell	Tarrant County
Alumni Association	Historical Commission
John Herod	Dee Barker
President	Chair

I.M.TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL*

IN 1882, THE FORT WORTH SCHOOL SYSTEM OPENED ITS FIRST FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR BLACK STUDENTS,CALLED "EAST NINTH STREET COLORED SCHOOL".IT WAS MOVED TO THE CORNER OF EAST TWELFTH STREET AND STEADMAN IN A PROPERTY TRADE WITH THE FORT WORTH & DENVER RAILROAD IN 1906,AND RENAMED "NORTH SIDE COLORED SCHOOL NO.11".ISAIAH MILLIGAN TERRELL WAS NAMED PRINCIPAL AND SERVED UNTIL 1915.A 1909 BOND ELECTION PROVIDED FUNDS FOR A NEW BUILDING,WHICH OPENED IN MAY 1910. IN HONOR OF ITS FORMER PRINCIPAL,THE SCHOOL WAS NAMED "I.M.TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL" IN 1921.THE SCHOOL AT TWELFTH AND STEADMAN BECAME A JUNIOR HIGH AND ELEMENTARY IN 1938,WHEN TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL WAS MOVED TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT 1411 E.18TH STREET, SITE OF A FORMER WHITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

ISAIAH MILLIGAN TERRELL WAS BORN IN GRIMES COUNTY IN 1859.NAMED ONE OF THE FIRST FOUR BLACK TEACHERS IN FORT WORTH IN 1882,HE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL AND SUPERVISOR OF BLACK SCHOOLS.HE WAS MARRIED IN 1883 TO MARCELITE LANDRY,A RESPECTED MUSIC TEACHER. TERRELL BECAME PRESIDENT OF PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE (NOW PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY) IN 1915,AND LATER BECAME AN ACTIVE LEADER IN HOUSTON'S BLACK COMMUNITY.HE DIED IN 1931.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

Invocation

Dedication by Billy Sills
member of Schoal system +
of Tarrant County Historical Commission

Unveiling by Lenora (Butler) Rolla
a 1921 Graduate + member of
The Tarrant County Historical Commission

Chairman of Dedications Bette Wilson
Chairman of Tarrant County Historical
Commission Dee Barker
Lenora Rolla
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A public school for black children opened in 1882 at East Ninth and Pecan. It housed all grade levels and was called the "East Ninth Street Colored School." In 1906, the location was moved in a property trade with a railroad company to the corner of East Twelfth Street and Steadman: this site was known as "North Side Colored School, No. 11" to distinguish it from a "south" side black school, but it housed all high school grades. (What is today known as North Side was not then a part of the city of Fort Worth.) From 1882 to 1915, Isaiah Milligan Terrell served as teacher and principal.

In May, 1910, a new building opened at the same site. Later it was renamed the "I. M. Terrell School." In 1938, the student body was divided and the high school grades moved to 1411 E. 18th Street. Much later it served as a combination junior and senior high school. Its last graduating class was the class of 1973. Presently this building is known as the "I. M. Terrell Continuing Education Center."

PROGRAM

Presiding . . . . . .John Herod, I.M.Terrell Alumni Asso.
President - Class of '57

Invocation . . . . . Appointee

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Acknowledgements of Former Graduates and Teaching Staff

History of I.M. Terrell H.S. . . . Billye Bradley Ali
Class of '58

Music . . . . . Class of 1958

Dedication of Marker . . . . . Billy Sills - Treasurer,
Tarrant County Historical Commission

Unveiling of Marker . . . . . Lenora (Butler) Rolla
1921 Graduate and TCHC Member

Benediction . . . . . Kervin Carter
First Graduating Class President of 1939

Touring of I. M. Terrell Building . . . . . Dan Powell
(a portion) Tour Guide

I. M. TERRELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 50594
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76105

JANUARY 22, 1988

Dear Sir/Madame:

On Sunday, February 14, 1988 at 3:00 p.m., I. M. Terrell Alumni Association is jointly sponsoring a Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony, commemorating one-hundred and six (106) years of free public schools for black students in Fort Worth, Texas. An Official State Historical Marker will be permanently placed on the grounds of the I. M. Terrell School grounds (currently the Fort Worth Skills Center) located at 1411 East 18th. Street. An appetizing and enlightening luncheon is planned for the preceding day, Saturday, February 13, 1988, at the Holiday Inn South, at 12:00 noon; the cost will be $15.00 per person. If you can attend please let us know by phone or letter by February 2, 1988.

As a **State/City Official,** we request your presence at both activities and solicit a prompt reply. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to you as soon as your reply has been received. Should you require additional information prior to that time, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Donnie Brooks Houston, Program Coordinator, at (817)534-9968.

Sincerely,

John Herod

John Herod,
President

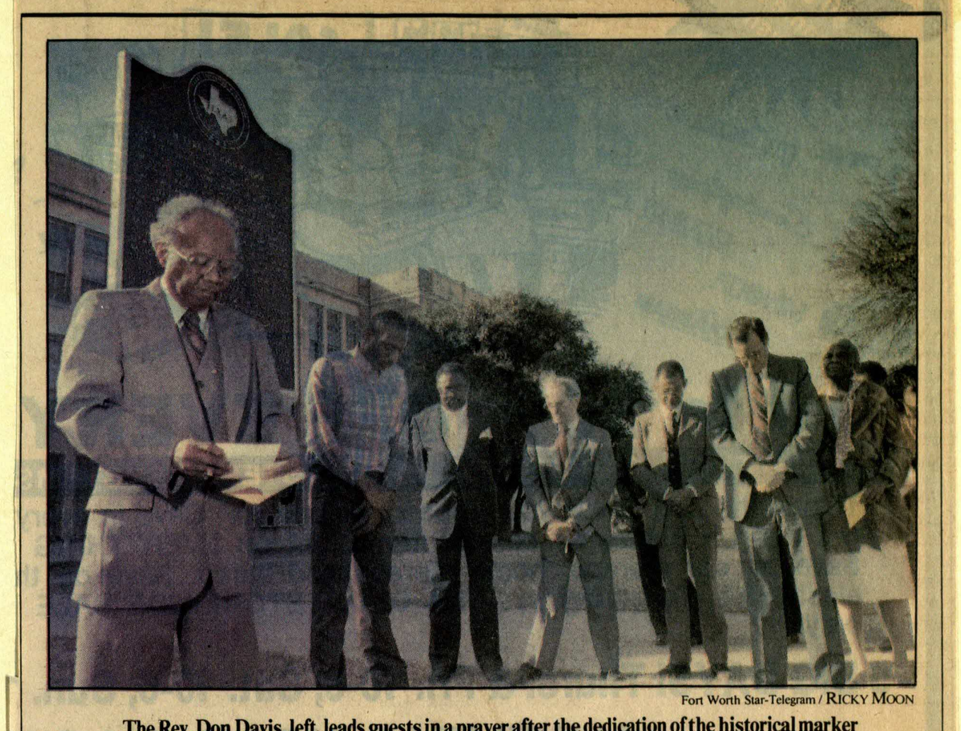
/mbb

I. M. TERRELL ALUMNI ASSO.

HISTORICAL MARKER

CELEBRATION

LUNCHEON - HOLIDAY INN SO.
SATURDAY -
FEBRUARY 13, 1988
12:00 NOON



Monday P.M., February 15, 1988 ★★

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Monte Stewart of Bedford elected to state Legislature

Fort Worth Star-Telegram / RICKY MOON

The Rev. Don Davis, left, leads guests in a prayer after the dedication of the historical marker

Hard times, joy cherished in memories of I.M. Terrell

BY MARY HULL
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A.J. Sanders sometimes was embarrassed that he had to go to school in the same overalls and shoes he wore while working in the fields and milking the cows.

In the early 1940s, that worried him more than the 6½ miles of railroad tracks he walked along to get to I.M. Terrell High School when the family car wouldn't start.

But all of that was beside the point, he said.

Like his 11 brothers and sisters, Sanders, 64, graduated from the all-black high school with a zest for education inspired by the man after whom the high school was named.

Sanders was among about 75 people who gathered yesterday afternoon in front of his alma mater at 1411 E. 18th St. to unveil a Texas Historical Marker honoring the school.

When Fort Worth first organized its public school system 106 years ago, Isaiah Milligan Terrell was chosen to be the principal and supervisor of the two schools that served black students from 17 cities, ranging from Weatherford east to Grand Prairie.

The schools moved several times. By 1921, the high school was at East 12th and Steadman streets and bore the name of its principal. In 1938, seven years after Terrell's death, the school moved to East 18th Street.

It was a school of second-hand textbooks and used football jerseys. But Sanders and his classmates remember their days at Terrell High with warmth.

It was also a school of discipline.

It was that tradition of quality education and discipline that I.M. Terrell instilled during his 50-year career.

Between 1882 and 1915, Terrell was Fort Worth's first black teacher, first black principal and first black supervisor of public schools.

From Fort Worth, he took the job of president at Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, now known as Prairie View A&M University.

When Terrell left, he turned the schools over to a cadre of teachers and administrators dedicated to turning out well-educated citizens.

"They (the teachers) wanted us to know our identity," said Billye Bradley Ali, who graduated from Terrell in 1958 and who was instrumental in getting the historical marker.

"A lot of footsteps and tears have fallen on this ground."

Members of the I.M. Terrell High School Alumni Association hope the groundswell of enthusiasm that landed the historical marker won't end.

Plans are under way to turn the building, which now is used as an adult vocational skills school by the Fort Worth Independent School District, into a museum of black history.

Where to write

Anyone with information about Terrell memorabilia is asked to write to the I.M. Terrell Alumni Association, P.O. Box 50594, Fort Worth, 76105.

I. M. TERRELL ALUMNI ASSO.

HISTORICAL MARKER

CELEBRATION

LUNCHEON - HOLIDAY INN SO.
SATURDAY -
FEBRUARY 13, 1988
12:00 NOON

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

City of Fort Worth

WHEREAS, when public schools were opened in Fort Worth on October 2, 1882, the system consisted of five schools for white people and two for black people; and,

WHEREAS, Isaac Milligan Terrell served as principal and school supervisor for the black schools; and,

WHEREAS, as the district grew, new facilities were added including the East 12th and Steadman Streets school which was opened in 1909 and named I. M. Terrell in 1921; and,

WHEREAS, that building's name was changed in 1938 when a school at 18th and Chamber Streets was designated I. M. Terrell High School; and,

WHEREAS, I. M. Terrell High School not only served the black youth of Fort Worth, but also those in 17 other cities in Tarrant County from time to time until 1973 when it was closed to allow integration of schools to be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, I. M. Terrell will become a historic building during February 13-14 Ceremonies: NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Bob Bolen, Mayor of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, do hereby proclaim February 13 and 14, 1988, as

I. M. TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL MARKER DAYS

in the City of Fort Worth, Texas.

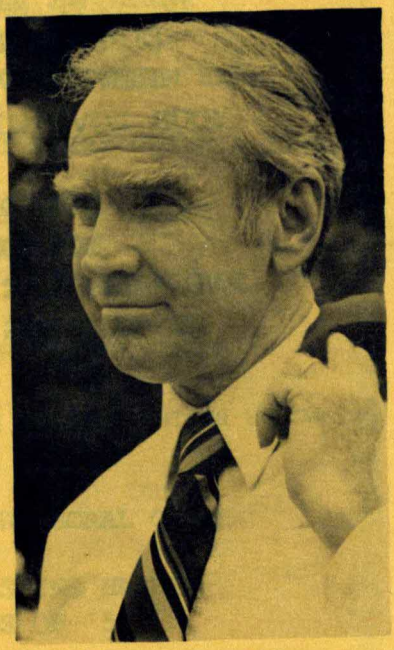
IN TESTIMONY WHERE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, to be affixed this 8th day of February A.D. 1988.

Bob Bolen

MAYOR

In Memory Of

ISAIAH MILLIGAN TERRELL



One-hundred and six years ago, the City of Fort Worth opened its first public schools -- seven in total.

It was Isaiah Milligan Terrell, a well known advocate of education in the Black Community, who was chosen to be principal and supervisor of the two schools which would be the first to serve the Black population of this County.

Mr. I.M. Terrell continued his campaign of quality education for Black youth encompassing a fifty year career through his work as Fort Worth's first Black teacher, first Black public school principal, first Black Supervisor of Public Schools, and later as the President of Prairie View A&M College.

Respect for his great achievement earned Mr. Terrell the highest honor a community can give one of its own -- the name dedication of a public building. I.M. Terrell High School carried his name and served as the only Black secondary school for Fort Worth and seventeen surrounding cities for many years.

Let us remember his dedication, his fortitude, and his spirit.

Best Wishes

I.M. TERRELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

JIM WRIGHT

Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

I. M. TERRELL SCHOOL SONG
THE OLD GOLD BLUE

WHEN WE GROW TOO OLD TO DREAM,
TERRELL HIGH WE'LL REMEMBER.
WHEN WE'VE DRIFTED FAR APART,
YOUR LOVE WILL LIVE IN OUR HEARTS.

THE OLD GOLD AND BLUE
TO YOU WE'LL BE TRUE,
AND THRU THE YEARS THAT COME AND GO
WE'LL SING OF OLD TERRELL HIGH.

WORDS BY THE LATE W. F. BLEDSOE

MENU
BUFFET

BAKED BREAST OF CHICKEN
WITH
HERB STUFFING
ROAST PORK LOIN
CHEFS POTATO
FRESH VEGETABLES
FRESH FRUIT SALAD
CRISP VEGETABLE TRAY
TOSSED SALAD/HOUSE DRESSING
ROLLS/BUTTER
COFFEE/TEA
PLANTATION PECAN PIE

PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONY - - - - - - - DONALD WALKER
CLASS OF '64
MAYOR-FOREST HILL

MUSIC - - - AUDIENCE - - - - LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING

PRAYER - - - - - - - - - - REV. RAYMON V. JONES
CLASS OF '48
PASTOR - MAYFIELD BAPT.

MUSIC - - - - - - - - - - - SOLO OR CHORAL GROUP

OCCASION - - - - - - - - - - SARAH WALKER
CLASS OF '57

MUSIC - - - - - - - - - - - SOLO OR CHORAL GROUP

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER - - LEWISTINE HARRIS
CLASS OF '53

SPEAKER - - - - - - - - - - LAVERTIA WHITAKER MONTOGMERY
CLASS OF '52

PRESENTATIONS - - - - - - - MARY MCKENZIE
CLASS OF '42

REMARKS - - - - - - - - - - JOHN HEROD - PRESIDENT
CLASS OF '58
JAMES MALLARD - VICE PRESIDENT
CLASS OF '54

MUSIC - - - - - AUDIENCE - - - SCHOOL SONG

BENEDICTION - - - - - - -APPOINTEE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, I.M. Terrell High School was named for a pioneer Texas Black Educator who distinguished himself among the World's immortal figures in the field of education; and,

WHEREAS, during the 90 year period from 1882 to 1973, I.M. Terrell High School nurtured and prepared many of Tarrant County's finest citizens toward their plans in life as proud Texans and successful contributors to the civic, cultural, commercial and religious live of our community; and,

WHEREAS, former students of I.M. Terrell High School will meet on February 13th and 14th 1988 for a banquet and historical marker ceremony denoting and preserving the memory and tradition of this great institution: NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Donald R. Walker, Mayor of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, do hereby proclaim the February 13th and 14th 1988, as

"I.M. TERRELL HISTORICAL DAYS"

in the City of Forest Hill to recognize I.M. Terrell High School and its former students for their contribution to the growth and development of our city and nation.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Forest Hill, Texas, to be affixed this 5th day of February 1988.

Donald R. Walker

Mayor, City of Forest Hill

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING

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TILL EARTH AND HEAVEN RING.
RING WITH THE HARMONIES OF LIBERTY;
LET OUR REJOICING RISE
HIGH AS THE LIST'NING SKIES
LET IT RESOUND LOUD AS THE ROLLING SEA.
SING A SONG,
FULL OF THE FAITH THAT THE DARK HAS TAUGHT US;
SING A SONG,
FULL OF THE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT HAST BROUGHT US;
FACING THE RISING SUN OF OUR NEW DAY BEGUN,
LET US MARCH ON TILL VICTORY IS WON.

STONY THE ROAD WE TROD,
BITTER THE CHAST'NING ROD,
FELT IN THE DAYS WHEN HOPE UNBORN HAD DIED;
YET WITH A STEADY BEAT,
HAVE NOT OUR WEARY FEET
COME TO THE PLACE FOR WHICH OUR FATHERS SIGNED?
WE HAVE COME
OVER A WAY THAT WITH TEARS HAS BEEN WATERED;
WE HAVE COME
TREADING OUR PATH THRO' THE BLOOD OF THE SLAUGHTERED,
OUT FROM THE GLOOMY PAST,
TILL NOW WE STAND AT LAST
WHERE THE WHITE GLEAM OF OUR BRIGHT STAR IS CAST.

GOD OF OUR WEARY YEARS,
GOD OF OUR SILENT TEARS,
THOU WHO HAST BROUGHT US THUS FAR ON THE WAY;
THOU WHO HAS BY THY MIGHT,
LED US INTO THE LIGHT,
KEEP US FOREVER IN THE PATH, WE PRAY.
LEST OUR FEET
STRAY FROM THE PLACES, OUR GOD, WHERE WE MET THEE;
LEST OUR HEARTS
DRUNK WITH THE WINE OF THE WORLD, WE FORGET THEE;
SHADOWED BENEATH THY HAND,
MAY WE FOREVER STAND,
TRUE TO OUR GOD, TRUE TO OUR NATIVE LAND.

FORT WORTH
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

3210 WEST LANCASTER / FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107 / TELEPHONE: 817-336-8311 ext. 500

DON R. ROBERTS
Superintendent

February, 1988

Former Students and Friends of I.M. Terrell High School:

It seems quite fitting that during this month, which students in the Fort Worth Independent School District are observing as Black History Month, you are gathering to observe a particular milestone in our city's history -- the establishment of I.M. Terrell High School as a Historic Site in the City of Fort Worth.

The reputation of I.M. Terrell, the educator for whom this school was named, was that of a man who was first among equals. The contributions of the young men and women who graduated from I.M. Terrell High School are recognized and respected across this country. Every day school was in session, young Americans were challenged by Dr. Terrell, and by the people who followed him, to be their absolute best in whatever field of endeavor they chose. Thus, each of you can say with justifiable pride, "I am a graduate of I.M. Terrell High School."

Many caring people in this city were involved in making this historical marker a reality. This will help us learn from history, rather than being doomed to repeat it. Congratulations to each of you for achieving this excellent goal.

Sincerely,

Don R. Roberts

Don R. Roberts
Superintendent

/grw

TARRANT COUNTY STATE BANK BLDG.
FEB. 15, 1988

TARRANT COUNTY STATE BANK BUILDING*
CONSTRUCTED IN 1897, THIS BUILDING
SERVED AS RETAIL SPACE UNTIL IT
WAS PURCHASED AND REMODELED BY
THE TARRANT COUNTY STATE BANK IN
1921. IT BECAME THE OFFICES OF THE
GRAPEVINE SUN NEWSPAPER IN 1947.
DISPLAYING CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE
ELEMENTS, THE BRICK STRUCTURE
FEATURES A CENTRAL INSET ENTRY,
STEPPED PARAPET OF BRICK WITH
STONE COPING AND DETAIL, AND FOUR
CLASSICAL PILASTERS SUPPORTING A
DENTILLED CORNICE OF STONE.**
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1986***

Marker dedication slated on Monday

The formal unveiling of a Texas Official Historical Medallion at the old Tarrant County State Bank Building, which has served as home to *The Grapevine Sun* since 1947, will held held Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Following the ceremonies, *The Sun* will host an after-hours mixer for the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce. The mixer is intended the give business and community leaders a chance to get better acquainted while viewing the interior of the historic building. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend.

The building was constructed in 1897 and was used as retail space until 1921 when it was purchased by Tarrant County State Bank, which is now the First National Bank of Grapevine. The building was occupied by the bank until 1942.

When the bank purchased the building in 1921, it remodeled the structure of extensively to give it the Classical Revival style exterior seen today. The structure features a central inset entry, stepped parapet of brick with stone coping and detail and four classical pilasters supporting a dentilled cornice of stone.

Historical marker

An official Texas Historical Marker was placed at the Tarrant County State Bank Building, 332 S. Main St., on Feb. 15. The building, constructed in 1897, housed the bank from 1921 to 1942. Since 1947, the *Grapevine Sun* has been located there.

The Grapevine Sun

Serving the Grapevine, Colleyville, Southlake, Trophy Club areas

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THE GRAPEVINE SUN / GERRY GRAZULIS

P.W. McCallum speaks during historical marker dedication ceremonies last Monday at the offices of The Grapevine Sun. The building dates back to 1897.

History continues to mold downtown

By Dan Balaban
Staff Writer

Maria Stewart can look outside her Main Street storefront in Grapevine and see a view reminiscent of the days she looked out of the windows of her parents' successful restaurant supply store on Main Street in Ventura, Calif.

The supply store was across the street from a fabric store and shoe repair shop in the late 1960s, similar to the shops facing Mrs. Stewart's gift and gourmet food shop in downtown Grapevine, which she plans to open this spring.

"It was almost like being home and looking out the window," said Mrs. Stewart of the Galatea Fabrics and Messina's Shoe & Boot Repair shops across the street.

A good omen for the success of her business, agreed Mrs. Stewart. And the fact that Galatea Fabrics at 314 Main St. will be moving next month to another building in the next block doesn't diminish her optimism.

"It's how it happened right now," she insists.

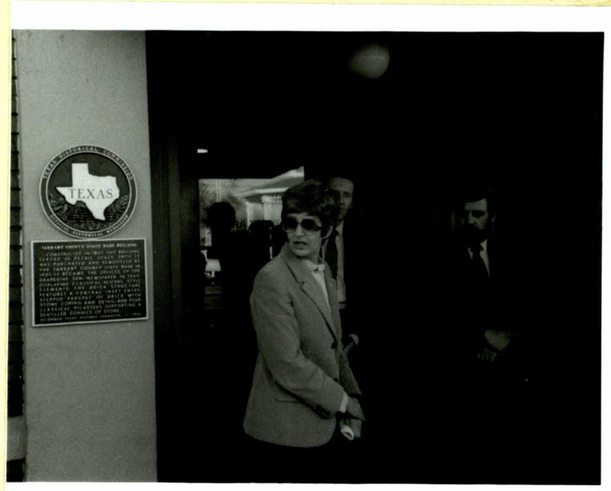
That kind of optimism is being heard among many business people downtown, as the joint merchant-city Main Street project enters its fifth year.

Prodded by the renovation of the Grapevine Opry and a pair of successful downtown festivals last year, more building owners are deciding to take the plunge. In the last three months, eight rehabilitation projects have reached at least the scaffolding-paintbrush stage, with more than $208,000 spent by building owners during that period.

That's more than all of 1987, which included the $150,000 renovation of the Grapevine Opry. All told, building owners and city officials have plowed more than $3 million into the downtown area over the last four years. The figure includes building purchases as well as new construction and expansion, such as the $100,000 remodeling and expansion project currently underway by restaurateur Zack Shariff, who is preparing to open his Main Street Cafe at 414 Main St.

"I think this kind of situation happens in every Main Street," said Main Street Director Kent Flynn, who signed on in October. "Momentum builds. When they see people taking action, they see what kind of statement that makes. People don't put money into something

See MAIN/2A



Dee Barker TCHC Chairman
who Dedicated marker
PW McCallum, Speaker at
Marker Dedication

You're Invited!

Monday Feb. 15,1988 4:30 p.m.

Downtown Grapevine

The Grapevine Sun has been proud to call the old Tarrant County State Bank Building our home since 1947. And we're especially proud that our building has been recognized as an official Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. Come join us Monday when we unveil this city's newest Texas Historical Medallion.

WIN A FREE NEWSPAPER AD WORTH $225!

We'll also be hosting an after-hours mixer Monday for the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce immediately after the ceremony. Bring your business cards to exchange with other local business people. And be sure to drop a card in the fishbowl. You may win a 50-col.-inch ad in the Sun worth $225!

The Grapevine Sun

488-8561 332 S. Main (Metro)481-3221

Joe Box + Cecelia Box

Evelyn Cashman TC HC Marker Chairman
Bette Wilson TCHC Dedication Chairman
Dee Barker TCHC Chairman

GREATER ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 20, 1988

Sister Leola Jackson Welcoming everyone.

Begone Ceremony

GREATER SAINT JAMES*
BAPTIST CHURCH*

FOUNDED IN 1895 BY THE REV.J. FRANCIS ROBINSON AND MEMBERS OF MT.GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH,ST.JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH FIRST MET IN THE LOCAL Y.M.C.A.BUILDING.CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BUILDING BEGAN IN 1913,AND SERVICES WERE HELD IN THE BASE-MENT UNTIL THE SANCTUARY WAS COMPLETED IN 1918.THE RED BRICK BUILDING,FEATURING ELEMENTS OF THE GOTHIC REVIVAL STYLE,IS SIMPLY DETAILED WITH SHALLOW BRICK RELIEFS AND PATTERNS,CAST STONE,AND ART GLASS WINDOWS.**

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1986***

Pastor R.C. Johnson - invocation

Pastor Rc Johnson introduction of Visiters

Ruth Stone introduced to read History she wrote

Ruth Stone TCHC reading Church History

Ruth Stone TCHC Secretary & Compiler & writer of Greater St James Church

KLEEBER MILLER VAN ZANDT

APRIL 10, 1988

Dee Barker TCHC Chairman
~~Master of Ceremonies~~
Dedicating Marker

KHLEBER MILLER VAN ZANDT*
(1836-1930)***

TENNESSEE NATIVE KHLEBER MILLER VAN ZANDT MOVED TO EAST TEXAS AS A CHILD.AFTER SERVING AS A MAJOR IN THE 7TH TEXAS INFANTRY REGIMENT,C.S.A.,HE CAME TO FORT WORTH IN 1865.A MERCHANT,BANKER, AND RANCHER,HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THE CITY A MAJOR RAIL CENTER AND HELPED ESTABLISH AN EARLY NEWSPAPER,THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS,PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.HE SERVED IN THE 13TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1875.A MEMBER OF THE UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, HE HELD THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (1918-1921).**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

Dee Barker TCHC Chairman +
Van Zandt decendent Unveiling
Marker

Bill Collins giving History of
Van Zandt marker

Friends + Decendents of Van Zandt

Jenkins Garrett TCHC ~~Dedicating~~
Marker Master of Ceremonies

JOHNSON STATION CEMETARY
APRIL 24, 1988

JOHNSON STATION*
CEMETERY*

NOW PART OF ARLINGTON, THIS AREA WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE 1840s AS A RANGER STATION AND TRADING POST KNOWN AS JOHNSON STATION. THIS CEMETERY SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THAT EARLY SETTLEMENT. THE OLDEST MARKED GRAVE IN THE CEMETERY IS THAT OF ELIZABETH ROBINSON, WHO DIED NOVEMBER 15, 1863. A NUMBER OF UNMARKED GRAVES MAY DATE FROM AN EARLIER TIME PERIOD. A VARIETY OF GRAVE-STONE STYLES MAY BE FOUND HERE, MARKING THE BURIAL SITES OF PIONEER SETTLERS, VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, AND CHARTER MEMBERS OF AN EARLY MASONIC LODGE.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

Kathrine Pirckle Welcome

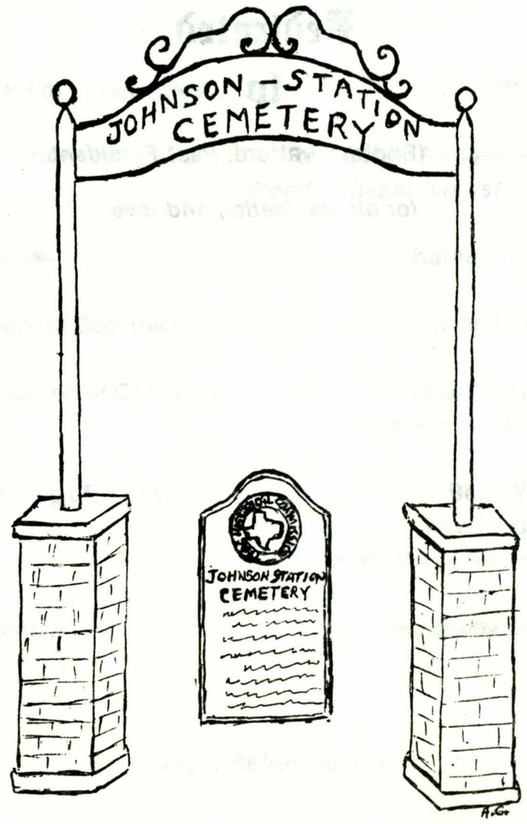
REV Bobby Bridges Invocation

Mayor Harold Patterson

History Ann Bastable

Dedication

Texas State Historical Marker



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2:00 p.m.

Dedication

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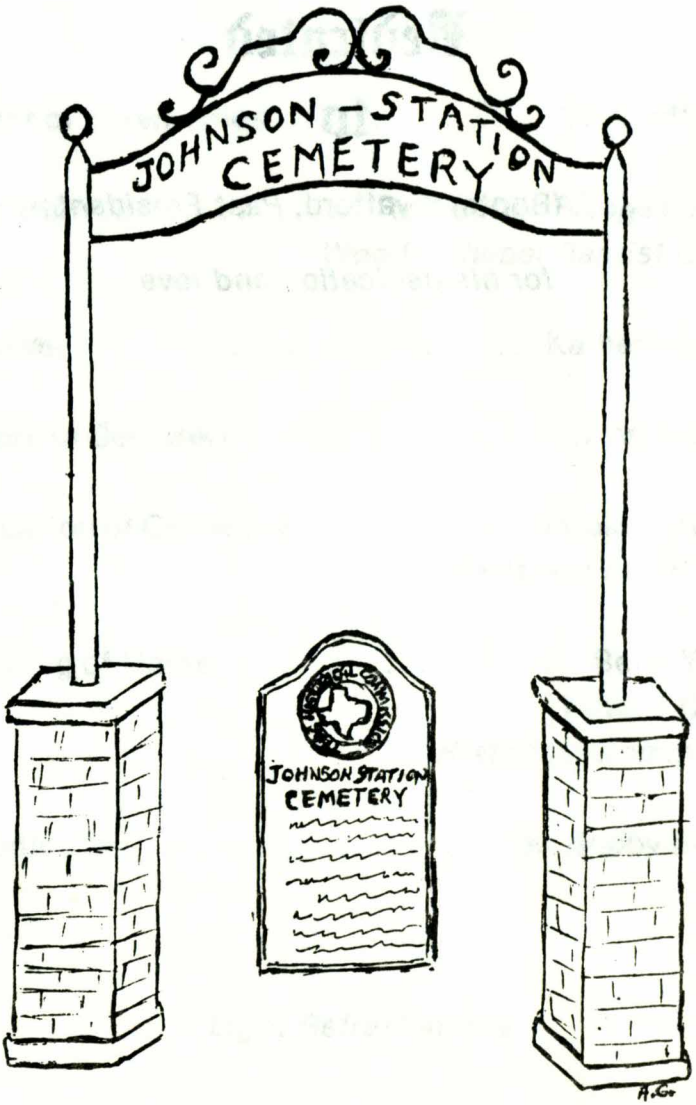


SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1988

2:00 p.m.

Dedicated
to

J. T. (Boots) Swafford, *Past President*

for his dedication and love

Program

Master of Ceremonies ..... Jeff Kemp

Invocation ..... Rev. Bobby Bridges, *Pastor*
Woods Chapel Baptist Church

Welcome ..... Katherine Pirkle

History of Cemetery ..... Ann Bastable

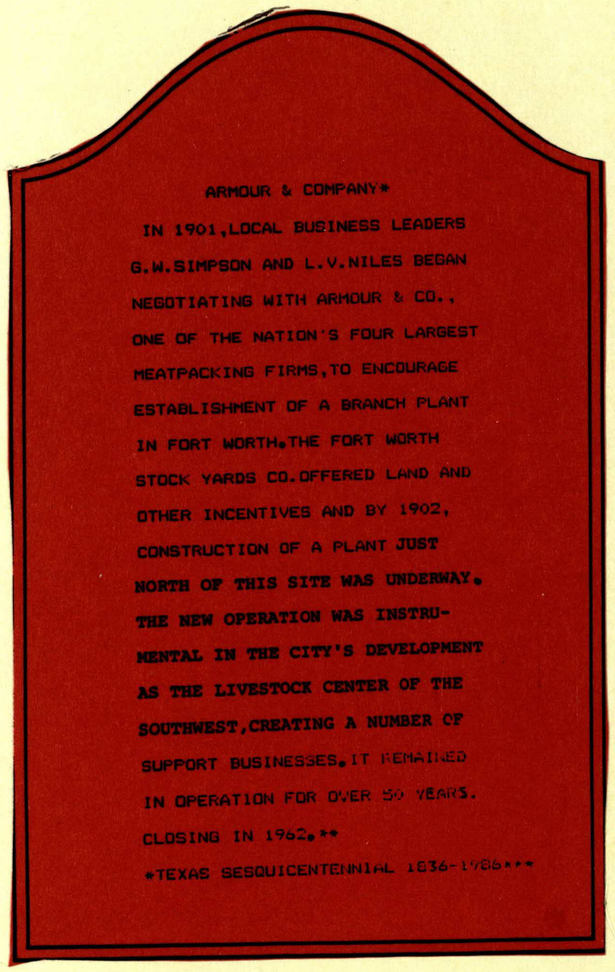
Dedication of Cemetery ..... Harold Patterson
Ex-Mayor of Arlington

Unveiling of Marker ..... Bette Wilson
Tarrant County
Historical Commission

Benediction ..... Rev. Bobby Bridges

Light Refreshments

SWIFT & COMPANY
ARMOUR & COMPANY
MAY 14, 1988

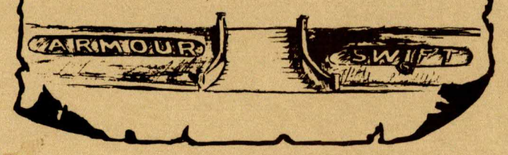


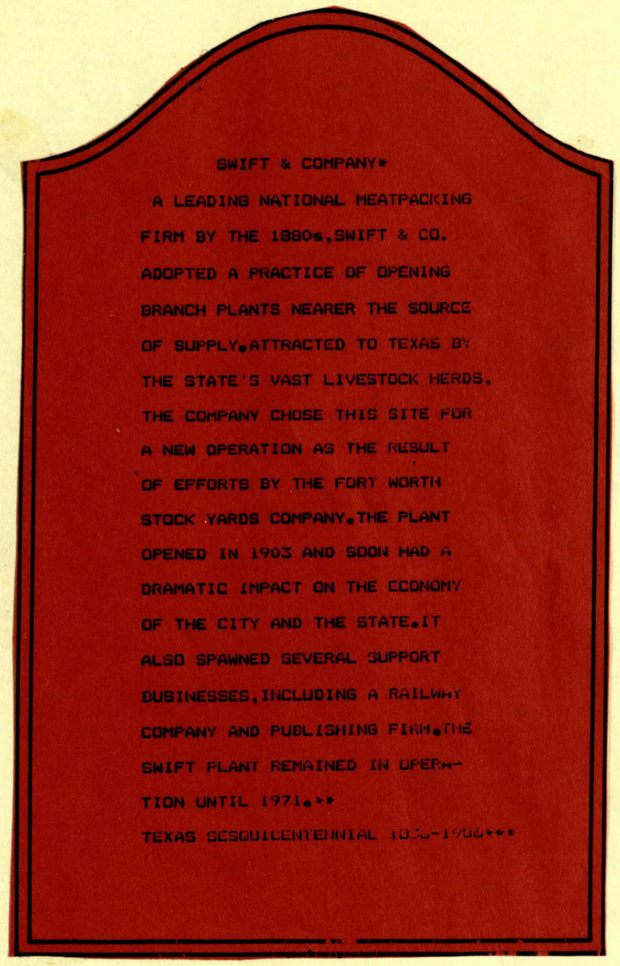
NFWHS
North Fort Worth Historical Society

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO THE
TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKERS DEDICATION
OF THE
FORT WORTH STOCKYARD'S
ARMOUR & COMPANY
and
SWIFT & COMPANY

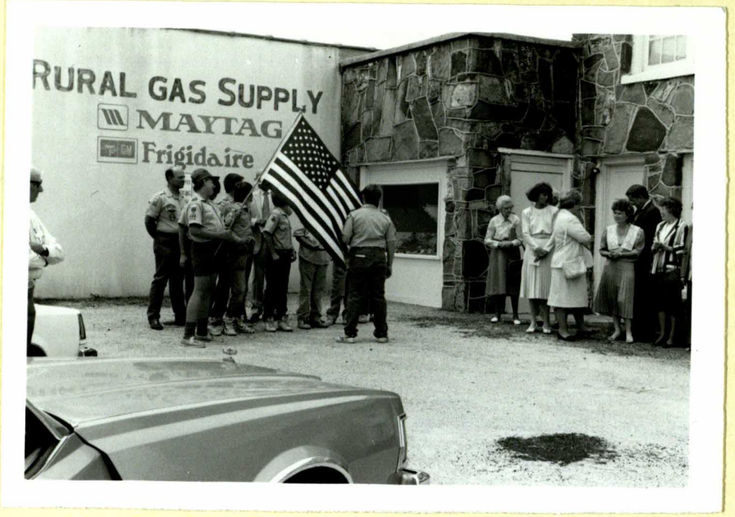
Special Guests of Honor
will be
Former Employees of
The Packing Houses

Saturday, May 14, 1988
at 12:00 noon
Armour & Swift Plaza
East Exchange at Packer's Ave.
Fort Worth, Texas





HISTORY OF AZLE'S NAME
MAY 22, 1988



Precentation of Colors Troop 852

JAMES AZLE STEWARD*
(1831-1889)***

TENNESSEE NATIVE JAMES AZLE STEWARD CAME TO TEXAS PRIOR TO 1860. HE AND HIS WIFE, MARY E. FOWLER STEWARD, WERE AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS AREA. STEWARD WAS A WELL-KNOWN, RESPECTED PIONEER PHYSICIAN. THE SETTLEMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN KNOWN BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT NAMES AT VARIOUS TIMES, WAS RENAMED AZLE WHEN DR. STEWARD GAVE LAND FOR A TOWNSITE IN 1883. HE WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASH CREEK CEMETERY. AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS BUILT ON LAND DONATED BY THE DOCTOR. A MASON, HE WAS BURIED IN ASH CREEK CEMETERY.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

B.J. Clark TCHC Presiding

Beatrice Carter Unveiled Marker

Bette Wilson TCHC Dedicated Marker

You are invited to the

Dedication of the Texas Historical Marker

for the History of Azle Name

May 22

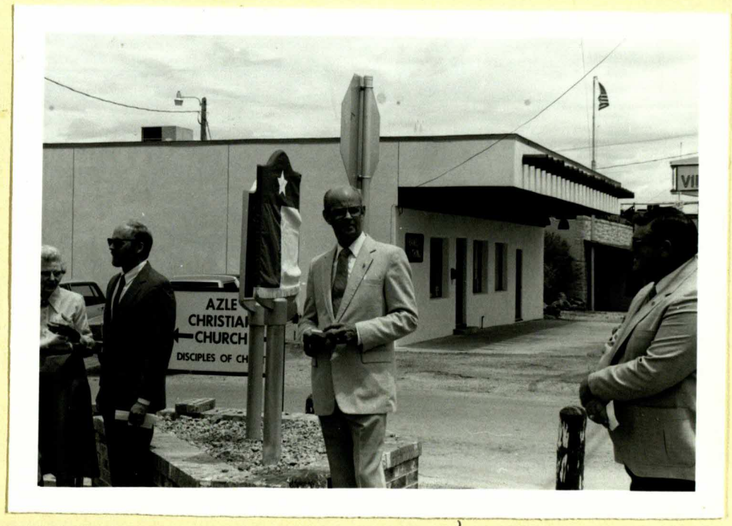
Nineteen Hundred Eighty Eight

at 2:00 P.M.

Location

Azle Historical Museum

124 West Main



Greetings - B.J. Clark TCHC

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AZLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY

President .....*B.J. Clark*

Vice President ..... *J'Nell Pate*

Secretary ..... *Pansy Lavender*

Treasurer ..... *Gertie Ansley*

BOARD MEMBERS

Beatrice Carter

Paul Reed

Lucille Young

Beth Skinner

Bill Womack

Naomi Hearell

Ford Hearell

Betty Baughman

Herman Younger

Jean Womack

Gary Logan

Presiding: ..... Mr. B.J. Clark, President
Azle Historical Museum Society

Invocation:. ..... Rev. Gene Roberts
Pastor Azle Christian Church

Presentation of Colors: ..... Mr. Craig Lavender,
Scoutmaster, Troop 352,
Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem: .....

Greetings & Introductions: ..... B.J. Clark

History of Azle Name: ..... J'Nell Pate

Benefactors: ..... Lynda Scott

Dedication of Marker: ..... Betty Wilson,
Chairman of Dedication
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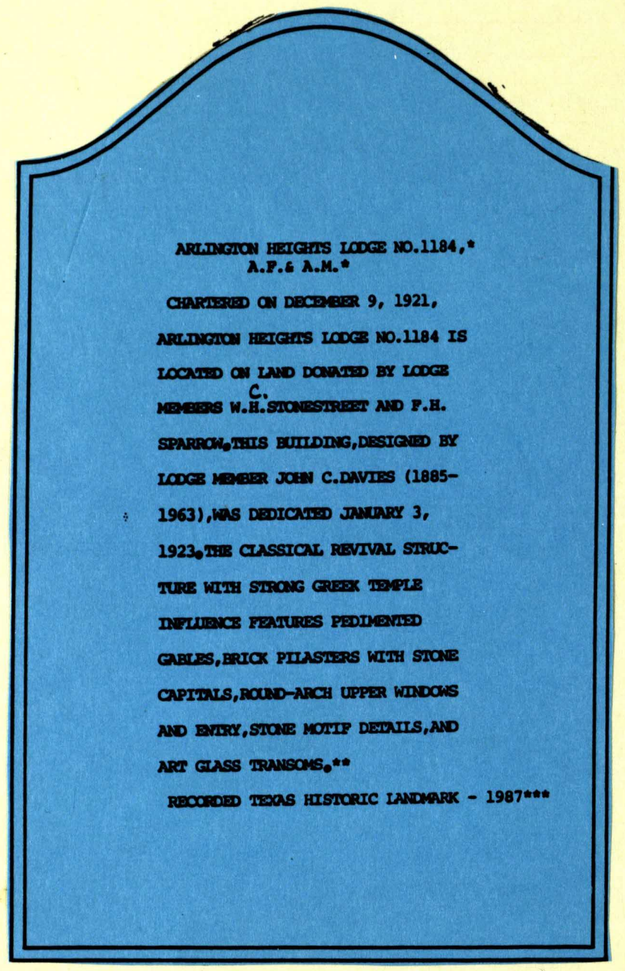

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MASONIC LODGE 1184

MAY 28, 1988

Cake with both TCHC & Lodge Logo

MASONS, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

You are invited to attend
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Texas State Historical Marker

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MASONIC LODGE
NO. 1184
A.F.& A.M.

Place: 4600 Camp Bowie Blvd.
Date: Saturday, May 28, 1988
Time: 2 P.M.

Wesly Richards Lodge Worshipful Master
Oliver Cosby TCHC who dedicated Marker
Bette Wilson TCHC Dedication Chairman
Ruth Stone TCHC Sec. + Author of Marker History
Evelyn Cushman TCHC Marker Chairman
Gresham Childress State Masaic Most Worshipful Grand Master

RUTH STONE TCHC Reading Marker History - RUTH WROTE The History

Dedication Ch. Bette Wilson Prior to Actual Dedication

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Arlington Heights Lodge #1184 charter was prepared and signed on December 9, 1921 by Grand Master D. F. Johnson and other Grand Lodge officers.

On January 7, 1922 Rt. Worshipful Master A. L. Heartshorn, District Deputy of 64 called a meeting to order, read his commission and opened a representative Grand Lodge and set our lodge to work.

Charles Laney, Worshipful Master

W. C. Timmons, Senior Warden

W. F. Wortham, Junior Warden

Grand Officers in attendance:

Most Worshipful Grand Master	Graham Childress
Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master	Leonard P.Harvey
Rt. Worshipful Grand Senior Warden	A. D. Hanna
Rt. Worshipful Grand Junior Warden	Fred E. Allen
Rt. Worshipful District Deputies	J. H. Stewart Glen Norton Jimmy Hinley Floyd Morris

Open Lodge **2:00 P.M.**

Reception of Grand Master
W. M. Graham Childress

Call to order

Invocation
Bro. W. L. Richards: W.M.

Introduction
Lodge Officers Other Guests
Committee Mayor
Texas Historical Commission

Dedication
Betty Wilson

History of Lodge

Reading of Marker
by Texas Historical Commission Member
Mrs. Ruth Stone

Unveiling of Marker
by most Worshipful Grand Master
Bro. Graham Childress

R. W. Bro. James Stewart, D.D.G.M. 64th A. Also Superintendent of the Masonic Home and School; to introduce other D.D.G.M. and Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Graham Childress.

Benediction by:
R.W. Bro. Glen Norton
D.D.G.M. 64 B.

1987-1988

Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master.....Wesley Richards

Senior Warden.....Dale Kriel

Junior Warden.....Darius Hill

Treasurer.....Fred Deavers

Secretary.....C. L. Carpenter

Chaplain.....J. R. Averitt

Senior Deacon.....Ray Sosbee

Junior Deacon.....Frank Barnes

Senior Steward.....Ed Mote

Tiler.....John Woodbury

Dist. Deputy Grand Master Dr. J. H. Stewart
Masonic District 64A

GEN. EDWARD B. TARRANT
MAY 29, 1988

GENERAL EDWARD H.TARRANT*

SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE EDWARD H.TARRANT ENLISTED IN THE KENTUCKY MILITIA IN 1814 AND SERVED UNDER GEN. ANDREW JACKSON IN THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS.MOVING TO TENNESSEE AFTER 1816,HE WAS ELECTED COLONEL OF THE HENRY COUNTY MILITIA AND SERVED AS COUNTY SHERIFF.

TARRANT ARRIVED IN TEXAS IN NOVEMBER 1835,SETTLING IN RED RIVER COUNTY.HE SERVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS CONGRESS AND BECAME A BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE TEXAS MILITIA IN 1839.HE COMMANDED THE TEXAS RANGERS AT THE BATTLE OF VILLAGE CREEK IN PRESENT TARRANT COUNTY IN 1841 AND,WITH GEORGE W.TERRELL,NEGOTIATED TREATIES WITH MANY OF THE TEXAS INDIAN TRIBES AT BIRD'S FORT IN 1843.

TARRANT REPRESENTED BOWIE COUNTY AT THE ANNEXATION CONVENTION OF 1845.BY FEBRUARY 1846,HE HAD MOVED TO NAVARRO COUNTY,WHERE HE BECAME CHIEF JUSTICE AND WAS ELECTED TO THE 3RD AND 4TH TEXAS LEGISLATURES.

IN THE 1850s,TARRANT COMMANDED A FORCE OF TEXAS RANGERS DEFENDING THE FRONTIER AT FORT BELKNAP.HE DIED IN PARKER COUNTY IN 1858 AND WAS BURIED THERE. THE NEXT YEAR,HIS REMAINS WERE MOVED TO HIS FARM IN ELLIS COUNTY.IN 1928,HIS BODY WAS REINTERRED HERE BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.TARRANT COUNTY,CREATED IN 1849,WAS NAMED IN HIS HONOR.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

DEDICATION
of a
TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER
for
GENERAL EDWARD H. TARRANT

Sunday afternoon, May twenty-ninth
at two-thirty o'clock
Pioneer's Rest Cemetery
Fort Worth, Texas

The Tarrant County Historical Commission
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Samuels Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas

FORT WORTH NEWS-TRIBUNE May 20, 1988

Tarrant historical marker dedication May 29

A state historical marker for Gen. E.H. Tarrant, the U.S. Army flag officer who cleared North Texas of the Comanches, will be dedicated May 29 during 2:30 pm ceremonies at Pioneers Rest Cemetery here.

The ceremony is sponsored by the General Edward H. Tarrant chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812 and the Gov. Thomas Hinckley chapter, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

The Tarrant County Historical Society will dedicate the marker.

May 25-26, 1988/ EXTRA WEST, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Historical marker to be dedicated

A state historical marker in honor of Gen. E. H. Tarrant will be dedicated 2:30 p.m. Sunday by the Tarrant County Historical Society at Pioneers Rest Cemetery.

Tarrant County is named after E.H. Tarrant, who was a flag officer instrumental in driving the Indians from North Texas.

Call 336-6367 for more information.

GENERAL TARRANT DECENDENTS

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Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century

PROGRAM

Invocation ..... Rev. C. Rogers McLane

Introductions ..... Oliver Cozby

Welcome ..... Judge Roy English

Introduction of Guests ..... Mrs. A. B. Harmonson

History of General Edward H. Tarrant .....
Mrs. Winthrop C. Sherman

Recognition of Relatives of Gen. Tarrant .....
Mrs. Byron P. Pattie

Dedication of Marker ..... Bette Wilson

Unveiling of Marker ..... Judge Roy English

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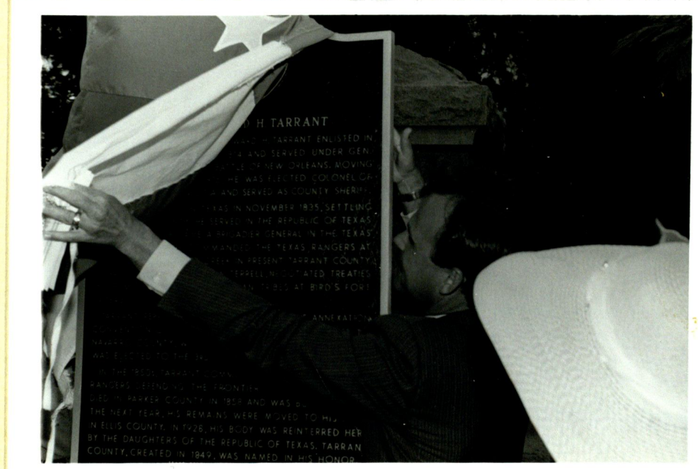

General Tarrant Marker
Unveiling

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Edward Tarrant has always been the hero forgotten. It's time

To honor the general

By Jerry Coffey
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The general for whom Fort Worth was named never set foot in the place. It's a far different story, though, for Tarrant County's namesake.

Gen. Edward Hampton Tarrant not only was prominent in the early history of the area, he also played a central role in the establishment of the county that bears his name.

On Sunday, the Tarrant County Historical Society will dedicate a state historical marker honoring Tarrant that recently was placed at Pioneer Rest cemetery.

The 2:30 p.m. event is being co-sponsored by the Gen. Edward H. Tarrant Chapter, U.S. Daughters of 1812, and the Gov. Thomas Hinckley Chapter, Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

Tarrant had an illustrious career as warrior, peacemaker and lawmaker on the Texas frontier, earning the admiration and respect of his contemporaries.

Yet he hasn't gained nearly as much latter-day fame and tribute locally as has Gen. William Jenkins Worth, the Mexican War hero from New York who, being dead at the time, was entirely indifferent to his name being affixed to a tiny outpost on the Trinity River.

Fortunately, earlier generations were more knowledgeable and appreciative of Tarrant's worth, to the extent that the general's remains have rested — after two intermediate stops — in Fort Worth's hallowed Pioneer Rest cemetery for more than half a century.

Now, with Sunday's marker dedication, long-overdue homage is coming for the man who helped clear the way for white settlement in the area by routing camps of hostile Indians at the Battle of Village Creek in 1841. He also later presided at the signing of a treaty that further pacified the region.

No one has been more active and successful in this regard than historian and genealogist Ruby Schmidt, whose variety of sources includes the general's descendants living in the county.

"I think he had a dynamic personality, was forceful and knew how to delegate responsibility and yet assume leadership at the same time," she said of Tarrant. "He obviously was highly thought of or he wouldn't have been named a general of the militia.

"He was gregarious and obviously loved children, though he had none of his own. He was the kind of person you think of as being involved."

Though celebrated as an Indian fighter, Tarrant was not an Indian hater, as were many of his contemporaries on the frontier. After the fight at Village Creek, he took a young Indian boy separated from his family into his own home for nearly two years until he could be returned to his tribe. And the general's second wife was said to have been half Indian.

Tarrant was born in South Carolina in late 1795 or 1796. His father, Samuel Tarrant, died shortly after, and his mother, a Hampton from the distinguished South Carolina military family, later married Jesse Cobb, and the family moved to Caldwell County, Ky.

As a member of Kentucky militia regiment formed in 1814, Tarrant participated in Gen. Andrew Jackson's rout of the British at the Battle of New Orleans in the last days of the War of 1812. With peace restored, Tarrant returned home to Kentucky to study law.

He married Mary Young in 1816 and the couple moved to Tennessee, where in the early 1820s Tarrant was elected colonel of the Henry County militia. He later served as sheriff of that county before moving to Henderson County, Tenn., where he was circuit court clerk.

Tarrant applied for a land grant and settled in Texas in November 1835, just in time to take part in the revolution against Mexico. He was chief justice of Red River County 1837-39 and represented that county in the 2nd Congress of the Republic of Texas. In November 1839, he became brigadier general of the 4th Brigade of Texas Militia.

It was in that role that Tarrant led a force of 70 frontiersmen against Indian villages along Village Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River, nine miles east of present-day Fort Worth, on May 21, 1841. The area was a sanctuary for mixed bands of Indians who raided settlements to the northeast.

Guided to the village early in the morning by a captured brave, Tarrant and his men routed the surprised villagers. One of Tarrant's men and about a dozen Indians were killed. Stolen property valued at $2,000 was recovered.

The site of the Village Creek clash now is under the waters of Lake Arlington.

As a result of the battle, the Indians began withdrawing westward, a process that accelerated two years later when Tarrant and Gen. George W. Terrell met with leaders of nine Indian tribes and concluded a treaty.

The treaty didn't last long, but it opened more territory for settlement and cleared the way for the establishment a few years later of the tiny U.S. Army outpost that became Fort Worth.

When he wasn't on military duty, Tarrant was a Bowie County lawyer in those years, and he represented that county at the statehood convention in Austin in 1845.

By the next year, he was living in Navarro County and serving as chief justice there. He ran for lieutenant governor in 1847 but was defeated.

Tarrant represented Navarro and Limestone counties in the 3rd and 4th Texas legislatures, and at the 1849 session he proposed that the area of what was then northern Navarro County around present-day Fort Worth be made a separate county.

With the aid of representatives of Denton and Dallas counties, the new county was authorized.

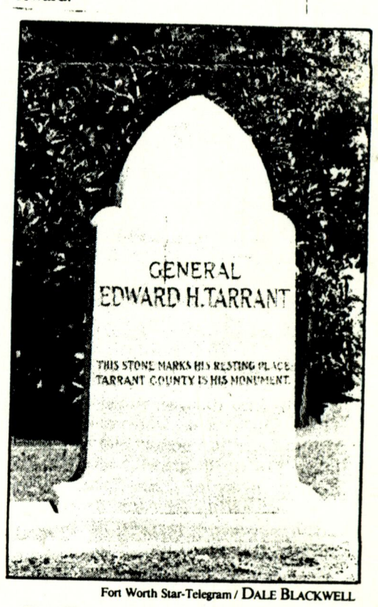
His first wife died in 1850, and the next year Tarrant married Mary Danforth. They lived on a farm at Italy in Ellis County, and Tarrant was active in Masonic affairs in Waxahachie, becoming Grand Master of Texas.

In his last years, in the 1850s, Tarrant was back on the frontier fighting Indians, this time from Fort Belknap in Young County. He was a frequent visitor to Fort Worth in the home of Ripley Arnold, the soldier who founded the city, and those of other leading citizens.

Traveling through Parker County in 1858, he contracted cholera and died on Aug. 2. He first was buried there, but a year later the remains were removed to the Tarrant family farm in Ellis County. And in 1928, the general was reburied in Pioneer Rest.

The *Frontier News* published in Weatherford on Aug. 19, 1858, gave an account of a special meeting of Ellis County citizens at the courthouse in Waxahachie. At that meeting, a resolution was adopted deploring the death of Tarrant and the loss of one of the state's "noblest and bravest pioneers."

It went on to note that "as an American patriot, he bared his bosom to the British under Gen'l Jackson at New Orleans and as a Texas hero he maintained with arms and money the prostrate cause of the Lone Star Republic for which we feel he never received just reward."



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Gen. Tarrant will be remembered Sunday

BRANSFORD, TX
JUNE 11, 1988

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Saturday afternoon, June eleventh
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BRANSFORD*

A POST OFFICE WITH THE NAME BRANSFORD OPENED IN THIS VICINITY IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY.IN 1889 THE POST OFFICE WAS MOVED TO RED ROCK ON THE ROUTE OF THE ST.LOUIS,ARKANSAS,AND TEXAS RAILROAD.NAMED FOR PIONEER FELIX GRUNDY BRANSFORD (1828-1898),THE POST OFFICE NAME EVENTUALLY REPLACED THE NAME OF RED ROCK,AND THE TOWN OF BRANSFORD BECAME THE CENTER OF A LARGE FARMING COMMUNITY.

EARLY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA REMEMBERED A POST OFFICE,TWO DAILY PASSENGER TRAINS,FOUR DOCTORS,TWO BLACKSMITH SHOPS,A LIVERY STABLE,FOUR GENERAL STORES, AND A LODGE HALL IN THE TOWN.THE RAILROAD DEPOT PROVIDED A PASSENGER AND SUPPLY CENTER FOR THE SURROUNDING AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES.

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TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

Historical marker honors Bransford

Staff Report

Colleyville — Saturday marked the dedication ceremonies for a Texas Historical Marker at the Webb House, located on Bransford Road at the railroad track, honoring the city of Bransford, Texas.

Colleyville City Councilman John Lynch welcomed the crowd and said that it's important to look back and reflect on the civic past of the community and to remember that positive, progressive changes had been made.

"We need to look to the past and apply it as we look forward," he said.

The city was also represented by Councilwoman Beth Myers and City Manager Bo McDaniel.

Mistress of ceremonies Linda Ahlers said that the marker was worked on and paid for by the efforts of the Sesquicentennial Committee. Lila Coley, a member of the 1986 Colleyville Sesquicentennial Book Committee, gave a brief history of Bransford.

The inscription on the marker reads:

"A post office with the name Bransford opened in this vicinity in the late 19th century. In 1889 the post office was moved to Red Rock on the route of the St. Louis, Arkansas, and Texas Railroad. Named for pioneer Felix Grundy Bransford (1828-1898), the post office name eventually replaced the name of Red Rock, and the town of Bransford became the center of a large farming community.

"Early residents of the area remembered a post office, two daily passenger trains, four doctors, two blacksmith shops, a livery stable, four general stores, and a lodge hall in the town. The railroad depot provided a passenger and supply center for the surrounding agricultural communities.

"The Bransford lodge hall, built in 1911, provided a meeting place for four groups: The Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Modern Macabees, and the Farmers Union. It was also a gathering place for many community activities.

"The closing of the Bransford post office in 1913 and the advent of highway travel contributed to the decline of Bransford. By the time the City of Colleyville was incorporated in 1956, most reminders of the hamlet called Bransford had disappeared."

Dee Barker of the Tarrant County Historical Society and Colleyville City Councilman John Lynch unveil the new marker

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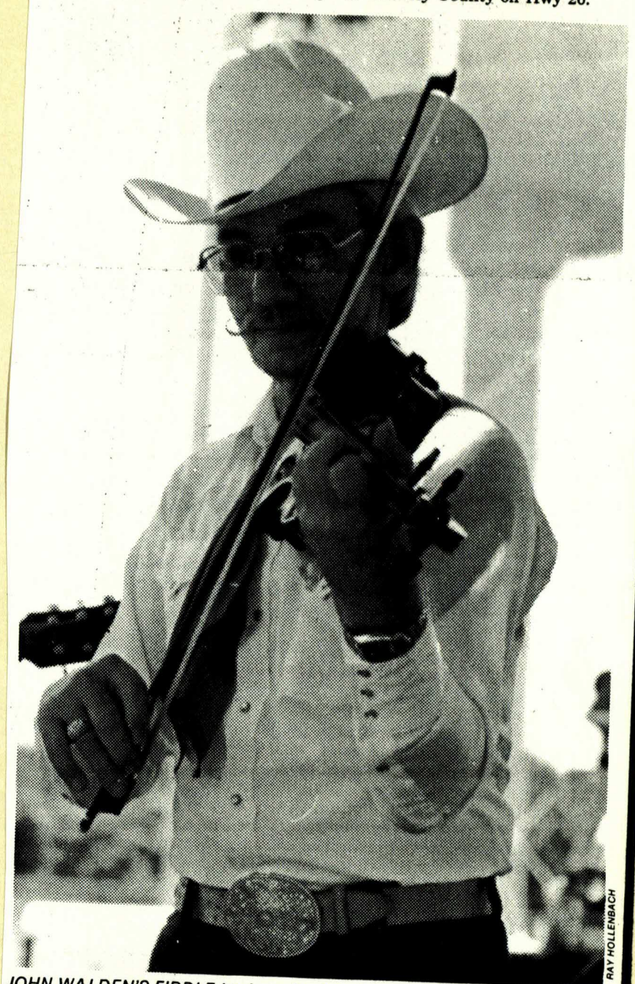
One man who can remember is Aubrey Webb, now of North Richland Hills. Webb was there for the dedication and could point to an old yellow home where he grew up, just a few yards off the railroad tracks and Bransford Road. Webb's home now belongs to the city of Colleyville, but he and his family lived there when John R. Webb, Aubrey's father, was a section foreman for the railroad.

Aubrey also remembers his father's leisure pursuit as the manager of an area band known as the "Rabbit Twisters," so named because their 1929 model-A Ford would scare up rabbits as the band made its way to their dates.

In 1913 the Bransford post office was moved to Smithfield, and area residents received their mail through the Smithfield, Grapevine and Bedford post offices. As improved roads and the automobile decreased the area's dependance on rail service, Bransford declined and a new village that would be called Colleyville emerged.

The historical marker was largely the result of efforts by Dee Barker, of the Tarrant County Historical Society; Linda Ahlers, of the Colleyville Sesquicentennial Committee; and Lila Coley, who moved into a house right at the railroad crossing and began to research the area out of personal curiosity.

A history book of the area is on sale at Udderly County on Hwy 26.


RAY HOLLENBACH

JOHN WALDEN'S FIDDLE harkens back to the turn of the century when a group of area musicians known as the "Rabbit Twisters" used to play in Bransford.

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Invocation	Rev. Terry Cashion
Welcome	Mayor J. R. "Buck" Hubbard
History	Lila Coley
Fiddle Band	live music from the 1920's
Dedication	Dee Barker

LINDA AHLER LISTENS while Lila Coley recounts the history of a forgotten town called Bransford.

COUNCILMAN JOHN LYNCH assists in the unveiling of the Bransford Historical Marker.

Draping The marker

Dee Barker TCHC.

Historical Marker dedicated to mark era of Colleyville's past

by RAY HOLLENBACH

For the 13th year students from the Pleasant Run School gathered to remember the graceful era of Colleyville's past, but this year there was an added event that capped the day-long affair held June 11: the Tarrant County Historical Society and the City of Colleyville dedicated a Texas Historical Marker for Bransford, the humble beginnings of present-day Colleyville.

After a pot-luck lunch at Colleyville Elementary School, several of the alumni of the Pleasant Run School assembled to watch the unveiling of an historical marker commemorating Bransford.

The ceremony was held at 508 Shelton Drive, right by the railroad tracks which had been so important in settling the area.

The city of Bransford was named after Felix Grundy Bransford, a Kentuckian who moved to Texas in 1860 and was named postmaster of a small stop on the railroad. The city then grew as a postal and mining stop along the St Louis, Arkansas & Texas Railway, now known as the Cotton Belt.

Although the general area had been known as Red Rock (after the composition of the soil), the appearance of a post office and train stop caused residents to identify with the name Bransford. In some cases, entire buildings were moved to the center of activity.

Some residents can remember Bransford in its heyday: a post office, two daily trains, four doctors, two

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Crowd arriving for dedication

John Walden & friends Emulating the old time group, 'the Rabbit Twisters'

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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

12 June 1988

City of Colleyville
Box 185
Colleyville, Texas 76034

The Tarrant County Historical Commission wishes to convey its appreciation to the City of Colleyville for its cooperation and participation in the dedication ceremony for the Texas Historical Marker for BRANSFORD.

Colleyville was represented by Councilwoman Beth Myers and Councilman John Lynch, and we thank Mayor Pro Tem Lynch for ably stepping in at the last minute to fill the Mayors roll on the program when Mayor Hubbard was unable to attend.

Very special thanks go to City Manager Robert McDaniel and to Director of Public Works Lloyd Wood and his men in the Public Works Department. In addition to setting the marker in position, the city also mowed a large area and trimmed trees to provide a pleasant and comfortable setting for the marker and the dedication ceremony. Confering with Mr. Woods proved him to be a courteous and efficient representative of the City of Colleyville.

The Commission expresses a sincere thank you to the City of Colleyville.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
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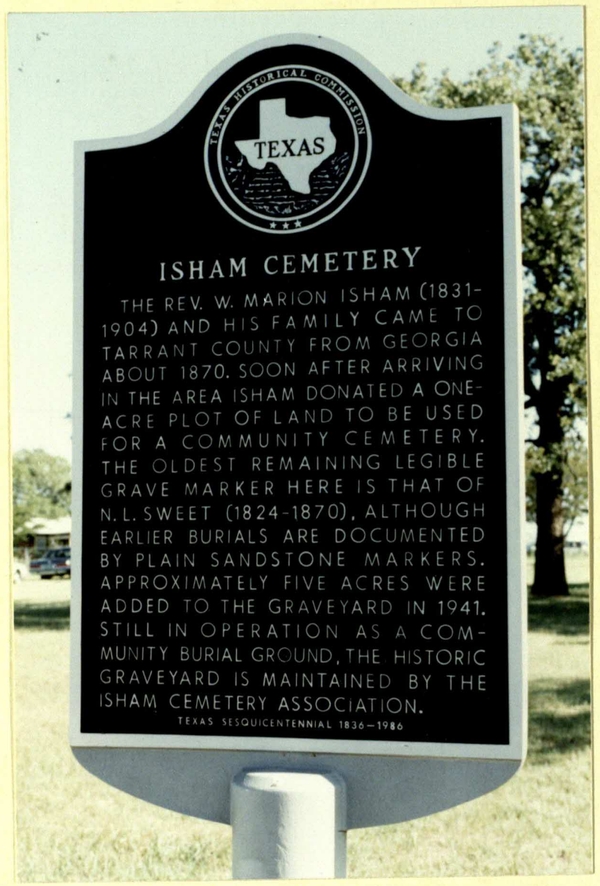

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ISHAM CEMETARY
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Eula May Payne 81
The oldest Decendent
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Isham Immediate family members

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Dedication of Marker . .	Dee Barker Tarrant County Historical Commission
Benediction	Chris Wheat Isham Cemetery Association

Community founder honored by family

First school, church started by minister

By CHERYL SMITH
Daily News Staff

The Rev. Washington Marion Isham escaped the post-Civil War ruin in Atlanta, Ga., more than 100 years ago to build a new life in Texas.

What he ended up building was a thriving community where more than 160,000 residents of Hurst, Euless, Bedford and North Richland Hills now live.

As one of the area's foremost community leaders, Isham was a pioneer of education and religion in the Mid-Cities.

"He had the foresight to set aside a cemetery for future generations, he founded a school and he became an active part of a growing community," said Gail Watson, Isham's great-great-granddaughter, a 20-year Hurst resident who recently moved to Richland Hills.

His contributions included Tarrant County's first church, school and community cemetery.

Watson said she believes the memory of such a prominent citizen should not be forgotten. That is why she applied for two historical markers erected at the church and cemetery.

"He deserves credit for all the contributions he made. This man was a pioneer," she said. "His efforts were taken for granted, even by the family."

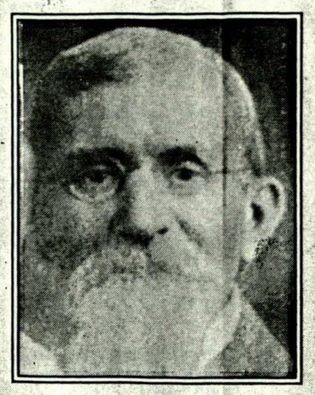
After Isham settled in the Handley-Ederville area, he established a small family graveyard and dedicated it to the community about 1870.

That grew to become the Isham Cemetery, the resting place of some 300 community citizens, including Isham and his wife.

Around 1876, Isham founded what is today the First United Methodist Church in Hurst and the Smithfield Masonic Lodge.

Records also indicate a possible link between the reverend and the Smithfield First United Methodist Church, Watson said.

The Isham Chapel, originally located at the intersection of Trammel Davis and Precinct Line Road in Hurst, was the forerunner to the church at 530 Elm



MARION ISHAM

Street in Hurst. It has grown from a congregation of 11 to some 2,500 followers.

Like many churches of old, it was used as a school and on June 9, 1884, became the Isham Chapel School District.

The little wooden chapel eventually burned to the ground. The flames consumed most church and school records, which makes her research into Isham's past difficult, Watson said. Many other records were lost when the Tar-

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Marker dedicated

By CHERYL SMITH
Daily News Staff

Tarrant County's first community cemetery became a recognized part of the area's roots when a Texas Historical Marker was unveiled there Saturday.

The Isham Cemetery, a six-acre resting place for nearly 300 area citizens, is located at 7100 John T. White Road, northeast of the intersection of Loop 820 and Interstate 30.

The Rev. W. Marion Isham, who moved west to escape the destruction caused by the Civil War, established the cemetery near his homestead about 1870.

Dedicated by the Tarrant County Historical Commission, the marker recognizes Isham for donating the then one-acre plot of land for a community cemetery. Five acres were added in 1941.

"I think the most important thing about it is that the reverend gave this as a community cemetery and did not keep it for the

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rant County Courthouse burned in 1876, as well.

When Watson's grandmother, the wife of Isham's grandson, died about a year ago, Watson, her mother and cousin began tracing their family tree.

"I realized that there were a lot of things we needed to write down and keep as our family history," Watson said. "Once you lose that word of mouth, it's gone forever."

She believes her great-great-grandfather was a preacher in Georgia before he, his wife, Rossa, and their five children abandoned the farm home, which still stands today in Floyd Springs, about 50 miles north of Atlanta.

"I think he was mainly trying to leave the devastation behind to start a new beginning," she said.

When Union troops marched through the area, they may have used the homestead as an army headquarters or outpost, Watson speculated. Through her research, she said she discovered the farmhouse was a location marker on some Civil War maps.

After the Isham family arrived in the area, Rossa bore seven more children.

Watson has tracked down relatives in other states, including Oklahoma and California.

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church," said Dee Barker, historical commission chairman.

Historians date the cemetery at 1870, but they believe it may have been established as early as 1860. The headstone of N.L. Sweet, who lived from 1824 until 1870, is the earliest legible marker. However, there are several older sandstone markers without inscriptions.

Gail Watson, Isham's great-great-granddaughter, prepared Isham's grave, located next to his wife, Rossa's marker, with an extra special touch to honor the dedication day.

She planted on their graves a piece of ground cover taken from the Isham Cemetery located in Georgia.

"I'd been watching it, and it hadn't grown any, but one day I went out there to clean the cemetery, and it had sprouted," she said. "It means so much to me that it came up in time for the marker dedication."

This is the second historical marker recognizing Isham's contributions to the community. The first was erected five years ago at the First United Methodist Church in Hurst at 530 Elm St.

DARRELL BYERS/Daily News

Eula Mae Payne, 81, thought to be the oldest living descendant of Marion Isham, stands next to the historical marker that was dedicated in Isham's honor Saturday.

Old Isham Cemetery gets historical marker

By AMY KEEN
Star-Telegram writer

Representatives of the Tarrant County Historical Commission last Saturday dedicated a historical marker at an East Side cemetery that is more than 100 years old.

The Isham Cemetery, which researchers believe was founded about 1870, received a Texas Historical Marker after descendants of the cemetery's founder requested it about two years ago.

The cemetery, at 7100 John T. White Road, was begun with just one acre by the Rev. Marion Isham, great-great-grandfather of Gail Watson.

"He brought his family to this area from Georgia and was a Civil War vet," Watson said a few days before the dedication ceremony. "We're very proud of it (the cemetery) and of him, as a family."

Isham, who lived from 1831 to 1904, donated a one-acre plot of land to be used for a community cemetery soon after arriving in Tarrant County. Five acres were added to the cemetery in 1941, said Dee Barker, chairwoman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Barker said the oldest remaining legible gravestone in Isham Cemetery marks the burial place of N.L. Sweet, who lived from 1824 to 1870. However, Barker said, earlier burials in the cemetery are documented by sandstone markers.

Watson said her great-great-grandfather also established a church in another part of the county in 1876. The church, First United Methodist of Hurst, got a historical marker about four years ago, she said. Isham also established a church school, which later burned down, in Hurst.

The reverend owned several acres throughout the county by 1870, Watson said. He founded the Smithfield Masonic Lodge in 1876 in what is now North Richland Hills.

Barker said the family applied for the historical marker about two years ago, but the process of researching all the documents on the cemetery takes about a year.

The county historical commission had to check all evidence of the cemetery's age, and then try to gather more evidence, she said. After all the documentation has been done, the records are sent to the state historical commission, whose members double check the information.

That group may send back the records and the county commission may add information or make other checks for accuracy, Barker said. After the information is approved, it goes to a manufacturer. The family requesting the historical marker pays the foundry that casts the plate, she said.

Corrections:
Hisotical marke4r was applied for by Isham Cemetery Assn.
Rev. Isham was an early member of Smithfield Masoni Lodge.
Historical marker was sponsored and paid by Isham Cemetery Assn.

Isham Cemetary Association

GUINN SCHOOL
NOV. 6, 1988

Historic school will get marker

Black group seeking to preserve remaining buildings at site

BY ANITA BAKER
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

For more than a century, a small school born soon after the Civil War turned out doctors, lawyers and educators for a black Fort Worth community dominated by poverty.

Now, many who heard their first classical music within that school's walls and who developed an enduring pride there want the rest of the city to know its story.

Within several months, the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society will install a historical marker at Rosedale and the Interstate 35 service road to mark where the Southside Colored School — later the James E. Guinn Junior High and Elementary School — stood until 1980.

"It's been a long time coming and a lot of hard work. A lot of dedication has been initiated toward this project," said Percy Henderson, chairman of the society's Guinn Committee and a former student at the school.

The marker is the first of two goals for preserving the site's history. Tomorrow, the society will approach the Fort Worth school board about saving structures remaining on the property.

Approval for the marker has been given by all parties involved and the paperwork has been completed through the Texas Historical Commission. All that remains is to cast the plaque into metal and install it, which Henderson hopes will happen by year's end.

The school still exists but now is combined with East Van Zandt Elementary in modern quarters about eight blocks away. Van Zandt Guinn Elementary School educates children in an integrated setting.

In the early 1870s, a handful of black families from the newly formed Allen Chapel AME Church started a private school for black youngsters, said Dr. Maxwell Scarlett, a Fort Worth physi-

(More on GUINN on next page)

Fort Worth Star-Telegram / JOE D. WILLIAMS

Percy Henderson, in front of the old James E. Guinn Elementary School, shows a picture of himself from his days at Guinn.

Lenora Rolla TCHC
State Representative Garfield Thompson
Unveil Marker

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cian and the great-grandson of James Guinn. The school later merged with a county school system that eventually became the Fort Worth school district.

On the Rosedale site where the old Southside Colored School operated as early as the 1890s, three red brick buildings still stand sandwiched between railroad tracks and the freeway.

The deteriorating structures date to no earlier than the mid-1930s, but many members of the historical society and some former students — including descendants of James E. Guinn — believe they are worth saving.

A fourth building constructed in 1917 and named for Guinn, a teacher and principal at the school for 20 years, recently was torn down at the request of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation because it stood too near the current expansion of Interstate 35. Guinn, who had been one of the first students in the original school, died in 1917, the day newspapers announced the new building would be named for him.

Now that the history is preserved in a marker destined for the site, backers of the project want to renew their attempts to preserve the buildings by leasing them for a home for the historical society.

Attempts in the past have ended in failure, but officials say the perseverance of the group has at least delayed the school board from selling the site to commercial concerns.

"It was not sold (in 1986) because of the board's sensitivity to the black historical society," said Eugene Gutierrez, associate superintendent. "At that time, they (board members) hated to take that step."

The board turned down bids that went as high as $556,000 for property valued at about $450,000. The board considered taking a lower bid from a company willing to share its quarters with the historical society, but the school attorney warned of possible lawsuits resulting from not taking the highest offer.

But in recent weeks, the administration has again recommended to the board that the 4.5 acres be sold.

Tomorrow night, historical society representatives will ask the board to include on a later agenda a request to lease the building to the organization. Letters about the proposal have been sent to each of the board members in advance, Henderson said.

"We will state our case at the meeting Tuesday . . . that all the society is asking is for the same deal or contract that the Presbyterians had — no more, no less," Henderson said.

He referred to an agreement the school district had with the Presbyterian Night Shelter for several years to lease one of the buildings at $100 a month, plus utilities.

Last week, the night shelter moved to new facilities.

"The night shelter (arrangement) was known to be a short-term thing for a very pressing problem," Gutierrez said. "The night shelter knew it was going to have to do something more permanent than that."

He said at least one of the companies considering bidding on the property when it goes on the market has indicated it would provide office space for the society if the organization agreed.

The society doesn't have the money to purchase the land. The 10-year-old society has struggled just to survive with inadequate money and not enough volunteers, Scarlett said.

Members of his family provided much of the financing for the historical marker. The Guinn family today is made up of doctors, teachers, educators, attorneys and writers — most in Fort Worth. The city's first black City Council member — Edward Guinn — also is descended from James Guinn and a product of the school.

Guinn Decendents

Dee Barker TCHC Chairman

JAMES E.GUINN SCHOOL*

AFTER FORT WORTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS WERE ORGANIZED IN THE FALL OF 1882,BLACK STUDENTS CONTINUED TO BE TAUGHT IN BLACK CHURCHES FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. THE CITY COMPLETED A SCHOOLHOUSE FOR BLACKS ON EAST NINTH STREET AT ELM IN DECEMBER 1883.

THE SON OF A FORMER SLAVE,JAMES ELVIS GUINN WAS BORN IN FORT WORTH.THOUGH NEITHER OF THEM COULD READ NOR WRITE,HIS PARENTS PLACED A GREAT VALUE ON EDUCATION,AND JAMES ATTENDED FORT WORTH'S EARLY SCHOOLS FOR BLACKS.HE LATER PURSUED A COLLEGE DEGREE AND BECAME A PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AT PRAIRIE VIEW COLLEGE,NOW PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY.

GUINN RETURNED TO FORT WORTH AS PRINICIPAL OF SOUTH SIDE COLORED SCHOOL IN 1900.CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW THREE-STORY BRICK SCHOOL BUILDING,DESIGNED BY THE PROMINENT ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF SANGUINET AND STAATS, BEGAN AT THE CORNER OF LOUISIANA AND ROSEDALE AVENUES IN APRIL 1917.SHORTLY BEFORE ITS COMPLETION,GUINN DIED ON JULY 11,1917.SIX DAYS LATER THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO NAME THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING JAMES E.GUINN SCHOOL IN HIS HONOR.IT WAS THE LARGEST BLACK SCHOOL IN FORT WORTH IN 1930.AFTER SIXTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE,IT WAS CLOSED IN 1980.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Tarrant/Texas

Was Jesse Jackson helping Michael Dukakis — or himself? Page 30.

A pioneer black school becomes a state historical site

Fort Worth Star-Telegram / JOE D. WILLIAMS

State Rep. Garfield Thompson unveils historical marker at James E. Guinn School

A landmark of education

BY WHIT CANNING
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

One of Fort Worth's landmark institutions officially took its place in history yesterday when a Texas Historical Commission marker was unveiled at the James E. Guinn School.

The now-abandoned school, at Interstate 35W and East Rosedale Street, was one of the first permanent black schools in the city. It was named after James Elvis Guinn, the son of emancipated slaves who came here from Missouri after the Civil War.

Many of Guinn's descendants — led by his grandson, former city Councilman Edwin Guinn — attended the ceremony, which was conducted by the Tarrant County Historical Commission and the Black Historical and Genealogical Society Inc.

"I'm thrilled. . . . This is so exciting and gratifying," Guinn said. "My family has been making a contribution to this community for literally 100 years, and it's wonderful to see that recognized.

"This is familiar ground. . . . I was in the first junior high class that graduated here in 1938."

Guinn's grandfather, pushed to academic excellence by illiterate parents who regarded education as "a pearl of great price," left his post as chemistry teacher at Prairie View Normal College to become principal of the school in 1900.

At that time it was on Arizona Street and known as the Southside Colored School. The two-room building accommodated 100 students.

Guinn died July 11, 1917, during con-

(More on SCHOOL on Page 30)

Fort Worth Star-Telegram / JOE D. WILLIAMS

Calvin Littlejohn, who taught at James E. Guinn School in the 1930s, prepares to record the day's memories

School

From Page 25

struction of a replacement building — the one granted landmark status yesterday — and the school was named in his honor a few days later.

By 1930, it was the largest black school in the city and eventually expanded into a combination elementary/junior high. It was closed in 1980 after Guinn-Van Zandt Elementary School was built.

Several former students gathered for the ceremony, including Harold Hamilton of the Black Historical and Genealogical Society, who soon had them doubled over with laughter at his reminiscence of the "discipline" at Guinn.

"I really remember the disciplinary method of Mrs. (Ida) Turner, the librarian," Hamilton said. "She had a board.

"I remember one day Mr. (Cordell) Isaac, the metal shop teacher, was walking down the hall with a bunch of students, and he stopped to get a drink at the fountain. He was only about 5 feet tall, and looked kinda like a student.

"Well, Mrs. Turner had this rule that nobody stopped for a drink between classes . . . so while Mr. Isaac was bent over at the fountain, she walked up and whacked him on the behind with the board.

"He yelled and turned around and said, 'What's wrong with you, woman?' and she said, 'That rule goes for you too.' "

State Rep. Garfield Thompson unveiled the marker and a portrait of Guinn by local artist Anita H. Knox.

Lenora Rolla, the society's curator, then told the gathering that the society planned to petition the City Council for money to reopen the school.

INVOcation
Harold Hamilton

School Memories
Harold Hamilton

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

1. Two members of this committee served on a committee formed by Downtown Ft. Worth, Inc. to developed a major walking tour for downtown Ft. Worth. They attended numerous meetings, provided research and narratives for historical and architectural sites. This is a long range project which is being done by the business community at the request of the City of Ft. Worth.

TRAFFIC CONSULTANTS, INC.
TRANSPORTATION PLANNERS

October 19, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker
~~Denton~~ Tarrant County Historical Commission Chairman
1500 Angelina Bend
Denton, Texas 76205

RE: State Highway 114 Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Barker:

Your assistance is requested in helping us identify any cultural resources (archaeological and historical) which are located within or proximal to the proposed right of way for State Highway 114 in Tarrant and Denton Counties, Texas.

The proposed 400-foot right of way is indicated on the enclosed USGS Quadrangle composite (Grapevine, Colleyville, Argyle and Justin). The route follows existing SH 114; there are north and south bypass options in the Roanoke area.

Please use the enclosed map to mark the location(s) of any archaeological sites, historical sites, and the potential for encountering structures of over 50 year of age within or near the proposed right-of-way. That coupled with a brief letter stating your findings would be helpful for project planning purposes.

We have received correspondence from the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory in Austin stating that there are no recorded archaeological or historical sites located along the project corridors, nor any sites currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places which would be impacted by the proposed work. We are of course aware of the possibility of encountering unrecorded sites in the area. I understand that the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation's cultural resources staff (D-8E) would perform on-site historical-archaeological surveys after final right of way determinations have been made.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jim Robertson, AICP
Senior Associate

Enclosure

xc: Doug Smith

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A LAND CORP AFFILIATE
1204 SAN ANTONIO, SUITE 210 • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701 • 512/474-1097

AUSTIN: 1502 WEST AVENUE • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701
SAN ANTONIO: 1000 CENTRAL PKWY. N., SUITE 165 • SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78232

Dee Barker
October 19, 1988

D-8E

Southlake
Southlake
Southlake

EXAMPLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWUPS

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

4 November 1988

Traffic Consultants, Inc.
1204 San Antonio
Suite 210
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Sirs,

The map and letter regarding an environmental assessment for the State Highway 114 corridor was mailed to my name, with a Denton County address. I received it by forwarding only yesterday.

Your map is enclosed with two cemetery sites marked in red. Both have official Texas Historical Markers. The Thomas Easter Cemetery on Southlake Blvd. is immediately west of Highway 114. Though there is no surface evidance, there are about 20 graves there. This cemetery would almost assurdly be impacted by widening the highway to the west.

The Chivers Cemetery is located between Highway 114 and North Carroll Avenue. It is in a heavily wooded area and cannot be seen from either road. If the highway right of way is to be taken entirely from the north as shown, then impaction is possible. This cemetery is small, containing only 5 or 6 recognizable graves. There are gravestones. We do not know the exact size of the cemetery,how many other graves are adjacent to the visible ones. You definately need to investigate whether or not this cemetery falls within the planned right of way.

I do not know of any structures or other sites of historical or archeological significance along the planned right of way in the Tarrant County sector.

Thank you for contacting the Commission. We are in the process of mapping all the cemeteries in the county. By the end of January a copy of this map will be in the hands of the Texas Historical Commission. Copies will also be available for purchase by planning firms.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Copies: THC, Bruseth & Langdon

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

10 November 1988

J.R. Stone
Texas Highway Department
Box 6868
Ft. Worth, Texas 76115

Dear Mr. Stone,

Enclosed please find an copy of a letter and map from Traffic Consultants, Inc., of Austin. Also find a copy of my letter of reply with appropriate markings on the map.

I have spoken with Burton Clifton, and request that he be made aware of the receipt of this material.

The Commission appreciates being kept informed of proposed highways and highway expansions. The earlier we can give clearance for projects, the less future problems.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

EXAMPLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

United States Department of Agriculture

Farmers Home Administration

Room 9A15, Federal Building
819 Taylor Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Telephone (817) 334-3347

July 25, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker, Chairperson
Tarrant County Historical Commission
PO Box 794
Colleyville, TX 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has received a preapplication from Azle Limited Dividend Partnership II for a loan to build a 50-unit senior citizen rental housing project in Azle.

In processing a request for Federal Assistance, FmHA must be assured that sites of historical significance are preserved. To assist us in this determination, we would appreciate the comments of the Tarrant County Historical Commission as to any historical significance the proposed building site may have.

The proposed rental units are to be located at the intersection of Gateway and Eagle Lake Drive in Azle. See attached map for location.

If you have any questions, you may call this office. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

THOMAS F. CHESHIER
Assistant DIstrict Director

Enclosure

FmHA Farmers Home Administration is an Equal Opportunity Lender.
Complaints of discrimination should be sent to:
Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

28 July 1988

Thomas F. Cheshier
Room 9A15, Federal Bldg.
819 Taylor Street
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Mr. Cheshier,

B.J. Clark, a commission member who resides in Azle, has reported that he can find no evidence of historical significance concerning property on which the proposed senior citizen housing unit to be built by Azle Limited Dividend Partnership II, would be constructed. I have further checked our records and can find no recorded evidence of historical significance. The Tarrant County Historical Commission therefore has no evidence on which to base an objection to use of the property.

I would like, however,to call your attention to the nearby Smith-Frazier Cemetery. Should the project be expanded to cover that area, there would be an objection to any encroachment upon the cemetery.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Downtown
Fort Worth, Inc.

September 22, 1988

D. Barker
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P.O. Box 794
Colleyville, TX 76034

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. Walking Tour Committee. Our first working meeting will be held:

Monday, October 3, 1988
10:00 a.m. @
Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.
777 Taylor Street, Suite 920
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

As I discussed with you in our telephone conversation, the task of this committee will be to develop a high quality walking tour of the downtown with whatever historical interest plaques or markers, or other communication devices that the committee deems appropriate.

Our tentative goal is to have a completed tour by December 1 of this year. Please bring whatever materials on Downtown Walking Tours and on Downtown Fort Worth, specifically, that you feel would be useful in our efforts.

Thank you again for agreeing to serve on this working committee. I look forward to seeing you on the third of October.

Respectfully,

Todd

T. D. Holzaepfel
Director of Programs

TDH:rlm

777 Taylor Street, Suite 920 Fort Worth, Texas 76102 (817) 870-1692

Executive Committee: John M. Stevenson, Chairman; Gary W. Cumbie, Vice Chairman; Robert L. Herchert, Vice Chairman; Robert W. Semple, Vice Chairman; Herschel C. Winn, Secretary;
Members at Large: Luther P. Adkins; Gregg G. Dugan; J. Clark Nowlin; Lloyd J. Weaver; Warren G. Woodward; Gerson B. Bernstein, Past Chairman; Terrence J. Ryan, Past Chairman. Directors: William L. Adams; Joseph D. Ambrose, III; Edward P. Bass; Robert M. Bass, Sid R. Bass; R.H. Browder; C.E. Casebier, III; Terry R. Dallas; Gene G. Gray; Robert C. Grable; Bradley J. Heath; Michael S. Hyatt; Clark Johnson; Don W. Kirk; Ken E. Landers; John V. McMillan; Bruce McNeil; James R. Nichols; James R. Perry; John V. Roach; Bill D. Serrault; Randel Stringer; Hans Strohmer; E. Mitchell Weatherly; Frank C. Wilson; Roger Yandell; Kenneth R. Devero, President

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 8-10-88

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Christy Stanley

PHONE NUMBER: 335-7140

TOPIC: Fence around Reeves House

They are having trouble with street people sleeping on porch, and otherwise causing trouble with house. Want to put up fence. When went to city of Ft. Worth, they told her the Historic Commission would not let them put up fence. She want to know if they can.

called Austin. Richard said not under THC restrictions. Only house, not yard affected by marker

contacted Christy - contacted city of F.W.

fence is up

EXAMPLE OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION REGARDING PRESERVATION

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1000 THROCKMORTON STREET
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102
870-8000 /AREA CODE 817

September 9, 1988

Ms. Dee Barber, Chairperson
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P. O. Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Ms. Barber:

Enclosed is a notice which will be published on September 12, 1988 indicating a "NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS" and a "FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT" (FONSI) completing an environmental review of the Rental Rehabilitation Program for Fiscal Year 1988 - 1989. This is in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations as found in 24 CFR 58 and CFR 511.20.

Please note that this Notice, Request for Release for Funds, and the FONSI are of a general nature covering all activities using FY 88-89 funds. Each property and project will have an individual Environmental Review filed in the Environmental Review Records in the City of Fort Worth's Department of Housing and Human Services, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas, available for public review.

Any property located in the flood plan will be reviewed by Transportation and Public Works Department of the City of Fort Worth for compliance with the City of Fort Worth Ordinance concerning flood plains.

We request your comments with respect to this funding by September 27, 1988. If you have questions or require other information concerning this environmental review, please contact me at 817/870-8037 or write Ms. Johnnie Pistole at the address shown in the public notice.

Sincerely,

Ed Brownrigg

Ed Brownrigg, P.E., Associate Planner
Research and Economic Development Division
Planning Department

EB:dm

Enclosures

COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

AND

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Fort Worth
1000 Throckmorton Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
(817) 870-8000
Date of Publication
September 12, 1988

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about September 27, 1988 the City of Fort Worth, Texas will request the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds for the Rental Rehabilitation Program for Fiscal Year 1988-89 as described in Program Descriptions of 24CFR 511.20 for:

Rental Rehabilitation Program	R-87-MC-48-0212	$900,000
	R-86-MC-48-0212	$ 31,200

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Rental Rehabilitation Program is designed to increase the availability of safe and decent housing for lower income families by providing financial assistance to owners for the rehabilitation of substandard rental property. The financial assistance is in the form of a deferred payment loan that makes up the difference between the cost of the rehabilitation and the conventional debt the property can support from rental income. The maximum amount of assistance available per unit is 50% of the rehab cost or 1 bedroom - $6,500, 2 bedroom - $7,500, or 3 bedroom - $8,500, whichever is less. Rental Rehabilitation funds can be used to rehabilitate properties which meet specific criteria established by HUD.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

It has been determined that such a request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and accordingly, the City of Fort Worth has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns can either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the programs and each project has been prepared by the City of Fort Worth which documents the environmental review of each project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not

EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATION FROM CITY OF FORT WORTH

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

15 April 1988

Judge Roy English
100 East Weatherford
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0101

Dear Judge English,

Please reference my letter of 17 November 1987, regarding the courthouse dome.

While in Austin recently I found that it is very possible, if not probable, that we may be able to receive some matching grant money from the Texas Historical Commission toward repair of the domes. The grant applications will be available about the first of June.

We would need to have an accessment of need, a description of method to be used, and an estimate of cost by then if possible.

Gayle is interested in this, so I have passed details on to her as a commission member.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

10 March 1988

Judge Roy English
Commissioner Dick Anderson
Commissioner O.L. Watson
Commissioner Bob Hampton
Commissioner J.D. Johnson

Dear Sirs,

It has come to the attention of the Historical Commission that the county plans to remove an interior wall of the old courthouse.

Texas courthouses are protected by law, Article 6145, section 14, which requires the county to submit any proposed work for review by the Texas Historical Commission. Our courthouse is also a Texas Historical Landmark, such designation requiring notification of any changes to be made to the building.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission requests the Court to please inform the Commission as to wheather this is an original wall, or one added at a later date. If added at a later date, please give us the date of the addition. Also we request both preliminary and detailed architectural drawings of the proposed construction relative to this removal, for both Tarrant County Historical Commission and Texas Historical Commission review.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

copy: Stan Graves, THC

EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATION WITH COMMISSIONER'S COURT
REGARDING COURTHOUSE

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 5 Oct 88

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Wanda Moore

PHONE NUMBER: 281-5783

TOPIC: Smithfield Methodist Church

Little Tyke Day Care Center

Owner - Mr. Young

Wanted to know if they could put up new light fixture and what type. Old one is worn out.

no marker on building. Advised to try and have old fixture rewired. If not possible to repair, then replace with one appropriate to age and style of building and as close to old fixture as possible.

EXAMPLE OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION REGARDING PRESERVATION

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

24 September 1987

Billy Blaka
6512 Perdido Drive
Watauga, Texas 76148

Dear Mr. Blaka,

Enclosed you will find an application form for a Texas Historical Marker. When you finish tracing the land and decide what you need to do to the house, I will be happy to discuss the marker application.

Meanwhile you might write to the following address and ask for recomendation of reading matter that will help you choose the correct restoration materials and methods.

National Register Department
Texas Historical Commission
Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Tell them the house is listed in the Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey as possibly eligible for the National Register.

The house must be in good condition before designation by either the state or the federal program. So education of restoration is your first step.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

EXAMPLE OF CORRESPONDANCE REGARDING PRESERVATION

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 30 Jan. 88

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Jerry Ballard

PHONE NUMBER: Preservation Corps from Weatherford

TOPIC: Chandoa Gardens - Weatherford

5 the Feb.

~~2:00~~

1:00 at Jerry Ballards house

met with them. Suggested they contact Peter Maxon for evaluation for N.R. Also have feasibility study done for restoration of gardens. Gardens are gone.

Group from Weatherford came to Tarrant County to seek advice on purchase and restoration of Gardens. Jerry B, Dee Lynn Cleveland and I met with them. They probably need to find what they will need to put into house and grounds before buying.

EXAMPLE OF PRESERVATION COMMUNICATION

Dee Barker

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 3 February 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Dr Hoffman - Carswell AFB

PHONE NUMBER: _____

TOPIC: Buck Oaks Farm

6 July 1987 - listed on National Register - confirmation

architectural changes - Carswell wants to make changes to house

called Jim Steely and had him write a letter to Hoffman re N.R. restrictions.

Col in Air Force
Dr Peter Hoffman
6312 White Settlement Road
Ft Worth, Tx 76114

2nd call - he received letter asked me to stick with Texas Market when eligible as he will be transfered by then.

EXAMPLE OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION REGARDING PRESERVATION

TELEPHONE MEMO Dee Barker

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: July 88

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Chuck Griffin - Grapevine

PHONE NUMBER: 481-6899 or 481-7300

TOPIC: Revolving trust for Preservation

Wants me to meet with them to form a group to hold trust for preservation. Have been givin house.

The square house on West College -

Met with them. Have a long way to go. Not pullin together. Diverse ideas. Gave them material on revolving trusts and restoration. Will keep in touch.

Encouraged them to go to THC workshop in Mansfield.

One person attended THC workshop.

4C/The Grapevine Sun/Thursday, July 13-14, 1988/ NORTHEAST EXTRA-EAST, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Builder proposes non-profit group for preservation

Staff report

Local builder Chuck Giffin this week said he will propose the formation of a non-profit organization to restore and preserve historical houses and buildings.

Giffin, who last week made a plea to the City Council to save two old homes facing demolition, said he would present the idea Wednesday to the Grapevine Main Street Committee, which he chairs.

He said the organization, which would be called the "Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation," would solicit money from foundations and other contributors who could get earn tax deductions for their donations.

The organization would purchase and restore old buildings or subsidize private owners, then repair and maintain the structures, said Giffin, who said the buildings could also be sold or rented, when possible, with any profits going toward future preservation work.

"It's not going to be easy, but I understand the money is available and we'd just be winning it over someone else," said Giffin, who pointed to a successful nonprofit housing corporation in Shreveport, La., featured in the current issue of *Southern Living* magazine.

The article describes the formation and work of a nonprofit housing group, which, using public and private funding, has saved and rehabilitated about a third of the 700 structures in what was once one of the state's worst slums.

The houses are purchased in blocks, rehabilitated according to historic district guidelines, and rented to families who qualify for fedeally subsidized housing. The families are then educated on how to maintain the houses.

Giffin said the trust could eventually purchase the facades of historical buildings downtown and restore tham "properly and accurately."

"That's a long-term objective," he said. "I think in the short-term, we need to save some houses."

Giffin gave a speech to the council March 15, suggesting some sort of preservation league be formed to save 70-year-old houses at 401 W. College St. and 405 Church St. The city plans to tear down the College street house to make room for a proposed expansion of the Grapvine Senior Citizens Center.

GRAPEVINE TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORMED TO SAVE HISTORIC GRAPEVINE FROM DEMOLITION

The Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation is a grass-roots community organization formed to help preserve the character of Grapevine by saving and renovating historic structures in the downtown residential area that are facing imminent demolition.

"The integrity of our community is threatened every time another historic home is destroyed," said Charles G. Giffin, Director of the Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation and Chairman of the Main Street Committee.

"What is even more distressing than losing these homes is the thought of what might replace them. We could easily be faced with cheap apartment complexes or nondescript small office buildings that destroy the historic character that keeps Grapevine from evolving into another Plano," Giffin added.

A number of the city's historic homes have been destroyed in the last two years, and a total of 12 homes face imminent demolition by the city under the "Dangerous Building Ordinance." The Trust seeks to raise funds from private contributions and grants to preserve and restore these structures before they are all destroyed.

"These buildings are irreplaceable. Our community has really been defined by the downtown area. By saving and restoring these historic structures we would not only be preserving Grapevine's heritage for the future, we would also be contributing to the financial growth of the central business district through the creation of new businesses and residences," said Robert Vick, Director of Economic Development for the City of Grapevine.

The area of primary interest to the Trust is the nucleus of old Grapevine, the residential area bounded by Northwest Highway on the North, the Railroad on the South, Ball Street on the west and Dooley Street on the east.

"This area has been through an evolution of development over the past 90 years that is approaching a critical period that will change the face and perception of Grapevine for all time. It is up to the citizens of Grapevine to decide whether we preserve our heritage or stand by and see the fabric of our community destroyed," Giffin said.

Keeling House Faces Destruction in its Centennial Year

One of the oldest remaining wood structures in Grapevine, the Keeling House at 627 Church Street has been placed on the list for demolition by the city under the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

After an appeal by the president of the Grapevine Historic Trust, Charles G. Giffin, and the current owner, Mike Sweeney, to the Building Code Board of Appeals, a 60-day stay for demolition was granted. The 60 days will be used to create a plan for saving the home.

The home was originally owned by the Keeling family who operated the *Grapevine Sun* for 73 years. The structure is a wood-frame, Texas folk house built in 1888 exemplifying a style of architecture typical of the community in the late 1800s.

Stewart House Restored

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GRAPEVINE TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORMED TO SAVE HISTORIC GRAPEVINE FROM DEMOLITION

The Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation is a grass-roots community organization formed to help preserve the character of Grapevine by saving and renovating historic structures in the downtown residential area that are facing imminent demolition.

"The integrity of our community is threatened every time another historic home is destroyed," said Charles G. Giffin, Director of the Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation and Chairman of the Main Street Committee.

"What is even more distressing than losing these homes is the thought of what might replace them. We could easily be faced with cheap apartment complexes or nondescript small office buildings that destroy the historic character that keeps Grapevine from evolving into another Plano," Giffin added.

A number of the city's historic homes have been destroyed in the last two years, and a total of 12 homes face imminent demolition by the city under the "Dangerous Building Ordinance." The Trust seeks to raise funds from private contributions and grants to preserve and restore these structures before they are all destroyed.

"These buildings are irreplaceable. Our community has really been defined by the downtown area. By saving and restoring these historic structures we would not only be preserving Grapevine's heritage for the future, we would also be contributing to the financial growth of the central business district through the creation of new businesses and residences," said Robert Vick, Director of Economic Development for the City of Grapevine.

The area of primary interest to the Trust is the nucleus of old Grapevine, the residential area bounded by Northwest Highway on the North, the Railroad on the South, Ball Street on the west and Dooley Street on the east.

"This area has been through an evolution of development over the past 90 years that is approaching a critical period that will change the face and perception of Grapevine for all time. It is up to the citizens of Grapevine to decide whether we preserve our heritage or stand by and see the fabric of our community destroyed," Giffin said.

Keeling House Faces Destruction in its Centennial Year

One of the oldest remaining wood structures in Grapevine, the Keeling House at 627 Church Street has been placed on the list for demolition by the city under the Dangerous Building Ordinance.

After an appeal by the president of the Grapevine Historic Trust, Charles G. Giffin, and the current owner, Mike Sweeney, to the Building Code Board of Appeals, a 60-day stay for demolition was granted. The 60 days will be used to create a plan for saving the home.

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SAVE THE WILLIS HOUSE

The Trust's primary efforts today focus on saving the 87-year old Willis House at 401 West College Street from demolition by the city. The city recently gave a "stay of execution" from the wrecker ball for further study of the structure's historical significance.

Historic Significance

Built in 1901, the Willis House was the first home in Grapevine to be constructed of brick. A gallery porch surrounds the rectangular home which also features a steeply pitched roof. The 9-inch-thick walls were formed from the same brick used for construction of Grapevine's "Brick Hotel" in the late 1880s and for several of Grapevine's downtown buildings.

The house was built by Joe Willis and his wife Mollie on land that was a gift from Mollie Hudgins Willis' father Rev. Nathan Hudgins, a pioneer Methodist minister.

The home is potentially eligible for the National Register by virtue of its design excellence, integrity and atypical mode of construction.

Goal to raise $50,000

"Our goal is to raise $50,000 in the next six months to save this important structure. We're counting on the people of Grapevine to step forward and help us meet this goal," said Charles G. Giffin, President of the Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation.

"This is an excellent opportunity because the owner of the house Claude Chambers, has already offered to donate the home to the city," Giffin commented.

The goal of the Trust is to completely renovate the house and maintain it for use by a non-profit organization for office or meeting space.

"With the grants we are seeking and support by the people of the area, our $50,000 goal is attainable and will be just the first step in preserving historic Grapevine," Giffin said.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please call today to become a part of the **Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation.**

Main Street Office	**481-0395**
Chuck Giffin	**481-5821**

August 1 Deadline to Save Foust House

The historic Foust House at 405 Church Street faces demolition by the City of Grapevine by August 1, unless a plan to move the structure is enacted.

The 2,000 square foot building displays turn-of-the-century craftsmanship including hand-turned banisters and crystal doorknobs.

The home is adjacent to the city's Senior Citizen's Center, and was purchased by the city to use the property for expansion of the center. The city had received bids of more than $4,000 for demolishing the home to make way for the expansion.

Joe Lipscomb, a local developer and Realtor, along with Charles Giffin, convinced the city to delay the demolition while Lipscomb pursues a plan to renovate and relocate the structure.

Lipscomb plans to renovate the home and move it to another downtown location for use as office or retail. The renovation and relocation of the structure would require an investment of $100,000, and Lipscomb is seeking a tenant for the building before finalizing the renovation plans.

The Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation also is advocating the city help support the renovation and relocation of the home rather than spending $4,000+ for its demolition.

Anyone interested in relocating offices or shops to the Foust House should contact Joe Lipscomb at 210 W. College Street, Grapevine (Phone - 481-9572).

DIRECTORS:

Charles G. Giffin, Jr.
James E. Swann, II
Diana Atkinson
John R. Dorety
Sandra Powers
Marion Brekken
Kathie St. Germain

MAIN STREET PROJECT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The finishing touches were recently put in place with the completion of landscaping of the Main Street Project's Franklin Street parking lot as a part of the revitalization of Grapevine's Main Street.

More than $400,000 of private reinvestment has taken place in the past two years on Main Street with eigth rehabilitation currently underway. In addition, the city has reinvested $78,000 in the rehabilitation of City buildings on Main Street including improvements to the Fire House, historical rehabilitation to the City Hall facade, the construction of the Gazebo at Town Square and the Franklin Street parking lots.

The Downtown Task Force is currently compiling an updated survey of historic information and photos for every building located downtown. This historical survey will provide building owners with architectural details of the period and encourage accurate rehabilitations. The design guideline will be complimented with design plans for streetscapes, lighting, landscaping and signage improvements.

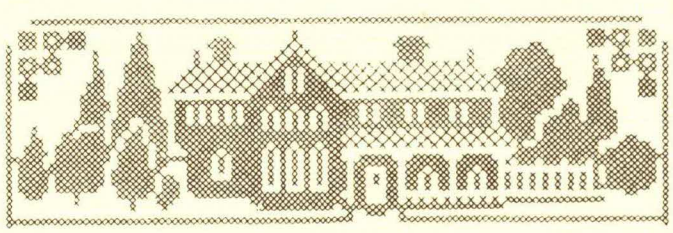
JOIN...
THE GRAPEVINE TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

You can make a difference! Join The Grapevine Trust for Historic Preservation and help us preserve the past for the future. Your membership fee will help us save the Willis House from Destruction and help build a foundation for future preservation projects.

And, if you join today as a member or sustaining member, you will receive a set of "Grapenotes", the popular notecards with illustrations of historic structures in Grapevine. Patrons and corporate members will receive a distinctive limited-edition print of the handsome *Clarence Stewart House.*

Join Today:

Student membership	$ 5
Senior Citizen (over 65)	$ 15
Member	$ 25
Sustaining member	$ 50
Patron	$100
Corporate member	$250
Corporate patron	$1,000



HISTORIC STRUCTURES DISAPPEARING IN GRAPEVINE: 13 HOMES TAPPED BY CITY FOR DESTRUCTION

At least 13 homes have been placed on the list of "Dangerous Buildings" by the city of Grapevine for imminent demolition. While many of these buildings have been abandoned and are in disrepair, they still represent the heritage of the community.

The list of structures is currently being reviewed by the Grapevine Historical Society for historical significance. The structures being considered under the "Dangerous Building Ordinance are:

407 Nash
121 & Hall-Johnson Road
121 & North of Hall-Johnson Road
3055 Hall-Johnson Road
313 West Wall (log building)
308 Ruth - Wall
1309 Ruth - Wall
418 Scribner
430 Scribner
Northeast corner of West Texas and Church Streets
627 Church Street
405 Church Street
401 College

In the past two years a number of buildings of historic significance have been lost to the city of Grapevine through fire or demolition. Most notable of those includes the 115-year-old Coble House and the two-story Wickman House which overlooked the city from a hill on South Main Street.

"Under the current city building code, no more wooden structures will be built. When we lose these homes, an entire style of architecture will be gone from the city forever," said Robert Vick, Director of Economic Development for the City of Grapevine.

TEXAS HISTORICAL PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Saturday July 23, 1988

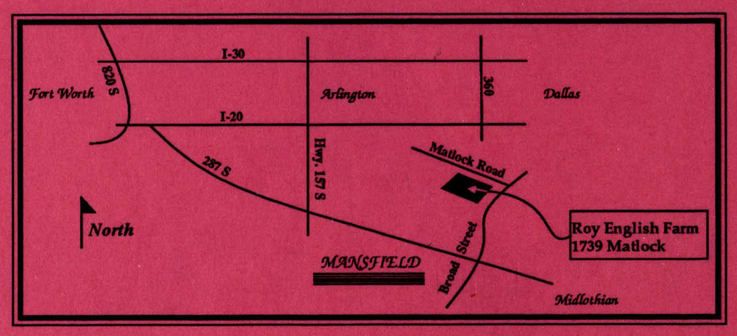
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Roy English Farm — Mansfield, Texas

Guest Speakers Include:	*Rick Meyer*	Preservation Texas, Austin
	Libby B. Willis	National Trust for Historic Preservation, Ft. Worth
	Stan Graves	Texas Historical Commission, Austin
	Anice Read	Texas Historical Commission, Austin
	Jim Steely	Texas Historical Commission, Austin

$10.00 Registration Fee includes seminar, lunch, information packet, and self-guided tour to historic Mansfield

For additional information, contact Sandi Thompson at metro (817)477-2296
or Terry Anderson at (817)473-0843



Preservation Workshop

Registration Fee — $10. Please make checks payable to Mansfield Main Street Project and mail with this registration card to P.O. Box 515 • Mansfield, Texas 76063. Deadline for registration is July 10.

Name: _____

Organization: _____ Number Attending: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

22 June 1988

Sandy Thompson
P.O. Box 918
Mansfield, Texas 76063

Dear Sandy,

Sorry I was out of pocket when you needed help. Anything I can do now let me know.

I will try to pull in as many people as I can. You might send me several of the registration forms to pass on to others. I think it would be quicker to send to our list direct as I'm playing catch-up right now from my trip. Also that will put Mansfield in the spotlight as the sponsor.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Mailing list enclosed

COPY

SEVEN TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDED

HISTORY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

HISTORY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

1. Newspapers were given written information regarding Historical Markers and dedications.

2. Publicity was given newpapers regarding our marriage license distribution program.

3. Newsletters were published quarterly. The mailing list was again revised to eliminate undeliverable addresses. A continueing update is maintained.

4. Commission members participate in various celebrations of county or state history throughout the county.

T.R. FEHRENBACH, SAN ANTONIO
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MRS. H.L. LONG, KILGORE
VICE-CHAIRMAN
DR. DAN A. WILLIS, FORT WORTH
SECRETARY

MRS. LUNELLE A. ANDERSON, SAN MARCOS
JOHN M. BENNETT, SAN ANTONIO
CARRIELU B. CHRISTENSEN, AUSTIN
GEORGE CHRISTIAN, AUSTIN

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SUZANNE W. HARRIS, SAN ANTONIO
KARL A. KOMATSU, FORT WORTH
W. MERRIMAN MORTON, HOUSTON
JAMES S. NABORS, LAKE JACKSON
GAY RATLIFF, AUSTIN
EVANGELINE L. WHORTON,
GALVESTON ISLAND

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512)463-6100

March 23, 1988

Mrs. Dee Barker
Tarrant County Chairman
P. O. Box 794
Colleyville, TX 76034

Dear Mrs. Barker:

The signing of the proclamation observing Preservation Week, "The People's Choice", is scheduled on April 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Governor's Reception Room of the State Capitol.

The THC extends a special invitation to attend this important event. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact Cindy Dally. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Curtis

Curtis Tunnell
Executive Director

CT/ds

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

SHIRLEY CALDWELL, PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION; DEE BARKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION; CINDY DALLY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, THC; CARRIELU CHRISTENSEN, MEMBER, THC; STAN GRAVES, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE, THC; AND GOV. BILL CLEMENTS

The State of Texas
The House of Representatives
Austin, Texas

February 18, 1988

Doyle Willis
3316 Browning Court
Fort Worth, Texas 76111
817/336-4409

P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769
512/463-0740

Committees:
Vice Chairman, Appropriations
Liquor Regulations
Chairman, Select Committee on Child Abuse

Ms. Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P. O. Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

I am very pleased to inform you that the Tarrant County Historical Commission has been selected by the Texas Historical Commission to receive three state awards. These are:

(1) Distinguished Service Award, for the best work done in 1987 at the local level to protect and preserve Texas history and culture.

(2) Evelyn Cushman, Outstanding Committee Chairman of a County Historical Commission.

(3) Millard C. Cope Memorial Award for Best Program of Work.

Tarrant County faced fierce competition from other Texas counties for these awards and I am very proud of the Tarrant County Historical Commission and its exceptional programs and the people who make them possible.

Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Director, CHC and Museum Services, Texas Historical Commission, 512/463-6100, will be contacting you about the special awards presentation at the Texas Historical Commission's preservation conference in Brownsville, April 21-23, 1988.

Congratulations to the Tarrant County Historical Commission and to Ms. Cushman for outstanding work in the preservation of our Texas heritage.

Sincerely yours,

Doyle Willis

State Rep. Doyle Willis
District 90, Tarrant County

DW:jm

cc: Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth News-Tribune
Texas Historical Commission

West Texas Delegation - Chairman

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

29 February 1988

Rep. Doyle Willis
3316 Browning Court
Fort Worth, Texas 76111

Dear Rep. Willis,

It was a real pleasure to hear you were being presented the Texas Award for Historic Preservation. I regret that I could not be present to see you receive it, but was in Austin for a meeting called by the Texas Historical Commission. They didn't time these two things with us both in mind.

You certainly deserved this award, for you have done so much to help both the Texas Historical Commission and the county historical commissions. Though I could not be there, I want to add my thanks.

I also appreciate you notifying us that the Tarrant County Historical Commission will receive awards at the Annual Preservation Conference in April. When volunteers work hard all year, they are deserving of recognition. I personally know that we have a very good commission, and have accomplished a lot for our county. It is heartwarming to know others realize it, and it pleases me that my commission members can be proud of their commission. Your letter was the first notification I had of the awards. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind words.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

29 February 1988

Judge Roy English
Commissioner Dick Andersen
Commissioner O.L.Watson
Commissioner Bob Hampton
Commissioner J.D. Johnson

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed you will find copies of letters from Rep. Doyle Willis and Sen Hugh Parmer, relative to the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

The Millard C. Cope Memorial Award and the Distinguished Service Award are the two top awards given by the State to a county historical commission. They identify your county historical commission as the best in the state.

As commission chairman, I have the opportunity to annually nominate one chairman of a local committee to stand in competition with other committee chairmen from throughout the state, for Outstanding Committee Chairman recognition at the annual Texas Historical Commission preservation conference. This year my nominee, Evelyn Cushman, was chosen for this state award. She resides in precinct 3.

Also enclosed for your convenience, please find a list of your Historical Commission appointees with their precinct numbers in front of their names, should you like to add your own acknowledgement of your appointees fine work for our county.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

COUNTY JUDGE
of
TARRANT COUNTY

Roy English
County Judge
(817) 334-1441

County Administration Building
100 East Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0101

March 17, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker
2200 Oak Knoww Drive
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Dee:

Congratulations upon receipt of the awards from the Texas Historical Commission. As a distinguished member and Chairman of our Tarrant County Historical Commission, you are to be commended for your accomplishments.

It is my understanding you had some tough competition from other Texas counties. I am sure this makes you even prouder to be selected as recipients of the awards.

Evelyn Cushman, who was chosen as Outstanding Committee Chairman of a County Historical Commission, is to be congratulated as well for all her efforts.

On Monday, April 4, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court will be honoring the Historical Commission for all its achievements. On behalf of the Court, I would like to extend this invitation to you to attend this meeting at 1:30 p.m. to receive the recognition you so richly deserve.

Our Court holds its session on the fifth floor of the Administration Building, 100 E. Weatherford (downtown across from the Courthouse). We would be delighted to have you present on April 4th.

If you are unable to attend this Commissioners Court session, let me take this opportunity to extend to you my heartfelt gratitude as well as congratulations for a job well done.

With warm regards,

Roy

Roy English
County Judge

RE:gm

A PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION DURING COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING ON APRIL 4TH

JUDGE ROY ENGLISH PRESENTING PLAQUE TO TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN DEE BARKER ACCEPTING

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS AT AWARD PRESENTATION

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN DEE BARKER AND MARKER CHAIRMAN EVELYN CUSHMAN

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS AT AWARD PRESENTATION LEFT TO RIGHT; DEE LYNN AGUILAR, SUE McCAFFERTY, JANIE REID, BETTE WILSON, DOROTHY RENCURREL, CARLA HOSKINS, DEE BARKER, EVELYN CUSHMAN, RUTH STONE, AND OLIVER COZBY

TARRANT COUNTY
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76196-0609

J. D. JOHNSON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT NO. 4

May 5, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P. O. Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

I would like to add my rather belated congratulations to the many others I'm sure the Commission has received for being selected for the Millard C. Cope Memorial Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Outstanding Committee Chairman Award.

These three awards are indicative of the dedication and hard work you and the other members of the Commission contributed to the preservation of our rich local heritage. I'm extremely proud of your outstanding accomplishments. I just wish I had been in Brownsville this past April to share your well deserved pride when presented these most prestigious awards.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sincerely,

J. D. Johnson
Tarrant County Commissioner
Precinct Four

JDJ:mjb

The Senate of
The State of Texas

HUGH PARMER
District 12
Fort Worth

COMMITTEES
CHAIRMAN:
Intergovernmental Relations
MEMBER:
Administration
Health and Human Services
State Affairs

Feburary 22, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
2200 Oak Knoll Drive
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

It has come to my attention that The Tarrant County Historical Commission has recently been selected to receive the **Millard C. Cope Memorial Award for Best Program of Work and the Distinguished Service Award.** I wanted to be among the first to offer you Congratulations! I applaud your selection since I know firsthand that Tarrant County has made a tremendous contribution to preservation of our historical sites and buildings, thus perserving our heritage for generations to come.

If I can be of assistance to you in carrying out your responsibilities as Chairperson, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Hugh Parmer
Senator

HP/rh

P.O. Box 12068 Austin 78711 512/463-0112 1100 Texas Street Fort Worth 76102 817/332-2444

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

22 February 1988

Commissioner O.L. Watson
Southeast Sub-Courthouse
734 E. Border Street
Arlington, Texas 76010

Dear Commissioner Watson,

Every year the Texas Historical Commission holds an annual Preservation Conference. At this conference they recognize local county commission members who have done outstanding work. Each county Historical Commission may nominate one member to be considered for this award.

This year I nominated one of your appointed members, Bette Wilson. Enclosed you will find a copy of the nomination letter.

Bette is a most valued member of the Commission. Oliver Cozby, a new appointee this year, has also shown a keen interest in the work of the Commission. He has even taken vacation days from work to attend meetings. He will take several vacation days in order to attend the state conference. We appreciate appointees who participate and work, and the wisdom of these appointments.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

LETTER TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENDING MEMBERS FOR WORK

October 11, 1988

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
Attn: City Desk
400 W. 7th St.
Fort Worth, Tx. 76102

Dear City Desk Editor,

Enclosed you will find the announcement of the details of the dedication ceremony for the Historical Marker commemorating the James E. Guinn School.

The article is, also, a condensation of the history of the man and of the schooling of blacks in Fort Worth.

The Commission would be delighted to have the public informed by the printing of this article in your newspaper, and would you, please, include the details of the ceremony in the Calendar Column of the November 3 and 4 issues.

Thank you sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairperson
Tarrant County Historical Commission

Copies to Features Editor
and Education Writer.

Dee Barker
2200 Oak Knoll Drive
Colleyville, Tx. 76034
Ph. 283-0030

EXAMPLE OF NEWSPAPER NOTICES

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Dee

TELEPHONE MEMO

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 12 February 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Art Weinman

PHONE NUMBER: _____

TOPIC: Horse Fountain

He received $1000.00 check from Willard C. Jackson a friend of Jackson whittled a copy of the horse fountain.

W.C. Jackson
4016 Linden
Ft Worth, Tx 76107

county took bids on horse fountain - in granit and limestone

TELEPHONE MEMO

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 19 February 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Willard Jackson

PHONE NUMBER: 731-1113

TOPIC: Horse Trough

Willard Jackson - retired

worked for Rimes who had the Ft Worth Telegram also Flat Iron Building
Has invitation to Spring Palace &
R.R. token of Spring Palace

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

5 May 1988

Willard C. Jackson
4016 Linden
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Mr. Jackson,

The Tarrant County Historical Commission would like for you to have this bronze medallion in appreciation for the generous donation to the fund to rebuild the old horse fountain.

These were given to dignitaries at the restoration dedication, and used after than time as special mementos for visiting digintaries.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Enclosed: Medallion number 28

EXAMPLE OF CORRESPONDANCE REGARDING PRESERVATION

THE COMMISSION

A NEWSLETTER OF THE
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Volume 9 Number 2 June 1988

Cemetery Project

Your county Historical Commission is in the process of driving the county to precisely locate every cemetery within the county, even small one-grave sites. These locations will be placed on Texas Highway Department maps, with copies placed in the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archives and Research Library, the Texas Historical Commission Library, and a copy given to the State Highway Department for use when planning new roads or widening of roads.

We are also gradually accumulating black and white photographs of local cemeteries. Anyone who has photographs of tombstones which are now missing are encouraged to contact the Commission.

If anyone knows of a small deserted cemetery which may be unknown to others, we would appreciate being informed of its location. In order to protect and save these cemeteries or gravesites we must know of their existance.

Cemetery Law

There are numerous state laws and court decisions that offer protection to burial sites. In addition to the information listed below, there also may be specific statutes that pertain to individual counties and cities. There are also federal regulations pertaining to cemeteries, which are not covered here.

Basic Cemetery Law - Under Texas law (Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Title 26, Article 912a-10 and 912a-11), property dedicated as a cemetery cannot be disturbed unless the district court for that area has formally removed its purpose of dedication.

Definition of a Dedicated Cemetery - Court decisions have established that an enclosed tract and evidence of burials are two criteria that constitute dedication of land for a cemetery. In the case of Michels v. Crouch (Court of Civil Appeals, 1939), it was determined that if tombstones still marked burial sites, the property was considered a cemetery, even if it had been abandoned or neglected.

Ownership of Cemeteries - Through a ruling in 1936 (Smallwood v. Midfield Oil Co.), the Court of Civil Appeals ruled that a cemetery cannot be sold or conveyed in such a way as to restrict its designated purpose. This ruling does not necessarily mean, however, that owners must grant access to a cemetery.

Penalties - According to the state's penal code (sections 36.01 to end), intentional desecration of a burial site is punishable as a class A misdemeanor.

It is important to note that cemetery laws are not administered by the Texas Historical Commission or any other state or county agency. In most cases enforcement is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies. Despite laws, vandalism is frequent, and the vandal often uncaught. Vigilance is the best deterent.

Cemetery Resources

For more information on cemeteries, the following sources are recommended:

The Association for Gravestone Studies, 46 Plymouth Rd., Needham, MA 02192, 617-455-8180.

Jordon, Terry G., Texas Graveyards: A Cultural Legacy. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1982.

The Medallion. The newsletter of the Texas Historical Commission has featured a variety of articles on cemeteries in the past several years. More specific information and copies of back issues are available from the THC, Publications Dept., P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711.

Preserving Cemeteries. Texas Preservation Guidelines. Austin: Texas Historical Commission, 1984.

Researching Cemeteries. Information sheet prepared by the State Marker Program, Texas Historical Commission, Austin 1983.

Steely, Jim, Tombstone Territory, Texas Highways, March 1976.

THC Assistance

The Texas Historical Commission is committed to assisting citizens preserve the historic and prehistoric cemeteries in the state. If you are aware of a threatened cemetery that is on state land or is part of a project involving state funds, contact your county historical commission or the Texas Antiquities Committee (housed with the THC) at 512/463-6098. If a threatened cemetery is part of a federally funded or federally permitted project, contact the THC's Review and Compliance Department at 512/463-6096. For endangered cemeteries on private land, the THC's Archeology Department (Office of the State Archeologist) can offer information on preserving the site. The most successful way to save a cemetery is to use preventative maintenance, so the department encourages early contacts. The phone numberfor the Archeology Department is 512/463-6090.

We encourage readers to keep the County Historical Commission informed of any vandalism, sale of cemetery sites, discovery of unknown sites, or problems concerning cemeteries. We also have files with information on cemeteries within the county which are available for information to the public.

THE COMMISSION

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THE COMMISSION

A NEWSLETTER OF THE
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TCHC to Receive State Awards

The Tarrant County Historical Commission will receive both the Distinguished Service Award and the Millard C. Cope Memorial Award at the annual Preservation Conference to be held in Brownsville in April.

The Distinguished Service Award is non-competitive, and awarded for completing certain criteria set forth by the Texas Historical Commission.

The Millard C. Cope Memorial Award is a competitive award, measuring our county historical commission against others in the state. It is the highest award given to a county historical commission by the state, recognizing our accomplishments and quality of work in 1987.

This award could not have been received without the dedicated service of many of our members, who had a spirit of pulling together this year. This Commission chairman appreciates everyone who worked to make our commission the best.

Cushman to be Recognized

Evelyn Cushman, chairman of the Historical Markers and Research Committee, will be recognized as the Outstanding Committee Chairman of a County Historical Commission, at the annual Preservation Conference in April. Evelyn was nominated by the commission chairman for both her accomplishments and quality of work while chairing the committee.

Horse Fountain

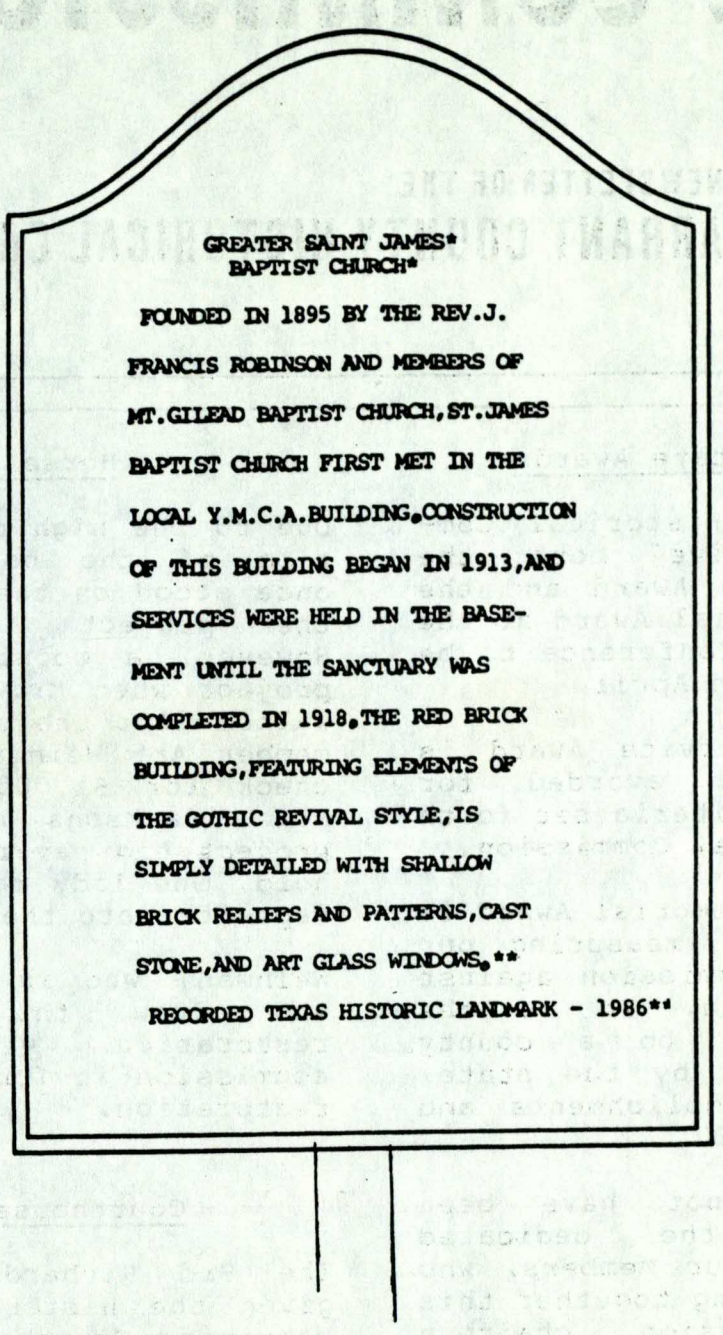
Due to the high cost of the restoration of the horse fountain which once stood on the courthouse square, the project has moved slowly. However, a boost was given to the project when Mr. Willard C. Jackson walked into the office of commission member Art Weinman and handed him a check for $1,000.00. We appreciate Mr. Jacksons generosity. The project has never been dead, only on hold. One lady regularly makes small deposits into the fund.

Weinman, who is also the architect who drew the plans for the restoration, will represent the commission in further efforts toward restoration.

Courthouse Medallions

The Sid Richardson Foundation has given the Historical Commission the remaining Courthouse Medallions that were made for the dedication of the courthouse following the restoration. These are the large Bronze Medallions which were given to dignataries and guests of the county. They are numbered and have a small wooden stand.

A Medallion will be given to each of the first fifty people who make a minimum donation of $100 to the Horse Fountain Fund. Donations should be sent to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, Box 794, Colleyville, Texas 76034.



Dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for
GREATER ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday the 20th of March 1988
Fort Worth, Texas

Advisory Council

Dee Barker, Chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, has been appointed by the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission to a newly created Advisory Council to the THC staff.

The Council, composed of selected county historical commission chairmen, met with Curtis Tunnell, Executive Director of the THC and Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Director of Field Services in Austin February 26th. Programs of the THC were evaluated, considering the interaction of the THC and the county historical commissions. The all day meeting was lively and productive. We should see quite a few changes in the future, some small and some substantial.

The Advisory Council will meet with the staff again at the annual Preservation Conference in April, and is expected to have periodic conferences thereafter. Both the THC staff and the Council members felt the initial meeting to be very constructive.

Annual Preservation Conference

The 1988 Historic Preservation Conference sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission and the Texas Historical Foundation, will be held in Brownsville April 21-23.

This year the workshops will focus on the theme "Rivers, Roads, Rails, and Trails", all instrumental in the development of Texas.

As usual there will be a time for fun, with a choice of tours, a reception hosted by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce,and musical entertainment at Texas Southmost College.

Regional Workshop

In response to a growing need to address preservation issues at the local level, the Texas Historical Commission, Preservation Texas, and the Texas/New Mexico field office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation will host a series of regional workshops throughout 1988.

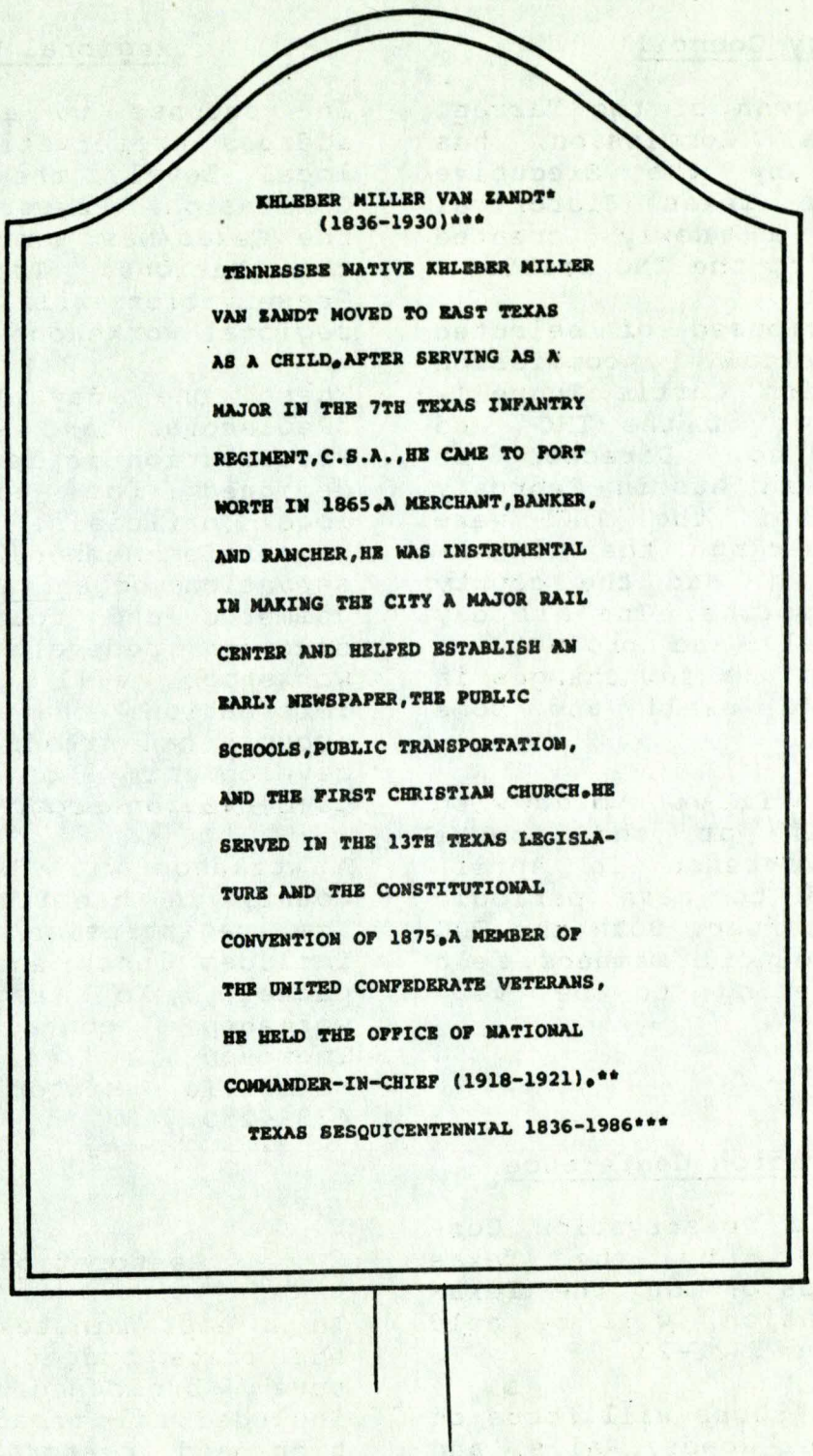
These one day workshops, titled "Rediscover and Learn: Successful Preservation in Your Community", are designed for community leaders, local officials, county historical commission members, nonprofit preservation organizations, chamber of commerce and tourism leaders, and downtown redevelopment groups. The workshops will provide practical information that individuals and groups can readily apply in the development of an effective preservation program.

A workshop will be held in Tarrant County in Mansfield on July 23rd. The registration fee is $10 and includes lunch and an informational packet. To register for the workshop, contact either Sandy Thompson at 477-2296, or the Mansfield Historical Society at 473-4250.

Restoration Sales Tax

In a last minute effort to balance the state budget, the 70th Legislature broadened the sales tax and included all remodeling, rehabilitation and restoration of commercial buildings.

During a meeting at the THC office, we were informed it is anticipated the law may be changed as it has a stifling effect on economic development through restoration and rehabilitation of the older historic buildings in Texas.



Dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for
KHLEBER MILLER VAN ZANDT
Sunday the 10th of April 1988
Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth

TCHC Archives

The Tarrant County Historical Commission recently received an additional five feet of old land records from Stewart Title Company. These have been placed in our Archives.

Federal Funds Cleared

The Texas Historical Commission has been allocated $527,485 in federal funds for fiscal year 1988. This represents a slight increase from last year's apportionment.

The monies, which are derived from the federal government's Historic Preservation Fund, are used to assist in historical surveys, nominations, and tax act and federal project reviews. In addition, ten percent of the funds is reserved as grants for certified local governments in Texas, which are communities that have established planned preservation programs according to federal guidelines.

The 1988 funding also represents good news for state preservation offices because additional money has been cleared for predevelopment grants, which are considered critical for saving landmarks in poor condition or in imminent danger of collapse. Examples of predevelopment grants include feasibility studies, historic structure reports, and master plans. The THC may use up to 9.1 percent of its share of federal funds to develop this grant program.

In Tarrant County these grant monies have been used for the historic resources survey administered by the Preservation Council, publication of the survey findings, for a staff position in the Ft. Worth planning department, and for preparation of National Register nominations.

Ft. Worth was designated a Certified Local Government in 1987, and it is anticipated that Grapevine will qualify this year to bring more preservation funds to our county.

Rep. Doyle Willis Honored

Rep. Doyle Willis, of Ft. Worth, was presented the Texas Award for Historic Preservation on February 25th. Given by the State of Texas, the award recognizes those who have made significant contributions toward preserving Texas history. This was a most deserved award, as Rep. Willis has been a friend of preservation for many years.

THC Quarterly Meeting

The Texas Historical Commission held its quarterly business meeting in Austin in January. Chairman T.R. Fehrenbach presided. The THC reported: Plans are underway for the celebration of the Capitol centennial this May. Events will include Capitol tours, a parade, and exhibits; Commissioners approved the distribution of $40,520 in matching grants to certified local governments; and Commissioners gave initial approval for newly revised agency rules. The THC uses these rules to keep the public informed about its activities and legislative responsibilities. The new rules, scheduled for final approval at the next THC meeting in April, will be published later this summer.

Texas Antiquities Committee

Members of the Texas Antiquities Committee recently elected Dr. William G. Reeder, director of the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin, as chairman. T.R. Fehrenbach, Chairman of the Texas Historical Commission was elected vice-chairman.

At the same meeting the TAC revised wording in the Texas Antiquities Code, chapter 41, to specify that any nomination for State Archeological Landmark status must first be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

UTA Hosts Webb Lectures

The Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures were held at UTA on March 17th. This year the lectures were on the subject Sunbelt Cities and Recent Urban America. The speakers were Robert Fairbanks, of UTA; Roger Lotchin of the University of North Carolina; Carl Abbott, of Portland State University; and Zane Miller, of the University of Cincinnati.

The Commission has information in our files for your use in ordering the books in the Webb series, including those recently published. Essays on the History of North American Discovery and Exploration is the most recent book. These essays encompass four centuries in the discovery and exploration of North America, and continue the Webb theme of interaction between the Old World and the New.

UTA Special Collections

We wish to thank the UTA Special Collections Division of the University of Texas at Arlington Libraries for keeping us informed of their new acquisitions. If we all keep one another informed regarding our collections it will surely help us all.

Ft. Worth Advisory Board

The Ft. Worth Historic & Cultural Advisory Board informs us that additional resources are being considered for the Grand Avenue historic district. Funding for the study would be through the CLG grant. Peter Maxson, from the THC, looked at the properties in January.

Early School Building

Alice Marie Lewis has called our attention to what may be the oldest existing former school building in Ft. Worth. It was a subscription school building built by less than a dozen families on donated land. Thought to have been built in 1872, it was moved in 1883 and became a common school, Marine School District. It was later sold and moved again to be used as a church. After one more move, it became a residence. It is now vacant, and Alice Marie is concerned about the buildings future. If you can be of help, give her a call at 624-8002.

House Committee Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Cultural and Historical Resources Committee of the Texas Legislature on June 7th in Ft. Worth. The subject to be discussed is "Economic Impact of Historic Preservation on Business". The hearing will be from 1:30 to 4:00, at Mama Lou's Resturant.

Marker Dedications

Khleber Miller Van Zandt
April 10, at 2:00.
Oakwood Cemetery, Ft. Worth

Johnson Station Cemetery
April 24, at 2:00
At the cemetery, Arlington

General Edward H. Tarrant
May 15, at 2:30
Pioneer Rest Cemetery, Ft. Worth

Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge Building
May 28, at 2:30
4600 Camp Bowie Blvd. Ft. Worth

Bransford, Texas
June 11, time to be set
Bransford Rd., Colleyville

Restored Dentzel Carousel at Six Flags Over Texas

Three years ago a decision had to be made, whether to buy a new carousel for the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park, or restore the fine old Dentzel carousel built in 1925. They made the more expensive choice, restoration.

A few years before that, when the Historical Commission checked the condition of the historical markers at Six Flags, the history of the carousel was discussed with Bruce Neal, director of Public Relations. When the decision was made to restore the carousel, he remembered. This writer was privileged to watch the process of restoration.

The horses were restored on-site in a Six Flags workshop by a team of five artists who spent an average of 120 hours on each horse. Some horses were in especially bad shape, with parts rotted or damaged. All had many coats of paint that hid many of the finely carved features.

The horses legs had been covered with fiberglass to protect them from the weather. Instead of giving protection, the fiberglass held water around the legs after a flood at the park, allowing the legs to rot. Many parts had been broken from years of having children climb upon tails and pull on ears. When the paint was removed and the horses taken apart, they were found to have been repaired many times with large nails.

Each horse is made of many carved pieces, which were put together with wooden pegs. Each piece was carefully restored and new pieces were carved to replace those which could not be repaired. They were reassembled, again using wooded pegs as originally constructed. Each horse was then painted several coats of enamel and trimmed with gold. Carving, sanding, fitting the pieces together and painting became a labor of love for the artists.

Research showed the previous owner had made changes to various parts of the carousel. After finding samples of original parts, new pieces were made to restore the original design. In addition to the five artists who restored the horses, thirty craftsmen worked to restore the carousel.

Three years and 30,000 man hours after restoration began, the carousel stands gleaming and beautiful, housed in a special building which raises it to a place of prominance and protects it from the weather.

Friday, the 18th of march, we saw not only the wisdom of their choice, but a company that cares. Rather than have an affair focusing upon dignitaries, the park management chose to have an unveiling of the carousel for the permanent employees and their families. They chose to honor and focus attention upon those thirty five men who had worked on the carousel for so long and with so much care.

It was a hot dog and champagne affair. Hot dogs in the spirit of Six Flags park and all carousels everywhere, and a champagne toast to the men and their special carousel. The names of the men were read, and as each mans name was called out, he went aboard the carousel. These men were then honored by being the first to ride on this newly restored carousel.

This carousel is the last one built by Dentzel, and he owned and operated it himself the first two years it was in operation. The horses are of such a variety it is suspected he may have used some showroom samples on this last carousel. It would have been easier and much less expensive to purchase a new carousel with fiberglass horses. We thank Six Flags for restoring this fine old carousel.

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Annual Preservation Conference

Approximately 250 preservationists from across the state gathered in Brownsville for the Texas Historical Commission's Annual preservation conference April 21-23. Tarrant County was the recipient of both the DSA award and the highest award to a county historical commission, the Millard C. Cope Memorial Award for Best Program of Work.

The Texas Historical Commission's highest award, the Ruth Lester Award for Meritorious Service, was presented to the Meadows Foundation. The foundation has maintained a program of giving that encourages historic preservation projects, both the large and the smaller projects that often may be overlooked but are nonetheless imaginative and innovative.

Evelyn Cushman, Marker Chairman, received an award for Outstanding Committee Chairman for her work with the Marker Committee. Tarrant County members attending were Chairman Dee Barker, Secretary Ruth Stone, Evelyn Cushman, and Oliver Cozby.

UTA SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Commission is frequently asked questions regarding the location of the Fort Worth Star Telegram collection. This material is housed in Special Collections, in the UTA Library, under the direction of Dr. Gerald Saxon.

This collection consists of 180,000 black and white photographic prints, 112,000 film negatives, and 1,000 glass negatives, which together document virtually every aspect of life in Tarrant County from the early 1870s through the 1970s.

The collection also contains over 512,000 clippings from the 1920s to 1960s, 18,000 index cards on Texans who served in World War II, a 170,000 card index of oil wells in Texas fields from 1944 to the early 1970s, and 101 oversize sectional maps showing the location of Texas oil wells. This collection is one of the few complete newspaper morgues in the nation which will be open to the public.

Marker Workshop Held

A workshop focusing on how to prepare a historical marker application was held in Plano, Collin County, on April 9th. About 20 people from 5 counties attended, including Dee Barker, Chairman, and Evelyn Cushman, Marker Chairman, from Tarrant County.

Texas Historical Commission staff members Frances Rickard, Cynthia Beeman, and Jim Steely reviewed criteria, procedures, research, and proper documentation. The success of the workshop has led the THC to plan for additional workshops throughout the state.

Architectural Fellowship

The School of Architecture at The University of Texas at Austin, announced the establishment of the Blake Alexander Traveling Study Fellowship in Architecture for outstanding students interested in studying abroad.

The fellowship is named in honor of Alexander, a professor of architecture at the university since 1955. Nationally recognized for his work on behalf of architectural preservation, Alexander has been instrumental in the restoration of numerous historic sites across the state and serves on the board of various preservation organizations, including the National Register Board of Review and the Austin Landmark Commission.

Because the school currently has limited financial resources to support travel and study abroad, the goal of the fellowship's development program is to raise a $25,000 endowment fund to support an annual travel award to the school's most outstanding graduate. If the goal is met by August 31, the fund is eligible to receive a matching grant of $12,500.

In the mid 60s, as a joint project with the Amon Carter Museum and the University of Texas School of Architecture, Alexander led an architectural survey of Texas homes of the nineteenth century. He was prominent in the U.T. decision to restore and operate the Winedale Properties as a museum and study center. Locally, Alexander was a consultant on the Historic Architecture of Fort Worth project for the Fort Worth Junior League.

Regional Workshop

A reminder is in order for the regional workshop to be held in Mansfield on 23 July, hosted by the Texas Historical Commission, Preservation Texas, and the Texas/New Mexico field office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Speakers will be: Rick Meyer of Preservation Texas, Libby Willis of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Stan Graves of the Texas Historical Commission, Jim Steely of the National Register Department of the THC, and Anice Read of the Main Street department of the THC.

Marker News

The THC has announced that guidelines on documentation of historical markers has been revised to emphasize the need for strong footnotes and bibliography. We are pleased to see this step taken, as it should provide for better and more accurate marker narratives with information available, rather than contained in voluminous attachments.

Marker Dedications

In Tarrant County more markers have been dedicated this year than in all of 1987. The following markers have received official dedication: General Edward H. Tarrant; Johnson's Station Cemetery; Armour and Company, Fort Worth Plant; Swift and Company; Bransford; Dr. Azle Stewart; Arlington Heights Masonic Lodge Building; Greater St. James Baptist Church; Major K.M. Van Zandt; and Tarrant County State Bank Building.

Betty Wilson, chair of the Marker Dedication Committee, not only meets with sponsors to plan the dedications, but attends all dedications with her photographer husband to photograph and vidio tape the dedications for the official files of the commission. Anyone desiring copies of photographs from the commission negatives may obtain them by calling Bette at 265-2606.

Isham Cemetery

The official dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for Isham Cemetery will be held at 9:30 a.m. on 16 July at the cemetery on John T. White Road. The Tarrant County Historical Commission and the Isham Cemetery Association extend an open invitation to the dedication.

Cemetery Project

Your county Historical Commission is in the process of driving the county to precisely locate every cemetery within the county, even small one-grave sites. These locations will be placed on Texas Highway Department maps, with copies placed in the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archives and Research Library, the Texas Historical Commission Library, and a copy given to the State Highway Department for use when planning new roads or widening of roads.

We are also gradually accumulating black and white photographs of local cemeteries. Anyone who has photographs of tombstones which are now missing are encouraged to contact the Commission.

If anyone knows of a small deserted cemetery which may be unknown to others, we would appreciate being informed of its location. In order to protect and save these cemeteries or gravesites we must know of their existance.

Cemetery Law

There are numerous state laws and court decisions that offer protection to burial sites. In addition to the information listed below, there also may be specific statutes that pertain to individual counties and cities. There are also federal regulations pertaining to cemeteries, which are not covered here.

Basic Cemetery Law - Under Texas law (Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, Title 26, Article 912a-10 and 912a-11), property dedicated as a cemetery cannot be disturbed unless the district court for that area has formally removed its purpose of dedication.

Definition of a Dedicated Cemetery - Court decisions have established that an enclosed tract and evidence of burials are two criteria that constitute dedication of land for a cemetery. In the case of Michels v. Crouch (Court of Civil Appeals, 1939), it was determined that if tombstones still marked burial sites, the property was considered a cemetery, even if it had been abandoned or neglected.

Ownership of Cemeteries - Through a ruling in 1936 (Smallwood v. Midfield Oil Co.), the Court of Civil Appeals ruled that a cemetery cannot be sold or conveyed in such a way as to restrict its designated purpose. This ruling does

not necessarily mean, however, that owners must grant access to a cemetery.

Penalties - According to the state's penal code (sections 36.01 to end), intentional desecration of a burial site is punishable as a class A misdemeanor.

It is important to note that cemetery laws are not administered by the Texas Historical Commission or any other state or county agency. In most cases enforcement is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies. Despite laws, vandalism is frequent, and the vandal often uncaught. Vigilance is the best deterent.

Cemetery Resources

For more information on cemeteries, the following sources are recommended:

The Association for Gravestone Studies, 46 Plymouth Rd., Needham, MA 02192, 617-455-8180.

Jordon, Terry G., Texas Graveyards: A Cultural Legacy. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1982.

The Medallion. The newsletter of the Texas Historical Commission has featured a variety of articles on cemeteries in the past several years. More specific information and copies of back issues are available from the THC, Publications Dept., P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711.

Preserving Cemeteries. Texas Preservation Guidelines. Austin: Texas Historical Commission, 1984.

Researching Cemeteries. Information sheet prepared by the State Marker Program, Texas Historical Commission, Austin 1983.

Steely, Jim, Tombstone Territory, Texas Highways, March 1976.

THC Assistance

The Texas Historical Commission is committed to assisting citizens preserve the historic and prehistoric cemeteries in the state. If you are aware of a threatened cemetery that is on state land or is part of a project involving state funds, contact your county historical commission or the Texas Antiquities Committee (housed with the THC) at 512/463-6098. If a threatened cemetery is part of a federally funded or federally permitted project, contact the THC's Review and Compliance Department at 512/463-6096. For endangered cemeteries on private land, the THC's Archeology Department (Office of the State Archeologist) can offer information on preserving the site. The most successful way to save a cemetery is to use preventative maintenance, so the department encourages early contacts. The phone numberfor the Archeology Department is 512/463-6090.

We encourage readers to keep the County Historical Commission informed of any vandalism, sale of cemetery sites, discovery of unknown sites, or problems concerning cemeteries. We also have files with information on cemeteries within the county which are available for information to the public.

Cemetery Cataloguing

Evelyn Cushman, commission member, has given several workshops on cemetery cataloguing. They are always well received, as was the one given at the pre-conference session in Brownsville.

Following are suggestions similar to a handout she has developed for her workshops. Cemetery buffs will find it interesting and useful.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CATALOGUING CEMETERIES

Optional but helpful supplies for cataloguing a small rural graveyard can be kept in a zippered bag in the trunk of your car. Insect repellant, a small tube of Colgate toothpaste for ant and wasp stings, hightop shoes, chalk and charcoal sticks for making rubbings of worn stones, a pencil sharpener, 2 to 3 pencils and a spiral notebook. I also recommend some washcloths, a plastic bottle of water, sturdy pointed stick and a plastic-covered kneeling pad.

At the cemetery, a quick spray of chigger-chaser and change of shoes and you're ready. Pin the carkeys in a pocket and with pencil and notebook in one hand and your sturdy staff (to hold back the briars and barbwire) in the other, you're ready for business.

For a large cemetery, a little more preparation is worth considering.

First, inquire if the inscriptions have been copied by the cemetery association or a local history group. Try to obtain the records. Stones may have fallen and become covered up, yet can be found if you knew to look for them. This is another advantage of not listing tombstone inscriptions in alphabetical order. Reserve that for the Index.

Second, obtain a plot plan or map. If the cemetery association or caretaker does not have a map, try the county and city Tax Assessors. This will be helpful when dividing the area into small sections for easier recording. Try to locate a surveyor that has recently surveyed adjoining tracts, he may still have his field notes.

Use easily recognizable boundaries that will not change, driveways, for instance. Include the description at the beginning of each section's list of inscriptions.

Park your car in a shaded area, one that can be easily reached. A sudden rainshower, injury, or you may just want a comfortable place to take a break.

There are no set rules or methods of surveying. Some recorders copy row by row, others lay out grids with string across each section. Describe your method at the beginning so specific tombstones can be located.

Keep each section's listing separate, starting a new page in your notebook. If you begin Section No. 1 in the southeast corner, then start all Sections in the southeast corner.

When a group is doing the survey, work in teams of two persons. Divide each section in half. Have each member of the team copy half of the section and then exchange books, rechecking and correcting if necessary.

Use binder clips on your notebook to keep the pages from blowing in the wind. A clipboard makes a firm writing surface. Place a strip of Velcro on your pencil and on the clipboard to keep them together.

Knowledge of burial customs can be helpful as well as interesting. The wife is usually buried to the north of her husband, taking the traditional position by his left side. For that reason it works better to begin the survey in the southeast corner of the cemetery, working toward the northwest corner. Be careful not to miss a small plot or a single grave between curbed plots. As there are variable size and shaped plots, place a chalk mark, a number, perhaps, on the top of each recorded stone to reduce the chance of missed markers. If there is a caretaker, check with him beforehand, even though the next rain will wash away the chalk.

Do not crowd your copy, leave a space between each inscription with the exception of double headstones and family monuments. Leave at least two spaces or a symbol to indicate the beginning and end of family plots. If a row divides, label them "Row X east" and "Row X west".

Look on all sides of the stones and check footstones for further information. "Mother" at the foot of a grave where only initials preceed the surname, is one example of the importance of recording all information.

Note and record the number of unidentified graves, especially in family plots. By inquiring later, you may learn their identity. Hopefully it will remind relatives that the grave needs a marker.

Record military service and symbolic carvings that may give a clue to occupation or religion. Stones placed by fraternal organizations such as the Masons, Odd Fellows or Woodmen of the World, should be noted because their records are available for research by relatives.

If the memorial verse gives genealogical information, social or local history, copy it verbatim. But enclose in brackets any explanations, directions, notes, decorations, unusual gravemarkers or anything other than what is actually inscribed on the marker. Make a note if a stone is broken.

Burial sites with illegible funeral markers, concrete blocks, vases, fieldstones, etc. should NOT be recorded as being "unmarked". Make an appropriate notation such as: "(NOTE: child's grave marked with a styrofoam cross, located between J. A. Smith and Jane Jones)".

Headstones that have sunk so that the data is obscured should never be pulled up. Carefully use your pointed stick to uncover it. Be sure to replace all the dirt and stamp firmly to prevent the stone from toppling forward.

Turning over markers that have fallen face down is perilous to the stone. Plan ahead how you are going to replace it, making sure the ground is firm and level. Use gloves for a firm grip.

Copy inscriptions exactly, even if it is obviously misspelled. Use the same lettering and punctuation. Do not make abbreviations.

Different styles of lettering is used on tombstones and care must be taken in distinguishing between many of them. There may be as many as three types on the same marker. For severely weathered stones it is sometimes easier to make a quick rubbing of the worn letters. Place a piece of paper against it and rub with a soft pencil. It should give enough contrast to read. If necessary, use silkspan, #00 Pellon or rice paper and charcoal to make a full-sized "rubbing". To hold the paper secure, use freezer tape rather than masking tape, it leaves less residue.

For hard to read inscriptions try talcum powder. For upright stones apply the powder with a puff or wad of cloth. Rub it into the stone with your palm and lightly blow the excess away.

A hairpin or pointed soft pencil is useful to dislodge mud or moss but be careful. Try a stiff brush with water.

A last ditch method is to use a piece of chalk or charcoal, according to the color of the stone. Lay it flat against the stone and draw it across the inscription leaving the carving in contrast. NEVER use wax crayons or colored pencils as they will permanently stain the stone.

The ability to read worn stones often depends upon the light. If the sun's rays hit the stone at an angle and no shadows are cast in the incisions, it may help if you shade the inscription with your sunhat, brush the stone with water or trace each letter with a soft lead pencil.

After returning home wash your hands immediately. Boraxo hand cleaner is very good to remove the plant oils. If you have chiggers, add a half cup of Clorox to your bathwater.

Make frequent rest stops. A banana or other energy-replenishing snack with cool water will prevent heat exaustion and errors in copying. Recording tombstone inscriptions should be done at a leisurely pace. Take time to

appreciate the surroundings and the imagination and artistry of the stone carver. It can be an enjoyable method of preserving the records of past generations which, in many cases, are slowly being lost.

A brief history will make your cemetery report more useful as well as interesting. Use it's current name but ask if it was ever known by any other. The precinct garage, funeral homes, elderly residents, the city secretary or clerk of a nearby church may give you much information. Ask them about the unmarked graves. Inquire about known burials that do not have inscribed tombstones. Cite the name and address of your informant in the report.

The history should include the date it was started, the oldest surviving marker, and where records of internments are located. Determine if it is a privately owned cemetery or a public one. List the name and address of the person or association in charge.

Cemetery transcribing can be considered an art. It requires skill, interest and ability, all developed through patient practice. Satisfaction results if your transcription appears as a verbal image of the tombstone itself. Not only will your art aid researchers if placed in local and major libraries, but it will serve future generations when the stones have worn to only smooth remembrances or have become some thoughtless individual's doorstep.

ADDITIONAL AIDS FOR A LONG-TERM CEMETERY SURVEY

Some of the following items could be handy if you are cataloguing a large cemetery that is not close to your home. If it will take more than a few days and several hours there on each trip, assemble the items you may need for the entire project and keep them together.

Picnic lunch plus a thermos of water. Fruit for snack time.
Sunhat, workgloves, a sharpshooter and shears to cut briars.
Magnifying glass, pocket compass, road and cemetery maps.
Rice paper, Silkspan or Pellon for making full-size "rubbings".
Short and long tapes to measure boundaries of the sections.
Hammer and 12 inch spikes for boundary stakes or to make holes for wire coathanger stakes. Use colored plastic strips as "flags".
White vinegar for lichens. Mix 1 part to 3 parts water.
Red pen for special directions or notations on your recording.

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Tourism, History and Economics

Tourism, as the number two industry in Texas, has become especially important to our economy since the downturn in the Texas oil industry. With that in mind, the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Department of Commerce, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Highways and Public Transportation and Texas A&M University are working to develope a strategic tourism plan to function through the turn of the century. Historical attractions will be a part of that plan. Tourism is already a $17 billion a year business in the state, and it is important to the state and the counties to further build that tourist economy.

In 1986 the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas conducted a survey. They gave out questionnaires to every tourist who stopped at the Texas Highway Department entrance stations. They asked the tourist to take the questionnaires home with them, and fill them out after returning home. Surprisingly, most were returned. It was determined that most tourists came to Texas to shop. The second most frequent reason was historical attractions. 67% said historical attractions were their primary interest. Through this study we learned that in 1986, $1,472,815,000 tourist generated dollars were spent in Tarrant County. Travel connected payrolls in our county were $321,388,000 through 33,112 jobs. Local tax receipts from tourists in Tarrant County were $33,645,000.

The Texas Historical Foundation, now assoicated with Texas A&M University, quotes a survey that indicates that for every dollar invested in preservation and restoration, the Texas economy receives an estimated $323 in return through tourist dollars spent on lodging, food and entertainment.

Recent communication from the Texas Historical Commission encourages the county historical commissions to become actively involved with promoting tourism within the county. Your Historical Commission has been actively doing this for years. The Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau funded a Historical Resources survey administered through the National Register Program of the THC, at the request of this commission member. This member also worked with the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce and a Merchants Association to establish a Main Street Restoration Program that has generated over five million dollars of activity on Main Street within the past six years. This was done with no tax

dollars other than the hotel tax monies for a dirctors salary. This was done with private capital. Businesses are moving into once empty buildings, and restored buildings have improved the tax base. Our members in Mansfield are actively working with the City of Mansfield to establish a Main Street Restoration Program in that city.

We have provided research and application for numerous Texas Historical Markers, which have been funded by Convention and Visitor Bureaus and Chambers of Commerce; the Commission and these groups working together to promote history and tourism. We have also provided Historical Marker information and other historical information to these organizations for numerous brochures featuring historic sites. These have been placed in Texas Highway Department stations, hotels, and other tourist areas. Members work on the promotion of the Chisolm Trail Roundup, and the Stockyards District. We maintain a close relationship with the biggest tourist draw in Tarrant County, Six Flags Over Texas. We have placed over 270 historical markers in the county, a major tourist interest, with the financial support of the community. Your County Historical Commission was a step ahead of the state initiative, and we thank all the public and governmental entities who have worked with us so well over the years.

Preservation Workshop

A one day workshop, entitled Rediscover and Learn: Successful Preservation in Your Community, was conducted by the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas-New Mexico Field Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Preservation Texas. The workshop was held in Mansfield at the Roy English farm on 23 July, and sponsored by the City of Mansfield. The lectures were designed for community leaders, local officials, county historical commission members, chamber of commerce and tourism leaders, and downtown redevelopment groups. Speakers were: Libby Willis, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Jim Bratton, of Dallas; and Gerron Hite, Jim Steely, and Anice Read, of the Texas Historical Commission.

Over ninty people attended, among them Tarrant County Historical Commission members: Kate McDonald, Pam Holland, Beryl Gibson, Lanora Rolla, Evelyn Cushman, and Dee Barker.

Sales Tax Exemptions

A policy issued recently by the Texas Comptroller's office may save money for contractors rehabilitating commercial structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The policy exempts these properties from the state's new sales tax on the cost of labor.

The rules concerning repair and maintenance of National Register buildings also address mixed-use projects. Labor costs for residential portions of buildings that are used both for commerical and residential purposes also are eligible for exemption from the sales tax, provided that those costs are separately identified. If residential repairs and remodeling are not identified, labor costs for the entire job will be taxed, the rules state. For more information, contact the Comptroller's office at 512-463-4044.

Joe Pool Lake

The Corp of Engineers recently published a three volume report on the SMU studies of the Joe Pool Lake and Mountain Creek areas. These are very interesting and valuable studies of the area affected by the construction and filling of the lake. We appreciate the Corp of Engineers donation of this valuable resource material to the Archives and Research Collection of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. This is one more example of service to others eventually being of benefit to us. Last year we provided maps and information to one of the SMU investigators. We now have material from the study which greatly exceeds any we were able to provide.

Acquisitions

Recent acquisitions to the Commission collection include Book of Neighborhoods, produced by the Greater Fort Worth Realtors' Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, with some materials furnished buy the Commission. Black Journalists: Voices of Preservation and Change/Dual Consciousness, An Exploration of Preserving Black Tradition and Changing Black Lifestyles , by the Black Historical and Genealogical Society. Two Society of American Archivest manuals have been received, Archives & Manuscripts: Conservation, and Administration of Photographic Collections. We have also received Conservation of Photographs, and excellent manual by Kodak. The two volume set Old Northwest Texas, by Nancy T. Samuels and Barbara Knox, and published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. This was a long overdue acquisition.

Marker Microfilm

The commission recently ordered three reels of microfilm of Texas Historical Commission marker files. The state files contain notations and comments made by the THC, which are not available in our local files. The film, obtained from the Texas State Library, is of early Tarrant County markers. We are encouraging the state office to film the entire Tarrant County file in the near future.

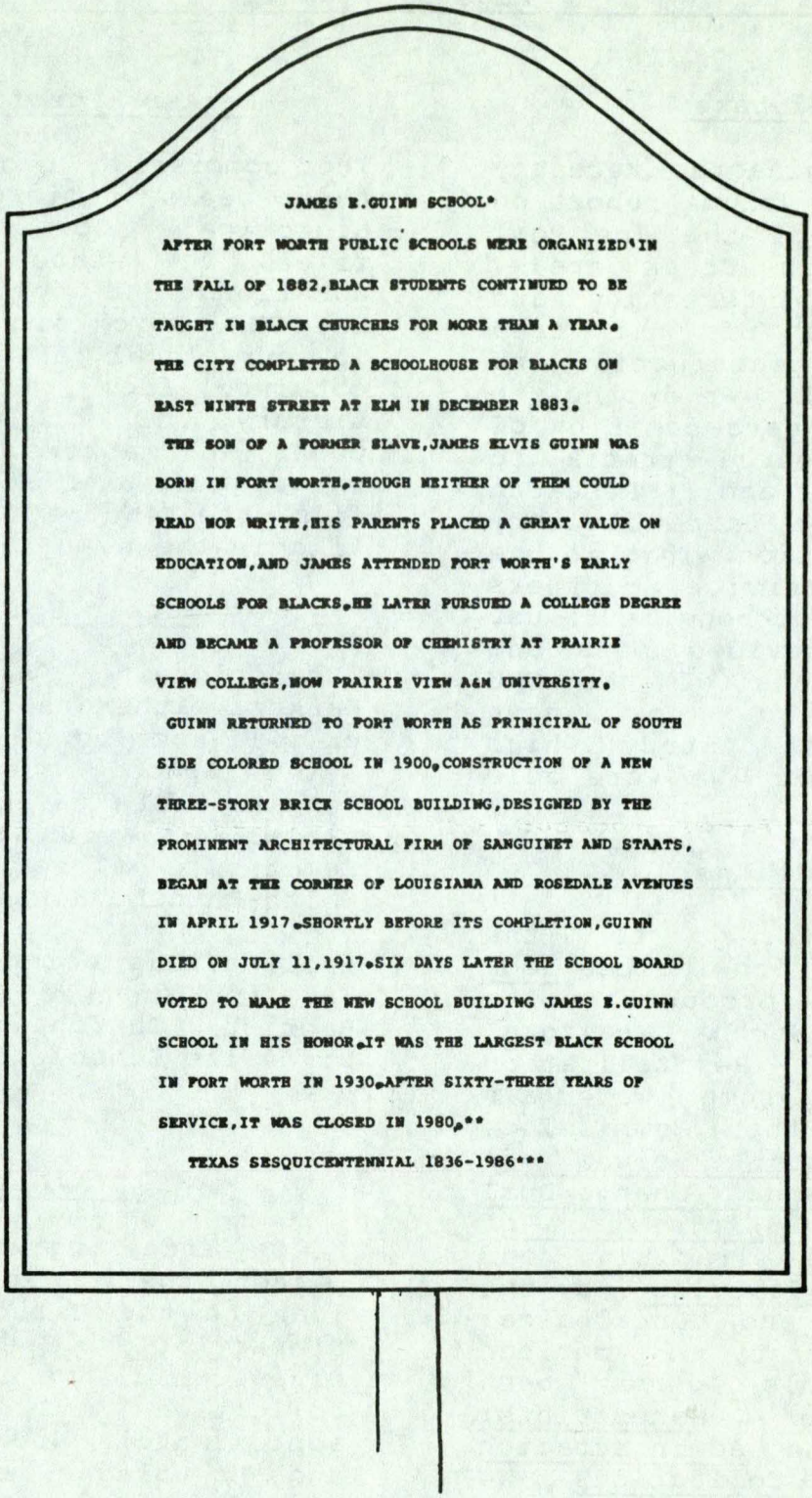
Marker Update

The following Texas Historical Markers either have been received or will soon be shipped: James E. Guinn School; General William Jenkins Worth (a new marker to be placed in Worth Square); Hitch Cemetery; Westover Manor; and the Smith-Burnett House.

Applications being mailed to the THC for approval: Woods Chapel Baptist Church; and Pioneer Birdville Schools.

UTA Library

Lewis and Virginia Buttery have placed their map collection on loan to the Cartographic History Library of the Special Collections Division of the UTA Library. The collection is composed of approximately 450 maps and charts and 40 atlases, dating from 1540 onward. At least 100 different cartographers are represented in the Buttery collection. The size, quality, and breadth of coverage provide a valuable addition to the already fine Cartigraphic History Collection at UTA.



The dedication of the Texas Historical Marker for
JAMES E. GUINN SCHOOL
will be held on Saturday the 5th of November at 2 p.m.
1100 Louisiana Avenue, Ft. Worth

The public is invited to attend

World War II Reunion

The 11th reunion of the Amphibious Tractor Battalion of World War II will be held in Bossier City, Louisiana, October 6-9. This will coincide with the battalion's 45th aniversary.

The landing craft specialists operated in the Pacific Theatre for nearly two years, landing men and material on beaches throughout the Pacific.

For information regarding the reunion call Allyne Wood at 927-0323.

CCC Reunion

The Texas State Civilian Conservation Corps Reunion will be held October 29-30 at the Cleburne State Recreation Area, located 6 miles west of Cleburne and 6 miles south of State Highway 67 on Park Road 21. The park was occupied from 1934 to 1941 by CCC Co. 3804. For information call Verle Oringderff, 626-6296.

A local group of former CCC workers meet regularly on the second Saturday of each month at the North Side Multiple Purpose Building, 1901 Harrington Street in Fort Worth. They meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Thistle Hill

Texas Heritage, Inc. will present "Eight Decades of Christmas" at Thistle Hill December 3-23, 1988. The museum exhibit will capture the spirit of America's Christmas traditions from the turn of this century to the present. Each decade, depicted in the various rooms of Thistle Hill, will be historically accurate -from the tree and its ornamentation to the gift items displayed beneath the tree. Holiday choirs will perform Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The Sixth Floor

Entitled "The Sixth Floor", an historic exihibit chronicling the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is scheduled to open in Dallas this November, the 25th anniversary of the shooting.

The exhibit will feature events leading up to the shooting, the political history of the era, and subsequent investigations into the assassination. The display was organized by the Dallas County Historical Foundation. For more information, call the Dallas County Historical Foundation at 214-653-6701.

Old Marriage Liscenses

A reminder -- The Tarrant County Historical Commission has old unclaimed marriage licenses which the county is not required to hold. These are original licenses which the couples failed to pick up from the courthouse following their marriage, dating from 1876 to the 1960s. The principals involved, or in the case of the deceased, a descendant or next of kin, may obtain a license upon submitting a written request, giving us the names of the marriage couple, date of marriage, your relationship to the couple, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. A donation to support the Commission's work is appreciated. Mail requests to: Tarrant County Historical Commission, Box 794, Colleyville, Texas 76034.

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State Capitol

A team of architecture students recently completed work on a three-year project designed to produce detailed computer-assisted drawings of the State Capitol Building. Begun in 1986 and funded by the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Capitol Committee, the finished drawings will be essential to restoration of the Capitol.

Under the direction of Prof. Robert Giebner of the University of Arizona, students from architecture schools across the state spent the summer making detailed field drawings of sections of the Capitol. Using a new, state-of-the-art computer graphics program, the students entered their measurements into computers at the University of Texas' School of Architecture, which donated its computer lab facilities for the project. Students were then able to make precise computer drawings of the Capitol sections, which were later assembled into larger drawings.

The completed drawings were sent to the HABS office in Washington, D.C., where negatives were made, allowing the drawings to be reproduced easily and cheaply. The results are the most comprehensive and accurate architectural drawings of the Capitol ever produced. They will serve as a standard for future maintenance and restoration projects.

These drawings will be useful to the staff of the Capitol Architect because original drawing were imcomplete and do not accurately portray the building as constructed. The orginal plans, for example, call for a limestone structure, although the Capitol was built in pink granite. Much of the detailed stonework was therefore left out of the plans. In addition, there are hidden portions of the building that never were drawn, except perhaps for working blueprints that have not survived. Also, numerous structural and stylistic changes have occurred since the building was constructed in 1888.

The Capitol is the largest building ever to be documented by HABS since the federal program's inception during the Great Depression. The objective of the program is to produce accurate measured drawings and photographs of the nation's historic buildings; the drawings are then stored in the Library of Congress. In Texas, about 200 buildings have been documented by the HABS program.

Telephone Pioneers

We see by the Telephone Pioneers of America Newsletter that they are still actively supporting the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup program, cleaning a highway in Tarrant County. This is a valuable gift to our state and the citizens.

Tarrant 2000

The Tarrant 2000 committees were formed to study the needs of county government, using the year 2000 as a reference date for recommendations. The committees were comprised of both county government employees and private citizens, being primarily a citizens committee. The reports are in, providing observations and recommendations interesting to those who are conscious of the value of preservation and design. Several recommendations are of special interest to the Historical Commission. The committee recognizes the need for a master plan for county facilities and recommends that the county identify all county owned facilities, identify surrounding land use, and be sensitive to and compatable with the current CBD plan for Ft. Worth. They also recommend long range facility plans and policies for working upon historic or potentially historic buildings.

The committee recommended the development of a comprehensive construction and maintenance history of each building which would provide the name of the architect, construction company and subcontractors, "as built" plans, date of completion, and notes of changes. The committees also recommended that comprehensive facility maintenance and construction guidelines be developed that would contain quality aesthetic construction standards for new buildings. It also recommended that new buildings should be designed and built to last 100 years.

The committee recommended that the county facilities committee include a minimun of one citizen of Tarrant County, that the meetings be open to the public with advance notice with one purpose being to receive comments from historical interest groups. They further recommend that the committee should approve all work on county owned structures, and that proposed work on historical structures should receive review and approval by the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Environmental Assessment

The County Historical Commission regularly receives requests for environmental assessment clearances prior to approval of projects using or backed by federal funds. These include federally backed mortgages, development, and engineering.

After a recent communication from an Austin planning firm concerning the widening of Highway 114, we communicated with the THC and the district office of the Texas Highway Department concerning possible encroachment upon two old cemeteries.

This local office of the Highway Department was pleased to learn we are mapping all the burial sites in Tarrant County and has asked for a copy of this map so that they will have the information when in the early planning stages of both highway expansions and new highways. We are very pleased to see this interest by the Highway Department.

Donated Work

While the Texas Historical Commission serves as a clearinghouse and administrative center for preservation work in Texas, much of the ongoing guardianship of Texas heritage

would not be possible without the County Historical Commissions and thousands of volunteers in museums and archaeological societies statewide. If these individuals were paid for the invaluable services they perform, the estimated annual cost of their work would exceed $26 million.

Texas Historical Markers

The Texas Historical Commission is emphasizing the need for more complete and better documentation of marker narratives throughout the state. Regional workshops will be held by the Marker and Research Department of the THC in order to aid those who need more information.

In order to eliminate voluminous appendices, all pertinent information must be included within the text of the narrative. We also must have copies of all documentation. If a book is used, put that page on the copy machine and turn in with the narrative. When the Chairman of the County Historical Commision signs the application, that chairman is signing that the information within the narrative is accurate. The documentation must be at hand to know.

Main Street Program

The Texas Historical Commission has selected the cities of Denison, Fort Stockton, Mineola, Sulphur Springs, and Yoakum as 1989 Main Street cities. Official designation entitles these communities to join a growing network of towns working to revitalize their downtown areas.

Each of these cities will receive architectural assistance from the THC for three years, as well as guidance on interior design, marketing, and business development. In return each city is required to hire a Main Street manager for the three year period to coordinate the project.

The THC's Main Street Project, recognized as one of the most successful programs in the nation, was initiated in 1981 and has since served as a model for other states. A key to its success, according to the THC, is the combination of historic preservation and economic development. Since the program began, Texas Main Street cities have seen a total of 2,198 downtown buildings rehabilitated, a net gain of 1,095 new businesses, 3,258 new jobs, and private reinvestment in downtowns totaling more than $170 million.

Confederate Soldiers

Last year Gov. Bill Clements made an appeal to have the remains of 31 Confederate soldiers from Texas, who were killed in action at the 1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass, returned to Texas.

The board of regents of the Museum of New Mexico voted in September to inter the remains in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. Board members felt that keeping the soldier's remains at the national cemetery in New Mexico would increase the historical significance of the Glorieta battlefield should it become a national monument. The battlefield is located 15 miles southeast of Santa Fe.

T.R. Fehrenbach, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, will request that Gov. Bill Clements make a written appeal to the museum's board to reconsider its decision. Gov. Clements last year tentatively approved a plan to

return the soldiers' remains for reinterment in the State Cemetery in Austin. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has volunteered to raise funds to cover the cost of the move.

In the Battle of Glorieta Pass, Confederate soldiers attempted to capture the gold mines of Colorado. All of them, who varied in age from 15 to 23 years, lost their lives in intense and close fighting with Union forces.

The University of New Mexico and the state Laboratory of Anthropology have been conducting forensic studies on the remains since their accidental discovery in June 1987.

National Womens History Month

March 1989 will be National Women's History Month. The Texas Historical Commission will act as a clearinghouse for information and encourages heritage groups and interested individuals to organize activities at the local level that will increase awareness of women's history in Texas.

The event is sponsored at the national level by the National Women's History Project, headquartered in Santa Rosa, California. The theme of the 1989 celebration is "Heritage of Strength and Vision".

The 1989 celebration marks the third year that an entire month has been dedicated to the commemoration of women's history. It was in 1986, after a decade of grass roots efforts across the country, that the U.S. Congress passed a resolution calling for an annual, month-long tribute to women's history. The THC sponsored its first Women's History Month in Texas celebration in 1987.

Jewish History

The Texas Jewish Historical Society is sponsoring the publication of Texas Jews: A Pictorial History by Ruthe Winegarten. The society asks that information on this topic be sent to Box 49084, Austin, Texas 78765. The Tarrant County Historical Commission furnished a photograph for this book.

Auto Visitor Survey

The following is from an auto visitor survey covering January through June 1988, from questionnaires returned by 7,207 out-of-state or foreign travel parties who visited one of the state's 12 Texas Tourist Bureaus.

Of the visitors, 64.7 percent were on vacation and spent an average of $36 per person per day in Texas.

Activities, in order of popularity, included shopping, historic tours, historical museums, photography, camping, bird-watching, and hiking. When asked what they most enjoyed about Texas, 65 percent listed friendliness first, followed by scenery, good highways, food, shopping, wildflowers, historical museums, small towns, desert/plains, historical markers, and beaches. The most visited towns included San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, El Paso, Austin, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, and Brownsville. The most visited site was the Alamo, with the San Antonio River Walk next, followed by Padre Island National Seashore, LBJ Ranch, NASA, Confederate Air Force Flying Museum, Judge Roy Bean Museum, LBJ Library, and the State Capitol Building.

Change of Officers

After serving two years as Chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, this Chairman has asked that her name not be considered for reelection. New officers will be elected in January. The new Chairman, not yet selected at this writing, has my good wishes and encouragement for a successful term of office.

Chairing the Commission, if one gives time and attention to the work and the public as one should, is a full time administrative position. Without office and staff in Tarrant County, and conducted as a volunteer position, the chairman depends heavily on the support of fellow commission members.

Many have been supportive in various ways during my term of office, most through active participation, and others through encouragement and loyalty to the Commission.

There are several members who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding contribution to the commission, giving far beyond the average.

Howard McPeak, for his devotion to the Archives, opening and manning it weekly for both commission work and for public access. And for making special trips when neccessary for the public. For chairing the Archives Committee in a way that brought committee members into the decision process. For driving several hundred miles checking locations of burial sites for the new map, and for assembling information of our several courthouses for the Texas Historical Commission.

Evelyn Cushman, who as chairman of the Research and Marker Committee worked with numerous people guiding them through the research and writing of narratives for Texas Historical Markers. And for all the "extras" that are too numerous to name.

Bette Wilson, the Marker Dedication chairman, who not only worked with sponsors in order to include them in the planning and conduct of the marker dedications, but also attended every dedication ceremony to see that it went well.

Kate McDonald, who worked regularly at the archives with the responsibility of accessioning and cataloging photographs. Kate was the mainstay in pulling together the cemetery mapping project. She also helped in developing a new filing system for the research material.

Lela Standifer, who worked regularly at the Archives, at a variety of duties. As chair of the History Appreciation Committee she took on the large task of culling the newletter mailing list, and keeping it updated. Lelas wit and sense of humor has kept us sane.

Jenkins Garrett, whose wisdom, advice, and support was invaluable.

Oliver Cozby, who served as liason monitoring the Historic Preservation Council meetings.

Ruth Stone, who recorded our minutes and could always be depended upon to be there. And for gathering documents for our DSA submission.

Billy Sills, who developed a work book on the courthouse for elementary school history classes, as part of our DSA for the Texas Historical Commission.

There are also two volunteers who contributed greatly to our activities. Frances Young, who single handedly handles the marriage license project, and Marvin Wilson, who attended and filmed all the Texas Historical Marker dedications.

I express my sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed, whether the contribution was large or small. And my thanks to those who are loyal to the commission and its work.

Marriage Licenses

The Tarrant County Historical Commission, a county agency, has been given old unclaimed marriage licenses which the county is no longer required to hold. These are original licenses which the couples failed to pick up from the courthouse following their marriage, dating from 1876.

A decendant may obtain a license upon submitting a written request, giving us the name of the marriage couple, date of marriage, your relationship to the couple, and a stamped self-addressed envelope. A donation to support the Commission's work is appreciated. Mail requests to: Tarrant County Historical Commission, Administration Building, 100 E. Weatherford, Ft. Worth, Texas 76196.

Marriage information is of public record, and available in the Tarrant County Courthouse. One may check the records there for a determination if a marriage was performed in this county, and to obtain a date.

The following marriages performed in 1876 have an available certificate on file with the Historical Commission:

James Wyrick
Stella Pair (Parr)
February

Jeremiah Asbury Jr.
A.E. Henderson
April 8

James Marklee
Cynthia P. Hargrove
May 10

J.B. Cadenhead
H.J. Hayden
March 1

B.A. Edwards
A.J. Edwards
March 22

James Morton
Eliza Wallace
Feb. 22

W.C. Turner
Emma S. Sigler
June 27

R.D. Lidster
Mary Ann Miller
April 8

J.T. Yancy
Mary Allen
April 11

W.M. Cross
M.E. Stovall
April 12

W.F. Elliot
Mary G. Massie
June 7

A.J. Wallace
Virginia F. Stephens
June 4

J.R. Fraser
Agness Marshall
June 4

J.A. Hunter
Sallie Davenport
July 10

J.E. Short
Lula Goodwin
June 25

D.C. Webb
Abbie Barcroft
July 18

C.B. McDonald
Isabella Bird
July 26

Charlie W. Nance
Agnes Nance
Aug 2

W.C. McGinnis
Mary Harris
Aug 13

Frank Smith
M. F. Garrison
Aug 10

William Barr
Lucinda C. Trimble
Aug 16

James Suddath
Hannah Farmer
Aug 18

J.J. Tolbert
M.E. Booth
Aug 6

S.R. Rachaels
Clarisa Carter
Aug 20

A.G. Davis
H.A. Lewis
Aug 20

D.H. Harris
Elinor V. Witten
Aug 20

B.C. Carter
Louisa E. Rector
Aug 20

A.J. Witt
Theodocio Jones
April 30

John B. Austin
Elizabeth A. Cameron
May 3

Richard Braddy
Georeotta Maxfield
May 4

W.B. Martin
A.E. Perkins
May 2

Andrew Streetman
Nettie Anderson
May 1

P. Cantrell
Mary M. Gregg
May 4

C. H. Hawkings
Jane Meek
May 4

G.W. Rogers
M. L. Young
May 7

J.L. Poynor
Emma Sansom
May 11

M.L. Haddock
Emily Jane Marshall
May 7

S.H. Tummins
F.M. Wilson
May 11

John W. Sutton
Isabelle Jefferson
May 29

George Owings
Nancy Brown
June 11

Stephen Prince
Laura M. Johnson
May 25

Cyrenas Hammons
L.A. Brown
Aug 31

J.B. Clark
M.E. Hampton
Sept 2

Robert Ferris
Texana Stanford
Aug 25

E.F. Brown
N.H. Eaves
Aug 31

J.C. Maxwell
Julia A. Fry
Aug 29

S.P. Tucker
Lizzie English
Sept 12

John F. Watts
Mattie Blankenship
Sept 14

J,W. Coldwell
Sallie Lindsey
Sept 7

John Donifer
Margarette Brockman
Sept 7

C.H. Sturdivant
Mary J. Martin
Sept 3

Albert Elliott
Jane Senters
Sept 1

Henry Sims
Bettie Bush
Sept 1

J.L. Colbert
Mary A. Scharr
Sept 24

B.F. Duncan
L.B. Cathey
Sept 17

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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. The Chairman of the committee makes a financial report to the members at each meeting of the Commission.

2. Books are kept by the Commission, which are regularly compared to the printout from the County Auditor.

3. Met with committee Chairmen when planning years work, including the DSA plans.

1988

BUDGET

Tarrant County Historical Commission

The Tarrant County budget year is from October to October, with the budget request submitted when requested by the County Auditor, usually in June or July.

All accounting for the Historical Commission is based upon this budget year.

The budget submitted in the summer of 1987 for the October 1987 to October 1988 budget year is enclosed.

For the first time the Historical Commission received a full budget package from the Auditors office, the same used by all county departments, for the summer 1988 request. It is too voluminous to include here.

For the budget year of October 1988 to October 1989, a budget of $7996 was approved. This is the same as the last budget. At a time when county departments were having their budgets cut, this is felt to be satisfactory.

Tarrant County Historical Commission
1988 Budget Request

BUDGET ITEMS	FUNDS REQUESTED
ARCHIVE COMMITTEE	
Supplies (xrox paper, photo sleeves, binders, etc.)	$300.
Service policy for copy machine	425.
Purchase reference materials	200.
FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE	
Supplies	10.
HISTORICAL APPRECIATION COMMITTEE	
Conduct programs	100.
Newsletter production costs and mailing	600.
Postage -other	11.
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE	
Prepare handouts of National Register material	30.
Conduct historical preservation workshops	200.
Postage	11.
HISTORICAL MARKER AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE	
Cost of copying marker documentation from various outside records	50.
Postage	44.
Supplies (large and small envelopes etc.)	10.
Cost of purchase of two official Texas Historical Markers	750.
Marker dedication photographs for file, documentation book and Texas Historical Commission	120.
ADMINISTRATION	
Office supplies (stationary, envelopes, xrox paper, labels, P.O. Box etc.)	150.
Postage (includes large packets to THC)	300.
Personal Automobile expenses (milage) for Chairman	500.
Registration fees, travel, lodging, and related cost for Chairman when attending official meetings of the Texas Historical Commission, including annual Preservation Conference, or other official trips to THC headquarters	800.
Documentation book required by Texas Historical Commission Program of Work submission	200.
SPECIAL PROJECTS	
Prepare display in 1894 room which will serve as introduction to tours of courthouse (display cases are complete)	900.
Photocopy early historic photographs in possession of individuals	1000.
These two projects are in conjunction with Texas Historical Commission participation requirements for recognition as an active commission.	
SPECIAL REQUEST FOR BENEFIT OF MEMBERS	
Subscriptions to "Medallion", Texas Historical Commission newsletter, for 37 members of commission	185.
Registration fee and two nights lodging at Annual Preservation Conference for members who are award nominees.	400.
Registration fee and lodging (two nights maximum) expenses of other commission delegates to Annual Preservation Conference (partial reimbursement dependant upon number attending)	700.
	7996.

ESTIMATED PRIVATE FUNDS		Expenditures
Private funds for official Texas Historical Markers	$3750	$3750
Donations through marriage license distribution	200	
Donations through archival services	50	
	$4000	

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission

DEPARTMENT 507
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
BUDGET REQUEST OCTOBER 1988 - OCTOBER 1989

For the first time the Historical Commission was given a budget package with forms and submission as requested from departments of county government. Breakdowns by subject conform to county accounting subjects, rather than to TCHC committees and activities as in the past. Full accounting of funds requested are on multiple sheets in Commission files for those who wish to see them.

xerographic equip/maint - activity	129 -	$345.
Mileage Allowance -	115 -	888.
Travel Exp. - out of town -	119 -	1900
Dues - Subscriptions -	121 -	0
Postage -	123 -	750
Express -	124 -	30
Office Supplies -	125 -	1720
Telephone, long distance -	132 -	146
Photo Processing	195 -	500
Insurance, casualty -	330 -	152
Parts and Supplies -	520 -	659
computer service contract -	-	497
Basic Telephone -	132 -	480
Salary, secretary	104 -	6802
Capital Expenses		9313
Total		24182

Capital Expenses:
35 Metal archival shelves $595.
22 Sections of metal shelving $ 3418.
6 Laminate top work tables $2400
10 Paded chair/casters $1300

Salary based upon 6 hours a day, 3 days a week for 50 weeks at county rate of pay, plus social security.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

1. There has been a continuing program of accession of documents that have been collected over the past twelve years. These are being given both accession and collection numbers, and identified by these numbers in storage.

2. Detailed inventory of collections is continuing.

3. Program of distributing old marriage licenses which were not picked up, still held by the county, is continuing. Periodic notices are made in either the newsletter or the newspaper. We also send out post cards to those whom we know to have interest in a license which we hold. This project is a source of donations for the commission.

4. This committee keeps the commission archives open regularly one day a week. We furnish historical material, information, and aid to the public. The archives facility has become a popular research site.

5. The committee continues to collect research and archival material. Numerous additions were made this year.

6. The committee did the research, physical checking of cemetery locations, and developing the map of cemetery locations. It also compiled an inventory list of facts about the cemeteries. This was also put on the computer.

7. There is a continuing program of gathering photographs from files and properly enveloping them for proper storage in acid envelops and boxes.

8. Black and white photographs were made of several old cemeteries, the beginning of a long range project to photograph cemeteries.

9. A box of old military discharge papers were obtained from the County Clerks office for distribution to those discharged, a program which will work similar to the marriage license program.

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH COLLECTION

POLICY FOR MAP COLLECTION

A continuing inventory of maps shall be maintained by a catalog system which will include a catalog numberr for each map and a corresponding catalog card which will include the following:

1. Catalog number

2. Catagory of map
   a. Texas
   b. Tarrant County
   c. City or town map within Tarrant County
   d. Other maps outside Tarrant County

3. Name of map

4. Date of map

5. Map maker and surveyor

6. Possession of mylar or other master for copying

7. Location - write in pencil

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

POLICY STATEMENT
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ARCHIVE AND RESEARCH COLLECTION

It is recognized and agreed that the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archives and Research Collection is the property of the said Historical Commission, and also by virtue of Attorney General's Opinion No. JM-71, Issued 9-19-83, that certain control of the property is held by Commissioner's Court. It is therefore agreed that this stated policy shall be in effect:

1. Donated items shall be received by a donation form signed by the donor. The Historical Commission has the right to refuse an item.

2. All items currently within the collection without a donation form, or which in the future are unavoidably received without the form, are a part of the said collection.

3. No item shall be removed from the collection except to microfilm, obtain copies of maps, obtain negatives of photographs, and other similar copy procedures.

4. Any item removed from the collection shall be properly logged and signed out, and logged in when returned. This shall be done only by the Commission Chairman or the Archives Committee Chairman.

5. No item may be deaccessioned except by written request from the Chairman of the Archives Committee after a vote of said Committee, followed by approval by vote of the full body of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, and further approval and signature of the Chairman of the Historical Commission, the Chairman's approval being separate and apart from that of the vote of the Commission. Deaccession shall further require the approval and signature of the Records Manager of the Tarrant County Government. The Records Manager shall not have the authority to deaccession or transfer any item of the Tarrant County Historical Commission Archive and Research Collection without the approval of the Tarrant County Historical Commission as heretofore stated.

Voted and Approved in session of the Tarrant County Historical Commission on the 30th of November 1988.

Dee Barker
Chairman, Tarrant County Historical Commission

Ruth Reiter Stone
Secretary

Ruth Reiter Stone

Tad Howington
Director, Records Management
Tarrant County

Roy English
County Judge

20 August 1988

Erwin Roemer
CESWF-PL-RC
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
P.O. Box 17300
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102-0300

Dear Mr. Roemer,

Enclosed please find the accession sheet for the three volumes of SMU studies, covering the Joe Pool Lake and Mountain Creek areas. We appreciate the Corp of Engineers donation of this valuable resource material to the archives of the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Within ten minutes after the books were brought into the archives we found information for which we had been searching. These studies will not be put upon a shelf for mere records, but will be used in the pursuit of our work.

We would appreciate copies of any bound volumes of archaeological or historical studies which the Corp of Engineers may have available, which pertain to Tarrant County or its immediate environs.

Please sign the enclosed form on the "Donor's Signature" line and return to the Commission. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

DONATION TO TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION #88-14

Collection # 4

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

I, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District

OF _____ (Street), _____ (City)

OF _____ (State), _____ (ZIP)

desiring to preserve our heritage and protect those documents or articals which do so, I (we) hereby give, assign, transfer, and set over to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, organized and acting pursuant to Artical 6145.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, as amended, all of my (our) rights, title, and interest in and to the following:

Three books:

Archaeological and Historical Investigations of Joe Pool Lake: Recovering Evidence o 6,000 Years of Human Occupation along Mountain Creek in North Central Texas, April 19

Historic FArming on the Hogwallow Prairies: Ethnoarchaeological Investigations of th Mountain Creek Area, North Central Texas, compiled by David H. Jurney, Susan A. Lebo, and Melissa M. Green, Joe Pool Lake Archaeological Project, Volume II, May 1988.

Late Holocene Prehistory of the Mountain Creeek Drainage, edited by Duane E. Peter an Daniel E. McGregor, Joe Pool Lake Archaeological Project, Volume 1, May 1988.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME UNTO SAID TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, I (we) for my (our) heirs, executors and administrators, covenant and agree to WARRANT and DEFEND title and interest to the aforesaid unto the TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION against all and every person or persons whomsoever.

EXECUTED this 16 day of August, 1988.

DAVID ROEMER, STATE ARCHEOLOGIST FOR FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Donor's Signature

ACCEPTED for and behalf of the Tarrant County Historical Commission this 16 day of August, 1988.

BY Dee Barker

EXAMPLE OF DONATION, WITH ACCESSION AND COLLECTION NUMBERS ON DONATION SHEET. HISTORICAL COMMISSION GAVE INFORMATION AND MAPS TO SMU FOR STUDY.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROVIDED INFORMATION FOR BOOK

GREATER FORT WORTH BOARD OF REALTORS®, INC.

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July 1, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Dee:

The Greater Fort Worth Board of REALTORS cordially invites you to a presentation of our "Book of Neighborhoods" to Mayor Bob Bolen and those organizations responsible for its production. Our reception will be held on July 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of REALTORS' office at 2650 Parkview Drive.

The "Book of Neighborhoods" is an ongoing project of the Board created to provide vital information on approximately 100 neighborhoods throughout the Greater Fort Worth area to newcomers and residents of those neighborhoods.

This book was produced by the Board's Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, with the help of the City of Fort Worth and several private and civic organizations. The "Book of Neighborhoods" contains a history of each neighborhood, neighborhood association activities, vital information such as schools, fire stations and voting precinct numbers, a map of the neighborhood and architectural renderings of typical homes in that neighborhood.

We will be honored if you join us to unveil this unique project to the Fort Worth area. Please RSVP with Kathy Jackson at the Board office, 336-5165, if you plan to attend this presentation.

Sincerely,

Wini Klein

Wini Klein, Chairman
1988 Neighborhood Revitalization Committee
Greater Fort Worth Board of REALTORS

cc: Gene Thompson, President
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April 21, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker
2200 Oak Knoll Drive
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

This is just a note to thank you for your energies and efforts relative to obtaining the photograph for me. I appreciate it very much and look forward to the larger print when the negative becomes available. In the meantime, when you are ready for the hamburger at McDonalds, please advise. If you don't get too hungry, we'll have it when the new picture is available.

Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

Don Gladden
DON GLADDEN

DG:vtp

Texas Tech University
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Box 4140, Lubbock, Texas 79409-2091/(806) 742-3136

April 22, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P. O. Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

I am currently working on a manuscript for a book which will survey the development of church architecture in Texas. This is a scholarly study which will be profusely illustrated and published, I anticiapte, by a university press.

I am wondering if you by chance maintain files which might contain either descriptive information or photographs of historic churches in your area. At your convenience, could you please let me know if have any information which would be available to my research?

I shall be most grateful for any information you may be able to provide. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Willard B. Robinson

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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

5 May 1988

Willard Robinson
Texas Tech University
College of Architecture
Box 4140
Lubbock, Texas 79409-2091

Dear Mr. Robinson,

The Historical Commission maintains files of all official Texas Historical Marker applications for our county. There are several churches included. We have a number of interesting photographs. Some are only copy machine copies, others are original or photographic copies. Only five of the churches have Landmark status, meaning the marker is for the building, rather than for the church organization. However, all will have interesting information regarding the churches.

Four churches within the county are listed on the National Register. The Texas Historical Commission will have information regarding those buildings.

Our archival facility is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 3:00 while we are in the process of inventoring and cataloging. We are not open to the public on a regular basis due to a lack of space. However, we do try to accomodate anyone wishing information, especially those making a scholarly study or doing research for classwork. We make a special effort for students. Arrangements may be made for opening the facility at another time with notice and agreement of time.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

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EXAMPLE OF ARCHIVE CORRESPONDANCE, WHICH IS ALSO OUT-OF-COUNTY CORRESPONDANCE

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

10 August 1988

Ruth Weingarden
Box 49084
Austin, Texas 78765

Dear Ms. Weingarden,

Enclosed are copies of the photographs in our file which may be of interest to you.

We have quite a few playbills. The two selected seemed to offer the most variety and interest. I do not find any to contain names which were known to me, though they may be to a student of vaudeville.

The photograph used by Judy Cohen in her book was copied before the Commission set up a photographic accession and negative system last year. We have not yet located the negative, and since it was done several years ago with others in control of the archives I'm not sure it will be located. We may have to start over with new copy negatives. Since we work with limited funds we will have to charge for copy expense. There will be no additional expense, just what it cost us to have it made.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

EXAMPLE OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROVIDING PHOTOGRAPH FOR A BOOK

Texas Jewish Historical Society
Box 49084
Austin, Tx 78765

August 23, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Tx 76034

Dear Ms. Barker:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 10, and the very interesting enclosures.

I should like to order the photo of Philip Greenwall and his family (see enclosed xerox). Could you identify the other family members for me.

I understand of course that I will reimburse you for expenses involved.

Also, could you advise me of the name of Judy Cohen's book?

Warm regards, and thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

Ruthe Winegarten

Ruthe Winegarten

Enclosure

TEXAS JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Box 49084
Austin, Tx 78765
512-453-7919

November 12, 1988

Ms. Dee Barker
Tarrant County Hist. Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Tx 76034

Dear Dee,

Thanks for sending me the Greewall Family print.

Enclosed is a check for $15 to cover cost of same.

Sincerely,

Ruthe Winegarten

Ruthe Winegarten

Enclosure

August 9, 1988

Editor
The Dallas Times Herald
1101 Pacific Ave.
Dallas, Tx. 75202

Dear Editor,

The Tarrant County Historical Commission, a county agency, has been given old unclaimed marriage licenses which the couples failed to pick up from the courthouse following their marriage.

The liscenses date from 1876 to the 1960s.

The principles involved, or in case of the deceased, a descendent or next of kin, may obtain a liscense upon submitting a written request, giving us

The names of the married couple,
The date of marriage,
Your relationship to the couple, and
A stamped self-addressed envelope.

A donation (it is tax deductable) to support the Commission's Work is appreciated.

Requests may be mailed to:

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Box 794
Colleyville, Tx. 76034

Yours truly,

Dee Barker

Mrs. Dee Barker, Chairperson
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE PROJECT

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: _____

CALL FROM ~~TO:~~ Judy Faust - HEB School Board

PHONE NUMBER: 282-4768

TOPIC: Name for new school a

School being built at Harwood and Martin. Wants historic name. She asked about Glascco school

4105 Linkwood Dr.
Euless, Texas 76040

Sent her info regarding Colascco School

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE RESEARCH

TARRANT COUNTY

DSA

HISTORIC CEMETERIES

This section has been completed in the following catagories:

2. Cemetery survey for Parker Cemetery, including both the family cemetery and the public cemetery. Between Highway 10 and Cardinal Lane, in Hurst. Names not previously known are now included.

3. A historical marker application was submitted for Harper's Rest Cemetery.

4. All burial sites were designated on Texas Highway Department local county maps. An accompanying inventory of the cemeteries was completed, giving direction and information regarding the cemeteries. The members of the commission drove the entire county and checked the location and condition of every cemetery. Do not confuse this inventory list with one you may have in your files. This one is very different with every entry thoroughly checked for accuracy. The Texas Highway Department has asked for a copy, as well as a local engineering and planning firm.

5. Case study of cultural traits was made of Emanuel Hebrew Rest Cemetery, the oldest Jewish cemetery in the county.

In addition to these projects conforming to the DSA requirements list, the commission has:

Corresponded and worked with a decendant of the Parkers of Parkers cemetery in an effort to provide for that cemetery. We are currently gathering information regarding fencing for her, and will continue our communication until she is satisfied with what she cares to do.

Corresponded with decendant who wishes to maintain the Tate Cemetery, putting decendants in contact with one another for maintenance cooperation.

Funded one historical marker for a cemetery. The Hitch Cemetery.

COMPLETED BY ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

AN ANNOTATED LIST OF CEMETERIES IN TARRANT COUNTY

AHAVATH SHOLOM HEBREW CEMETERY - Located in the 300 block of N. University Drive in Fort Worth, this cemetery is bounded on three sides by Greenwood Memorial Park. Six acres for this Jewish cemetery were acquired in 1909. The cemetery is well-tended, with a memorial to victims of the holocaust. Congregation Ahavath Sholom is responsible for its care. (Note: This cemetery is on the west side of N. University although some maps place it on the east side.) (Map **H**, number **86**)

ALLEN, ALEXANDER, CEMETERY - Apparently a small family cemetery, reportedly containing about a dozen graves, this cemetery is located on undedicated private land in the Alexander Allen Survey. The site is north of Harwood Road and west of McLain Drive, 1/2 mile east of the Harwood Road-Brown Trail Drive intersection. The stones were removed long ago. One displaced stone found when developing a subdivision was that of Emily E. Crews (1852-1857), the daughter of Robert and Rachel Crews, who are buried in the Grapevine Cemetery. (Map **F**, number **53**)

ALLEN, WILLIAM VALENTINE SEVERE, FAMILY CEMETERY - This cemetery is located about one mile west of Interstate 35W on the J. M. Goodwin survey #611. It can be located by driving on I-35W to the Golden Triangle-Keller Road exit. Go north on the frontage road 1-1/2 miles to the Keller-Hicks Road. Turn west under the highway and go about 1/2 mile to where the road makes an abrupt turn left. The cemetery tabernacle can be seen to the west of the road in a field or pasture. The cemetery is fenced and is 65 by 100 feet. (Map **B**, number **12**)

ARLINGTON CEMETERY COMPLEX - Located on Mary Street south of Texas Commerce Bank in Arlington, this complex includes Arlington, Parkdale, and Old Arlington (or McNatt) Cemeteries. Arlington Cemetery adjoins Parkdale Cemetery on the south, while an older part known as "Old Arlington Cemetery" adjoins Arlington Cemetery to the east, bordering along the back yards of homes on Mitchell Street. (Map **I**, number **104**)

ASH CREEK CEMETERY - Located at 400 South Stewart Street in Azle, this cemetery is predominately in Parker County with the eastern edge in Tarrant County. The first recorded burial was that of Dave Morrison (1849-1874). There are over 2000 known graves on 5 1/2 acres. It is cared for by the Ash Creek Cemetery Association, and has an official Texas historical marker. (Map **A**, number **5**)

ARWINE CEMETERY - This cemetery is located in the 700 block of Arwine Cemetery Road in Hurst, approximately three

DSA 1988

CEMETERIES

CULTURAL TRAITS AND CUSTOMS CASE STUDY

EMANUEL HEBREW REST CEMETERY

Emanuel Hebrew Rest Cemetery, located at 1414 South Main Street, Fort Worth, is the resting ground for many pioneer Jewish families of this area.

A burial ground is often the first institution in a Jewish community. In February, 1879, before any Jewish institutions were founded in Fort Worth, John Peter Smith, a noted Fort Worth leader who donated land for many public purposes, including other cemeteries, donated an acre of land "to the Israelites of the city,...to be used as a burying ground". Several Jewish families orgnaized the Emanuel Hebrew Association, to maintain and administer the cemetery, and received a formal deed to the acre on April 17, 1882. The burial ground was designated "Emanuel Hebrew Rest". Both the Orthodox Congregation Ahavath Shalom and the Reform Jewish congregation, Beth-El, used the cemetery until Congregation Ahavath Shalom acquired land elsewhere.

Emanuel Hebrew Association members loosly ran and personally cared for the cemetery themselves, with family groups caring for their graves. The 200 foot by 280 foot cemetery was enclosed by an ornamental rock and iron fence, and a pair of wrought iron gates were erected. The cemetery was well kept, with lawns, trees, and a profusion of native shrubbery and roses.

The Association deeded the cemetery to Beth-El Congregation in 1962, in order that the cemetery could be operated by an established Jewish institution rather than a diminishing group of aging individuals. In return for endowments, Beth-El Congregation took charge of the care of the cemetery, and continues to maintain it.

There are from 330 to 400 known graves. There are few new burials, with only a few spaces unused. The earliest inscribed stone is that for a child, Leah Kaiser, who died 18 November 1879. There are other infant burials which have stones with no dates. By the agesof the parents, it is possible these burials may have taken place even earlier, before 1879.

Grave markers are varied. There are large family markers, and smaller tombstones honoring the memory of individuals. Few stones are written entirely in Hebrew. Due to age, some of the tombstones are eroding, and a few are difficult to read. The cemetery as a whole is weathering from age, but well maintained.

As in all Jewish cemeteries, bodies are buried with the head to the east. Another tradition is not enforced in this cemetery, as non-Jewish family members may be buried with their families.

Many prominent citizens of the area are buried in Emanuel Hebrew Rest. It is also the resting place of past presidents of Beth-El Congregation, Rabbis, and children of Rabbis. In 1918 Sampson Fox, the six year old son of Rabbi C. George Fox, was buried near relatives. Sixty one years later, important ritual objects were buried in the grave space nearby. The ritual objects consisted of Torahs and prayerbooks that were partially destroyed in a fire that swept through Temple Beth-El in 1946. According to Talmud, damaged sacred objects must be either ceremoniously burned or buried. This 1979 burial of the objects is evidence that Jewish ideals and practices are still deeply connected with the cemetery. Emanuel Hebrew Rest Cemetery holds much of the heritage of the Jewish community of Fort Worth within its gates.

Beth-El cemetery rules state:

Section 5: Interment shall be restricted to immediate members of the purchasers family and immediate dependent relatives living with and forming a part of the purchaser's family. By the term "Members of the purchaser's immediate family" is meant husband and wife: father and mother of either spouse and unmarried children, together with dependent relatives living in the household of such purchaser. Except as hereinafter set out, no interment shall be made by the owner of any lot, without the written consent of the Cemetery Committee.

This rule is more lenient than traditional Jewish law which says: 1. The purchase contract should stipulate that the area of the plot is designated exclusively for Jews. 2. All facilities for Jew and non-Jew must be absolutely separate--with separate entrance gates, and with each section fenced completely. 3. The unconverted gentile marriage partner may not be buried in the Jewish cemetery. See The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning by Maurice Lamm, pg 68-69.

EMANUEL HEBREW REST CEMETERY

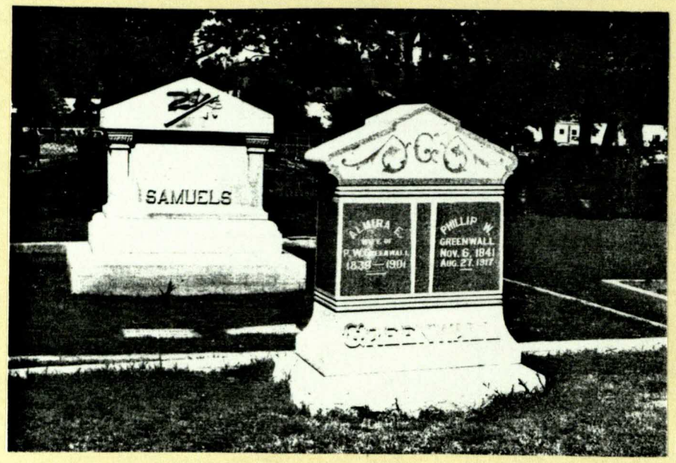
We have collected for our files:

Deed from John Peter Smith to the Emanuel Hebrew Association of Fort Worth, giving one acre of land.
Vol Y, page 233, Tarrant County Deed Records.

Sale contract from Emanuel Hebrew Association to Beth El Congregation, conveying land and cemetery. Number 26886 in records. Dated 1962.

Agreement and Assignment between Emanuel Hebrew Association and Beth El dated 1962, concerning finances and upkeep.

Addition plat of area showing cemetery.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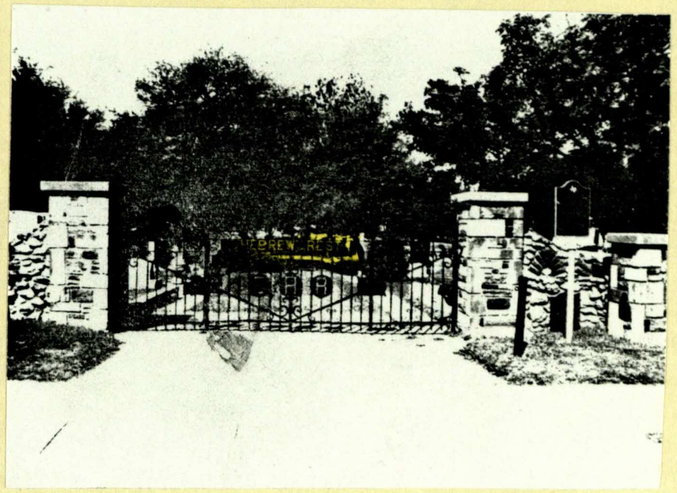

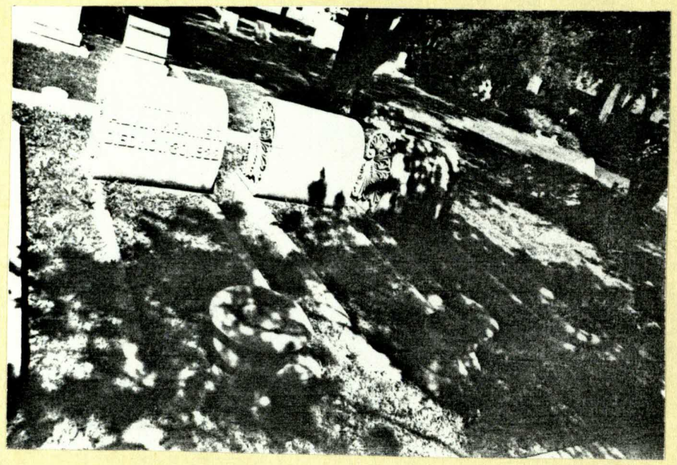

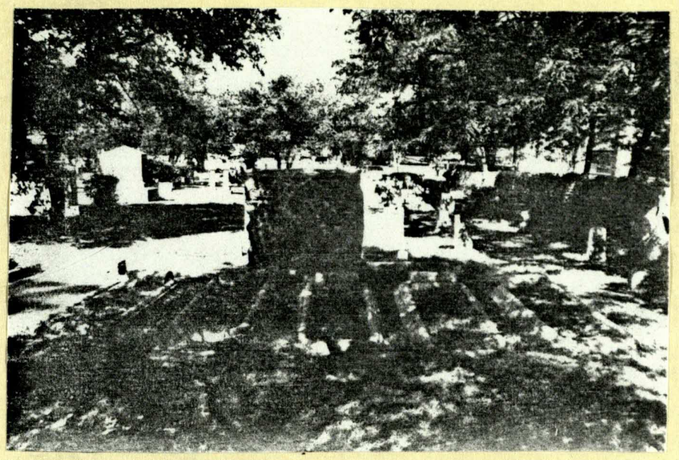

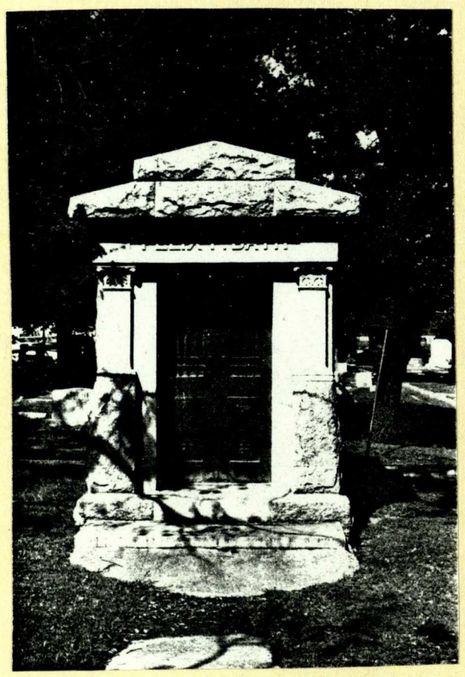

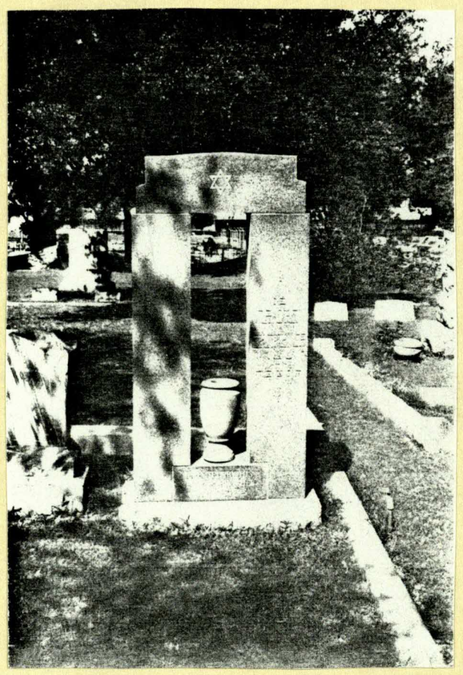

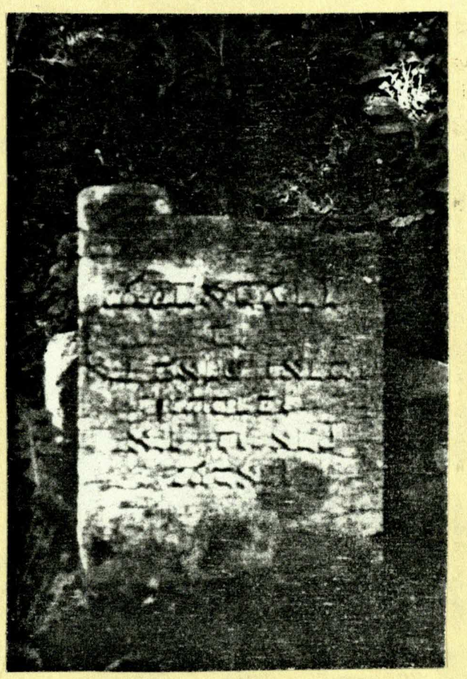

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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

COUNTY COURTHOUSES

This section has been completed in the following catagories:

1. Photographs submitted.

2. We have assembled a collection of photographs, including a newly found line drawing. We have also found that many newspaper articles and photographs have mislabeled two of the early courthouses, switching the earlier one for the later one, and vise versa. This is confirmed through insurance company drawings and discription of the roof.

3. We have several photographs, or newspaper copies, of construction. Original plans do not exist. However, we located a set of plans that dated 1917 that were used to plan installation of heat. These are thought to be drawings of the original floorplan.

4. Conducted a behind the scenes tour of the courthouse following the January 1988 annual Historical Commission meeting.

6. Developed a book on the Tarrant County Courthouse for elementery school classes. Its purpose is to educate these children about their courthouse, as well as instill an interest in history.

We also have included information concerning the restoration of the courthouse. This includes newspaper articles, photographs, and a statement by the restoration architect.

The photographs included, rather than being repetitive of what you surely have in your files, show the recently completed work on the Civil Courts Building which is attached to the old courthouse. Long ago part of the old courthouse was torn down (porch and steps) and the civil courts building built on to it. The styles conflicted. Then the new building was visually affected by installation of vertical metal fins to block the sun. This year the building was given a new elevation. The purpose of the renovation was to match the old courthouse in color and style. The photgraphs submitted show the old courthouse and the newly renovated attached building, and their relationship.

COMPLETED BY ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

TARRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSES - HOW MANY?

Eight courthouses are known to have served the county from 1849 until 1949. Listed below:

1. 1849-1856 -- A small frame building in Birdville.

2. 1856-1860 -- The first courthouse in Ft. Worth. A frame building on the western edge of the courthouse square.

3. 1860-1876 -- The first major courthouse, constructed of brick. Only the first floor was completed when construction was stopped by the hardships of the Civil War. It was completed in 1866, and destroyed by fire on March 29, 1876.

4. April 1876 -- After the courthouse burned the county rented the Darter Building on Houston Street for one month to serve as the courthouse.

5. 1876-1878 -- While the new courthouse was being constructed a frame building 65 by 25 feet was built on the courthouse square to serve as the county courthouse.

6. 1878-1893 -- The second major courthouse, constructed of stone.

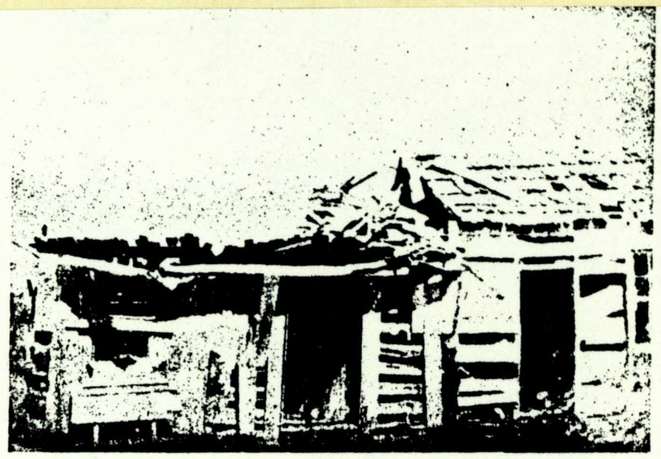
7. 1893-1894 -- After the courthouse was torn down so that another could be constructed on the square, a rented building at 7th and Commerce streets served as the county courthouse.

8. 1894 to present -- Courthouse still in use.

When refering to courthouses in newpapers, histories, etc. courthouses listed above as (3) and (6) are refered to as the second and third courthouses. Evidently Ft. Worth has chosen to ignore the Birdville Courthouse. Understandably the temporary courthouses are not usually counted.

We have also found photographs of the 1860 courthouse and the 1878 courthouse to be misidentified. Even a nice line drawing of one has placed the wrong date on the courthouse. Not all identification is the same, some newspapers with correct identification. The identification was determined by the Sanborn insurance map discriptions of the building, in particular the roof. The buildingshave generally, and usually, been misidentified.

An 1876 line engraving shows still another building of which no close up drawing or photograph has been found. This aerial view engraving is compatable with the 1859 specifications for the courthouse finished in 1860. Did the domeroofed courthouse shown only in drawings even exist?



TARRANT COUNTY'S FIRST COURT HOUSE

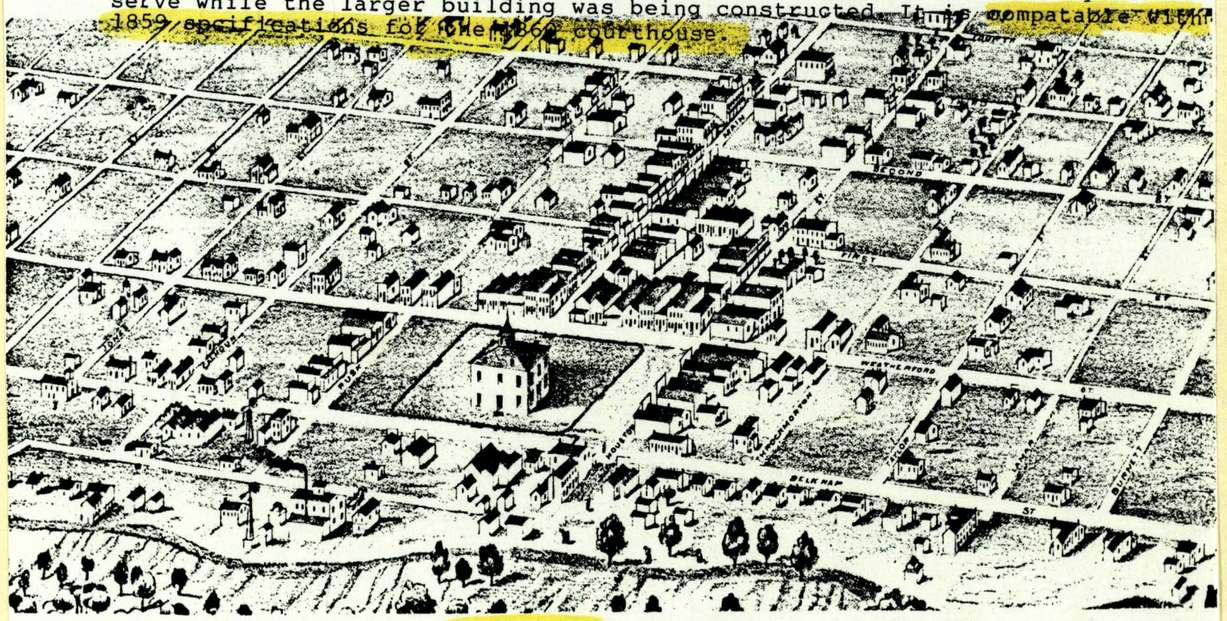
The Texas Legislature authorized the creation of Tarrant County from Navarro County on December 20, 1849. On August 26, 1850, the organization of Tarrant County was completed "with 877 square miles and a population of 664 people made up of 599 white people and 65 slaves." In the first election held in Tarrant County, Birdville was voted as the location of the County Seat of Tarrant. The above is a picture of this first Tarrant County Court House located at Birdville. This picture is in the collection of Ruby Snow Reynolds of Birdville.

On August 26, 1856, the State Legislature provided for a second election to be held in November which was to decide the final location of the County Seat of Tarrant. Fort Worth won in the November election and has remained the County Seat of Tarrant since 1856.

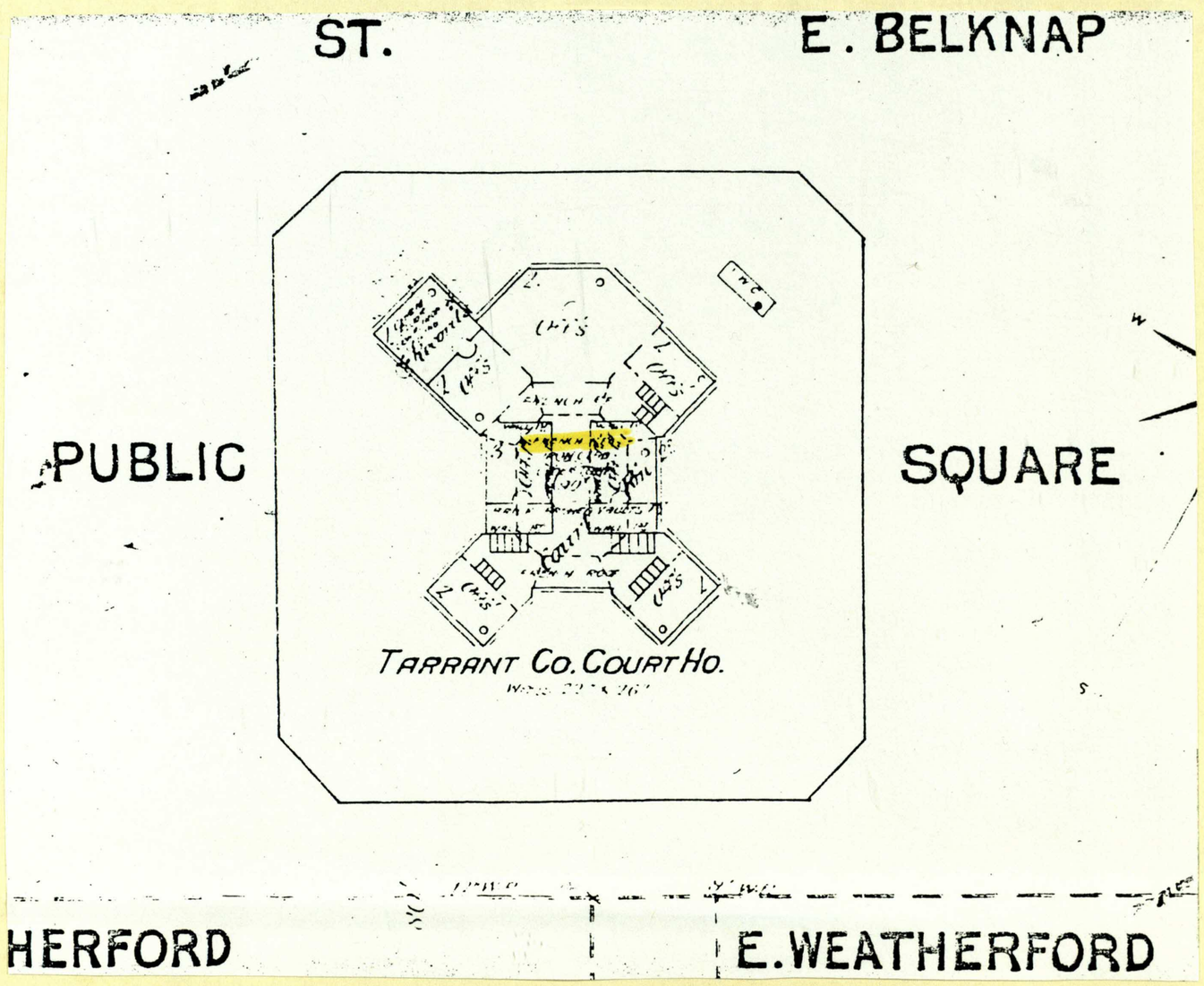
Anseth Teel.

This line engraving in 1876 shows a courthouse with a building of a different shape, and with a different roofline than either of the courthouses of which we

have pictures. This may be the 1876 to 1878 building built on the square to serve while the larger building was being constructed. It was compatable with the 1859 specifications for the 1860 courthouse.



WIDE OPEN SPACES — This line engraving of Fort Worth in 1876, just before the Texas & Pacific Railway puffed into town, shows why businessmen worked so hard to bring new people to town. Open country, broken only by farms and scattered homes, began at Jones Street on the east and Burnett on the west.



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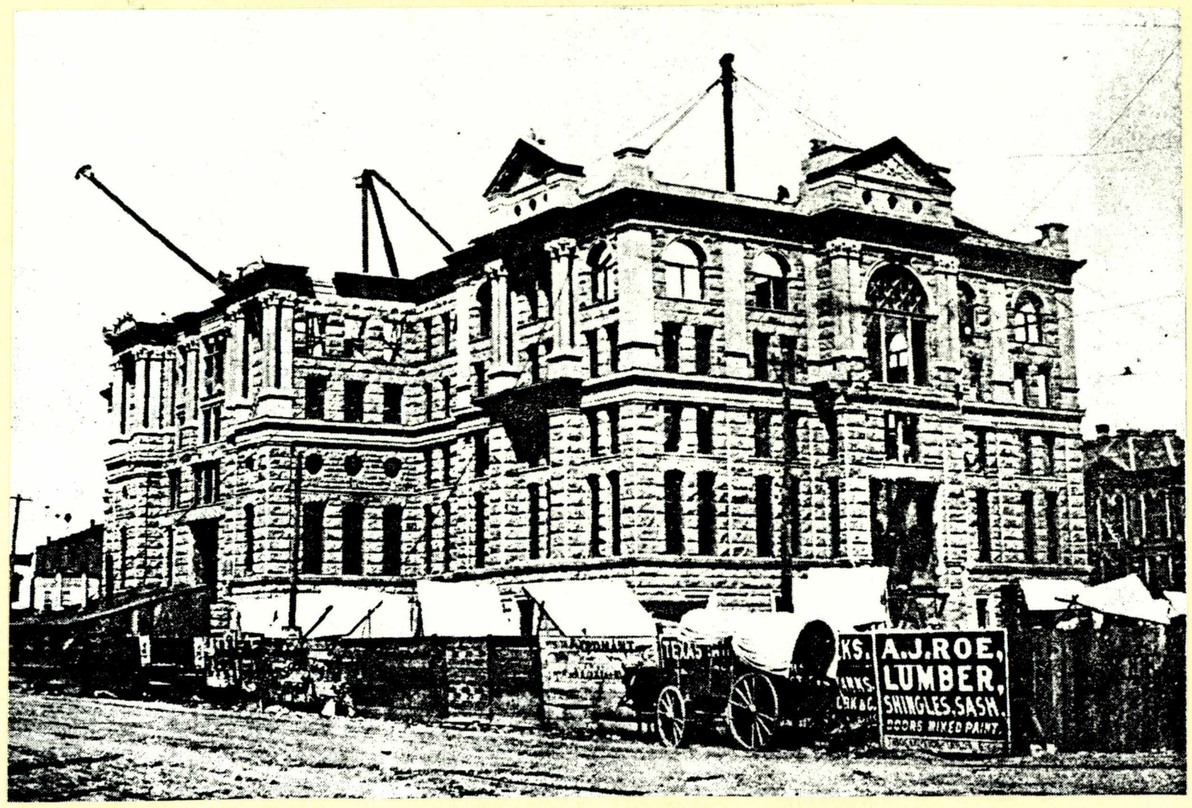
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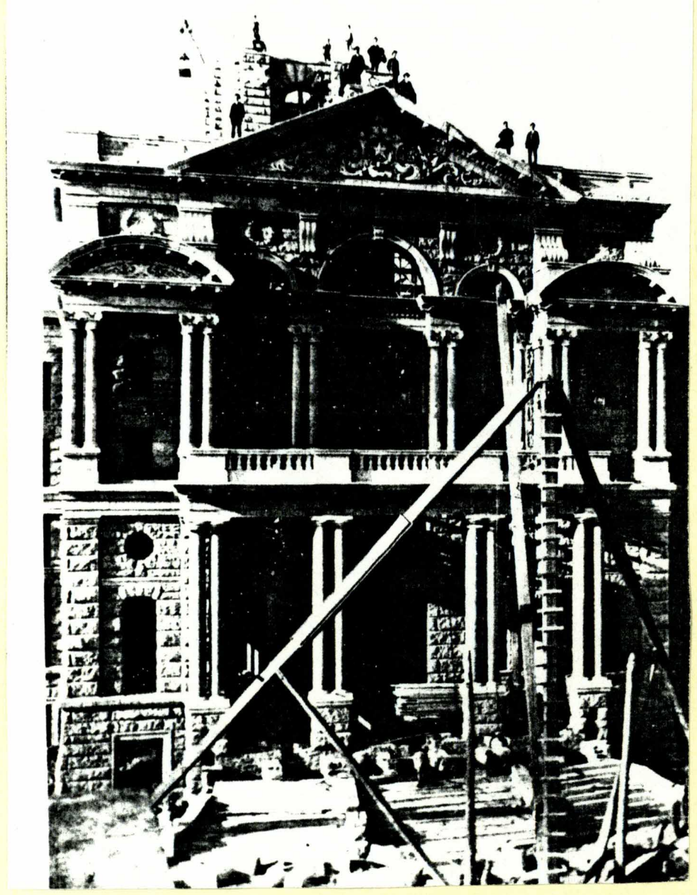

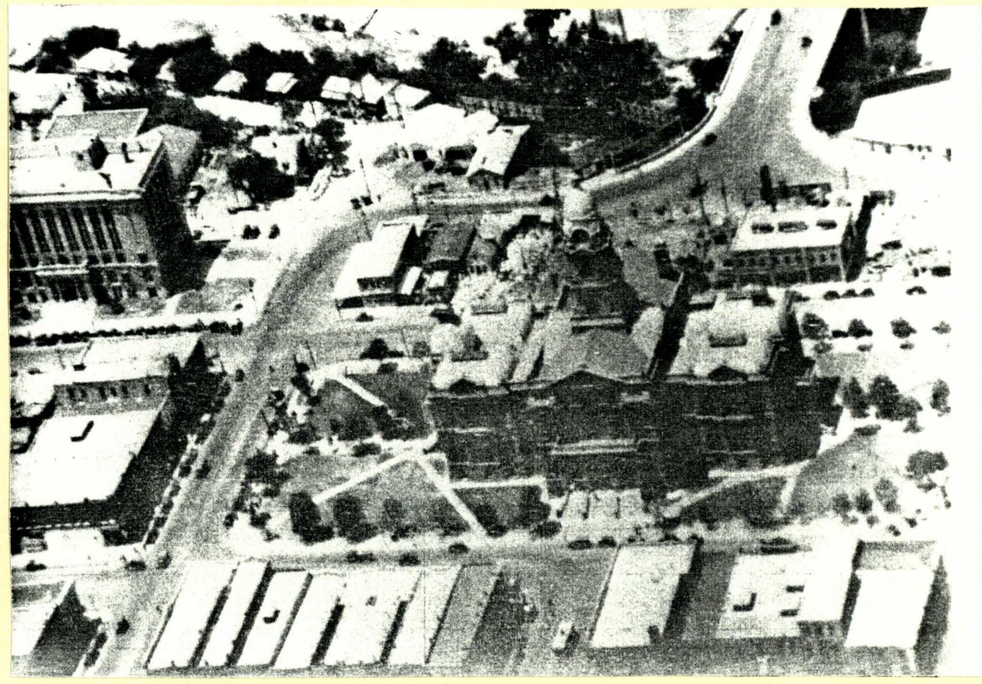

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 1988

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. This committee developed a book on the Tarrant County Courthouse for elementary school classes. Its purpose is to educate these children about their courthouse, as well as instill an interest in history.

ABOUT TARRANT COUNTY
AND
OUR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

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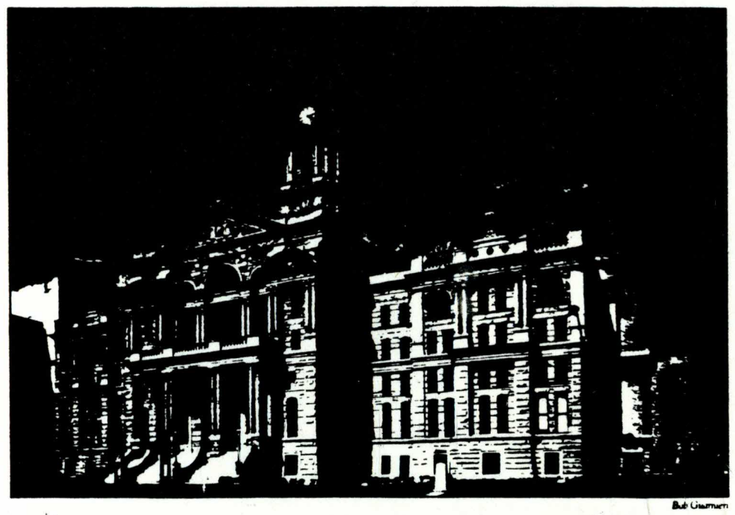

Written by
Billy W. Sills, TCHC Member and
Program Director for Social Studies, Retired
Fort Worth Independent School District

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Arlington, Texas 76019
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February 17, 1988

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, TX 76034

Dear Ms. Barker,

The Webb Lectures Committee of the Department of History at UTA thought that this year's Webb Lectures topic, "Sunbelt Cities and Recent Urban America," would be of special interest to you and to the members of your commission.

Please let us know if there are other members of your commission who would be interested in attending. We would be happy to send them invitations as well.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Stephen Maizlish
Associate Prof. and
Chair, Webb Lectures
Committee

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

22 February 1988

Stephen Maizlish
Department of History
The University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas 76019

Reference: Your letter of 17 February 1988

Several of my fellow Tarrant County Historical Commission members would like to attend this years Webb Lectures. We would appreciated you sending them invitations as you suggested.

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Arlington, Texas 76016

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Ft. Worth, Texas 76133

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Sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
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FIVE TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDED

The Twenty-third Annual
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March 17, 1988
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All Lectures: 108 University Hall

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9:30 a.m.	*Professor Roger W. Lotchin*
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Walter Prescott Webb was intimately associated with the University of Texas, but his influence extended far beyond Austin, to embrace Texas, the Southwest, and the world. His roots were in Texas, but his inquiry encompassed time and space from the Rio Grande to the Great Plains to the Great Frontier, which to him meant all free land.

Webb's association with The University of Texas at Arlington was long and close. He repeatedly asserted that this institution had a bright future; he urged his and other graduate students to join its faculty; and he followed its growth in size and stature with the peculiar interest of a man seeing his prophecies fulfilled.

On behalf of Texas, the Southwest, and historians in and of America, the Department of History of The University of Texas at Arlington dedicates these lectures to the memory of Walter Prescott Webb.

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Originally the Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures and their publication were made possible by a generous endowment from C. B. Smith, Sr.

C. B. Smith, Sr., a longtime Austin business leader with interests in the automotive sales field, real estate and investments, graduated from UTA—then Grubbs Vocational College—in 1923. He continued his studies at UT-Austin.

A friend and former student of Professor Webb, Smith was responsible for the establishment of the Walter Prescott Webb Chair in History at UT-Austin in 1977. His unwavering support of academic excellence at both UTA and UT-Austin deserves our gratitude and applause.

He is, indeed, an uncommon man.

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The Lectures are now made possible not only by the continued support of Mr. C. B. Smith, Sr. and Dr. Jean Andrews Smith of Austin, but by The University of Texas at Arlington, including a special grant from the Rudolf Hermanns' Endowment for the Liberal Arts, and by Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Garrett of Fort Worth

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Jenkins Garrett, former regent of the UT system, gained his lifelong passion for books as an undergraduate in Walter Prescott Webb's course on American history at the University of Texas at Austin. He became a collector and for over thirty years has continued to gather rare volumes, documents and maps focusing on the history of Texas, the Mexican War and the American West.

By the 1970's Garrett's collection had outgrown his Fort Worth home, and in partnership with his wife, Virginia, he was able to realize a long held dream, the creation of a fine research library in North Texas. In 1974 and 1978, the Jenkins Garrett and Cartographic History Libraries were established as the core of the Special Collections Division of The University of Texas at Arlington Library. The support of the Garretts has been unabated since their initial gift, and today the collection continues to grow in volume and stature as one of the great historical repositories of the Southwest.

LECTURES ON SUNBELT CITIES AND RECENT URBAN AMERICA

March 17, 1988

8:00 a.m.

Introduction of Speaker ..... Gerald D. Saxon
Assistant Director of Special Collections
The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries

The Good Government Machine:
The Citizens' Charter Association and Dallas Politics, 1930-1960
Robert B. Fairbanks
Assistant Professor of History, The University of Texas at Arlington

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9:30 a.m.

Introduction of Speaker ..... Richard L. Cole
Dean of the Institute for Urban Studies
The University of Texas at Arlington

The City and the Sword Through the Ages and the Era of the Cold War:
The Transformation of Warfare into Welfare
Roger W. Lotchin
Professor of History, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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11:00 a.m.

Introduction of Speaker.....Edward M. Baum
Dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design
The University of Texas at Arlington

Southwestern Cityscapes:
Approaches to an American Urban Environment
Carl Abbott
Professor of Urban Studies and Planning, Portland State University

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7:30 p.m.

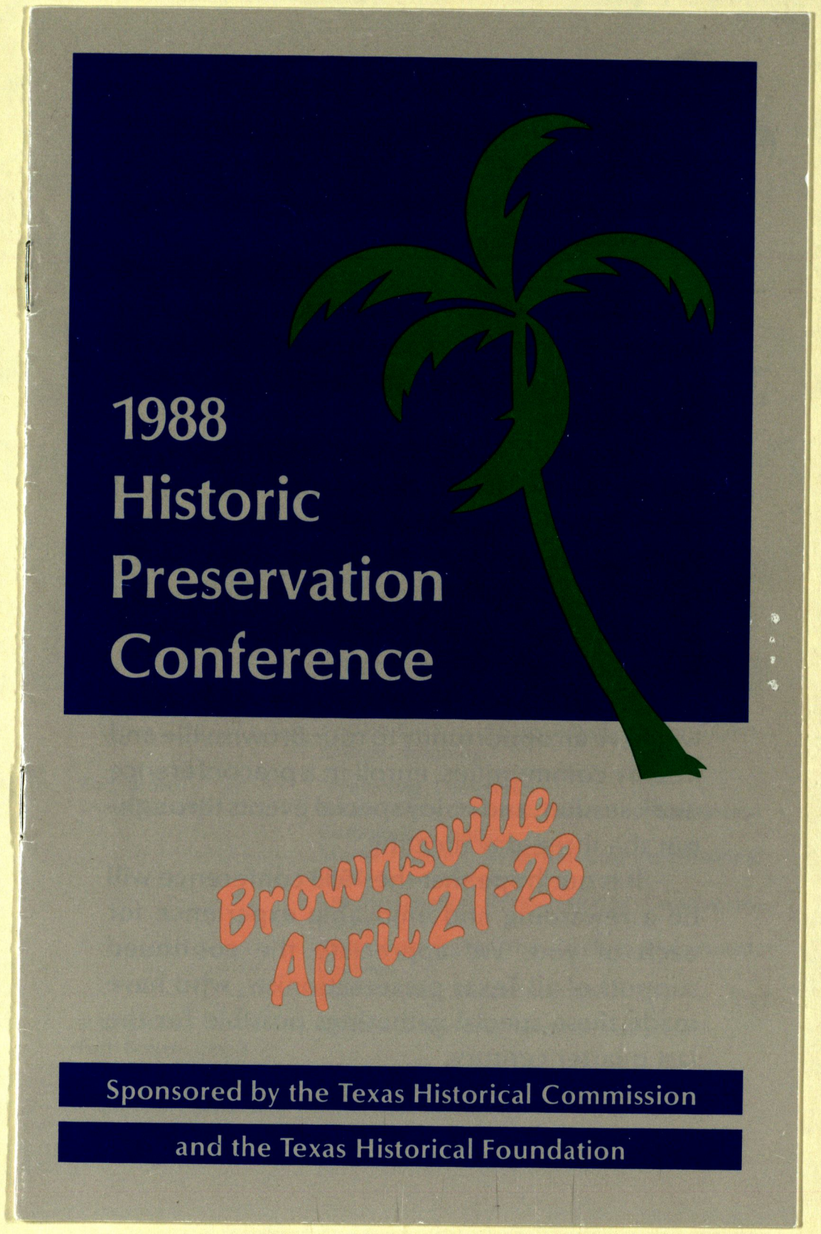
Presiding ..... Wendell H. Nedderman, President
The University of Texas at Arlington

Introduction of Speaker

Pluralizing America:
Webb, Chicago School Sociology, and Cultural Regionalism
Zane L. Miller
Professor of History and Co-director,
Center for Neighborhood and Community Studies, University of Cincinnati

OUT-OF-COUNTY COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

FOUR TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS AND ONE VISITOR ATTENDED THE 1988 HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE



TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN DEE BARKER ACCEPTING THE 1987 MILLARD C. COPE AWARD FOR BEST PROGRAM OF WORK, FROM T.R. FEHRENBACH, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN DEE BARKER ACCEPTING THE DSA AWARD FROM T.R. FEHRENBACH, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MARKER AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EVELYN CUSHMAN RECEIVING THE OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AWARD FROM T.R. FEHRENBACH, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

1988 Historic Preservation Conference

Brownsville
April 21-23

Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission

and the Texas Historical Foundation

The 1988 Historic Preservation Conference, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, convenes in Brownsville, one of Texas' most popular areas.

Participants will room at Fort Brown Hotel, and sessions will be held at the nearby civic center. For those interested in sightseeing and shopping, the gateway to Mexico is just a few blocks away.

This year's conference is highlighting the theme "Rivers, Roads, Rails, and Trails," all of which have been instrumental in the development of South Texas. Pertinent topics to be covered include historic trails, steamboating and deep water navigation, historic bridges, and European migration to Texas.

In addition to the workshops, participants will have an opportunity to tour Brownsville and nearby communities, enroll in a preconference work session, and enjoy special events throughout the three-day meeting.

It is our hope that the 1988 conference will be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for each of you. We appreciate the continued support of all Texas preservationists, who have made these special gatherings possible for the last quarter century.

Program

Thursday, April 21

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fort Brown (lobby)	Registration
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fort Brown (Fortress Room)	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fort Brown (Cavalry Room)	Texas Historical Foundation Board Meeting
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (break at 3 p.m.)	**Concurrent Preconference Workshops** (require separate registration)
Civic Center (Stillman Hall)	"Refurbishing Historical Markers and Planning Historical Tours" *George Gause,* Pan American University, Edinburg *Dr. Robert Norton,* Hidalgo County Historical Commission, McAllen *Ann Washington,* Hidalgo County Historical Commission, Edinburg
Fort Brown (Aztec Room)	"Preserving Cemeteries" *Evelyn D'Arcy Cushman,* Tarrant County Historical Commission, Hurst *Merle Hudgins,* Wharton County Historical Commission, Hungerford *Cindee Langdon,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *Richard Scroggins,* The Gilleland Endowment, Caldwell *Dan K. Utley,* Historian, Austin
5:30 p.m. Fort Brown (pool)	"Border Buttermilk" Cocktail Reception
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Campus Amphitheatre	Musical Salute to Texas and Mexico at Texas Southmost College

Friday, April 22

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Civic Center (Youth Center)	Slide Presentation "Brownsville's Architectural Heritage: You Win Some, You Lose Some!" *Mark Lund,* Cameron County Historical Commission, Brownsville *Michael Putegnat,* Texas Southmost College, Brownsville
8 a.m. - 12 noon Civic Center (lobby)	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Civic Center (Auditorium)	Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards *Jack Goolsby,* Cameron County Judge, Brownsville *Sen. Hector Uribe,* District 27, Brownsville
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Civic Center (lobby)	Break
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon	**Concurrent Sessions**
Civic Center (Youth Center)	"Native Food Customs of the Lower Rio Grande Valley" *Juanita E. Garza,* Pan American University, Edinburg
Civic Center (Stokley Hall)	"Museum Development and Record Keeping" *Stanley Addington,* Willacy County Historical Commission, Raymondville *Hildegard Faulkner,* San Jacinto County Historical Commission, Coldspring *Kit Neumann,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Civic Center (Stillman Hall)	"Amistad: A National Treasure Endangered" *Wayne Bartholomew,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *Nancy Kenmotsu,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *Jim Rancier,* National Park Service, Santa Fe
Noon - 1:30 p.m. Civic Center (Auditorium)	Luncheon and Presentation of Publications, Museums, and Architecture Awards *Lunelle Anderson,* Texas Historical Commission Member, San Marcos *T.R. Fehrenbach,* Texas Historical Commission Chairman, San Antonio *(Mr. Fehrenbach will be available to autograph copies of his books following the awards presentation.)*

2 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	**Concurrent Bus Tours**
2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Tour of Brownsville (does not include dinner)
3:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Tour of Port Isabel/South Padre Island (includes dinner)
3:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	Tour of Harlingen (includes dinner)

Note: Due to limited seating for each tour, participants are asked to provide first, second, and third tour choices. Refer to registration form for instructions.

Saturday, April 23

7:00 Cabaly Room - Hotel

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Civic Center (Youth Center)	Slide Presentation "Fort Brown, A Century of Frontier Defense" *Bruce Aiken,* Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Civic Center (lobby)	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	**Concurrent Sessions**
Civic Center (Stokley Hall)	"Historic Trails of East Texas" *Eliza Bishop,* Houston County Historical Commission, Crockett *Nancy Kenmotsu,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *John Allen Templeton,* Cherokee County Historical Commission, Jacksonville
Civic Center (Stillman Hall)	"New Deal Road Projects" *Sue Moss,* Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin *Jim Steely,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Civic Center (Youth Center)	"Texas Genealogy" *Donaly E. Brice,* Texas State Library and Archives, Austin *Robert Schaadt,* Sam Houston Regional Library, Liberty
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Civic Center (lobby)	Break
10:30 a.m. - 12 noon	**Concurrent Sessions**
Civic Center (Stillman Hall)	"Steamboating and Deep Water Navigation" *Al Cisneros,* Port of Brownsville (ret.), Brownsville *Pat Kelley,* Pan American University (ret.), Laredo

Civic Center (Stokley Hall)	"Preservation Down on the Farm" *Stan Graves,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *Mary Humstone,* National Trust for Historic Preservation, Denver *Rick Lewis,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Civic Center (Youth Center)	"World War II Prisoner of War Camps in Texas" *Robert Tissing,* LBJ Library, Austin *Dr. Richard P. Walker,* Victoria College, Victoria
Noon - 2 p.m. Civic Center (Auditorium)	County Awards Luncheon Keynote: *Dr. Ron Tyler,* Texas State Historical Association, Austin
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	**Concurrent Sessions**
Civic Center (Stokley Hall)	"The Cotton Trail: Lifeline of the Confederacy" *Bruce Aiken,* Brownsville Independent School District, Brownsville *Brian Robertson,* Hidalgo County Historical Museum, Edinburg
Civic Center (Youth Center)	"Curatorial Considerations for Management of Historic Photographic Collections" *Roy Flukinger,* University of Texas, Austin *Bill Wright,* Photographer, Abilene
Civic Center (Stillman Hall)	"Historic Bridges in Texas" *Thomas Eisenhour,* Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin *Peter F. Maxson,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *Dr. Eugene Smith,* Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin
3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Civic Center (lobby)	Break
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	**Concurrent Sessions**
Civic Center (Stokley Hall)	"The Oblate Trail and German and Central European Migrations in Texas" *Dr. Peter Gawenda,* Pan American University, Brownsville *Michael E. Zilligen,* Catholic Archives of Texas, Austin
Civic Center (Youth Center)	"Repair and Maintenance of Historic Buildings" *Gerron Hite,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin *Dick Ryan,* Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Civic Center (Stillman Hall)	"Preservation Ethics" *Libby Barker Willis,* National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fort Worth

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Civic Center (Auditorium)	Banquet and Presentation of Ruth Lester Award, Texas Awards for Historic Preservation, and Texas Historical Foundation Awards Keynote: *Dr. Juliet Garcia,* Texas Southmost College, Brownsville

Exhibits will be on display throughout the conference in the Women's Center.

Acknowledgments

The Texas Historical Commission wishes to express its appreciation to the following:

★ The Cameron County Historical Commission, for hosting local activities and providing shuttle bus service;

★ The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, for hosting the "Border Buttermilk" reception;

★ Texas Southmost College, for providing musical entertainment; and

★ Preservation Texas, for providing funds for the Distinguished Service Awards.

Each deserves a warm thanks for making this conference a successful and enjoyable event.

Thanks also go to the following groups for making possible the coffee breaks throughout the conference:

★ Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Brownsville
★ Brownsville Heritage Council
★ Brownsville Historical Association
★ Duro Paper Bag Co.
★ Hidalgo County Historical Commission

1989 Preservation Conference

Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us next year in Dallas for the 26th Annual Historic Preservation Conference. The meeting will be held April 27-29 at the Dallas Sheraton.

Preservation Conference Special Events

Preconference Events—Several activities will be offered on Thursday, April 21, before the conference officially opens. Among them are the quarterly business meeting of the Texas Historical Commission, which is open to the public, and two preconference workshops. One workshop will provide information on refurbishing historical markers and planning historical tours, and the other will offer guidelines for preserving historic cemeteries. Information on the workshops is included in the registration form.

Reception and Musical Entertainment—Activities continue on Thursday evening with a reception hosted by the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, followed by musical entertainment at Texas Southmost College. Buses will be available following the reception to transport participants to the college campus. These activities are free.

Publications, Museums, and Architecture Awards Presentations—On Friday, April 22, the noon luncheon will honor winners of 1987 publications, museums, and architecture awards. Noted Texas author and THC chairman T.R. Fehrenbach will present the awards and also will be available after the luncheon to sign copies of his books. See the registration form for luncheon price information.

Concurrent Tours—After the Friday luncheon, participants can enjoy one of three tours. The tour of Brownsville (does not include dinner) will feature some of the city's most historic spots, such as Immaculate Conception Cathedral and the first county courthouse. The Port Isabel/South Padre Island tour (includes dinner) will offer a stop at the area's historic lighthouse, as well as a stroll along the jetties. The Harlingen tour (includes dinner) will feature a visit to the Iwo Jima Monument and other historic spots. Refer to registration page for price information.

County Awards Luncheon—Join other preservationists at noon on Saturday, April 23, to salute the achievements made by county historical commissions during 1987. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Ron Tyler, director of the Texas State Historical Association in Austin. See registration page for price information.

Banquet and Awards Dinner—The conference will conclude Saturday evening with a formal banquet and presentation of the THC's most distinguished preservation awards. The Texas Historical Foundation also will present awards during this event. Special guest speaker will be Dr. Juliet Garcia, president of Texas Southmost College.

Texas Historical Commission Members

Eighteen governor-appointed members oversee the work of the Texas Historical Commission staff and make recommendations concerning important preservation matters in Texas. Current THC members are listed below.

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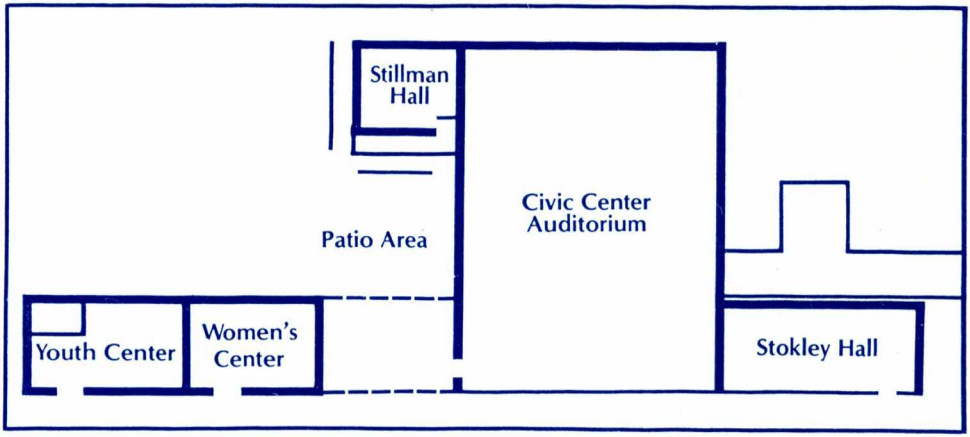

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Hotel Reservation Form
1988 Historic Preservation Conference
Brownsville, Fort Brown Hotel

Texas Historical Commission, April 21-23, 1988

Arrival Date _____ *(check-in time: 2 p.m.)*
Departure Date _____ *(check-out time: 12 noon)*

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of persons in room and any special requests _____

Reservations are guaranteed by first night's lodging deposit or credit card.

____ First night's deposit included (indicate amount) $ _____
____ Credit card guarantee Card _____
Card No. _____
Expiration Date _____

Please circle your preferred lodging rate: Single: $40 Double: $47 Extra Person: $7

Reservations must be received by March 20, 1988. Requests received after that date are subject to availability. All rates are subject to applicable occupancy taxes.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Mail this form to Fort Brown Hotel, 1900 E. Elizabeth, P.O. Box 2255, Brownsville, TX 78520, ATTN: Gloria San Miguel. To make reservations by phone, call toll-free 1-800-582-3333 (Texas only).

Conference Registration

1988 Historic Preservation Conference, Brownsville

Please check those events that you will attend. Return form with check payable to the Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711. Refunds cannot be made after April 18, 1988.

✓ Complete Conference Sessions Registration
(MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 4) $45
This price includes the following activities: all regular sessions, coffee breaks, musical entertainment at Texas Southmost College, "border buttermilk" party, and final banquet. It does not include bus tours, luncheon activities, or preconference workshops

____ Complete Conference Sessions Registration
(IF RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 4) $60
This price includes the same activities as listed above.

✓ Thursday Preconference Workshop $ 6
____ Friday Luncheon $10
✓ Saturday Luncheon $10
____ Saturday Evening Banquet (for non-registered participants) $15
____ Bus Tour of Brownsville (dinner not included) $ 5
____ Bus Tour of Harlingen (dinner included) $10
✓ Bus Tour of South Padre Island (dinner included) $10

Note: See details below for additional tour information

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INDIVIDUAL DAY PRICES

____ Thursday (preconference workshop, cocktail reception, concert) $15
____ Friday (morning sessions and luncheon) $30
____ Saturday (morning and afternoon sessions, luncheon, and banquet) $35

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To help us plan, please provide the following information:

____ I plan to attend the "Preserving Cemeteries" preconference workshop (limit 45)
✓ I plan to attend the "Refurbishing Historical Markers and Planning Historical Tours" preconference workshop

If you plan to take a bus tour, please select your first, second, and third choices. Seating is limited, but every effort will be made to accommodate you:

~~2~~ NO Bus Tour of Brownsville NO Bus Tour of Harlingen
1 ✓ Bus Tour of South Padre Island

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Please check where appropriate:

____ Texas Historical Foundation member
✓ County Historical Commission member (TARRANT County)
____ Other _____
____ *I would like information concerning Preservation Texas*

. . . . . .

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____

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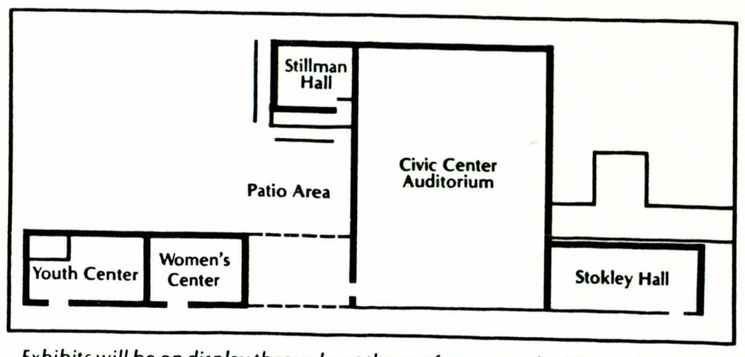
Note: For free shuttle service into Brownsville from the Harlingen International Airport, call toll-free 1-800-582-3333. If possible, phone in your arrival time in advance to avoid unnecessary delays.

ATTENTION:
Please put all the tarrant Co. people in the same area if you can. there will be about 6 rooms.

Civic Center Complex



Exhibits will be on display throughout the conference in the Women's Center.

Arrive Harlingen Airport 11:01 AM the 21st

Hotel Reservation Form pt. 387

1988 Historic Preservation Conference

Brownsville, Fort Brown Hotel

Texas Historical Commission, April 21-23, 1988

Arrival Date 21 April 1988 *(check-in time: 2 p.m.)*
Departure Date 24 April 1988 *(check-out time: 12 noon)*
Name DEE BARKER Address 2200 OAK KNOLL DR
City COLLEYVILLE State TX Zip 76034
Number of persons in room and any special requests ONE

Reservations are guaranteed by first night's lodging deposit or credit card.
___ First night's deposit included (indicate amount) $ _____
✓ Credit card guarantee Card MASTERCARD
Card No. 5106 3000 7103 5739
Expiration Date June 88

Please circle your preferred lodging rate: (Single: $40) Double: $47 Extra Person: $7

Reservations must be received by March 20, 1988. Requests received after that date are subject to availability. All rates are subject to applicable occupancy taxes.

SIGNATURE Dee Barker DATE 6 March 1988

Mail this form to Fort Brown Hotel, 1900 E. Elizabeth, P.O. Box 2255, Brownsville, TX 78520, ATTN: Gloria San Miguel. To make reservations by phone, call toll-free 1-800-582-3333 (Texas only).

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

25 April 1988

Cindy Sherrell-Leo
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Cindy,

Thank you for all the effort, work, and care you put into giving the county commissions the annual conference. Its a time not only to learn from the THC, but also a beneficial "get together" for the many commissions. I know it is a tremendous task to pull it together, and appreciate the fact that it takes more than a paycheck for a reason to do it well.

Also please thank the THC staff, on behalf of all who attended.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

SUGGESTIONS FOR CATALOGUING CEMETERIES

Optional but helpful supplies for cataloguing a small rural graveyard can be kept in a zippered bag in the trunk of your car. Insect repellant, a small tube of Colgate toothpaste for ant and wasp stings, hightop shoes, chalk and charcoal sticks for making rubbings of worn stones, a pencil sharpener, 2 to 3 pencils and a spiral notebook. I also recommend some washcloths, a plastic bottle of water, sturdy pointed stick and a plastic-covered kneeling pad.

At the cemetery, a quick spray of chigger-chaser and change of shoes and you're ready. Pin the carkeys in a pocket and with pencil and notebook in one hand and your sturdy staff (to hold back the briars and barbwire) in the other, you're ready for business.

For a large cemetery, a little more preparation is worth considering.

First, inquire if the inscriptions have been copied by the cemetery association or a local history group. Try to obtain the records. Stones may have fallen and become covered up, yet can be found if you knew to look for them. This is another advantage of not listing tombstone inscriptions in alphabetical order. Reserve that for the Index.

Second, obtain a plot plan or map. If the cemetery association or caretaker does not have a map, try the county and city Tax Assessors. This will be helpful when dividing the area into small sections for easier recording. Try to locate a surveyor that has recently surveyed adjoining tracts, he may still have his field notes.

Use easily recognizable boundaries that will not change, driveways, for instance. Include the description at the beginning of each section's list of inscriptions.

Park your car in a shaded area, one that can be easily reached. A sudden rainshower, injury, or you may just want a comfortable place to take a break.

There are no set rules or methods of surveying. Some recorders copy row by row, others lay out grids with string across each section. Describe your method at the beginning so specific tombstones can be located.

Keep each section's listing separate, starting a new page in your notebook. If you begin Section No. 1 in the southeast corner, then start all Sections in the southeast corner.

When a group is doing the survey, work in teams of two persons. Divide each section in half. Have each member of the team copy half of the section and then exchange books, rechecking and correcting if necessary.

Use binder clips on your notebook to keep the pages from blowing in the wind. A clipboard makes a firm writing surface. Place a strip of Velcro on your pencil and on the clipboard to keep them together.

Knowledge of burial customs can be helpful as well as interesting. The wife is usually buried to the north of her husband, taking the traditional position by his left side. For that reason it works better to begin the survey in the southeast corner of the cemetery, working toward the northwest corner. Be careful not to miss a small plot or a single grave between curbed plots. As there are variable size and shaped plots, place a chalk mark, a number, perhaps, on the top of each recorded stone to reduce the chance of missed markers. If there is a caretaker, check with him beforehand, even though the next rain will wash away the chalk.

Do not crowd your copy, leave a space between each inscription with the exception of double headstones and family monuments. Leave at least two spaces or a symbol to indicate the beginning and end of family plots. If a row divides, label them "Row X east" and "Row X west".

Look on all sides of the stones and check footstones for further information. "Mother" at the foot of a grave where only initials preceed the surname, is one example of the importance of recording all information.

Note and record the number of unidentified graves, especially in family plots. By inquiring later, you may learn their identity. Hopefully it will remind relatives that the grave needs a marker.

Record military service and symbolic carvings that may give a clue to occupation or religion. Stones placed by fraternal organizations such as the Masons, Odd Fellows or Woodmen of the World, should be noted because their records are available for research by relatives.

If the memorial verse gives genealogical information, social or local history, copy it verbatim. But enclose in brackets any explanations, directions, notes, decorations, unusual gravemarkers or anything other than what is actually inscribed on the marker. Make a note if a stone is broken.

Burial sites with illegible funeral markers, concrete blocks, vases, fieldstones, etc. should NOT be recorded as being "unmarked". Make an appropriate notation such as: "(NOTE: child's grave marked with a styrofoam cross, located between J. A. Smith and Jane Jones)".

Headstones that have sunk so that the data is obscured should never be pulled up. Carefully use your pointed stick to uncover it. Be sure to replace all the dirt and stamp firmly to prevent the stone from toppling forward.

Turning over markers that have fallen face down is perilous to the stone. Plan ahead how you are going to replace it, making sure the ground is firm and level. Use gloves for a firm grip.

Copy inscriptions exactly, even if it is obviously misspelled. Use the same lettering and punctuation. Do not make abbreviations.

Different styles of lettering is used on tombstones and care must be taken in distinguishing between many of them. There may be as many as three types on the same marker. For severely weathered stones it is sometimes easier to make a quick rubbing of the worn letters. Place a piece of paper against it and rub with a soft pencil. It should give enough contrast to read. If necessary, use silkspan, #00 Pellon or rice paper and charcoal to make a full-sized "rubbing". To hold the paper secure, use freezer tape rather than masking tape, it leaves less residue.

For hard to read inscriptions try talcum powder. For upright stones apply the powder with a puff or wad of cloth. Rub it into the stone with your palm and lightly blow the excess away.

A hairpin or pointed soft pencil is useful to dislodge mud or moss but be careful. Try a stiff brush with water.

A last ditch method is to use a piece of chalk or charcoal, according to the color of the stone. Lay it flat against the stone and draw it across the inscription leaving the carving in contrast. NEVER use wax crayons or colored pencils as they will permanently stain the stone.

The ability to read worn stones often depends upon the light. If the sun's rays hit the stone at an angle and no shadows are cast in the incisions, it may help if you shade the inscription with your sunhat, brush the stone with water or trace each letter with a soft lead pencil.

After returning home wash your hands immediately. Boraxo hand cleaner is very good to remove the plant oils. If you have chiggers, add a half cup of Clorox to your bathwater.

Make frequent rest stops. A banana or other energy-replenishing snack with cool water will prevent heat exaustion and errors in copying. Recording tombstone inscriptions should be done at a leisurely pace. Take time to appreciate the surroundings and the imagination and artistry of the stone carver. It can be an enjoyable method of preserving the records of past generations which, in many cases, are slowly being lost.

A brief history will make your cemetery report more useful as well as interesting. Use it's current name but ask if it was ever known by any other. The precinct garage, funeral homes, elderly residents, the city secretary or clerk of a nearby church may give you much information. Ask them about the unmarked graves. Inquire about known burials that do not have inscribed tombstones. Cite the name and address of your informant in the report.

The history should include the date it was started, the oldest surviving marker, and where records of internments are located. Determine if it is a privately owned cemetery or a public one. List the name and address of the person or association in charge.

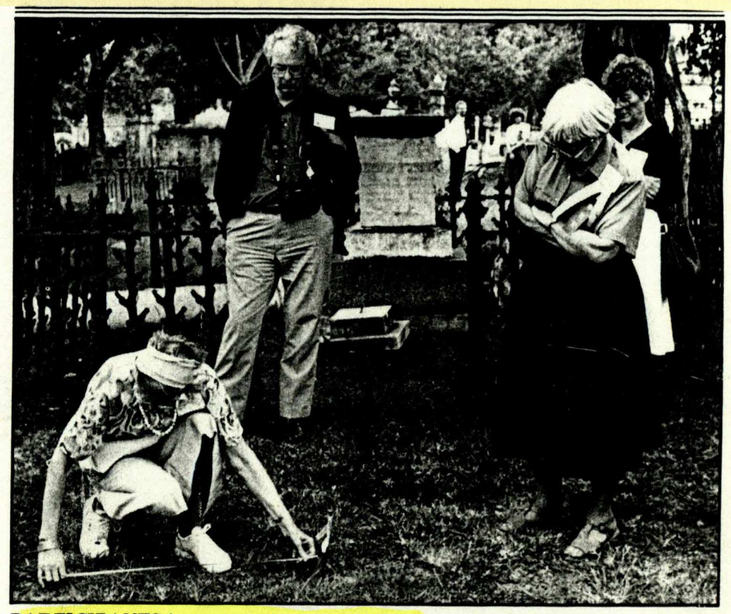
Cemetery transcribing can be considered an art. It requires skill, interest and ability, all developed through patient practice. Satisfaction results if your transcription appears as a verbal image of the tombstone itself. Not only will your art aid researchers if placed in local and major libraries, but it will serve future generations when the stones have worn to only smooth remembrances or have become some thoughtless individual's doorstep.

ADDITIONAL AIDS FOR A LONG-TERM CEMETERY SURVEY

Some of the following items could be handy if you are cataloguing a large cemetery that is not close to your home. If it will take more than a few days and several hours there on each trip, assemble the items you may need for the entire project and keep them together.

Picnic lunch plus a thermos of water. Fruit for snack time.
Sunhat, workgloves, a sharpshooter and shears to cut briars.
Magnifying glass, pocket compass, road and cemetery maps.
Rice paper, Silkspan or Pellon for making full-size "rubbings".
Short and long tapes to measure boundaries of the sections.
Hammer and 12 inch spikes for boundary stakes or to make holes for wire coathanger stakes. Use colored plastic strips as "flags".
White vinegar for lichens. Mix 1 part to 3 parts water.
Red pen for special directions or notations on your recording.

Evelyn D'Arcy Cushman
4904 Wedgeview Dr.
Hurst, TX 76053



PARTICIPANTS in a pre-conference workshop on cemetery preservation look on as group leader Evelyn D'Arcy Cushman, a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, demonstrates cemetery surveying techniques. The workshop was part of the THC's preservation conference in Brownsville.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
512/463-6100

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Chairmen of 1986 DSA Counties

FROM: Cindy Sherrell-Leo

RE: Establishment of a County Historical Commission Advisory Council

DATE: January 7, 1988

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As we near the turn of the century, it is time to look at needed changes in the guidelines for awards, DSA and CHC Program of Work.

The DSA and other awards were first set up in 1964 and have continued basically the same with only minor revisions for 23 years.

The number of DSA counties has remained the same for over ten years; very few if any counties apply for the Award of Merit.

We received about 50 end of the year reports, or 5% of what we should receive. Last year 80 counties appointed new county chairmen, yet we have heard very little from them.

We need your help and advice to assist us in evaluating current programs of the THC. Should we change the awards program? What revisions should be made? Is the communication from Austin timely and informative? How can we improve this? Where have we failed in providing the best assistance to CHC's? If you could make any changes in the THC handling of providing on-site assistance, what would they be?

As county chairman of a DSA county you are the hard worker who must deal with all of the problems of an active CHC. We need your in-put! There is very little to be gained if the Austin staff makes revisions that are not meaningful for volunteers at the county level. Starting this year we would like to establish a CHC Advisory Council made up of chairmen of DSA counties who will serve as an advisory group to the THC staff and commission. We know it is time to consider some changes in our programs and we need your help.

Could you come to Austin on February 26 or March 4 to meet and discuss recommended changes? Because of the budget cuts last

DEE BARKER, CHAIRMAN, ATTENDED ALL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS, IN BOTH AUSTIN AND BROWNSVILLE

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
512/463-6100

MEMORANDUM

TO: DSA Advisory Council

FROM: Cindy Sherrell-Leo

RE: Council Meeting at the Annual Historic Preservation Conference

DATE: March 9, 1988

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DATE: Saturday, April 23, 1988
TIME: 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
PLACE: Cavalry Room, Fort Brown Hotel, Brownsville

A brief meeting of the DSA Advisory Council has been scheduled, as requested, by the Council at the recent meeting in Austin.

Fort Brown Restaurant will have a breakfast buffet set up on Saturday morning. You can serve yourself and join everyone in the Cavalry Room. This will be dutch treat. I have advised all THC department directors of the meeting and asked them to join you.

For new DSA chairmen, the chairmen of 1986 DSA counties met in Austin on February 26th to discuss mutual needs and various ideas and agreed to serve as Advisory Council to the THC staff. A report on topics discussed is attached.

We wish to extend a great big THANK YOU to the DSA chairmen who came to Austin at their own expense to assist the THC in planning for the future.

cc: Curtis Tunnell
THC Department Directors

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711
512/463-6100

MEMORANDUM

TO: DSA ADVISORY COUNCIL

FROM: Cindy Sherrell-Leo and Curtis Tunnell

RE: Council meeting

DATE: August 2, 1988

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We sincerely appreciate all of your hard work this past year and the time and effort you have devoted to this advisory committee.

The next legislative session is just around the corner (January 1989) and we need to discuss several issues:

- appointment or reappointment of county chairmen and CHC members in 1989;
- closer contact with county judges; and
- new DSA sections; etc.

We would like to have a meeting of the Chairmen from DSA counties on either Monday, November 21 or Monday, November 28, 1988. Your advice and support are needed regarding these matters; any other topics may be submitted for the agenda depending on the needs you determine.

Please return the attached form as quickly as possible so we can determine the best date and reserve space for the meeting.

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

21 August 1988

Brigadier General Fred A. Gorden
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996-5000

Dear General Gorden,

Recently you received a letter from Bill Turner regarding a dedication ceremony for a historical marker for General William Jenkins Worth. Mr. Turner has, for many years, collected historical material relative to General Worth and is the sponsor of the marker.

This is an official Texas Historical Marker, obtained from the State of Texas. It is the highest honor the state may give to our historic figures. The marker will be placed in General Worth Square in downtown Ft. Worth, and officially dedicated by the County Historical Commission with an appropriate ceremony.

We would like for you, as the present Commandant of Cadets, to participate. Bill tells me you not only hold the same position at the Academy as did General Worth, but live in the same house. Your participation in the dedication ceremony would be both appropriate and an honor for both the City of Ft. Worth and the State of Texas.

The County Historical Commission, the county arm of the State Commission, will plan the ceremony, with the cooperation of the City of Ft. Worth, around whatever date you have available and would best suit you.

We appreciate your consideration of our request, and will especially appreciate your participation in honoring General Worth.

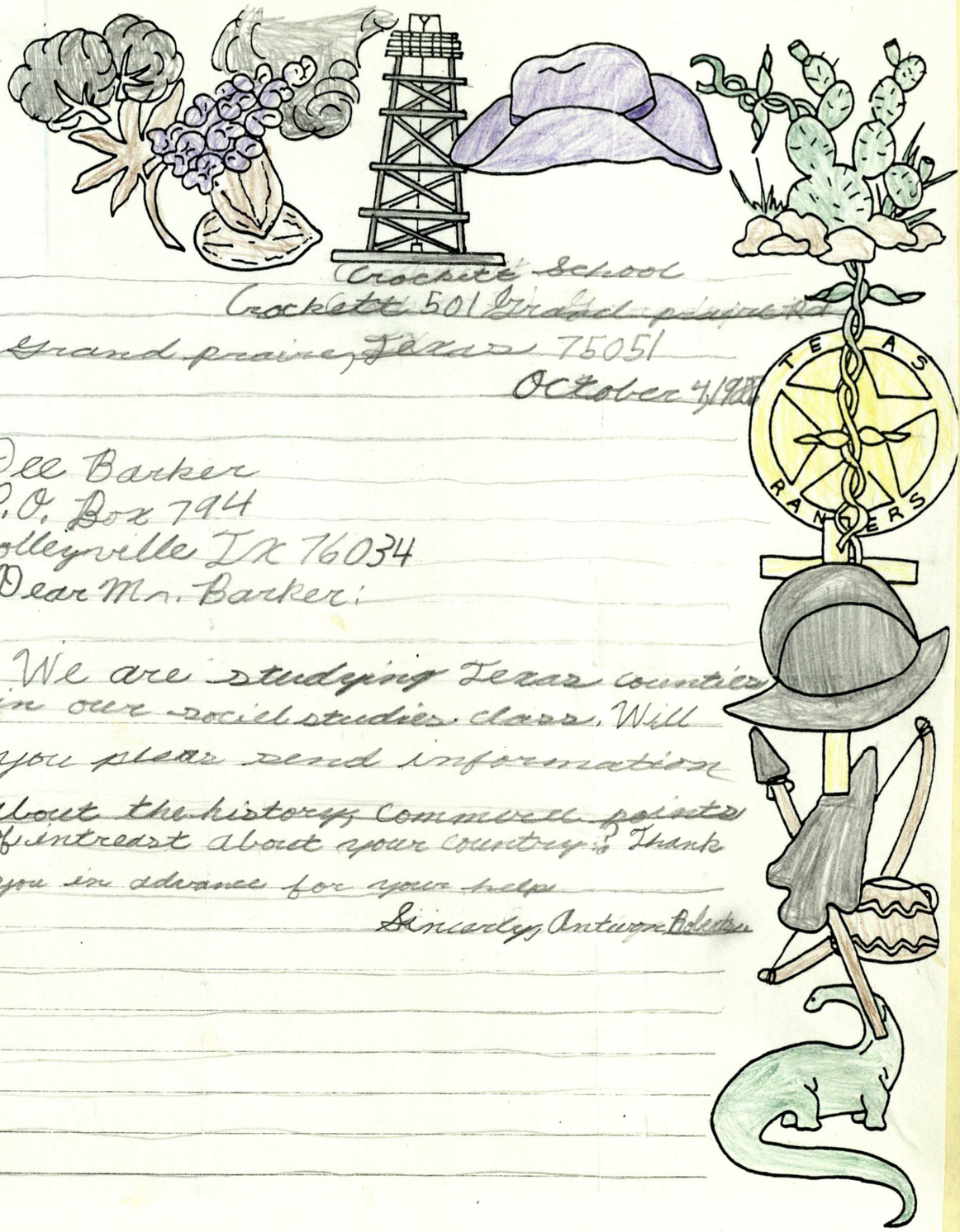
Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairwoman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

copy: Bill Turner
Hon. Bob Bolen, Mayor, City of Ft. Worth

EXAMPLES OF DIVERSITY OF OUT OF COUNTY CORRESPONDANCE



Crockett School
Crockett 501 Grand prairie Rd
Grand praire, Texas 75051
October 4, 1988

Dee Barker
P.O. Box 794
Colleyville TX 76034
Dear Mr. Barker:

We are studying Texas counties in our social studies class. Will you please send information about the history, commerce points of intreast about your country? Thank you in advance for your help

Sincerely, Antwon Roberts

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: Sept 88

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Lynn Olson

PHONE NUMBER: Nashville 615 - 292 - 3753

TOPIC: Cynthia Ann & Quanah Parker

Scriptwriter - doing script for a major movie or mini series for t.v. Wants info on C.A. and wants to see local of Parker home in Hurst. Wants to see cabin. Asked me to go to Ft Parker with her.

copied material from our files & log cabin Village files. She will be here in October.

Oct - todo to see cabin site - gave her material
" " " Parker cemetery.

Nov - Call from Lynn - appreciative of all, she will keep in touch

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 9 Sept 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Judy Kelly - University of Dallas
214-445-0110 ex 5061 Drama Dept

PHONE NUMBER: 214 - 352 - 7864 home
263 - 5372 - Channel 13

TOPIC: Tarrant Co. Courthouse

IS DOING DOCUMENTARY on courthouses
½ hrs TV show - Channel 13
Wants info on T.C. courthouse

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sent copy of courthouse photo - under construction
sent copy of courthouse restoration book
Gave her Wilsons phone number re his collection

Judy Kelly
8421 Bluebonnet Rd.
Dallas, Texas 75209

EXAMPLE OF OUT-OF-COUNTY AND HISTORICAL APPRECIATION COMMUNICATION

James E. Solis
General Manager

J. L. Bryan
Director, Researcher

Solis/Bryan Researches

P.O. BOX 1827, QUINLAN, TX 75474

Dec 13, 1988

Dee Barker, Chair
Tarrant County Hist Comm
P O Box 794
Colleyville, TX 76034

Dear Dee Barker,

I respectfully request a copy of the application essay used in obtaining the Historical Marker for the Tate Cemetery in present day Arlington, TX. Please include any bibliography and documentation that might be available, and bill me for the copy and postage expense or the usuall fee should one exist.

I am a direct descendant of Evan Callaway Tate and his son James Bunion Tate who are buried in the cemetery. My cousin (Michael A Tate; 1209 South Pine; Grapevine, TX 76051) and I are soon to begin regualr maintainence of this graveyard. Every time we had vistied the cemetery, there were no signs of it being kept up so we are taking it upon ourselves. If you are aware of anyone that is susposed to be in charge of the cemetery's upkeeping please forward us an address or phone number. It may be that we just visited at the wrong times.

We will go ahead with our clean up until we are able to contact someone who already claims the responsiblity. I appreciate the time you took for this letter, and I await anxiously for the application essay.

Sincere thanks,

J L Bryan
Director, Researcher
Solis/Bryan Researches

Tarrant County Historical Commission

15 December 1988

J.L. Bryan
P.O. Box 1827
Quinlan, Texas 75474

Dear Mr. Bryan,

Thank you for your letter of 13 December.

I am very pleased to find someone interested in the maintenance of the Tate Cemetery. A father and son have been careing for the cemetery by themselves for the last several years, usually doing the work themselves because of the expense. I have spoken with Bill Dunkin several times over the past two years during the process of obtaining the Historical Marker, which was paid for by his branch of the family. I called him after receiving your letter today, and am sending him a copy.

His address is 8254 Rush St., Ft. Worth, 76116. His phone number is 817 244 6830.

I think he will be very pleased to have someone share this maintenance responsibility.

I am enclosing the narrative by which the cemetery received the historical marker, as you requested. Thank you for your offer to pay for expenses. We appreciate any donation to help us with our work.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairwoman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

EXAMPLE OF BOTH OUT-OF-COUNTY AND OF CEMETERY PRESERVATION

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

9 June 1988

City of Lake Worth
7 North Dixie Highway
Lake Worth, Florida 33460

To the people of Lake Worth,

Tarrant County, home of Fort Worth, Texas, would like to congratulate Lake Worth on its 75th Anniversary.

The Historical Commission placed a Texas Historical Marker, an official state marker honoring General William Jenkins Worth, in the City Hall of the City of Fort Worth several years ago. Within the next few months we will place another one in his honor in a city park which has recently been named General Worth Square. In order to receive these official state historical markers quite a bit of research was necessary concerning General Worth. If the City of Lake Worth, or the Lake Worth Museum, would like copies of the documents we would be pleased to share them with you.

Personally, I have many fond memories of Lake Worth. As a native of Atlanta, I spent a winter and vacation days there as a child in the early 1940s. I am sure it has grown and changed quite a bit since that time. We would like to know more about your city, which shares with ours the name of Worth. I think it would be appropriate to place this information in our General William Jenkins Worth file in our County Archives.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

Dee Barker

TELEPHONE MEMO

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 4 April 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Ross Pollard - architectural student

PHONE NUMBER: father 626-9577

TOPIC: Ft House

Wants ft house books & info for report.
Professor in Wild Robinson - Texas Tech in Lubbock

Ross Pollard
2710 44th St.
Apt I
Lubbock, Tx 79418

$ 10.00 books
1.60 copy + postage

father: James Pollard
4300 Quail Trail
Ft Worth, Tx 76114

626-9577

sent books and 16 pages of copies
mailed 6 April 1988

EXAMPLE OF OUT-OF-COUNTY AND HISTORICAL APPRECIATION COMMUNICATION

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: 6 October 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Mrs Dollar

PHONE NUMBER: 624-1250 - car wash where he is going.

TOPIC: Historical Marker - "Elizabeth town"

Husband - Harold Dollar - found marker while picking up cans. Is headed for car wash and then to can place. try to catch him at car wash.

No answer at car wash -

no "Elizabeth town" in handbook.
no " " marker at THC

Cashman says there is "Elizabeth Cemetery" in Denton County

Called Denton Co. H.C. - Elizabeth Cemetery Vandalized and marker stolen.

TELEPHONE MEMO
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

DATE: Oct 1988

CALL FROM - ~~TO:~~ Ramser - Ft Worth Police

PHONE NUMBER: 877-8247 - Property Room

TOPIC: Historical Marker

Has historical marker - pick up from property room.
invoice # 88 PO 6853
305 W. Belknap in basement

Evelyn will pick up

was Elizabeth cemetery

Returned to Denton County Historical Commission at November 3 meeting.

RESCUING A MARKER AND OUT-OF-COUNTY COOPERATION

MAIN STREET PROJECT

MAIN STREET PROJECT

Tarrant County Historical Commission

22 February 1988

Kent Flynn
Main Street Director
City of Grapevine
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Reference: Historic Resources Survey conducted in 1980

Dear Kent,

When conducting this survey I filled out a rough work sheet which contained information regarding the legal discription and the history of the property. I have found rough copies of these forms in my files. You may copy them if you care to use them. They give good basic information on many Main Street properties, as well as other historic properties in Grapevine.

I have also found that the Preservation Council has a mylar copy of the Grapevine resources map. I can order a copy for you if you wish.

I have also found copies of some of the city-school tax records. You may copy them if you wish.

I would encourage you to use the Historic Resources Survey as a basis for any further in depth research on individual buildings. This was conducted using the criteria of the National Register. With preservation since the survey, buildings which were not deemed eligible at that time, most surely are now. So there will be some updating, but the old survey is a good starting point.

I would also encourage the Main Street office to consider applying for a National Register Historic District designation. This designation, along with other Texas Historical Markers for buildings which may now be eligible, will do more to further Main Street development and further the prospect of increased tourism than any other step that could be taken.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76434

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

12 June 1988

Dennis Dawson, City Manager
City of Grapevine
Box 729
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Dear Mr. Dawson,

Thank you for returning my call relative to architectural standards for the Main Street program.

Grapevine is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished in revitalizing a downtown area that was losing tenants, and potentially the downtown area itself. Robert Vick has proven himself a talented man, and the Merchants Association has proven the value of active merchant participation. The highly successful Main Street festivals are drawing people to the Main Street business area beyond what anyone would expect. Merchants seem to be working together all year as never before. Grapevine is doing an excellent job of bringing life and people back to the downtown area.

I am pleased to read that the city will soon set architectural standards for the downtown buildings which are receiving face lifts. This is an excellent step, as it is vital to keep the buildings compatable to the time period of their construction, and to one another. Architectural mistakes could quickly ruin your effort of revitalization. Those with knowledge will not come into an area with restoration money when those buildings recently or currently being redone are not within the contex of their environment. Restoration must be considered a good business practice.

An official review board is a valuable and neccessary function. But that board must have proper criteria to be successful. Improper guidelines could be as harmful as no guidelines. I am pleased you have accepted my offer to have a professional either suggest or review architectural standards for Grapevine's Main Street and adjacent areas.

I have spoken with Karl Komatsu, an appointed member of the Texas Historical Commission. He will be incontact with the THC staff with a request that you be given architectural guidance by an architectural historian or an architect experienced in restoration.

A review board with proper and sensible guidelines should make th Main Street program run more smoothly, and probably more economically. It certainly will benefit the visual downtown, and consequently the city, the merchants, and the citizens of Grapevine.

Sincerely,

Dee Barker

Dee Barker, Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
Box 794
Colleyville, Texas 76034

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History continues to mold downtown

By Dan Balaban
Staff Writer

Maria Stewart can look outside her Main Street storefront in Grapevine and see a view reminiscent of the days she looked out of the windows of her parents' successful restaurant supply store on Main Street in Ventura, Calif.

The supply store was across the street from a fabric store and shoe repair shop in the late 1960s, similar to the shops facing Mrs. Stewart's gift and gourmet food shop in downtown Grapevine, which she plans to open this spring.

"It was almost like being home and looking out the window," said Mrs. Stewart of the Galatea Fabrics and Messina's Shoe & Boot Repair shops across the street.

A good omen for the success of her business, agreed Mrs. Stewart. And the fact that Galatea Fabrics at 314 Main St. will be moving next month to another building in the next block doesn't diminish her optimism.

"It's how it happened right now," she insists.

That kind of optimism is being heard among many business people downtown, as the joint merchant-city Main Street project enters its fifth year.

Prodded by the renovation of the Grapevine Opry and a pair of successful downtown festivals last year, more building owners are deciding to take the plunge. In the last three months, eight rehabilitation projects have reached at least the scaffolding-paintbrush stage, with more than $208,000 spent by building owners during that period.

That's more than all of 1987, which included the $150,000 renovation of the Grapevine Opry. All told, building owners and city officials have plowed more than $3 million into the downtown area over the last four years. The figure includes building purchases as well as new construction and expansion, such as the $100,000 remodeling and expansion project currently underway by restaurateur Zack Shariff, who is preparing to open his Main Street Cafe at 414 Main St.

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Sheffield is doing the restoration work a few buildings to the north for Tom Chandler's optometry office, which recently lost its aluminum slip cover dating to the 1950s. Underneath was a brick-facade painted white with bold black letters across the top: "Air Conditioned."

"That was important back then," pointed out Chandler, who said he thinks his building was used as some type of eyeglass shop before the aluminum was stuck on. Impressed with Sheffield's work, Chandler said he finally decided to renovate the building.

Grapevine's Main Street got more recognition last week when the Texas Historical Commission bestowed another plaque, commemorating the Tarrant County State Bank building at 332 Main St. (Now the offices of *The Grapevine Sun*.)

Merchant Kathie St. Germain also believes that preserving the past of the downtown structures will guarantee their future.

This spring she will be moving her Designing Needle shop at 322 Main St. to a building next to City Hall at 415 Main St. There she will share 1,620 square feet of space with Roxanne Holt, owner of Galatea Fabrics. The two direct their customers to the other's shop so often, it seemed the logical thing to do, said Mrs. St. Germain, who added that she didn't think twice about staying on Main Street.

"It's not concrete and glass; there is a character here," she said. "This is bigger than me, it's been here before me and it will be here a long time after I'm gone."

Besides containing only about 500 square feet of usable space, the building she's been working out of now at 322 Main St. has, in one sense, been haunted by the past.

"I have been told that this building was a barber shop and I think the pipes that were under the floor where the sinks were are starting to leak," she said, pointing

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Festival begins on Saturday

Staff report

The Main Street Days Festival will get underway in downtown Grapevine Saturday, and scheduled events will continue through Sunday.

Hours for the colorful spring celebration will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Attractions to be offered include approximately 100 arts and crafts booths, a display of antique wooden boats, games, live entertainment, calf roping and a dunking booth for notorious city officials and celebrities.

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Topping the live entertainment slate will be two shows by country songstress Stella Parton at the Grapevine Opry at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for Parton's concerts, priced at $12.50 each, are now on sale.

Also scheduled to appear is country-rocker Ray Wylie Hubbard, making a return appearance to the Main Street Days Festival. Hubbard will close out Saturday's live entertainment in a free concert from 7 to 10 p.m.

Along with Hubbard's concert, other live entertainment slated for the festival will also be offered free of charge on two stages. The main outdoor stage will be located at the Town Square gazebo, and a smaller stage

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be set up near the intersection of Wall Street and Main.

Other activities to be featured during the two-day festival will include hoop games, Main Street Days poster contest, haystack, Little Wheels area, Big Wheels race track, parachute games, kiddie rides, BB shoot, wet sponge throw, football toss and a variety of other supervised activities for children.

Last year, approximately 20,000 people attended the Main Street Days Festival, and organizers are promising that this year's event will be bigger and better.

For more information about the festival, contact Carla Bandera of the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau, at 481-0454.

Festival continues

Staff report

Grapevine's Main Street Days Festival is half over, but area residents who come out today will find plenty of entertainment remaining.

The action is scheduled to begin at noon and run until 6 p.m. Several blocks of Main Street have been blocked off, turning the downtown business sector into a giant pedestrian mall.

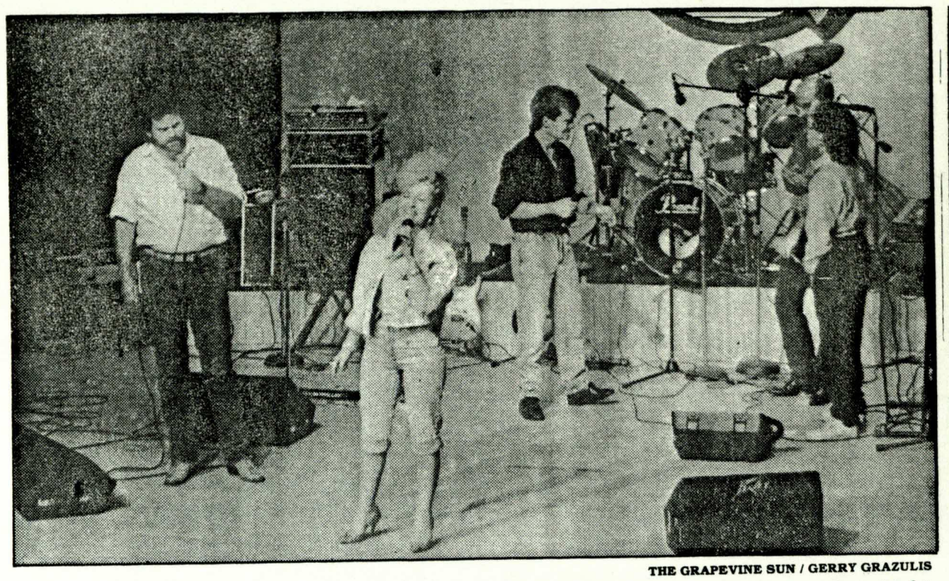
No admission fee is being charged, and visitors can stroll from College Street on the south to Northwest Highway on the north, enjoy games, refreshments and concerts, and inspecting the contents of approximately 100 arts and crafts booths.

The only paid-admission event scheduled today is a concert by country songstress Stella Parton at the Grapevine Opry. Parton will give two performances, at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at $12.50 each.

Several other concerts, however, will be offered free of charge on two stages, one on the Town Square gazebo and one at the intersection of Wall Street and Main.

Today's schedule for the gazebo stage is: noon to 1:30 p.m., Out and Out Band; 1:45 to 2 p.m., Little Miss and Mr. Grapevine winners announced; 2:15 to 3 p.m., Country Classics Band; 3 p.m., Police Department K-9 patrol exhibition; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wayland Davis; and 5 to 6 p.m., Killbilly.

Today's schedule for the Wall Street stage is: noon to 1:30 p.m., "Barefoot" Band; 1:30 p.m., Police Department K-9 exhibition; 2 to 3:30 p.m., Dance Workshop performances with tap, jazz and ballet.



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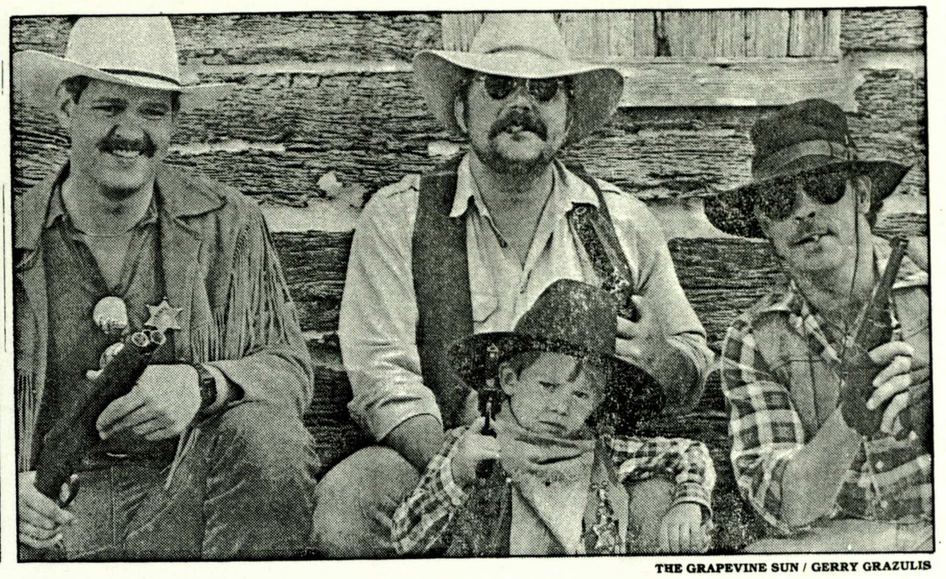
Country songstress Stella Parton and her band, Appalachia, closes out the Grapevine Main Street Days Festival Sunday night with her show at the Grapevine Opry.



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Kelly Ryan, Wil Wickman and Mike Stokes age 4½, of Grapevine ran into one tough hombre in Mitchell Reno, during the Main Street Days Festival last weekend.

Crowd of 30,000 attends Main Street Days festival

By Dan Balaban
Staff Writer

Last weekend's Main Street Days festival drew a crowd estimated at 30,000 and was praised by visitor and vendor alike.

But that was a far cry from the feeling among organizers less than five weeks before the event, some having their doubts whether Main Street Days would be held at all.

A squabble over representation on the city's new Festivals Commission followed by the abupt resignation of Kent Flynn, city main street director and Main Street Days coordinator left organizers with an empty entertainment bill and a blank roster of food and display vendors just a month before the two-day event.

What was hailed a year ago as the beginning of one of the premier community festivals in the area seemed on the verge of becoming a second-rate county fair.

Organizers rejected the idea of finding a volunteer to serve as festival coordinator to replace Flynn, who they say did little work on the project in the weeks after he was assigned the job. City Economic Development Director Robert Vick contacted local businesswoman Gail Armstrong Schneider to offer her the job, agreeing to pay her $2,500 for roughly a month's work.

She started April 21, exactly a month before the scheduled first day of the festival. Her first day she said she was greeted with a stack of 50 phone messages from members of local clubs and organizations and commercial vendors, all inquiring about arrangements for the festival.

Working in the favor of the organizers was the groundwork already done by local crafts merchant Trevor Fought, who a month earlier had sent letters to arts and crafts vendors on his contact list. He had handled the arrangements for the arts and crafts booths last year and this year expanded the list of interested sellers to more than 100, each prepaying $60 to reserve a booth.

"Before they hired Gail, I was worried about the other stuff that wasn't happening," said Fought, who said he feared at one point he

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would have to return the arts and crafts sellers' money. "She just did a fantastic job."

Arrangements had also been made for the classic car show. But other than that and the arts and crafts booths, virtually no work had been done before Mrs. Schneider arrived.

"Probably the hardest thing I had to do related to the lack of time was making sure all the civic organizations had enough time," she said. "That was probably the biggest problem, being able to contact everybody that we felt should have known."

In all, 50 clubs, organizations and commercial vendors set up booths, along with the more than 100 arts and crafts sellers.

There were hundreds of arrangements to work out, from the placing of the advertising to the placement of the outdoor bathrooms — there were 16 of them, plus one equipped with ramps for the handicapped.

"They said it was the best organized, best working festival they'd been to, right down to the fact that we had plenty of restrooms in the right places," said Mrs. Schneider of comments she received from some of the crafts sellers.

Mrs. Schneider, who with her husband owns a local landscaping and lawn maintenance business, said she worked 60 hours during each of the last two weeks leading up to the event. Final arrangements kept her awake all day and all night Friday, including making placards for booths and spray painting the street to mark off designated placement of the booths. In all, she said she worked 42 straight hours through the first day of the festival Saturday.

"I've never stayed up 42 hours in my life," she said. "Everything was just pumping. I never once felt tired."

Her work, along with the work of the other volunteers, paid off. Ticket sales soared, the crowds cheered and beer flowed from several food and beverage booths. But police reported no incidents during the two days.

According to preliminary receipts, the festival brought in $44,000 in ticket sales, a full $20,000 over last year's take, according to Economic Development Director Vick.

That will be distributed among the various clubs and vendors and go to pay off bills, including a $5,000 loan for the event granted by the city through the Festivals Commission.

Organizers, however, still expect to have some money left over to contribute to the city's beautification fund. Last year, the festival broke even.

"Considering the lateness of the start, it's almost a minor miracle that it came off so well," said organizer John Price.

Editor's Note: Additional photographs and editorial coverage of the Main Street Days Festival will be published Sunday. Space did not allow full coverage in this issue.

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'Bed tax' has helped build city

Money from hotels used to build convention center

BY JUDY PUTNAM
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

GRAPEVINE — Grapevine has a benefit that's showing up all over the downtown area — its hotel/motel occupancy tax.

The city has two major hotels with more than 1,700 rooms within the city limits, the Hilton and Hyatt hotels, that pour "bed tax" money into the city. The city gets 60 cents of every dollar generated by the 10 percent tax. This year, Grapevine's share is expected to be $1.6 million.

The tax is paying for the new Grapevine Convention Center, a $3 million building that opened its doors two months ago. The tax also is paying for seed money for the 4-year-old Main Street Project, which has spurred some $3 million in renovation and restoration to the city's turn-of-the-century buildings on the north end of Main Street.

Economic Development Director Robert Vick said the Main Street Project has spent an estimated $200,000 of tax money since it started. The aim: Help restore the downtown area to its original appearance. The city pays for support such as architectural services while private owners pay for the actual work on the buildings.

The buildings were built between 1888 and 1905, Vick said. So far, 14 buildings have been restored completely, he said. Thirteen additional renovation or restoration projects have been started since January, he said.

The plan is to draw people, and their pocketbooks, into Grapevine.

"Downtown a year ago closed at 6 o'clock and everyone went home," Vick said.

Now, the Grapevine Opry, which reopened last year, and three restaurants stay open at night. Two new restaurants are being added in the historic district.

Main Street Cafe, being opened by the owner of Shariff's in the Northwest Shopping Center, is expected to open before the city's Main Street Days festival on May 21 and 22. Also, a new Italian restaurant, Lucidos, is expected to open in a renovated building behind City Hall.

"Now, all of a sudden, we're going to have five restaurants downtown, three with live entertainment, all serving dinner. We've got a theater (Backdoor Theatre) downtown. Now we've got more reason to be open at night," Vick said.

On the other end of town, the Grapevine Convention Center, a $3 million, 23,500-square-foot facility that opened last month, is generating a lot of interest, said Lynn Eggers, director of the center.

The convention center has bookings through the end of the year, including business luncheons, weddings, dog shows and Christmas parties.

Between the modern convention center and the historic renovation fit neatly, the city lives up to its motto: "A Future with a Past."

Grapevine first was settled in 1844, making it the oldest town in Tarrant County. But it has changed rapidly in recent years.

The population has more than doubled since 1980, and construction of new, single-family homes has been brisk.

In 1984, 548 permits for new houses were issued. In 1985, 861 permits were issued, followed by 709 permits in 1986, and 559 permits in 1987. January through March this year, 99 single-family permits were issued.

The city has many workers inside the city limits, including some 26,000 at D/FW Airport; 913 at the Hyatt Regency DFW; 800 at GTE Directory Corp.; 441 at public schools; 400 at the D/FW Airport Hilton and Executive Conference Center; 301 at Simuflite and 296 at the Federal Aviation Administration, according the economic development department.

Vick's department has also instituted a business retention program and in February a "Targeted Industry Study" was completed. The city should work to recruit hotels and motels, life insurance companies, eateries, and computer and data processing services, the study concluded.

Grapevine

Incorporated: 1907.
Population as of Jan. 1: 25,200.
Growth since 1980: 13,399 (114%).
Average home price in March: $101,650.
Area: 32 square miles.
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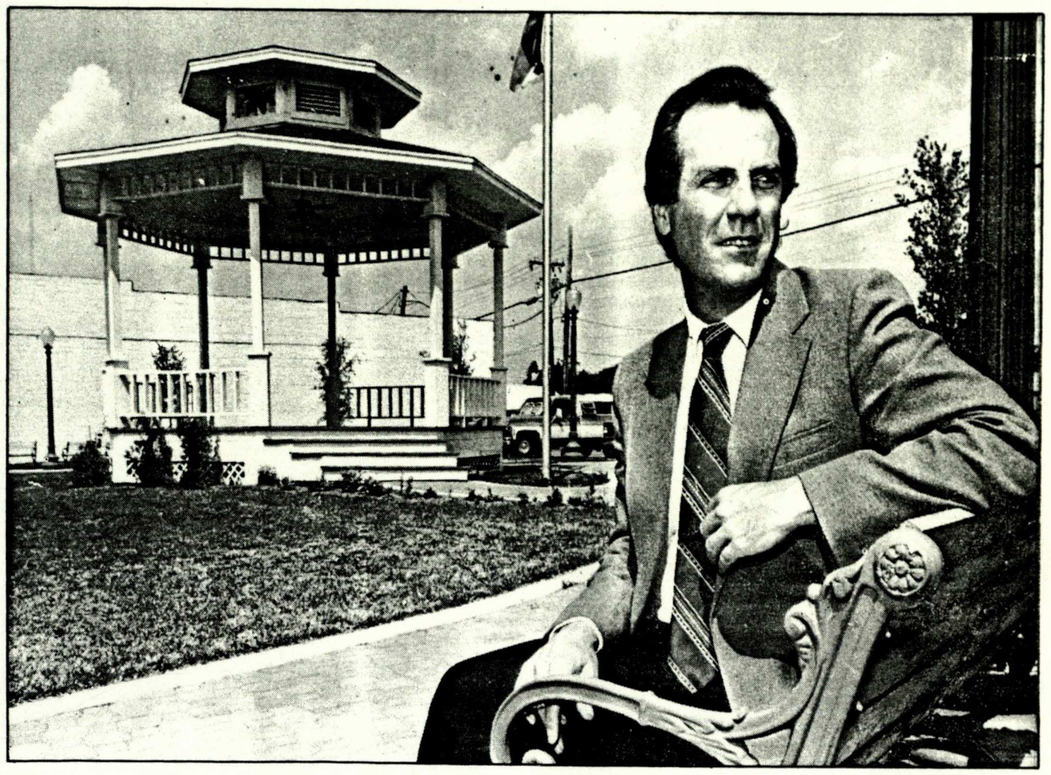

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Robert Vick, Grapevine's economic director, sits near the gazebo in the park on Main Street.

Perspectives

Downtown teamwork paying off

Bob Thornton

I'm sure everyone who attended the first day of Grapevine's annual Main Street Days Festival yesterday had a whopping good time. And if you didn't make it to downtown on Saturday, you really must come out this afternoon for the final day of fun.

Although deadlines dictated that this column be written on Friday before the festival even began, I feel certain that this year's event really will be the best one yet. The scope of the festival has grown tremendously over the past four years, thanks to both the growing ranks of local volunteers willing to donate their time to the event and to the increasing support from the city itself, which has provided critical manpower to coordinate the festival and ensure public safety.

For the first time this year, the city provided a staff festival coordinator in the form of Gail Schneider, who has been there to devote full attention to preparing for the festival. It's no wonder so many volunteers have been recruited to help. I've heard Gail discuss the festival with several organizations and she does so with such enthusiasm and excitement that you don't want to miss out on being a part of it. She can be a real ball of fire.

This type of support from the city has been crucial in elevating Grapevine's Main Street Days Festival to the first-class affair it has become. It still requires a lot of time and hard work by our merchants, city staffers and other volunteers, but the efforts of these people can be utilized more efficiently with proper coordination.

And this level of commitment is paying off in a number of ways. Look at the reinvestment that has taken place in our downtown area over the past four years. Buildings have been restored, new businesses have come in, new jobs have been created. This, in turn, has generated sales tax and property tax dollars for your city.

In addition, the restoration of downtown has protected our historical identity, making us unique among all the newer suburbs in the Metroplex. And, festivals like the one this weekend have given our local organizations new opportunities to raise funds for their various service projects and charitable programs.

Today's activities begin at noon and you'll find fun and entertainment for the whole family. See you there!

Can ya'll tell me how'da git to ...

Garry Quinn, Rodney Smith and I left Grapevine before dawn last Saturday morning to drive to Olney for a daylong Rotary district assembly. The assembly is an annual orientation session for incoming club officers and directors.

Our Grapevine contingent made what has become a traditional stop for breakfast at the Green Frog Restaurant in Jacksboro, and then pulled back onto the highway to Olney. We quickly made our way past fields of grazing cattle, evaporating stock tanks and idle oil rigs; arriving in Olney just about the time the assembly was due to begin.

Realizing that we didn't have time to try to locate Olney High School on our own, we decided to stop at the gas station and ask for directions. Two men and a dog were standing in front of the station. The men were dressed in gimme caps, plaid western shirts, dry-goods-store blue jeans and well-worn work boots.

I rolled down the car window and, without any deliberate effort on my part, my subconscious had me speaking to these good ol' boys with the heaviest Texas drawl I could muster. "Mornin', friend," I said. "Can ya'll tell me how'da git to th' ha skool?"

They looked at me kind of funny, and in a voice that sounded more like a college professor than a hayseed, one man instructed me to take Highway 79 south about 30 miles and then to head west on Highway 380.

My awkward drawl had just netted us directions to, not the high school, but to Haskell, Texas.

■ BOB THORNTON is general manager of The Grapevine Sun.

Dining downtown

New restaurants heighten Grapevine's historic flavor

By Les Cockrell
Managing Editor

The owners of two new restaurants — one now open and the other scheduled to start serving customers in mid-July — are hoping to enhance the flavor of visiting downtown Grapevine.

Both new ventures are located in historic buildings which have been extensively renovated to recapture the spirit of the city's early development.

The Main Street Cafe opened on Mother's Day. Owned by Zack and Debbie Shariff, the restaurant is located at 414 S. Main. Renovation of the existing building and the addition of a second floor give the structure 3,200 square feet of space.

Large picture windows front Main, and the building's original brick wall on the north and original wooden ceiling have been retained. Large framed photographs of early-day Grapevine adorn the walls, and the owners describe the restaurant's fare as "downhome cooking."

The Shariff's operated a popular sandwich shop at Northwest Crossing Shopping Center for two and a half years before to opening the new establishment, which Debbie Shariff said is based on customer comments and the couple's longtime goal to offer more than a fast-food operation.

The couple decided to locate downtown after checking out several other places, she said.

"We wanted to get away from shopping centers. We wanted a building of our own, and Main Street seemed the perfect place."

The Shariffs hope to capture the atmosphere of the traditional small town cafe, along with some new innovations.

"Zack and I like to eat out a lot, and we got a lot of ideas from other restaurants," Debbie said. "We've been real tickled at the response."

The main dining area seats about 130, and the upstairs area provides additional seating for banquets and other special events. The Main Street Cafe is open seven days a week, Friday and Saturday until midnight, and until 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Sunday.

At present, Debbie said, the couple is fine-tuning their menu, which will eventually be expanded. They plan to offer a variety of specials, with different types of cuisine for separate days of the week. They would also like to offer live entertainment on weekends.

The second new restaurant, Lucido's, will be located in a 100-year-old building at 120 E. Worth, next door to Esparza's. Remodeling is now underway, and owner Carlo Lucido said he hopes to be open by mid-July.

The food at Lucido's will be authentic Sicilian, Lucido said, with fresh pasta and Italian sausage prepared from a 100-year-old family recipe. The menu will include veal and chicken dishes, as well as fresh seafood flown in from New England. The wine list will feature vintages from Italy, France and Germany.

Lucido said he plans to keep prices as reasonable as possible and hopes to make the new establishment an integral part of the Grapevine community.

"We want to open a restaurant for all," he said.

Co-owners of Lucido's, along with Carlo and his wife, Susan, are John and Kay Myers. Lucido has lived in Grapevine for three years, and opens the new venture after working at several Dallas-area restaurants. He said he is confident the decision to locate downtown was a good one.

"After what I've seen at Main Street Days, I have no doubt in my mind," he said.

Lucido's will boast 3,600 square feet of space, with completely separated smoking and non-smoking dining rooms. The non-smoking area will have a separate rear entrance so it can be utilized as a banquet room and meeting facility. The restaurant will be open seven days a week.

Lucido is excited about joining the downtown business community, which he believes will become stronger and more active as others visit Grapevine and see what has been done here. His neighbors have been extremely supportive of his efforts, he said.

"Johnny (Esparaza) has been a tremendous help," Lucido said.

In fact, Lucido is so excited he's already coined a couple of slogans to drum up business.

"Come to Worth Street and we'll make it worth your while," he said with a smile.

Got another one, Carlo?

"From the hills and grapes of Italy, we bring Italy to Grapevine," he said, smiling again.

At any rate, Lucido believes the downtown revival is just beginning.

"I want it (Worth Street) to be a restaurant row," he said.

With the addition of the Main Street Cafe and Lucido's, Grapevine will have five restaurants in the downtown business sector. The other three are:

- Bartley's Bar-B-Que, 216 S. Main
- Esparza's, 124 E. Worth
- Willhoite's, 432 S. Main.

Combined with the Grapevine Opry, the wide variety of retail businesses and the historic flavor of downtown, the restaurant mix is expected to heighten the flavor of a visit to one of Northeast Tarrant County's most colorful and interesting cities. ■

Revival on Main

Renovation, new businesses bring fresh life into downtown Grapevine

By Dan Balaban
Staff Writer

More than four years ago, the city's application to the state for designation as a Texas Main Street City was denied, but officials here didn't take "no" for an answer.

The designation would have meant free technical assistance and advice from architects, planners and other redevelopment experts.

The city, however, decided to fund its downtown revitalization project itself, and in early 1984 hired its first Main Street project director.

Though main street directors have come and gone, progress in downtown has been steady. With a solid commitment by the city and added leadership by the Downtown (merchants) Grapevine Association, more than $3 million has been reinvested in downtown — including more than $700,000 in renovation of building fronts and interiors and more than $1.5 million in building and property sales.

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Prodded by the renovation of the Grapevine Opry and a pair of successful downtown festivals last year, more building owners are deciding to take the plunge. In the first three months of this year, the city's Economic Development Department lists more than $200,000 in rehabilitation projects, including the opening of a new restaurant and bar, the Main Street Cafe, in expanded quarters in the 400 block of Main Street.

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The city itself has plowed nearly $80,000 into improvements of the facades of City Hall and the central fire station and of two downtown parking lots. Building owners have taken care of the rest.

Some building owners take the historical theme chosen for redevelopment seriously.

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"You can't improve on the original," said Sheffield, who also increased the height of the building by two feet after examing old photographs of the facades in the 300 block of Main Street.

So building owners can find out more about their buildings, the city is conducting a historical survey of downtown structures.

The city also plans to enact regulations restricting buiding owners from straying too far from the historical theme selected for downtown. The regulations are currently being drawn up and will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council.

In addition, the city plans to spend more than $40,000 for a streetscape plan for downtown and will spend thousands more to implement the recommendations from the plan, including improvements to streets and sidewalks.

The recent Main Street Days festival brought more exposure to downtown.

The festival, held May 21-22 drew an estimated 30,000 people, well above the then-record estimate of 20,000 people who attended the event last year. Organizers reported record receipts from booth reservations and from ticket sales for food and games. ■

Vital stats

■ Grapevine's population has nearly doubled from an estimated 13,800 in 1980 to a current estimated population of 26,250, according to city figures.

■ The current tax rate for the city is 44 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. The average value of a single-family home in the city is $104,000 according to the Northeast Tarrant County Board of Realtors.

■ A 10 percent tax is levied for hotel-motel occupancy. Six percent goes to the city and 4 percent goes to the state. The city uses its share of the tax to promote tourism. This money is also being used to pay for the city's new Convention Center.

■ The city administration is headquartered at City Hall, 413 Main, 481-0300. City Manager is Dennis Dawson.

■ The Convention & Visitors Bureau is headquartered at 909 S. Main, 481-0454. Director is P.W. McCallum.

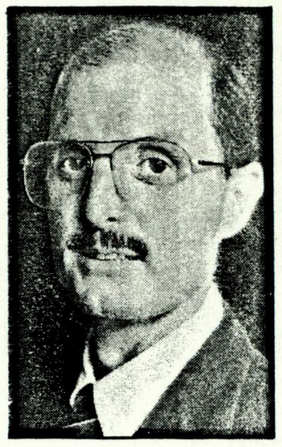
■ The Grapevine Chamber of Commerce is headquartered at 417 E. Dallas Rd., 481-1522. Executive director is Jerry Herrin.

■ Other chief administrators for the city are: Assistant City Manager Kelvin Knauf, 481-0381; City Secretary Linda Huff, 481-0391; Public Works Director Jerry Hodge, 481-0373; Police Chief H.A. Deggans, 481-0300; Fire Chief Bill Powers, 481-0431.

■ The city, which covers 33 square miles was incorporated in 1907.

City adds department heads

Main Street, parks assigned new leaders



Rainwater

The city's downtown revitalization project should now focus more on marketing and finding the right business mix for the area than on enouraging building renovation, Terry Colley, the city's new Main Street Director said this week.

Colley, who will start Monday, said he has signed on for the duration of the project, which the city plans to fund through the 1989-90 fiscal year.

"I would say we're more in the economic restructuring segment," said Colley of the program, which began in early 1984. "That's not to discount building renovation. I think one thing we need to do is study the market in the downtown area and find out what other types of business can complement the market and what can we do to provide merchants down there that will help them now."

Colley did a more in-depth analysis as executive director of Muskogee (Okla.) Unlimited Inc. a non-profit company hired by the city and businessmen to oversee redevelopment of that city's 25-block downtown.

In the nearly two years he's served in the post, Colley has helped usher in more than $4 million in downtown reinvestment — most coming from the sale of 13 buildings — and the renovation of 31 buildings, including small improvement projects.

Though Muskogee is not directly dependent on the region's oil economy, that industry's sinking fortunes and the opening of a new regional mall two blocks from downtown sent many merchants into an early retirement, said Colley. In all, the downtown area lost 21 businesses during his time there.

His company and downtown promoters, however, were able to add 28 new businesses.

Colley and the local downtown merchants association there tried to build on business from students from the nearby campus of Southwest Texas State University and from courthouse-related activity, such as attorneys' offices and title companies.

But, according to Bill Plummer, a San Marcos pharmacist and head of the downtown merchants association, Colley's forte was his work with building owners. Since he began in January of 1984 through October of 1987, the downtown area got more than $6.5 million in reinvestment, including sales of buildings, and saw 62 small and large renovation projects.

"I think that's where we had much more emphasis placed, not as much on establishing a strong downtown association and helping (individual) businesses progress," said Plummer. "There's only so many hours in the day."

Colley said he wants to conduct a market and trade analysis to find out what direction Grapevine merchants want to take. The analysis would update a consultant's study done several years ago.

He said he'll spend more time helping the individual businesses. With a marketing degree from Southwest Texas State, Colley said if he can't provide marketing and financial advice to local business owners, he can find experts who can.

The 30-year-old Austin native has been pursuing a master of divinity degree from a satellite campus of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He'll continue that work once moving here, hoping to one day become a church administrator, specializing in church renovation and building projects.

First, he said, he'll honor his commitment to Grapevine Economic Development Director Robert Vick to remain in the Main Street post until the city's involvement in the program ends, planned for two and a half years more. Colley will be the sixth person to fill

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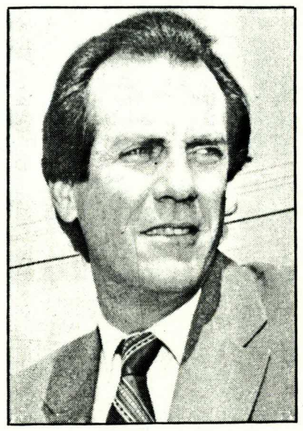
the job since the program began about four and a half years ago. He will be paid $28,500 a year.

"It's important for there to be a degree of stability," he said. "I don't know the situation with the other managers or what happened, but I feel certain we'll be there."

Robert Vick resigning Grapevine job



Robert D. Vick

By BARBARA HOLSOMBACK
Star-Telegram writer

GRAPEVINE — Robert D. Vick, Grapevine's economic development director for almost 11 months, has submitted his letter of resignation to the city.

Council members were notified last Tuesday that Vick's last day on his $45,000-a-year job will be Aug. 26. City Manager Dennis Dawson said the city will start a statewide search for his successor immediately.

Dawson said he and Vick agreed that the economic development director would wait to submit his resignation until he had completed a proposal for his department for next year's budget.

The budget will be approved by the council later this summer.

"With the budget documents forwarded to the City Council, now seems to be the appropriate time to announce my resignation as Grapevine economic development director," Vick said in his resignation letter dated last Tuesday.

"In September, I plan to make a career change to the private sector."

Vick said later that he plans to open his own business.

"I've caught the entrepreneurial bug," he said, although he would only identify the business as "automotive-related."

"It's going to be mine," he said. "All it takes is money."

Vick, who was the first person to fill the economic development job, has made a name for himself by helping work out arrangements where the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for keeping established businesses here and the city will be responsible for recruiting new businesses.

He also has negotiated to bring a riverboat to Lake Grapevine for cruises, developed a target industry study to identify the industries that residents want in the city and played a key role in developing Metroport Cities Partnership Inc.

Metroport Cities is a regional economic development group including cities, school districts and private industry.

"I'm sorry to see Robert go," City Manager Dawson said. "He started off as Main Street director and got promoted to economic development director. I think he's done a good job.

"It's been a difficult assignment because it was a brand new department and there was no precedent or history to rely on. He had to cut his own turf, and I think he's done that."

Grapevine Main Street director is on job

By BARBARA HOLSOMBACK
Star-Telegram writer

GRAPEVINE — The new director of Main Street Grapevine regrets only one thing about last Monday, his first day on the job.

"I didn't get a chance to get out on the street, which is something I plan to do," said director Terry Blake Colley, 30, who has a smile as big as his native Texas.

"I feel like I need to do that to meet the players in the whole thing. They're a very important part of the project."

Main Street Grapevine is a project that has pumped more than $4 million into refurbishing the downtown area since it started in 1984.

Colley, the project's sixth director, comes to Grapevine from Muskogee, Okla., where he was executive director of a non-profit corporation designed to redevelop the downtown area in that city. Before that, he was manager of the Main Street Project in San Marcos.

"We sought a Main Street director who would understand and continue with our well-defined and successful program," said Robert Vick, the city's economic development director. "We believe we have found him in Terry Colley."

Colley said he feels comfortable in Grapevine and hopes residents will feel comfortable with him.

"I hope they'll find me very friendly, down-home and easy to work with," he said. "I have the technical expertise to do the job, but I don't want to overwhelm people with facts and figures.

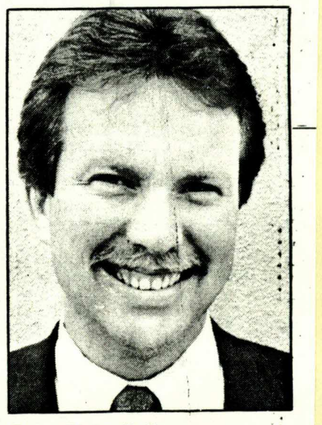
"I'm here to help people's cash registers ring. The bottom line of this program is exactly that."

Colley said he's been familiar with Grapevine since he lived in Fort Worth, where his stepfather was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base. As an adult, he also visited the city.

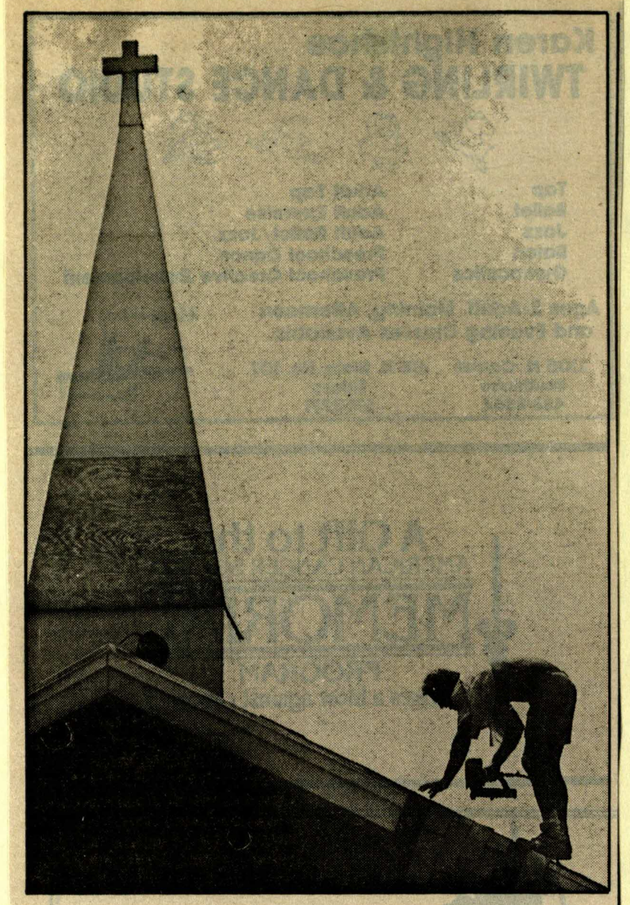
"I liked it," he said. "It reminded me of a small Texas town, a town that has tried to keep its identity in the middle of the Metroplex."

The new director has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He is currently working toward a master's degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Colley and his wife, Jennifer, live in Roanoke. He is filling the vacancy left in April by the resignation of Kent Flynn.



Terry Blake Colley



Churches have played an important role in Grapevine-area history, and today's congregations continue to serve local communities in many ways.

Churches play important role in shaping area

The early history of churches, dating back to the 1800s, was through the years recorded by the first settlers in the Grapevine area.

From history books we find that a number of these old churches have been holding continuous services since organization. Among some of the first churches are:

■ The Lonesome Dove Baptist Church, organized in February 1846 with 12 members, was located in a rural area first called Cross Timbers, and now the Grapevine area. John A. Freeman, who came here with his bride in 1845 from Missouri, and family members organized the church. Up until this time, the meetings of the church had been in private homes.

■ Minters Chapel United Methodist Church, Tarrant County's oldest Methodist church, was said to have been organized about 1849. The land on which the church, school and cemetery were located was donated by James Cate. The Chapel was named Minter's Chapel for Green Minter, who was a Methodist minister. In 1976, after the church property was bought by the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport Board, a new church was built on Sparger Road just west of Highway 157. Services resumed as in the past, and the original Minter's Chapel name was kept.

■ The Church of Christ in Grapevine had its beginning over three-quarters of a century ago. Dr. D.M. Lipscomb, an early physician to Grapevine, was a charter member and during the early days the membership was composed of the Lipscomb's relatives.

The church met in homes before land was secured from W.D. Davis on E. College Street, with J.P. Lipscomb, W.D. Lipscomb and

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Bailey Payne as trustees. A new church was built, located on six acres of land at 525 Park Blvd., Grapevine, in 1982.

■ The First United Methodist Church of Grapevine was built in 1873 at its present location, 420 Church St., on land donated by the Rev. E.N. (Nathan) Hudgins. In the early 1850s the Rev. Hudgins brought his family here from Alabama. He held worship services and prayer meetings in the homes of residents, and served as an itinerant circuit-riding preacher for as many as four churches.

Through the years the growing needs of the church led to the building of much larger facilities in the same location after adjoining land was purchased.

■ In 1856, Grapevine Baptists of the Grapevine Community began meeting first together in homes and then in a log school house near the present site of Grapevine Cemetery. The group organized a church Dec. 25, 1869, to meet in the school house until a church building could be erected.

The church moved in 1905 into the church at its present site, at East Texas and Wall Streets, with a membership of 237. The church has enjoyed tremendous growth in the last few years, and recently built a modern recreational center and classroom facility. ■

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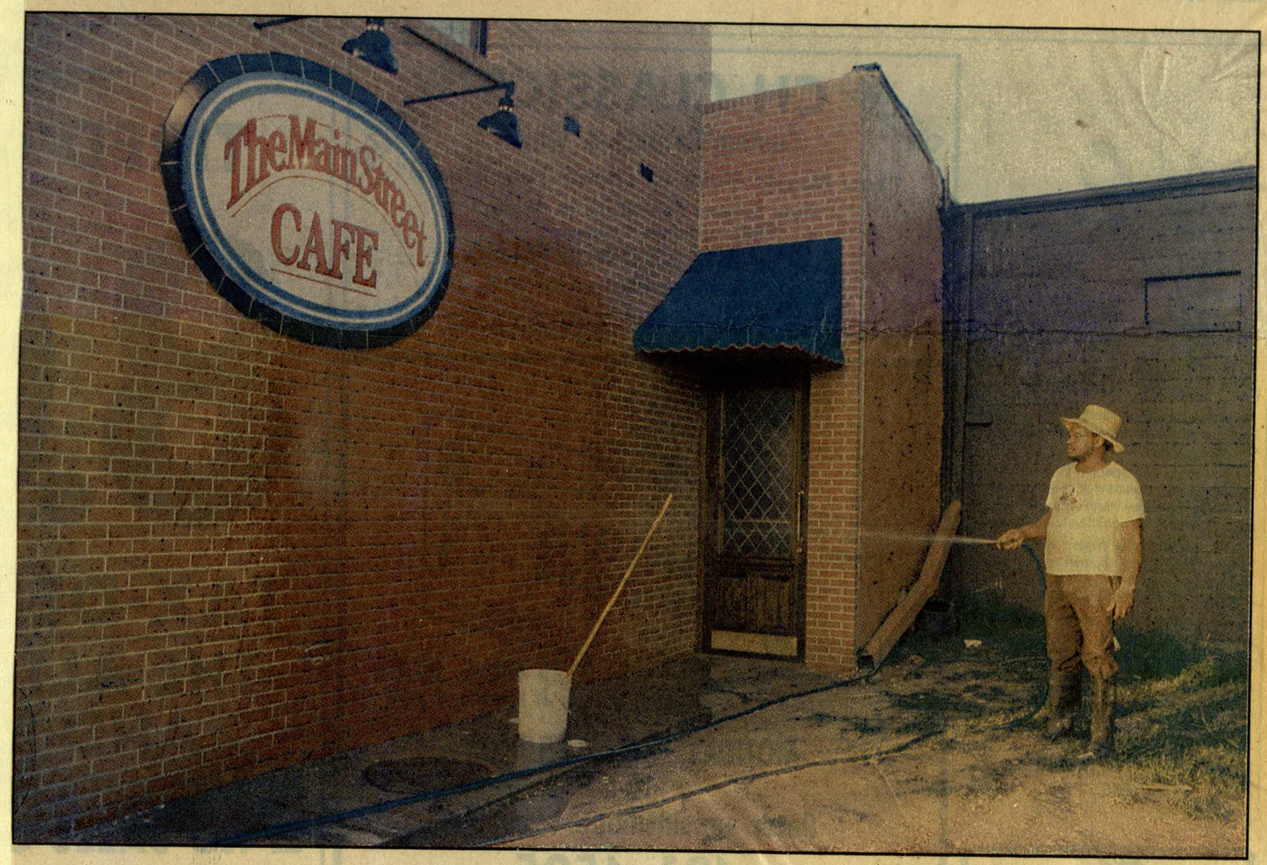

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Haywood Owens sprays water on the brick of the new Main Street Cafe in downtown Grapevine to clean the mortar. Many probably would have traded jobs with Owens, considering the high temperatures recorded last week.

A TU Electric employee helps paint the Sampson home.

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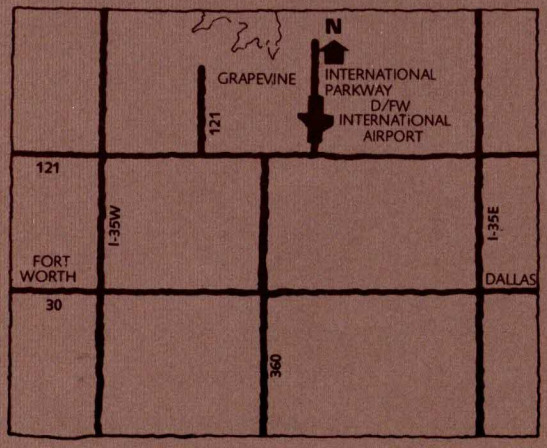

Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 29th
Main Street, Grapevine

9:55 a.m.	**10K & 2.5 Mile Run**
1:00 p.m.	*Awards at Gazebo*
	GrapeFair
10:00 a.m.	Entry Check-In
12:30 p.m.	*Awards at Gazebo*
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	**GrapeGames for Children**
10:00 - 5:00 p.m.	**Business Expo**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	**Wine & Dine Brunch**
Noon - 4:00 p.m.	**Vintage Car Display**
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	**Texas Wine Tasting Classic**

Throughout the Day - **Trolley Rides & Entertainment at the Main Street Gazebo.**

7:30 p.m. **"Slice of Texas Toast"**
Music Review at Grapevine Convention Center
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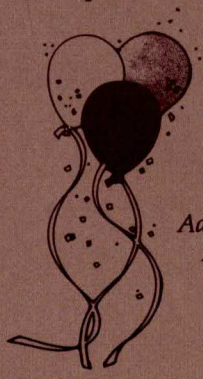

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Friends, neighbors in funniest hour

'Texas Toast' is showcased at Grapefest

BY INGRID WATSON
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

GRAPEVINE — People who came out for Grapevine's first *A Slice of Texas Toast* saw their friends, neighbors and co-workers in their funniest hour.

About 200 cast members that included residents and civic and business leaders strutted on and off the stage Friday and Saturday nights at the Grapevine Convention Center, appearing in 20 musical numbers that spoofed the Lone Star State's culture and people.

A pre-show welcome invited audiences to "laugh with us and at us."

And that's exactly what they did. A group of just under 400 attended Friday night's showing, while a sellout crowd of more than 600 packed Saturday night's.

The show, which kicked off last weekend's Grapefest activities, pulled in an estimate $20,000 to $22,000 for its sponsor, the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce. The exact figure still is being totaled. More than 3,000 participants hit the city Saturday for dining, wine-tasting and game-playing.

Entertainment opened up at the *Slice* show with Southlake businessman Rick Stacy playing the egotistical, stereotypical Texas male — alias Buffalo Chip — belting out *I'm a Texas Boy*. Sue Franks, playing as Cow Patti, Buffalo's Neiman-Marcus-shopping female counterpart, followed singing *Daddy's Little Darlin'* with downhome flair.

From there, 23 boisterous *Raging Bulls* came charging through the audience chasing a cute little "heifer," Desiree Phillips-German, an advertising agency owner.

A tribute to West Texas and its miles and miles of parched land soon followed in the *Sagebrush Serenade*, which featured several little ditties, including Sylvia Janca, of the *Colleyville Pictorial Press*, crooning *Somewhere Over the Rio* (to the tune of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* from *The Wizard of Oz*).

That was the first act, where the land and its natives dazzled.

With the second came the critters, none more memorable than the *Dancin' Cow*, Paul Jennings and Larry Oliver, both Grapevine-Colleyville school district administrators, who not only made a few smooth yet clumsy steps on stage, but cut up in the background as Brian Wier of Super Shuttle, clutching an armadillo, sang out about his stuffed-animal companion, the *Armadiller* (to the tune of *Old Man River*).

The oil business, its movers and shakers were the subject of *Black Gold Salute*, with Linda Oliver, of First National Bank of Grapevine, prancing about in front of men in hard hats singing *"There's No Business Like Oil Business."*

Grapevine Get-Away, a frantic, traffic-jammed outing of people in beach clothes, roller skates and cardboard cars and canoes, made light of the sometimes heavy situation at Grapevine Lake.

Throughout the evening, lines and notes of some songs were "lost" as singers chuckled and tried to catch up with the music.

Yet, the prime performance crept in near the show's end as Ken Johnson, who owns a landscaping business, in *Gardener's Lament* sang woefully of his troubles with John-

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