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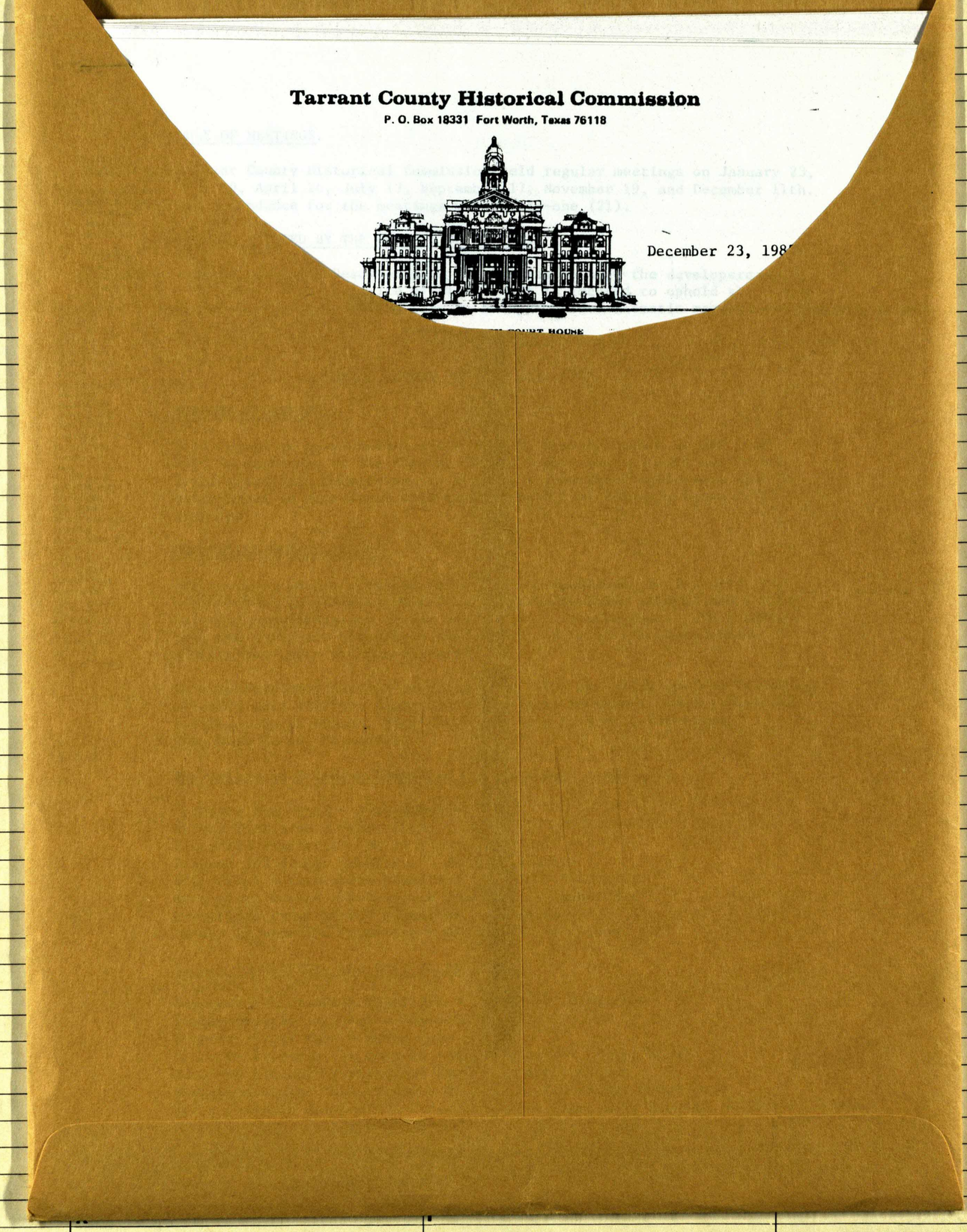

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1985

PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This report on preservation activities in Tarrant County in the year 1985 is submitted to the Tarrant County Commissioners Court and to the Texas Historical Commission, to fulfill a statutory requirement that is established in accordance with Article 6145.1 of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes.

COMMISSION ORGANIZATION.

Thirty-seven county citizens served on the Commission during 1985, and seven served as official associates. The membership constituted a well balanced representation of men and women of diverse ages, ethnic composition and residency throughout the county. Nine of the Commission's members are under the age of forty.

An organizational meeting on January 23, 1985 was held, and the following officers were elected: Duane Gage, Chairman; Bennett L. Smith, Chairman Emeritus; Beryl Gibson, Vice Chairman; Ruth R. Stone, Secretary; John Hugh Smith, Treasurer.

The following Standing Committee Chairmen were appointed:

Archives Committee - Ruby Schmidt
Awards Committee - Duane Gage
Education Committee - Billy W. Sills
Finance and Budget Committee - John Hugh Smith
Historical Appreciation Committee - Dorothy Rencurrell
Historical Marker and Research Committee - Duane Gage
Historical Preservation Committee - Carol Roark
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Special Committees and Special Projects:

Cemetery Preservation Committee - Michael E. Patterson
Computerization Project - Duane Gage
Cemetery Trust Fund - Duane Gage
Historic Preservation Council - Marty Craddock, Carol Roark
Marriage License Distribution Project - Beryl Gibson
Sesquicentennial Publication - Michael E. Patterson, Duane Gage
Horse Fountain Restoration Project - Duane Gage, Ruby Schmidt, Arthur W. Weinman

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission held regular meetings on January 23, February 19, April 26, July 17, September 17, November 19, and December 11th. Average attendance for the meetings was twenty-one (21).

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION IN 1985.

1. February 19, 1985: Resolved that the Commission urge the developers of the property on which the site of Bird's Fort is located to uphold the historical character and integrity of the site in an appropriate thematic manner.
Follow-up-no response.
2. February 19, 1985. Resolved that Broadway Baptist Church preserve the church's commercial building property located immediately west of the church.
Follow-up: The structure in question was demolished shortly thereafter.
3. February 19, 1985: Resolved that county jail inmate labor be used to clean up neglected and unkept pioneer cemeteries.
Follow-up: The Commission has communicated with the Tarrant County sheriff's department concerning a project to use inmate labor to clean up the New Trinity Cemetery.
4. November 19, 1985: Resolved that Sheriff Don Carpenter be requested to provide the use of county jail inmate labor to clean out brush from New Trinity Cemetery.
Follow-up. The Commission is researching a new state law which authorizes the use of county funds and equipment to clean and maintain cemeteries with graves fifty years old or over, that are not perpetual care cemeteries or are not maintained by an association.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED MATTERS

Community Archives Project. The Commission has renewed its yearly lease agreement with the Fort Worth I.S.D. to house the Community Archives in the Alice E. Carlson School Building, at no cost to Tarrant County. The collection presently is housed in the building's auditorium, sharing the space with the school archives. A substantial grant from the Wiseda Foundation has provided the Commission with funds to purchase shelving, acid-free storage boxes, microfilm reader-printer, map cabinet, microfilm cabinet, and other items. The collection now holds a strong nucleus of our county's written heritage, and has grown significantly during 1985.

Commission Chairman Duane Gage, and Committee Chairperson Ruby Schmidt, and archives coordinator Howard McPeak have continued to build up community interest and support for constructing a permanent archives facility.

Marriage License Distribution Project.

The Commission has continued to distribute old unclaimed marriage licenses to relatives and descendants of couples married in Tarrant County over fifty years ago. Beryl Gibson has continued to coordinate this project.

Microfilming Project.

A special donation has provided funds for microfilming rare old newspapers and funeral company burial records.

AWARDS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED MATTERS.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission served as host county commission to the 1985 Annual Preservation Conference of the Texas Historical Commission on May 2-4, 1985. Tarrant County received an impressive number of awards given by the THC, in competition with other historical commissions throughout the state:

Distinguished Service Award, for fulfilling certain state guidelines (5th straight year);

Outstanding Member of a County Historical Commission, to Ruth Reiter Stone, for her research for official Texas historical markers, volunteer work in the Community Archives, and overall balanced involvement in the Commission's projects.

Best Newsletter, for the Commission's quarterly publication, The Commission.

Outstanding Chairman of a County Historical Commission, to Duane Gage, for his leadership of the state's most successful historical commissions.

Other Awards:

Annual Fort Worth Historic Preservation Award, to Frances Scott, for her significant, altruistic efforts in historic preservation in the City of Fort Worth.

Piper Professor of 1985, to Commission Chairman Duane Gage, a state award given by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio to outstanding Texas college teachers each year.

Nominees for 1985:

Howard H. McPeak is the Commission's 1985 nominee for "Outstanding Member of a County Historical Commission." McPeak's volunteer work in the Community Archives, and his expertise in several matters have been invaluable to the Commission's achievements.

Ruby Schmidt is the Commission's 1985 nominee for "Outstanding Chairman of a County Historical Commission," for her untiring efforts for preserving the archival documents of Tarrant County history and for her role in promoting the project for a permanent archives facility.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED MATTERS.

Tarrant County Historical Commission continued to advise and promote the Junior Historians program in Tarrant County. TCHC members Alta Lee Futch (H.S. Stevens Middle School, Crowley), and Mike Patterson (Smithfield Junior High School) sponsored Junior Historians groups in 1985. Commission chairman Duane Gage continued as sponsor of Eagle Scout projects and G. George Younkin has remained heavily involved in the Boy Scout programs of the Longhorn Council.

Education Committee Chairman Billy E. Sills and member John Hugh Smith have made important progress in developing a countywide project for school children to participate in raising funds for the horse fountain project.

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ATTENDANCE, 1985

MEMBERS	Jan. 23	Feb. 19	Apr. 26	Jul. 17	Sep. 17	Nov. 19	Dec 11
Frances Allen	P	P	P		P	P	P
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Paul Campbell							P
B. J. Clark	P		P				
Evelyn Cushman	P		P	P	P	P	
William Cantwell	P		P	P		P	
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Dorene Goodson							
Linda Guminski	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Gary Havard	P	P				P	
Pamela Holland	P	P	P	P	P		P
Carla Hoskins	P			P	P	P	
Gordon Kelley	P	P	(Deceased)				
Katherine Livingston	P					P	
Sue McCafferty	P	P		P	P	P	
Lorraine Miller		P		P			
Steve Murrin	P						
Michael Patterson							
Howard McPeak	P	P	P		P	P	P
Janie Reid	P	P	P				

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10. How many commission meetings have been held this competition year? 7 (see p. 3)
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13. How many times did committees meet:

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f. Restoring and/or preserving a historic structure (126-159) XXX

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h. Conducting cemetery surveys in county _____

i. Cosponsoring a Junior Historian Program (110-111) xxx

3. History Appreciation Committee (112-179)

a. What type of County History Appreciation Observance was held this year?

xxx Tour of Historic Homes 111-115

____ County History Appreciation Week/Day

____ Pioneer Day

____ Old Settlers Reunion

____ Texas Independence Week Observance

____ County Centennial Celebration

____ ethnic celebrations
(other)

b. Is there an active Chamber of Commerce in your area? xxx yes ____ no

c. If so, is a member of the county commission on the Chamber's Tourism Committee or vice versa? (123) xxx yes ____ no

d. Is there a brochure, leaflet, tour guide, map, placement, etc. showing historic sites available for distribution in your county or area? xxx yes ____ no

e. Who makes it available to the public? Tarrant County Historical Society; others

f. Does the commission get regular publicity in the local news media? (throughout) xxxx yes ____ no

g. What interested groups work with the commission on special projects?
Historic Preservation Council; Mansfield Historical Society; others
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h. Do commission members give talks and programs of a historical nature to interested groups throughout the county? xxx yes ____ no (15-16, 19, 118)
How many in 1985? numerous

i. Is a county commission newsletter sent at least four times a year to all members on a regular basis? 176-179 xxx yes ____ no

j. If not, how are members informed of the activities of the commission? _____

k. Are tours of the county's historical markers, sites, museum, homes, etc., organized and conducted? 111-115, 122 ___xxx___ yes _____ no

4. Budget & Finance Committee 180-181

a. Did the commission formulate a budget for the year's activities? ___xxx___ yes _____ no

b. What is the source of funds for the Commission's budget?

___xxx___ County Budget Amount $ 2,500

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TOTAL $ 25,000

c. Does the committee meet with the Commissioners Court occasionally to report on its activities? 182-184 ___xxx___ yes _____ no

5. Advisory Committee (Optional)

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Our Executive Committee, consisting of elected officers and Standing Committee Chairmen, acts in an advisory capacity.

C. OUT-OF-COUNTY COMMISSION ACTIVITIES 189

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5. At which of the following state or regional programs has the commission been represented?

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How many attended? most members; we were the host county

xxx Workshops, Seminars or Meetings of an historical nature

Name of meeting MARKERS, METHODS, AND MONEY (51)
How many attended? 100 or more

Name of meeting ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP (56)
How many attended? ca. 75

____ Out-of-State Historical Meeting(s)

Name of organization hosting meeting _____
How many attended? _____

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED

List all other projects conducted during the year by the commission which have not been previously covered.

PROJECT

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xxx Workshops, Seminars or Meetings of an historical nature

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How many attended? 100 or more

Name of meeting ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP (56)
How many attended? ca. 75

____ Out-of-State Historical Meeting(s)

Name of organization hosting meeting _____
How many attended? _____

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PREVIOUSLY COVERED

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Signature of county chairman:

Diane Lacy

TARRANT COUNTY
County

January 29, 1986
Date

1985

BEST PROGRAM OF WORK ENTRY

TARRANT County Historical Commission

A. COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. How many members serve on the commission? 37
   How many are under age 40? 9
2. Did you have an organizational meeting during the year? yes (see p. 3)
3. When did you meet? January 23, 1985
4. How many commission members attended this meeting? 29
5. How many non-commission members attended this meeting? 3
6. Was chairman ____ appointed by county judge or
   xxxx selected by commission
7. Were committees named? xxxx yes ____ no (see p. 4)
8. List the committee chairmen who were named:

	Committee	*Chairman*
1.	Historical Marker	Duane Gage
2.	Historical Preservation	Carol Roark
3.	History Appreciation	Dorothy Rencurrel
4.	Budget & Finance	John Hugh Smith
5.	Archives Advisory (optional)	Ruby Schmidt
6.	Education (other)	Billy W. Sills

9. Who conducted the orientation of chairmen as to their duties and responsibilities? All are experienced chairmen, continuing in that role.
10. How many commission meetings have been held this competition year? 7 (see p. 3)
11. What was the average attendance? 21 (twenty-one)
12. How were members notified of meetings? ____ telephone
    xxxx newsletter xxxx letter/postcard ____ other

13. How many times did committees meet:

Committee	*Number of Meetings*
1. Historical Marker	*
2. Historical Preservation	*
3. History Appreciation	*
4. Budget & Finance	*
5. _____ (other)	

14. Has your commission adopted a set of by-laws? XXXX yes (see p. no. 11)

B. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

1. Historical Markers Committee pages 20-51

a. How many historical marker applications were submitted to the THC from January 1 to December 31? 20 or more

b. How many were approved? 12, to date

c. Has this committee or previous committees made a survey of the county for possible subjects to mark? XX yes ____ no

d. Is a county landmarks list maintained? XX yes ____ no

e. Are marker dedication programs planned and carried out? XX yes ____ no (see pps. 27-49)

f. How soon after the marker is received is the dedication held? ____ one month XXX between one month and four months or ____ more than four months

g. Are county commissions from surrounding counties invited to attend these dedications? XX yes ____ no

h. Do city, county, state officials participate in these dedications? XXX yes ____ no (see pps. 21-26)

2. Historical Preservation Committee (pages 52-56)

Check each of the following activities in which this committee is involved:

a. Establishing and maintaining a County Archives (pps. 52-55) XXX

b. Publishing the history of the county (61-108) XXX

c. If history is published, revising it (61-108) XXX

d. Establishing and operating a county museum ____

e. Recording and documenting oral history (57-60) XXX

f. Restoring and/or preserving a historic structure (126-159) XXX

*Standing committee projects and actions were determined largely by Executive Committee; also meeting times for committees were scheduled, when necessary, prior to each regular historical committee meeting.

g. Establishing a bibliography of county source materials _____

h. Conducting cemetery surveys in county _____

i. Cosponsoring a Junior Historian Program (110–111) xxx

3. History Appreciation Committee (112–179)

a. What type of County History Appreciation Observance was held this year?

xxx Tour of Historic Homes 111–115

_____ County History Appreciation Week/Day

_____ Pioneer Day

_____ Old Settlers Reunion

_____ Texas Independence Week Observance

_____ County Centennial Celebration

_____ ethnic celebrations
(other)

b. Is there an active Chamber of Commerce in your area? xxx yes _____ no

c. If so, is a member of the county commission on the Chamber's Tourism Committee or vice versa? (123) xxx yes _____ no

d. Is there a brochure, leaflet, tour guide, map, placement, etc. showing historic sites available for distribution in your county or area? xxx yes _____ no

e. Who makes it available to the public? Tarrant County Historical Society; others

f. Does the commission get regular publicity in the local news media? (throughout) xxxx yes _____ no

g. What interested groups work with the commission on special projects?
Historic Preservation Council; Mansfield Historical Society; others
(56, 110, 111)

h. Do commission members give talks and programs of a historical nature to interested groups throughout the county? xxx yes _____ no (15–16, 19, 118)
How many in 1985? numerous

i. Is a county commission newsletter sent at least four times a year to all members on a regular basis? 176–179 xxx yes _____ no

j. If not, how are members informed of the activities of the commission? _____

k. Are tours of the county's historical markers, sites, museum, homes, etc., organized and conducted? 111–115, 122 ___xxx___ yes _____ no

4. Budget & Finance Committee 180–181

a. Did the commission formulate a budget for the year's activities? ___xxx___ yes _____ no

b. What is the source of funds for the Commission's budget?

___xxx___ County Budget Amount $ 2,500

___xxx___ Contributions Amount $ 20,000 plus

_____ Other Amount $ _____

TOTAL $ 25,000

c. Does the committee meet with the Commissioners Court occasionally to report on its activities? 182–184 ___xxx___ yes _____ no

5. Advisory Committee (Optional)

Not all county commissions find it necessary to name an Advisory Committee. If one has been named by your commission, explain briefly what its activities were.

Our Executive Committee, consisting of elected officers and Standing Committee Chairmen, acts in an advisory capacity.

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Signature of county chairman:

Diane Day

TARRANT COUNTY
County

January 29, 1986
Date

Minutes
Tarrant County Historical Commission Meeting
January 23, 1985

Members present: Frances Allen, Dee Barker, B.J. Clark, Evelyn Cushman, William Cantwell, Duane Gage, Beryl Gibson, Linda Cuminski, Gary Havard, Carla Hoskins, Pamela Holland, Gordan Kelley, Sue McCafferty, Steve Murrin, Janie Reid, Dorothy Rencurrel, Carol Roark, Lorraine Roudon, Drucilla Sheldon, Billy Sills, John Hugh Smith, Ruby Schmidt, Mildred Spratling, Ruth Stone, G. Gardner Williams, Bette Wilson, C. George Younkin, Katherine Livingston; Associates present, Art Weinman. Visitors present, Howard McPeak, Lela Standifer, Carol Williams.

The minutes of the Nov. 15, 1984 meeting were approved in a motion made by George Younkin and seconded by Mildred Spratling.

Announcements: Conference of an oral history workshop is to be held at 9:00 a.m. Feb. 16 at the Public Library Auditorium. Three commissioners to be greeters are: Frances Allen, Gordan Kelley, and Dr. Williams. Ruby Schmidt will be a stand-by. A Preservation Assistance Seminar, "Markers, Methods, and Money" will be held Sat. April 13 in the Education Bldg. at Broadway Baptist Church. The morning session between 9:15 to 10:15 will be on State and National Register Markers, followed by Preservation techniques. The afternoon panel will be on tax policies and funding. There will be a $5 registration fee. Sunday Mar. 3, at 2:00 p.m. the William Rice dedication marker will be held in Azle's Ash Creek Cemetery.

Election of officers for 1985: The slate of officers of the nominating committee were elected by acclamation. Chairman Duane Gage; Vice-Chairman Beryl Gibson; Secretary Ruth Reiter Stone; Treasurer John Hugh Smith.

Treasurer's Report 1-23-85. County Commissioner's Court approved $2,500 for the Historical Commission's 1985 budget. Total balance $7,176.42, Fund 70; Tarrant County Cemetery Trust Fund, $14,022.09; Horse Fountain, $18,318.61. The Commission voted to reimburse Commission officers for expenses for preparing for Feb. Oral History Workshop and/or Annual Preservation Conference; to purchase a photocopier for the Community Archives, once donations have been received. (Ruby Schmidt and Art Weinman were appointed to look into costs of photocopier) to authorize the TCHC to purchase $69 in postage stamps; to purchase name tags

for new members, (They are to turn their names in to the Chairman or Secretary and B.J. Clark will make them); to authorize purchase of scrapbook supplies for 1985.

No resolutions were presented.

Horse Fountain Project: Art Weinman, who did the drawings for the horse fountain, is arranging to do the mini page reproduction. Larry Budanauro, Ruth Reiter Stone, Art Weinman, and Ruby Schmidt worked on the mini page contest to get school students to send in donations on a competition essay contest. Awards will be made to winners after the meeting.

Community Archives Project: Lela Sandifer, Carol Williams and Howard McPeak were recognized for their work at the Archives. The Chairman wished to expand the one day a week to two days a week and to prepare an educational display on a large display board in the hall. The TCHC hopes to have a permanent community archives started in the sesquicentennial year. The TCHC is now in a position to accept material for the Archives. Mildred Spratling brought a PTA scrapbook on Jan. 22nd.

1985 Annual Conference: Dorothy Rencurrel is acting chairman. Evelyn Cushman and William Cantwell will help gather items for 100 bags as an inducement for early registration. $260 for purchases has already been approved.

Written reports were submitted by Education committee, Finance and Budget committee, Historical marker and Research Committee, Southeast Tarrant County Preservation, and White Settlement Historical Society Activities. An oral report was given by the Historical Preservation Committee. A Scrapbook Project is soon to be assigned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00

Submitted by Ruth Reiter Stone,
Secretary

Minutes

Tarrant County Historical Commission Meeting
February 19, 1985

Members present: Frances Allen, Dee Barker, Duane Gage, Beryl Gibson, Linda Guminski, Gary Havard, Pamela Holland, Gordon Kelley, Sue McCafferty, Lorraine Miller, Janie Reid, Dorothy Rencurrel, Carol Roark, Lenora Rolla, Lorraine Roudon, John Hugh Smith, Ruby Schmidt, Mildred Spratling, Ruth Reiter Stone, Ben Ann Tomayko, Gardner Williams, George Younkin; Associates elected and present: Howard McPeak, Lela Standifer, Arthur Weinman, Carol Williams; Visitor present, Frances Young. David Dunnet, Carla Hoskins, Pat Norris and Marilyn Patterson were also elected as Associates.

Minutes of the January 23, 1985 meeting on page 2 were amended to read Standifer spelled with a "T", Mildred Spratling brought 2 PTA scrapbooks, Dorothy Rencurrel is acting chairman for gathering items for the 100 bags.

Announcements: Commissioner's Court will present a memorial award in honor of Eliauro Budanauro 9:30 am February 25. The Texas State Historical Association will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel February 28, March 1 and 2. Commissioner's Court will be giving service plaques to Bennett Smith, Charlie McCafferty, Joe Scudiero, Gene Brooks, and Marty Craddock at 9:30 March 4. The dedication of the historical marker for Tarrant County Criminal Courts building will be at Commissioners Court 9:30 March 11, 1985. A preservation seminar will be held at Broadway Baptist Church on April 13.

Treasurer reported a balance of $6,966.40, Cemetery Trust $14,158, and Horse Fountain Fund $18,550.42. Check requests were approved.

Assignments were made for 1985 Committees. A planned program of work was approved. Resolutions on Bird's Fort Site, Broadway Baptist Church property, and prison labor used to clean up pioneer cemeteries were all unanimously approved. Horse Fountain Project: The publication of 5,000 Star-Telegram copies of the mini page for a fund raising project, costing less than $200, was approved. Alta Lee Futch has raised $1,000 with Junior Historians.

Community Archives: After installing metal shelving, there will be an open house.

Written reports were submitted by the treasurer and the Southeast Tarrant County Preservation Liason.

Submitted by

Ruth Reiter Stone

Minutes

Tarrant County Historical Commission Meeting
April 26, 1985

Members present: Frances Allen, B.J. Clark, Evelyn Cushman, William Cantwell, Alta Lee Futch, Duane Gage, Beryl Gibson, Linda Guminski, Pamela Holland, Sue McCafferty, Howard McPeak, Janie Reid, Dorothy Rencurrel, Carol Roark, Lenora Rolla, John Hugh Smith, Ruby Schmidt, Mildred Spratling, Ruth Reiter Stone, Gardner Williams, George Younkin.

Minutes of the Febryary 19, 1985 were approved.

Announcements: Historical marker dedication at St. Mark United Methodist Church after the 11:00 service April 28, 1985. The Hemphill Presbyterian Church building and subject markers will be dedicated May 19, 1985 at noon following the worship service.

The Financial report was submitted and approved. Number 5 of expenditures was amended to read that the Chairman be allowed 20½¢ a mile for his personal automobile use on official business up to $500.00 per year, to come out of undesignated funds. B.J. Clark made the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The ceramic boots for the Awards luncheon table settings are to sell at $10 and the proceeds are to go to the horse fountain fund.

Beryl Gibson asked members to meet at the Mansfield, Texas police station at 2:00 June 2, 1985 for two marker dedications in Mansfield.

After the meeting members began filling the "freebie bags" for the 1985 Texas Historical Conference, and prepared the quarterly newsletter for mailing.

Submitted by

Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

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Minutes

Tarrant County Historical Commission Meeting

July 17, 1985

Members present: Evelyn Cushman, William Cantwell, Alta Lee Futch, Duane Gage, Linda Guminski, Pamela Holland, Carla Hoskins, Sue McCafferty, Lorraine Miller, Howard McPeak, Dorothy Rencurrel, Lorraine Roudon, John Hugh Smith, Ruby Schmidt, Ruth Reiter Stone, Gardner Williams, Bette Wilson, George Younkin.
Kate McDonald was approved as an associate member of the Commission.

Minutes of the April 26, 1985 meeting were approved.

Announcements: Historical marker dedication at Ash Creek Cemetery in Azle at 2:00 pm August 4, 1985.

The Financial report was submitted and approved.

A recommendation was made to suggest to Judge Moncrief to use some of the interest of the Cemetery Trust Fund to complete the fencing along Meadowbrook Drive for the Harrison Cemetery in east Fort Worth.

Ruby Schmidt reported that space for the Community Archives will be considered in a forthcoming Fort Worth Bond election.

The Horse Fountain committee must be reorganized and a new chairperson named to replace Lyn Gregory. The Fort Worth school superintendent has given us permission to contact school principals for initiating projects to raise money for the restoration. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to $500 for the painting of posters designed by Art Weinman.

A motion was made and seconded to sponsor Janet Katter in her efforts to obtain historical information on Lake Worth by giving her a letter of introduction for access to materials.

A motion was made and seconded for the officers to look into the worth of stock certificates recently acquired by the Commission.

A motion was made and seconded to request the Lucas Funeral Home to microfilm their old records; or to be done at our expense. Dorothy Rencurrel will contact Arlington funeral homes. Sue McCafferty and Evelyn Cushman will make the initial contact with other funeral homes, followed by a form letter.

The Al Haynes statue was discussed and a recommendation will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Submitted by Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

MINUTES

Tarrant County Historical Commission Meeting

September 17, 1985

Members present: Frances Allen, Dee Barker, Evelyn Cushman, Alta Lee Futch, Duane Gage, Beryl Gibson, Linda Guminski, Pamela Holland, Carla Hoskins, Sue McCafferty, Howard McPeak, Carol Roark, Lenora Rolla, Lorraine Roudon, Drucilla Sheldon, Billy Sills, John Hugh Smith, Ruby Schmidt, Mildred Spratling, Ruth Stone, Gardner Williams, George Younkin. Associates: Kate McDonald, Arthur Weinman.

John Mann Gardner was approved as an Associate Member of the Commission.

Minutes of the July 17, 1985 meeting were approved.

Announcements: An Historical marker dedication for the Indian Creek Cemetery in the Newark Community is at 2:00 pm, October 6, 1985.

The Financial report was submitted and approved.

A motion was made by Dee Barker to set aside the By-laws to comply with county policy to consider the proposed 1986 budget today. The 1986 proposed budget and the budget request were approved.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved, to accept the F.W.I.S.D.'s offer of space for the Community Archives in the Alice Carlson school auditorium.

The Horse Fountain poster printing project was postponed. Some mini-page copies were taken by members to distribute to schools.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved, to spend up to $350 copying burial records. The Lucas Funeral Home will be the first with Evelyn Cushman attending to this matter.

A motion was made, by Beryl Gibson, and approved, to bestow the special Historic Preservation Award for News Media to Jan Anton of the Mansfield News Mirror at the November meeting. It was also approved to replace Raymond Teague's award, which was destroyed by fire.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved, to write to the Parks and Recreation Department urging that preservation action be taken to save the Al Hayne Monument. Carol Roark, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee will draft the letter.

Committee reports were submitted from the Mansfield Historical Society and from Southwest Tarrant County Preservation. An oral report was given by Lenora Rolla for the Black Historical Society.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to urge the City Council of Fort Worth to adopt the proposed Plan of Historic Preservation. Linda Guminski will draft the letter. A copy will be sent to the City Manager.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved for John Mann Gardner to pursue a National Trust Grant, through the Tarrant County Historical Commission, for a study on the Santa Fe Depot, upon the approval of the District Attorney of Tarrant County.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary.

MINUTES

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
3320 W. Cantey, Fort Worth
November 19, 1985

Members present: Frances Allen, Evelyn Cushman, William Cantwell, Duane Gage, Beryl Gibson, Linda Guminski, Gary Havard, Carla Hoskins, Katherine Livingston, Sue McCafferty, Howard McPeak, Dorothy Rencurrel, Carol Roark, Lorraine Roudon, John Hugh Smith, Ruby Schmidt, Mildred Spratling, Ruth Reiter Stone, Gardner Williams, Bette Wilson. Associates: Kate McDonald, Lela Standifer, Arthur Weinman. Visitors: Sharion Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rohleder, Lee Walker.

Announcements: The second annual "Fort Worth Historic Preservation Award" will be presented the first half of December. Nominations should be submitted to the TCHC.

Presentation: The "Historic Preservation Award for News Media" was given to Jan Anton of the Mansfield News Mirror for her series of articles on early settlers in southeast Tarrant County.

The financial report was submitted and approved.

The budget hearing for the 1986 budget request will be Wednesday, November 27, 1985 at 3:00 pm in Commissioners Court. Members are asked to attend.

Officers of the 1986 nominating committee are: John Hugh Smith, Dorothy Rencurrel, Beryl Gibson, Carol Roark, and Sue McCafferty.

Candidate for outstanding committee member chosen was Howard McPeak. Candidate for outstanding committee chairman was Ruby Schmidt.

The Horse Fountain Project has recently received funds from the sale of the Courthouse restoration book through the efforts of Judge Moncrief. It was recommended by the commission to use $21,645.24 in the fund to begin on the plumbing and cement work for the base. Art Weinman's architectural drawings will be presented to Commissioner's Court as the project's proposed official blueprints. The cost and distribution of the horse fountain poster will be

determined in the January meeting. Billy Sills drafted a letter to all elementary and Jr.-High principals in the county about using the mini-page. Mr. Sills and John Hugh Smith will deliver mini-pages to all the schools that request it, and to all Fort Worth schools.

The Tarrant County Cemetery Trust Fund committee has earmarked $1,200 to level the ridges caused by unsupervised burials at the New Trinity Cemetery, but before work can be done the brush must be cleared. A resolution was made and seconded to request Sheriff Don Carpenter to provide the use of County jail inmate labor to clean out the brush.

To meet the expenses of the archives copying machines, a motion was made and seconded that the TCHC charge 10¢ for the regular photo-copier and 50¢ for the microfilm photo copier. They are to be used for historical and resource purposes only.

A committee report was submitted by the Mansfield Historical Society.

A motion was made and seconded that the following items in the TCHC archives be declared surplus property, that said items be properly disposed of in a manner appropriate, determined by the Tarrant County officials, and any revenue derived by the sale of said property be deposited in Fund 70 of TCHC. This list includes 20 metal file drawers, duplicate stock certificates from the Westbrook Hotel, and other sources, a computer automatic sheet feeder, and other incidental items to be determined by a special committee. The special committee is to be made up of Duane Gage, Howard McPeak and Gardner Williams.

A motion was made and seconded that no materials may be loaned or removed from the archives except by members who are instrumental in the acquisition of that material and with permission from the commission chairman or archives chairman. Photo-copies should have the commission stamp on their faces.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Submitted by Ruth Reiter Stone, Secretary

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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION 1985-1986

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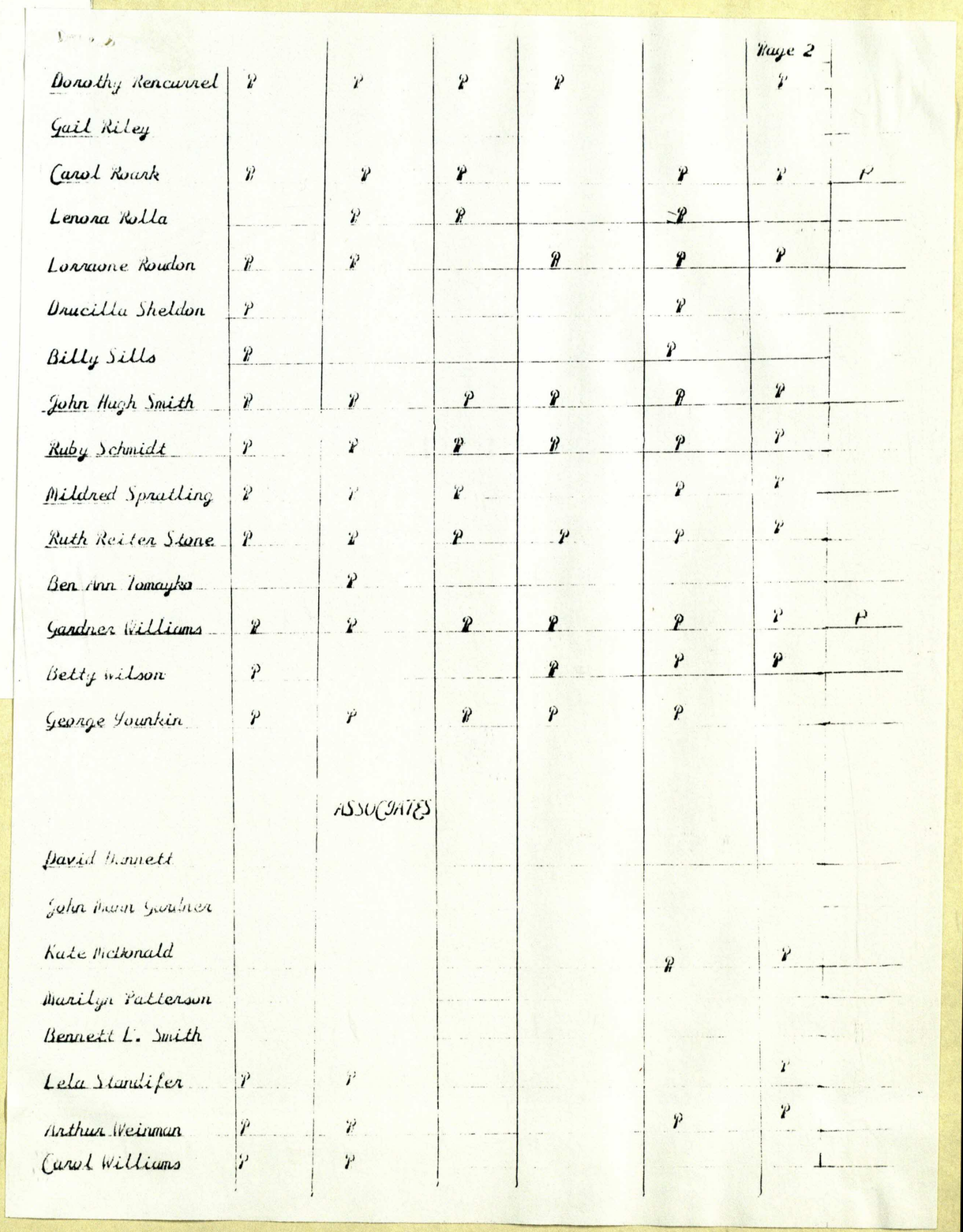
	Weinman, Arthur	4776 Trail Lake Dr. Ft. Wth. 76133	731-1158	926-9553
	Williams, Carol	2229 Windsor Place, Ft. Worth 76110		924-1866



NOTICE OF FEBRUARY 1985 MEETING
TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PLACE: Community Archives, Alice Carlson School, Room #1.
TIME: Tuesday, February 19, 1985, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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TIME: Wednesday, January 23, 1985, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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APRIL MEETING NOTICE

The Tarrant County Historical Commission will hold a special meeting to conclude final preparations for hosting the 1985 Annual Historic Preservation Conference, at the Community Archives 3320 Cantey, on Friday April 26th, 1:15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **Consideration of Financial report and Expenditures.**
2. **Discussion of last minute preparations for the May 2-4 Conference.**
3. **Work Session to fill the "freebie bags."**

Please bring any items you have gathered for the bags, either at the Tuesday work session (10-3) or to the Friday meeting.....

July 3, 1985

NOTICE OF JULY 1985 MEETING

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, FORT WORTH TX

PLACE: Fort Worth Public Library, 300 Taylor Street, Meeting Room C.

TIME: !:30-3:00 p.m., Wed. July 17, 1985.

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS.
2. CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 26, 1985 MINUTES.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. TREASURER'S REPORT and CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURES-CHECK REQUESTS.
5. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS.
6. REPORT OF COMMUNITY ARCHIVES PROJECT.
7. REPORT ON HORSE FOUNTAIN PROJECT.
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NOTICE!!!! Please send items for curent newsletter to Duane Gage, 1425 Karla, ASAP!!!!!

September 9, 1985

NOTICE OF SEPTEMBER 1985 MEETING

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PLACE: Auditorium (West Wing) Alice Carleson Building, 3320 Cantey, Fort Worth. Parking is available on the north side of the building; enter from Shirley Street.

TIME : 1:30-3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 1985

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS.
2. CONSIDERATION OF JULY 17, 1985 MINUTES.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURES-CHECK REQUESTS.
5. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED 1986 BUDGET AND BUDGET REQUEST.
6. REPORT ON COMMUNITY ARCHIVES PROJECT.
7. REPORT ON HORSE FOUNTAIN PROJECT.
8. REPORT ON COPYING BURIAL RECORDS.
9. CONSIDERATION OF BESTOWING SPECIAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD FOR NEWS MEDIA.
10. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AL HAYNE MONUMENT.
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Tarrant County Historical Commission

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TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

1985 NOVEMBER MEETING

Tarrant County Historical Commission will hold its regular November meeting on Tuesday November 19, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., in the Community Archives, West Wing (Auditorium) of Alice Carleson SChool Building, 3320 Cantey, Fort Worth; enter parking area from Shirley Street, on the north side of bldg.

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL and INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
2. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF Sept. 17th meeting.
3. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. TREASURER'S REPORT and CONSIDERATION OF EXPENDITURES
5. REPORT ON 1985 BUDGET REQUEST
6. ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1986 OFFICERS
7. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER and COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
8. REPORT ON HORSE FOUNTAIN PROJECT
9. REPORT ON CEMETERY TRUST FUND
10. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS.
11. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL REPORTS AS REQUIRED*
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TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

There will be a special called meeting of the Tarrant County Historical Commission at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 1985, in the 1894 ROOM, First Floor, Tarrant County Courthouse, for the following purpose:

1. To consider a request from Tarrant County Judge Mike Moncrief that the Tarrant County Historical Commission consider a project to raise funds to purchase a set of ten reproductions of historic Texas flags, for permanent display in the first floor foyer of the Tarrant County Courthouse.

2. To consider a request from Commissioners Court to develop a proposal for equiping and using the 1894 ROOM.

---Duane Gage, Chairman

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MINUTES

From notes made during special called meeting of the TCHC, 1:30 pm, Wednesday, December 11, 1985, in the 1894 Room, First Floor, Tarrant County Courthouse, by Gardner Williams.

Members present: Frances Allen, Duane Gage, B.J. Clark, Pamela Holland, Gardner Williams, Howard McPeak, Beryl Gibson, and Carol Roark.

County Judge Mike Moncrief and County Archivist Charles Hughes also attended.

A motion was made by Howard McPeak, seconded by Beryl Gibson, that a check from Fund 70 be written for a historical marker for Archibald Leonard. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Frances Allen, seconded by B.J. Clark, that $24.00 be used for photographs of the Greater St. James Baptist Church. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Beryl Gibson, seconded by Howard McPeak, that the TCHC try to raise funds for a set of 10 flags ($8,750) to be displayed in the foyer of the County Courthouse. Any additional money raised for the courthouse set would go to the Horse Fountain Project. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Frances Allen, seconded by Pamela Holland, that the TCHC try to sell additional sets of flags in order to receive the $1,300 per set donation from the flag company. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Howard McPeak, seconded by Beryl Gibson, that a formal proposal be made by the TCHC to the county commissioners relative to furnishings for the 1894 Room in the County Courthouse; that the room be retained for heritage purposes; that there be locked cases, to be built by the county or financed by donated funds to contain documents and artifacts significant to county heritage; that the cases be well lighted; that there be surveilance cameras for security; that, Federal job training funds be used for temporary staffing; that in time, when commission members are not so committed to do volunteer work in the archives, that an office be set up for the commission in the 1894 Room, staffed by commission volunteers. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
1985 COMMITTEES

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Secretary - Ruth R. Stone - # 3 Chase Court, FW 76110 924-9862
Treasurer - John Hugh Smith - 3600 Dawn Drive, Haltom City 76117 284-5894

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Pat Norris* 3532 Winifred Drive, FW 76133 (off.732-1631) 294-8832
Carol ROark - 2103 Sixth Ave., FW 76110 (off.738-1933) 926-4212
Bennett L. Smith* - 2529 Stadium Drive, FW 76109 924-3533
Mildred Spratling - 1970 Nottingham, FW 76112 451-1775
Art Weinman* - 4776 Trail Lake Dr., FW 76133 (off.731-1158) 926-9553
Ben Ann Tomayko* - 2636 Stadium Drive, FW 76109 923-7208
Howard McPeak* 4621 Rutland, FW 76133 923-6855
Lela Standifer* 4404 Wedgmont Circle S., FW 76133 292-1612
Carol WIlliams* 2229 Windsor Place, FW 76110 924-1866
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AWARDS COMMITTEE - Duane Gage, Acting Chairman
Scrapbook Committee - Pamela Holland, scrapbook chairman
1844 Matlock Road, Mansfield 76063 477-5066
Bette Wilson - 1323 W. Sanford, Arlington 76012 265-2605
EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Billy W. Sills, Chairman-- 7208 Yolanda, FW 76112 451-8842
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Dr. G. Gardner Williams - 1200 Ravenwood, FW 176112 265-8798
Gail Riley - 707 Royce, Euless 76022 (off.283-4461) 283-3186
Alta Lee Futch - 121 Driskell Dr. S. Crowley (off.297-4358) 297-1605
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Bette Wilson - 1323 W. SAnford, Arlington 76012 265-2605
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Sue McCafferty - 3115 Northwest 28th St., F W 76106 (off.625-5082) 626-0580
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SPECIAL PROJECTS
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Lenora Rolla - 4751 Ramey FW 76112 (off.332-6049) 534-1349
Cemetery Preservation Committee - Mike Patterson, Chairman 283-2658
Evelyn Cushman - 4904 Wedgeview, Hurst 76053 284-5792
Cemetery Trust Fund - Gage
Historic Preservation COuncil - Linda Guminski
Northeast Tarrant County Liaison - Dee Barker - 2200 Oak Knoll, Colleyville 76034 283-0030
Northwest Tarrant County Liaison - B. J. Clark (off. 444-2533) 237-1505
Southeast Tarrant County Liaison - Beryl Gibson 473-6850
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White Settlement Area Liaison - Frances Allen
2256 FIfth Avenue, Fort Worth 76110 924-4461
Marriage License Distribution Project - Beryl Gibson 473-6850
Genealogical Reference - Paul Campbell - 1904 Hillcrest, FW 76107 (870-7740) 731-2490

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TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
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PLANNED PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1985

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall conform to its by-laws and standing rules and shall conform to the Distinguished Service Award requirements of the Texas Hist orical Commission;

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall promote the establishment of a permanent community archives;

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall promote and support the historic resources survey project conducted by the Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County;

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall raise funds for the Tarrant County Cemetery Trust Fund and for the horse fountain recons gruction project, and shall raise funds to supplement its 1985 allocated budget;

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall submit at least twelve official Texas Historical marker applications to the Texas Historical Commission in 1985;

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall promote the appreciation of our local heritage through programs, workshops, news releases, and other events;

The Tarrant County Historical Commission shall continue a project to develop a computerized data bank on local history and shall try to complete a project to publish a Source Book on Tarrant County for the Sesquicentennial.

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Approved this 19th day of February, 1985.

ATTEST:_____

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Chairman

COMM. & CHAIRMEN

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WHEREAS, the Broadway Baptist Church is considering the demolition of two church owned commercial structures located at 425 West Broadway and 311 S. Jennings, and

WHEREAS, these structures occupy a prominent location at the intersection of two major streets (Broadway and Jennings), are at the southern edge of a group of significant commercial structures, and are important in maintaining the streetscape of that area, and

WHEREAS, the Historic Sites Survey conducted by the Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County, Inc. has determined that the structure located at 425 West Broadway (c. 1910) is a primary historic and architectural resource in the area and is worthy of preservation, and

WHEREAS, the Broadway Baptist Church has maintained its sanctuary on the south side (also designated as a primary historic resource in the sites survey) thus contributing to the stability and integrity of the surrounding neighborhood,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Historical Commission ask that the Broadway Baptist Church delay their plans to demolish these structures for 75 days in order to allow alternative proposals to be considered.

Adopted by the Tarrant County Historical Commission in regular meeting. Certified a true copy this 19th day of February 1985.

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Duane Gage, Chairman

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Attest

RESOLUTIONS

Tarrant County Historical Commission

P. O. Box 18331 Fort Worth, Texas 76118

TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the site of Bird's Fort in northeastern Tarrant County is historically significant as the location of the first recorded Anglo establishment in present Tarrant County (the fort having been founded by Col. Jonathan Bird in 1841 as a frontier post near a military route across North Texas and as a base of operations for the first colonization effort in present Tarrant County); and

WHEREAS, the site of Bird's Fort is historically significant as the location of an important treaty with North Texas Indians in 1843 and as the site of the disbanding of the Jacob Snively Expedition in 1843; and

WHEREAS, the site of Bird's Fort is considered by county citizens as an important aspect of our state and local heritage worthy of preservation; and

WHEREAS, the site of Bird's Fort may soon be endangered by a proposed major construction project, including the possibility that the construction of a levee system might adversely alter the site and destroy its historic character;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Historical Commission, in regular meeting at the Community Archives this 19th day of February, 1985, earnestly request that the developers of the project covering the site of Bird's Fort and its environs protect the site from adverse physical change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the developers of the site consider the feasibility of reconstructing Bird's Fort to its original composition as nearly as can be determined, as an enhancement to the project and as a community service to the citizens of Tarrant County.

Approved and certified a true copy this 19th day of February, 1985.

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Attest

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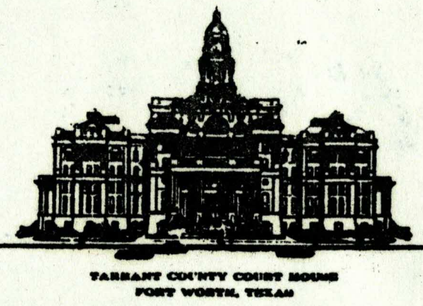
Chairman

Tarrant County Historical Commission



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Sheriff Don Carpenter has instituted a project to use county prisoners to perform volunteer work cleaning up roads and other public places; and

WHEREAS, the project has generally been well received in the county both by citizens and participants; and

WHEREAS, there are several neglected and unkept cemeteries in Tarrant County that need cleaning;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Tarrant County Historical Commission request that the project to use prisoners to clean up public places be extended to neglected and unkept pioneer cemeteries in Tarrant County.

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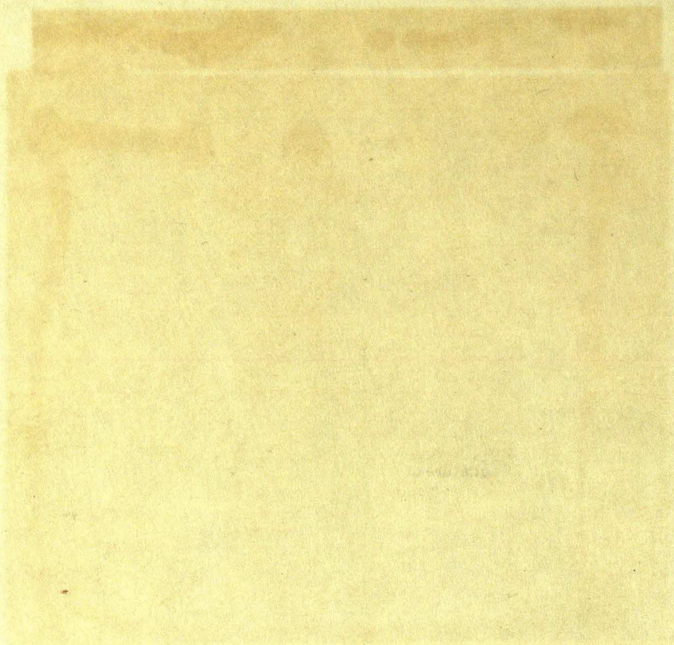
Approved by the members of the Tarrant County Historical Commission in regular meeting this 19th day of February, 1985.

ATTEST:_____

Chairman:_____



Jan. 21, 1985

To the Tarrant County Historical Commission,
Box 18331, Ft. Worth, Tex 76118

Subject: Genealogical data concerning the following
Tarrant County Residents.

Arthur B. Dobbs

Born in Falls County, Texas, March 18, 1908.
Moved to Ft. Worth with my mother and step-father and three sisters in 1921.
Finished my education in Ft. Worth, graduating from Central High School in 1925 and attending Business College in Ft. Worth. Employed as clerk and bookkeeper in Ft. Worth until November 1942, at which time during the war we moved to Okla. City to join the civilian force of the Air Service Command at Tinker Field, in radio and radar maintenance and instalation in Air Force aircraft. At the end of World War II we returned to Ft. Worth, and was employed by the City of Ft. Worth in their General Accounting office.

During my term of service with the City, I started as Senior Accountant and worked my way up to Asst. Commissioner of Accounts; Commissioner of Accounts; Asst. Finance Director; and retiring as Finance Director at the end of Jan. 1976, after 30 years and 4 months of service.

Elizabeth Leona Harrison:

Born in Ft. Worth, Nov. 30, 1912. After graduation from Arlington Heights High School, worked for her father, Lester C. Harrison, Sr., owner and operator of the "Lester Harrison Florist", until her marriage to Arthur B. Dobbs, on Dec. 1, 1934.

We have one daughter, three granddaughters; two great grandsons; and two great granddaughters, all living in Ft. Worth.

We built our own home in 1956 near the Wedgwood area in Ft. Worth at 3113 Covert Ave. 76133, where we still reside.

Elizabeth's father sold his business on Forest Park Blvd. upon his retirement and passed away in Sept. 1983 at the age of 92.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur and Elizabeth Dobbs.

MID-CITIES DAILY NEWS Sunday, September 1, 1985

Historical Committee offers old marriage certificates

Tarrant County officials have approved a Tarrant County Historical Commission project to distribute old unclaimed pre-1936 certified Tarrant County marriage licenses to descendants and relatives of the brides and grooms who were married in Tarrant County from 1876 through 1935.

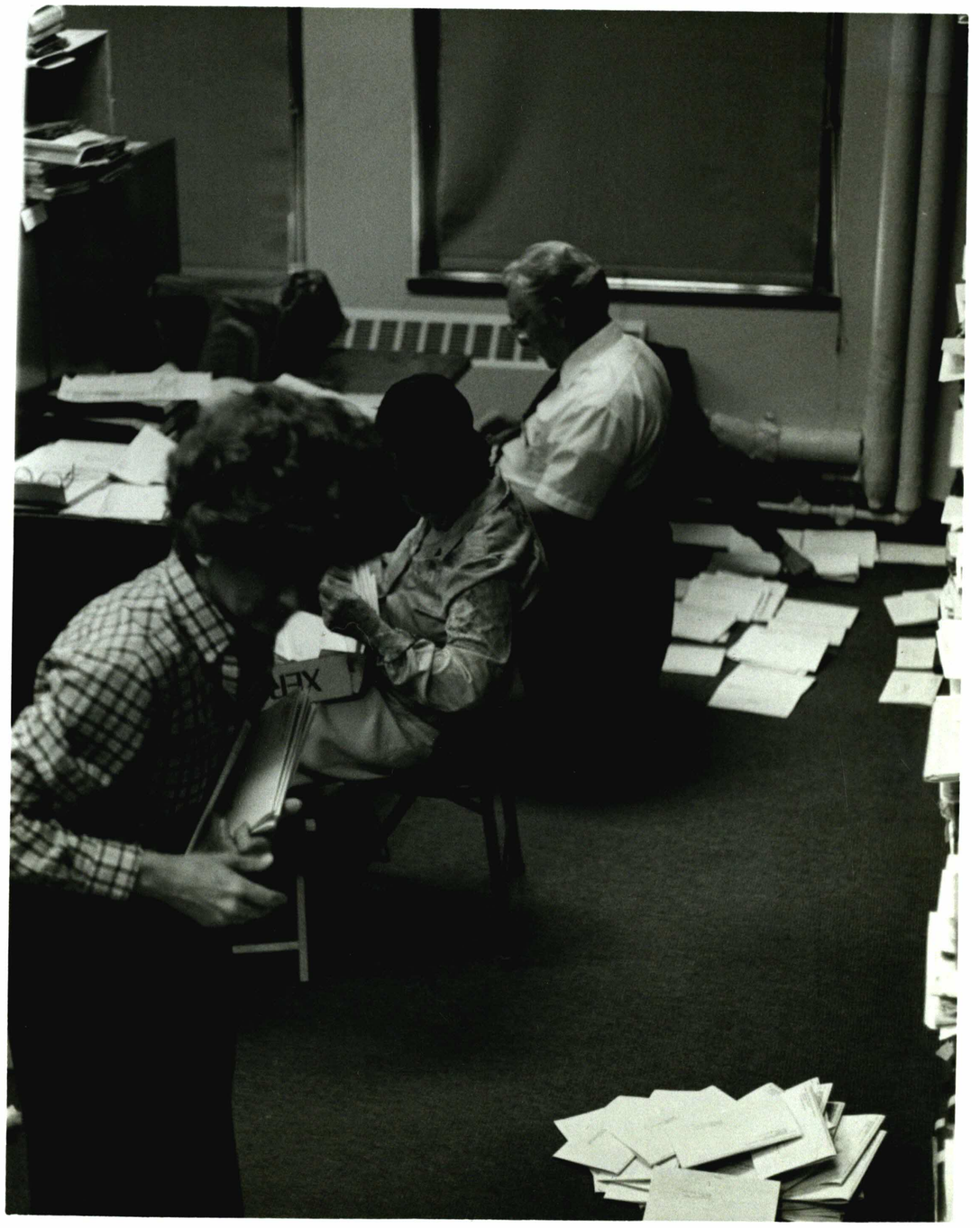
Each of the unclaimed documents contains names of the couples, date of marriage and signature of the official who performed the ceremony.

The licenses accumulated during the period when the certificates were not mailed, and newlyweds failed to pick them up at the courthouse. In many years, an estimated 80% of the licenses were not claimed.

Tarrant County Historical Commission will mail the licenses, which are rich in artistic design, to the first descendant or relative who requests available ones, on condition that the request is submitted in writing and includes a stamped self-addressed envelope. A contribution, to help with Commission project expenses, is requested.

Requests should include the names of the groom and bride, approximate date of marriage, a contribution, and a return envelope, mailed to:

Tarrant Country Historical Commission
P.O. Box 18331
Fort Worth, TX 76118



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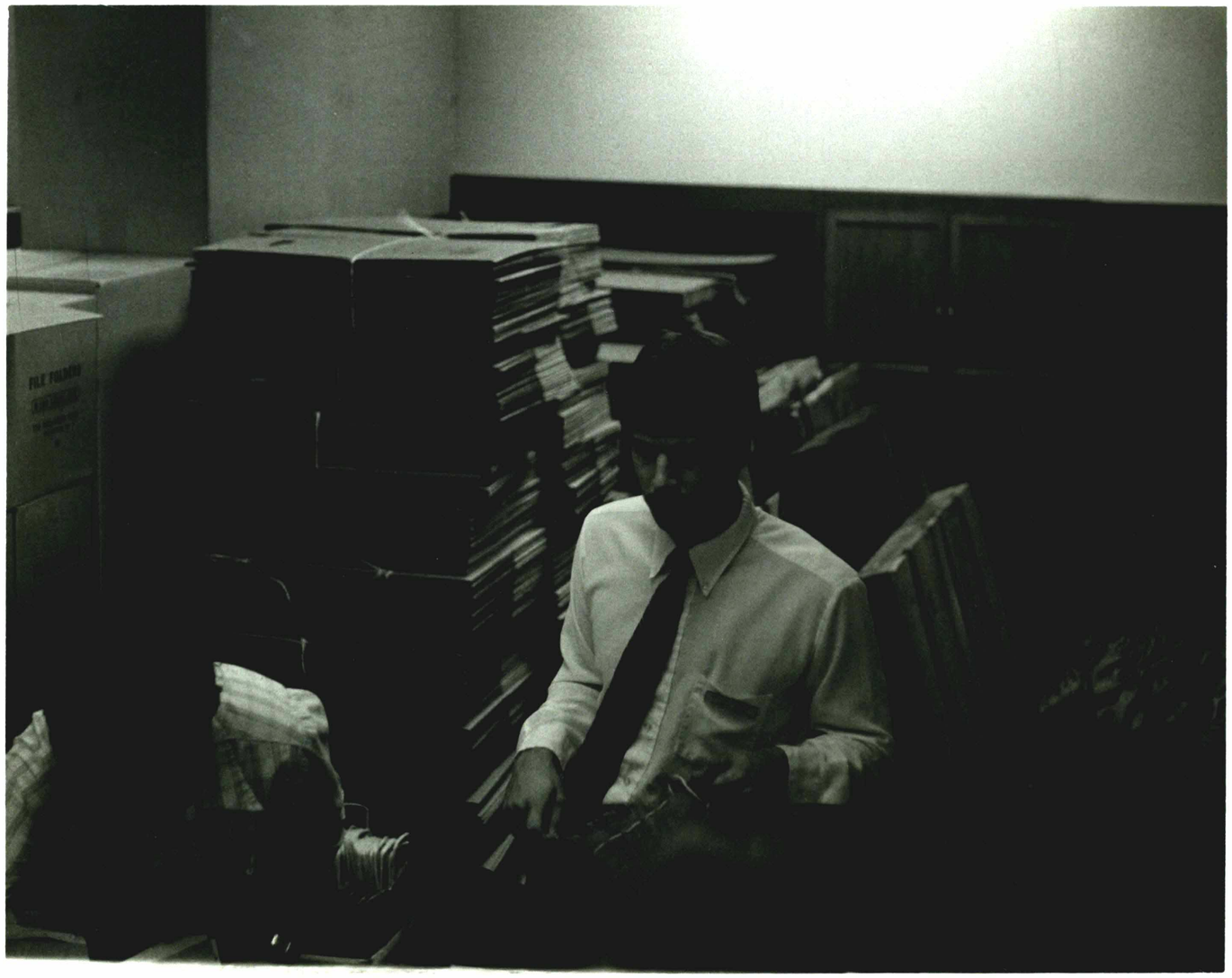

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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BEST NEWSLETTER AWARD

to

TARRANT COUNTY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Harry A. Coleman
Chairman, Texas Historical Commission

Curtis Tunnell
Executive Director,
Texas Historical Commission

May 4, 1985
Date

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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 _____

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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.

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January 4, 1985

Dr. Duane Gage
P. O. Box 18331
Fort Worth, TX 76118

Dear Dr. Gage:

Your articles covering events in Tarrant County's history published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram each Saturday, beside being notably well written, have time after time brought to life fascinating people and events in our local history. They give body to the beautiful injunction found in our Heritage Park:

> Embrace the Spirit and Preserve the Freedom
> Which Inspired Men of Courage and Vision to
> Shape Our Heritage.

Thank you for your good work, and for what is being done through the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Jack B. Tinsley,
Executive Editor
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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May 6, 1985

Dear Duane:

There is no way to express our gratitude for all the hard work you did to insure the success of the Annual Historic Preservation Conference. With your leadership, the TCHC hosted an excellent, exciting, informative, fun meeting; one that will be remembered and talked about for years to come. Everything went so smoothly and participants had numerous compliments for the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

A million thank yous; we could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,

Cindy

Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Director
Field and Museum Services

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Mr. Duane Gage, Chairman
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March 21, 1985

Dear Mr. Gage:

We are extremely pleased to notify you that Tarrant County has fulfilled all requirements and is one of the Distinguished Service Award counties for 1984. We wish to congratulate you on your hard work and continued efforts within the State of Texas.

The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at the Awards Luncheon. Please notify us if a member of your county will be attending the Annual Historic Preservation Conference to receive the award and how many DSA certificates will be needed for your Commission.

We look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth, May 2-4, 1985.

Sincerely,

Cindy Sherrell-Leo

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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

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TCJC history professor wins Minnie J. Piper Award

FORT WORTH — Duane Gage's first feeling, on learning he had been named a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor for 1985 was, naturally enough, one of elation.

Close on the heels of this came a feeling of relief. At long last, he wouldn't have to be nominated any more.

"I've always felt honored in being nominated by my colleagues," said Gage, associate professor of history at Tarrant County Junior College's Northeast Campus. "But I've been nominated so many times that it's been sort of embarrassing."

But the bells finally chimed for Gage, who — when recently congratulated on his nomination — laughed it off with something about "always a bridesmaid."

Ten awards are given annually to the state's top college and university teachers by the Piper Foundation of San Antonio. The selection committee seeks "the well-rounded, outgoing teacher, devoted to the profession, who has made special impact on his students and the community."

Gage's selection was especially gratifying to TCJC since it's been only one year since David Clinkscale of Northwest Campus was so honored. TCJC thus becomes the first community college in the 28-year history of the Piper Professorship to have back-to-back winners.

Gage is the third Piper winner for TCJC. Gary Smith of Northeast Campus was chosen in 1977 when on the Northwest Campus faculty.

"For David to have been selected last year and then to follow up with another TCJC faculty member is, I think, a reflection of the entire school," Gage said. "I've always sensed the level of the excellence of our faculity, and I've simply tried to measure up to that. if recognition has come to me, I think it's as much because of inspiration from that as anything else."

Gage learned of his selection when he received a letter from the foundation at his house. When he told his wife, Nancy Ann, "she kind of squealed. She knew I'd gone through this before, you know, a time or two . . . or three."

A native of Oklahoma, Gage left college after a year and half to go to work for an Oklahoma City utility company. He enjoyed working his way up from the mailroom to customer service, learning about life while reading meters, but eventually he realized that his future lay elsewhere.

"Somewhere along the way, I began to feel that I needed to teach,' he said. "I can't explain it any other way. I just felt it was what I was cut out to do.

"I always loved school when I was a student, and I always felt like I had the ability to explain things and to stimulate thought. I don't want that to sound like I'm bragging, but frankly, that's what it takes to be a decent teacher."

Of course, before he became a teacher he had to become a student again. He returned to the University of Oklahoma, hit the books "with a vengeance," and in three years had polished off both his bachelor's and master's degrees. Just as he finished, opportunity knocked in the form of an opening for an instructor at Texas A&I.

"I was fortunate to be able to teach down there for a year," Gage said. "But it made me realize that I did need some more graduate work, and if you're at Kingsville, you're pretty far away from a graduate school."

So, he headed back for Oklahoma, but on his way decided to stop in at the then one-year-old TCJC to see if anything were available. He left an application and in May of 1968 was interviewed by Herman Crow, then chairman of the Social Sciences Division on Northeast Campus, which was to open the following fall.

He began teaching part-time in 1968-69 while taking some courses at North Texas State and went full-time in the fall of 1969.

Gage's specialty is Southwestern history, and that's no accident. He grew up in western Oklahoma listening to real-life pioneer stories from his father, who had been born in a dugout on a homestead in the early 1900s, and his maternal grandfather, who migrated from the South to Texas and up into Oklahoma when the Indian lands were settled.

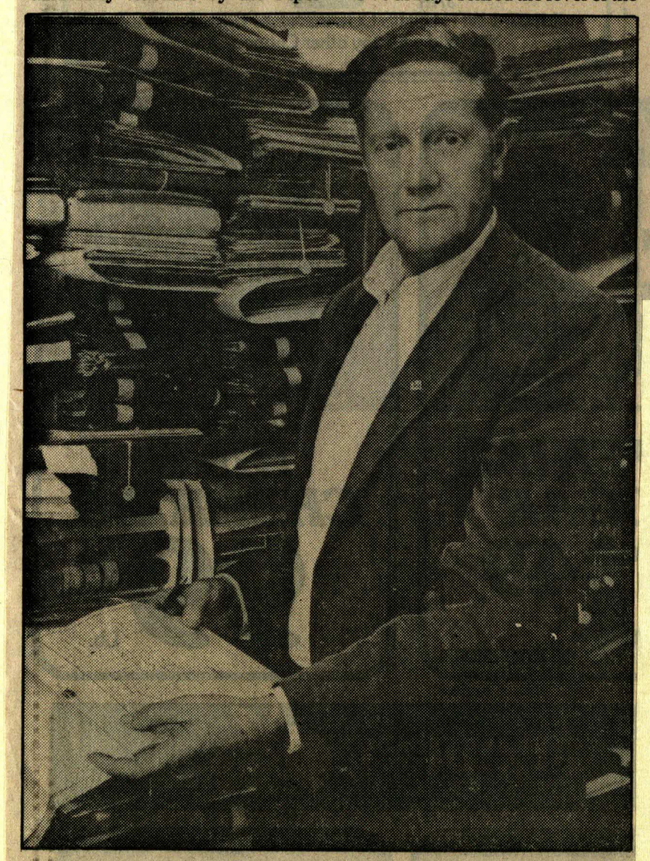
"These were pioneer stories in a true sense, although it was early 20th century experience," he said. "There were lots of Indians around there, and one major Indian battle, the battle of the Ouachita, occurred less than 10 miles from where I lived. I got interested in frontier history and Indian history, did some research on my family background and found that the family's history paralleled U.S. history to a great extent."

Obviously, history is more than a subject in a classroom to Gage, and he's devoted years to making it come alive for the community as well as his students.

It really began when he was asked to participate in a Bicentennial project researching the history of Northeast Tarrant County. Along the way, he established the Heritage Room at the Northeast Campus Learning Resource Center.

"Before I knew it, I was fully involved, and once I was appointed to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, then I accepted, I think, a rather important responsibility," he said.

Later, he became chairman of the commission and last year was named the outstanding county historical commission chairman in Texas.



DR. DUANE GAGE

TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, DUANE GAGE

Wednesday, November 6, 1985 North East Weekly Student

Duane Gage wins 1985 Piper Professor Award

By TRACY MAYFIELD
Reporter

After being named a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor for 1985, Duane Gage, associate professor of history at NE Campus, took a one-year faculty development leave.

He has just returned from that leave during which he compiled research information and data from the historical documents to put on computer.

Gage was awarded the funds for a TRS-80 2000 computer, equipped with a word-processing program and a daisy wheel printer, by the Sid Richardson Foundation located in Fort Worth.

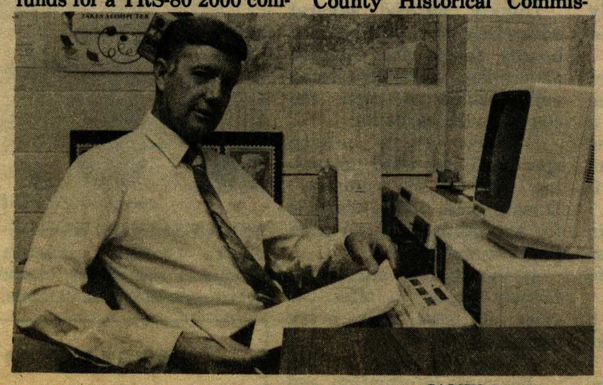
The foundation, named after Sid Richardson, a Fort Worth oil man, is a non-profit organization that is supportive of community projects.

"It was a big effort to get the grant and to finally set up the computer program, but it has finally been accomplished," Gage said.

Gage, who has been the chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission since 1981, has access to most all of the research material available.

"The research material is available, but it needs to be fed into the computer," Gage said.

Gage has hopes of making all of the historical information accessible to local people, students and others.



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TAKING NOTES---Duane Gage, associate professor of history, compiles research.

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Duane Gage

"Eventually, I would like to see the computer system have a phone tap in with other computers of this nature all over the state," Gage said, "It's a dream of mine."

Gage foresees that dream coming true in the next two or three years.

Another project that he would like to work on is establishing a permanent housing for the Community Archives which is temporarily located in the Alice Carlson Elementary School Building, near the TCU Campus.

Among Gage's many accomplishments, he is one of the 10 most outstanding professors in Texas. He received the Piper Professor of 1985 through nomination of his colleagues.

"I feel that these positions and awards I have are simply an extension of my role here at NE Campus," Gage said.

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Registration begins

Historical lunch

The Frances Cooke Van Zandt chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will stage its annual Texas Historical luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Saturday at Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth. The luncheon will mark the 151st anniversary of Texas' Declaration of Independence.

Duane Gage, chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, will present a program, titled "An Overview of Preservation Activities and Challenges in 1985."

TCJC history teacher cited as Minnie Piper professor

Star-Telegram
Sunday, June 2, 1985

NORTHEAST

Duane Gage has devoted years to making history come to life in both the classroom and the community.

As a result, the associate professor of history at Tarrant County Junior College/Northeast Campus was recently named a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor.

The prestigious award is given annually to 10 of the state's top college and university teachers by the Piper Foundation in San Antonio.

Gary Smith, formerly of Northwest Campus but now at Northeast Campus, was chosen in 1977 and David Clinkscale of Northwest Campus was the 1984 recipient. TCJC is the first community college in the 28-year history of the Piper Professorship to have won the award two years in a row.

"For David (Clinkscale) to have been selected last year and then to follow up with another TCJC faculty member is, I think, a reflection of the entire school," Gage said. "I've always sensed the level of the excellence of our faculty, and I've simply tried to measure up to that.

"If recognition has come to me, I think it's as much because of inspiration from that as anything else."

Gage, a native of Oklahoma, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Univeristy of Oklahoma.

He went to teach at Texas A&I in Kingsville and joined the TCJC faculty in 1968. Southwestern history is his specialty.

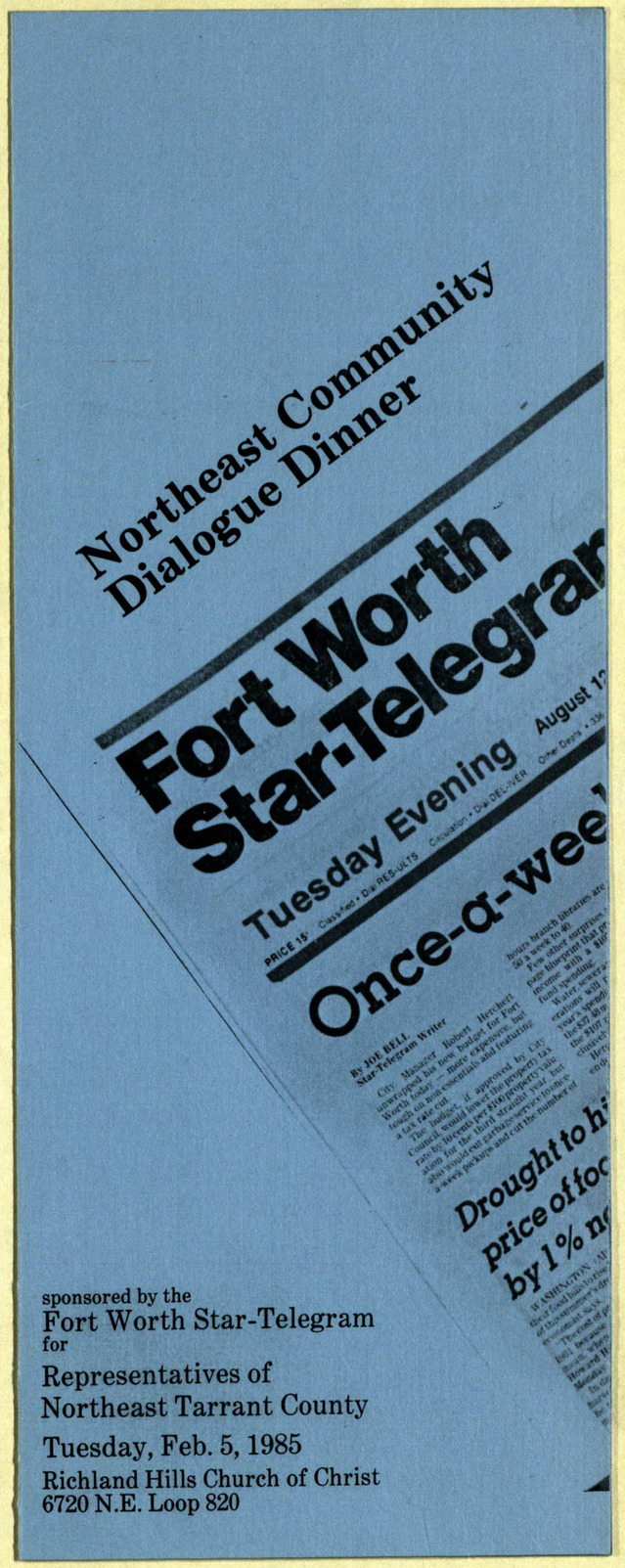
Gage, who said he always enjoyed school as a student, is able to share his passion for history with his students in a way that makes them interested.

"I've always valued working with young people," he said. "I know that we can get very pessimistic about things, but when you're a teacher, you can sit down and start working with young people and draw out their potential. By doing that, we're participating in the future, a future far beyond our own lifetime."

As chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, Gage works on a number of research and preservation projects that enrich the community.

He is currently on leave of absence from TCJC to compile a computer data bank of Tarrant County history.

CHAIRMAN GAGE



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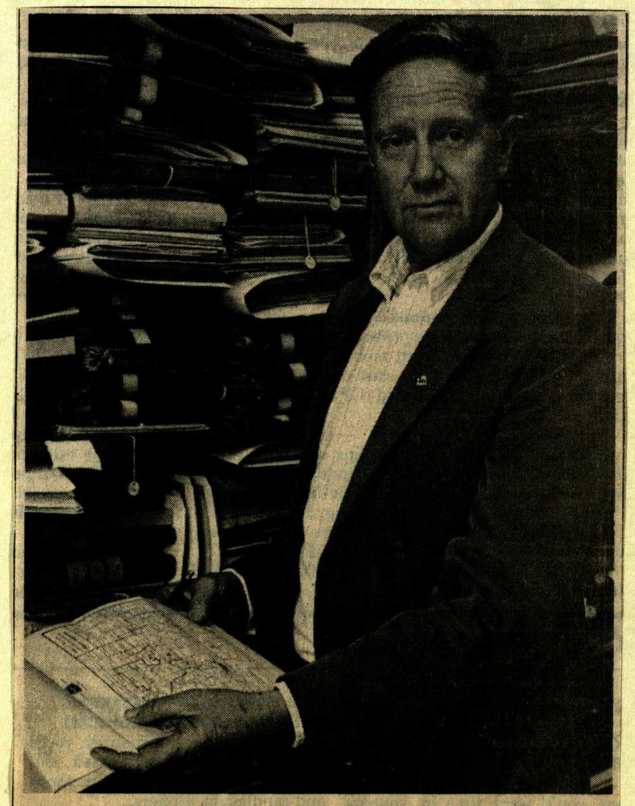


DARRELL BYERS/Daily News

Award-winning instructor

Duane Gage, a Tarrant County Junior College-Northeast associate professor of history, recently won two honors. The TCJC-NE faculty named him this year's outstanding professor, and the Piper Foundation, of San Antonio, named him the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor for 1985.

Tuesday, May 7, 1985 MID-CITIES DAILY NEWS

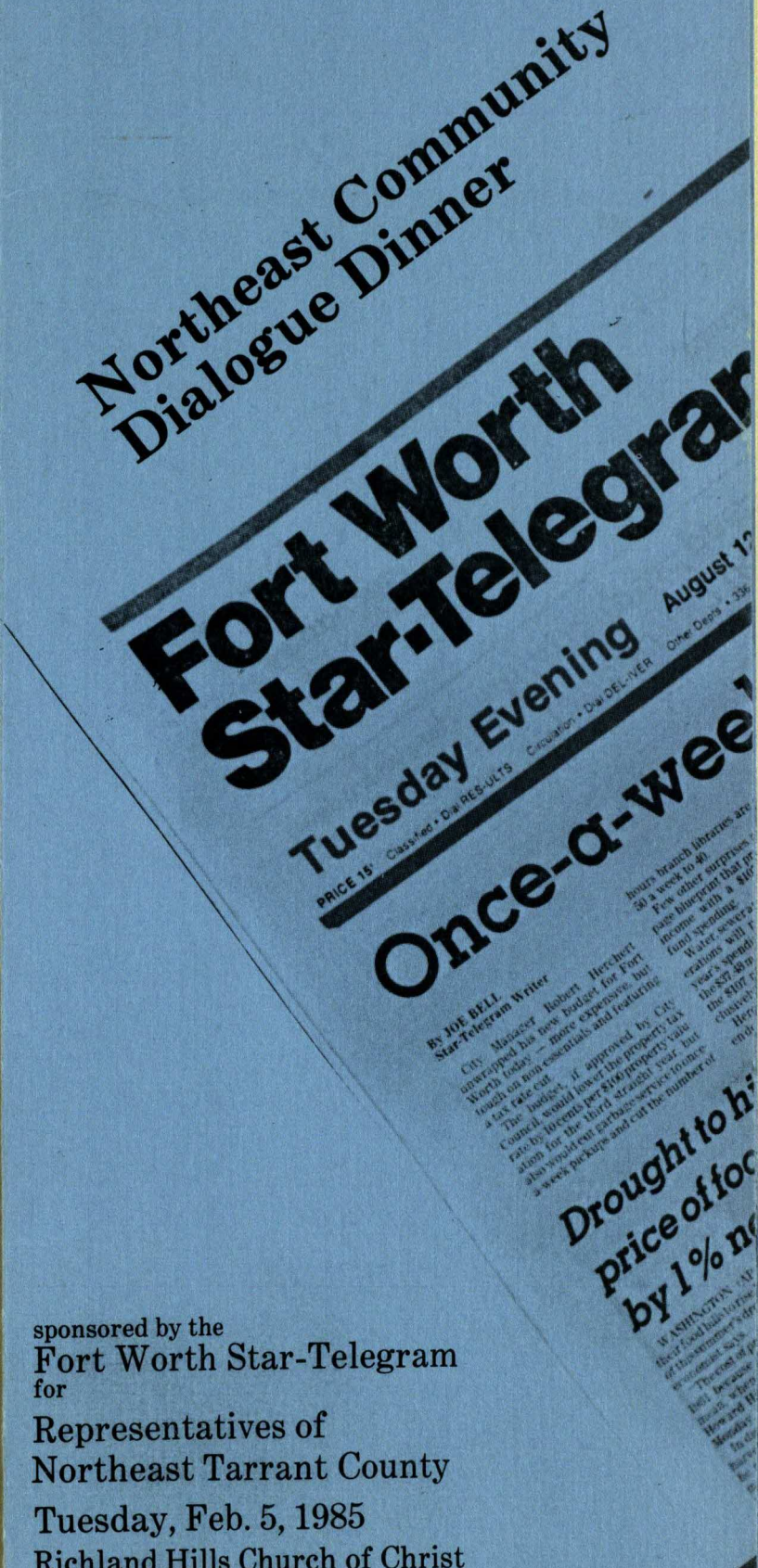
TCJC awards

HURST — A Tarrant County Junior College-Northeast history professor recently was named as one of Texas' top 10 teachers.

Duane Gage received the Minnie Stevens Piper Professorship, an award the Piper Foundation gives for teaching excellence each year. Gage will be honored at TCJC-NE's Faculty Awards Day luncheon Tuesday.

A TCJC-NE professor won the award last year, making this the first time a community college has had winners two years in a row.

Northeast Community Dialogue Dinner



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July 18, 1984

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Professor Duane Gage
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Dear Professor Gage:

A belated but nevertheless sincere thank-you for coming to UTA and speaking to my Metroplex class. The slide presentation of Fort Worth was particularly nice and complimented some of the things I had been doing with Dallas. If I can be of help to the Commission sometime, please feel free to call on me.

Cordially,

Robert B. Fairbanks

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P.S. Hope your tire problem got corrected.

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Mrs. Mildred Lucas is program director for that day and will be in touch with you to obtain biographical information for introductory purposes.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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enjoyed your discussion of current happenings of historical interest and look forward to your next visit with our Chapter.

Sincerely,

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ENTRY OF RUTH R. STONE, TARRANT COUNTY
OUTSTANDING COMMISSION MEMBER

The Tarrant County Historical Commission is pleased to submit Ruth R. Stone, # 3 Chase Court, Fort Worth, Texas, as our nominee for "Outstanding Commission Member" for 1984.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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March 21, 1985

Dear Mr. Gage:

We are extremely pleased to notify you that Ruth R. Stone of the Tarrant County Historical Commission has been awarded the 1984 "Outstanding Commission Member" for counties with population of 58,000 or more.

The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at the Awards Luncheon. Please notify us if Ms. Stone will be attending the Annual Historic Preservation Conference to receive the award.

We look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth, May 2-4, 1985.

Sincerely,

Cindy Sherrell-Leo

Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Director
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Mr. Duane Gage, Chairman
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A special aspect of the Commission's marker program in 1984 was the emphasis on researching historical markers reflecting our community's black history. In order to enhance that effort, Ruth Stone and fellow Commission member Larry Budanauro founded "The Pioneer Family Associatinn," through which they recruited significant participation in the black community, opening doors to sources of historical data that otherwise would never have been made available. The groundwork Ruth has made in this endeavor will benefit the research work of the Tarrant County Historical Commission for years to come.

As a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission's Public Information Committee, Ruth Stone expanded the Commission's effective use of media coverage of preservation projects by drafting and personally delivering news releases to local newspapers. She delivered copies of the documented narratives of historical markers that were scheduled for dedication ceremonies, encouraging the newspaper publishers to expand their coverage of the marker dedicatians.

Other Special Projects:

a. Served on the Commission's 1984 Nominating Committee;

b. Assisted the Historic Preservation Council in researching the historic resources of Fort Worth's South Side.

c. Led a neighborhood project to revitalize historic Chase Court, including the installation of an historical subject marker for Chase Court;

d. Served on a review committee which read through several dozen student entries on "Why I would have liked to have lived in the Horse and Buggy Days," a project designed to raise funds and community awareness for restoration of a horse fountain water trough and statue on the Tarrant County Courthouse Square;

e. Volunteered to work one day per week in the Commission's new Community Archives, sorting and arranging archival materials for the county's official collection;

f. Served on a special committee planning the 1985 Annual Preservation Conference, which is meeting in Fort Worth in May 1985. Ruth attended several planning sessions, during which she volunteered to coordinate a project to prepare table decorations for the Awards Dinner at the conference. Her ideas were exciting, practical, and immaginative. Within her work on this committee was the achievement of sewing 104 burlap bags for "freebies" for early registrants to the conference, purchasing the burlap material at her own expense, as a contribution to the Commission.

The year 1984 was highlighted with Ruth Stone's enthusiasm, remarkable imaginative contributions, and dedication to service on the Commission. On several occasions Ruth telephoned the Chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission and volunteered her services for whatever project that might need her participation.

A county historical commission could not have a more supportive and effective member.

Duane Gage
Chairman

Tarrant County Historical Commission member Ruth R. Stone and Chairman Duane Gage display their awards from the Texas Historical Commission.

Preservation efforts honored

Special to The News

FORT WORTH — The Tarrant County Historical Commission, a citizens' committee of historians and preservationists appointed by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to conduct projects to preserve the county's heritage, again has received the state's highest awards in historical preservation.

Citations for 1984's best newsletter, outstanding commission member, service, and outstanding county commission chairman were presented to county delegates at the 1985 Annual Preservation Conference in Fort Worth.

Among the county commission's successful projects in 1984 were more than 20 successful official Texas historical marker applications. The commission also raised funds to help preserve pioneer cemeteries; established a community archival collection; distributed old unclaimed marriage licenses; monitored several preservation projects in the county; helped research a county-wide survey of historical resources; and developed a project to computerize local historical data.

Duane Gage, chairman of the county commission since 1980, accepted the awards as Tarrant County's chief preservation officer. Gage is associate professor of history at Tarrant County Junior College Northeast Campus.

The state's highest honor in the field of historical preservation by an individual commission member went to Ruth Reiter Stone. She was honored for her efforts in preserving the heritage of Fort Worth's South Side area.

Gage was recognized for the second time as the state's outstanding county commission chairman.

MEMBER RUTH STONE AND CHAIRMAN DUANE GAGE RECOGNIZED

Ruth Stone: 'You can tell he's a ghost'

The house at No. 3 Chase Court has several claims to fame. In addition to its historical note, it is said to be home to a friendly ghost.

"A short one with a pointed head," is Ruth Stone's description. Her husband's report indicated that the ghost moved with them to Chase Court. They first noticed the ghost, Davis Stone says, just after they'd bought some Indian artifacts.

"We think he might be an Indian, because we never saw him before that," he explains.

Mrs. Stone says she can tell it's a ghost "because he looks like he's made of white mist. You can see right through him. If we go toward him, he disappears. But he lets the dogs go right up to him and sniff him, and he doesn't do anything."

She adds that the ghost moves keys and other little objects that they haven't moved.

"He also moves them back, so we know he's been there. I think he's a little bashful," she says. "He won't come out when strangers are here.

"Actually, I don't believe in ghosts, but you more or less have to say what you see."

Mrs. Stone is a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, appointed by county commissioners. Her specialty is researching houses and buildings to qualify them for historical markers.

The Stones' house, a Beaux Arts structure, was designed for Dr. Clay Johnson and his wife, Alice Jester Johnson. Her brother, Beaufort Jester, was the governor of Texas when he died, and his body was brought to the Chase Court house to lie in state.

Ruth Stone lives in a Chase Court home marked by a state historical marker and listed on the National Register of Historic Homes. She says a ghost inhabits the house also.

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MEMBER RUBY SCHMIDT

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GORDAN MILFORD KELLEY, 760 Samuels. Survivors: Wife, Brenda Kelley; sons, Gordan Shannon Kelley, Brooke Dorian Kelley, Fort Worth, brothers, Grady Kelley, Shreveport, Ewing Kelley, DeBerry; one grandchild. Services 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Shannon's North Chapel, Rev. Al Hoops officiating. Interment Rose Hill Memorial Park. Arrangements SHANNON'S NORTH. 624-2191.

Member, Tarrant County Historical
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
April 23, 1985

Speaker tells Cowtown history

by Diane Jefferis

When Maj. Ripley Arnold establised a fort near the Trinity River, he named it after his hero, Gen. William Jenkins Worth. But Gen. Worth never knew about the honor. He died of cholera in San Antonio a few days before the fort was established.

Thus was born Fort Worth.

This anecdote and other tales of Fort Worth's early history were told by Rudy Schmidt, president of the Tarrant County Historical Society, when she was interviewed by Dr. Hap Lyda recently for the TCJC cable television show "Probe."

Schmidt, who recently won the National Society of the DAR's (Daughter's of the American Revolution) historical award and authored "Fort Worth and Tarrant County: A Historical Guide," said the reason there is a Fort Worth is because the settlers needed a western-most fort for protection from Indians.

"Gen. Worth was buried in New York, and people can still go and look at this monument. It's quite impressive," Schmidt said.

The fort had no tall, strong walls surrounding it, just a rope fence around its perimeters.

"The temporary buildings in the fort were arranged with a rectangular effect. The officers' quarters were on one side and barracks on the other side with stables on one end and a commissary on the other end," she said.

With only a rope fence for a barrier, one would think that it didn't provide adequate protection.

"It was more of an image to the Indians. Soldiers were there and they had a six-pound howitzer. The sight of the howitzer was something of a warning to the Indians," she said.

The troops didn't stay at the fort very long. The majority of the men left in 1853. A few soldiers stayed behind to protect the settlers.

Maj. Arnold, who graduated from West Point and eloped with a girl of 14, stayed at the fort with his family.

Maj. Arnold's young wife brought to the fort her piano, which completely enthralled the Indians. "They would gaze into her window at the piano and say, 'Peck gal, peck,'" Schmidt said. "The Indians thought the piano was an animal with ivory teeth."

Schmidt said settlers came from Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri. "They had one thing on their mind, and that was to make a better life for themselves. At first it was hard for the pioneers because everything was so primitive, and many children were lost to illnesses because there was no medicine. They had to use the trial-and-error method with herbs for medicine," she added.

During the 1859s, people migrated here. "The land was lush and fertile, the river was swift, there were many kinds of animals. The settlers had plenty of venison, nuts and vegetables in their diets," Schmidt said.

The land and opportunity are what attracted many matriarchs who were looking for land to homestead. "The Gilmores from Tennessee came and settled on the North Side and became sheriffs and judges," Schmidt said.

Other families started settling here and the fort started becoming a town when the Indians departed and went west. The military followed the Indians and the families stayed behind and incorporated it into a city in 1873.

HISTORICAL ANECDOTES—Ruby Schmidt, president of the Tarrant County Historical Society, gives a pictorial account of Fort Worth history during a recent taping of TCJC Probe. Schmidt told moderator Hap Lyda such little known facts as that General William Jenkins Worth, for whom Fort Worth is named, died before he found out about the honor.

--photo by David Tolleson

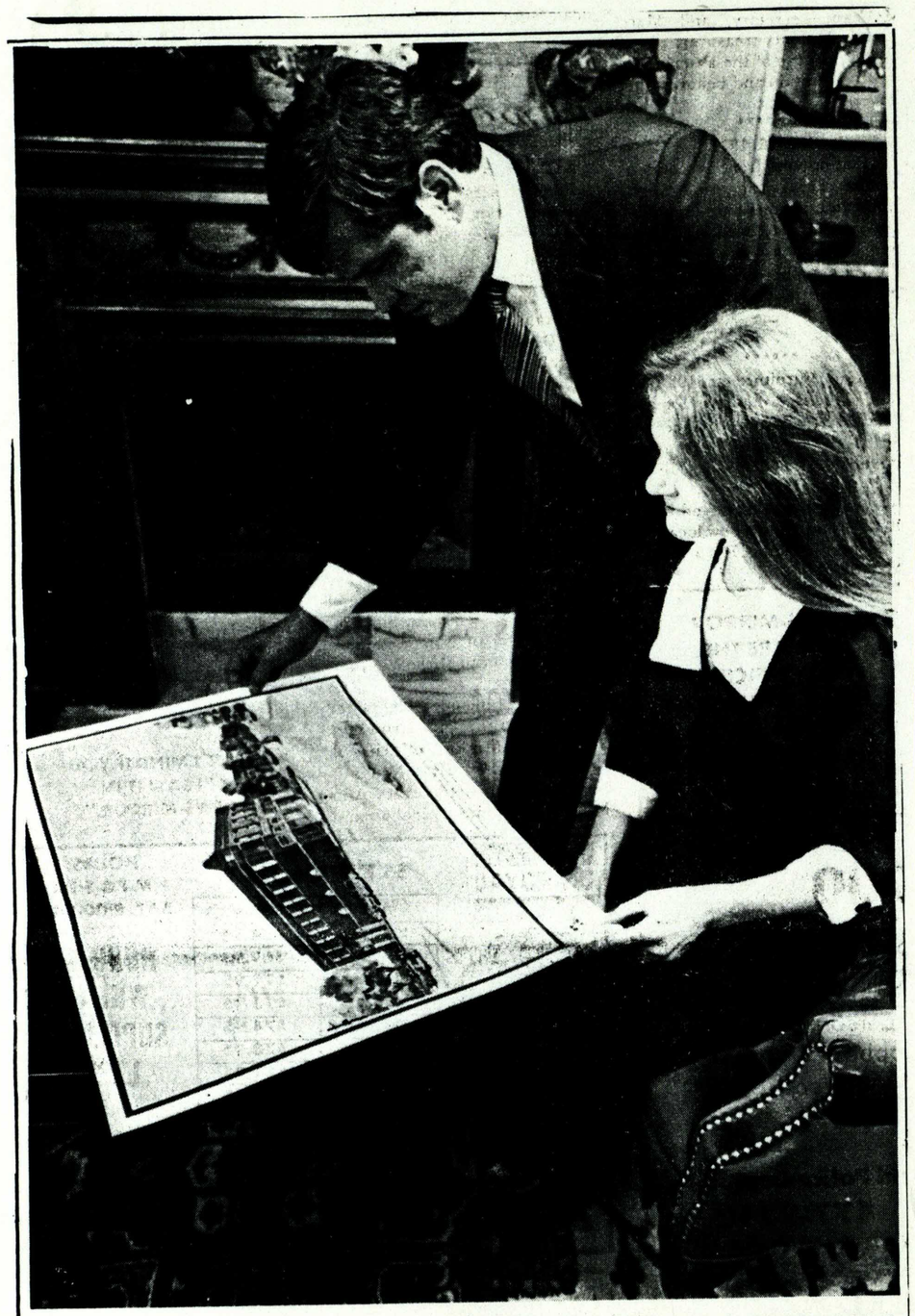
The Lemuel Edwards family settled here, as did the Ellis, Loving, Moncrief, and Ayer families.

Ayres

The old fort was expanding and a railway came in 1876. "It was a big, big day when the railroad came in from Shreveport or Houston with salt, sugar and calico. These all were considered luxuries," Schmidt said.

After the Civil War, Fort Worth almost died. The population went from 2,000 to 300. "Charles Turner was the one who actually saved Fort Worth. In later years, when Fort Worth had to turn in money for confederate script, Turner refused to turn in his gold, he buried it. So, after the war was over and Fort Worth was going under, he utilized his gold to loan to people to refurbish their stores and start businesses," Schmidt said.

Little remains of Fort Worth's first buildings and businesses, but a few can be seen. "The Van Zandt collage on Crestline is still very original and rustic, though it was modernized in 1936. Pioneer Rest Cemetery in the 600 block of Samuels Avenue is where a lot of the soldiers and settlers are buried," she said.



MEMBER PAMELA HOLLAND

REVIEW PROJECT — State Representative Chris Harris (R. Mansfield) and Mansfield Historical Society member Pam Holland look over a project poster of downtown Mansfield and the 125-year-old Masonic Building, Mansfield Lodge No. 331. The work is a project of the recently-formed Mansfield Sesquicentennial Committee. Rep. Harris is vice-chairman of the State Sesquicentennial Commission. The posters, signed and numbered by the artist, can be purchased at the Mansfield Historical Society Office on East Broad Street, Academic Art Studio on North Main Street or Gallery of Gifts on Walnut Creek Drive. The edition is limited to 1000 prints.

News-Mirror Staffoto

Dec. 12, 1985

Gibson

Beryl Gibson, of Mansfield, has been elected as vice chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Gibson organized the local historical society in 1980. Over the last years, members have worked to obtain several historical markers for area sites.

Pam Holland, also of Mansfield, was among the new appointees to the commission.

MANSFIELD NEWS-MIRROR

May 25, 1985

Grapevine Sun

Sesquicentennial group to host McCafferty 3-17-85

Charlie McCafferty, area historian and public information officer for the Fort Worth Fire Department, will be featured speaker for a meeting of the Grapevine Sesquicentennial Committee set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Grapevine Civic Center.

The meeting will be the first night meeting of the committee, which is making plans for local events to celebrate the state's 150th birthday.

McCafferty is widely known as a historical researcher and teller of tall tales and legends, and he founded and serves as public relations director of the North Fort Worth Historical Society.

He recently made headlines, however, for a tall tale he did not intend for publication.

When questioned about the cause of a crack in a Fort Worth street last year, he jokingly said it had been created by a giant earthworm.

Unknown to McCafferty, the remark was overheard and later used as the basis for a story in the *National Examiner* under the headline "20-foot earthworm terrorizes city . . . swallows dogs."

After the story was published, McCafferty received several calls from frightened Fort Worth residents who were concerned that it was true.

In addition to his other duties, McCafferty produces radio and television programs, including the Ben Johnson-Red Adair Pro-Celebrity Roping and Cutting Horse Competition for Channel Six and "The Legend of Sam Bass" for the Texas Sesquicentennial Productions.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

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Research and Markers Department
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Title of Marker (subject to revision by THC staff) ▶ EARLE C. DRISKELL (1893-1912)	County ▶ TARRANT
Marker Location (from nearest town on state map) ▶ 100 block Hwy 287, Mansfield, on highway right-of-way in front of Alice Ponder Elementary School, north side of highway	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site ▶ Marker site is adjacent to private granite marker	If not on post, surface to which marker will be attached ▶
Owner of Marker Site ▶ Texas Dept of Highways and Public Transportation. (HWY 287 right of way)	Address City, Zip
Sponsor of Marker ▶ Mansfield Historical Society, % Beryl Gibson, 101 E. Kimball, Mansfield, Texas 76063	Address City, Zip
Signature of County Chairman ▶ Duane Doge	Address City, Zip % TCJC NE Campus, 828 Harwood Road, Hurst, Texas 7605 4
Person to whom marker is to be shipped * ▶ Hwy Dept.	Address City, Zip

**NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.*

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SUBJECT MARKERS

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X _____
Signature of owner

PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

___ 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker $90 $93.71
Allow 2 months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.

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Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

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OTHER

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North Fort Worth Historical Society
131 East Exchange Avenue, #115
Fort Worth, Texas 76106

The North Fort Worth Historical Society
and
The Texas Commerce Bank - Fort Worth
cordially invites you to attend
a reception for
the formal unveiling of
THE BILL PICKETT BRONZE
by
Artist Lisa Perry
Tuesday, July 16, 1985
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Texas Commerce Bank Lobby, One Tandy Center

Dedication of the heroic bronze will be during the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial.

COMMISSION ACTIV.
HIST. MARKERS COMM

APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

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Tarrant County Historical Commission

P. O. Box 18331 Fort Worth, Texas 76118

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October 2, 1985

TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Beryl Gibson
101 East Kimball
Mansfield, Texas 76063

Dear Beryl:

According to our records, the application for a subject marker for Earle Driskell has been approved, but apparently we failed to follow up with funds for the marker. Please check Mansfield Historical Society records on this matter, and note whether the information on the application form copy is correct as to type of marker, location, etc.

Sincerely,

Duane Gage

Duane Gage
Chairman

MARKERS FOR 1985

Texas Historical Commission Staff (DKU), 1/31/85; revised (LAM) 2/25/85; (DKU) 3/7/85

Official Texas Historical Grave Marker
Tarrant County (Order #8145)
Location: New Trinity Cemetery, 4001 NE 28th, Haltom City

DR.RILEY ANDREW RANSOM*
(MAR.9,1886-JAN.4,1951)***

A NATIVE OF KENTUCKY,RILEY ANDREW
RANSOM STUDIED MEDICINE AT
LOUISVILLE NATIONAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.
UPON COMING TO GAINESVILLE,TEXAS,
DURING THE EARLY 1900s,HE OPENED THE
BOOKER T.WASHINGTON SANITARIUM.IN
1918 DR.RANSOM MOVED THE HOSPITAL
TO FORT WORTH,WHERE HE SERVED AS
CHIEF SURGEON UNTIL THE FACILITY
CLOSED IN 1949.HE IS REMEMBERED
FOR HIS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND
FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH
CARE IN FORT WORTH.**

RECORDED - 1985***

*1/2 inch lettering
**3/8 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

OK 3-15-85

Texas Historical Commission (CW), 3/25/85

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Tarrant County (Order #8303)
Location: ½ mi.S of Newark Rd. & Avondale-Haslet Rd. intersection, Newark

INDIAN CREEK CEMETERY*

IN THE 1850s,PIONEER FAMILIES
SETTLED HERE ALONG THE TARRANT-
WISE COUNTY LINE AND STARTED THE
ODESSA COMMUNITY,NOW KNOWN AS
NEWARK.THE OLDEST MARKED GRAVE
IN THIS COMMUNITY CEMETERY IS
THAT OF JOHN HUDSON,INFANT SON
OF JAMES J.(1824-1914)AND NANCY
HUDSON(1839-1911),WHO DIED SEPT.19,
1856.THE HIGH CHILDHOOD MORTAL-
ITY RATE OF THE 19TH CENTURY IS
REFLECTED BY THE W.D.HUDSON
FAMILY,WHO BURIED THREE CHILDREN
HERE FROM SEPT.TO DEC.1862.INDIAN
CREEK CEMETERY CONTAINS OVER
150 KNOWN GRAVES,BUT ONLY TWO
BURIALS OCCURRED WITHIN THE
PAST 50 YEARS.**

(1985)***

*3/4 inch lettering
**1/2 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

APPROVED
Lynn L. Mason

MARKERS FOR 1985

Texas Historical Commission (CW), 3/28/85

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Tarrant County (Order #8315)
Location: corner of NE 28th and Beach St., Haltom City

NEW TRINITY CEMETERY*

WHEN THE REV.GREENE FRETWELL,A FORMER SLAVE,DIED IN 1886,THERE WAS NO BLACK CEMETERY IN THIS PART OF TARRANT COUNTY•WITH DONATIONS COLLECTED BY HIS WIDOW FRANCES,THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH BOUGHT TWO ACRES IN 1889 FOR A CHURCH AND BURIAL GROUND•WORSHIP SERVICES WERE HELD UNDER A BRUSH ARBOR UNTIL A FRAME CHURCH WAS BUILT HERE•BY THE 1920s,BURIALS BEGAN ON ADJACENT LAND,KNOWN AS NEW TRINITY CEMETERY•ADDITIONAL PROPERTY WAS DESIGNATED IN 1931 AS PEOPLE'S BURIAL PARK•TODAY THE THREE SITES ARE COMMONLY CALLED NEW TRINITY CEMETERY•**

(1985)***

OK
4-15-85

*3/4 inch lettering
**1/2 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 11/20/84; revised (DKU),3/13/85;(FR),5/14/85

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Tarrant County (Order #8031)
Location: S side of US 80,1 blk.W of Westland Ave., Fort Worth

CHAPIN SCHOOL*

THE CHAPIN SCHOOL WAS BEGUN FOR MARY'S CREEK COMMUNITY IN THE LATE 1870s IN A LOG CABIN ON LAND DEEDED BY IVORY H.CHAPIN(2 MI.SE)•*** IN 1884 THE SCHOOL WAS MOVED ONE MILE WEST TO A 2-ROOM FRAME HOUSE ON MARY'S CRREK ON LAND DONATED BY J.FIELDING DUNLAP (0.5 MI.S)•*** IT WAS MOVED AGAIN IN 1936,TO A ROCK STRUCTURE ON CHAPIN ROAD•IN 1961,THE FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNEXED THE CHAPIN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT•THE NAME CHAPIN SCHOOL CONTINUED TO BE USED FOR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,HOWEVER,UNTIL 1968,WHEN IT CLOSED•**

(1985)***

*3/4 inch lettering
**1/2 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

Incise on back: DONATED IN MEMORY OF MATTIE FLORENCE MILLDETON-EARNEST ALGINUN LAWRENCE BY THEIR CHILDREN

CLEO LAWRENCE
HOLLAND WAYNE LAWRENCE
ALVALENE LAWRENCE BARRON
LETA LAWRENCE WARD

MARKERS FOR 1985

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 6/14/85

Official Texas Historical Building Marker without post for attachment to stucco over concrete
Tarrant County (Orders #8352 and #8353)
Location: 100 blk. of E. Exchange Ave., Fort Worth

FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS ENTRANCE*

SPANNING EXCHANGE AVENUE,THIS

GATEWAY TO THE FORT WORTH

STOCK YARDS WAS COMPLETED

IN 1910,CONSTRUCTED BY THE TOPEKA

BRIDGE & LAND CO. FOR THE FORT

WORTH STOCK YARDS CO.,IT WAS A

SIGNIFICANT FEAT OF CONCRETE WORK

FOR THAT ERA.THE COLUMNS ARE

22 FEET HIGH AND 13 FEET IN CIRCUM-

FERENCE.THE SIGN IS 36 FEET LONG

AND 4 FEET HIGH.THE ENTRANCE IS A

SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK IN THIS

HISTORIC AREA OF FORT WORTH.**

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1985***

*3/8 inch lettering to contrast with text
**3/8 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

APPROVED
Lynn A. Mason

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 7/12/85

Official Texas Historical Building Marker without post for attachment to brick
Tarrant County (Order #8396)
Location: 1598 Sunset Terrace, Fort Worth

COBB-BURNEY HOME*

PROMINENTLY SITED ALONG THE

BLUFF OF THE CLEAR FORK OF THE

TRINITY RIVER,THIS HOME WAS BUILT

IN 1904 FOR MORTGAGE COMPANY

PRESIDENT LYMAN D.COBB AND HIS

WIFE,EMMA.EMMA COBB SOLD THE

HOME IN 1919 TO JUDGE IVY BURNEY,

A LAWYER WHOSE SPECIAL FIELD

WAS THE CATTLE INDUSTRY.THE LOW-

PITCHED ROOF,WIDE OVERHANGING EAVES,

AND USE OF MULTIPLE CASEMENT

WINDOWS REFLECT INFLUENCES OF

THE CHICAGO PRAIRIE SCHOOL STYLE

OF ARCHITECTURE.**

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1985***

*1/2 inch lettering
**3/8 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

MARKERS FOR 1985

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 5/10/85, revised 8/2/85

Official Texas Historical Building Marker without post for attachment to wood
Tarrant County (Order #8313)
Location: 1130 E. Terrell Ave., Fort Worth

DR.GEORGE M.MUNCHUS HOUSE*

THIS CRAFTSMAN STYLE HOUSE WAS

CONSTRUCTED IN 1922 FOR DR.GEORGE

MURRY MUNCHUS(1887-1952)BY LOCALLY

PROMINENT BLACK CONTRACTOR

GEORGE POWELL.THE SON OF FORMER

SLAVES FROM ALABAMA,MUNCHUS

WAS FOUNDER,MANAGER,AND PHYSICIAN

FOR FORT WORTH'S NEGRO COMMUNITY

HOSPITAL.THE MUNCHUS HOME

IS A TWO-STORY WOOD FRAME

RESIDENCE FEATURING WIDE OVER-

HANGING EAVES,STICK BRACKETS,

AND PROMINENT GABLES.**

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1985***

*3/8 inch lettering to contrast with text
**3/8 inch lettering
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OK 8-12-85

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 7/17/85, revised 9/9/85

27" x 42" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Tarrant County (Order #8412)
Location: 131 E. Exchange Ave., Fort Worth

THE FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS COMPANY*

THE FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS COMPANY WAS CREATED

IN 1893,WHEN BOSTON CAPITALIST GREENLIEF W.SIMPSON

LED A GROUP OF INVESTORS IN PURCHASING THE FORT WORTH

UNION STOCK YARDS.UNDER SIMPSON'S LEADERSHIP,THE COM-

PANY EARNED THE SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS CATTLE RAISERS

ASSOCIATION AND LURED THE PROMINENT MEATPACKING

COMPANIES OF ARMOUR AND SWIFT TO OPEN PLANTS HERE.

PUBLICITY THROUGH THE COMPANY'S MARKET NEWSPAPER AND

ANNUAL FAT STOCK SHOW,BOTH BEGUN IN 1896,RESULTED IN A

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS BROUGHT

TO MARKET.THE STOCK YARDS CO.BUILT THE AREA'S LIVE-

STOCK-RELATED FACILITIES AND HAD CONTROLLING INTEREST

IN MANY NORTH FORT WORTH BUSINESSES AND PROPERTIES.

THE FIRST FIVE DECADES OF THE 20TH CENTURY WERE THE

MOST SUCCESSFUL FOR THE FORT WORTH STOCK YARDS CO.

DURING WORLD WAR I,FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS PURCHASED

DRAFT ANIMALS,MAKING FORT WORTH THE LARGEST HORSE

AND MULE MARKET IN THE WORLD.IN 1917,OVERALL LIVESTOCK

MARKET RECEIPTS REACHED 3,500,000 AND IN 1944,SALES

EXCEEDED 5,000,000 HEAD OF LIVESTOCK.HOWEVER,BY THE

1950s,LOCAL AUCTIONS WERE DRAWING SELLERS AWAY FROM

THIS CENTRAL MARKET.TODAY THE FORT WORTH STOCK

YARDS CO.CONTINUES AS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE CITY'S

UNIQUE HERITAGE.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

*3/4 inch lettering
**1/2 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

Incise on back: SPONSORED BY: THE NORTH FORT WORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND STOCKYARDS '85

APPROVED
Frances Pickard

MARKERS FOR 1985

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 9/4/85, revised 10/1/85

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Tarrant County (Job #8603)
Location: 2.5 mi.N and 0.5 mi.WNW of Saginaw-Watauga(Western Center)-Old Denton Rd.int., Fort Worth

PETERSON FAMILY CEMETERY*

SWEDISH NATIVE JOHN PETERSON
(1840-1925)CAME TO THE UNITED
STATES IN 1868.HIS WIFE,THILDA
(MOSSBERG)(1848-1912),JOINED HIM
TWO YEARS LATER.THEY LIVED IN
NEBRASKA BEFORE COMING TO TEXAS
IN 1872.PETERSON ACQUIRED SEVERAL
HUNDRED ACRES IN THIS PART OF
TARRANT COUNTY AND MADE HIS LIVING
BY FARMING THE LAND.HIS GRAND-
DAUGHTER GRACE(1902-1903)WAS THE
FIRST TO BE BURIED IN THIS CEME-
TERY PLOT SET ASIDE FOR THE
FAMILY.A REMINDER OF TARRANT
COUNTY'S EARLY SWEDISH SETTLE-
MENTS,THE PETERSON FAMILY
CEMETERY CONTAINS A TOTAL OF
TEN GRAVES.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

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***1/4 inch lettering

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 10/23/85, revised 12/5/85

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Tarrant County (Job #8047)
Location: Lynn Creek Park, Lakeview Lake

WILSON CEMETERY*

THIS PIONEER CEMETERY DATES
TO 1872,WHEN CHARLES N.WILSON
BURIED HIS WIFE AND INFANT
CHILD HERE.OPHELIA E.WEST WILSON
(1853-1872)AND HER NEWBORN
DAUGHTER DIED AS A RESULT OF
COMPLICATIONS DURING CHILDBIRTH.
THE THIRD GRAVE IN THE CEMETERY,
THAT OF THE BOWLIN INFANT,IS
UNMARKED.JAMES W.AND MATTIE C.
BOWLIN BURIED THEIR SON HERE,
SINCE A PUBLIC GRAVEYARD WAS
NOT READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THEIR
HOME.THE WILSON CEMETERY
CONTAINS ONLY THESE THREE GRAVES,
BUT IT IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER
OF THE WAYS OF LIFE IN 19TH-
CENTURY TARRANT COUNTY.**

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986***

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MARKERS FOR 1985

Texas Historical Commission Staff (FR), 12/27/84, revised 4/4/85

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Tarrant County (Order #8085)
Location: South side of SH 26, .1 mi.E of Bear Creek Bridge, Grapevine

PETERS COLONISTS*
IN TARRANT COUNTY*

IN 1841,W.S.PETERS OF KENTUCKY
AND ASSOCIATES CONTRACTED WITH
THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS TO BRING
IMMIGRANTS TO THIS AREA.BY 1848,
PETERS COLONY LAND COVERED
NEARLY 2 MILLION ACRES IN NORTH
CENTRAL TEXAS,INCLUDING ALL OF
TARRANT COUNTY.SPECULATION IN
UNLOCATED LAND CERTIFICATES WAS
RAMPANT.ABOUT 150 COLONISTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES,MOST OF WHOM
WERE AMERICAN-BORN FARMERS OF
MEAGER MEANS,SETTLED IN TARRANT
COUNTY.AS THE MOST EXTENSIVE
EMPRESARIO ENTERPRISE UNDERTAKEN
BY THE REPUBLIC,THE PETERS COLONY
HELPED OPEN THIS AREA OF TEXAS
TO SETTLEMENT.**

(1985)***

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DL 4-12-85

DEDICATION OF THE

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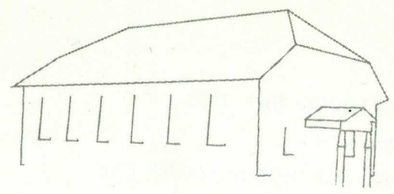
for

THIE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of CROWLEY, TEXAS

209 North Beverly St.

Sunday, May 19th 2:30 p.m.



First United Presbyterian Church
of
Crowley, Texas

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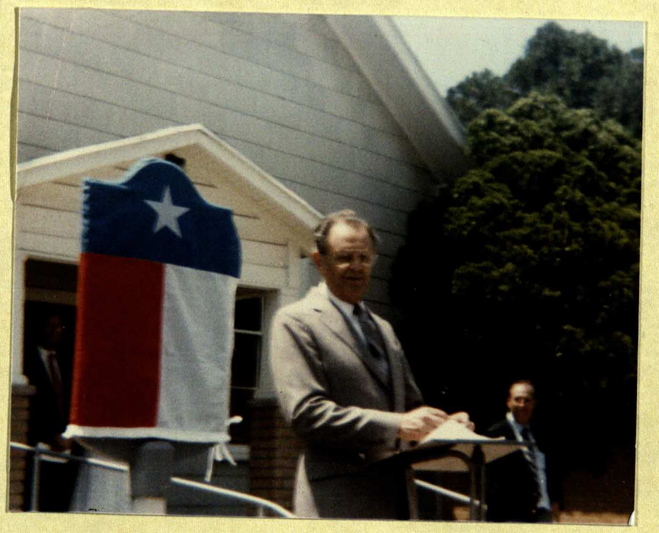
OF CROWLEY



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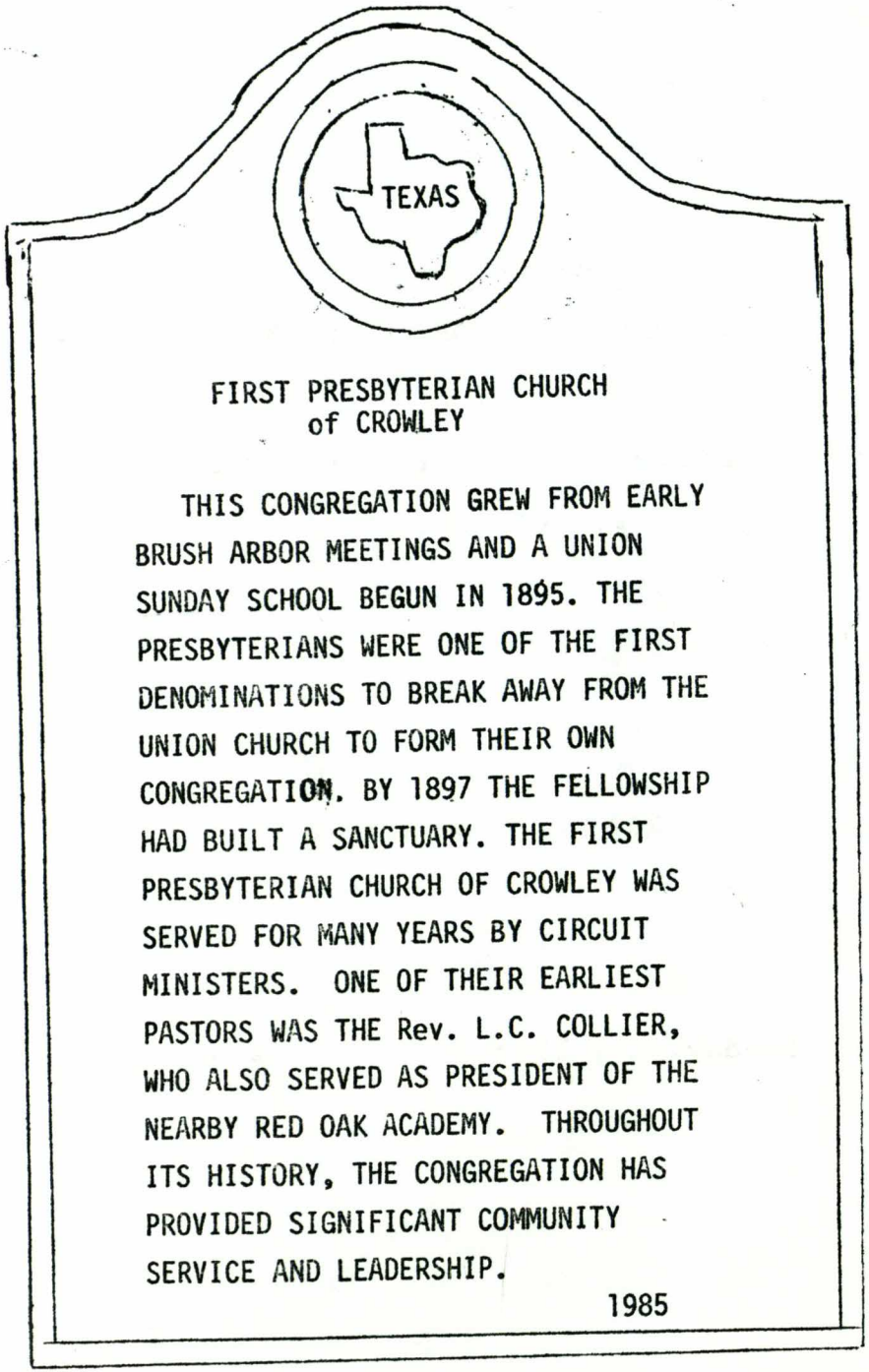


THE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Presiding: The Reverend Mr. Willis E. Plapp
Stated Supply Pastor

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION
and THE INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

GREETINGS: The Honorable Walter Eller
Mayor of the City of Crowley

Mrs. Marie Davis, President
The Crowley Chamber of Commerce

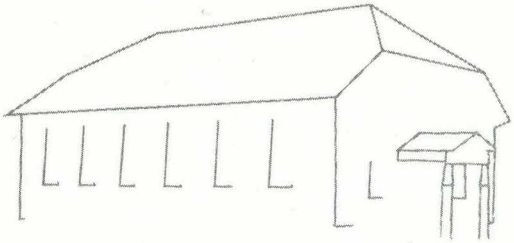
ADDRESS: The Reverend Mr. Ban McAnally
Associate Executive of Grace Presbytery

UNVEILING AND READING OF THE MARKER:
By Representatives of the Congregation
Mr. Reed Stewart
Mrs. Grace Dickeson

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION: The Reverend Mr. Robert Messer, Pastor, First Methodist Church of Crowley, representing all of the Churches of the Crowley Community.

ADDRESS: Mr. Duane Gage, Chairman
Tarrant County Histoirical Commission

THE BENEDICTION: The Reverend Mr. Robert Messer



First United Presbyterian Church
of
Crowley, Texas

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to attend

THE DEDICATION AND UNVEILING CEREMONY

of a

TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

for the

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of CROWLEY, TEXAS

Sunday, May 19th 2:30 p.m.

THE
DEDICATION CEREMONY
FOR THE
TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER
HONORING

WILLIAM M. RICE
(1803-1878)

TEXAS REVOLUTIONARY VETERAN

Sunday, March 3, 1985
2:00 p.m.
Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas

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Ford Hearell
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Star-Telegram

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1985

Star-Telegram/RON T. ENNIS

At dedication — On his 87th birthday, renowned Fort Worth retailer and civic leader Obie Leonard greets well-wishers after the dedication of a historical marker Wednesday at the site of the first Leonard Brothers Department Store. Leonard and his brother, Marvin, started the store in 1918 at 100 Houston St. By 1963, the original 20-foot-wide store had expanded to cover six city blocks and employed more than 1,800 people. The store was sold to Tandy Corp. in 1967.

DEDICATION
TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER
FOR
HANDLEY UNITED METHOSIT CHURCH
SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8
1985
11:15 A.M.

THE

DEDICATION CEREMONY

FOR THE

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER

HONORING

WILLIAM M. RICE
(1803-1878)

TEXAS REVOLUTIONARY VETERAN

Sunday, March 3, 1985

2:00 p.m.

Ash Creek Cemetery, Azle, Texas

PROGRAM

CALL TO ORDER . . . . . Mike Patterson
Tarrant Co. Historical Comm.

INVOCATION . . . . . Rev. Jim Turner
Ash Creek Baptist Church

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS B. J. Clark
Azle Historical Museum Society

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF WILLIAM M. RICE . . . . . Mike Patterson

INTRODUCTIONS OF RICE DESCENDANTS . . . . . Jim McKillip
great-great grandson of W. M. Rice

DEDICATION OF MARKER . . . . . Duane Gage
Chairman, Tarrant Co. Historical Comm.

UNVEILING OF HISTORICAL MARKER . . Mae Lewis
great-granddaughter of W. M. Rice

BENEDICTION . . . . . Jim McKillip

The Colors will be presented at the beginning of the Program by Azle Boy Scout Troop No. 147. Mr. Larry Rimmer is their leader.

The family of William M. Rice and the members of the Tarrant County Historical Commission wish to thank Mr. B. J. Clark and the Azle Historical Museum Society for their gracious sponsorship of this historical marker.

WILLIAM M. RICE (1803-1878)

William M. Rice was born in North Carolina on August 22, 1803. By 1834, he moved to present-day Nacogdoches County while it was still a part of the Mexican state of Coahuila y Texas. Living in Nacogdoches County, he helped with frontier defense and served as the area's alcalde.

Rice served in the armies of the Republic of Texas twice. He first enlisted in an infantry company under Captain Robert P. Stuard and Colonel Thomas J. Bennett. While detailed with Erastus "Deaf" Smith to drive beeves to the Texan army camped at San Jacinto on April 20, 1836, he was severely injured in a skirmish with a Mexican patrol. The injury, suffered the day before the Battle of San Jacinto, incapacitated Rice for several months. After returning to the United States for a time, he again enlisted in the Republic's army early in 1837. This service lasted several months.

About 1842, Rice again left the Republic of Texas and returned to the United States where, about 1842, he and his wife Mariah were married. Their first two children were born in Alabama in the mid-1840's before the Rice family returned to Texas about 1845.

During the 1850's, William Rice worked as a merchant and farmer in Harris County. He and Mariah had at least seven children, all of whom grew to maturity and married.

During the Civil War years, Rice worked for a time as a hatter in Houston, making hats for the Confederacy. Before the end of the War, he moved his family to Kansas where they became cattle ranchers.

In the late 1860's, the Rices returned to Texas and settled at Sceyne in Dallas County. Soon after he purchased land in northwest Tarrant County and moved onto it about 1874. He was pensioned for his military service, and died on his farm near Azle on February 16, 1878. He was buried in Ash Creek Cemetery.

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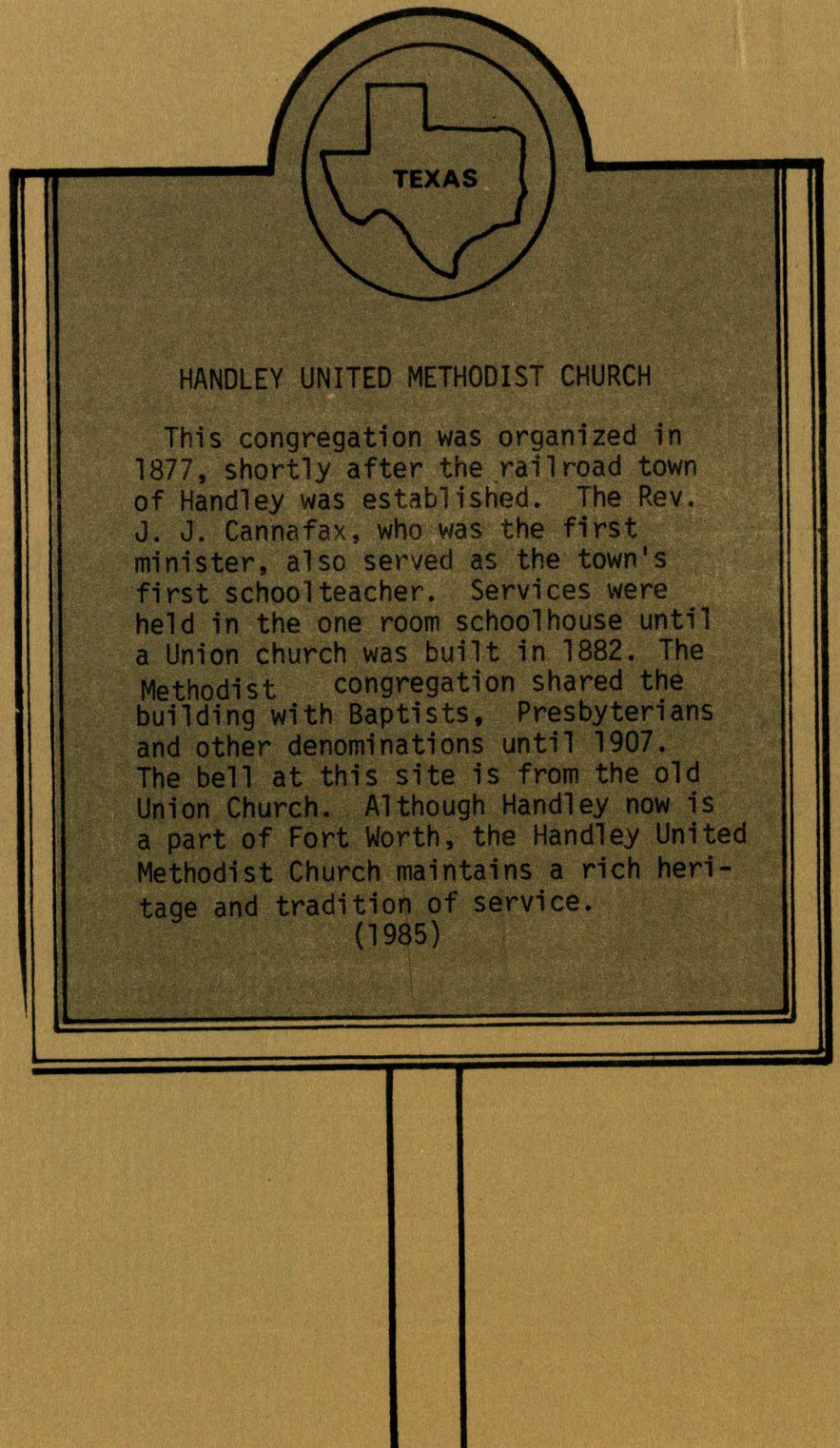

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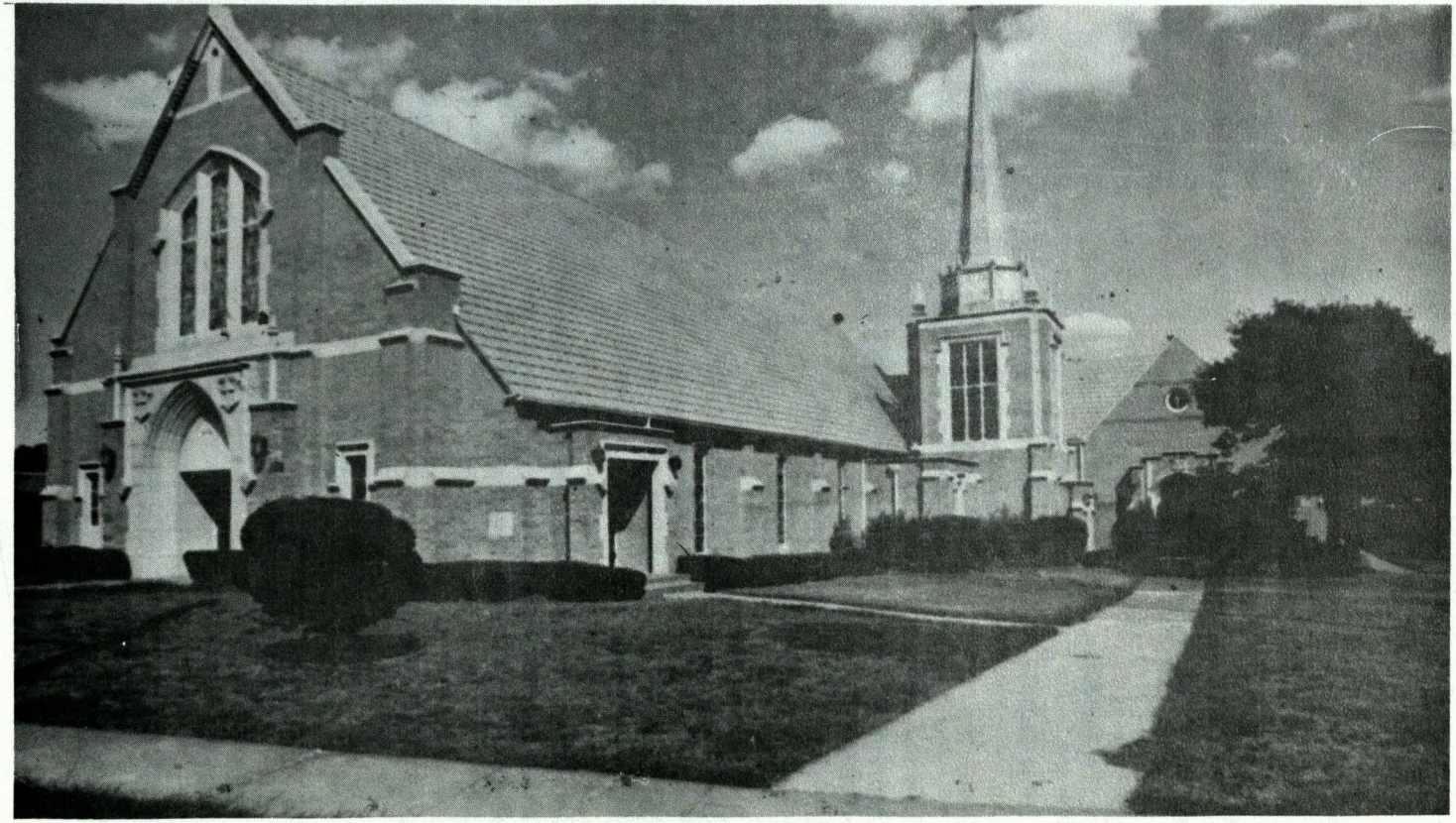
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Rev. Robert Warden
INVOCATION	Rev. Robert Warden
INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS	Mrs. P. J. Brown
READING OF MARKER	Mrs. P. J. Brown
DEDICATION OF MARKER	Rev. William P. Boyd Senior Pastor
UNVEILING OF MARKER	Mr. Duane Gage

BENEDICTION — Repeat in Unison—

"Bless this marker to all who pause in this place. Remind them of the nobility of life well lived. Quicken their response into an acknowledgment of the ever continuing call to unselfish service, and make effective the voice of this memorial."

Amen



HANDLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 1985 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING & RENEWAL

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Opening Prayer
Songs of Preparation "O, How I Love Jesus" Whitfield
"Jesus Loves Me" Warner
"O How He Loves You & Me" Kaiser

"There is a name I love to Hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
CHORUS
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, O, How I love Jesus
Because He first loved me!"

"Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong, we are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so."

"O how He loves you & me. O how He loves you & me; He gave His life, what more could He give; O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you & me."

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PRAISE & AFFIRMATION

* **Hymn No. 71** "All Hail the Power" Perronet
* **Affirmation of Faith No. 740** "A Modern Affirmation"
Offertory
* **Doxology No. 809**
* **Unison Psalter Reading** Pew Bible No. 484 Psalm 23
* **Gloria Patri No. 794**

Welcome
Announcements & Family Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer
Church's Response "He Is Lord" Traditional
"He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead & He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."
Hymn No. 79 "Fairest Lord Jesus" Anonymous
(Children please come forward during last verse)

READING AND PROCLAIMING

Children's Sermon
Special Music "Rise Up, O Church" arr. Skillings
Old Testament Lesson Pew Bible No. 577 Proverbs 22:1-2
New Testament Lesson Pew Bible No. 213 James 2:1-5
Sermon "The People God Cottons To" Dr. Boyd

COMMITMENT & COMMISSIONING

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
* **Invitation Hymn No. 256** "Be Thou My Vision" Ancient Irish
Receiving of New Members
* **Benediction**
* **Benediction Response** "Holy, Holy" Owens
"Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, we're so glad that you've redeemed us, precious Jesus;
and we lift our hands before You as a token of our love, precious Jesus, precious Jesus."

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Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Henken, in memory of loved ones; and Gwen Howell, Bill & Lorene Howell, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Howell.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 8
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship (Rally Day)
4:30 p.m. Jubilee
6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
6:00 p.m. UMYF
6:00 p.m. Bible Study- Ron Ballard

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6:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Agape School

Tuesday, September 10
9:30 a.m. Agape School
10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting
7:00 p.m. Nominations

Wednesday, September 11
9:30 a.m. Agape School
9:30 a.m. Grand Adults
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Trinity Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Financial Program of the UMC- St. Luke UMC

Thursday, September 12
9:30a.m. Agape School
6:00 p.m. Campfire-Friendship Classroom
6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 13
9:30 a.m. Agape School

Saturday, September 14
Genesis Class Retreat

Sunday, September 15
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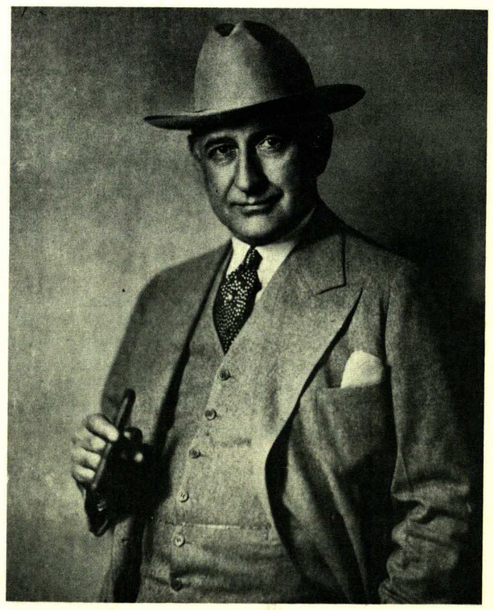

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H.B. "Babe" Fuqua and Ruth Carter Stevenson at the dedication of the Texas Historical Marker in honor of her father, Amon G. Carter Sr.

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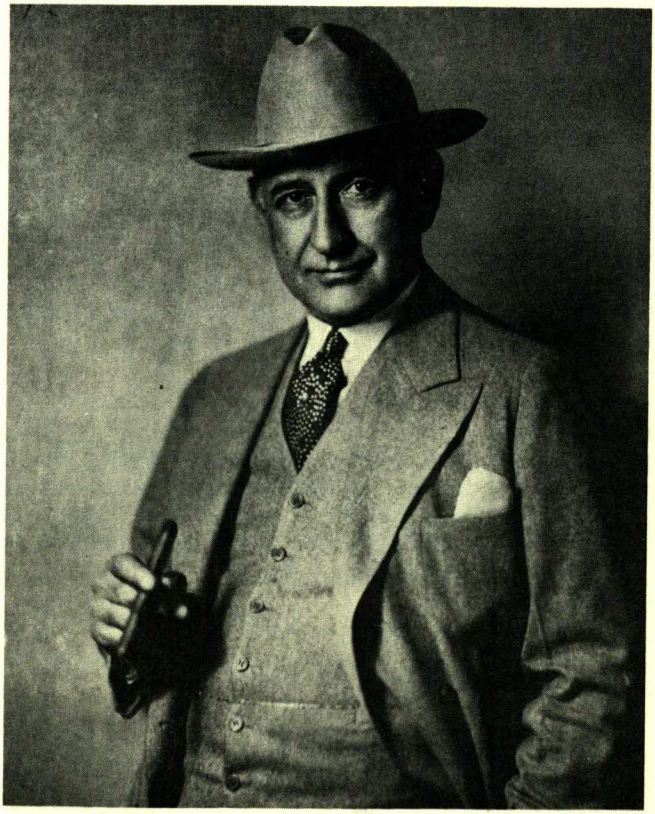

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Carter's involvement in a wide variety of interests left its mark on many Texas institutions. In 1921, he authorized the purchase of equipment that resulted in the establishment of WBAP Radio in Fort Worth. An aviation enthusiast, Carter brought numerous early aviators to Fort Worth to demonstrate their skills and helped attract aviation industry to the area. His promotion of Fort Worth and the entire West Texas region attracted widespread attention.

Much of the fortune he earned in oil was spent on philanthropic interests, including establishment of the Amon Carter Museum as a gift to Fort Worth.

Amon G. Carter died in Fort Worth on June 23, 1955, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

(1985)

PROGRAM

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Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests	Phillip J. Meek President & Publisher, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Invocation	Dr. Robert W. Bohl First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth
Dedicatory Address	Dr. Ron Tyler Assistant Director of Collections & Programs, Amon Carter Museum
Unveiling of Historical Marker	Duane Gage Chairman Tarrant County Historical Commission
Acceptance of Historical Marker	Mrs. Ruth Carter Stevenson

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On being a good neighbor: First Christian Church Request. There are four loading zone spaces on the east side of Taylor Street, designated for First Christian Church Staff. There are also four spaces on the "Parking Concepts" commercial lot on the corner of Fifth and Taylor, identified as "Reserved for Church Staff." The church has called and asked that particularly on the evening and night of Thursday, April 4, 1985, that these spaces be left open for church use. Thanks for being a "good neighbor."

Revival in Paris! Bill Herrin, part-time classified advertising collector, recently traveled to Paris, Ill. to participate in what is known as Pioneer Penetration. Herrin is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where, each year, Southern Baptist churches contact the seminary to invite an evangelist to preach revivals in their churches. Known as Pioneer Penetration, more than two hundred churches requested participation in the program.

Needless to say, Herrin is very excited to be a part of it. He preached his first Sunday revival and found it truly exciting, as well as an educational experience. He continues his studies at the seminary and hopes to graduate next year. Best of luck!

Circulation presents new premium boot mug: Round 'em up and head 'em out! When you're thirsty after a long, hard day, enjoy your refreshment twice as much when you reach for the new boot mug the Circulation Department is offering as a premium to S-T employees.

If you bring in a subscription from a nonsubscriber that is equal to two units, you will receive this new award. A subscription for a daily and a weekend is equal to two units. Or a morning and an evening start is equal to two units. Remember. Two units gets the mug.

Fill out the S-T premium promotion coupon and place it in an interoffice envelope. Address it to Addie Williams, circulation. Once Williams receives it, she begins the procedure to OK it. Once okayed, the employee will receive a color coded approval slip, attached to the coupon. The employee can then take the coupon, with the approval slip attached, to Williams on any Thursday, 2-4 p.m. and get his/her mug for the good start.

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Get your tickets now to the 1985 Southern Living Cooking School and Home Show. S-T employees and their families can gain free admission to the Home Show with their ID card. Employees and their families gain admission to the Southern Living Cooking School for $1 per person. However, tickets to the cooking school must be purchased from Annette Conrad, promotions, or the front desks manned by Classified at the Seventh Street entrance. Hurry! Seats are limited to 2,500 on Thursday and Friday nights.

Welcome, New Employees!

Robert Krug, Editorial Copy Editor
Kenneth Moss, Circulation Home Delivery Manager
Joe Bartolowits, Composing Paste Up Trainee
Mary Smyrl, Credit Accounts Collector
Randall Lewis, Cable Connection Sales Representative
Susan Kuhn, Editorial Clerk, part-time, Washington Bureau
Katie Benford, Circulation CSR, part-time

We're ready to try, if you are! The S-T has access to the following training programs, which are developed by the American Heart Association. We can arrange to make them available to S-T employees --if there is sufficient interest.

Please check any of these programs you would be interested in attending. Forward the program indicator to Rebecca Stanford, personnel.

___Controlling High Blood Pressure

___Signals and Actions (Heart Attack information)

___Calling It Quits (How to stop smoking)

___Proper Nutrition

___Information about Exercise

If we receive sufficient interest to justify having the training here at the S-T, we will notify employees when the sessions are scheduled.

Job openings:

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Texas honors Amon Carter Sr. with a marker

By ORVILLE HANCOCK
Star-Telegram Writer

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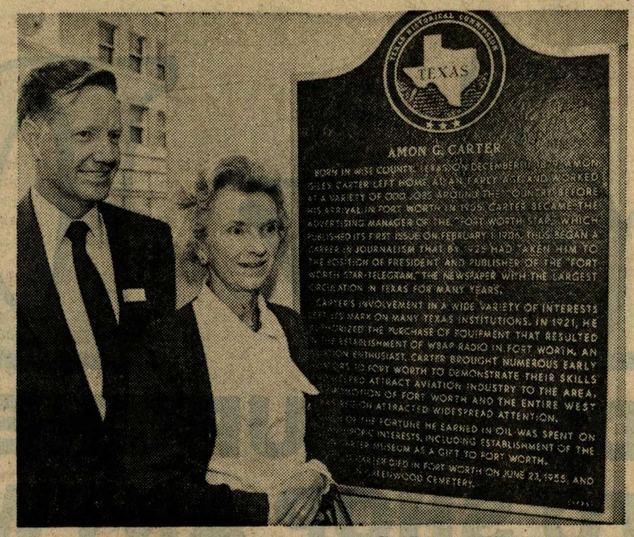

Star-Telegram/DALE BLACKWELL

Duane Gage and Ruth Carter Stevenson at unveiling of historical marker Wednesday outside the *Star-Telegram* building

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1985
2:45 P.M.
PARADISE CEMETERY
PARADISE, TEXAS

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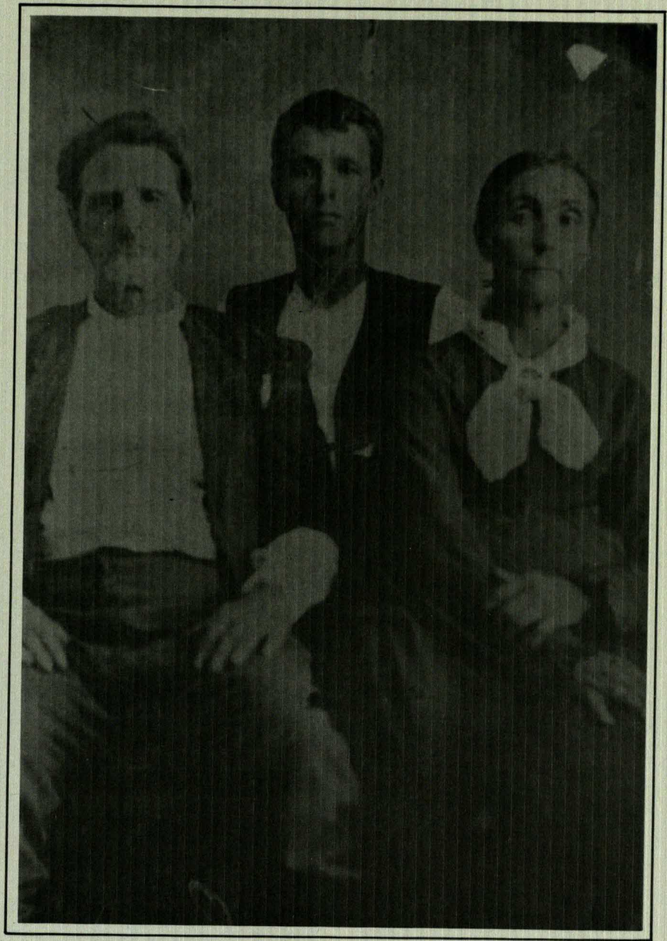
A Sesquicentennial Project of the Seventh-Grade L.A.M.P. Class, Smithfield Junior High School, Birdville Independent School District, Fort Worth, Texas.



GEORGE LAFAYETTE RAMSDALE, HIS SON JEREMIAH AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH.
REPRODUCED FROM A TINTYPE PHOTOGRAPH, ABOUT 1880.
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MID-CITIES DAILY NEWS Sunday, March 31, 1985

Students mark spot

Historical marker is dedicated

By TERESA SMITH
Daily News Staff

A Texas State Historical marker dedication Sunday in Wise County is the result of a seventh grade state Sesquicentennial project.

The marker at George Lafayette Ramsdale's grave represents three weeks of sorting and organizing historical documents by 16 students in the LAMP (Learning Activities for Mental Proficiency) program at Smithfield Junior High.

Ramsdale (1820-1884), a native of Devonshire, England, came to Texas in 1836 and was a veteran of the Texas War of Independence and the Civil War. He and his family moved to Wise County in 1866 where he farmed and operated a tannery.

"His military service, adventuresome spirit and community leadership are significant examples of the state's pioneer heritage," the inscription reads.

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— Mike Patterson, LAMP instructor

Marker dedication ceremonies are scheduled for 2:45 p.m. at the Paradise Cemetery between Boyd and Bridgeport. An estimated 40 to 50 people are expected to attend the unveiling, including many of Ramsdale's descendants.

The project was an offshoot of LAMP instructor Mike Patterson's involvement in the Tarrant County Historical Society. Author of about 50 state historical marker applications, Patterson gathered information about Ramsdale in Austin last summer for the class to put together.

"I gave them a pile of raw source records and let them sort through it," Patterson said. "The kids did the writing and editing. I just pointed out some things to discuss."

The class had to complete Ramsdale's biography quickly in order to receive the marker before the school year's end, Patterson said. Working about an hour and a half each day, the class handed in its information in early October.

"They got on-the-job experience in going through old documents," he said. The class discussed the various records, their necessity and what the record meant in looking at Ramsdale's life.

"The Sesquicentennial is a good way to have a product around for a long time," he said. "It is a pretty prestigious marker. Their names are on the back of the marker, so their great-grandchildren can see it."

Patterson's LAMP class last year got a historical marker for Eli Smith for whom Smithfield was named. Next year's class may work for a marker for A.F. Leonard, Tarrant County's first sheriff, a former state legislator and founder of Randol Mill.

Again Patterson will do the main research, since it is not feasible to have the whole class involved in the slow information gathering process, he said.

Two banks and several individuals contributed to the project to buy the $325 marker. Contributors included some of Ramsdale's descendants.

LAMP class members who completed the biography for the historical marker application are Jeff Dalton, Lisa Davis, Amy Dederick, Jeff Edwards, Greg Gorman, Regina Marchant, Jeremy Moreland, Craig Norris, Laurie Ratliff, Amy Sallee, Steven Schlappe, David Sorley, Julie Stone, Chris Taylor, Scott Waldrop and Rayne Woo.

THE
DEDICATION SERVICE
FOR THE
TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL MARKER
HONORING
GEORGE LAFAYETTE RAMSDALE
TEXAS PIONEER, SOLDIER, AND PATRIOT

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PROGRAM

I. Call to Order ..... Jeff Dalton

II. Invocation ..... Scott Waldrop

III. Welcome and Introduction of
L.A.M.P. Class ..... Jeff Edwards

IV. Our Purpose ..... Amy Dederick

V. Introduction of Guests ..... Jeremy Moreland

VI. Introduction of Sponsors ..... Regina Marchant

VII. Introduction of Ramsdale
Descendants ..... Julie Stone

VIII. History of the Project ..... Lisa Davis

IX. Personal History of Mr. Ramsdale:

A. Factual History ..... Greg Gorman

B. Historical Perspective ..... Rayne Woo

C. Place in Texas History ..... Craig Norris

X. Dedication ..... Laurie Ratliff
Mrs. Rosalie Gregg,
Chairman, Wise Co.
Historical Commission

XI. Unveiling of Marker ..... Lester Ramsdale

XII. Closing Remarks ..... Steven Schlappe

XIII. Benediction ..... Rev. Joe Motsenbocker

MARKER INSCRIPTION

"George Lafayette Ramsdale (1820-1884) was a native of Devonshire, England. By 1836, he had come to Texas and enlisted in the army during the war for independence from Mexico. He and his wife, Elizabeth (1825-1909), and their children lived in Harrison, Rusk, Houston, and Bosque Counties. During the Civil War, he served the Confederacy by protecting the frontier. The family moved to Wise County in 1866, where he farmed and operated a tannery. His military service, adventuresome spirit, and community leadership are significant examples of the state's pioneer heritage.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to thank the following persons and organizations for their sponsorship of this project.

First National Bank of Decatur
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Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bradshaw
Lester Ramsdale
Emma L. Timberlake
Doris Patterson
Virginia Mitcham
Robert Gorman
Jerry J. Ramsdale
Barbara Ramsdale Martin

Mr. Robert Dederick of Bee-Back Printing, of Grand Prairie, graciously provided the Dedication Programs.

L.A.M.P. CLASS MEMBERS

Dalton, Jeff
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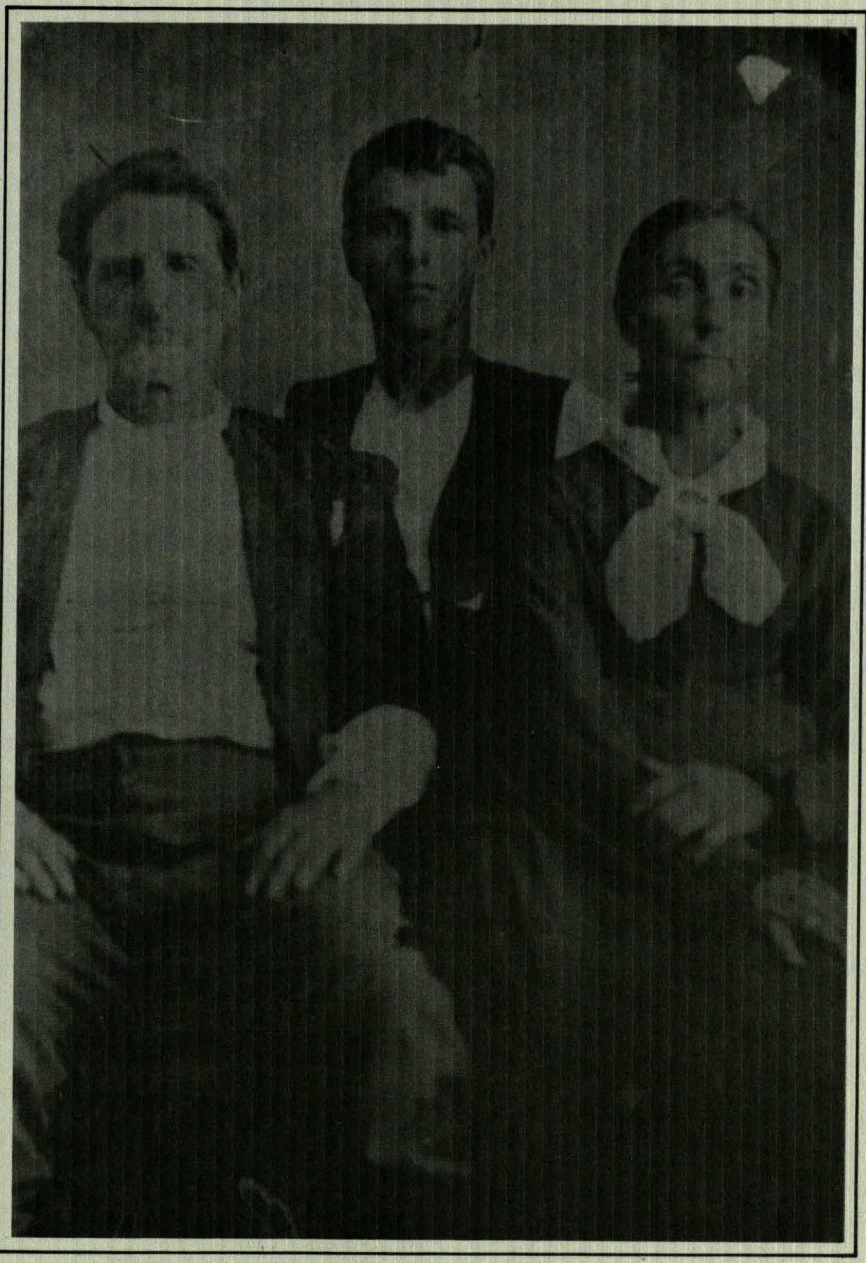

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Star-Telegram
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1985

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Hemphill Presbyterian to get 2 historical markers

Jim JONES

Fort Worth's history will be highlighted at noon Sunday when Hemphill Presbyterian Church, a landmark on the city's South Side, gets two historical markers.

The Texas Historical Commission has authorized two markers, one for the neoclassic church building and one for the historic congregation, which started as a Sunday school in 1889 and then developed into a full-fledged church in 1901.

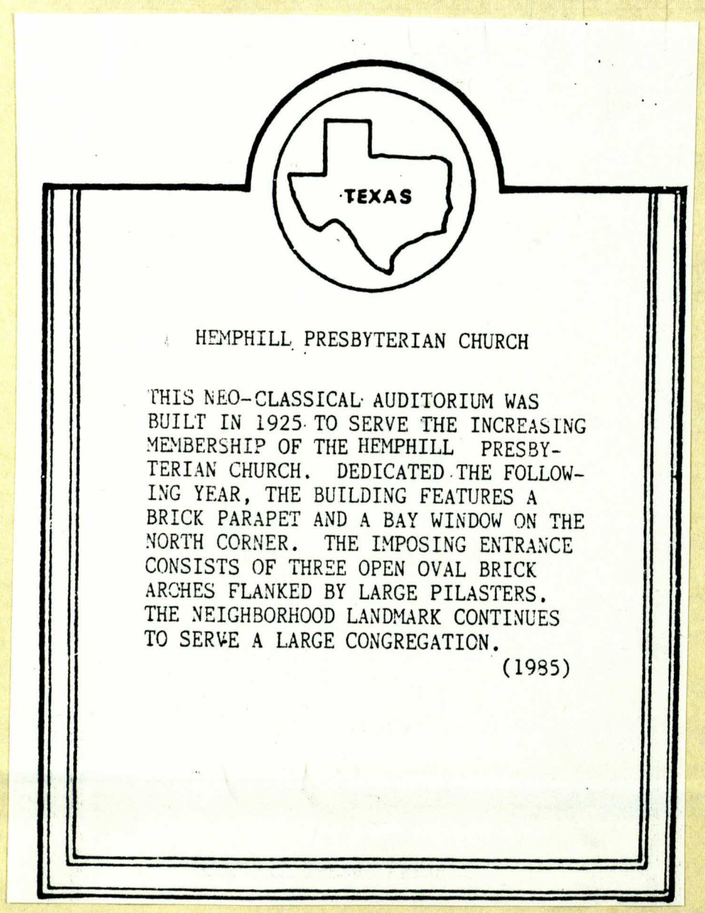
The red brick structure at 1701 Hemphill is three buildings incorporated into one, including the 1925 structure, which church historians said was designed by the Texas architectural firm of Marshall Robert Sanguinet and Carl C. Staats.

Sanguinet was the leading architect in Texas at the time and is credited with designing the Winfield Scott mansion at Pennsylvania and Summit, now known as Thistle Hill, said church historians Bessie Allred and Lois H. Deaton.

Allred, who has been a member of the church since 1906, and Deaton, a member since 1913, will be among the longtime church members honored.

They said the church architect, Sanguinet, is also credited with designing historic buildings that have been renovated in downtown Fort Worth, including the Knights of Pythias Building, Flatiron Building, the Burk Burnett Building and the Neil P. Anderson Building.

At the Sunday ceremonies, Mayor Bob Bolen, City Councilman Estil Vance, and Duane Gage, president of the Tarrant County Historical Society, are scheduled to speak, said the Rev. William R. Kimbrough, pastor.



Page 22A FORT WORTH NEWS-TRIBUNE April 12, 1985

Old Church on Hemphill To Get Marker Sunday

The Sanctuary-Gustavus Adolphus Church at 400 Hemphill will receive a historical marker in dedication ceremonies at 2 p.m. Sunday, Duane Gage, chairman of the Tarrant County Historical Commission, announced yesterday.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church was organized in 1905 to serve the city's Swedish settlers. The Sanctuary was built in 1912 by the congregation which later formed Grace Lutheran Church.

Services were held at the 400 Hemphill St. site for 45 years.

Of particular interest to historians, Gage said, is the building's fine Lombard Romanesque style of architecture, featuring fine brickwork in the tower and over the arches, and a magnificent rose window.

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RESEARCH on the church by Mrs. Ruth Stone of the Historical Society shows that Swedish settlers began worshipping here in 1890, holding services in the Knights of Honor building where the Americana Hotel now stands downtown.

Conrad Hoeffler was the architect of record for the church. On its fiftieth anniversary, the congregation purchased a new site at 5001 South Freeway and built Grace Lutheran Church. The Hemphill St. property was sold to the Pentecostal Church of God of America in Tarrant County. In 1974, that group sold the building to Andrew and Olivia Firm, pastors of an independent Pentecostal congregation.

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THE FIRMS had a thriving teen ministry and the congregation at the Sanctuary on Hemphill for a time consisted of deaf children, who were preached to in sign language by the Firms.

The congregation now numbers around 80, most of them transients.

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HEMPHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIS CONGREGATION GREW OUT OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED IN 1889 BY MR. & MRS. ANDY J. CHAMBERS. IN 1891 AN OFFICIAL CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH KNOWN AS THE TABERNACLE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED WITH 13 CHARTER MEMBERS. DURING ITS EARLY YEARS THE CONGREGATION WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE TAYLOR STREET CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. FOLLOWING A MOVE TO CANNON AVE. AND HEMPHILL ST. IN 1898, THE CHURCH ADOPTED THE NAME CANNON AVE. CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BUT HAS BEEN KNOWN BY ITS CURRENT NAME SINCE 1906. THE CONGREGATION HAS MET AT THIS SITE SINCE 1909. (1985)

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKERS
May 19, 1985
NOON

HEMPHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOUNDED FEBRUARY 8, 1891

PROGRAM

INVOCATION — The Rev. John H. Davis
Young Adult Minister

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS — Mrs. Emma Jean Robinette
Elder, President of Church Women United of Fort Worth
and member of the church since 1930

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH — Mrs. Lois W. Deaton
Continuous member of the church since 1913

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF FORT WORTH — Mayor Bob Bolen

GREETINGS FROM FORT WORTH CITY COUNCIL — Estil Vance
District 9 Representative

PRESENTATION OF HISTORICAL MARKERS — Duane Gage
Chairman Tarrant County Historical Commission

UNVEILING OF MARKERS — Judy Cade
Clerk of Session, her mother, Mrs. Clara Sinclair
and two son's, Eric and Arin Cade, three generations
of members of the church

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKERS — The Rev. Wm. R. Kimbrough
Pastor, Hemphill Presbyterian Church

RECEPTION
You are cordially invited to a reception to be held
in Fellowship Hall immediately following the
Dedication Service

Mansfield News-Mirror May 30, 1985

Society to dedicate two historical markers

Descendants of Ralph Man, Julian Feild and Charles Turner will be honored at 2 p.m. Sunday during the dedication of a Texas State Historical Marker recognizing the site of Mansfield's first industry — the Man and Feild Grist Mill.

The program will be conducted at the corner of Main and Broad streets, outside the Mansfield Police Department building which stands on the site.

At 2:30, the families of John C. Collier, Andrew Jackson Dukes, William B. McKnight and Ernie Blessing will be honored with the dedication of the John C. Collier House, which will also receive a Texas State Historical Marker.

The Collier home is the present Blessing-McInnis Funeral Home.

Refreshments will be served at a special recepton at the Collier home following the two dedications.

Sunday's ceremonies will bring the total of Texas State Historical Markers within Mansfield's city limits to five.

The Man and Feild Grist Mill was significant in Texas history statewide, providing flour on government contracts to Fort Belknap, Fort Sill, Fort Griffin and Sabine.

It was the first steam powered mill in Texas and one of the first west of the Mississippi. It was built on the site of an earlier horse-powered mill, which had been built by Charles Turner. Constructed in the winter of 1859-60 with locally fired brick, the mill was three stories tall. It continued to operate until some time after 1900, when it was torn down.

The John C. Collier home was built in 1877 as a residence for Collier, who founded the Mansfield Male and Female College in 1860. The first school sessions were conducted in 1870 and the college continued to operate until the campus was devastated by fire in 1889. The college buildings were located on the property which currently houses the Mansfield Intermediate School.

The A.J. Dukes family owned the Collier house in Mansfield from 1890 until 1909. The first photographs of the house were made in the 1890's. The Dukes did extensive remodeling, which included Mansfield's first indoor plumbing and bathtub, a marvel which residents walked up the hill to view.

The McKnight family occupied the home from 1909 to 1944, at which time it served as a focal point of social life in the community. Tennis courts and brick entry posts to a long driveway were added to the home Mrs. McKnight named "Woodnotes".

Dr. McKnight had been a student at Mansfield Male and Female College, graduated from medical school at the University of Louisville and did post graduate work at Bellevue in New York. He established his practice in Mansfield in 1895 and retired in 1935.

The Collier home became Mansfield's first funeral home when T.E. "Ernie" Blessing purchased it in 1944. He and his wife, Hattie Ellis Blessing, were born in Mansfield.

Blessing's uncle, Andrew Bratton, had a furniture store. It was the custom of the time that furniture dealers also sold caskets and conducted funerals. Ernie started in the store as a helper. Later, when embalming became the practice, his uncle sent him to mortuary school in Dallas. In 1935, Mrs Blessing also became a licensed embalmer.

homes, churches or gravesides until the purchase of the Collier home moved the business from Main Street.

The house is currently owned by D.M. Emmert, but still carries the Blessing name in the business title.

The Mansfield Historical Society, who prepared applications for each of the markers being dedicated Sunday, invites the public to take park in honoring the heritage in these dedciation services.

MANSFIELD DEDICATION

MANSFIELD MARKER — City crews placed a Texas Historical marker in front of the Mansfield Police Station Wednesday. Dedication ceremonies will be conducted Sunday. The location was once the site of the Man and Feild Mill. Pictured, from left, are: Pierce Jones, maintenance foreman; and James Cassady, grounds maintenance. See story page 9.

News-Mirror Staffoto

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Mansfeild Mill
Main and Broad Streets
at two o'clock
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John C. Collier Home
401 East Elm Street
at two-thirty o'clock
Sunday, June second
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Five
Mansfield, Texas

PROGRAM

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JOHN C. COLLIER HOME DEDICATION

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MANSFEILD MILL

Julian Feild (1825-1897) and Ralph Man (1825-1906) became acquainted in Harrison County, Texas, about 1850. About 1854 they built a mill near the Clear and West Forks of the Trinity River. The two business partners came south of Fort Worth in 1856 and at this site found the ruins of a mill that had been constructed by Charles Turner. With the help of local settlers and brickmaker, S. W. A. Hook (1836-1917), Man and Feild built a three-story steam-powered wheat and corn mill during the winter of 1859-60.

The mill attracted business from San Antonio to the Oklahoma Territory. The community that developed around the mill was given the name "Mansfeild" (now Mansfield). During the Civil War, the Confederate government collected for its use a certain proportion of the mill's output. After the War, government contracts were secured to supply flour for federal forts.

Julian Feild sold his interest in the mill in 1874. Ralph Man remained active in the business until 1894. The mill continued in operation until the early part of the 20th century. The site has been used since that time as a memorial to World War I veterans and for municipal offices. It is a historic site as the beginning of the City of Mansfield.

(1985)

(Sponsored by the Mansfield Historical Society)

JOHN C. COLLIER HOME

This structure was built in 1877 as a residence for the founder of Mansfield Male and Female College, John C. Collier (1834-1928). A native of South Carolina, Collier was a distinguished educator and Presbyterian minister who in 1869 was asked to establish a school in Mansfield. The college operated from 1870 until 1887 and produced outstanding graduates and community leaders. Located west of the college, the home served also as a residence for female teachers and students.

From 1890 to 1909, the A. J. Dukes family owned the Collier house. They made some major alterations to the home, including the addition of Mansfield's first indoor bathroom. Occupants of the home from 1909 until 1944 were Dr. William B. and Sallie (Hodges) McKnight, both of whom had graduated from Mansfield Male and Female College. Dr. McKnight established a medical practice in Mansfield in 1895 and also served as physician for the Southern Pacific Railroad. The house was adapted as Mansfield's first funeral home by T. E. "Ernie" Blessing in 1944.

Significant for its association with an early Texas educational institution and with several families of community leaders, the John C. Collier home has remained a landmark in Mansfield.

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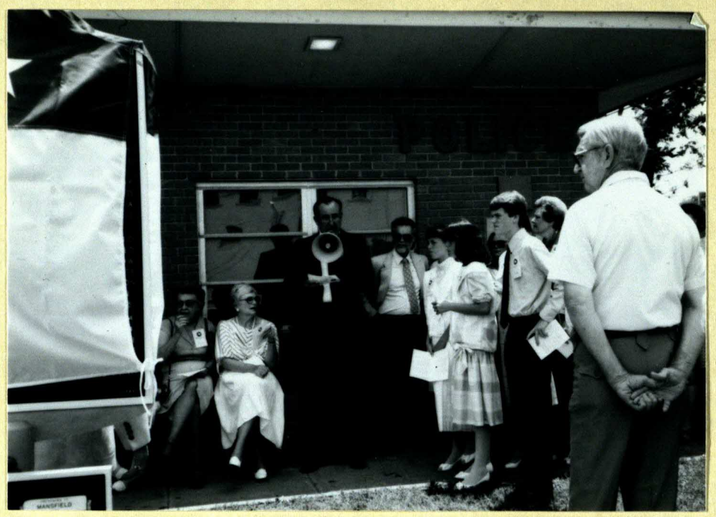

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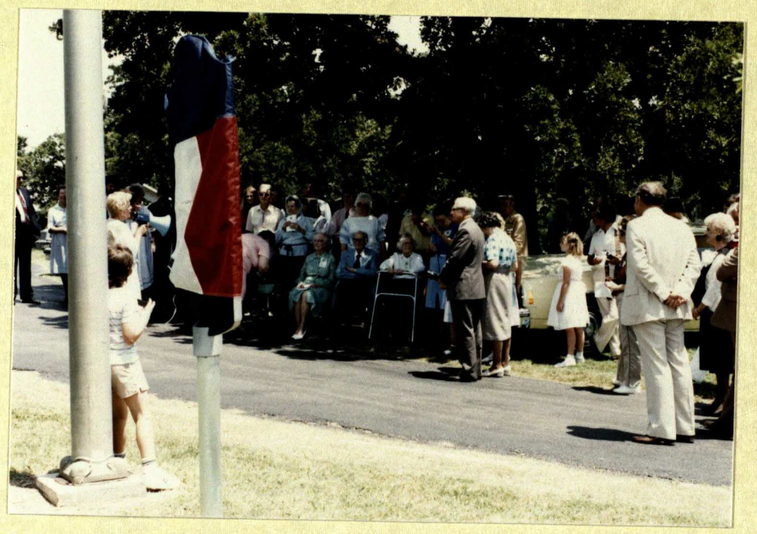

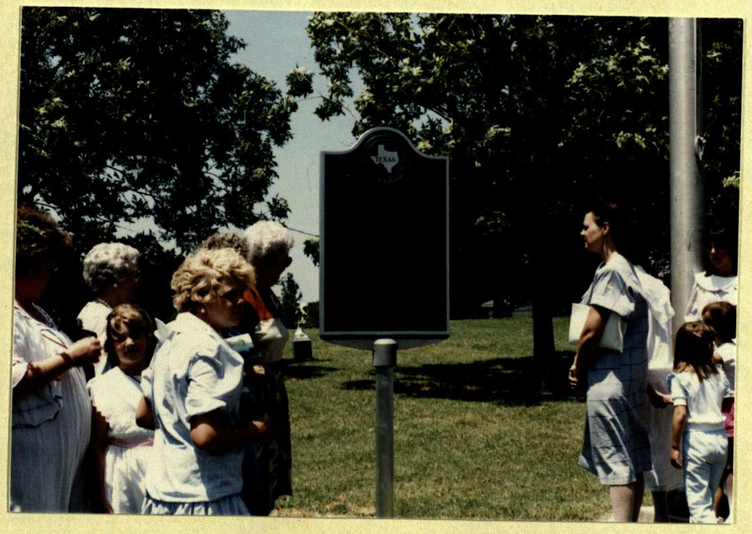

JOHN C. COLLIER HOME DEDICATION

100th BIRTHDAY OF WORTH COMMANDERY

Unveiling of Historical Marker

April 20

11:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Fort Worth Masonic Temple

Henderson & Lancaster

- Band
- Drill Teams
- Patrol
- Clowns
- Drum Corps
- Chanters

Featured Speaker

Honorable Jim Wright,

Majority Leader of the House of Representatives

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100th ANNIVERSARY OF WORTH COMMANDERY #19KT

CENTENNIAL BANQUET

Trinity Room of The Americana Hotel

April 20,1985 - 7:00 p.m.

Featured Speaker

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Majority Leader of the House of Representatives

$25.00 per plate

Tickets available through

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JIM WRIGHT

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OF
MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

The Tarrant County Historical Society

and

The Saint Mark United Methodist Church

cordially invites you to attend

The Dedication and Unveiling Ceremonies

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Texas Historical Marker

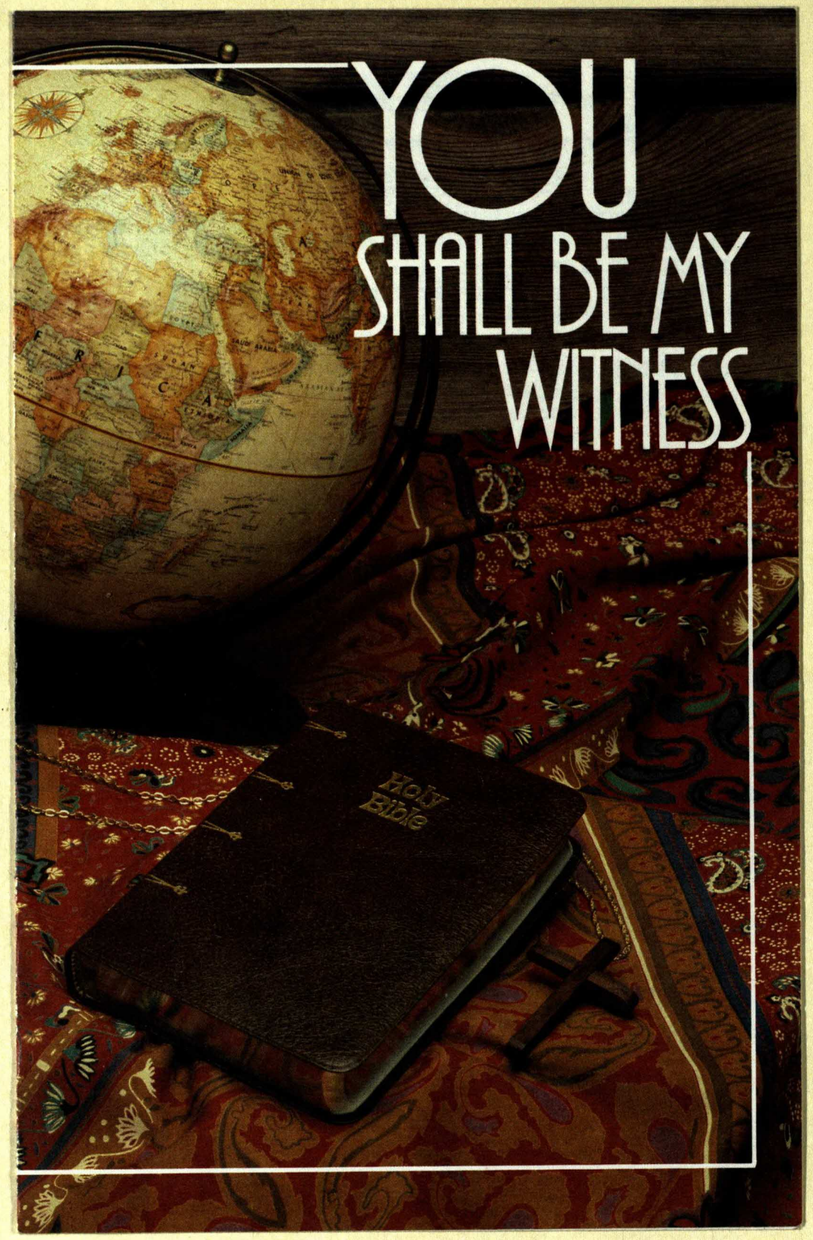
6250 South Freeway — Fort Worth, Texas

Sunday, April 28, 1985 — 11:00 a. m.

Please reply - 817-293-0538 — Catered lunch - $5.00

Bruce Baker - Minister

DEDICATION OF ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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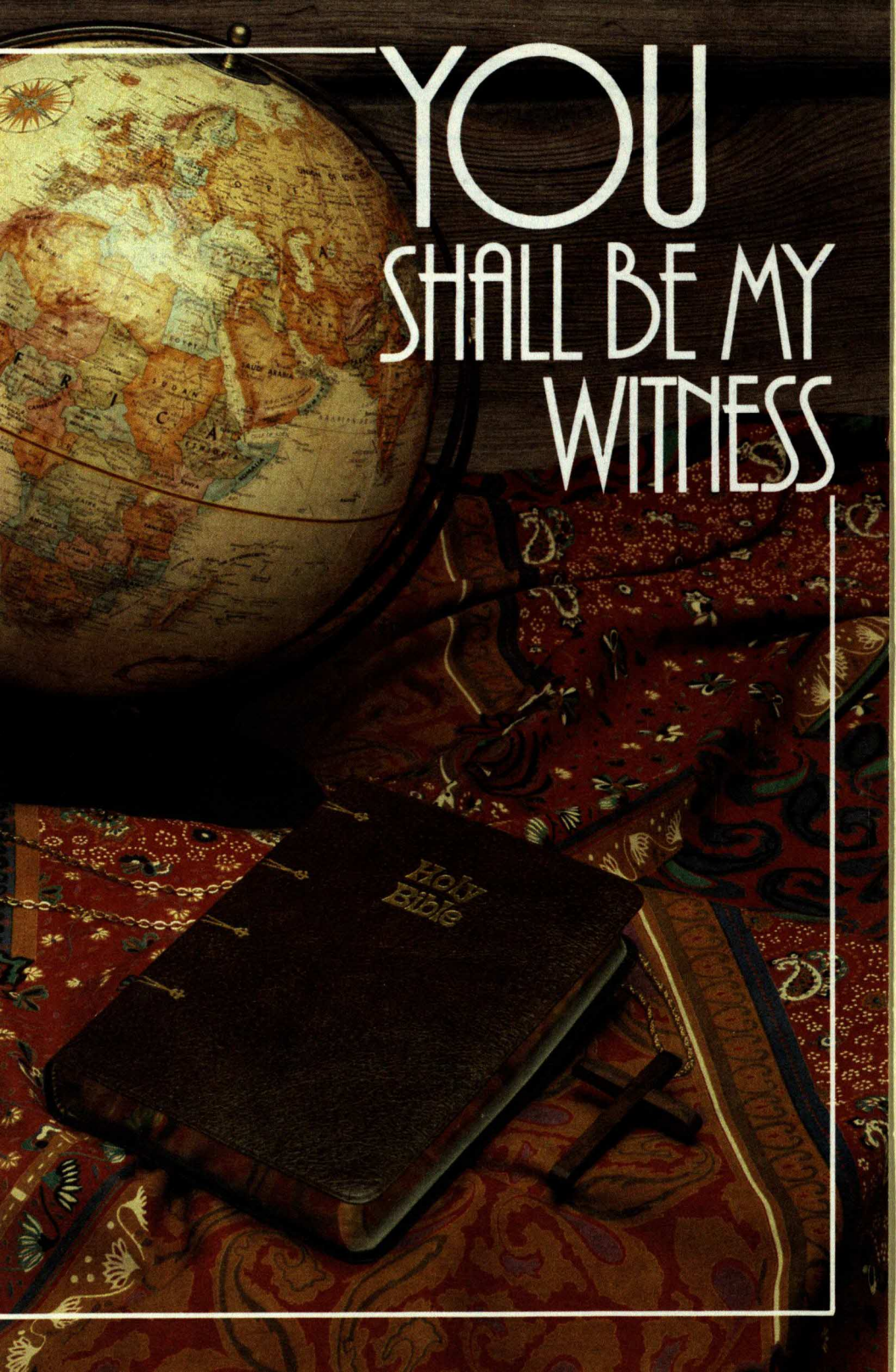
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SHALL BE MY
WITNESS
Holy
Bible

HERITAGE SUNDAY
SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Bruce Baker — Minister

THE GATHERING

THE PRELUDE "How Firm A Foundation" arr. Voss
THE CHORAL INTROIT The Chancel Choir
THE GREETING Minister
THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Serve the Lord with gladness.
People: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.
Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
People: For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

THE HYMN OF ADORATION "The Church's One Foundation" 297
THE INVOCATION Minister

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MAN'S NEED

THE CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER The Chancel Choir
THE PASTORAL PRAYER The Lord's Prayer
THE CHORAL RESPONSE The Chancel Choir

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GOD'S ACTION

THE HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" 256
THE ACT OF PRAISE (Unison) "God So Loved The World" 648
THE GLORIA PATRI

+ + +

MAN'S RESPONSE

THE INFORMAL MOMENTS Minister
THE INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS David Harkrider
THE OFFERTORY Michael Chapman
"Upon This Rock" McGuire
THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC The Chancel Choir
"Ye Shall Be My Witnesses" Kirk
THE CONTEMPORARY WITNESS TO THE WORD Dr. Gordon Dennis
THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT 124
"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"
(The Ministers Will Exit on the Last Stanza, the Congregation Will Follow)

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Dr. Duane Gage—Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission

THE UNVEILING OF THE MARKER

Mrs. Earl Edwards, Chairperson Historical Committee
Mr. Bill Hix, Chairman Administrative Council

THE ACT OF ACCEPTANCE

For The Clergy — Reverend Bruce Baker, Minister

For The Laity — Mr. Lloyd Daniels, Church Lay Leader

*THE SENDING FORTH — Minister

Go to be involved in the world. May the reality of life break all our illusions about life. We are free to live before God who gives us new life in Jesus Christ. Therefore may His grace, mercy and peace be with you. "And all the people said, AMEM."

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THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Earl Edwards — Mr. Lloyd Daniels
Reverend Bruce Baker — Mrs. Steve Varnes
Mr. David Harkrider — Mrs. Miles Stanley

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THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Sunday:
- Acolyte Training 4 p.m.
- UMYF 5 p.m.
- District Celebration & Worship 7 p.m.

Monday:
- Pastor Parish Staff Relations 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:
- Commission on Education & Workers Conf. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday:
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Friday:
- Church Women United—May Fellowship Day

*Catered Luncheon by Vance Godbeys—Church Fellowship Hall ($5.00)

Built in 1917-18, this structure is located on land upon which old Camp Worth was constructed in 1849. The noted architectural firm of Sanguinet and Staats designed the building, incorporating elements of the Beaux Arts and Classical Revival styles. In addition to a courtroom it originally housed the jail and gallows, a jail hospital, mental wards, and offices for the Sheriff, District Attorney, and District Clerk.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission
cordially invites you to attend

THE DEDICATION OF THE HISTORICAL MARKER
FOR THE

TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING

Commissioner Court
Room 502

Monday, March 11, 1985 9:30 a.m.

By the authority vested in it by the Legislature of the State of Texas, the Texas Historical Commission hereby designates

TARRANT COUNTY
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING

of the city of Fort Worth county of Tarrant as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and duly certifies that said structure is worthy of preservation because of its outstanding contribution to the heritage of Texas.

Mark White
Governor of Texas

George Christian
Chairman, Texas Historical Commission

April 10, 1983
Date

DEDICATION OF INDIAN CREEK CEMETERY
OCTOBER 6, 1985

July 16, 1985

Pioneer graves marked

By NANCY LAVENDER
Daily News Staff

HALTOM CITY — When Mike Patterson's seventh grade class completes its project, the Birdville Cemetery should get its third historical marker.

Patterson teaches gifted, talented students in the Learning Activities for Mental Proficiency class at Smithfield Junior High School.

LAMP classes have obtained historical markers for George Ramsdale at Paradise, in Wise County, and for Smithfield's Eli Smith.

This year his students will compile source records and apply to the state for a marker to commemorate Archibald F. Leonard, one of Tarrant County's first permanent settlers.

By Oct. 1 the class will outline, draft and ready the information to send to Austin in time for a spring dedication, Patterson said.

The LAMP class will attend the dedication and its names will be engraved on the back of the marker.

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The two historical markers at Birdville Cemetery will be joined next spring by a marker for Archibald F. Leonard. The marker pictured above commemorates Judge Barkley, who fought for the rights of former slaves during Reconstruction.

Historical marker to honor Leonards

By JIM JONES
Star-Telegram Writer

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The legendary Leonards Department Store, which had the South's first escalator and the world's only private subway, will be remembered this week.

A public dedication of a special historical marker honoring the founders of the store will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the site of the first Leonards store. It opened in 1918 between Weatherford and Belknap streets, just north of Luskey's Western Store at the north end of downtown Fort Worth.

Leonards was a conglomeration of retail wizardry on the part of its founders, the late Marvin Leonard and his brother, O.P. "Obie" Leonard of Fort Worth. O.P. Leonard, who still has offices in downtown Fort Worth, will celebrate his 87th birthday the day the marker is dedicated.

The Leonard Brothers, as they became known, were distinguished by their pioneering projects, such as Marvin Leonard's building of two golf courses, the Colonial Country Club and the Shady Oaks Country Club, and by their community service.

O.P. Leonard, like his brother, was a community leader with years of service as a Trinity River Authority board member. His dream was to see the Trinity River made suitable for navigation from Fort Worth the Gulf of Mexico.

Also, O.P. Leonard devoted more than 30 years supporting Boy Scout work, serving as president of the Longhorn Council and holding scouting's two highest awards, the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope. The two brothers donated the land for the Leonard Scout reservation.

But it was the department store — begun in 1918 on an investment of $600 — for which they were most famous.

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Marker to honor store founders

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Distinguished by a range of exotic smells, the store featured everything from food — both prepared and packaged — to furniture to tractors to the most complete hardware store in the area.

It also had what was claimed to be the largest toy department in the nation, surrounded by a train children could ride for a nickel.

The store's slogan was "More Merchandise for Less Money."

In the 1940s, 40,000 sightseers and riders attended the opening of the first escalators south of the Mason-Dixon Line, said Charles Ringler, chairman of a historical committee planning the ceremony.

And in the 1963, the world's only privately owned subway — the M&O Subway — opened, running shoppers for free from a large parking lot on the banks of the Trinity River to the interior of the store. In its early days, the subway itself probably attracted as many shoppers as the convenience and free parking it offered.

The store became a part of the Tandy Center in 1967 and then was taken over by Dillards in 1974. The subway is now known as the Tandy Center subway.

"New people in Fort Worth didn't realize what we had there," said Ringler.

When the store was sold to the Tandy Corp. on Oct. 30, 1967, the Leonards complex, which also included Everybodys Department Store and the Leonards Farm and Ranch Store, covered six blocks and employed more than 1,800 people. The farm and ranch store still is operating.

All former Leonards employees have received special invitations to the historical marker dedication. All those who attend will be given commemorative bronze coins and bags of popcorn served in blue bags, the way the store used to sell it, said Ringler.

Others on the historical committee are H.B. "Babe" Fuqua, Jenkins Garrett, Berl Godfrey, Marty Leonard Griffith, Julian Leach and M.J. Neeley.

Dan Levine / Dallas Times Herald

Ford Cemetery, one of the city's seven cemeteries to receive historical designation

Council awards cemeteries with historical designation

By SCIPIO THOMAS JR.
Staff Writer

Most of the markers in the small cemeteries are unidentifiable — small, weathered pieces of sandstone that point to lives of long ago.

These cemeteries, once covered by weeds and junk, are among the city's newest historical landmarks.

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Fourteen sites, including seven cemeteries, recently were designated historical landmarks by the City Council.

Three of those cemeteries — Jordan-Hight, Vernoy and Small — have been cleaned up through a program of Justice of the Peace Cameron Gray. Juveniles sentenced to public service duty by Gray's teen jury maintain the abandoned cemeteries in working out their Class C misdemeanor sentences.

Jordan-Hight is on Meyers Road near Johnson Street and dates back to 1886. Vernoy is on Corn Valley Road, and Small is on Small Street near Belt Line Road.

"When we first started, you couldn't see anything for all the junk," said Gray of the cemeteries. "You could hardly walk around in them."

Besides neglect, Gray found that vandals had smashed many of the tombstones or scattered them.

"We glued together some of those that were broken," he said. "When we knew where to put the tombstones at, we put them back. Vandalism is one our biggest problems in maintaining the cemeteries."

Loose tombstones are placed in a corner when it can't be determined where they belong.

Gray also maintains the Ford Cemetery, which was previously selected as city historical site. The Ford Cemetery is the oldest in the city, dating back to the mid-1800s.

Located in the heart of the Great Southwest Industrial District on Sunnyvale Road, the Ford Cemetery is "surrounded by a sea of concrete," Gray said.

"A lot of people drive by here everyday and never even notice what history is right here," he said.

But Gray does notice, and the history he finds affects his life.

"Behold strangers passing by. As you were once, so was I. As I am now, so you must be. Prepare for death and follow me." That inscription is on the tombstone of a child who died at 9.

"I use that at every funeral I perform," said Gray, an ordained minister. "I think it prepares families for the reality of death."

The Vernoy Cemetery, dating back to 1895, is secluded in the Country Creek Estates. "Most of the residents don't really know this place is here," said Gray. "The houses just sprung up around it."

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— Cameron Gray, Justice of the Peace

The Small Cemetery contains the grave of G.W. Small, one of the original settlers of Grand Prairie. He was born in 1846 and died in 1908. The cemetery dates back to 1895.

Other historical cemeteries in the city are:

- The Old Southland Cemetery, at Dickey Road and Southwest Third Street. It is part of the Southland Cemetery, which is the main cemetery in the city.
- The American Memorial Cemetery, on Hardy Road near Mountain Creek Lake.
- The Ophelia West plot near Joe Pool Lake, which dates back to 1872.

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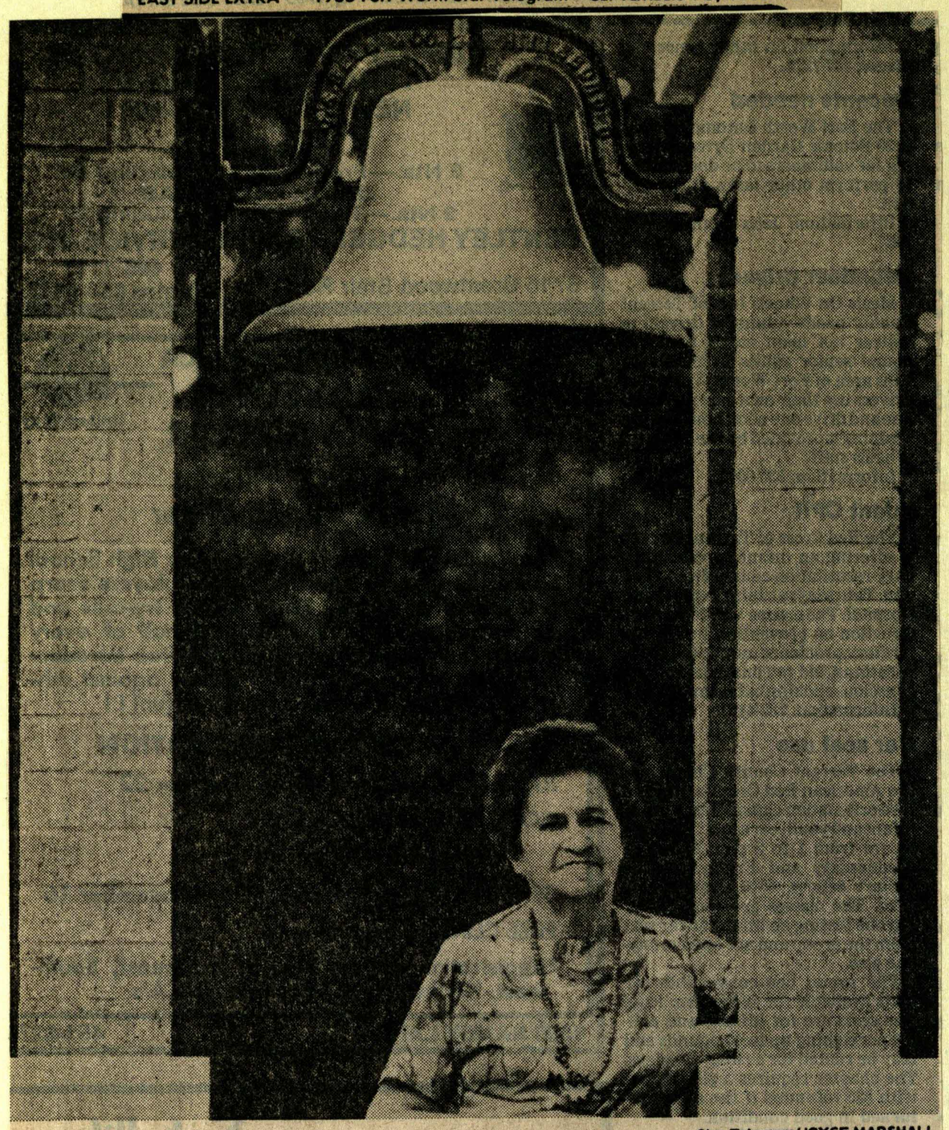

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Billie Brown stands by the bell tower where the historical marker will be placed at the Sept. 8 dedication

Church welcomes marker from historical commission

By DEBRA MCGUIRE
Star-Telegram writer

Historical markers are generally affixed to buildings or posted at places where important events happened — where cattle crossed a river or people stopped and built a town.

It's a little more difficult to put a historical marker on a group of people.

When Handley United Methodist Church dedicates its Texas Historical Commission marker Sept. 8, the plaque will be affixed to a bell tower built just this past year.

The tower holds a bell dating back to the time the town of Handley was founded. But the plaque is not to honor the bell. Rather, it will honor a congregation 107 years old, a group of people that first met in a one-room schoolhouse when Handley was little more than a collection of buildings by the side of a newly built railroad.

The marker is largely the work of Billie Brown, Handley United Methodist Church historian for the past 18 years.

A church's history is important, Brown said.

"It's like the history of the United States or a family history. If you don't know who your family was, you don't know who you are. But if you can look at your family history, then you know what kind of potential you have," she said.

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— church historian Billie Brown

When she began the work that was to culminate in the church applying for the historical marker a year ago, Brown said, church records were in disarray. Some papers were found under paint cans in a storage area.

She found records kept by an early church historian, Maggie Smith, who joined the church in 1886. By the time of her death in 1961, Smith had compiled the church's history into the 1940s.

That history began in 1877, when the congregation came together in Handley's one-room schoolhouse. The minister was also the town's schoolmaster. In 1882, the Methodists joined with church-goers from three other denominations to build the Union Church.

"The Methodists and Baptists each met two Sunday mornings a month, and the Presbyterians and Episcopalians met afternoons," Brown said. That union lasted until 1907, when the Methodists amd Baptists withdrew to build their own churches.

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Where the bell came from is a mystery, Brown said. It has no identifying marks.

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who is interested in capitalizing on the historic preservation market that is developing in this city will find this workshop of great interest and benefit," she said.

Immediately following the workshop, a free, self-guided tour will be offered for those interested in seeing local building projects which have utilized federal preservation tax incentives as part of the rehabilitation financing package. Maps showing locations of properties on the tour will be available at the workshop. Certain properties will be open between 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Tour participants will need their own transportation.

Sponsors of the conference are City of Ft. Worth Historic and Cultural Advisory Board, City of Ft. Worth Planning Dept., Ft. Worth Economic Development Corp., Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant Co., National Trust for Historic Preservation-Texas/New Mexico Field Office, Tarrant Co. Historical Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission.

Pre-registration deadline is April 2, 1985. Cost of the workshop is $5.00. Checks should be made payable to the National Trust for Historic Preservation and mailed to Texas/New Mexico Field Office, National Trust, 500 Main Street, Suite 606, Ft. Worth, Texas 76102. For further information contact Libby Barker at the Texas/New Mexico Field Office of the National Trust at (817)334-2061, or Marty Craddock at the Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County at (817) 338-0267.

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Official updates list of historical projects

By O.K. CARTER
Star-Telegram Writer

Reminders of history — from markers noting punitive expeditions against Indians to junior high projects commemorating pioneer cemeteries — are springing up throughout the Northeast area.

Tarrant County Historical Commission Chairman Duane Gage notes the completion of several projects aimed at keeping the area's rich history, and the on-going status of others.

"Another in a series of historical marker applications on Indian history of Tarrant County — researched by Michael Patterson — has resulted in a marker being installed at the southwest corner of Highway 157 and Mosier Valley Road," Gage said.

The marker reads:

SLOAN-JOURNEY EXPEDITION OF 1838: In the spring of 1938, captains Robrt Sloan and Nathaniel T. Journaley led a group of about 90 northeast Texas frontiersmen on a punitive expedition against the Indians who had raided their homes in present-day Fannin County. The trail led them to the vicinity of present-day Euless and Arlington, where they attacked a small Indian village, killed several Indians, and recovered a few horses. The Sloan-Journey Expedition is among the first known Anglo-American activities in what is now Tarrant County that helped to open North Texas to white settlement.

Gage said funds are also being collected now for a Bird's Fort Cemetery marker.

"A proposed plan to develop a $1 billion commercial and residential district on the Trinity River flood plain south of Euless will engulf the site of Bird's Fort, where Anglos

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Official updates historical projects

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first attempted to settle in present Tarrant County," Gage said. "Gravel companies have been tearing up the site for years. Instead of filling in the flood plain — 2,100 acres — the developers plan to build levees and channel the water through the center of the property."

Other historical projects pointed out by Gage include:

- A marker for First Baptist Church of Grapevine, which reads: *Baptists in the Grapevine Prairie area began meeting in their own homes as early as 1846. . . . On Dec. 25, 1869, the pioneers gathered to form a Baptist Church. . . . The church's first sanctuary was completed in 1871.*
- A cleanup and historical marker installation at the I.D. Parker Public Cemetery in Hurst, 1300 Cardinal Drive, led by Eagle Scout candidate Keith Dodds. The marker commemorates the symbolism of the cemetery and homestead of a prominent pioneer family. The cemetery is named after former Tarrant County Commissioner and Confederate veteran Isaac Parker, who originally donated the property as a cemetery.
- Approval of a historical marker application submitted by the gifted and talented class of Smithfield Junior High for Texas Revolutionary solider George Ramsdale. The old community of Smithfield is located in present-day north North Richland Hills. The class submitted the proposal as a sesquicentennial project.
- Announcement of plans by Colleyville Sesquicentennial Committee to research and publish *Colleyville's Family Tree*, a collection of family histories and reminiscences connected with Colleyville and its earlier parent community. Colleyville residents Lila Coley and Patsy Gray will co-chair the project. They request individuals with related information or photographs contact them at: P.O. Box 716, Colleyville 76034. A 1986 caldendar featuring 12 photographs of early-day Colleyville is also planned.
- Grapevine's Main Street Project includes a number of downtown restorations/renovations, and a farmer's market is under consideration.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 1985

Historical marker to honor composer of Texas' anthem

By ORVILLE HANCOCK
Star-Telegram Writer

William John Marsh, who composed the Texas state song, *Texas, Our Texas*, was a vital part of Fort Worth's musical life for 58 years. For his accomplishments, he'll be honored Friday by the Texas Historical Commission.

A historical marker for him will be dedicated at an awards banquet at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Worth, where the commission is holding its annual three-day conference.

The marker will be installed at his gravesite at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Marsh came to Fort Worth in 1904 from Liverpool, England, to learn the cotton business. His musical talent led him into several positions in the growing frontier town of Fort Worth, which then had a population of 35,000.

He became music director at Temple Beth-El and remained in that position 22 years. In addition, he was organist at First Presbyterian Church for 36 years and organist and choral director at St. Patrick Cathedral for 43 years. He became choral director at Texas Christian University in 1934 and held that position for 12 years.

Marsh served for 25 years as chairman of the Texas Composers Guild of the Texas Federation and was president of the Fort Worth Music Teachers Association.

Many honors came his way during his musical career, including the naming of a music club for him. He was named Outstanding Citizen of Fort Worth in 1959. He was music critic for the *Star-Telegram* for 22 years.

It took five years and three state administrations before his song was named by the Legislature as the official state song in 1929.

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FISHER COUNTY residents recently dedicated an Official Texas Historical Marker for the Adair-Steadman Folsom Site, an archeological landmark occupied about 10,000 years ago by Paleo-Indian big game hunters. Through the efforts of local preservationist Link Adair, the site now belongs to the Texas Historical Commission and is protected by the Antiquities Code of Texas. Above, Lucille and Link Adair (left) and State Archeologist Robert J. Mallouf view the new marker. Also in Fisher County, a recent ceremony at the historic Woods Chapel Cemetery near Sylvester honored the efforts of various groups to clear brush from the area and restore many of the headstones. Members of the Dorsey family, who have forebears buried at the site, were on hand to donate funds for the continued maintenance of the cemetery.

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Society seeks to mark graves from Civil War

By DONALD S. FRAZIER
C-J Staff Writer

When the Civil War began in 1861, Texas was among the states that chose to throw their fortunes with the "Stars and Bars" of the Confederacy.

The young men of North Texas marched off to a war hundreds of miles away, to be absent for four long years. The survivors came home to turn their swords to plowshares and rebuild their lives. The Tarrant County Historical Commission is now honoring these veterans by researching their service and dedicating Confederate States Army markers for their graves.

"I think it's a real shame when this generation knows nothing about the people who served in that war," said Beryl Gibson, Mansfield Historical Society member. "These sort of records should be kept, just to have."

Thus far, the society has placed 16 markers in Mansfield-area cemeteries. Each marker bears the name of the veteran, the unit in which he served and the year he was born and died.

"Most of the graves we have marked are from real prominent families in the area," said Gibson.

TARRANT COUNTY supplied men to the 1st, 7th, 9th, 14th and 15th Texas Cavalry regiments, and the sons of important local families were quick to prove their patriotism to the Southern cause. Some of these men went on to serve with Gen. Sibley in his successful battle to win New Mexico from the Union. Other veterans moved to Texas after the war after finding their homes in other states destroyed. Some of these transplanted veterans later became pillars of their adopted communities.

One marker was placed on the grave of Hardy Stewart of Company I, 27th Tennessee Infantry. This soldier was former Tarrant County Tax Collector/Assessor Reed Stewart's grandfather.

Several other prominent names are associated with the Civil War in this area. Maj. James Handley of the 46th Alabama Infantry lent his name to the town east of Fort Worth, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Col. Middleton Tate Johnson, of Johnson Station fame, was an officer in the 14th Texas Cavalry, but never left for war. His son, buried in the Johnson Plantation Cemetery, was a member of the 15th Texas Cavalry who was killed in a skirmish with the 5th Kansas Cavalry in northeastern Arkansas.

A name that represented wealth in this area during early days was that of the Poe family. The three Poe sons entered Confederate service, the oldest and youngest with Taylor's 8th Texas Cavalry battalion (later consolidated with other units to form the 1st Texas Cavalry), and the middle son as a teamster in the 14th Texas Cavalry.

The eldest, 1st Lt. William E. Poe, was killed in the battle of the Nueces in south Texas, and buried in a common grave. The youngest, Henderson, returned from war and became a hardware merchant and farmer. The middle son, Silas, was captured toward the end of the war at Spanish Fort, near Mobile, Ala., and returned to Texas after the war.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission is currently applying for Confederate veterans markers for the Poe graves in the old Johnson Station Cemetery.

CONFEDERATES are not the only Civil War veterans buried in local cemeteries. W.H. Harvey was in Union Company A of the 1st Ohio Infantry, and is buried in the old Handley Cemetery. Pvt. Edward Tracy fought with Company C, 2nd Colorado Cavalry, which opposed Sibley's men in New Mexico, and later faced Confederate forces at the battles of Cabin Creek and Honey Springs, in what is now Oklahoma. Tracy later settled in this area and is now buried in the Harrison Cemetery, near J.C. Randol, the brother of the founder of Randol Mill.

While many Civil War veterans in the area have military service markers, most do not.

"The list of all the veterans in this area would be longer than can be written down," said Gibson. "There are just so many out there that could have markers, and should."

Anyone who is a descendant of an American veteran can apply to have a marker placed on the grave. The process for receiving military markers is handled through the Veteran's Administration.

The VA ships the marker free of charge to the applicants, who are then responsible for installation costs. Applications and information can be received by writing to **Monument Service (42), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20420.**

No government headstone or marker can be furnished unless a completed application form has been sent.

Rest In Peace

C-J Photo by Bruce Maxwell

William Cantwell dusts off the snow to read inscription on old tombstone

Secluded cemetery puzzles historian

By DONALD S. FRAZIER
C-J Staff Writer

Other than Noah, family names in the cemetery are Wilson, Robertson, Bridges, Clarkson, Johnston, Thomas, Matz, Fanning, Cotton, Reid, Miller, Reed, Gardner, Bogle, Smith, Finley, Wilkinson, Davis, Sweet, Bowling, Saloman, Sanders, Ford, Ramsey, Mason, Laferte, Owens, McWharter and Fitzgerald.

Hidden in the middle of a peaceful north Arlington neighborhood is a piece of ground that is puzzling local historians. Between two residential lots lies the final resting place more than 100 early settlers and their descendants.

"It is one of the oldest in the Arlington area," said William Cantwell, assistant to Duane Gage, president of the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

"I was looking at a map with Mr. Gage, and it wasn't even marked on the map," said Cantwell. In fact, reported Cantwell, another, far-removed location had been erroneously marked as the Noah Cemetery.

"I've lived in this neighborhood for all my life," said Cantwell, who was a student of Dr. Gage's at Tarrant County Junior College. "I use to throw the paper route in this area, and have always remembered the cemetery."

"When I had Mr. Gage for a class, we had to do a semester project. The first semester I researched the history of a Presbyterian church in Crowley," added Cantwell. "I got to talk to and meet a lot of interesting people; it was a lot of fun."

Cantwell's project for the second class he took under Dr. Gage led to the placing of a historical marker in honor of Earl C. Driscoll, who was instrumental in organizing Tarrant County's highway system..

"I can take credit for that one," said Cantwell. "I had to look hard, there wasn't anything on him."

After his effort on the Earl C. Driscoll marker, Cantwell throught researching Noah Cemetery would be similar. But the cemetery is so obscure there are very few records on any of the people buried there.

"I'm trying to find out right now who they were," he said. "I'm still gathering information."

IN 1870, the area bounded by Davis on the east, Fielder on the west, Sanford on the south and Randol Mill on the north was part of a short grass prairie which provided good grazing and rich cropland for settlers.

"I'd say that these people were farmers," Cantwell said. "Most of them must be close friends or marriage relations."

John A. Halmon, a longtime Arlington resident, for years has mowed the grass in the cemetery and plans to be buried there himself, in a plot next to his wife, Carrie. Carrie Halmon, who died in 1981, had the maiden name Noah.

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The older graves, dating to the middle of the 1870s, bear the name Saloman. The oldest grave belongs to a two-year-old child, A.F. Ford. The most recent graves bear the name Noah, and one is inscribed "Thomas B. Noah, Father and Grandfather," with a 1980 date.

Other interesting markers in the plot include three veterans of both world wars, a woodsman of the world lodge tombstone and a masonic tombstone. A number of primitive sandstone markers are also in the lot.

"I imagine we can find someone in there with a real outstanding background," said Cantwell, who is currently aiding the Tarrant County Historical Commission with research to get a historical marker for the site. "It would not only benefit the neighborhood but would also benefit the community, and anyone who may be a descendant of someone in the cemetery."

Any readers who think they may be able to aid the commission in its research of the cemetery are asked to contact William Cantwell at 461-3130.

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Spring Garden Elementary students Marc Alcedo, 11, and Brooke Busey, 8, check historical marker.

History of school is traced to Missouri

By BARBARA HOLSOMBACK
Star-Telegram writer

BEDFORD

John Arrington and his family searched in a cemetery in Spring Garden, Mo., for a link to their lives in Northeast Tarrant County.

Then there it was. The same last names written on several of the old tombstones also appear on the cast-iron historical marker in front of Spring Garden Elementary School in Bedford.

Arrington's daughter, Adriana, attends the first grade at the Bedford school, which opened in the fall of 1982. The campus was named after an old community that flourished in the 1800s in what is now Bedford and Colleyville.

One of the settlers, Samuel Cecil Holliday Witten, donated land for a school in about 1865. The school was named after his old hometown, Spring Garden, Mo., and became the community's center of activity. Fire destroyed the school in about 1872, however, and within a decade the Spring Garden settlement had disappeared.

The Arringtons knew all this when they visited the cemetery during their Christmas vacation. But the link to Missouri became more real when they saw the names on the tombstones.

Returning home, they told Spring Garden Principal Bill Barnes, the school's faculty and students about their discovery.

"We're all into history trivia and that was really interesting," Barnes said. "It just kind of made history come alive for us."

Also he said students at his school plan to become pen pals with children from Spring Garden, Mo., who attend classes in a neighboring town. Meanwhile, the Arrington family had a special interest in a ceremony last week where Spring Garden Elementary's historical plaque was dedicated.

The ceremony, an official event of the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial, came complete with a speeches and almost all the school's 840 students singing the state song, *Texas Our Texas*.

Fourth-grader Sarah Foreman also learned she had won a contest to design Spring Garden's flag that will fly in front of the campus.

"The whole thing was our kickoff to the sesquicentennial," Barnes said. "In this school, about half our kids are not Texans and were born in other parts of the nation.

"I think this ceremony helped those children feel a part of Texas and learn about their new state."

Also the historical marker makes it more difficult for students to forget their school's connection with the past as they march in front of it each day to their classes, he said.

"It's a way to remember, to live history," Barnes said. "We feel we're living a little history through our sesquicentennial celebration. We're celebrating history while we're making it.

"That's the fun thing about it."

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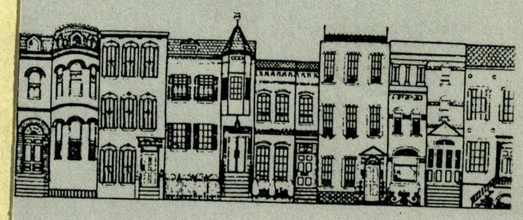

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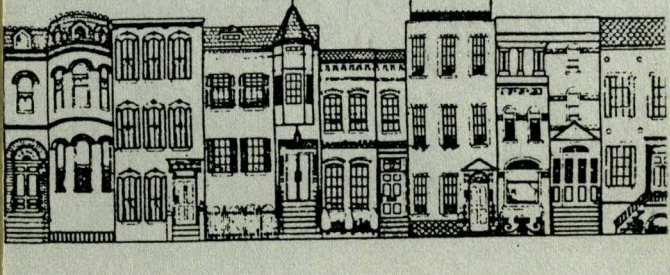

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Workshop Saturday, April 13, 1985

Broadway Baptist Church
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(Workshop Entry at Fellowship Hall, May Street Entrance)

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 9:15 General Introduction — Marty Craddock, Executive Director, Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County

Libby Barker, Field Coordinator, Texas - New Mexico Field Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation.

MARKERS

9:15 - 10:15 Concurrent Sessions:

A - HOW TO APPLY FOR RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION
Duane Gage, Chairman, Tarrant County Historical Commission
Carol Roark, Assistant Curator of Photographs, Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, Texas.
Session held in Ruth Classroom

B - HOW TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DESIGNATION
Peter Flagg Maxson, Chief Architectural Historian, Texas Historical Commission, Austin.
Session held on Stage.

C - HOW TO APPLY FOR CITY OF FORT WORTH HISTORIC AND CULTURAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION
David Finfrock, Member, City of Fort Worth Historical and Cultural Advisory Board
Emil Moncivais, Senior Planner, City of Fort Worth Planning Department
Session held in Room 203

D - PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL RENOVATION FINANCING
Barbara Durst, Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services, Fort Worth
Mike Morrison, Rental Rehabilitation Coordinator, City of Fort Worth Department of Housing and Human Services
Session held in Department Room, Second Floor

PRIVATE REHAB FINANCING
Austin Coleman, First Vice President, Community Lending, University Savings Association, Houston

Speakers at sessions A, B and C will be available for individual consultation throughout the day at the Department Room, Second Floor.

10:15 - 10:30 Break:

METHODS

10:30 - 11:45 General Session:

RESPECTFUL REHABILITATION: FINDING LOCAL TRADESMEN, CRAFTSMEN AND MATERIALS
Katherine Livingston, A.I.A., Booth & Associates, Architects/Planners, Fort Worth
Mike Smith, Carpenter, Fort Worth
Session held in Fellowship Hall

11:45 - 1:15 Lunch:

Bring a brown bag, plan a picnic, or enjoy one of the nearby restaurants on your own.

MONEY

1:15 - 2:30 General Session:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR BUILDING OWNERS WHO WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOR CERTIFIED HISTORIC REHABILITATION
Harry Bartel, Attorney, Cantey, Hanger, Gooch, Munn & Collins, Fort Worth

HOW TO USE THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOR CERTIFIED HISTORIC REHABILITATION
Harmon Walker, Partner, Arthur Andersen & Company, Fort Worth

HOW TO GET BUILDING REHABILITATIONS CERTIFIED AND AVOID DELAYS AND RED TAPE
Joseph Opperman, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission, Austin
Session held in Fellowship Hall

2:30 - 2:45 Break

2:45 - 4:00 General Session:

FINANCING TOOLS FOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS: USING FACADE EASEMENTS, PACKAGE FINANCING AND SYNDICATIONS
Bob Mitchell, Vice-President, Capital National Bank, Fort Worth

REHABILITATION IN HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS IN HOUSTON AND AROUND THE STATE
Austin Coleman, First Vice-President, Community Lending, University Savings Association, Houston

PUBLIC SECTOR INVOLVEMENT IN REHABILITATION: SBA 503 PROGRAM, REVOLVING LOANS AND OTHER FINANCIAL PACKAGING ASSISTANCE FOR REHAB PROJECTS
Franklin Moss, Executive Director, Fort Worth Economic Development Corporation

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MECHANISMS FOR REHAB PROJECTS
Kathy Fonville, Consultant, City of Fort Worth Planning Department

4:15 - 5:15 Self-guided Tours of Area Preservation Projects
(List and map to be provided)

END OF SESSION

WORKSHOP PRE-REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

Yes, I will be attending the MARKERS, METHODS & MONEY workshop on April 13, 1985. Enclosed is $5.00 check or money order for my registration fee, with the amount payable to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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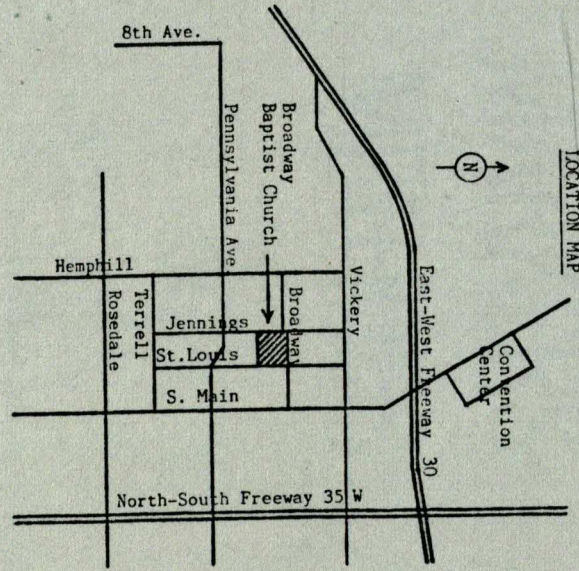

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