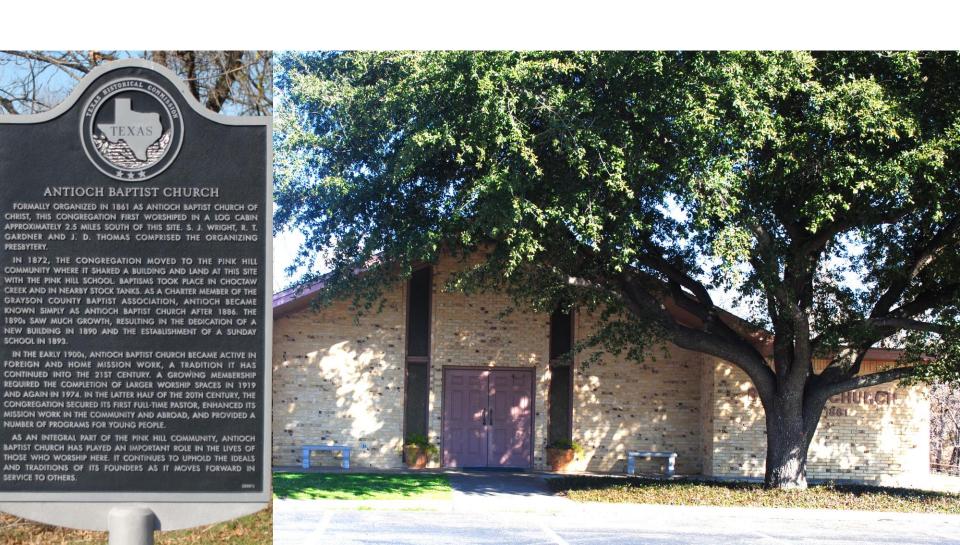
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Bells

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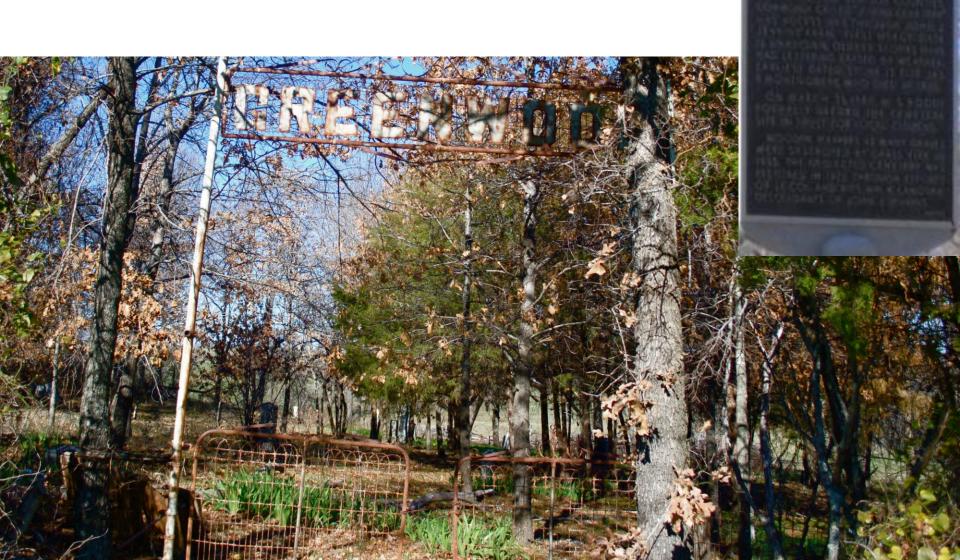
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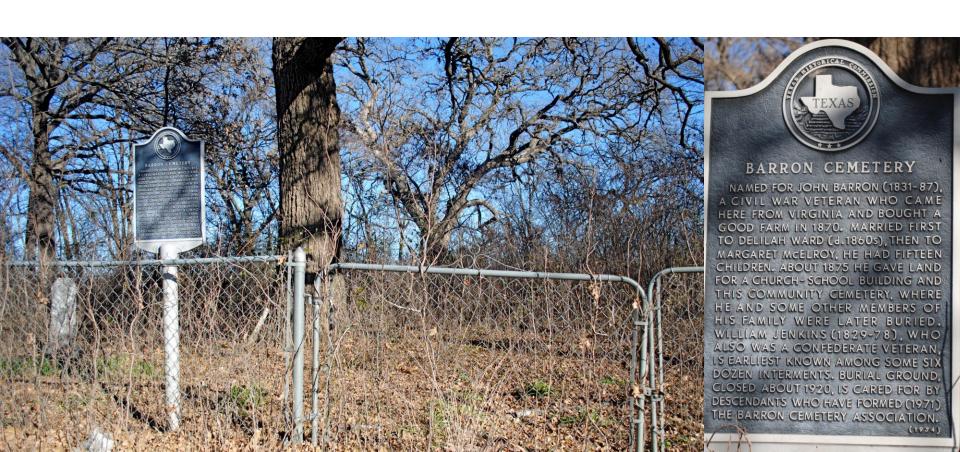


Greenwood Cemetery



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Denison



Old Bass Home

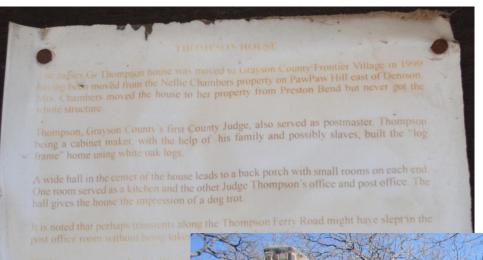


J. K. Miller House





Old Thompson Home



THOMPSON HOUSE

Built by Judge James G. Thompson in the early 1840's on the south bank of the Red River at Preston Road.

In 1942 it was bought by Ms. Nellie Chambers and moved east of Denison to save it from the advancing waters of the newly formed take Texoma.

Upon her death, her heirs donated the home to the Village.

It was moved to it's present location and restored in 1986.

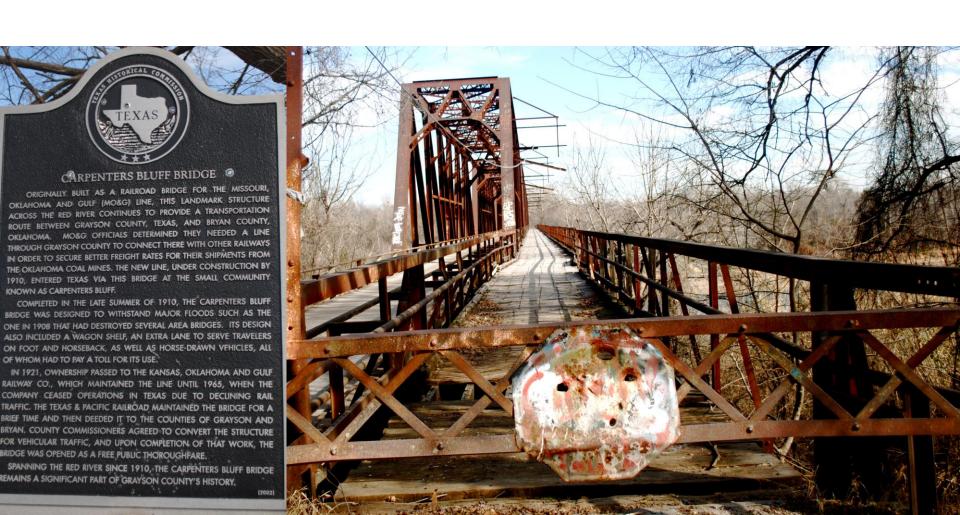




Present Home of XXI Club



Carpenter's Bluff Bridge





Hopewell Baptist Church



BIRTHPLACE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

THIRTY—FOURTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; BORN HERE OCT. 14, 1890, THIRD SON OF DAVID J. AND IDA ELIZABETH STOVER EISENHOWER.

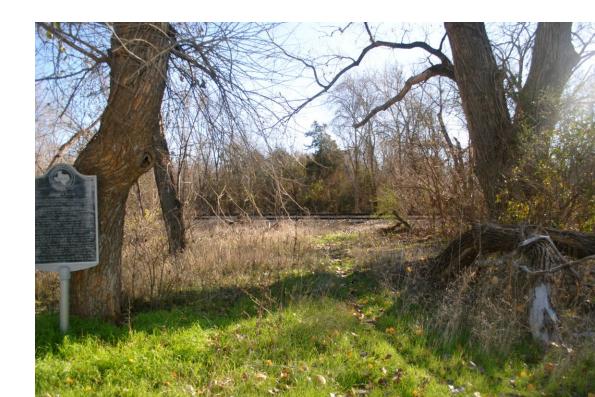
DWIGHT EISENHOWER GRADUATED FROM THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, 1915; IN 1943, DURING WORLD WAR II, WAS APPOINTED COMMANDING GENERAL OF ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE; SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, 1948–1952; WAS PRESIDENT OF U.S., 1952–1960; ACTIVE FIDER STATES MAN LATER.

Birthplace of Dwight D. Eisenhower





Joseph G. McCoy Promoter of the Chisholm Trail





WHILE DAVID HARMAN COFFMAN (1827-1888) SERVED IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR (1801-1805), HIS WIFE HARRIET (JONES) AND FOUR SONS CAME TO NORTH TEXAS FROM MISSOURI. AFTER THE WAR DAVID JOINED THE FAMILY AND THEY BOUGHT THIS LAND. ALTHOUGH THE EARLIEST MARKED GRAVE WAS DATED 1867, THE COFFMANS DEEDED THE ONE-ACRE PLOT TO THE COUNTY FOR A PUBLIC BURIAL GROUND IN 1878. THEY GAVE THE ADJOINING ACRE FOR A SCHOOL AND MEETINGHOUSE FOR MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH. J. K. MILLER, PIONEER WHO OWNED LAND ON WHICH DENISON WAS LAID OUT. WAS BURIED HERE.

PLACED 1983 HOBLITZELLE FOUNDATION / TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATI

Coffman Cemetery





LOG CABIN SCHOOL

PIONEERS, WHO WERE CAMPED NEAR SPRING ON PROPERTY OF WILLIAM ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE ABOUT 1855. THE LEADER OF THE GROUP WAS WILLIAM L. HOLDER (1820-1876), WHO MIGRATED TO GRAYSON COUNTY FROM MISSOURI. HIS SON CLINTON L. (1845-1897) LATER THE CABIN AS A RESIDENCE. IN THE STRUCTURE WAS MOVED TO

Cold Springs Log Cabin School





St. Luke's Church

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

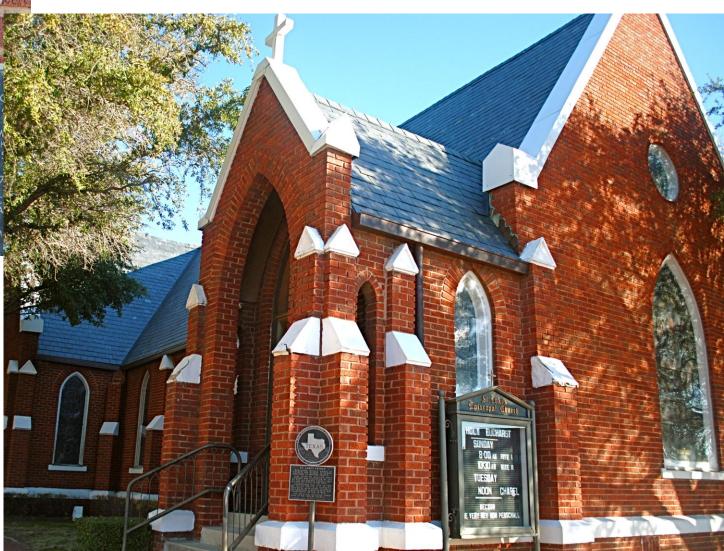
DENISON'S OLDEST HOUSE (WORSHIP AND OLDEST EPISCOP SANCTUARY IN GRAYSON COUNTY.

SITE GIVEN BY DENISON TOW COMPANY AND VISITATION BY TH RT. REV. ALEXANDER GREGG, FIR BISHOP OF TEXAS, IN MAY 1873.

CORNERSTONE WAS LAID IN 187
BY THE RT. REV. A. C. GARRET
BISHOP OF MISSIONARY DISTRIC
OF NORTHERN TEXAS. CHURCH WA
CONSECRATED BY HIM IN 1874

THE ORIGINAL BUILDING FORM

ECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANGUAGE



St. Patrick's Catholic Church







The Fitzgerald Home

THE FITZGERALD HOME

20 FEET, JOINED BY 12-FOOT HALL. TWO STAIRS LEAD TO UPPER STORY.



Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad





MISSOURI - KANSAS - TEXAS RAILROAD

IN 1865 THE UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY SOUTHERN BRANCH WAS INCORPORATED TO BUILD A RAILROAD FROM THE ST. LOUIS-KANSAS CITY AREA, TO THE GULF OF MEXICO. IN 1870, WITH CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED TO THE BORDER OF INDIAN TERRITORY, THE LINE WAS RENAMED THE MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS RAILROAD. THIS TITLE WAS OFTEN SHORTENED TO M-K-T, WHICH LED TO THE FAMILIAR NICKNAME BY WHICH THE LINE IS BEST KNOWN - "THE KATY".

FOLLOWING THE ROUTE OF AN OLD CATTLE TRAIL, THE KATY BECAME THE FIRST RAILROAD TO CROSS INDIAN TERRITORY, NOW THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, AND ENTER TEXAS FROM THE NORTH. ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1872, OVER 100 PASSENGERS RODE THE FIRST KATY TRAIN INTO DENISON, A NEW TOWNSITE NAMED FOR M-K-T VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE DENISON. THE CONSTRUCTION! AND ACQUISITION OF BRANCH LINES SOON EXTENDED THE KATY EAST TO GREENVILLE, WEST TO ROTAN AND WICHITA FALLS, AND SOUTH TO GALVESTON AND SAN ANTONIO. BY 1904, THE SYSTEM HAD OVER 1.000 MILES OF TRACK IN TEXAS. THE RAILROAD TRANSPORTED CATTLE, COTTON, AND OTHER CROPS TO MARKET. IT ALSO CARRIED PASSENGERS ON SUCH TRAINS AS THE "TEXAS SPECIAL" AND THE "KATY FLYER" BEFORE PASSENGER SERVICE ENDED IN 1965.

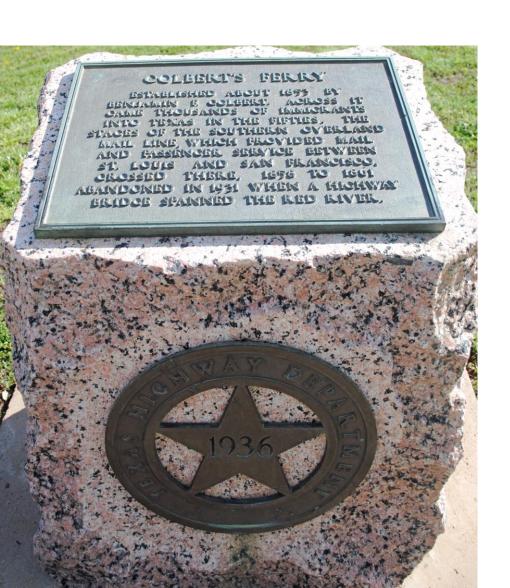
TODAY (1975) DENISON IS A DIVISION HEADQUARTERS ON THE .- K-T AND THE HOME OF ABOUT 600 RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.



Sand Springs



Colbert's Ferry





THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING SERVED ALL GRADES AND PROMINENT PRINCIPALS WIMS, MASON S. FRAZIER AND EVANS TYREE HARDEMAN DIRECTED THE SCHOOL'S EXPANSION IN ITS FORMATIVE YEARS TO SERVE A GROWING COMMUNITY AND PROVIDE INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. EARLY TEACHERS RECEIVED LOW SALARIES, BUT IN 1946 SAMMYE TAYLOR SAVAGE, ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT TERRELL, SUCCESSFULLY SUED FOR PAY EQUALIZATION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

TERRELL STUDENTS SET HIGH STANDARDS IN ACADEMICS, THE ARTS AND ATHLETICS. THE SCHOOL PRODUCED MANY ACCOMPLISHED CIVIC, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS, AS WELL AS PERFORMING ARTISTS AND ATHLETES. THE WINNING TRADITIONS OF TERRELL'S MAROON AND WHITE DRAGONS, INCLUDING STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE 1940s, WERE A SOURCE OF

COMMUNITY PRIDE AND IDENTITY

WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATION CAME THE CLOSE OF TERRELL HIGH SCHOOL, AND THE LAST CLASS GRADUATED IN MAY 1967. LATER USED FOR MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSES, THE CAMPUS WAS RAZED IN 2000, THE YEAR A NEW TERRELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENED NEARBY (200 YDS. SE). TODAY, THE HISTORY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, IN EXISTENCE FOR FORTY YEARS, CONTINUES TO LIVE ON IN THE TERRELL NAME AND IN THE MEMORIES OF ITS ALUMNI.

Site of Terrell High School



Jesse Elvis Hendricks Log Cabin



Lone Star Masonic Lodge No. 403, A.F. & A.M.

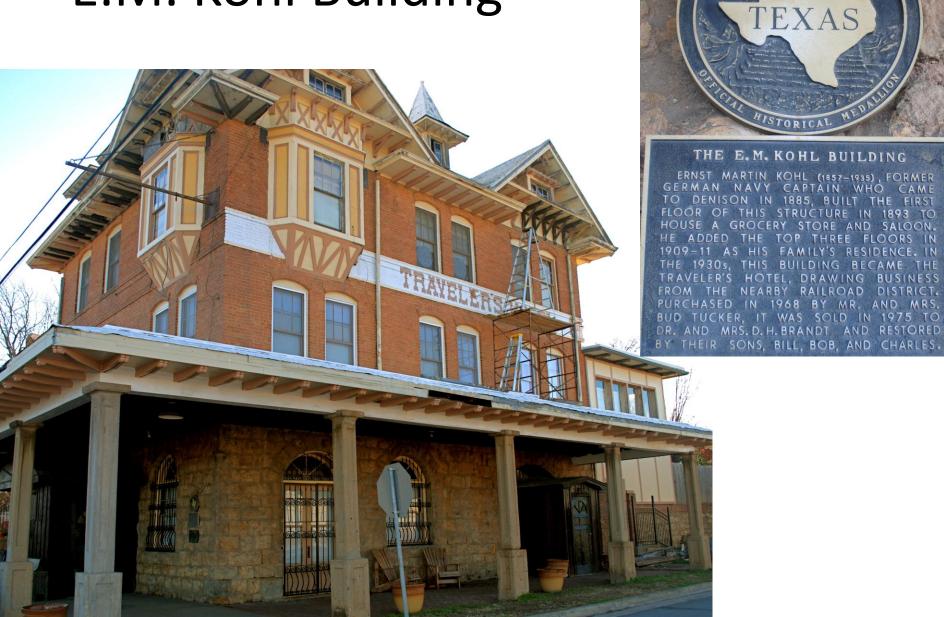


LONE STAR MASONIC LODGE NO. 403, A. F. & A. M.

TEXAS

ORGANIZED A YEAR AFTER DENISON WAS FOUNDED, LONE STAR MASONIC LODGE WAS CHARTERED JUNE 6, 1874. MEETINGS WERE HELD IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS BEFORE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS LODGE HALL. THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1900 AND THE SOUTHERN PORTION IN 1915. A BRACKETED EAVE DOMINATES THE TOP OF THE BRICK STRUCTURE. THE LODGE HALL WAS DEDICATED ON THE LODGE HALL WAS DEDICATED ON THE NIGHT OF DEC. 31, 1915, WITH GEREMONIES STENDING INTO NEW YEAR'S DAY 1916.

E.M. Kohl Building

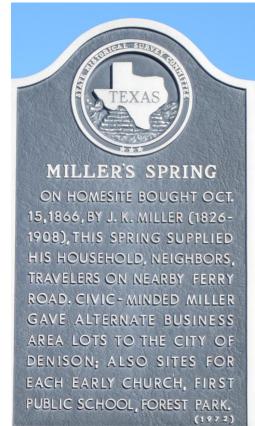


The Civilian Conservation Corps at Loy Lake Park



Miller's Spring





North-South Railway Connection





Site of Saint Francis Xavier Academy





Davis-Ansley Log Cabin Home

DAVIS-ANSLEY LOG CABIN HOME

BLACKSMITH MICAJAH C. DAVIS (1790-1860), ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF GRAYSON COUNTY, ERECTED THIS CABIN ABOUT 1840 AT IRON ORE CREEK SETTLEMENT NEAR PRESENT DENISON.THE PIONEER HOME WAS BUILT OF HAND-HEWN OAK LOGS WITH A PLANK FLOOR.SOLD IN 1870 TO JOSEPHUS R. ANSLEY (1826-1873) AND HIS WIFE GILLEY (1826-1915), THE CABIN WAS LATER OCCUPIED BY THEIR SON WILL (1861-1952). MR. AND MRS. JOHN SUMMERS PURCHASED THE STRUCTURE IN 1953 AND DONATED IT IN 1972 TO THE OLD SETTLERS VILLAGE.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK-1976





COMPLETED 1944, TEXO MA IS TO DAY THE SECOND LARGEST LAKE IN TEXAS AND THE ELEVENTH LARGEST RESERVOIR IN CAPACITY IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS MAIN PURPOSES ARE ELOOD CONTROL, POWER GENERATION, AND RECREATION, LAKE TEXO MA WAS PROMOTED LARGELY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF SAM RAYBURN (1882–1961), NOTED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE WHO REPRESENTED DISTRICT 4 IN CONGRESS FOR 49 YEARS.

IN NORMAL OPERATION LAKE SHORELINE COVERS 550 MILES, WITH THE RED RIVER ARM (45 MILES) IN TEXAS AND THE WASHITA ARM (30 MILES) IN OKLAHOMA. THE WATE COVERING 93,080 ACRES ARE IMPOUNDED BY DENISON DA

WHEN TEXOMA WAS CREATED, IT CAUSED THE RELOCAT OF RAILROADS, HIGHWAYS, UTILITIES, AND CEMETERIES, SITE OF PRESTON, HISTORICALLY THE RED RIVER CROSS FOR THE BUTTERFIELD STAGE, WAS SUBMERGED, AS WERE SITES OF HAGERMAN AND PART OF CEDAR MILLS, TEXAS,

IN 1966 NUMEROUS RECREATION AREAS ON TEXOMA D 8,500,000 TOURISTS, WHO COULD ALSO VISIT EISENHO STATE PARK AT THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE LAKE, THE F WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, THE THI FOURTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

TEXOMA IS ONE OF MORE THAN 200 MAJOR INLAND LAND RESERVOIRS IN TEXAS WHICH CONTRIBUTE GREATLY THE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH OF THE STAT

Lake Texoma





Thomas V. Munson Home

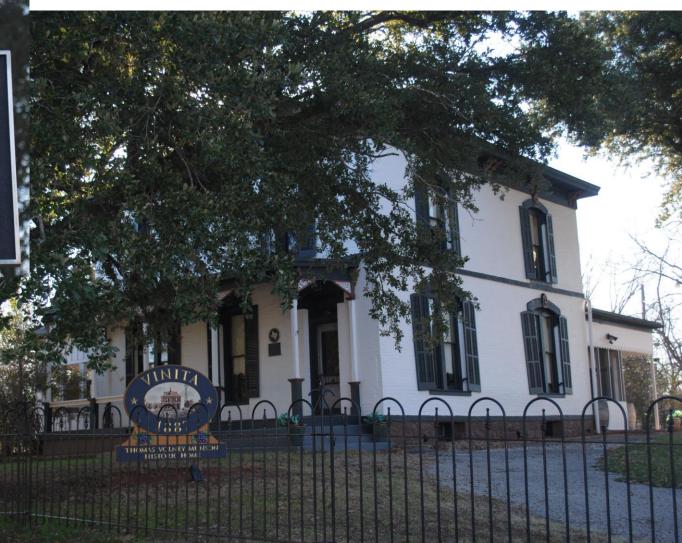
HOME OF THOMAS V. MUNSON

WORLD FAMED GRAPE CULTURIST.
EARNED SECOND DEGREE EVER GIVEN
AT KENTUCKY A. & M. COLLEGE (1870).
MOVED TO DENISON 1876; BECAME A
CIVIC LEADER AND HAD NURSERIES
FOR WIDE VARIETIES OF PLANTS.

IN 1880'S HELPED FRANCE SAVE VINEYARDS FROM ROOT DISEASE, AND BECAME SECOND AMERICAN EVER NAMED TO FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR.

HIS SCIENTIFIC PAPERS FILED IN WASHINGTON, D. C., ARE STILL USED BY HORTICULTURISTS, HE AND HIS WIFE BUILT THIS HOME 1887.

SECONDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK-1967





L.A. Washington, Jr. and Wife Martha A.

L. A. WASHINGTON, JR. AND WIFE MARTHA A... GRANDNEPHEW OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, WHO HAD BEEN GUARDIAN OF L. A.'S, FATHER; WAS A DOCTOR; CAME TO TEXAS 1849 WITH INAUGURAL SUIT, PERSONAL LETTERS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON. WIFE CAME FROM NOTED WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY. RECORDED—1968



Dorchester



THE COMMUNITY OF DORCHESTER WAS FOUNDED ON THE RAILROAD DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. TWO ONE-ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOLS WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE FAMILIES WHO MOVED TO THE AREA. THE DORCHESTER SCHOOL CAME INTO BEING ABOUT 1907 WITH THE CONSOLIDATION OF THESE SCHOOLS.

BETWEEN 1913 AND 1915, A TWO-STORY BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THIS SITE. ITS AUDITORIUM ALSO SERVED AS A LOCATION FOR COMMUNITY GATHERINGS. UNDER U. S. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT'S WEA PROGRAM, A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1940. ITS GYMNASIUM SERVED AS ATHLETIC FACILITY, AUDITORIUM, AND SOCIAL CENTER, WITH THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AS AN ANNUAL HIGHLIGHT.

THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS CLOSED IN 1949, BUT THE DORCHESTER SCHOOL CONTINUED TO PROVIDE CLASSES FOR ELEMENTARY GRADE STUDENTS UNTIL CONSOLIDATION WITH THE HOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1959.

FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, THE DORCHESTER SCHOOL PLAYED A CENTRAL AND VITAL ROLE IN THE TOWN. SOME OF ITS GRADUATES RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL TO BECOME EDUCATORS, AND MANY HAVE REMAINED IN DORCHESTER TO BECOME COMMUNITY LEADERS.

Dorchester School



Gunter

Town of Gunter, on Old Gunter Ranch







Whitaker Cemetery

PIONEERS IN THE CLAYTON SCHOOL-HOUSE COMMUNITY BEGAN USING THIS SITE ON J. W. WHITAKER'S FARM AS A BURIAL GROUND IN 1866, WITH THE INTERMENT OF JOSEPH MCLEAN. THE SETTLERS, WHO WERE FARMERS AND RANCHERS FROM MISSISSIPPI AND OTHER SOUTHERN STATES, BOUGHT THIS CEMETERY IN 1880 AND CONTINUED TO USE IT AS A BURIAL GROUND. IN 1967 DESCENDANTS OF THE PIONEER SETTLERS FORMED THE WHITAKER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GRAVESITES. THE ORGANIZATION SPONSORS AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY.



Howe

Jabez and Harriet Hanning





JABEZ AND HARRIET HANING

JABEZ HANING (1827-1883) CAME TO GRAYSON COUNTY WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1846. IN THE 1850s JABEZ HANING OBTAINED A GRANT OF 320 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE PETERS COLONY. HIS LAND WAS LOCATED ABOUT NINE MILES SOUTH OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN. HARRIET CAMPBELL (1834-1880) AND JABEZ HANING WERE MARRIED IN 1854 AND ESTABLISHED A FARM. IN 1873 THE HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RAIL-WAY ESTABLISHED A LINE SOUTH OF SHERMAN. THE ROUTE WENT THROUGH THE HANING PROPERTY, AND THEY DONATED LAND FOR A TOWN SITE IN 1876. THE TOWN WAS NAMED HOWE, PROBABLY IN HONOR OF A RAILROAD OFFICIAL.

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Mame Roberts

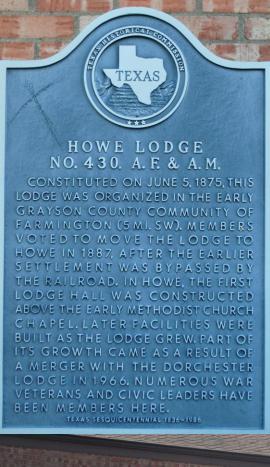


THE DAUGHTER OF JAMES M. AND MARTHA SUE (BAXTER) ROBERTS, MAME ROBERTS LIVED HER ENTIRE LIFE IN OR NEAR THE COMMUNITY OF HOWE. LARGELY SELF-TAUGHT, SHE WORKED AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN THE LOWER GRADES AT THE HOWE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE EARLY 1900s BEFORE TURNING TO HER LIFE'S WORK-PROMOTING CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS AND BEAUTIFICATION.

AS THE WRITER OF A WEEKLY COLUMN IN THE HOWE MESSENGER, MAME ROBERTS PROMOTED HER HOMETOWN AND ENCOURAGED ITS BEAUTIFICATION. HER CAMPAIGN TO MAKE HOWE THE "PRETTIEST LITTLE TOWN IN TEXAS" MOTIVATED OTHER SMALL TEXAS TOWNS TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. A SERIES OF ARTICLES IN THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS PROVIDED STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARRYING OUT BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS, AND SHE WAS IN GREAT DEMAND AS A SPEAKER AT GARDEN CLUB GATHERINGS THROUGHOUT THIS PART OF THE STATE. MAME'S WORK ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF LIFE MAGAZINE AND READER'S DIGEST, AND SHE WAS NAMED "WOMAN OF THE DAY" ON MAY 14, 1949, ON ELEANOR AND ANNA ROOSEVELT'S NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM.

HER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS INCLUDED: PRESIDENT OF THE GRAYSON COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS; PRESIDENT OF THE TEXOMA REDBUD ASSOCIATION, WHICH URGED THE PLANTING OF REDBUDS ALONG HIGHWAYS IN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA; AND FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE HOWE SESAME CLUB. HER WORK, WHICH SPANNED THE DECADES BEFORE AND AFTER WORLD WAR II, IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE CIVIC HISTORY OF HOWE AND OF ALL THE TOWNS THAT PUT HER LESSONS INTO ACTION.

(2002)



Howe Lodge No. 430, A.F. & A.M.





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF HOWE

IN THE 1840s, SETTLERS MOVED TO THIS AREA AS PART OF THE PETERS COLONY. IN THE EARLY 1870s, PLANS FOR THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMING THROUGH THE SETTLEMENT BROUGHT NEW RESIDENTS TO THE COMMUNITY, KNOWN AS SUMMIT. RENAMED FOR RAILROAD OFFICIAL F.M. HOWE, THE TOWN OF HOWE WAS ESTABLISHED CIRCA 1872.

THAT SAME YEAR, SEVERAL RESIDENTS MET TO ORGANIZE WHAT WOULD BECOME THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF HOWE. FOUNDERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS INCLUDED GEORGE MILLER, J.A. HUGHES, HENRY STEVENS, J.A. MATTHEWS, W.T. COPELAND, SI COLLINS, C.E. WHEAT, L.M. DAYIS, J.C. McBEE, JIM McCOY AND JOHN GRIGG, AND MEMBERS HELD THEIR FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND WORSHIP SERVICES IN HOMES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

THE CONGREGATION GREW AND PURCHASED THIS SITE IN 1893 FROM JOHN W. AND MINNIE B. SIMPSON. THE CHURCH, LED BY TRUSTEES CHARLIE HANNA, J.W. BEARDEN, AND JOHN AND FRANK GRIGG, CONSTRUCTED A BUILDING ON THE SITE. THE STRUCTURE WAS ONE OF FOUR PROTESTANT SANCTUARIES CONSTRUCTED IN HOWE DURING THAT PERIOD. EACH HAD SIMILAR VERNACULAR DESIGNS SHOWING VICTORIAN INFLUENCES. FEATURES INCLUDED FISHSCALE SHINGLING, STEEP-PITCHED GABLE ROOFS AND NEO-GOTHIC DETAILS. THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION ADDED AN ANNEX IN 1925 AND LATER PURCHASED A PARSONAGE ON ADJOINING PROPERTY.

DURING ITS YEARS AS A CONGREGATION, THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBERS HELD REVIVALS IN THE CHURCHYARD AND MINISTERED AND WITNESSED TO THOSE IN THE HOWE COMMUNITY. IN 1982, BECAUSE OF DECLINING MEMBERSHIP, THE CHURCH DISBANDED, AND MEMBERS DONATED THE SANCTUARY AND SITE TO THE CITY, WHICH PREPARED TO USE THE FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY'S PAST.

First Christian Church of Howe



William Whitley Wheat





WILLIAM WHITLEY WHEAT

WILLIAM WHITLEY WHEAT (1820–1890) WAS BORN IN ALABAMA TO SAMUEL AND CYNTHIA (STINSON) WHEAT. HE MARRIED CYNTHIA ANN MAYNARD, AND THE COUPLE CAME TO TEXAS IN 1842 TO PETERS COLONY. THEY MOVED THREE YEARS LATER TO WHAT IS NOW GRAYSON COUNTY, SETTLING AND RAISING TEN CHILDREN NEAR FARMINGTON. WHEAT WAS AN EARLY CATTLE DROVER TO NORTHERN MARKETS, AND HE BECAME A RESPECTED AND SUCCESSFUL FARMER. HE SERVED FOR MANY YEARS AS GRAYSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER IN THE 1870'S AND 1880'S AND WAS FIRST PRESIDING PRESIDENT OF THE OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS. AS SUCH, HE WORKED TO EASE LOCAL TENSIONS IN THE POST-CIVIL WAR YEARS.

RECORDED - 2002

Hall Cemetery





HALL CEMETERY

LOCATED ON LAND PATENTED BY ANDERSON WHITE (1801-85), ON CERTIFICATE ISSUED APRIL 23,1850, BY PETERS COLONY, AN IMMIGRATION PROJECT WHICH HAD RECEIVED A LARGE LAND GRANT IN THIS REGION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS. BURIAL PLOT WAS BEGUN JAN. 6,1857, UPON THE DEATH OF WHITE'S DAUGHTER, SARAH WHITE HANING, WIFE OF AARON HANING. ONE WEEK LATER, ON JAN. 13, A SECOND GRAVE WAS APRIL 1859 TO TRUSTEES FOR A PUBLIC CEMETERY.

NAMED FOR BENJAMIN F. HALL (1803-73), PIONEER MINISTER OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, DOCTOR, DENTIST, AND LAWYER,

TORNADO OF MAY 15, 1896.

LEE BIVINS INCREASED THE CEMETERY TO PRESENT SIZE

Pilot Grove



Pilot Grove Baptist Church



Binion Homestead

FIRST USED MULES TO OPERATE THE CRUSHER, AND WOOD



Pilot Grove



Pottsboro



George R. Reeves

GEORGE R REEVES MAN FOR WHOM 2600-SQ, MI, WEST TEXAS COUNTY WAS NAMED, BORN IN TENNESSEE MARRIED JANE MOORE IN 1844 IN ARKANSAS, CAME TO TEXAS ABOUT 1845, WAS GRAYSON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, 1848-1850; SHERIEF, 1850-1854. SERVED AS STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 1855-1861, COMMISSIONED CONFEDERATE ARMY OFFICER, 1863, PARTICIPANT TILE OF CHICKAMAUGA AND HUNDRED LANTA CAMPAIGN, RETURNED TO LEGISLATURE, 1873, SPEAKER O THE HOUSE, 1881-1882. RECORDED = 1967

Fink





FINK

A COMMUNITY GREW UP NEAR FORT JOHNSON ON THE TEXAS MILI-TARY ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SHAWNEE TRAIL) IN THE 1840s. EARLIER CALLED GEORGETOWN AND REEVESVILLE, THE SETTLEMENT BE-POST OFFICE (500 FEET NORTH) WAS FOR FIEDRICK FINKE (1858-1920), A GERMAN IMMIGRANT WHO HAD COME TO GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1884. THE POST OFFICE WAS DISCONTINUED THE BOUNDARIES OF POTTSBORO. IN THE 1960'S LOCAL RESIDENTS BEGAN ANNUAL FINK CELEBRATIONS.



Site of the Trading Post of Holland Coffee

Site of Fort Johnson





Pottsboro





CADDO AND WICHITA INDIAN TRIBES OCCUPIED THIS AREA SEFORE ANGLO SETTLEMENT BEGAN IN THE 19TH CENTURY. AMONG THE EARLY SETTLERS WAS JAMES G. THOMPSON, WHOSE DAUGHTER, SARAH VIRGINIA, MARRIED JAMES A. POTTS (1858-1905), A CONFEDERATE VETERAN, RANCHER, AND LAND DEVELOPER WHO MOVED TO GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1868.

RECOVERING FROM A LONG CONSTRUCTION DELAY CAUSED BY THE CIVIL WAR, RAILROADS BEGAN BUILDING LINES THROUGH THIS AREA OF TEXAS IN THE LATE 1870S. JAMES AND SARAH POTTS DEEDED LAND FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DENISON AND PACIFIC RAILWAY, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD, IN 1878. JAMES POTTS IS CREDITED WITH DRAWING UP THE PLAT FOR THE NEW RAILROAD TOWN NAMED IN HIS HONOR. WITHIN A DECADE POTTSBORD BOASTED HOMES, CHURCHES, GENERAL STORES, GRISTMILLS, A COTTON GIN, POST OFFICE, HOTEL/SALOON, AND SCHOOL. THE TOWN WAS INCORPORATED ON JUNE 19, 1885.

POTTSBORO SUSTAINED SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM MAJOR FIRES IN 1892, 1923, AND 1924, BUT THE CITIZENS REBUILT AND THE TOWN PROSPERED. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION OF PERRIN ARMY AIR FIELD AND LAKE TEXOMA DURING THE 1940S BROUGHT ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE TOWN, WHICH CONTINUES TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF GRAYSON COUNTY.

(1774)

Preston Road/Shawnee Trail



PRESTON ROAD/SHAWNEE TRAIL

IN 1840, AUTHORIZED BY AN 1838 ACT OF THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, COL. W. G. COOKE AND THE TEXAS FIRST INFANTRY REGIMENT LAID OUT A MILITARY ROAD FROM AUSTIN NORTH THROUGH WHAT BECAME DALLAS TO THE HOLLAND COFFEE TRADING POST ON RED RIVER (LATER COVERED BY LAKE TEXOMA).

COFFEE DEVELOPED THE TOWN OF PRESTON NEAR THE TRADING POST, AND COOKE'S MILITARY ROUTE BECAME KNOWN AS PRESTON ROAD BETWEEN THE RED RIVER AND DALLAS. IMMIGRANTS CAME FROM MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS THROUGH INDIAN TERRITORY (OKLAHOMA) INTO TEXAS ALONG PRESTON ROAD. IN ONE SIX-WEEK PERIOD IN 1845, ROUGHLY 1,000 WAGONS CROSSED THE RIVER INTO TEXAS.

FROM THE MID-1850s THE ROAD MARKED THE ROUTE FOR TEXAS' FIRST CATTLE DRIVE. LATER KNOWN AS THE SHAWNEE TRAIL, IT PROBABLY WAS NAMED FOR A NATIVE AMERICAN VILLAGE CALLED SHAWNEETOWN NORTH OF WHAT BECAME DENISON. CATTLE SWAM THE RED RIVER AT ROCK BLUFF CROSSING, A NATURAL ROCK FORMATION THAT SERVED AS A CHUTE INTO THE WATER, LATER THE SITE OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S WATER INTAKE STATION ON LAKE TEXOMA. THIS REMAINED THE PRINCIPAL ROUTE TO THE NORTH FOR TEXAS CATTLE UNTIL THE CIVIL WAR. THE LAST LARGE HERDS MOVED THROUGH GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1871.

THE OLD ROUTE REMAINS VISIBLE AT ROCKY POINT ON LAKE TEXOMA, AND ALONG HANNA DRIVE. THE OVERALL PASSAGE IS FOLLOWED BY PARTS OF PRESTON ROAD IN GRAYSON COUNTY, A FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 289, AND PRESTON ROAD IN DALLAS.

1998)





Sophia Porter

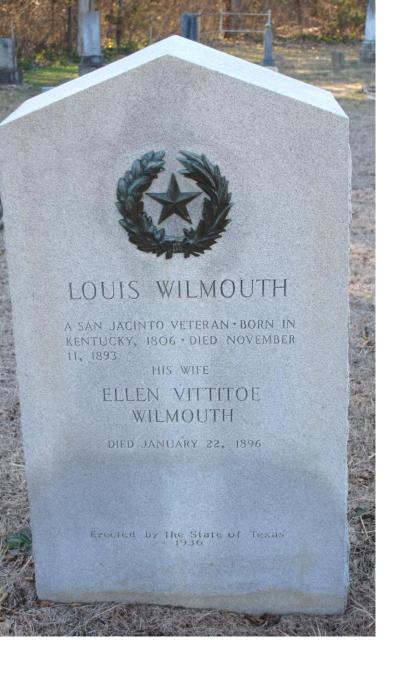
(1813-1899)

SETTLED 1839 AT GLEN EDEN, A SITE NOW UNDER LAKE TEXOMA (NOFHERE). HER HUSBAND, EARLY TRADER HOLLAND COFFEE, BUILT FINE HOME. GUESTS INCLUDED ROBERT E. LEE, ULYSSES S. GRANT, OTHER ARMY OFFICERS, 1845-60.

DURING CIVIL WAR, WINED AND DINED PASSING FEDERAL SCOUTS. FOUND OUT THEY WERE SEEKING COL. JAS. BOURLAND, CONFEDERATE DEFENDER OF TEXAS FRONTIER. WHILE GUESTS WERE BUSY, SHE SLIPPED OUT, SWAM HER HORSE ACROSS ICY RED RIVER, WARNED COL. BOURLAND, HELPED PREVENT FEDERAL INVASION OF NORTH TEXAS.



Sadler



Louis Wilmouth



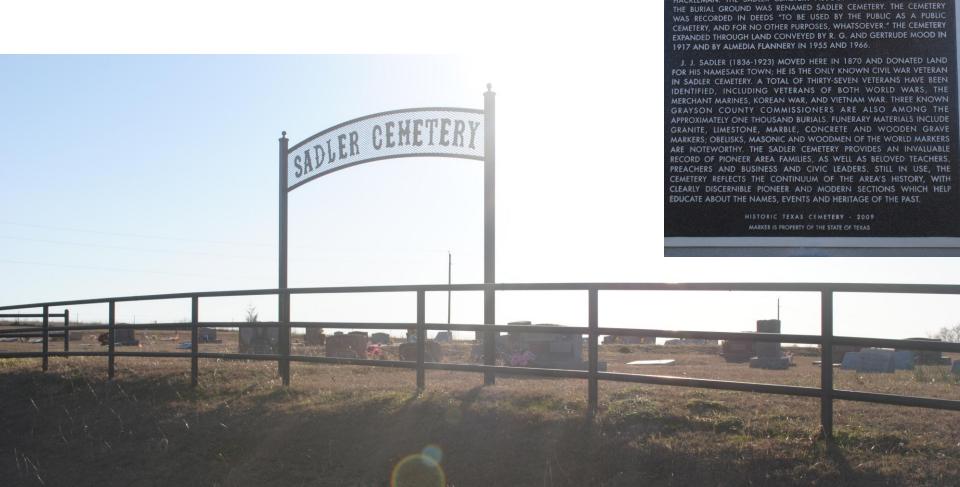
SADLER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST CALLED QUILLIN'S CHAPEL THIS CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN SEPT. 1876 IN A SCHOOLHOUSE JUST WEST OF SADLER CEMETERY, THE REV. WILLIAM M. ROBBINS (1886-98), THEN SERVING THE DEXTER CIRCUIT, WAS THE FOUNDING PASTOR LE COLLIER E. J. CRAVEN, WILLIAM JONES, JAMES MITCHELL, AND W.S. ROBINSON WERE THE ORIGINAL TRUSTEES, RENAMED EM METHODIST CHURCH IN 1880. CONGREGATION BECAME SADLER METHODIST WHEN IT MOVED TO THIS SITE IN 1895, LOCAL CONTRACTOR JOE CARIKER ERECTED THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING IN 1940.

Sadler United Methodist Church



Sadler Cemetery



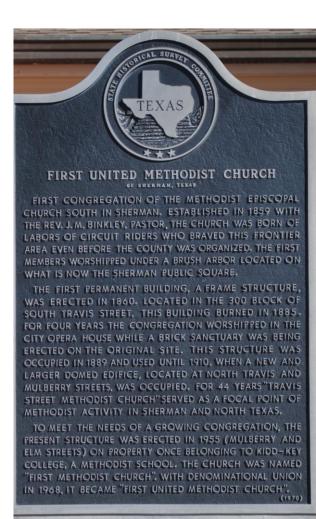
SADLER CEMETERY

THIS LAND WAS ALREADY IN USE AS A BURIAL GROUND KNOWN AS BETHLEHEM CEMETERY WHEN IT WAS OFFICIALLY DEDICATED IN COUNTY RECORDS IN 1884. BETHLEHEM CHURCH, THE SOURCE OF THE ORIGINAL NAME, WAS ORIGINALLY ACROSS THE ROAD BEFORE THE CONGREGATION DISBANDED. IN 1884, S. M. AND MAGGIE LESTER CONVEYED NEARLY FOUR ACRES TO TRUSTEES R. L. BELSHER, H. C. HALL, AND B. S. HACKLEMAN. THE SADLER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED AND

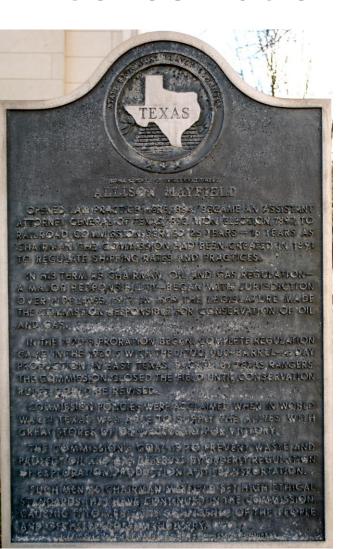
Sherman



First United Methodist Church of Sherman



Home County of Allison Mayfield, Conservationist



Trinity United Presbyterian Church



TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN THE 19TH CENTURY, PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS BEGAN SENDING REPRESENTATIVES INTO TEXAS TO ORGANIZE NEW CHURCHES. BY 1850, THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAD ESTABLISHED SEVEN CONGREGATIONS IN GRAYSON COUNTY. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE REV. W.A. PROVINE LED SHERMAN RESIDENTS IN ORGANIZING THEIR OWN CHURCH, WHICH BEGAN MEETING IN 1852 IN THE MASONIC LODGE HALL, WHICH WAS USED BY SEVERAL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS. AFTER SUBSEQUENTLY USING SPACE AT THE METHODIST. CHURCH, THE CUMBERLAND CONGREGATION CONSTRUCTED ITS OWN SANCTUARY IN 1872 ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TRAVIS AND CHERRY STREETS. THROUGHOUT THE EARLY YEARS OF THE CHURCH'S LIFE, REGULAR REVIVALS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

IN 1906, AFTER ALMOST A CENTURY OF SEPARATION, THE NATIONAL CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REJOINED THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), AND INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONS WERE GIVEN THE CHOICE TO FOLLOW SUIT. THE SHERMAN CHURCH VOTED TO REJOIN BUT MAINTAINED ITS NAME, CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, UNTIL 1909, WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN AS GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. AS THE CHURCH'S MEMBERSHIP GREW, IT BUILT ADDITIONAL AND LARGER FACILITIES AT THAT SAME SITE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES. IN 1921, THE CONGREGATION VOTED TO BE KNOWN AS CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND IN THE EARLY 1960s, AS THE CONGREGATION MOVED TO A NEW SITE IN NORTHWEST SHERMAN, THE NAME CHANGED AGAIN, TO TRINITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, THE CONGREGATION THAT BEGAN AS SHERMAN'S CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EMPHASIZED YOUTH, MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE PROGRAMS AT THE LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. THESE EFFORTS CONTINUED AFTER THE CHURCH UNITED IN 1995 WITH SHERMAN'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FORMING COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

(2005)



BY 1870, THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES SENT THE REV. R.E. SHERRILL TO ORGANIZE NEW CONGREGATIONS IN NORTHEAST. TEXAS. HE'LED A GROUP OF SHERMAN RESIDENTS IN NORTHEAST. TEXAS. HE'LED A GROUP OF SHERMAN RESIDENTS IN NORTHEAST. TEXAS. HE'LED A GROUP OF SHERMAN RESIDENTS IN NORTHEAST. THE MEMBERS HAD FORMING A CHURCH IN 871. AND BY LATE 1874. THE CHURCH PECAN CONSTRUCTED A SANCTUARY ON TRAVIS STREET, BETWEEN PECAN CAND, MULBERRY STREETS. THROUGHOUT THE 1870s, THE CITY OF SHERMAN GREW AS A RESULT OF NEW RAIL LINES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY. THE CONGREGATION, KNOWN AS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREW ALONG WITH THE CITY. BY 1886, THE CHURCH HAD ESTABLISHED A CHAPEL IN A GROWING PART OF TOWN, AND IN 1894. THE CONGREGATION MOVED TO A LARGER SANCTUARY AT THE CORNER OF TRAVIS AND MULBERRY.

AFTER AUSTIN COLLEGE MOVED TO SHERMAN IN 1876, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FOSTERED A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS STUDENTS AND FACULTY, LEADING TO THE CREATION OF A NEW CONGREGATION, THE COLLEGE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CLOSER TO CAMPUS. FIRST CHURCH AND THE SCHOOLS, PRE-MINISTERIAL STUDENTS ALSO ESTABLISHED A SHORT-LIVED SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION IN THE 1940S. DURING THE 20TH CENTURY, FIRST CHURCH'S MEMBERS MAINTAINED OTHER EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS FOREIGN MISSION PROJECTS.

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GREW AND SERVED ITS COMMUNITY, BUILDING NEW FACILITIES AS NEEDED. THE CONGREGATION DEVELOPED CLOSE TIES WITH THE TRINITY. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION (SHERMAN), WITH WHICH IT UNITED IN 1995, FORMING COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. TODAY, COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CONTINUES THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ESTABLISHED BY ITS HISTORIC CONGREGATIONS IN THEIR DECADES OF WORK AND WORSHIP IN SHERMAN.

First Presbyterian Church





Judge C.C. Binkley





THIS CONGREGATION TRACES ITS BEGINNINGS TO THE LATE 1850s, WHEN PIONEER MINISTER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HALL CAME TO THIS AREA TO PREACH AND ORGANIZE A CHURCH. EARLY MEETING PLACES INCLUDED A BRUSH ARBOR AND A UNION MEETING HOUSE AT THE LOCAL MASONIC HALL. A SANCTUARY WAS BUILT IN 1875 ON THE CORNER OF MONTGOMERY AND HOUSTON STREETS. A SITE ON THE CORNER OF TRAVIS AND CHERRY STREETS WAS ACQUIRED IN 1895. AND A NEW CHURCH STRUCTURE WAS ERECTED IN 1905." A PART OF GRAYSON COUNTY HISTORY, THIS CHURCH HAS SERVED THE PEOPLE OF SHERMAN FOR OVER 130 YEARS.

Central Christian Church





OLIVE ANN OATMAN FAIRCHILD

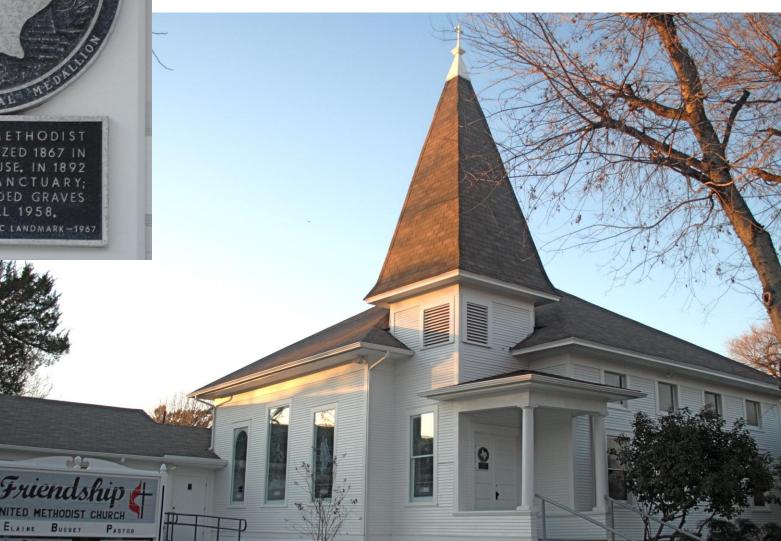
CAPTURED IN ARIZONA AT AGE 13 (1851) BY YAVAPAI INDIANS, WHO MASSACRED 6 MEMBERS OF FAMILY. SOLD TO MOJAVE INDIANS, SHE WAS TREATED KINDLY BUT BORE MARK OF A SLAVE—BLUE, CACTUS NEEDLE TATTOO ON CHIN—FOR REST OF LIFE. RANSOMED BY ARMY AT FORT YUMA, 1856. LIVED IN CALIFORNIA, THEN NEW YORK. THERE SHE MARRIED J. B. FAIRCHILD IN 1865. ABOUT 1872 MOVED TO SHERMAN, WHERE HUSBAND FOUNDED CITY BANK. RESIDED IN SHERMAN UNTIL DEATH IN 1903.

Oliveann Oatman Fairchild





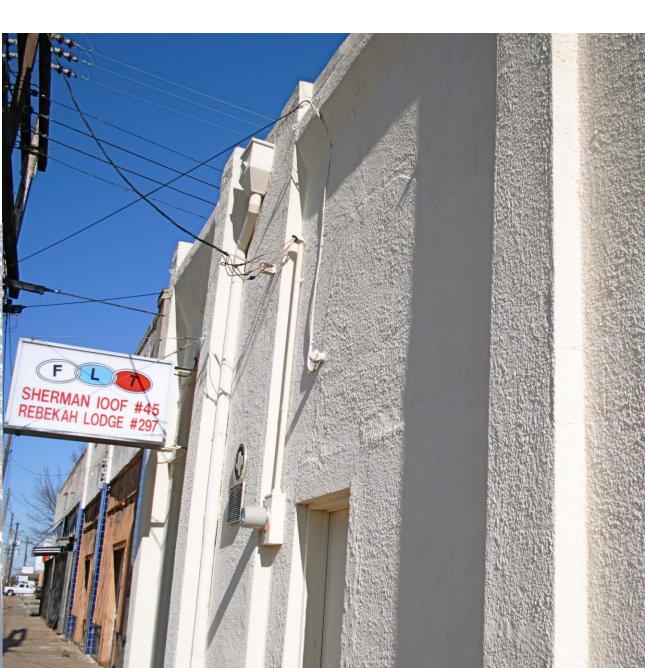
Friendship Methodist Church



Odd Fellow's Hall



RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK-1985





St. Mary's Catholic Church



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE FIRST RECORDED MASS IN SHERMAN TOOK PLACE IN 1872, AND THREE YEARS LATER BISHOP CLAUDE DUBUIS OF THE DIOCESE OF GALVESTON CREATED A PARISH HERE AND SENT THE REV. LOUIS GRANGER TO SERVE AS FIRST PASTOR. A WOODEN CHAPEL HOUSED WORSHIP SERVICES UNTIL THIS CHURCH BUILDING WAS COMPLETED IN 1906. ST. MARY'S IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE WORK OF NOTED GALVESTON ARCHITECT NICHOLAS CLAYTON, WHO INCLUDED GOTHIC AND ROMANESQUE ELEMENTS IN HIS DESIGN. BUILT BY CONTRACTOR WILLIAM CORNISH & SONS, THE CHURCH IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF SHERMAN'S ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK

2001



THE REV. JOHN SILLIMAN MOORE

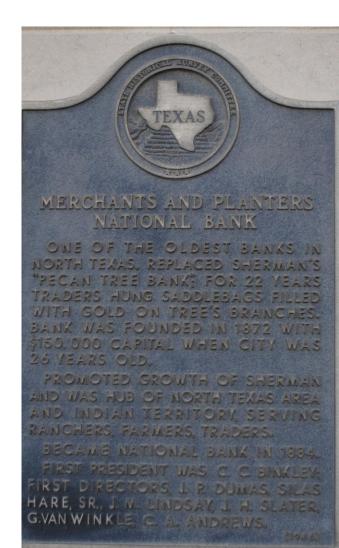
BORN IN MISSISSIPPI IN 1840, JOHN SILLIMAN MOORE ATTENDED COLLEGE IN GEORGIA BEFORE SERVING IN THE CIVIL WAR, WHERE HE WAS WOUNDED AT SEVEN PINES, CHANCELLORSVILLE AND GETTYSBURG. IN 1870, AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY INCOLUMBIA, SOUTH €AROLINA, HE PASTORED CHURCHES IN JEFFERS®N, TYLER, McKINNEY AND THEN SHERMAN, TEXAS, WHERE HE LED THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FROM 1879 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1903. HE SAT ON AUSTIN COLLEGE'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM c. 1875 TO 1902, HELPING RELOCATE THE SCHOOL FROM HUNTSVILLE TO SHERMAN.

The Rev. John Silliman Moore





Merchants and Planters National Bank





Federal Building (United States Courthouse)



AFTER THE SHERMAN DIVISION OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1902, PLANS WERE MADE TO CONSTRUCT THIS BUILDING TO SERVE THE COURT AND THE POSTAL SERVICE.

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT SUPERVISING ARCHITECT JOHN KNOX TAYLOR DESIGNED THIS SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVALBEAUX ARTS STYLE BUILDING. LOCATED IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTER IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE RAIL STATION, THE STRUCTURE WAS COMPLETED IN EARLY 1907 AT A COST OF \$140,000. WITH ITS TERRA COTTA ROOF TILES, FAUX BALCONIES WITH WROUGHT IRON GRILLWORK, LAMP BRACKETS AT BOTH ENTRANCES, AND TWO EAGLES OVERLOOKING THE MAIN ENTRY, IT WAS AN IMPOSING EDIFICE AND A SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO SHERMAN'S DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE FEDERAL COURT, THE BUILDING HAS HOUSED LOCAL OFFICES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, LABOR AND DEFENSE. FROM 1907 TO 1963, THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE OCCUPIED THE ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR. THE ORIGINAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST FLOOR, WHICH WAS REMODELED WHEN THE POST OFFICE MOVED IN 1963.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1997



OWNED SHERMAN'S FIRST BAKERY FOR 35 YEARS. BORN IN SCHLESWIGHOLSTEIN, DENMARK, CAME TO UNITED STATES, 1872, AND TO TEXAS, 1878. WITH F.W. BOEDEKER (WHOSE INTERESTHE SOON BOUGHT) STARTED THE STAR BAKERY, 1879. HAD FIRST DELIVERY SERVICE, FIRST COMMERCIALLY MADEICE CREAM IN TOWN. BUILT FAMILY RESIDENCES AT TWO MIDTOWN SITES. MARRIED (1880) ANNA LUNDORF; HAD 4 CHILDREN. HIS FATHER, MOTHER, AND BROTHERS CAME FROM DENMARK TO JOIN HIM. ALL ARE BURIED HERE.

Andrew Hanson





Hendrix Cemetery





CAPT. JOHN HENRY LETELLIER (JANUARY 21,18,42-JULY 18,1913)

BORN IN VIRGINIA. EDUCATED AT BETHANY COLLEGE. IN 1861 HE JOINED CONFEDERATE ARMY, SERVING IN CO. K, 24TH VA. INF. FOUGHT IN BATTLES OF MANASSAS, WILLIAMSBURG, SEVEN PINES, GETTYSBURG AND OTHERS.

RECEIVED SEVERAL WOUNDS, ONE SERIOUS (AT PLYMOUTH). RESUMED TEACHING AT END OF WAR. CAME TO TEXAS AND OPERATED THE SHERMAN PRIVATE SCHOOL, 1871-1913.

A DYNAMIC TEACHER AND EXPERT IN MATH, HE TAUGHT MANY PERSONS WHO LATER ROSE TO PROMINENCE.

RECORDED-1969

Capt. John Henry LeTellier





Pool Manufacturing Company



Butterfield Overland Mail Route



UNITED STATES AND THE WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES WAS ACCOMPLISHED VIA PANAMA AND CAPE HORN. IN 1857, CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE POSTMASTER TO CONTRACT A NEW OVERLAND MAIL SERVICE. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE SOUTHERN ROUTE WAS JOHN BUTTERFIELD, WHO AGREED TO CONVEY MAIL TWICE WEEKLY IIN 25 DAYS PER RUN. THE "OXBOW TRAIL" ORIGINATED AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, THEN MERGED AT FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS. THE STAGECOACHES TRAVELED THROUGH INDIAN TERRITORY (LATER OKLAHOMA) AND ACROSS NORTHERN TEXAS TO TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND ON TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. TRAVELING 2,795 MILES FROM ST. LOUIS.

THE TRAIL ENTERED GRAYSON COUNTY BY CROSSING THE RED RIVER AT COLBERT'S FERRY AND PROCEEDING INTO SHERMAN. IT CROSSED THE COUNTY TOWARD GAINESVILLE IN COOKE COUNTY EN ROUTE TO FRANKLIN (LATER EL PASO). THE CITIZENS OF SHERMAN ARE CREDITED WITH ESPECIALLY COURTING THE MAIL ROUTE TO USE COLBERT'S FERRY INSTEAD OF ENTERING TEXAS NEAR PRESTON (8 MI. UPRIVER). SHERMAN BECAME A DISTRUBUTION POINT IN 1858. BRINGING MAIL SERVICE TO TEXAS SETTLEMENTS.

WATERMAN L. ORMSBY OF THE NEW YORK HERALD WAS THE FIRST THROUGH PASSENGER ON THE BUTTERFIELD TRAIL IN SEPTEMBER 1858. HE DESCRIBED SHERMAN AS "A PLEASANT LITTLE VILLAGE OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED INHABITANTS," AND CHRONICLED THE REMAINDER OF HIS TRIP ACROSS GRAYSON COUNTY, WRITING "OUR COURSE LAY ACROSS A FINE ROLLING PRAIRIE, COVERED WITH FINE GRASS,...THE BEAUTIFUL MOONLIGHT LIT UP THE VAST PRAIRIES MAKING ITS SAMENESS APPEAR LIKE THE BOUNDLESS SEA AND ITS HILLS LIKE THE ROLLING WAVES." THE SOUTHERN ROUTE WAS TERMINATED IN MARCH 1861. THE COURSE OF THE TRAIL IS STILL VISIBLE IN A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS IN GRAYSON COUNTY.

(1999)



Old Sherman Public Library

OLD SHERMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

A SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY WAS ES-TABLISHED IN SHERMAN IN 1901 AND HOUSED IN A RENTED ROOM. IN 1911, THE CITY SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE ANDREW CARNEGIE FOUNDATION AND RECEIVED \$20,000 FOR A LIBRARY. THIS LOT WAS PURCHASED IN 1912 FOR \$2500 AND PLANS WERE DRAWN FOR A STRUCTURE OF SIMPLIFIED BEAUX-ARTS STYLING BY LOCAL ARCHITECT JOHN TULLOCH (1860-1947). THE BUILDING SERVED AS A LIBRARY FROM 1915 UNTIL 1973. OF NOTE ARE THE THREE INTERIOR MURALS, COMPLETED IN 1934. RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1986

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Lee Simmons





Washington Iron Works Inc.

TO TEXAS FROM QUINCY, ILLINOIS, SEARCHING FOR BETTER CONDITIONS FOR THE FAMILY BLACKSMITH BUSINESS. FINDING STAGE COMPANIES OPERATING OUT OF SHERMAN WHICH REQUIRED BLACKSMITH SERVICES, HE PERSUADED HIS FATHER AND FAMILY TO MOVE HERE. IN 1876 SOLON AND HIS BROTHER LEVI TOTTEN (1844-1915) OPENED TOTTEN BROS. BLACKSMITH" ON CHERRY STREET. THE BUSINESS MADE WHEELS FOR FREIGHT WAGONS AND STAGECOACHES AND REPAIRED THE VEHICLES.

L.L. ROUSSEL, ADOLPH AND MAX SEISFELD, NOAH SWAIN AND LEVI AND SOLON TOTTEN WERE THE ORIGINAL STOCKHOLDERS. THE NAME CHANGED IN 1881 TO WASHINGTON IRON WORKS. IN 1890 THE FIRM MOVED TO EAST LAMAR STREET AND SETTLED HERE. BY 1893 THE TOTTEN BROTHERS AND THEIR FATHER JOSEPH (1821-1906) GAINED FULL OWNERSHIP, IT REMAINS IN THE TOTTEN FAMILY, AFTER 1904 SOLON OPERATED THE COMPANY WITH HIS SONS HARRY (1877-1964) AND JESSE (1880-1946) UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 1922. HAROLD TOTTEN (1900-1969) RAN THE COMPANY WITH HIS FATHER HARRY AFTER JESSE'S DEATH.

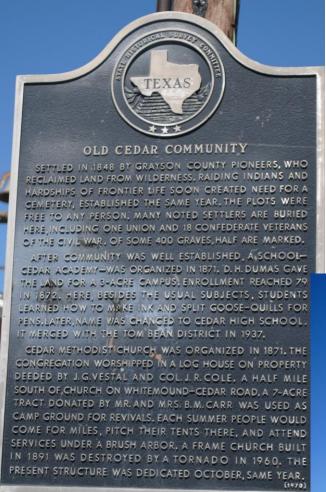
THE FOUNDRY SECTION CLOSED IN 1938, DURING WORLD WAR II, THE SHOP MADE GUN BARREL MOLDS. THIS INDUSTRY, THE OLDEST IN SHERMAN, HAS EXPANDED TO A WORLDWIDE SERVICE FOR OIL AND GAS PROCESSING, PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS, POWER GENERATION AND MARINE INTERESTS.





Mita Holsapple Hall





Old Cedar Community





JESSE P. LOVING

MISSOURI NATIVE JESSE "JESS" P. LOVING CAME TO TEXAS WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1847. THEY SETTLED FIRST NEAR RELATIVES IN DENTON COUNTY, AND MOVED TO SHERMAN IN GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1852. LOVING MARRIED LYDIA ELLEN BOMAR IN 1859. A CONFEDERATE VETERAN, HE BECAME A PROMINENT CIVIC LEADER, SERVING MULTIPLE TERMS AS COUNTY TREASURER AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE. IN 1879 LOVING WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION OF GRAYSON COUNTY. JESSE AND LYDIA LOVING WERE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND WERE THE PARENTS OF NINE CHILDREN.

Jesse P. Loving





PETER W. GRAYSON

PETER WAGENER GRAYSON WAS BORN IN 1788 IN BARDSTOWN, VIRGINIA (LATER PART OF KENTUCKY) TO BENJAMIN AND CAROLINE (TAYLOR) GRAYSON, MEMBERS OF A POLITICALLY PROMINENT FAMILY. HE SERVED IN THE WAR OF 1812 AND WORKED IN LOUISVILLE AS AN ATTORNEY, BUSINESSMAN AND LEGISLATOR. WELL-SPOKEN IN LEGAL MATTERS AND ALSO A POET, HE NEVERTHELESS AMASSED SUBSTANTIAL DEBTS AND PRIVATELY COMBATED MENTAL ILLNESS. IN 1830, GRAYSON WROTE TO STEPHEN F. AUSTIN ABOUT ACQUIRING LAND IN TEXAS, AND BY 1832 HE HAD ESTABLISHED A PLANTATION NEAR MATAGORDA. HE ALSO BECAME A FRIEND AND ADVISOR TO AUSTIN.

DURING AUSTIN'S IMPRISONMENT IN MEXICO CITY IN 1834, GRAYSON AND SPENCER JACK WENT THERE WITH PETITIONS IN HOPES OF FREEING THE EMPRESARIO. IN DECEMBER 1834, THEY SECURED AUSTIN'S BAIL, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT FREE TO LEAVE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING SUMMER. SETTLERS BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR REVOLUTION SOON AFTER AUSTIN RETURNED TO TEXAS, AND GRAYSON WORKED WITH HIM TO OUTLINE AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT. GRAYSON ALSO SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF WAR AND AIDE-DE-CAMP TO BOTH AUSTIN AND GEN. EDWARD BURLESON. AFTER TEXAS' VICTORY AT SAN JACINTO ON APRIL 21, 1836, GRAYSON ACTED AS INTERPRETER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, SIGNING THE TREATIES OF VELASCO ON MAY 14, 1836.

GRAYSON WENT WITH OTHERS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO GAIN RECOGNITION OF THE TEXAS REPUBLIC AND DISCUSS ANNEXATION TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE EFFORTS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. HE SERVED AS TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND AS NAVAL AGENT, AND WAS SAM HOUSTON'S CANDIDATE FOR THE TEXAS PRESIDENCY IN 1838. ON JULY 9 OF THAT YEAR, THOUGH, WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH TENNESSEE, GRAYSON TOOK HIS LIFE, LEAVING A NOTE THAT HIS PREVIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS HAD RETURNED. IN 1846, FOLLOWING THE EVENTUAL ANNEXATION OF TEXAS TO THE UNITED STATES, THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE CREATED GRAYSON COUNTY, NAMING IT FOR THE TEXAS PATRIOT.

(2005)

Peter W. Grayson

Grayson County, C.S.A





Lyon House

HOUSE WAS DESIGNED BY GERMAN-BORN JOHN TOLLOUCH AND OCCUPIED BY HARDWARE MERCHANT GEORGE E. HARDWICKE (1855-1923) UNTIL 1899. THE PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED IN 1902 BY DUPONT LYON (1876-1946), THEN AN OFFICER IN THE U.S. ARMY, HE BECAME AFTER SETTLING HERE, AND SERVED AS MAYOR OF SHERMAN (1913-15). LYON JOINED THE ARMY AGAIN IN WORLD WAR I AND ATTAINED THE RANK OF MAJOR BEFORE RETIRING IN 1932. IN THE 1930s, LYON MADE MINOR REPAIRS AND ADDITIONS TO THE HOUSE. IT WAS PURCHASED AND RESTORED IN 1974 BY ROBERT J. TATE.





EDWARD METZ (1854-1913) CAME TO TEXAS FROM MICHIGAN AS A YOUNG MAN TO JOIN HIS BROTHER, CHARLES, IN A LEATHER GOODS BUSINESS. IN THE 1870S, THEY BUILT A PROFITABLE TRADE, BUYING BUFFALO HIDES AND OTHER FURS FROM INDIAN TRIBES IN OKLAHOMA TO SELL TO EASTERN MARKETS. METZ IS CREDITED WITH HELPING KEEP PEACE BETWEEN THE INDIANS AND SETTLERS IN GRAYSON COUNTY. IN 1883 HE BUILT THIS HOUSE, WITH VICTORIAN FISH SCALE SIDING, AS A PRESENT FOR HIS BRIDE, LILLIAN (CRAYCROFT). OCCUPIED FROM 1909 TO 1939 BY PROMINENT LOCAL PHYSICIAN DR. J. D. MEADOW, IT WAS RESTORED IN 1975-76 BY BYRON RICE (b. 1957).

Metz House





Grayson Bible Baptist Church



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MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE YEARS, AND THE CURRENT STRUCTURE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 2004 ON EAST HIGHWAY 82. DURING THE LATE 1940s THE CHURCH'S NAME CHANGED TO CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, AND AGAIN CHANGED IN 1973 TO GRAYSON BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE CHURCH HAS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED MISSION WORK AND OUTREACH. DURING THE 1950s A CHURCH BUS WAS SENT TO NEARBY PERRIN AIR FORCE BASE TO BRING SOLDIERS TO CHURCH SERVICES. GRAYSON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 AS AN OUTREACH

(2009)

Sherman Little Theater (The Sherman Community Players)



SHERMAN LITTLE THEATER

The Sherman Community Players
IN THE EARLY 1920s, AS THE LITTLE THEATER MOVEMENT WAS
DEVELOPING IN TEXAS, A GROUP OF SHERMAN CITIZENS FORMED A
COMMUNITY THEATER TO PRESENT DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS TO
LOCAL AUDIENCES. IN DECEMBER 1925, SHERMAN JOINED THE

GROWING RANKS OF TEXAS CITIES WITH A LITTLE THEATER GROUP.
ARCHITECT ROLLIN M. ROLFE, WHO SERVED AS FIRST PRESIDENT,
AUSTIN COLLEGE PROFESSOR FRANCIS EMERSON AND BUSINESSMAN
JAMES FANT WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN GUIDING THE ORGANIZATION

THE SHERMAN LITTLE THEATER'S FIRST PRODUCTION, OLD MAN MINICK, DEBUTED IN EARLY 1926 WITH A CAST OF LOCAL CITIZENS. THE SAME YEAR, THE GROUP WON FIRST PLACE IN TEXAS' FIRST LITTLE THEATER COMPETITION IN DALLAS WITH THE PLAY MOONTIDE. PRODUCING SEVERAL PLAYS EACH YEAR, OTHER THAN DURING WORLD WAR II, AND ENJOYING BROAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT, THE THEATER GROUP INCORPORATED IN 1950 AS THE SHERMAN

TO ITS EARLY GROWTH AND SUCCESS.

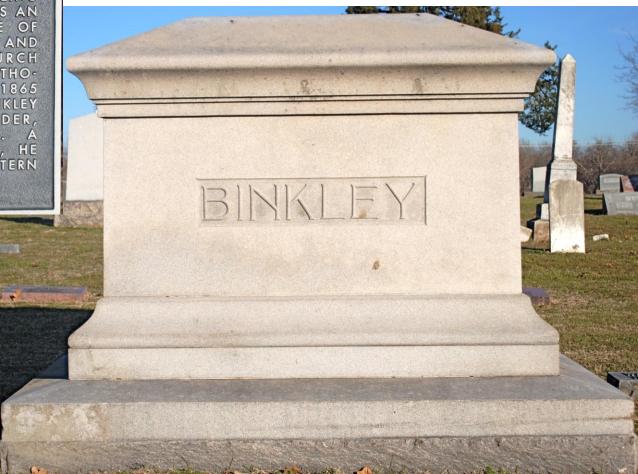


THE REV. J. M. BINKLEY

(FEBRUARY 26, 1833 - JANUARY 13, 1916)

JACOB MONROE BINKLEY CAME TO TEXAS
FROM TENNESSEE IN 1852. BEFORE BEING
LICENSED TO PREACH IN 1855 HE WAS AN
EFFECTIVE ORATOR FOR THE CAUSE OF
TEMPERANCE. IN 1859 HE ORGANIZED AND
WAS FIRST PASTOR OF THE CHURCH
LATER KNOWN AS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SHERMAN. FROM 1865
UNTIL HIS DEATH, THE REV. MR. BINKLEY
WAS A METHODIST PRESIDING ELDER,
RETAINING HIS SHERMAN RESIDENCE. A
STRONG SUPPORTER OF EDUCATION, HE
WAS BOARD CHAIRMAN AT SOUTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY AND KIDD-KEY COLLEGE.

The Rev. J.M. Binkley



Fred Douglass School



FRED DOUGLASS SCHOOL

NAMED FOR THE FAMED 19TH CENTURY AFRICAN AMERICAN
ORATOR FREDERICK DOUGLASS, THE FRED DOUGLASS SCHOOL
WAS CREATED AS ONE OF SHERMAN'S FIRST THREE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS IN 1879. TWO HOUSES ONE BLOCK WEST OF THIS SITE
WERE RENTED FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE AREA'S AFRICAN
AMERICAN CHILDREN. IN THE FIRST YEARS OF THE FRED
DOUGLASS SCHOOL THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WAS ABOUT 85.



IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1896, A DISASTROUS TORNADO SWEPT SHERMAN, KILLING ABOUT 66 PERSONS, INJURING MANY OTHERS, AND CAUSING SEVERE PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE TWISTER TOUCHED DOWN NEAR HERE, THEN CUT A 2 - MILE - LONG PATH THROUGH THE CITY. THE SAME FUNNEL AND SEVERAL SMALLER ONES STRUCK AT OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE AREA. MOST OF THE STORM'S VICTIMS WERE BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY. AFTER THE TRAGEDY, CITIZENS OF SHERMAN AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS HELPED WITH THE REBUILDING, AND RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS WERE SENT FROM MANY DISTANT PLACES.

(1975)

The Great Sherman Storm of 1896



Courthouse of Grayson County

FROM PIONEER LOG CABINS TO A NATIVE TEXAS LIMESTONE STRUCTURE, GRAYSON COUNTY COURTHOUSES HAVE TAKEN MANY SHAPES AND SIZES SINCE THE COUNTY'S ESTABLISHMENT IN 1846. THE FIRST COURTHOUSE, A FRAME BUILDING ON BALD PRAIRIE A FEW MILES WEST OF THE CURRENT COUNTY SEAT, WAS COMPLETED IN 1847 FOR A COST OF \$232. IT SERVED FOR ONE YEAR, UNTIL SHERMAN WAS RELOCATED TO THIS SITE, AND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDERED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOG CABIN ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUARE, NEITHER IT, NOR THE THIRD COURTHOUSE (A TWO STORY FRAME BUILDING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE), NOR THE 1853 BRICK FOURTH COURTHOUSE WERE IN SERVICE FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME. AN 1859 COURTHOUSE, INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH A LARGE AND STRUCTURALLY SOUND FACILITY, FELL INTO DISUSE BY THE EARLY 1870s.

THUS, BY THE TIME THE HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD REACHED SHERMAN IN 1873, GRAYSON COUNTY HAD SEEN FIVE COURTHOUSES IN FEWER THAN 40 YEARS. THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD WAS A BOON TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF BETTER BUILDING MATERIALS LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAJESTIC 1876 COURTHOUSE A TWO-STORY EDIFICE WITH TOWER SUPPORTING A CUPOLA CONTAINING A CLOCK AND A BELL-WHICH SERVED THE COUNTY UNTIL IT BURNED IN 1930. DUE TO THE DEPRESSION, IT WAS SIX YEARS BEFORE THE CURRENT IMPOSTURE COURTHOUSE WAS BUILT, IN PART WITH FEDERAL GRANTS IND LOANS. AS CENTERS OF POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT, GRAYSON OUNTY'S SEVEN COURTHOUSES HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE ITHE COUNTY'S HISTORY.





Austin College

OLDEST COLLEGE IN TEXAS OPERATING UNDER ORIGINAL CHARTER. FOUNDED IN 1849 BY THE PRESBYTERY OF BRAZOS UNDER LEADERSHIP OF DANIEL BAKER. NAMED FOR STEPHEN F. AUSTIN, FATHER OF TEXAS. OPENED IN HUNTSVILLE WITH SAM HOUSTON, ANSON JONES, AND HENDERSON YOAKUM—TEXAS STATESMEN—AMONG ORIGINAL TRUSTEES. BELL DONATED BY HOUSTON HANGS IN PRESENT CHAPEL. FOR YEARS COMPETENCE IN GREEK AND LATIN WAS REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE.

IN 1855 OPENED THE FIRST LAW SCHOOL IN STATE, AND BECAME THE FIRST COLLEGE IN TEXAS TO AWARD GRADUATE DEGREES IN 1856. HAD THE FIRST CHAPTER IN TEXAS OF ANY NATIONAL FRATERNITY (PHI DELTA THETA). REMAINED OPEN DURING CIVIL WAR ALTHOUGH MOST STUDENTS JOINED CONFEDERATE ARMY. POST - WAR PROBLEMS AND EPIDEMICS CAUSED MOVE TO SHERMAN IN 1876. OLDEST BUILDING IS LUCKETT HALL (1908), THE FIRST BUILDING ON THIS CAMPUS HAVING BEEN DESTROYED BY ARSON IN 1913.

ERECTED FIRST COLLEGE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, 1911. IN WORLD WAR I, COOPERATED WITH THE STUDENT ARMY TRAINING CORPS AND ADMITTED FIRST COEDS. IN WORLD WAR II, AIDED ARMY AIR TRAINING CORPS.

FOUNDED TO SERVE YOUTH OF PIONEER FAMILIES, COLLEGE
NOW ENROLLS STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND IS A
LEADER IN CREATIVE CHRISTIAN LIBERAL AND SERVE TO SERVE THE WORLD AND IS A





THOMAS JEFFERSON SHANNON (1808-1864) THOMAS J. SHANNON CAME TO TEXAS IN 1839 AND SETTLED IN WHAT BECAME GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1845. ELECTED FIRST GRAYSON COUNTY. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE, HE WORKED FOR RELOCATION OF THE COUNTY SEAT TO THE PRESENT SITE OF SHERMAN. SHANNON EARNED THE NAME "FATHER OF SHERMAN" AFTER DONATING LAND FOR THE TOWNSITE. HIS DAUGHTER JULIA NAMED THE FIRST STREETS. A PIONEER STOCK MAN, SHANNON IMPORTED DURHAM CATTLE, A GIFT FROM OUEEN VICTORIA, IN 1848. RECORDED-1983

Thomas Jefferson Shannon





KENTUCKY NATIVE JOHN HUMPHREYS REYNOLDS SERVED AS A METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER IN TENNESSEE, WHERE HE MARRIED AND BEGAN A FAMILY IN 1879, HE MOVED HIS MINISTRY TO TEXAS, WORKING TO SERVE CHURCHES IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE. IN SHERMAN, HE ORGANIZED THE WILLOW STREET METHODIST CHURCH, LATER NAMED KEY MEMORIAL FOR BISHOP J.S. KEY. REYNOLDS SERVED AS PASTOR TO NUMEROUS AREA CONGREGATIONS AND PREACHED WELL INTO HIS NINETIES. KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AS UNCLE JOHNNY, HE WAS A SUPPORTER OF TEMPERANCE AND EDUCATION, AND WAS A 32ND DEGREE MASON.

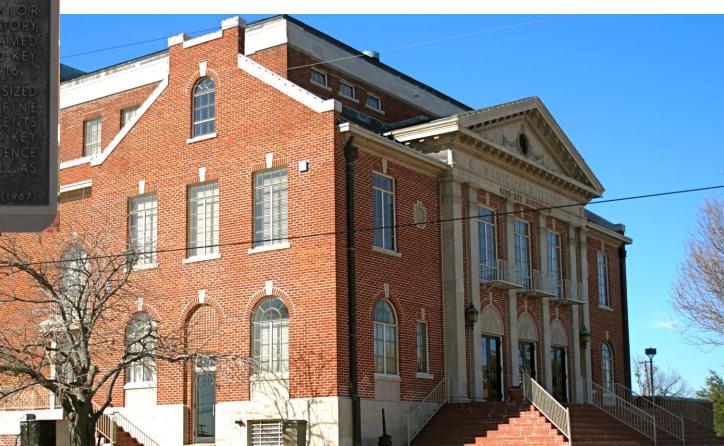
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The Reverend J.H. Reynolds





Kidd-Key College and Music Conservatory



President T. Roosevelt's Visit to Grayson County



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S VISIT TO GRAYSON COUNTY

ONE OF THE MOST FESTIVE EVENTS IN SHERMAN'S EARLY HISTORY, THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S 1905 APPEARANCE HERE MARKED THE FIRST VISIT OF A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO GRAYSON COUNTY.

TRAVELING TO SAN ANTONIO TO ATTEND A REUNION OF THE "ROUGH RIDERS"—HIS SPECIAL TROOPS IN THE SPANISH—AMERICAN WAR—ROOSEVELT STOPPED FIRST IN DENISON ON THAT SAME DAY, APRIL 5, AND WAS THERE PRESENTED WITH A TEXAS—SHAPED FLORAL PIECE FROM EXCITED YOUNGSTERS.

HIS TRAIN PROCEEDED THEN TO SHERMAN, WHERE A RECORD CROWD OF 35,000 HAD COME BY BUGGY, HORSE, AND SPECIAL TRAINS FROM AS FAR AS 17,5 MILES TO SEE HIM. LED BY A UNIT OF ROUGH RIDERS, ROOSEVELT AND HIS PARTY RODE UP THE BANNER – DECKED STREETS IN NINE HANDSOME CARRIAGES. PASSING BETWEEN LINES OF UNION AND CONFEDERATE CIVIL WAR VETERANS, THEY ARRIVED AT THE SPEAKER'S STAND AMID LOUD APPLAUSE. HERE (AT THIS CORNER) HE SPOKE FOR 15 MINUTES, PRAISING TEXAS AS "ONE OF TWO OR THREE GREATEST STATES IN THE UNION." HE EMPHASIZED HIS OWN HERITAGE FROM THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH AND HIS DELIGHT IN NATIONAL REUNIFICATION.

WITHIN AN HOUR ROOSEVELT LEFT FOR DALLAS, HAVING PROVIDED FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE OCCASIONS IN THEIR LIVES.

(1971)



(JANUARY 12, 1869 - OCTOBER 27, 1986)

MARTHA ORA "MATTIE" DAVIS WAS BORN IN MISSISSIPPI AND MOVED TO TEXAS AS AN INFANT. SHE EARNED A TEACHING CERTIFICATE IN 1884 AND IN 1889 MARRIED WILLIAM H. ACTIVE IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN GRAYSON COUNTY UDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CARNEGIE CO-AUTHORED THE FIR

HER DEATH IN 1936 RECORDED

Mattie Davis Lucas





Carr-Taliferro House



Grayson County



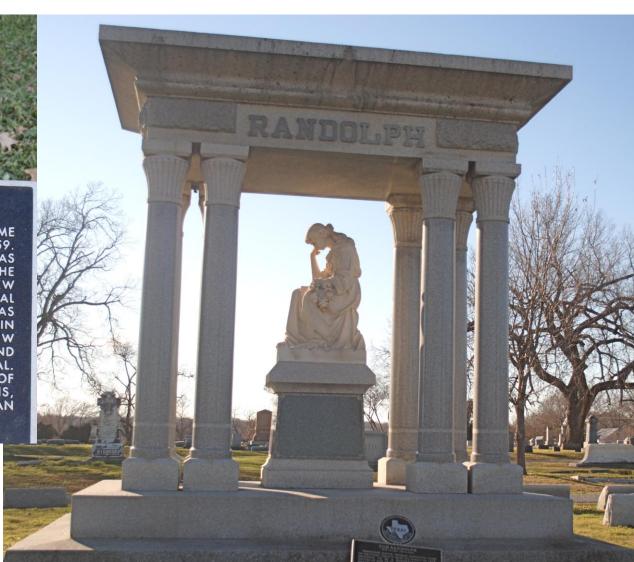
Tom Randolph



TOM RANDOLPH (NOV. 13, 1854 - JAN. 8, 1918)

TENNESSEE NATIVE THOMAS RANDOLPH CAME TO GRAYSON COUNTY WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1859. GROOMED TO BE A BUSINESSMAN, HE WAS INVITED AT AGE 19 TO JOIN C. C. BINKLEY AT THE MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS BANK, WHICH GREW INTO A VERY PROSPEROUS AND INFLUENTIAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. RANDOLPH SERVED AS BANK PRESIDENT FROM 1886 UNTIL HIS DEATH. IN THAT CAPACITY, HE HELPED ATTRACT NEW INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS TO SHERMAN, AND WORKED TO ESTABLISH THE CITY'S FIRST HOSPITAL. HE ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, BUT ALWAYS CONSIDERED SHERMAN HIS HOME.

RECORDED - 2002





JAMES NELSON DICKSON (1890-1986)

BORN AND EDUCATED IN GRAYSON COUNTY, JAMES NELSON DICKSON BEGAN HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN 1914 AS DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR. FOLLOWING A 1930 COURTHOUSE FIRE, HE WORKED TO REPLACE DESTROYED RECORDS, INCLUDING IMPORTANT SCHOOL BOND PAPERS. IN 1945, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT NAMED HIM TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM AS COUNTY JUDGE, A POSITION HE HELD THROUGH SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS UNTIL 1962. UPON RETIREMENT, HE DEVOTED HIS EFFORTS TO THE PROMOTION OF LOCAL HERITAGE THROUGH MUSEUMS, EVENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMPILED A HISTORY OF GRAYSON COUNTY SCHOOLS.

James Nelson Dickson



Site of Old Sherman Opera House





FOUNDED IN 1852, ONLY SIX YEARS AFTER SHERMAN WAS DESIGNATED THE COUNTY SEAT, THIS MASONIC LODGE IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CONTINUING INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. LOCAL ATTORNEY BURRELL SMITH AND FIFTEEN OTHER MASONIC BROTHERS PETITIONED FOR A DISPENSATION TO ORGANIZE A MASONIC LODGE IN SHERMAN ON FEBRUARY 10, 1852. ON AUGUST 28, 1852, TRAVIS LODGE NO. 117 WAS ORGANIZED AND OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED. OVER THE COURSE OF ITS HISTORY, THE LODGE HAS SHARED FACILITIES WITH A UNION CHURCH, OTHER LODGES, AND SEVERAL BUSINESSES IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

A MAJOR FIRE DESTROYED MOST OF THE BUSINESS SECTION OF SHERMAN ON OCTOBER 30, 1875, AND LODGE RECORDS, FURNITURE, AND EQUIPMENT WERE LOST IN THE BLAZE. A DUPLICATE CHARTER WAS ISSUED JUNE 10, 1876.

THE LODGE BUILT A CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE TEMPLE ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAMAR AND WALNUT STREETS IN 1924, IT REMAINED THE LODGE HEADQUARTERS UNTIL 1985, AND WAS DESIGNATED A RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK IN 1988.

THROUGH THE YEARS TRAVIS LODGE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROMINENT COMMUNITY LEADERS AND THE LODGE HAS SUPPORTED VARIOUS MASONIC CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS SUCH AS HOSPITALS, ORPHANAGES, AND RETIREMENT HOME

Travis Lodge No. 117, A.F. & A.M.





IN THE 1870s, A JOINT STOCK COMPANY WAS ORGANIZED TO CONSTRUCT A HOTEL IN SHERMAN. ONE OF THE LARGEST STOCKHOLDERS WAS JUDGE C.C. BINKLEY, A COMMUNITY LEADER FOR WHOM THE HOTEL WOULD BE NAMED. BINKLEY WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS (M & P) BANK, ESTABLISHED IN SHERMAN IN 1872.

THE FIRST TWO HOTELS AT THIS SITE BURNED, AND THE SECOND FIRE WAS REPORTEDLY SET TO COVER AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, THE NEXT HOTEL WAS BUILT BY THE SHERMAN HOTEL COMPANY AND OPERATED BY BANK PRESIDENT C.B. DORCHESTER. THE BANK, THEN THE MERCHANTS AND PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK, SERVED FARMERS, RANCHERS, COUNTIES, AND INDIAN TRIBES, BECOMING A FINANCIAL HUB FOR TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA, AND THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN BANK AND HOTEL ATTRACTED AND ACCOMMODATED BUSINESS IN THE GROWING COMMUNITY. THE SHERMAN OPERA HOUSE, WHICH BROUGHT IN TOURING DRAMATIC COMPANIES, ADDED TO THE LIST OF POPULAR AND PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN WHO VISITED THE HOTEL. LADIES WOULD ENTER ON THE NORTH, AT THE CARRIAGE ENTRANCE, AND AVOID PASSING THE BAR ON THEIR WAY TO RECEPTIONS IN THE DINING ROOM OF THE THREE-STORY HOTEL. FORMER PRESIDENT WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT VISITED SHERMAN IN 1919 AND SPOKE BRIEFLY FROM A WROUGHT-IRON BALCONY ON THE

THE HOTEL'S NAME CHANGED TO TEXAS HOTEL IN 1947. THE THIRD AND FINAL BINKLEY HOTEL BUILDING BURNED IN 1967. DURING ITS MANY DECADES OF OPERATION, THE BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED TO SHERMAN'S DEVELOPMENT. THE HOTEL, BANK AND OPERA HOUSE TOGETHER FORMED A UNIQUE, FUNCTIONALLY INTEGRATED BUSINESS, CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX. THE HOTEL SERVED THE MANY GUESTS OF THE BANK AND OPERA HOUSE AND WAS A POPULAR SPOT FOR TRAVELERS AS WELL AS LOCAL RESIDENTS.

Site of Binkley Hotel



Ninth Texas Cavalry



NINTH TEXAS CAVALRY

THE NINTH TEXAS CAVALRY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 1,000 MOUNTED VOLUNTEERS FROM GRAYSON, TARRANT, HUNT, HOPKINS. CASS, RED RIVER, TITUS, AND LAMAR COUNTIES. THEY GATHERED ABOUT 15 MILES NORTHWEST OF HERE AT BROGDON'S SPRINGS ON OCTOBER 2,1861, AND WERE MUSTERED INTO CONFEDERATE SERVICE UNDER COLONEL WILLIAM B. SIMS.

UNDER COLONEL SIMS THE NINTH CAVALRY SAW CONSIDER-ABLE ACTION IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY OF PRESENT-DAY OKLAHOMA BEFORE JOINING GENERAL BEN MCCULLOCH'S ARMY IN ARKANSAS IN LATE JANUARY 1862. COLONEL SIMS WAS WOUNDED DURING THE BATTLE OF PEA RIDGE IN MARCH 1862 AND LT. COLONEL WILLIAM QUAYLE TOOK COMMAND.

THE NINTH CAVALRY NUMBERED 657 MEN IN LATE SPRING 1862 WHEN THEY MARCHED TO MISSISSIPPI TO JOIN THE THIRD, SIXTH, AND TWENTY-SEVENTH TEXAS CAVALRY UNITS AND FORMED A CAVALRY BRIGADE UNDER THE COMMAND OF LAWRENCE S. ROSS. FOR 15 MONTHS ROSS' BRIGADE SAW ALMOST CONTINUAL ACTION IN MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, AND GEORGIA. THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSAULT THAT CAPTURED AND BURNED THE FEDERAL GUNBOAT "PETREL" IN 1864, BY NOVEMBER 1864 THE NINTH CAVALRY CONSISTED OF ONLY 110 MEN. ROSS' BRIGADE SURRENDERED TO FEDERAL TROOPS AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, ON MAY 4, 1865. VETERANS OF ROSS' BRIGADE FORMED AN ASSOCIATION IN 1878.

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF TEXAS STATEHOOD 1845-1995



CONNECTICUT NATIVE CHARLES NATHAN ROBERTS (1836-1920) MOVED TO ARKANSAS PRIOR TO THE CIVIL WAR. HE SERVED AS A CAPTAIN IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY, AND AFTER THE WAR HE MARRIED EMMA ROYSTON. BY 1876 THEY HAD MOVED TO SHERMAN, WHERE ROBERTS ESTABLISHED A RETAIL HARDWARE BUSINESS, PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY, AND BUILT A SMALL COTTAGE FOR HIS FAMILY.

AS ROBERTS' BUSINESS PROSPERED AND EXPANDED INTO THE WHOLESALE MARKET, HE BECAME ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS, SERVING ON THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD AND THE AUSTIN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. BOTH HE AND EMMA WERE ACTIVE LAY LEADERS IN SHERMAN'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. IN 1896 THEY HIRED THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF MOAD AND ELLIOTT TO DESIGN A NEW HOME TO REPLACE THEIR COTTAGE ON THIS SITE.

COMPLETED IN 1897 FOR LESS THAN \$9,000, THE HOUSE IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF A QUEEN ANNE-EASTLAKE STYLE RESIDENCE. IT EXHIBITS HALLMARK FEATURES OF THE STYLE, INCLUDING ASYMMETRICAL MASSING, LIBERAL USE OF MILLED WOOD DETAILS, SHINGLED GABLE ENDS, ROOF CRESTING AND FINIALS, AND VARIED COLORS AND CONTRASTING FINISHES. FOLLOWING EMMA ROBERTS' DEATH IN 1937, THE HOUSE WAS INHERITED BY THE COUPLE'S SON, CHARLES STANLY ROBERTS (1878-1972), IT REMAINED IN HIS FAMILY UNTIL 1987.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1993

Roberts House



Sherman Manufacturing Company



SHERMAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY
SHERMAN SEAMLESS BAG MILL WAS FOUNDED HERE IN 1891.

Masonic Temple 1924





Perrin Air Force Base





PLANS BEGAN IN EARLY 1941 FOR A U. S. ARMY AIR CORP. INSTALLATION TO BE LOCATED IN GRAYSON COUNTY. THIS 1,160-ACRE SITE WAS ACQUIRED IN JUNE, AND AIR CORP. PERSONNEL BEGAN ARRIVING IN AUGUST. THE BASE WAS TO SERVE AS A BASIC FLIGHT TRAINING FACILITY. DURING IT: CONSTRUCTION, THE U. S. WAS DRAWN INTO WORLD WAR I FOLLOWING THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 7. THE FIRST CLASS OF FLIGHT STUDENTS, WHICH ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 16, GRADUATED IN FEBRUARY 1942. IN CEREMONIES WHICH INCLUDED THE DEDICATION OF THIS BASE IN MEMORY OF LT. COL. ELMER D. PERRIN, A TEXASTEST PILOT KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 1941.

PILOTS TRAINED HERE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, KOREA, ANI VIETNAM. THEIR AIRPLANES RANGED FROM BASIC TRAINER OF THE 1940s TO JETS OF THE 1960s AND 1970s.

THE PRESENCE OF THE AIR BASE BECAME IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE OF GRAYSON COUNTY, CREATING JOBS AND BOOSTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY. FOLLOWING THE DEATH IN 1961 OF SAM RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MANY DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, ARRIVED HERE AND WERE TRANSPORTED BY BASE PERSONNEL TO THE FUNERAL IN NEARBY FANNIN COUNTY.

PARTLY BECAUSE OF INCREASED AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, PERRIN AIR FORCE BASE WAS CLOSED IN 1971.

(1988)

Saint John Christian Methodist Episcopal Church





B.H. Zauk





ELEVENTH TEXAS CAVALRY

IN MAY 1861, A FRONTIER UNIT WAS ORGANIZED AT CAMP REEVES IN SHERMAN. DRAWING VOLUNTEERS FROM COOKE, GRAYSON, HOPKINS, RED RIVER, FANNIN, COLLIN, TITUS AND BOWIE COUNTIES, THE REGIMENT BEGAN WITH NEARLY 900 MEN AND OFFICERS. INITIALLY LED BY THE NOTED COL. WILLIAM COCKE YOUNG, THE UNIT FOUGHT ITS FIRST BATTLES IN INDIAN TERRITORY, NOW OKLAHOMA, SECURING THE TERRITORY FOR THE CONFEDERACY. IN OCTOBER OF THAT YEAR, THE UNIT WAS INDUCTED INTO CONFEDERATE SERVICE AS THE 11TH TEXAS CAVALRY AND JOINED WITH OTHER FORCES IN ARKANSAS.

BEGINNING IN MARCH 1862, AT THE BATTLE OF PEA RIDGE, OR ELKHORN TAVERN, THE 11TH TEXAS SUPPORTED THE CONFEDERATE ARMY. FOLLOWING THE BATTLE, THE UNIT BECAME AN INFANTRY REGIMENT, DESIGNATED THE 11TH TEXAS CAVALRY, DISMOUNTED. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, THE TROOPS WERE ACTIVE IN MISSISSIPPI, TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY. IN EARLY 1863, THE 11TH TEXAS FOUGHT AT MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER BECAME A CAVALRY UNIT AGAIN. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WAR, THE CAVALRY FOUGHT IN ALABAMA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND NORTH CAROLINA, PARTICIPATING IN MORE THAN 100 BATTLES AND SKIRMISHES. NOTABLE ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDED CHICKAMAUGA, KNOXVILLE, DALTON, RESACA, ALLATOONA PASS, DALLAS/NEW HOPE CHURCH, KENNESAW MOUNTAIN, ATLANTA, SAVANNAH, AND, FINALLY, BENTONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. A SMALL NUMBER OF 11TH TEXAS TROOPS WERE PRESENT AT THE CONFEDERATE SURRENDER AT DURHAM STATION, NORTH CAROLINA, IN APRIL 1865.

ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE TEXAS CONFEDERATE UNITS, THE 11TH WAR, CONTINUING UNTIL THE LAST MAJOR CONFEDERATE OFFENSIVE HAD ENDED.

(2003)

Eleventh Calvary



Pioneer Cotton Seed Oil Mill

AT ONE TIME, LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, COMPANY





Walnut Street Church of Christ

WALNUT STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

COMPLETED IN 1920, THIS CLASSICAL REVIVAL SANCTUARY FIRST SERVED THE CONGREGATION OF THE WALNUT STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST. KNOWN AS TRAVIS STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST SINCE 1963, WHEN IT MOVED TO A NEW SITE, THE CONGREGATION HAS TIES TO THE 1850s. MEMBERS BUILT THIS EDIFICE TO SERVE AS THEIR THIRD SANCTUARY. THE CHAPEL IS A TWO-STORY RAISED STRUCTURE WITH A CENTRAL STAIRWAY, GRAND PORTICO, AND 48 STAINED GLASS WINDOWS.





CONNECTICUT NATIVE NOBLE ALLAN BIRGE (1832-1902) CAME TO TEXAS PRIOR TO THE CIVIL WAR. SETTLING IN JEFFERSON WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, HE WAS THE FIRST ELECTED SHERIFF OF MARION COUNTY IN 1860.

FOLLOWING HIS SERVICE AS A CAPTAIN IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY, BIRGE BECAME A LEADING BUSINESSMAN IN JEFFERSON. THE OWNER OF A LIVERY STABLE AND NUMEROUS CITY LOTS, HE WAS AN ACTIVE CIVIC LEADER INVOLVED IN SUCH ENDEAVORS AS A RAILROAD COMPANY AND A NAVIGATION COMPANY.

THE BIRGE FAMILY MOVED TO GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1874, SETTLING FIRST ON A FARM NORTH OF SHERMAN, N. A. BIRGE SOON BECAME A PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN AND INDUSTRIALIST, OPERATING A LARGE COTTON BROKERAGE FIRM AND OTHER COTTON RELATED BUSINESSES.

THIS HOME WAS BUILT FOR BIRGE IN 1896, SHORTLY AFTER THE GREAT SHERMAN TORNADO DESTROYED AN 1877 STRUCTURE ON THE SAME SITE. EXHIBITING BOTH QUEEN ANNE AND CLASSICAL REVIVAL STYLE INFLUENCES, THE HOUSE FEATURES FLAMBOYANT CLASSICAL REVIVAL TOUCHES IN ITS GABLES WITH GARLANDS, GIANT ORDER ROMAN IONIC COLUMNS, PEDIMENTED (SEGMENTAL ARCH) WINDOWS, AND SMALLER COLUMNS THAT ARE HALF-DORIC AND HALF-TURNED. THE HOME REMAINED IN THE BIRGE FAMILY UNTIL 1969.

Captain N.A. Birge House





PUPILS WHO ATTENDED HIS SCHOOL, HOUSED IN A LARGE FRAME BUILDING, WERE MAINLY BOYS, BUT A FEW YOUNGER GIRLS WERE ADMITTED. TUITION IN 1871 WAS \$3 A MONTH.

THE ROLL CONTAINED NAMES OF MANY FUTURE LEADING CITIZENS OF THIS AREA, AND SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS WERE HIGH. THE CAPTAIN DEMANDED CONSTANT DRILL IN ENGLISH, SPELLING, AND MATH, STRESSING ORAL ARITHMETIC. FOR EACH SUBJECT COMPLETED, A CERTIFICATE WAS GIVEN. IN LATER YEARS, LETELLIER'S DAUGHTER, CLIFFORD, TAUGHT HERE.

THE CAPTAIN, AN ENERGETIC MAN WHO WAS RESPECTED BY HIS BOYS, JOINED THEM IN SPORTS AT RECESS, TOLD THEM STORIES OF HIS WAR EXPERIENCES, SANG, AND PLAYED THE GUITAR. OCCASIONALLY HE HELD DANCES UPSTAIRS, FOR WHICH "OLD JIM" THE HANDYMAN PLAYED THE FIDDLE.

EACH FALL, THE FATHERS OF THE STUDENTS FURNISHED WAGONS AND ALL THE CHILDREN RODE TO THE CHOCTAW BOTTOMS FOR THEIR FAVORITE ANNUAL PECAN HUNT.

UPON LETELLIER'S DEATH, THE SCHOOL CLOSED : HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE BURIED IN WEST HILL CEMETERY.

Site of Captain LeTellier's School





Aaron S. Mangum





Andrew L Randell

ANDREW L. RANDELL (Aug. 15, 1880 - Mar. 14, 1931)

A NATIVE OF DENISON, ANDREW RANDELL GRADUATED FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HE OPENED A LAW PRACTICE IN SHERMAN AND WAS ACTIVE IN CIVIC AND CHURCH AFFAIRS. HE AND HIS WIFE VERA (HARRISON) HAD TWO DAUGHTERS. IT WAS IN FREEMASONRY THAT HE MARKED HIS GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS, SERVING AS GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MASONIC

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MASONIC ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S., LEADING IN DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS, AS A DIRECTOL DALLAS MASONIC HOMES, AND AS AN AFOR MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS, PUAND IDEALS.

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FOUNDED IN 1879, WHEN OLDTIMERS TRAVELED BY WAGON REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, THE FRONTIER, AND THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY, SPEAKERS AT FIRST MEETING INCLUDED MRS. JULIA SHANNON KING (DAUGHTER OF DONOR OF PART OF SHERMAN TOWNSITE) AND MRS. SOPHIA PORTER, WHO CAME TO GRAYSON COUNTY IN 1838 AS BRIDE OF HOLLAND COFFEE,

THE ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED ON OCT. 31, 1898. HAVING MET IN VARIOUS GROVES, IT PURCHASED THIS POPULAR AND ACCESSIBLE SITE IN 1899 AS PERMANENT (BAD WEATHER, SMALLPOX, POWER FAILURE ON COMMUTING STREETCAR LINE), BUT PURCHASE COST WAS PAID BY 1909. THE AUDITORIUM, NAMED FOR THE VETERAN ASSOCIATION

NOTED ORATORS AT ANNUAL CONVENTIONS HAVE INCLUDED STATESMEN JOSEPH WELDON BAILEY, JAMES S. HOGG, ROGER Q. MILLS, SAM RAYBURN, JOHN H. REAGAN, MORRIS SHEPPARD.

USED FOR YEARS BY RED RIVER VALLEY FAIR, AND NOW BY CIVIC AND YOUTH GROUPS, THIS PARK SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE FORESIGHT OF PIONEER CITIZENS.

Park of Old Settlers **Association of Grayson** County



Tioga

Primitive Baptist Church of Tioga





TIOGA CEMETERY

IN NOVEMBER 1881, SETTLERS ESTABLISHED THE COMMUNITY OF TIOGA ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE EAST CROSS TIMBERS, AND IT INCORPORATED AS A CITY IN 1906. FOR THE FIRST DECADES OF TIOGA'S HISTORY, RESIDENTS BURIED THEIR LOVED ONES ON PRIVATE LAND IN FAMILY CEMETERIES.

IN FEBRUARY 1906, W.R. AND SALLY J. GILLESPIE DEEDED FIVE ACRES OF THEIR FARMLAND TO THE LOCAL WOODMEN OF THE WORLD CAMP FOR USE AS A BURIAL GROUND, THE FIRST GRAVE DATES TO THAT YEAR, MANY OF THE EARLY HEADSTONES ARE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD MARKERS. THE COMMUNITY CONTINUED USING AND IMPROVING THE CEMETERY OVER THE YEARS, ADDING A PAVILION IN 1924 FOR FUNERAL SERVICES.

TODAY, THE BURIAL GROUND IS A TIE TO GENERATIONS OF TIOGA AREA RESIDENTS, AND IS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR VETERANS OF MILITARY CONFLICTS DATING TO THE CIVIL WAR INCLUDING BOTH UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, OTHER NOTABLE PERSONS INTERRED HERE ARE TEXAS SENATOR OLIN R. VAN ZANDT AND THE REV. H.G. BALL, A PRIMITIVE BAPTIST PREACHER WHO PRESIDED OVER THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR U.S. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SAM RAYBURN AN ASSOCIATION MAINTAINS THE BURIAL GROUND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Tioga Cemetery





METHODIST CHURCH

SERVICES BEGAN IN HOMES OF THE SHILOH COMMUNITY, TWO MILES TO THE EAST OF HERE. IN 1887, THE WORSHIPERS ORGANIZED THE SHILOH METHODIST CHURCH, WITH THE REV. MR. ALLEN AS PASTOR, AFTER TIOGA WAS FOUNDED, THE CONGREGATION MOVED HERE AND ERECTED ORIGINAL BUILDING ON THIS SITE IN 1893. ADDITIONAL ROOMS AND FACILITIES HAVE SINCE BEEN ADDED TO THE CENTRAL STRUCTURE, THIS CHURCH FAITHFULLY SERVED TIOGA. ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, OLAN R. VAN ZANDT, WAS A REPRESENTATIVE, THEN SENATOR, IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE FOR 16 YEARS, 1926-1942.

Tioga United **Methodist Church**



Tom Bean





THOMAS BEAN, A WEALTHY BONHAM LANDOWNER AND SURVEYOR, DONATED FIFTY ACRES OF LAND IN SOUTHEAST GRAYSON COUNTY TO BE USED FOR A BRANCH RAILROAD LINE FROM SHERMAN TO COMMERCE. BEAN DIED IN 1887; IN THAT YEAR THE CITY OF TOM BEAN WAS ESTABLISHED. NEARBY WHITEMOUND, WHICH WAS BYPASSED BY THE RAILROAD, LOST ITS POST OFFICE TO TOM BEAN'S CITY IN 1888; MANY WHITEMOUND SETTLERS MOVED TO THE NEW TOWN. MR. BEAN'S ESTATE BEGAN TO SELL TOWN LOTS SURROUNDING THE RAILROAD IN THE 1890s. THE CITY SCHOOL WAS MOVED IN 1891 FROM A ONE-ROOM STRUCTURE TO A TWO-STORY BUILDING WITH AN AUDITORIUM. SEVERAL CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS, INCLUDING THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, BAPTIST, PRESBYTERIAN, AND METHODIST, ESTABLISHED CHURCHES IN TOWN. THE CITY CHARTER WAS SIGNED IN 1897 AND THE FIRST MAYOR WAS ICE B. REEVES.

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE 20TH CENTURY, THE CITY BOOMED. WITHIN A FEW YEARS, IT BOASTED A GRAIN COMPANY, A FURNITURE COMPANY, A DRUGSTORE, A NEWSPAPER CALLED THE TOM BEAN BULLETIN, A SALOON, A DANCE HALL, A MOVIE THEATER, AND THE TOM BEAN SOCIAL CLUB. AS TIME PROGRESSED, THE SHARP INCREASE IN AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT, AND THE DECLINE OF COTTON AS THE PRINCIPAL CROP OF THE AREA, LED BUSINESSES TO THE LARGER CITIES OF DENISON AND SHERMAN.

THOUGH NEVER AGAIN THE RAILROAD BOOMTOWN OF THE LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURIES, THE COMMUNITY ENJOYED A GROWTH SPURT IN THE 1950s AND 1980s, CELEBRATING ITS CENTENNIAL IN 1987. THE CITY OF TOM BEAN CONTINUES TO THRIVE.

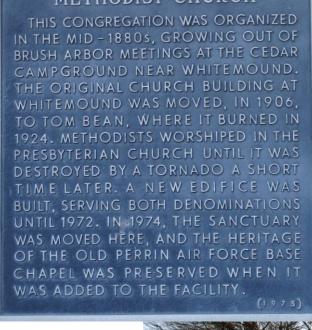




City of Tom Bean

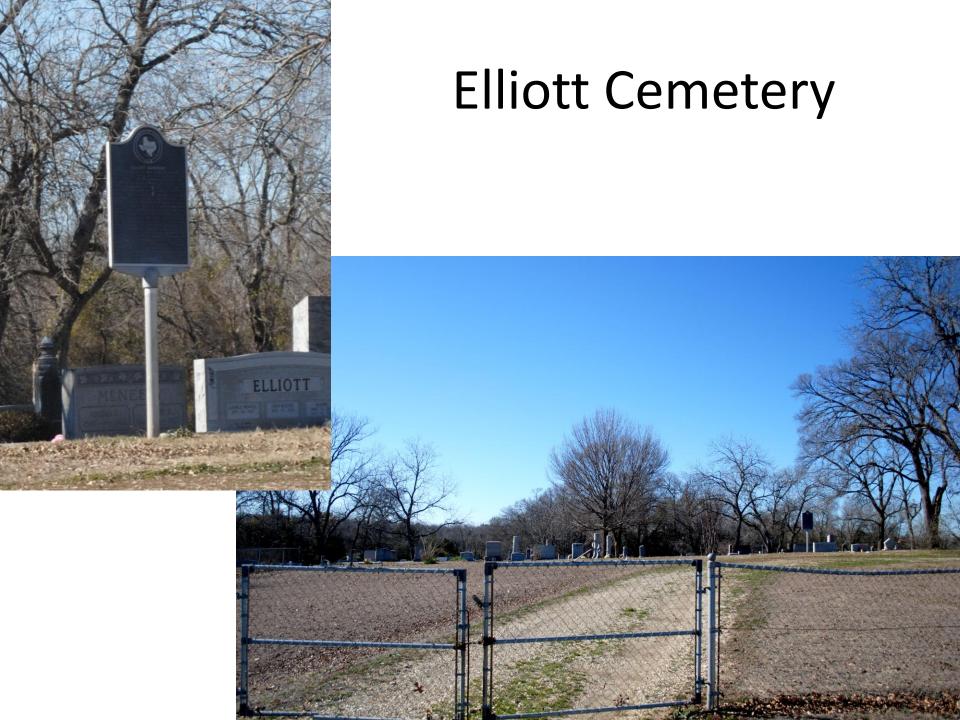


First United Methodist Church





Van Alstyne









Cannon Cemetery



James P. Dumas



THE U.S. CONGRESS CHARTERED THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ORGANIZATION IN 1910. JUST TWO YEARS LATER, THERE VAN ALSTYNE BOYS, ROWLAND BARNETT, OTIS WHITE AND RAE NUNNALLEE, RECEIVED A BOY SCOUT STORYBOOK. BARNETI MADE A CHRISTMAS WISH AND, IN MARCH 1913, THE VAN ALSTYNE TROOP RECEIVED ITS CHARTER—ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE STATE. W.F. BARNETT, ROWLAND'S FATHER AND VAN ALSTYNE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, BECAME THE TROOP'S FIRST SCOUTMASTER. WITHIN A FEW YEARS, TROOP 1, AS IT WAS KNOWN THEN, HELPED ESTABLISH OTHER BOY SCOUT TROOPS IN THE AREA, BEGINNING WITH THE COMMUNITIES OF ANNA AND ELMONT.

THE VAN ALSTYNE TROOP WORKED FROM ITS FOUNDING DATE TO SERVE ITS COMMUNITY. THROUGH THE 1920S, THE TROOP HELPED IN A CITYWIDE CLEANUP TO CONTROL DISEASE AND INSECT POPULATION. IN THE 1940S, THE TROOP'S NUMBER CHANGED TO 44, AND IN 1948, THE CITY DONATED LAND FOR A SCOUT HUT, WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN USED FOR MEETINGS. IN 1959, THE TROOP TOOK PART IN THE RELAY OF THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES TORCH AS IT TRAVELED FROM MEXICO CITY TO CHICAGO. THE VAN ALSTYNE TROOP ALSO BECAME THE FIRST INTEGRATED TROOP IN THE TEXOMA VALLEY COUNCIL.

COUNCIL.

BEGINNING IN 1917, VAN ALSTYNE'S FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH BECAME AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE TROOP, WHICH HAS
SINCE BEEN SPONSORED BY OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND
CHURCHES, AS WELL AS BEING CONTINUOUSLY SUPPORTED BY THE
METHODIST CHURCH. SCOUT LEADERS HAVE INCLUDED MANY MEN
AND WOMEN FROM THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING ONE WHOSE
INTEREST WAS PIQUED IN 1912 BY THE STORYBOOK, RAE NUNNALLEE
WAS AN ACTIVE TROOP MEMBER FOR 70 YEARS, JOINING AS A BOY
AND LATER SERVING IN A NUMBER OF KEY ROLES, BOTH LOCALLY
AND NATIONALLY, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE, THE CHAPEL AT
NEARBY CAMP GRAYSON WAS NAMED IN HIS HONOR, SETTING AN
EXAMPLE OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE FOLLOWED, NUNNALLEE
GENEROUSLY GAVE HIS TIME, LABOR AND CARE FOR THE BOY SCOUTS
IN VAN ALSTYNE.

Boy Scout Troop 1 (Troop 44)



Grave of Collin McKinney



A PIONEER LEADER OF NORTH YEXAS AND SIGNER OF THE TEXAS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, COLLIN MCKINNEY WAS BORN IN NEW JERSEY. A SON OF SCOTTISH IMMIGRANT PARENTS. IN 1780 THE FAMILY MOVED TO KENTUCKY AND IN 1824 MCKINNEY MIGRATED ACROSS THE RED RIVER AND SETTLED NEAR PRESENT TEXARKANA.

IN JANUARY, 1836. HE WAS ELECTED A DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION AT WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS AND THERE SERVED ON A COMMITTEE OF FIVE THAT DRAFTED TEXAS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM MEXICO. ON MARCH 2, HE SIGNED THE DOCUMENT, HE ALSO SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE WHICH PREPARED THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS. LATER HE SERVED IN THE 1SY 2ND AND 4TH CONGRESSES OF THE REPUBLIC. IN PRIVATE LIFE, MCKINNEY WAS A LEADER IN ESTABLISHING THE FIRST DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CHURCH IN TEXAS.

IN 1846 HE SETTLED MEAR THE GRAYSON-COLLIN COUNTY LINE; THIS BECAME HIS PERMANENT RESIDENCE. IN 1792 HE MARRIED AMY MOORE; THEY HAD FOUR CHILDREN. HE AND HIS SECOND WIFE, BETSY LEAKE (COLEMAN), BY WHOM HE HAD SIX CHILDREN, ARE BOTH BURIED IN THIS CEMETERY.

COLLIN COUNTY AND ITS SEAT, MCKINNEY, WERE NAMED IN HIS HONOR. IN 1936 THE TEXAS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION HAD HIS HOUSE MOVED TO FINCH PARK IN MCKINNEY.





Mantua Masonic Lodge No. 209, A.F. & A.M.

WAS HELD ON FEB. 7, 1857, ON THE SECOND STORY OF H. N. (2 MISW). WITH DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER J. J MCDONOUGH, A. C. WHITE, H. N. WALCOTT, J. L. LOVEJOY, G. W. STROTHER, AND J. S. STEWART. OTHER CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE LODGE INCLUDED YOUNGER SCOTT MCKINNEY, WHO HAD LAID OUT THE TOWNSITE SEVERAL YEARS EARLIER, AND JAMES W. THROCK -MORTON, WHO LATER SERVED AS GOVERNOR OF TEXAS. A TWO-STORY LODGE BUILDING WAS COMPLETED IN 1859. THE MASONS MET ON THE UPPER FLOOR, WHILE THE FIRST STORY HOUSED A PRIVATE SCHOOL, THE MANTUA SEMINARY.

AFTER VAN ALSTYNE WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD IN 1872, MOST OF THE BUSINESSES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS IN MANTUA, INCLUDING THE MASONIC LODGE, MOVED TO THE NEW TOWN. THE LODGE MEMBERS HELD MEETINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS UNTIL 1898, WHEN THEY PURCHASED THE CARTER BUILDING ON THE TOWN SQUARE. IN 1976 THE LODGE MOVED TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION.

MANTUA MASONIC LODGE NO. 209 HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE SERVICE TO SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, AND NEEDY PERSONS, AND REMAINS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE HISTORY OF THIS AREA.



First Christian Church





THE TOWN OF MANTUA WAS STABLISHED ABOUT S MILES SOUTHWEST OF HERE IN 1854, MAINTUA PROSPERED BUT WAS UNEXPECTEDLY SYPASSED IN 1879 WHEN THE HOUSTON AND 18XAS CENTRAL RAILWAY (HOTC) EXTENDED ITS TRACK THROUGH THIS AREA INSTEAD, THAT YEAR A DEPOT WAS BUILT AND A POST OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW TOWN NAMED FOR MARIA VAN ALSTYNE, THE WIDOW OF WAL VAN ALSTYNE WHO HAD BEEN A PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDER OF THE HETC.

CHURCHES, BUSINESSES, AND PEOPLE OF MANTUA AND OTHER AREA TOWNS MOVED HERE TO BE NEAR THE RAILROAD, VAN ALSTYNE WAS INCORPORATED AND A NEWSPAPER ESTABLISHED IN 1888. COLUMBIA COLLEGE WAS FOUNDED IN 1889.

VAN ALSTYNE CONTAINED BANKS, SCHOOLS, HOTELS, AN OPERA HOUSE, A LITERARY CLUB, AND ELECTRIC SERVICE BY 1900, WHEN COTTON AND OTHER FARM PRODUCTION DOMINATED THE LOCAL ECONOMY, INTERURSIAN TRANSPORTATION BEGAIN IN 1906, THE LOCAL "SKRYS" SEMI-PRO BASEBALL TEAM, ESTABLISHED ABOUT 1902, PLAYED FOR MAINY DECADES AND PRODUCED A NUMBER OF MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS.

MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS TRACE THEIR ORIGINS TO MANTUA AND 19TH CENTURY VAN ALSTYNE. THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA, THE FORMER SITE OF POPULAR SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, CONTINUES AS A BUSINESS AND SOCIAL CENTER.

Van Alstyne





IN 1889 AN ASSOCIATION COMPOSED OF MERCHANTS AND LAND OWNERS FROM THE VAN ALSTYNE AREA SAW THE NEED FOR QUALITY EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHED COLUMBIA COLLEGE. THE SCHOOL SERVED ALL GRADES THROUGH COLLEGE LEVEL, EMPHASIZING VOCATIONAL TRAINING AS WELL AS THE ARTS AND SCIENCES. THE INSTITUTION WAS HOUSED IN A THREE-STORY FRAME STRUCTURE ON THIS FOUR-ACRE FENCED SITE. THERE WERE 40 STUDENTS IN THE FIRST CLASS AND THE ENROLLMENT INCREASED TO 578 BY THE 1893-1894 SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS FROM A LARGE SECTION OF NORTH TEXAS STUDIED AT THIS COEDUCATIONAL FACILITY.

HOWELL LAKE PINER (1838-1935) SERVED FROM 1890-1895 AS THE SCHOOL'S FIRST PRESIDENT. HE WAS BORN IN KENTUCKY, REARED IN HONEY GROVE, TEXAS, AND RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY. AFTER SELLING HIS INTEREST IN GRAYSON COLLEGE, WHITEWRIGHT, TEXAS, PINER CAME TO COLUMBIA AND SKILLFULLY DIRECTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

AS THE AREA GREW, VAN ALSTYNE RESIDENTS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL. COLUMBIA COLLEGE BECAME PART OF THE VAN ALSTYNE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN 1906. THE COLLEGE BUILDING CONTINUED TO SERVE THE SCHOOLS UNTIL 1915 WHEN IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Site of Campus of Old Columbia College



Younger Scott McKinney Home



Van Alstyne Cemetery



Old Town of Cannon





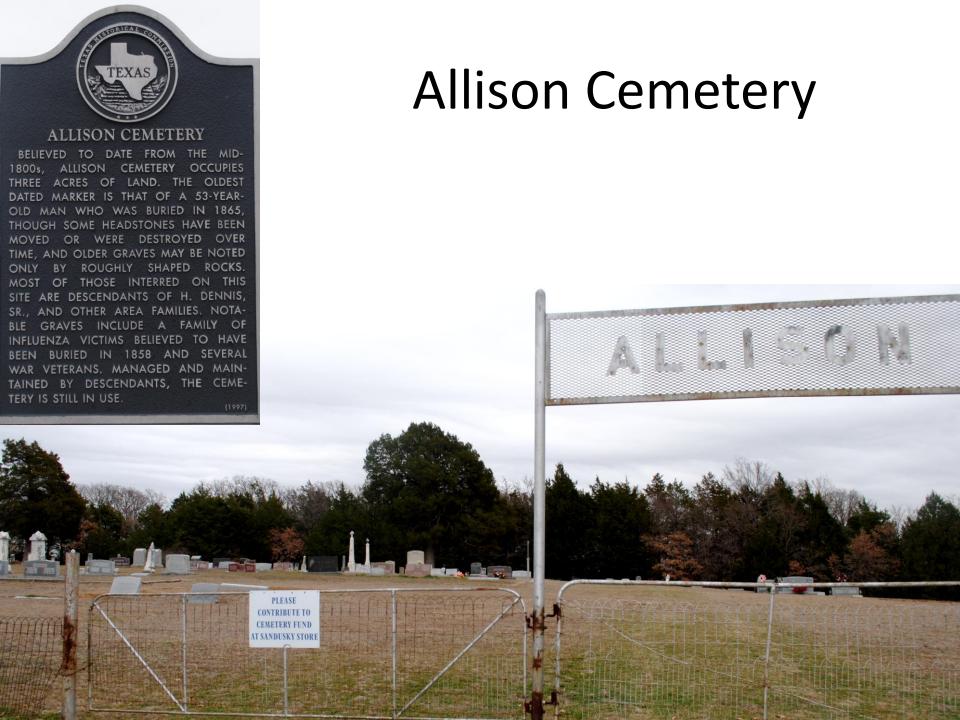
First United Methodist Church of Van Alstyne

OUTGROWTH OF LIBERTY CLASS, FORMED 1847 FOR BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP, IN LOG CABIN OF JIM CREAGER (1.25 MI.5) BY THE REV. JOAB BIGGS, OF THE DALLAS METHODIST CIRCUIT, AND M. F. COLE. IN 1855, AFTER A RAINSTORM THAT DETAINED QUARTERLY CONFERENCE DELEGATES TO LISTEN TO AN ALL-NIGHT SERMON, THE REV. Y.S. MCKINNEY PREACHED FOR THREE WEEKS AND HAD 60 CONVERSIONS. THE ENLARGED CLASS MOVED TO MANTUA, WHERE IT BUILT A FRAME CHAPEL ON THE TOWN SQUARE AND WAS RENAMED MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH. AT FOUNDING OF VAN ALSTYNE ON HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD IN 1873, MT. ZION MOVED ITS BUILDING INTO TOWN, TO A SITE NOW IN VAN ALSTYNE CEMETERY. BY 1890 MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDED 400. THE CONGREGATION IN 1893 MOVED AGAIN, ERECTING A LARGER BUILDING AT WACO AND JEFFERSON STREETS, AND CHANGING NAME TO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH. IN THIS SANCTUARY IN 1894 THERE WAS ORGANIZED THE FIRST DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST CHURCH. HERE IN 1912 EX-PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT GAVE AN ADDRESS, AND IN 1912 ONE OF TEXAS EARLIEST BOY SCOUT TROOPS WAS FORMED.

PRESENT SANCTUARY WAS COMPLETED AND DEDICATED IN 1917, WITH DEDICATORY SERMON GIVEN BY THE REV. SAM R. HAY. THE PRESENT NAME WAS GIVEN AFTER A NATIONAL ECUMENICAL ACCORD WAS REACHED IN 1968.



Whitesboro





R.N. Younger Home

VICTORIAN HOME BUILT 1889
BY DR.R.N. YOUNGER, CHURCH,
BANKING AND SCHOOL LEADER,
SOUTHERN EXPOSURE IN 10
OF 12 ROOMS AND HALLS, FINE
BEVELED MIRRORS IN 3 OF 6
HAND-CARVED MANTELS,
BOUGHT 1923 BY SULLIVANS
NOTED TEACHERS, HEIRS OF
FIRST OWNER OF THE SITE,
PECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDWARK-1965





Whitesboro

SETTLERS MOVED TO THIS SITE AFTER AMBROSE B. WHITE (1811-83) CAMPED HERE ON HIS WAY WEST FROM ILLINOIS IN 1848. HIS INN HERE WAS ON THE BUTTERFIELD STAGE ROUTE AFTER 1858. THE POST OFFICE, OPENED IN 1860, WAS NAMED FOR WHITE, WHO SURVEYED (1869) THE TOWNSITE WITH DR. W. H. TROLINGER (1827-95), DONOR OF LAND FOR A PARK. WHEN WHITESBORO INCORPORATED IN 1873, WHITE WAS ELECTED ITS FIRST MAYOR, THE DENISON & PACIFIC RAILROAD, LATER PART OF THE MISSOURI, KANSAS, & TEXAS, ARRIVED IN 1879; THE TEXAS & PACIFIC IN 1881, TODAY THE AREA'S ECONOMY IS BASED ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PEANUT PRODUCTION.





Bennett-Richardson House

BENNETT - RICHARDSON HOUSE

THIS RESIDENCE WAS BUILT IN 1902
FOR THE FAMILY OF LOCAL BUSINESS
LEADER BLAND BENNETT AND GRACE
(DUNLAP) BENNETT. EXHIBITING VICTORIAN
AND CLASSICAL REVIVAL DETAILING,
ITS PROMINENT FEATURES INCLUDE A
1 - STORY WRAPAROUND PORCH WITH A
PEDIMENTED PRIMARY ENTRANCE,
A HIPPED ROOF, AND CORBELLED CHIMNEYS. ITS TRANSITIONAL FLOOR PLAN
IS REMINISCENT OF BOTH CENTER
PASSAGE AND AMERICAN FOURSOUARE
PLANS. THE H.S. RICHARDSON FAMILY
PURCHASED THE HOUSE IN 1942.
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK- 1991





Mary Florence Cowell

MARY FLORENCE (TINSMAN) COWELL AND HER HUSBAND S. B. COWELL CAME TO TEXAS FROM MISSOURI IN 1900. MRS. COWELL WAS A MEMBER OF THE P.E.O. SISTERHOOD, A PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1869 AT WESLEYAN COLLEGE IN IOWA AND DEDICATED TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN. HER FRIEND DORA HALLOCK, P.E.O. SUPREME CHAPTER ORGANIZER, VISITED WHITESBORO IN 1902. TOGETHER THEY ORGANIZED CHAPTER A, THE FIRST P.E.O. CHAPTER IN TEXAS, IN THE COWELL HOME ON THIS SITE. MARY FLORENCE COWELL WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER A AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TEXAS STATE CHAPTER OF THE P.E.O. IN WHITESBORO IN 1928. ELECTED THE FIRST TEXAS STATE PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, SHE EVENTUALLY BECAME KNOWN AS "THE MOTHER OF P.E.O. IN TEXAS."



Sanborn Ranch







Diamond Horse Ranch



Whitewright

Kentuckytown Baptist Church





THIS CONGREGATION TRACES ITS HISTORY TO SEARS CHAPEL (ONE MILE SOUTHEAST), A UNION CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN THE LATE 1850s AT THE HOME OF EARLY SETTLERS CHRISTOPHER AND MARY SEARS. IN 1876 THE SEARS FAMILY DEEDED THE LAND ON WHICH THE SEARS CHAPEL CHURCH BUILDING STOOD TO THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

THE VILLAGE OF WHITEWRIGHT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1878. THE METHODIST CONGREGATION ASSOCIATED WITH SEARS CHAPEL ORGANIZED THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF WHITE-WRIGHT IN 1882. BY 1885 THE CONGREGATION HAD COMPLETED A SANCTUARY AND A PARSONAGE AND WAS SERVED BY THE REV. W. M. ROBBINS, A CIRCUIT-RIDING METHODIST PREACHER. A SUNDAY SCHOOL, ORGANIZED IN 1886, AVERAGED ABOUT 50 PUPILS DURING ITS EARLY YEARS OF OPERATION. A NEW SANCTUARY, BUILT AT THIS SITE IN 1895, SERVED THE CONGREGATION FOR OVER 100 YEARS. A NEW PARSONAGE WAS COMPLETED IN 1930, AND IN 1942 THE CHURCH ERECTED AN EDUCATION BUILDING. MAJOR RENOVATIONS TO THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETED IN 1979.

THE CHURCH, RENAMED FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN 1968, SUPPORTS A VARIETY OF SPECIAL ANNUAL EVENTS AND CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE IN MANY LOCAL AND FOREIGN OUTBEACH PROGRAMS.

SESOUICENTENNIAL OF TEXAS STATEHOOD 1845-1995



First Methodist Church of Whitewright





First Presbyterian Church and Manse

ON OCTOBER 30, 1853, A CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN THE HOME OF CHRISTOPHER SEARS IN NEARBY LICK SKILLET (PILOT GROVE), J. A. ZINN SERVED AS MODERATOR, AND T. E. MONTGOMERY, J. D. BARBEE, AND J. T. CLARK AS FIRST ELDERS. THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED THE CANAAN AND SEARS CHAPEL CONGREGATIONS IN THE 1860s, SEARS CHAPEL MOVED TO WHITEWRIGHT IN 1883, BUILT A SANCTUARY IN 1899, AND BECAME FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 1907. THIS CLASSICAL REVIVAL CHURCH BUILDING ERECTED BY THE CONGREGATION IN 1930, FEATURES ART GLASS WINDOWS AND DOORS. THE ADJACENT MANSE HAS PROVIDED HOUSING FOR PASTORS SINCE 1902.





Vittitoe Cemetery

THIS GRAVEYARD WAS BEGUN AS A FAMILY BURIAL PLOT BY SAMUEL AND ELLEN VITTITOE, WHO SETTLED ON LAND SURROUNDING THIS SITE IN 1852, THEIR SON, FRANK, PROBABLY WAS THE FIRST TO BE BURIED HERE SOMETIME BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE CUITUL WAR, ALTHOUGH HIS HEADSTONE I UNDATED, THE VITTITOES MADE IT KNOWN TO THE RESIDENTS OF KENTUCKY TOWN (TMLN) THAT THEIR PLOT WAS OPEN FOR BURIALS OUTSIDE THE FAMILY, BUT THE CEMETERY WAS NOT USED AS A PUBLIC BURIAL GROUND UNTIL IT WAS LEGALLY ESTABLISHED AS SUCH IN 1885.

MORE THAN 700 GRAVES HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE VITITOE CEMETERY. MOST OF THEM BEAR TOMBSTONES WITH LEGIBLE INSCRIPTIONS, BUT OTHERS ARE MARKED ONLY BY STAKES OR PIECES OF STONE OR ROCK, INCLUDED AMONG THOSE BURIED HERE ARE EARLY SETTLERS SUCH AS ANDREW THOMAS, WHO BROUGHT HIS FAMILY TO THE AREA IN 1837; NUMEROUS CIVIL WAR VETERANS; THE REV, ISAAC TEAGUE, PASTOR OF THE KENTUCKY FOWN BAPTIST CHURCH DURING THE EARLY 1909; AND BENJAMIN EARNEST, WHO HELPED ESTABLISH A GENERAL STORE SOON AFTER SETTLING IN KENTUCKY TOWN IN 1859.

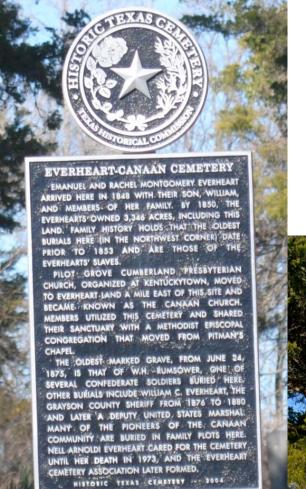
VITTITOE CEMETERY, WHICH IS CARED FOR BY THE VITTITOE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER OF THE EARLY HISTORY OF THIS PART OF GRAYSON COUNTY.





Whitewright





Everheart-Canaan Cemetery







Samuel E. and Mary C.
Marshall House







Grayson College

FOUNDERS

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ASSOCIATION





Kentucky Town



Other



GRAYSON COUNTY, CONNECTING THE CITIES OF SHERMAN AND DENISON, FOUNDED IN 1900 BY FRED FITCH AND JOHN P. CRERAR, THE DENISON AND SHERMAN RAILWAY BEGAN OPERATIONS ON MAY 1,1901, WITH A SINGLE 10.5-MILE TRACK.

THE COMPANY BUILT A POWER PLANT, OFFICES, AND A CAR BARN NEAR THIS SITE HALFWAY BETWEEN ITS PASSENGER STATIONS IN THE TWO CITIES, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE WATER FOR THE POWER PLANT, THEY BUILT A DAM BELOW TANYARD SPRINGS, CREATING A SMALL LAKE, NAMED WOOD LAKE, IT PROVIDED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR PASSENGERS ON THE LINE'S EXCURSION TRAINS.

THE TEXAS TRACTION COMPANY, FOUNDED IN 1906, BEGAN CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND INTERURBAN LINE FROM DALLAS TO MCKINNEY IN 1906. MERGED WITH THE DENISON AND SHERMAN RAILWAY IN 1908, THE COMPANY EXPANDED ITS OPERATIONS EVENTUALLY CONNECTING A NUMBER OF NORTH TEXAS CITIES AND CHANGING ITS NAME TO THE TEXAS ELEC-TRIC RAILWAY IN 1917. THE ADVENT OF AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL SIGNALLED THE DECLINE OF THE TEXAS INTERURBANS BY THE 1930s. THE LAST TRAIN PASSED THIS SITE ON DECEMBER 31, 1948. ON ITS ROUTE FROM DENISON TO DALLAS.

(1965,1990)

First Texas Interurban

1931 Free Bridge Controversy