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The State of Texas } Be it known that whereas on the
County of Nacogdoches } 25th day of September a.d. 1847. the
Trustees of Nacogdoches University at their meeting held on
that day passed the following Resolution to wit: "Resolved
That the Trustees of Nacogdoches University do convey to
Bennett Blake the following described tracts of Land under

Land Transfer from Nacogdoches University to Bennet Blake, 1847

The State of Texas } Know all men by these presents that I Hannah
County of Kacogoches } Crawford of the County and State aforesaid for and
in consideration of the love and affection I bear to my son Reuben
Crawford also of the County of Kacogoches and estate aforesaid also for the price
consideration of the sum of one Dollar to me in hand paid by my son Reuben
Crawford the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I have this day sold (and keep
into my possession during my natural life) unto my said son Reuben Crawford
and his heirs one negro Girl of dark complexion aged about Fourteen years
and named Anilla. Said negro is in every respect sound in mind and
body and a Slave for life. and in the Distribution of my property among

Sale of Slave, 1864

always best - Wife in all cases
Wife should write in the Que-
League Grants. In order to ascertain if there be
good - go to the Primary Judge at
Acozdechui - he can read Spanish.
(The warrant an all in Spanish) will
great facility and will tell if they are
good - in some cases Judges have
acted fraudulently - if you suspect
fraud set out your claim as an
exact claim and as no second claim
can be set out even on a Spanish
one, you may by this means secure
yourselves by selling to others
Bene fact on churches and even on Towns
The Lands are fine, and head rights
may be obtained, perhaps best
as the settlers are generally poor
Contracts & Powers of atty, must be made on Stamp
Paper.

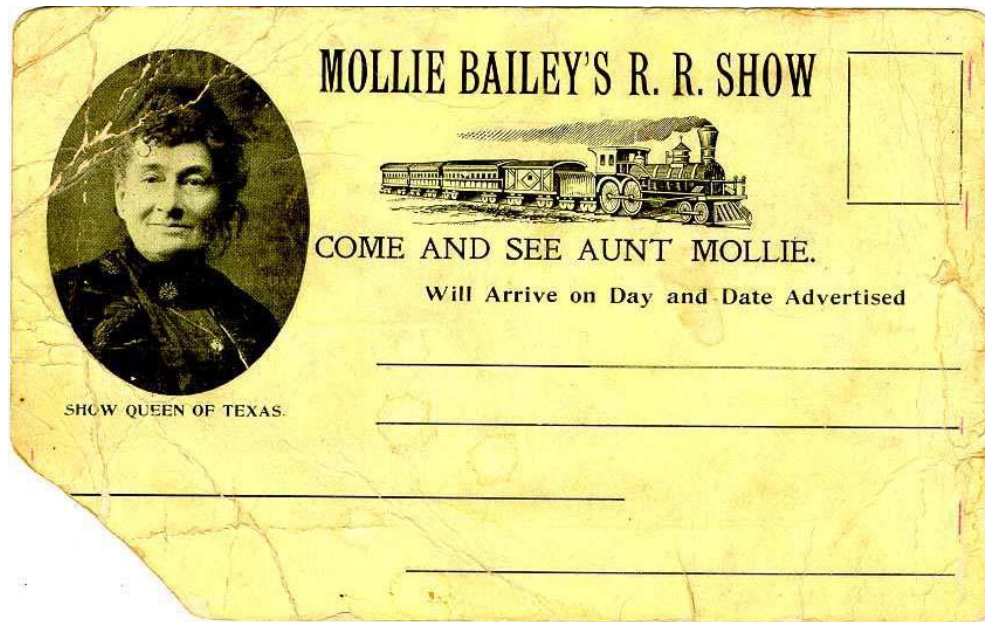
Therefore, think money can be had at San de
chi for double on the City of N. Orleans
or Vicksburg

Advertisement - Revocation of Geo. Pottelth, P. of
Atty to Mrs C. Turner to sell Lands
in Texas -

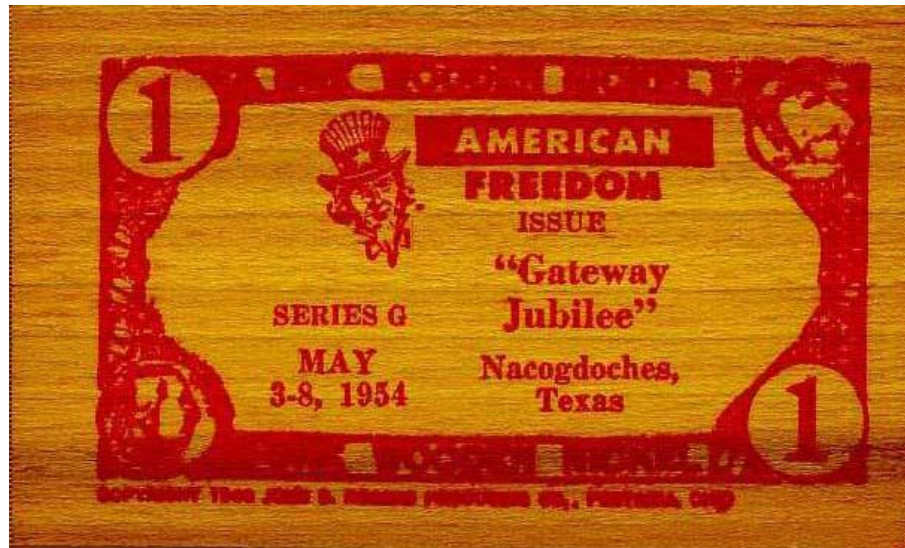
Brayer River - A Gentle^{er} from some of the S. State
visit Texas as far as the River, the
Bottom Lands very fine - nature could
not have done more for Texas, than
it has - fine Water and healthy Country
Hogs as large at the age of 6 months
as they are in Georgia at the age
of 3 years - Cow's equal to Boston
of a week.

Sullivan, Col. has a fine farm the side of
San Felipe Augustin, for which
Genl. Houston says he will take
\$3,000, worth in his estimation \$10,000

Oscar Farish Diary



Postcard Advertisement



**One Dollar Wooden Certificate
Celebrating Nacogdoches 175th
Anniversary, 1954**



100 Dollar Republic of Texas Treasury Note, 1837



10 Cent Fractional Currency, 1874



Republic of Texas Currency



Silk Scarf Map of Burma



Spanish Flintlock Pistol, ca. 1760



Spanish Escopeta Musket, ca. 1780



Bandolero Bullet Belt



Arkansas Toothpick Knife, ca. 1860's



Confederate Bowie Knife, ca. 1860



Sheriff Milton Mast Watch and Badge



Sheriff Milton Mast's handcuffs, 1870's



Ceremonial Pipe Tomahawk

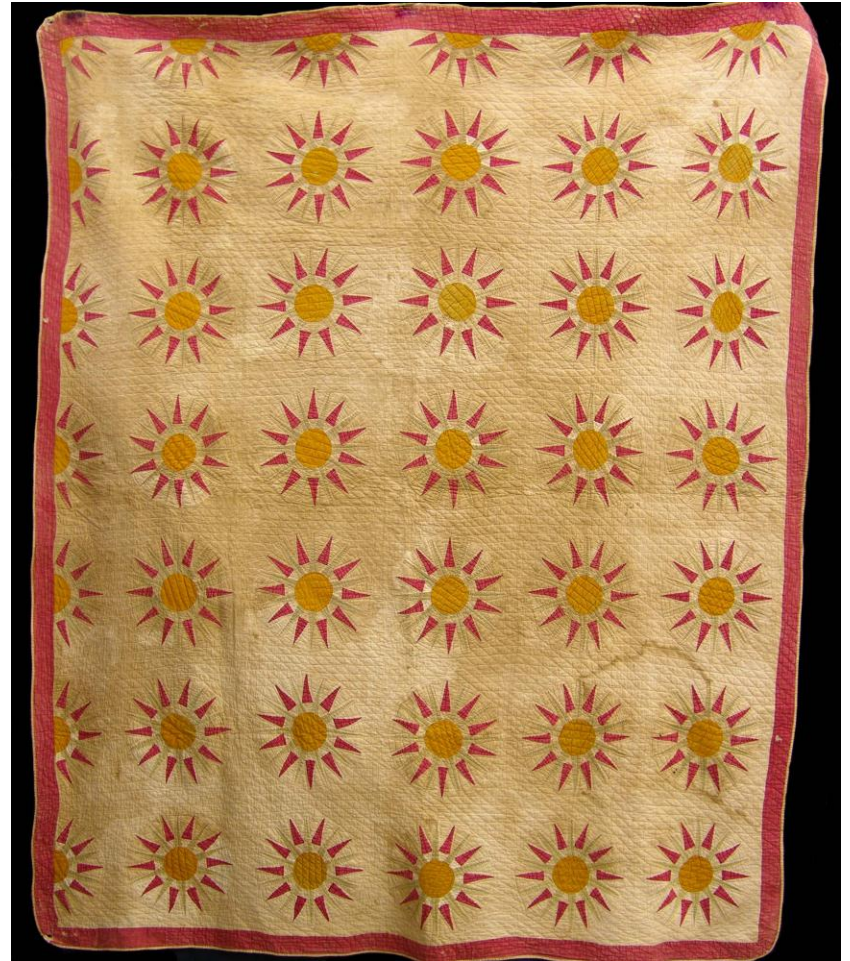
Quilting Stories of East Texas

The purpose of the project is to find, survey and document quilts in eastern Texas.

The project highlights the unique stories behind East Texas quilts.



“Sunny Lone Star” Quilt, 1928



“Sun Rise” Quilt, ca. 1856



“Chips and Whetstones” Quilt, 1800’s



Unknown Quilt, 1865



“Log Cabin” Quilt, 1860’s



"Butterfly" Quilt, 1920's