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EAST TEXAS COLLOQUY

by Bobby H. Johnson

The *Journal* has received an unusual amount of material worthy of mention in this column. We encourage our readers to continue to send us news items and notices of interest to historians and our audience in particular. In view of the deadlines involved in publishing a journal twice a year, we need this information well in advance, especially if it involves dated events. For your convenience, we have established the following deadlines: March 1 for inclusion in the Spring issue, and October 1 for the Fall issue. For best results, please summarize the events you are reporting, taking care to mention only pertinent information.

Especially gratifying is the response to our request for news from county historical survey committees. The following items arrived in time for inclusion in this issue.

Mrs. Arthur L. Jennings, chairman of the Bowie County Historical Survey Committee, reports the dedication of a marker commemorating the Texarkana Centennial. State Representative Ed Howard participated in the April 7, 1973 ceremony. She also reports the inauguration of the oral history project by her committee.

The former chairman of the Titus County group, Mrs. John H. Mullins, informs us that the committee there has been responsible for four historical markers. Among them is the Broadstreet Farmhouse Museum, a restoration of Mrs. Mullins' grandfather's dogtrot home.

Mrs. H. D. Swann, chairman of the Fannin County Historical Survey Committee, reports that three historical markers were placed in Bonham last July. One marks the vicinity of old Fort English and the other two mark the graves of Dr. Daniel Rowlett and Col. James Tarleton, both early Texas pioneers. She also announces that W. A. Carter's *Early History of Fannin County* has been reprinted and is available from her for three dollars. Originally published in Bonham in 1885, this book deals with Indian troubles and stories of early Fannin County pioneers.

The Collin County Historical Survey Committee has been involved in a variety of activities, according to Marguerite Haggard, history appreciation chairman. The biggest news concerns the successful fund drive which gained more than \$145,000 for a pioneer museum in Collin County. An archeological project has resulted in more than 650 Indian relics being placed in the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney.

The Harrison County committee was also busy in 1973. Chairman Max S. Lale reports four historical markers (as of October) and official acceptance of two more. Markers were placed at Wiley College and at the *ante-bellum* Gregg-Elder House. Another marker commemorated the founding of Hallsville and a medallion was placed at LaGrone's Chapel near Hallsville. Permission has been given for recognition of the Ginocchio-Pedison House and the Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall. Harrison County also has a national landmark in the Pierce-Elder House, restored by the late Emory Elder and his wife. The Conservation Society has begun an endowment fund for the Harrison County Historical Museum.

Gregg County has recently celebrated its one-hundredth birthday, and the Historical Survey Committee there played a significant role. Mrs. Paul R. Belding, committee chairman, served as vice chairman of the centennial observance committee. A handsome brochure, indicating the various historical sites marked by the committee, was issued in conjunction with the celebration.

Jasper County will celebrate the one-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of its settlement in the spring of 1974. Lt. Col. Thurman G. Smith, chairman of the Jasper County committee, announces that the committee will highlight three eras: settlement and revolution, Civil War and Reconstruction, and development of the lumber industry. The committee also hopes to have a state marker dedication for the first church site in Kirbyville.

Henry S. Loyd, chairman of the Upshur County committee, reports a variety of activities by that group. Nine existing log cabins were located and registered with the Texas Log Cabin Register Program. The committee also cooperated with the Texas Film Commission in finding locations, facilities and props. The Upshur County group provided the Texas Collection at Baylor University with a county map and available pamphlets and brochures.

The Marion County survey committee recently hosted the Texas Tourist Development Board at a meeting in Jefferson on September 20-21, 1973. George F. Dillman of Dallas was chosen chairman at the Jefferson meeting, which was attended by representatives from tourist-related groups. Katherine R. Wise, Marion County chairman, also reports that the committee has recently published *Scalawags, Carpetbaggers and Others*, by Traylor Russell.

Several dedications are planned for the Spring of 1974 in Hunt County, according to chairman W. Walworth Harrison of Greenville. Historical markers will be placed at Peniel to commemorate the pioneer settlement and at the First Baptist Church of Greenville, which was organized in 1858. Peniel, now a part of Greenville, was the home of Texas Holiness University from 1899 to 1921. Grave markers will honor William and Catherine Arnold in Greenville's East Mount Cemetery.

Eliza Bishop of the Houston County Historical Survey Committee informs us of an interesting program in Crockett involving a local Girl Scout troop (389). Six girls, ranging from 11 to 14 years of age, presented the various flags that might have flown over Houston County and pointed out specific instances or sites associated with flags. The young participants are Della Merrell Jones, Neta Robbin, Sandra McKnight, Joematria Ware, Addie Warfield, and Cynthia Mask. Other communities might make similar use of their history to engender a respect for the past among young people. Miss Bishop also reports that the Houston County committee has erected two Texas historical markers in the Kennard vicinity. One, located near the school campus, relates the story of the little red school house which began as a Rosenwald School for blacks. The other marker concerns the Four C Mill which began operation in 1902. Another committee project is attempting to preserve a log cabin built in 1870 some ten miles east of Crockett. Miss Bishop hopes to have the cabin moved to the David Crockett Memorial Park in Crockett.

The Grayson County survey committee has recently published a pamphlet listing all historical markers in the county. Printed with the assistance of the Texas Power & Light Co., the pamphlet also includes a map to help visitors locate the markers. Copies are available at the Denison Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, or from Mrs. Sidney Johnson. According to committee chairman J. C. Talianferro, the following markers were among those dedicated in 1973: J. K. Miller House, Miller's Spring, Greenwood Cemetery, Sand Springs Stage Stand, and Hall Cemetery.

Mrs. Earl Hines, chairman of the Newton County committee, sends a long list of activities by that group. Included are two marker dedications, one for the black community of Shankleville, and the other for Old Beef Road, used for cattle drives during the Civil War period. One especially interesting project in Newton County concerned the presentation of historic costumes at various community gatherings. Another

interesting item concerns the activities of the "Old Gang," a group composed of persons from the Burkeville vicinity. Now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, the "Old Gang" is a unique effort to keep persons in touch with one another and thereby persevere a sense of community. Their latest meeting was in Burkeville on September 2, 1973.

The Shay locomotive on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University received an historical marker on September 11, 1973. An appropriate ceremony, presided over by Dean Laurence C. Walker of the School of Forestry, featured an address by President Ralph W. Steen and remarks by Thomas L. Carter, whose company donated the old locomotive. Capt. Charles K. Phillips, chairman of the Nacogdoches County committee, unveiled the marker.

Col. Harold B. Simpson of Hood's Texas Brigade Association, submits the following notice:

The Fourth Biennial Reunion of Hood's Texas Brigade Association will be held on the Hill Junior College Campus Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, 1974.

Major General Thomas Bishop, Adjutant General, Texas National Guard, will be the featured speaker. Entertainment will include Rogers films, band concerts, artillery and infantry drill competition featuring reactivated Confederate and Federal units and re-enactment of a Civil War battle.

Those desiring more information should write the Confederate Research Center, Hill Junior College, Hillsboro, Texas 76645.

History News, the attractive publication of the American Association for State and Local History, has added a new column on oral history to its regular features. The column began in the May 1973 issue and will appear every other month. John Wickman, president of the Oral History Association, wrote the first column. Those interested in this rather new approach to history will profit from these articles.

The Bastrop County Historical Survey Committee announces the publication of a Bastrop County History Book. The volume may be acquired by sending \$11 to the publisher, Educator Books, Inc., Drawer 32, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

A new journal has emerged for those lovers of antiques and interior design. *Antique Digest*, will be published every two months. Interested persons may obtain more information by writing the publishers at 605 Merritt Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

The Southern Methodist University Press has recently published the *Analytical Index to Publications of the Texas Folklore Society*, vols. 1-36. The work is edited by James T. Bratcher, and may be obtained from the SMU Press for \$12.50.

An item from the *American Folklore Newsletter* notes the inauguration of the James Mooney Award for best book-length manuscript on the people or culture of a distinctive New World population. Sponsored by the Southern Anthropological Society, the competition will result in publication by the University of Tennessee Press. Further informa-

tion may be acquired by writing Charles Hudson, Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30601.

The Library at Stephen F. Austin State University has issued a pamphlet on some of its newspaper holdings. Willie Earl Tindall compiled the guide, which also includes indexes and microfilm holdings.

The Texas State Historical Survey Committee has added a director of museum services. He is Eric Anderson, formerly preparator at the Kimball Art Museum in Fort Worth. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Anderson will make personal visits to small museums in Texas to analyze their problems. He will also supervise the six annual museum seminars held in different parts of the state.

The Southland Foundation in Lufkin has made contributions totalling more than \$37,500 to nearly 50 educational, charitable, historical, and medical organizations in East Texas. Historical groups receiving grants are the Angelina County Historical Survey Committee, Houston County Historical Survey Committee, Cullen House Museum (San Augustine), Murphy Memorial Library (Livingston), Allan Shivers Library and Museum (Woodville), and Sabine County Historical Survey Committee.

Haddonfield House book publishers has notified the Association of its services in publishing local and regional histories. The firm describes itself as a viable alternative for those who find it impractical to go to a printer or who do not want to get involved with the so-called vanity press. Copies of their explanatory pamphlet may be obtained by writing President Carolyn A. Wenger at 300 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, New York 08033.

The National Archives announces publication of the *Guide to Cartographic Records in the National Archives*. This clothbound volume of 444 pages describes more than 1,500,000 maps and related items compiled or collected by more than 120 federal agencies from the Revolutionary War to the present. Copies may be obtained from the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. The price is \$3.25 each.

Thomas Lloyd Miller of the History Department of Texas A & M makes the following request:

The following twenty names are the names of widows of Confederate veterans from Texas who received Confederate land grants. Of the 634 widows the names of the husbands were found for all but twenty. In 1881 they were living in the counties indicated. If anyone can supply the husbands' given names or initial please write to Thomas L. Miller, History Department, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Widow	County
Bader, Mrs. Christine	Limestone
Campbell, Mrs. K. A.	McCulloch

Casey, Mrs. R.	Madison
Crowson, Mrs. Delila	Harrison
Clinton, Mrs. Mira J.	Rusk
Davenport, Mrs. Elizabeth	Harrison
Duke, Mrs. N. Elizabeth	Kaufman
Farrow, Mrs. Rebecca E.	Nacogdoches
Havard, Mrs. C.	Angelina
Honea, Mrs. Nancy	Cooke
Lindsey, Mrs. Mahala	Henderson
Lindsey, Mrs. Olley A.	Clay
McAnnelly, Mrs. Laura	Angelina
McBryde, Mrs. Martha D.	Gonzales
McDaniel, Mrs. Mary E.	Henderson
Morris, Mrs. Mary A.	Limestone
Price, Mrs. Elizabeth	Nacogdoches
Robertson, Mrs. Frances S.	Anderson
Sparks, Mrs. S. A.	Nacogdoches
Thomas, Mrs. Arminta	Henderson

Wherever a visitor travels in Texas, he is likely to meet up with the unique and almost universal Texas greeting: "Light and set." It is a special invitation to take a load off your saddle or off your feet and "let's get acquainted."

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You will see a white-tailed deer bounding into a protective thicket of cedar, a herd of pronghorn antelope browsing knee-deep in grammar grass, a cowboy lining out the horses at dawn high in the Delaware Mountains, a vee-shaped flight of sandhill cranes returning to the warm and protected waters of Aransas.

There are pictures of the Dry Salt Lake west of Pecos, a flowering yucca in Black Gap, a ponderosa pine in McKittrick Canyon, a waterfall in the Guadalupe River, moss on a cypress tree in Caddo Lake, the skyline of Houston or Dallas or Fort Worth, a sidewalk cafe in San Antonio, the 19th century German architecture in Fredericksburg.

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