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Letter from the President:

In April 2007 the creation of a non-profit organization began. This organization would be dedicated to raising funds to benefit and enhance the genealogy and local history department of the Weatherford Public Library for all of Parker County. With a great board and a growing membership, we began selling books in October. These books have been compiled and/or created from many sources such as microfilm. Some books were created by patiently searching through hundreds of records and books. There are nine research books available for sale at the Weatherford Public Library. All are indexed. It is an honor to be a member of this wonderful organization.

Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn, President

Semi-Annual Meeting of PCTH&H on January 29, 2008

The organization will have two general meetings each year. This meeting at 2:00 on January 29, 2008 will be in the auditorium of the Weatherford Public Library. The guest speaker will be author Doyle Marshall, author of **Cry Unheard** – the stories of Indian raids in Parker County. He will tell how he used our library to research his book and the extensive offerings our library has to offer the public. You will have a chance to join, preview published books of the PCTH&H, Inc., sign up for volunteering and possibly win one of the nine publications as a door prize. There will be a drawing for those who have paid dues on or before January 29th.

Books Published by the PCTH&H:

. **Parker County Texas, Marriages, before 1875** by Jean Bennett and Mary Kaye Wallace Vernon. The Parker County Courthouse burned in 1874 destroying all of the marriage records. This book is compiled from family histories, Bible records, personal documents and post fire marriage records. Grooms list and brides list. A must for any researcher looking for proof of early day Parker County marriages. 158 pages. \$32.48 at the library.

. **Parker County, Texas, Record of Wills, Vol. 1, 1874-1916** by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. Some of these wills were written before 1874 but not probated until after the courthouse fire in 1874. This book has fascinating accounts of early day pioneer estates and family dynamics. Fully transcribed and an every-name index. Index is enhanced with information such as “testator,” “witness,” “executor,” etc. 454 pages, which includes 43 pages of indexes. \$48.71 at the library.

. **Parker County, Texas, Naturalizations: Declaration of Intentions to Become Citizen, Parker Co, TX a U.S.** Two books in one! Indexed by Shirley Benson Barber. The second book is titled **Department of Commerce and Labor Naturalization Service Vol. 1551, Certificate of Naturalization No. 15501 to 15510m District Court, Parker TX Co.** Indexed by Jean Ebert Bennett. Original declarations of intention and certificates of naturalization stubs giving information on family members (names, ages, residence and country of origin.) 53 pages total. \$16.24 at the library.

. **Weatherford, Parker County, Texas Mayor's Court, Oct. 13, 1860 – Dec. 26, 1874.** Fully indexed by Christy Park Bellah. Weatherford was a roaring frontier outpost in the 1860s and 1870s. Court cases from public drunkenness to assaults and everything in between fill the pages with the names of both famous and infamous visitors and citizens. Original copy of court cases. 430 pages, which includes the index. \$37.88 at the library.

. **Scholastic Census 1917, Parker County, Texas.** This is a list of children who would have been seven and under eighteen years of age on September 1, 1917 and those who were residents of the district on the first day of March. This document gives the complete date of birth for the child, the name of the parent/guardian and face. 31 pages. \$10.83 at the library.

. **Cutter's Guide to Mineral Wells, the Great Health Resort of Texas 1893.** Edition with accompanying handout of information on the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway facsimile edition. Filled with historical information and photos about the different healing wells, bathhouses and surrounding points of interest. Provided through the compliments of the Carroll Stone and Rock Company of Weatherford. \$5.41 at the library.

. **Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes 1874-1880, Vol. 1, PART 1, June 1874-November 1875.** Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. This is a fascinating ledger that includes the disposition of many different causes such as disputes among individuals and companies, crimes from theft to murder, divorces and naturalizations. 347 pages. \$37.88 at the library.

. **Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes 1874-1880, Vol. 1, PART 2.** Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. Part 2 starts at page 324 where Part 1 ended. Many cases that had not been resolved in Part 1 come to an end in Part 2. It is as interesting as Part 1. 330 pages. \$37.88 at the library.

. **Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes 1874-1880, Vol. 1, PART 3.** Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. This is the end of Vol. 1, which is a total of 996 pages. Part 3 covers pages 653-996 and has an every name index of 23 pages. \$37.88 at the library.

All of these books may be shipped. Prices vary for the shipping and handling, based on the weight of the book and distance to be mailed. Call 817-594-4705 for rates.

Volunteers Needed!

The organization is always in need of industrious volunteers. We have numerous projects that need assistance in researching, transcribing, copying, interviewing, etc. If you have an idea for a project, please let us know. The strength of the organization is in

the volunteers. If you are interested in sharing your time, please call Vonnie Munnerlyn at 817-594-4705 or Hubert Schmidt at 817-594-4705.

We're Always Searching

Do you have an old journal tucked away on the bookshelf? An old publication relating to the early years of Parker County? Some writing you always thought should be published? We would enjoy discussing your treasure as a possible publication of the PVTH&H.

A Few of the New Additions to the Genealogy and History Department of the Library

Jean Bennett, librarian, is always in search of new materials to add to the library. Among the latest additions are:

. **Frontier Blood: The Saga of the Parker Family** by Jo Ella Powell Exley gives the history not only of the Parkers who settled Parker's Fort where Cynthia Ann Parker was taken prisoner but their ancestors and descendants to include Isaac, Cynthia Ann and her son Quannah. It is a well-researched and fascinating account of a family always on the edge of the frontier. Also available in the circulation collection.

. **Weatherford Municipal Light & Power Plant** thesis by Charles S. Shumaker. Ever wonder why Weatherford has it's own power plant? Excellent review of the situation leading to the development and operation of the city's private utility department.

. **History of Parker County prior to 1936** by Edith Jordan Borden. Master's thesis on the settlement, early history and changes in Parker County to the mid 1930s.

Parker County First Families & Parker County Pioneer Families Certificate

Visit the Parker County Texas History & Heritage Inc. website (parkercohistoryandheritage.com) for details about the First Families and Pioneer Families of Parker County Certificates. This new project's intent is to recognize the founding families of Parker County.

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