

NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President:

The last six months have been productive for our organization and we hope the sales of our books will continue. We now have seventeen books for sale which are available at the Weatherford Public Library or can be ordered. New books are in process along with other projects such as certifications for First Families and Pioneers. The list for future interviews with long-time residents of Parker County is growing. Volunteers are needed to help with these projects! We are excited that Mr. Jon Vandagriff will speak at our next meeting on June 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the library. There is no charge to attend and the public is welcome.

Vonnie Munnerlyn, President

Semi-Annual General Meeting of PCTH&H on June 19, 2008

The organization will have its second semi-annual meeting on June 19, 2008, in the library auditorium at 2:00 p.m. A short business meeting will be held and Mr. Jon Vandagriff will speak about “Noted People of Parker County.” Mr. Vandagriff is an authority on Parker County and has written extensively on the county. A former editor for the Weatherford Democrat, he wrote his Master’s thesis on the Democrat and has a book on Weatherford in the works. Mr. Vandagriff is Professor Emeritus of History, Tarrant County College Northeast and has a wealth of fascinating information about Parker County. Come discover a virtual who’s who of people in a variety of professions who came from right here in Parker County and hear some of the “rest of the story.” Many new books have been completed about Parker County and will be available at the meeting.

January Meeting a Big Success

The January 2008 General Meeting was a big success with Doyle Marshall as the speaker. A short business meeting was held with Barbara Nevil confirmed as treasurer. The Board members were introduced and new books were showcased. Names were drawn with books as door prizes. An urgent request for volunteers was made.

Mr. Marshall highlighted how he researched two of his books, Cry Unheard: the Story of Indian Attacks In and Around Parker County, Texas 1858-1872 and School Under the Live Oak Tree. Speaking to a large group, he explained how he interviewed children and grandchildren of the Indian attack survivors and how he managed to locate materials concerning both Indian attacks and information long buried about the first school in Parker County. The crowd was fascinated by his stories and we are deeply appreciative that he agreed to speak.

Parker County First Families/Pioneers

Parker County, Texas, History and Heritage, Inc. is pleased to recognize First Families and Pioneer Families of Parker County of those who arrived prior to the end of the Civil War and those who arrived after the War and before 1900. Those that have been submitted and approved are:

FIRST FAMILIES

	CERTIFICATE	SUBMITTED BY
1.	Julia Ann SMETHERS	Eleanor Rogers EDMUNDSON
2.	James KIDWELL	Eleanor Rogers EDMUNDSON
3.	Angeline Sullivan CARTER	Carol LEA
4.	Adam CLINGMAN	Homer MCBRIDE

PIONEER FAMILIES

1.	Rev. Jonathan DEBUSK	Eleanor Rogers EDMUNDSON
2.	John MCBRIDE	Homer MCBRIDE

For information on adding your ancestors to this list, contact Jean Bennett at the Weatherford Public Library or Vonnie Munneryn at the address of the organization.

Highlighting Springtown Items at Weatherford Public Library

- .Historical Highlights of Springtown and Texas, various volumes by Laurie Mosley
 - .Tale of Two Schools and Springtown, Parker County, by John W. Nix
 - .First Baptist Church 1895 Springtown, Texas
 - .First United Methodist Church Springtown, Texas 150 years of Amazing Grace, 1857-2007 edited by Bert Dimock
 - .Quill Yearbooks primarily 1870s, 1880s, and 1890s
 - .Springtown Epigraph beginning 1972
 - .Cemetery Book
 - The Vertical Files
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Current Membership of Parker County, Texas, History and Heritage, Inc.

Bartoli, Jonelle	Brinkley, Jamie Bodiford & Michael	Broumley, Evlyn
Bynum, Mary	Doss, Donnell	Doss, Dorothy
Duvall, Linda F.	Edmundson, Eleanor R.	Godfrey, Shirley
Lea, Carol	Jones, Helen & Harry	Munneryn, Vonnie
Nevil, Barbara	Lindell, Francis & Milta	Parks, Helen & G.B.
Sawyers, Kimberly	Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Tom B.	Smith, David & Sue
Strain, Joe P.	Schmidt, Judy & Hubert	Bennett, Jean
Long, Loree		

Books Published and Made Available from PCTH&H, Inc.

All money raised by the sale of these books is devoted to further the development of the Parker County Genealogy and Local History Department of the Weatherford Public Library. Books are available for purchase at the library. Prices include sales tax. Shipping and handling fees can be arranged.

Books Printed since January 2008

“Historic Markers of Parker County, Texas” There is additional and new information on each of the 72 markers in the county. Compiled by Hubert Schmidt with photos by Mrs. V.A. Littleton. A fantastic book and gift. \$27.06

“Parker County, Texas, District Court Minutes” 1880-1884, Vol. 2, Part 1. Volume 2 begins where Volume 1 ended. Part 1 covers Pages 1-360. This part is 288 pages which includes 26 pages of index. Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$37.88

“Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes” 1880-1884, Vol. 2, Part 2. This book begins where Vol. 2, Part 1 ended. Pages 361-800 with 32 pages of index. Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$37.88

“Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes” Vol. 3, Part 1, February 1884-March 1885, Pages 1 – 286. Vol. 3 begins where Vol. 2, Part 2 ended. Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$37.88

“Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes” Vol. 3, Part 2, a continuation of Part 1. Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$32.48

“Parker County, Texas, Probate Minutes,” Vol. 1, Part 1, 1874-1879, pages 1-287, with 26 pages of index. Indexed by Jonelle Ryan Bartoli. This is a good follow up to the Record of Wills and has many others that died without recording a will. \$32.48

“Parker County, Texas, Probate Minutes” Vol. 1, Part 2, January 1880 – November 1881, 307 pages which includes 20 pages of index. Indexed by Jonelle Ryan Bartoli. This is a continuation of Vol. 1, Part 1. \$32.48

“Parker County Divorces” June 1874 – February 1884. Interesting reading with information not before available from court records on microfilm. Since the District Courthouse burned in June 1874 and again on March 1, 1884, many of the “loose papers” were destroyed. Researched, compiled and indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$21.65

Previously Printed Books

“Parker County, Texas, Marriages before 1875,” researched and compiled by Jean Ebert Bennett & Mary Kaye Wallace Vernon. 158 pages. \$32.48

“Parker County, Texas, Record of Wills, Vol.1, 1874-1916. Transcribed & Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$48.71

“Parker County, Texas, Naturalizations: Declaration of Intention to Become a U.S. Citizen, 1885-1907.” Indexed by Shirley Benson Barber. And “Department of Commerce and Labor Naturalization Service Vol. 1551, Certificate of Naturalization #15501 to 15510. Indexed by Jean Ebert Bennett. \$16.24

“Weatherford, Parker County, Texas, Mayor’s Court, Oct 1860 – Dec 1874.” Indexed by Christy Park Bellah. 430 pages. \$37.88

“Scholastic Census 1917, Parker County, Texas.” 31 pages. Transcribed & indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$10.83

“Cutter’s Guide to Mineral Wells, the Great Health Resort of Texas, 1893.” 57 pages. \$5.41

“Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes,” 1874-1880. Vol. 1, Part 1. Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. 347 pages. \$37.88

**“Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes,” 1874-1880. Vol. 1, Part 2.
Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$37.88**

**“Parker County, Texas, District Court, Civil Minutes,” 1874-1880. Vol. 1, Part 3.
Indexed by Vonnie Looper Munnerlyn. \$37.88**

WE NEED YOU!

Please consider volunteering to assist with research, suggestions for new projects, or interviewing long-time Parker County residents, or writing your own recollections of Parker County, or transcribing taped interviews – the list is endless. Have an idea? We’ll listen!

**Website created and maintained by volunteer
Cherilyn Meeves**

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