

NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President:

2008 has been a very productive year for the organization and research. The number of books we have created grows steadily. Donations from a local individual and Embridge Energy, at \$1000 each, have helped tremendously in reaching our initial goal of \$10,000. Of course, membership dues and other donations have been very helpful along with the proceeds of the books sold. Volunteers are always needed to help with the projects. The next General Meeting is January 20th with Sherri Knight as special speaker. We look forward to having good attendance at this meeting, which is open to the public. We wish everyone a good and healthy new year.

Vonnie Munnerlyn, President

Semi-Annual General Meeting of PCTH&H on January 20, 2009

Most families have a black sheep carefully hidden away, a skeleton in the closet, or a relative who is never mentioned to the younger generation. Author Sherri Knight of Stephenville, TX tracked down the true story of her distant uncle, Tom P., the one whose fiddle playing is still a family legend and his brushes with the law providing a challenge to the discover the 'rest of the story.'

Her book, *Tom P's Fiddle*, was researched through newspaper articles, prison records, state and university archives as well as through the family grapevine. Horse racing, shootings, jailbreaks, and a love story combine to show that many of the cowboy movies and books are based on true stories.

Come listen to how she researched her book, how to locate archive materials and newspaper accounts to help with your own research and to learn the real story of a cowboy who seemed to attract trouble in the best old West traditions.

Her talk will be given at 2:00 on January 20 at the Weatherford Public Library Auditorium, 1014 Charles Street, Weatherford. Call 817-594-4705 for more information.

Parker County First Families and 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:

CERTIFICATE

SUBMITTED BY

FIRST FAMILIES

1. Julia Ann SMETHERS
2. James KIDWELL

Eleanor Rogers EDMUNDSON
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| 3. Angeline Sullivan CARTER | Carol LEA |
| 4. Adam CLINGMAN | Homer MCBRIDE |
| 5. Absolom J. STRATTON &
Dorcas Emmaline BEARD | Rona Stratton SMITH |
| 6. George William COPELAND &
Rebecca Ann SHIELDS | James E. BLAYLOCK |
| 7. John HARRISON &
Mary I. BLOCKER ROBERTSON | Richard H. DAVIS |
| 8. Elizabeth Ann HARRISON ROBERTSON | Richard H. DAVIS |
| 9. John & Lucinda DUFF BLOCKER | Richard H. DAVIS |

PIONEER FAMILIES

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| 1. Rev. Jonathan DEBUSK | Eleanor Rogers EDMUNDSON |
| 2. John MCBRIDE | Homer MCBRIDE |
| 3. James B. BLALOCK | James E. BLALOCK |
| 4. Florence E. ROBERTSON WILLIAMS | Richard H. DAVIS |
| 5. Rufus McLucius COLEMAN &
Mary Jane WHITLEY COLEMAN
GILLILAND | Kay Ward DAVIS |

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

Highlighting Millsap Items at Weatherford Public Library

There are several books concerning the history of the Millsap Community.

Embracing the Past in Millsap, Texas by Donna E. King has wonderful photos of Millsap and the people who lived there.

The Millsap Story by Charlotte Walker has lots of interesting information of the Millsap of the Past and of the Fuller Millsap log cabin.

Volume One of the Trails West Cemetery Books, Southern Half of the County has cemetery listings for the Millsap area.

There are vertical files on the Millsap Community as well as the Millsap family.

Most of the history books about Parker County have information about the Indian fight Fuller Millsap was in when his daughter carried ammunition to him.

We Always Need You!

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

Our Website

Our website – www.parkercohistoryandheritatge.com - was created and constantly updated by volunteer Cherilyn Meeves. We appreciate her creativity and dedication to keeping current information available to the public.

Published books by the PCTH&H, Inc. available at the Weatherford Public Library or by mail

Historic Markers, Palo Pinto County, Texas - \$21.65
Parker County Divorces, August 1884 – April 1893 - \$27.06
Historic Markers of Parker County, Texas - \$27.06
Parker County, Texas, Marriages before 1875 - \$32.48
Parker County, Texas, Marriage Books 1 & 2, July 1874-1885 - \$32.48
Parker County, Texas, Record of Wills, Vol. 1, 1874-1880 - \$48.71
Parker County, Texas Naturalizations - \$16.24
Weatherford, Parker County, Texas, Mayor’s County 1860-1874 - \$37.88
Scholastic Census 1917 – Parker County, Texas - \$10.83
Cutter’s Guide to Mineral Wells 1893 - \$5.41
Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1874-1880, Vol. 1, Part 1 - \$37.88
Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1874-1880, Vol. 1, Part 1 - \$37.88
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Parker County, Texas PROBATE Minutes, 1880-1881, Vol. 1, Part 2 - \$32.48
Parker County, Texas PROBATE Minutes, 1880-1891, Vol. 1, Part 3 - \$32.48
Parker County, Texas Divorces, June 1874-Feb. 1884 - \$21.65
Baker Hotel Past and Present - \$12.99
Talking Tombstones - \$10.83

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And contributions are always welcomed.

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