

NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

The last six months have been very successful for our organization. Our main goal of digitizing microfilm records has begun. When finished, these records will be on the internet for all researchers to use without cost. Many new books have been created and sold giving our organization funds to begin new projects in the future. Donations are always needed to speed up the process. A research contest is a new project and details are in this newsletter.

We hope you will plan to come to our semi-annual General Meeting at the Weatherford Public Library at 2:00 on January 19th, 2010. Free to members and the general public.

Vonnie Munnerlyn, President

Semi-Annual General Meeting of PCTH&H on January 19, 2010

Debbie Liles, doctoral student and teaching fellow at the University of North Texas, will be the featured speaker at the general meeting on Tuesday, January 19th at 2:00 pm. Parker County had numerous slaveholders prior to the Civil War; however information on both the slaveholders and slaves is scant. Liles is conducting the first extensive research on slavery in Parker County. Much of the research for this project came from the Parker County tax rolls and the 1860 slave census, as the destruction of the courthouse took virtually all traceable records of slave activity from the county's history. What has been found is that a majority of people who were in prominent positions to the fledgling ante-bellum community were slave owners. This presentation will look at who the slave's owners were, where they came from, what they were doing, and how, as Southerners, slave holding was a part of everyday life seldom attributed to this area.

Using Parker County as the basis for many of her papers, Liles is presently working on a Doctorial Thesis about North Texas. She recently was selected as an intern for the Texas State Historical Association and is also working on several articles. She lives in Weatherford with her husband Mike.

PCTH&H Research Contest

The organization is pleased to announce the sponsorship of a contest on new research pertaining to Parker County history. Two cash awards will be given; one for college students and one for adults. Guidelines for the competition have been given to all the libraries in the county, including Weatherford College.

We hope this research contest will become an annual event resulting in a great deal of new historic data that will be made available to the community. The winning papers, plus other worthy entries, will be bound into a book for sale and all the proceeds will go to benefit Parker County, Texas, History and Heritage, Inc., for future projects.

Photos on the Website!

Mike Carter and Francis & Milta Lindell donated a large box of family memorabilia and photos to the organization last summer. At long last we have managed to get the photos scanned and they are available on the website. Most show members of the Blackmon, Culwell, and Frazier families. The one of the road crew in northern Parker County is priceless, and we think the roads are bad now! Several articles about early day Parker County are in the process of being scanned and will be on the website in a few weeks.

PCTH&H, INC. Books Available at the Weatherford Public Library or by Mail

Texas 1901, the Daily Herald. Violence, Death, Disaster, Texas, Part 1, \$21.65

Palo Pinto & Parker Co., Deaths Before 1900, Obits & Death Notices, \$32.48

Murder, Mayhem and More: Palo Pinto and Parker Co. Crimes \$27.06

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 Court 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 2 \$37.88

Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1874-1880, Vol. 1, Part 3 \$37.88

Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1880-1884, Vol. 2, Part 1 \$37.88

Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1880-1884, Vol. 2, Part 2 \$37.88

Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1884-1885, Vol. 3, Part 1 \$37.88

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Parker County, Texas, District Court Civil Minutes 1887-1888, Vol. 4, 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, 1881-1883, Vol. 1, Part 3 \$32.48

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Parker County Divorces, June 1874-Feb. 1884 \$21.65

Baker Hotel - Past and Present \$12.99

Talking Tombstones \$10.83

Index of Extractions of Criminal Causes, 1874-1897, Vol. 1-6 \$10.83

NEW BOOKS COMING SOON

"1901, Shocking News From Around the World." Extractions from The Daily Herald newspaper, 1901, Weatherford, Texas. This book will be available in January at the Weatherford Public Library or by calling 817-594-4705.

“Twisting in the Wind: Springtown Hangings of the Hill Women and Other North Texas Hangings.” Hangings were quite common in the north Texas area during frontier days; however none have been so intriguing as that of the hanging of the Hill women in Springtown in 1873. Based on information gathered from the Summer, 2009, lecture of the Parker County, Texas, History and Heritage, Inc., meeting, a small booklet has been prepared documenting the stories, legends and facts of the matter. In addition fourteen other hanging incidents are examined. Was John Luckey a patriot or a traitor? How did Burton escape the hangman’s noose? And why did the horse refuse to move? This book is now available at the Weatherford Public Library. The book is also available by calling 817-594-4705. Cost is \$10.00 plus sales tax.

FIRST FAMILIES/PIONEER FAMILIES

Parker County, Texas, History and Heritage, Inc., is pleased to recognize new First Families and Pioneer Families of Parker County honoring those who arrived prior to the end of the Civil War and those who arrived after the War and before 1900.

FIRST FAMILIES

	Ancestors	Descendants
Certificate	John & Lucinda Duff Blocker Ruben A. Eddleman Robert Cowan Newberry Robert Scott Porter	Richard H. Davis Michael A. Barry Martha Jane Preston Martha Jane Preston

PIONEER FAMILIES

Certificate	Benjamin W. Kelly Mary Ann Gober Jones Taylor J. B. Babb & Louisa Carolina Glover	Michael A. Barry Michael A. Barry Tilmon Bonner
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And contributions are always Welcome

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