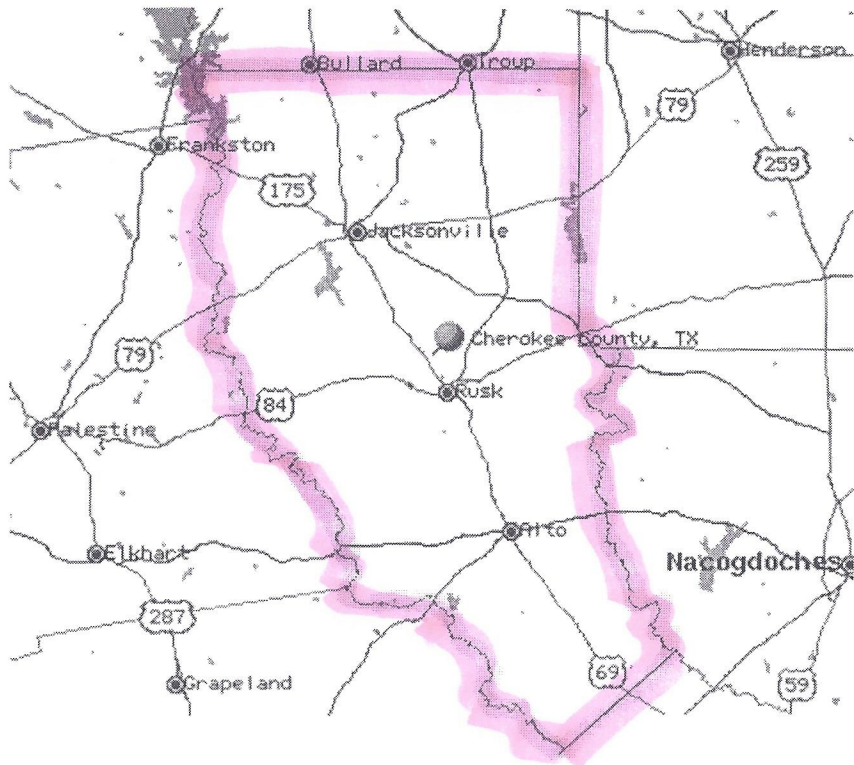


TREE TALK



CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Post Office Box 1332
Jacksonville, Texas 75766-1332
Email ccgs@tyler.net
<http://www.tyler.net/ccgs/default.html>
A Non-Profit Organization
ISSN 0736-7678

Cherokee County Genealogical Society was organized in 1975. Its purpose is to promote interest in genealogical research and the preservation of family history. Annual membership dues are \$12.00 (single) and \$16.00 for a two-member household. The membership year begins in September and members will receive four issues of our Tree Talk publication per membership year. A single issue of Tree Talk is \$3.50.

When requesting information from our society, PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

When a member has a change of address, it is important to submit the new address as soon as possible.

Queries are published free of charge for members or non-members, as space allows. Please limit your query to 50 to 75 words and include as many dates as possible. If the exact dates are not known, give approximate dates.

Material to be considered for publication in Tree Talk is welcome and we request it concern Cherokee County and/or surrounding counties, especially those that were formed from the original Nacogdoches County. Copyrighted material must be accompanied by written permission to reprint from the copyright holder. All material will be considered by the editor and published at his/her discretion when space permits. The preferred format for submission is on a floppy disk, CD-ROM or by e-mail in plain text Windows compatible without special formatting. Photos up to 8" by 10" can be submitted, but will not be returned. Photos and drawings may also be submitted on disk, CD-ROM or by e-mail in the GIF, TIF, BMP and JPEG formats. We recommend that information on living persons NOT be detailed to protect their privacy. Cherokee County Genealogical Society accepts no responsibility for the accuracy for material submitted.

A membership application will be in the back of each issue of Tree Talk.

OFFICERS 2000-2001

President	R. L. McGuire, Jr.
First Vice President	Willie Harold Acker, Sr.
Second Vice President	William H. Hermes
Secretary	Sherry McGuire
Treasurer	Helen Marable
Historian	Sylvia Booth Acker
Public Relations Chairman	Donna R. Shreeve
Projects Chairman	Barbara Martin
Editor	Gordon Bennett
Associate Editor	IdaLee D. Edmiston
Circulation Manager	Melva Hermes
Web Page Editor	Gordon Bennett

Copyright 2001 by Cherokee County Genealogical Society

❖ Tree Talk ❖

Volume 27 Issue 1

Fall, 2001

Inside This Issue

Editor's Letter	2
New Members	2
Cumberland Presbyterian Minutes 1846 to 1862 by Juanita Wardlaw and IdaLee D. Edmiston	3
Box's Fort by Ogreta W. Huttash	9
Historian's Report, October 8, 2001 by Sylvia B. Acker	22
The Cannon Journal by Bart Cannon	24
Queries	31
Publications Order Form	35
Membership Application	Inside Back Cover

Visit our Internet site at:

<http://www.tyler.net/ccgs/default.html>

EDITOR'S LETTER

In this issue we continue the Cumberland Presbyterian Minutes 1846 to 1862 by Juanita Wardlaw and IdaLee D. Edmiston and The Cannon Journal by Bart Cannon.

Ogreta W. Huttash presents Box's Fort, the story of the John Morris Box and his sons Roland W. Box, William S. Box, John Asbury Box, Samuel Charles Box and James Edward Box. This family came to the state of Coahuila and Texas, Republic of Mexico from Blount County, Alabama in 1834.

The editor wishes to thank these writers for their fine work. I would welcome articles from other authors.

Do you know someone who should become a member of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society?

The society is open to anyone who has an interest in genealogy, especially Cherokee County and surrounding counties in Texas.

Please pass along a copy of the membership application on the inside back cover to a prospective member.

Gordon Bennett

NEW MEMBERS

- | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----|------------|
| Matthews, Bradley W. | Member | 9650 Mesquite St., | Apple Valley | CA | 92308-8644 |
| mbigbrad@prodigy.net | | SPRUILL, O'NEIL | | | |
| Saicoe Georgia | Member | 34656 Bronco Lane | Squaw Valley | CA | 93675-9681 |
| ewsaicoe@inreach.com | | CAUSEY, BURNETT, WOOD, BILLINGS, BROWN, HOMESLY, WHITE, | | | |
| McKNIGHT, DEVER | | | | | |
| Singletary Joan | Member | 23 Woodbridge Rd. | Brandon MS | | 39042-2264 |
| josing@juno.com | | POSEY, BENGE, FONDREN, SINGLETARY, NEWBURN | | | |

PART Six
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862
(continued from summer issue, Vol. 26, No. 4, 2001)
Submitted by Jaunita Wardlaw; typed by IdaLee Edmiston
(previous page missing)

...recently organized at Mount Carmel in Smith County be received under the care of this presbytery by the name of Mount Carmel Church.

On Motion, **Bro. Broughton** was called on to read a written discourse prepared by him in compliance with the order of last Session of Presbytery as part of his trial for Licensure, which the brother proceeded to do.

On Motion, Presbytery had interlocutory and the written discourse of **Bro. Broughton** was laid on the table to be taken up and acted upon, on the coming in of the report of the Committee on Literature and Theology.

The Committee on Montvale & San Pedro Church Books, through their Chairman **Bro. S. Harris**, report that they find no departure in these church books from the discipline and usages of our church, which report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on New Providence and other Church books, through their Chairman **Bro. Richards**, report that they have examined New Providence Church book and find it in good order and that none others have come to their hands, which report was received and concurred in.

On Motion, **Bros. Erwin, Richards, and Newton** were appointed a Committee to fix upon and designate the times and places of holding protracted and Camp-meetings within the bounds of Presbytery for the present year.

The Committee on Camp and Protracted Meetings submitted the following report, to wit: A protracted meeting at Rusk embracing the second Sabbath in June. At Mount Zion in Carmichael's neighborhood embracing the fourth Sabbath in June. At Palestine the 2nd Sabbath in August. At Crockett the 1st Sabbath in September, and at San Pedro embracing the 3rd Sabbath in September.

S. A. Erwin, Chairman

Which report was received and concurred in and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes.

On Motion, Ordered that **Bro. Richards** supply the congregation at San Pedro, that **Bro. Nevills** supply Trinity Church at Crocket, that **Bro. McKee** supply Montvale Church at Rusk, that **Bro. R. Martin** supply Mount Zion congregation and that **Bro. S. Harris** supply Mt. Carmel congregation with preaching agreeably to their respective engagements.

Bro. Patton appeared and being called on, rendered his excuse for absence on yesterday and this morning, whose excuse was sustained and he took his seat.

The Committee on Literature and Theology, reports through their chairman, **Bro. McKee**, "That they

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862

have examined the candidates and Licentiates upon the branches indicated and find that they have made praiseworthy progress in those branches, which report was concurred in.

On Motion, The written discourse of **Bro. Broughton** was taken up and, in connection with the report of the Committee on Literature and Theology, was considered, whereupon it was resolved, That **Bro. Broughton's** written discourse be received together with the other parts of trial as _____? to licensure. That **Bros. Patton & Coupland** continue to exercise their gifts in their respective neighborhoods as heretofore until next Session of Presbytery and that Bro. Broughton be licensed at 11-1/2 o'clock.

On Motion, Presbytery took recess until 11-1/2 o'clock tomorrow, to meet at the courthouse.

SABBATH 15th APRIL 11-1/2 O'CLOCK A.M.

Presbytery met at the time and place designated in order to licensure of **Bro. Broughton**, and he having presented himself, and the requisitions of the book of discipline having been complied with. Ordered that the following record be made to wit:

At Rusk, Cherokee County, State of Texas, on the 13th day of April A.D. 1851, The Trinity Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, having received testimonials in favor of **Bro. D. W. Broughton's** good moral character and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure,; And he having given satisfaction as to his _____? to teach, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, as to his internal call to the work of the ministry, and as to his proficiency in Divinity, the Presbytery did and do hereby express their approbation of all these parts of trial. And he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did and do hereby license him the said **Dempsey W. Broughton**, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer of the Holy Ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever God in his providence may cast his lot.

On Motion, Presbytery took recess until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING 8 O'CLOCK

Presbytery met at the time and place appointed on yesterday evening. Same members present as then.

On Motion, Resolved that the thanks of Presbytery be and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of the town of Rusk and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner which has characterized their treatment of the members of Presbytery during the preent Session.

Om Motion, Ordered that the Clerk make out and transmit to the Editors of the Texas Presbyterian a copy of these minutes with a request for their publication.

On Motion, And no further business appearing, resolved that Presbytery adjourn to meet at Crockett in the County of Houston at half after eleven o'clock A.M. on Friday before the first Sabbath in September next and Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned accordingly. 14th April, 1851.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862**B. B. Cannon, Clerk****D. C. Nevills, Moderator**

(missing pages here)

MINUTES, FALL SESSION, 1851

...that we heartily approve of the object of publishing the "Texas Pulpit," a religious periodical edited by us; as we are glad to find, by brethren of age, experience, piety, and talents who have long been favorably known by the public. Which periodical ((a specimen of which is now before us) we take pleasure in recommending to the Church.

On motion, Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment; same members present as on Saturday and constituted with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Committee on San Pedro Church book reported as follows, viz: "That they have examined the Church book submitted to them and that it has been kept substantially in accordance with our book of discipline and usages of the Church. Yet, we find that some irregularities in the record of the proceedings on the trial of the charges against **Bro. Roberts** prosecuted and determined in San Pedro Church." Which report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on other Church books reported as follows, to wit: "That they have attended to the duty assigned _____ (several lines missing here).

The appointment of the following Committees announced by the Moderator, viz: **Bros. Nevills & Cannon** a Committee to _____ (?) San Pedro Church book. **Bros. Richards & Cartwright** to examine all other Church books present. **Bros. Richards, Nevills, Cartwright** appointed a Committee to examine Candidates and Licentiates on literature and theology. Concluded with prayer and adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING 8 O'CLOCK

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment; present same members as on yesterday morning and constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. A. J. McGown, an ordained Minister of the C. P. Church being present was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member of the present session **Bro. Elder Daniel Murchison** representative from Trinity Church, appeared and took a seat as such representative at the present session.

Bro. Elder Mat. J. Edmiston of the C.P. Church being present was invited and took a seat as corresponding member of the present Session. On motion of **Bro. Richards**, ordered that the clerk report the names of the Churches within our bounds not represented at the present session.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862

In obedience to the foregoing order, the Clerk respectfully reported that the following named congregations are not represented at the present session, viz: New Providence, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Prairie (editor's note: I think that was meant to be Mound Prairie), and Palestine congregations, which report was accepted .

The following preamble and resolution was read and, On Motion, adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, viz:

"Whereas we as a Presbytery feel the importance of the religious Press in sustaining the outreach of the church, and whereas we have _____ (?) the zeal and self sacrificing spirit of the Edition of the Texas Presbyterian, a religious journal under the patronage of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Resolved therefore that we heartily approve the Course of the Edition of the same and that we promise a more hearty cooperation and we would urgently press upon the minds of the members of the church and all those that are friendly to the enterprize the importance of sustaining the same."

"Whereas we feel the great want of books and periodicals sustaining our doctrines and usages, and whereas we are so remotely situated from the main body of the Church and the publications of the same, Resolved therefore.....(pages or pages missing at this point).

MINUTES OF FALL SESSION FOR 1851

Crockett 5 Sept 1851

Trinity Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment at the town of Crockett in the County of Houston, State of Texas, on Friday before the first Sabbath (being the 5th day) of September in the year of our Lord 1851. Present, Ministers: **D. C. Nevills, J. L. Richards & T. N. McKee.**

Elders: **J. L. Cartwright** from San Pedro Congregation.
B. B. Cannon from Montvale Congregation.

Absent, Ministers: **M. Priest, Sam'l Harris, J. B. Harris, R. R. Martin & Robert Hodge.**

Licentiates: **W. P. Henry, A. J. Coupland, D. W. Broughton & George Patton.**

A quorum being present, the house was called to order and Presbytery constituted with prayer by **Bro. Nevills.** Presbytery then proceeded to the election of a Moderator to preside at the present Session when **Bro. T. N. McKee** was unanimously chosen and took the Chair. **Bro. B. B. Cannon** entered on the discharge of his duties as Clerk.

Bro. Robert Waters, an ordained minister of Frazier Presbytery of the C.P. Church, being present was invited and took a seat as corresponding Minister at the present Session.

Madison (?) Presbytery of the C.P. Church was received under the care of this Presbytery as a Licentiate in good standing. (it is believed that the first part of the previous sentence is missing from the minutes. editor). On Motion, Resolved that the thanks of this presbytery be tendered to the citizens of

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862

of the City of Crockett and vicinity for their kind and hospitable treatment of the members during the present Session.

On Motion, Ordered that the Clerk transfer to the editors of the Texas Presbyterian copy of these minutes for publication.

On Motion, Resolved that Presbytery adjourn to meet on the Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in April next at San Pedro Church in Houston County and there being no further business Presbytery concluded with prayer and adjourned accordingly.

B. B. Cannon, Clk.

T. N. McKee Moderator

HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS 1852

Trinity Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met pursuant to adjournment at San Pedro Meeting House in the County of Houston on the Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in April (it being the ___th day of the month) in the year of our Lord 1852. The opening sermon was preached by **Bro. T. N. McKee** from Matt. the 25th Chapter and 23rd verse and constituted by prayer. Members present, Ministers: J. B. Harris.

(page or pages missing here).

MINUTES SPRING SESSION 1852

The Committee on San Pedro Church book reported, which was received, adopted and filed.

The Committee on the State of Religion submitted their report which was received, adopted and ordered to be filed. Presbytery took recess.

Bro. Dale Nevills, agent for _____ (?) being present organized a Presbyterial board auxiliary to the General Assembly board of domestic and foreign missions. Presbytery resumed business.

On Motion, Ordered that **Bro. Wm. P. Henry** be set apart to the whole work of the Presbytery on tomorrow at 12 o'clock by the laying on of hands of Presbytery and that **Bro. A. J. McGown** preach the ordination sermon and **Bro. J. B. Harris** preside and give the charge.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 12 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18th 1852

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment and constituted by prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

The Presbytery having gone through with all those parts of trial required by our book of discipline with **Bro. Wm. P. Henry** and the Presbytery being satisfied with same, _____ (?) to teach and he having answered satisfactorily all the questions propounded to probationers, the Presbytery proceeded to set apart **Bro. Henry** by the imposition of hands and the sermon was preached by **Bro. A. J.**

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN MINUTES 1846 to 1862

McGown from Second Timothy, 4th chapter, 2nd verse.

Bro. J. B. Harris presided and gave the charge and the whole being concluded with prayer. Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING 8 O'CLOCK

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment. Brethren same as yesterday. Constituted by prayer. Spent half hour as devotion and prayer.

On Motion, **Bros. T. N. McKee & Richards** were appointed a Committee to arrange Presbyterial meetings.

On Motion, It was Resolved that **Bro. J. B. Harris** is by this Presbytery authorized to travel as a Missionary in the bounds of this Presbytery and raise money in any way he may think proper for his own support.

On Motion, Resolved that each brother deliver to his own congregation an address on the necessity of supporting the ministry for their pastoral services.

On Motion, **Bro. J. B. Harris** or **Bro. J. S. Richards**, his alternate, be appointed to attend the next General Assembly of C. P. Church in the City of Nashville, Tenn. in May next.

The Committee appointed to arrange Presbyterial meetings submit the following:

At Crockett on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Sept.

At Larrissa on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in June.

At Bethel on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July.

At Liberty on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in Sept.

At Palestine on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Oct.

On Motion, Resolved that this Presbytery recommend and request all the congregations within its bounds to organize themselves into Home Missionary Societies, Auxiliary to the Presbyterial Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

On Motion, Resolved that the stated Clerk be requested to forward the minutes of this Presbytery to the Texas Presbyterian for publication.

On Motion, Resolved that the Presbytery adjourn to meet at the Town of Larissa, Cherokee County on Friday at 11 o'clock a.m. before the third Sabbath in September next, A. D. 1852.

S. A. Erwin, Clerk Protem

J. B. Harris, Moderator

Box's Fort

By Ogreta W. Huttash

Box's Fort was built for the protection of the Box families who came to the area southwest of present day Alto, Texas in 1834. They came as colonists under the impresario grants to David G. Burnet and Joseph Vehlein, prior to the Republic of Texas, and were entitled to many acres of land. John Morris Box (1780-1842) and sons Roland W. Box, William S. Box, John Asbury Box, Samuel Charles Box, and James Edward Box came to the State of Coahuila and Texas, Republic of Mexico, from Blount County, Alabama. All were married men with families except James Edward Box. Heads of households were entitled to one league of land, 4,428 acres, for ranching and to one labor, 177 acres, for farming. James Edward Box eventually received 1/12 of a league plus an augmentation grant of 1/4 league of land, 1,476 acres in all. Obtaining the land certificates took time, so Roland W. Box purchased one-third of a league from Stephen Burnham, an earlier colonist from Tennessee. They arrived late in the year and needed to make ready for the coming winter.

This would be their home base for scouting out the country and selecting their land and conducting their business. In the unsettled times on the frontier, a prime consideration was the safety of the families, livestock, equipment, wagons, goods, tools - every thing they were responsible for. Here the father and brothers of Roland W. Box helped him build the fort on a hill west of a creek later named Box's Creek and about half a mile from the southeast corner of the Zaccheus Gibbs one league grant that straddled Box's Creek.

Their tools were crude but they cut young timbers and placed them among the giant trees growing there to make a very large enclosure or stockade to hold their belongings; and they built a log house dwelling inside it. One rise in the land, a small hill, was used for the back of a building, making a crude hut that had poles and logs for the frame. This building was called a dugout. Boards nailed together were the door.

Wild animals were plentiful and included deer, bear, panthers, wild hogs, wolves, bobcats and squirrels. The creek and river were full of fish so they kept the traps set. Bird traps set near the barn furnished a good supply of birds. Thus began the settlement that grew up around the fort. As many as fifty-two men, women, and children lived there, cleared the land and planted their crops. The fort was their sanctuary when Indians were a menace.²

Stephen Burnham, a bachelor, had come to the State in 1821³ according to his certificate of entry. The Mexican government suspended immigration from 1830 to 1834 and stopped issuing land titles. Mexican land policy was renewed in 1834, so Burnham petitioned the Commissioner of the land office for the Neches District for a land grant and proved that he was eligible for it. The certificate was granted a week later on 12 September 1835. The next step was to hire a surveyor and he hired a neighbor who lived about two and a half miles east of the Neches River, citizen James Bradshaw so he could survey the land provided it was entirely vacant. Field notes were then translated by Adolphus Sterne. Bradshaw wrote the Commissioner that the land measured for Stephen Burnham was three miles east of the Neches and about "3 miles North West of the passage of San Antonio, on the passage (ferry) of Williams." In other words this 1,476 acres of land was three miles northwest of the San Antonio Road, the main artery for travel, and was near the Leonard Williams ferry. The land described was two labors of arable land and the other six and one-third labors remaining were pasture land, for which he paid \$12. For this well located land Roland W. Box paid Burnham \$75, about 20 cents an acre.⁴

Box's Fort

Zaccheus Gibbs' survey was described by his surveyor Jeremiah Strode as located "on Aynai Trace 5 miles west of Bowles plantation,"⁵ so Box's Fort would be about the same distance from Chief Bowles Indian village of the Cherokees, a civilized tribe who farmed and lived in log houses and were peaceable. However, renegades and outlaws locally were an ever present threat to white settlers. Also wild Indians that strayed from west of the Neches River into the area were not as friendly as the Cherokees.

On 13 November 1835 just after the Burnham-Box transaction, the provisional government of Texas closed the Mexican land office and it was not reopened until 1838 under the Republic of Texas.⁶ In the interval Texas won its independence from Mexico and the Box men folk were active participants.

Stephen F. Box, brother of John Morris Box, and his extended family later settled west of the Neches River and east of the Trinity River in the part that became Houston County in 1837. Our records afford no day to day account of daily life, but family traditions include horseback riders and covered wagons from Blount County, Alabama. Most believe all the families spent the winter of 1834 at the fort, and possibly 1835. There would always be much visiting and business between the families as there are several deeds on record where they traded land with each other.

Stephen F. Box is said to have furnished supplies for Fort Houston later on. His sons John Andrew Box, Stillwell Box, Thomas G. Box and Nelson Box fought to free Texas from Mexico. They enlisted in Capt. Hayden Arnold's Company of Volunteers in 1836. Their names are on the San Jacinto list, and each one received bounty grants of 320 acres and 640 acres as donation grants.⁷ In January 1871 John Box of Houston County applied for a pension. He was age 67. He said he joined Capt. Hayden Arnold's Company, Col. Sidney A. Sherman's Regiment, 6 April 1836 at Groce's Retreat on the Brazos and went with the army to San Jacinto. After the battle he was brought home sick and remained so several months.⁸ This would be John Andrew Box because John Asbury Box and John Morris Box lived in Nacogdoches County then, presently Cherokee County, and John Morris Box would have been age 56 and died in 1842, before the pension application date.

John Andrew Box (1803-1874), Nelson A. Box (1808-ca 1849), and Rev. Stillwell Box (1810-1870), all veterans of the Texas Revolution, are buried in Box-Beeson Cemetery near Crockett.⁹

Samuel C. Box and James Edward Box enlisted in the same company with their cousins, Capt. Hayden Arnold's Company. James Edward Box is on the San Jacinto list and received donation and bounty land grants. A letter of 6 July 1999 from Jean Carefoot of Texas Archives and Information Service reads:

According to Texas Militia muster rolls, Samuel C. Box served as a Private under Vansickle in the 3rd Brigade, Texas Militia, from 1 July through 5 August 1839. He served as a Private under Capt. James E. Box in the 2nd Regiment of the 3rd Brigade from 14 October 1838 through 14 January 1839. He himself was a Captain of the Mounted Volunteer Militia unit from 7 August to 24 September 1838, serving under General Thomas J. Rusk. The date of the letter quoted in the DRT transcription of correspondence has a date that indicates that the "Capt. Box" referred to would be James E. Box rather than Samuel C.

Samuel C. Box also has a Republic Claim, and is mentioned on an Audited Claim paid to John D. Miller. The letter referred to dated 22 May 1839 from William G. Cooke, "Qr. Mst. Genl &c"

Box's Fort

directed Major H. Landers to go to Crockett, have cribs built at Crockett and Fort Houston for the corn and to deliver it to Capt. Box, Commanding, Fort Houston.¹⁰

The Killough Massacre occurred in October 1838 and the Cherokee Indians were removed beyond the Red River in July 1839. Roland W. Box and his brother James Edward Box moved to Houston County and were active in civic affairs.

In 1836 just west of present day Alto and a short distance from Box's Fort, Brooks Williams, another early settler, was scalped by the Indians. He had been "kicked out" of Austin's¹¹ Colony for gambling. He was a brother to Col. Leonard Williams¹² who ran the ferry at the El Camino Real crossing on the Neches River. Their sister was Naomi Ware, mistress of their neighbor¹³ James Bradshaw who was mortally wounded by Isaac Reynolds a few years later. Those at the fort kept a watchful eye out for danger. A descendant wrote that many frightening experiences happened but recalled only one death.

Edna Box Riley wrote that the family arrived in Texas in the fall of 1834 and planted gardens in the spring.¹⁴

"When the corn was ripe for use, the thirty year old John Asbury Box (son of John M. Box, a brother of Stephen F. Box, and a cousin of John Andrew Box, my ancestor) and a friend crossed a ravine to gather corn. An Indian killed the friend. John Asbury made an escape in the tall grass and behind a tree, looking back he saw the Indians scalp his friend. He did not try to return to the Fort until dusk. After dark a group brought the dead man into the Fort where he was buried. A religious service was needed."

She thought this may have been the beginning of the eaching ministry of John Andrew Box. It is also one of several references to a family cemetery at the fort.

One story handed down through the generations is that when there was an Indian scare, the women and children would hide in the cellar under the fort and be very quiet. An old setting hen made her nest there, and once when the family was hiding out, the hen pecked the little girl who promptly screamed that she had been snake bit! A lot of people today are wondering if that little girl was their ancestor.¹⁵

According to another tradition the Box's neighbor Zaccheus Gibbs was scalped in his field in 1842 by raiding Indians while working alone in his field. He was buried at the base of a white oak tree near the bridge where the creek was crossed. For many years the grave could be located, but it has probably disappeared by now. His daughter Mrs. Phoebe (Burtis) Allen was still living nearby on the 1850 census.¹⁶

Another story says that "Not too far from the old Box Fort was a marsh with quicksand. A man by the name of Shorter and his horse died there. Very likely the Indians were after him. The place was afterward called "Shorter's Defeat." This is now believed to be Bedford Shorter, born in eorgia ca 1798, and a veteran of the War of 1812 who is known to have died there in 1866.¹⁷ This may seem a bit late for Indian problems, but a descendant has written:

Box's Fort

"James J. Box was killed by Kiowa Indians with six shooters and arrows. They scalped him, took his wife and five children, girls I - 14, and one boy, August 1866. The boy and one girl, Laura, died while with the Indians. The others were reclaimed.¹⁸

Even though this happened a few miles across the river, news travelled fast and the captives were cousins to those living at Box's Fort.

Perhaps a bit of family history would be helpful.

Stephen F. Box (1770-1843) and John Morris Box (1780-1842) were born in Laurens County, South Carolina to Robert Box and his wife Mary Williams.¹⁹ He was a veteran of the American Revolution and was granted land in Tennessee in 1783 and moved the family there. A few years later they moved to Blount County, Alabama. The 1830 Federal Census lists several Box families including Stephen F. Box, Stillwell Box, Roland W. Box, and several men named John Box. They heard about the generous land grants in Texas. Their certificates of entry show they were all here in 1834 or 1835. Their long westward journey by wagon and horseback was completed. The Mississippi River and the Sabine River had been successfully crossed. There is no account of the first year on the frontier of Texas, but family tradition suggests the families were together for some time for mutual protection.

James Edward Box (1814-1851), youngest son of John Morris Box, was single when he came to Texas. After the Battle of San Jacinto in which he served, he returned to the Fort for a while then moved to Houston County. In 1840 he married Mary Douthit. Stella Box Hill wrote that he and D. H. Eden drew the first maps of Palestine and laid out and named the streets with the help of John A. Parker when Anderson County was formed. She said these three men supervised the building of the first courthouse and jail in what is now called Old Town. He was also one of the members appointed to locate the county seat.²⁰

On the 1850 Federal Census of Anderson County²¹, James E. Box was age 36, born in Tennessee; Mary was age 31, born in Tennessee. The children William H., age 10, John W. age 8, James K. P. age 6, and Robert D. age 4, were born in Houston County. The baby girl Margaret A., age 4 months, was born in Anderson County.

The boy John W. is the J. J. W. Box (1842- 1913) who married Susan A. Morris. They are said to have been parents of eleven children, seven reaching maturity. One of them was John C. Box (1871-1941). He studied at Alexander Institute near Kilgore, then moved to Lufkin after being admitted to the bar in 1893. Four years later he moved to Jacksonville, was a county judge 1898-1901, was mayor of Jacksonville 1903-1905. He served in the United States Congress from 1919 to 1931. His son, John C. Box, Jr. became a Jacksonville attorney.²²

John Asbury Box (1805-1871) was born in Laurens County, South Carolina to John Morris Box and was enumerated on the 1830 Federal Census of Blount County, Alabama after his marriage to Mrs. Lettice Lou Trap Jones. They came with the other Box families to Texas in 1834. He received a league and labor of land in what became Anderson County but he lived and died in Cherokee County.

His service in the Texas Revolution is hard to separate from that of the other Box men named John. A recent source says he was a member of the First Texas Rangers under Captain S. C. Brown.

Box's Fort

On the 1850 Federal Census of Cherokee County, John A. was age 42, born in South Carolina; Letty T. was age 40, born in Tennessee. Louisa M., age 21, William C. age 18, and Eunice J. age 16 were born in Alabama. Children born in Texas were Severe D, age 10, Alva A., age 7, Mary M., age 5, and John R., age 3. John A. Box was listed as a farmer, real estate value \$12,000.²³

In 1860 still at home with their parents were Severe D., Alva A., Mary M., and John R. Box, and Margaret E. age 10 and James E. age 7 have been added.

The 1870 census shows John Asbury Box was age 62, Letty T. was not shown, but James E. and Mary M. were in the household as well as William L. Jones with wife Emily J. (nee Box). Mary E. age 10, and a 9 month old baby named Ada F. Mary J. Holmes and one Oliver H. Jones were also enumerated.

The heirs of John Asbury and Letty T. Box got together to settle the estate of their parents.²⁴ The will is recorded in the deed book, not probate records. They said he died 9 January 1871 and that Letty T. Box died 6 November 1867 leaving the following children:

- Louisa M. Box who married Isaac C. Byrd,
- Caroline S. Box who married Henry Clay Hendrick,
- Severe D. Box,
- Eunice J. Box who married Richard Holmes and was his surviving widow,
- Emily J. Box who married James Holmes, now deceased, and who is married to William J. Jones,
- Mary M. Box, an invalid, for whom a guardian was provided,
- James E. Box,
- Susan Jane Box, a grandchild, and only surviving child of William C. Box, deceased,
- Margarett E. Box who married William W. Miles.

The Inventory and Appraisement included

1,032 acres of land in Houston County, part of the head right of his father, John M. Box, recorded in 1853, estimated value	\$ 2,500.00
320 acres in Peter Lovejoy Survey and 177 acres in John M. Box headright, both in Cherokee County and being homeplace	\$ 1,500.00
4,605 acres in Anderson County, a Spanish grant, labor adjoins said league (4,428 + 177) at \$2.50 an acre	\$ 11,512.50

The above clearly indicates where the land of John Asbury Box and that of his father was located.

Susan Jane Box, grandchild, was only given \$10 in the will, but the children decided she should have a 1/9 in and to their one half. The distribution includes an interesting list of perishable items.

About 1845 John A. and Letty T. Box had left the fort and moved to the Peter Lovejoy survey and built their log home. By 1851 it was a voting box, and he was appointed postmaster 17 June 1851 for

Box's Fort

this settlement which became known as Box's Creek. The office was discontinued 5 November 1866.²⁵

Commissioners Court Minutes reveal that on 3 October 1846 John A. Box was appointed overseer of the road from Rusk to Houston County, from "the Neches to Shepherd's fence." In April 1847 he asked the Court for permission to turn the road from Rusk to Crockett to prevent it from running through his farm, and it was granted. In August 1848 Beat 7 was organized and he was appointed presiding officer. This would be the same as a precinct. In February 1849 he was appointed overseer on the road from Rusk to Crockett by way of Stinson's Ferry.²⁶

Samuel Charles Box (1811-1862) was born in Tennessee to John Morris Box. He and Margaret T. were married in Blount County, Alabama 16 December 1832 and came to Texas in 1834 with the other Box families, and lived at the Box's Fort. His wife died in a few years and is probably buried there. In January 1840 he married Mrs. Nancy G. Russell. The ceremony was performed by Nathaniel Killough, survivor of the Killough Massacre.²⁷

Samuel C. Box served in the Texas Revolution as private and captain of a Mounted Volunteer Militia unit, as stated previously, then returned to his home at the fort.

The act creating Cherokee County in April 1846 also provided for a commission of eight men to select a site for the county seat. Samuel C. Box and William S. Box were two of them and were present in April 1847 when James F. Timmins signed the deed to them for the 100 acre tract for which he received \$600. The tract had been surveyed and laid out in "Town lots and on which a Town is now progressing call Rusk the county cite of the aforesaid...."²⁸

Box was a faithful Methodist Evangelical Minister, performed marriages, held funerals, visited the sick and served churches in Crockett, Nacogdoches, and the local districts. In October 1846 he was appointed Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1.

All citizens were required to furnish hands for road work if they lived in two miles of the road, on either side. Samuel C. Box is not on the early lists through 1848. The fort was over three miles from the road and it appears that was where he lived until his death. He and Nancy are on the 1850 and 1860 Federal Census records and were carrying on a large farming operation..

The will of Samuel C. Box was proved in December 1862 by Alexander Black. The widow and daughter Sarah E. C. Harrison were his only heirs. Thomas Singletary became executor and his bond was \$25,000, meaning the estate was valued at \$12,500. Before the estate was settled Nancy Box had married John Hauk and Sarah had married Robert C. Clifton.²⁹

Sarah E. C. Clifton made a will 26 June 1869 which was proved in November 1869. Thomas Singletary, long and tried friend of her father, and her son-in-law John W. Singletary were executors. She named two children by her present marriage, Amanda B. Clifton and Loula R. Clifton, who were to receive 732 acres of land in Houston County in the John M. Box headright derived by her through the estate of her deceased father, Samuel C. Box. Other children from deceased husband John Harrison were Margaret E. Singletary, wife of John W. Singletary, and the minors Mary Jane Harrison and Vincent Harrison. Inventory and appraisalment included tools, cattle, 100 bushels of corn, rails and 1,500 boards. Her

Box's Fort

separate property consisted of 268½ acres of land, 732 acres, 177 acres, stock furniture, feather bed and carpet as well as many other items.³⁰

The land grants of Samuel C. Box for one league and one labor were in the part of Houston County that became Anderson County in 1846 and joined the land of his brother Roland W. Box, to whom he sold about 2,214 acres.³¹

This covers four generations of the Box family who lived in Cherokee County and had close connections to the fort: John Morris Box, Samuel C. Box, Sarah E. C. Box, and her Harrison and Clifton children.

William S. Box (1804-1870) was born in Laurens County, South Carolina to John Morris Box and moved with the family to Tennessee then to Blount County, Alabama where he married Melene A. Palmer 18 December 1831. They came to Texas with the other Box families and lived at the fort until such time as it seemed safe to move onto his headright grant about seven miles away. His character certificate shows he was a farmer, man with family, came previous to 14 December 1835 and received a league of land in Burnet's Colony. His labor was granted later. John S. McCoy stated that he carried the chain for William McDonald, surveyor that the land was east of the Neches River and that "he crost the league in different directions and saw no improvements whatsoever." John Beaty made essentially the same statement.³²

The act creating Cherokee County in April 1846 authorized a commission composed of Elisha Moseley, John H. Irby, Col. Parks, Nathaniel Killough, William Roark, W. Y. Lacy, Samuel C. Box and William S. Box to choose a county seat. In April 1847 James F. Timmins signed the deed for which he received \$600 for the town site of Rusk. It was 100 acres, had been laid out in town lots and the town was being built. The Box men were present.³³

In October 1846 William S. Box was on a committee "to mark out and review a road in the nearest and best route to the Houston County line in the direction of Crockett, the county seat of Houston County." In January 1847 he was appointed overseer for the road from Rusk to Palestine, and in February he asked the Commissioners Court to appoint another overseer for part of the road as the distance was too great for one set of hands to work, and Green B. Foreman was appointed. In August 1849 he was appointed overseer on the Fort Houston road beginning at Box's Creek. In February 1849 Box's son-in-law Larkin Dendy was required to furnish hands to work the road from Rusk to Palestine by way of Cannon's Ferry. In August 1849 Dendy became an associate to Captain George McCracken of "Padrole" of Precinct Five.³⁴

On the 1850 Federal Census of Cherokee County,³⁵ William S. Box was age 47; Melene was 35. Their children John H., Margaret E., William H., Soloman F. and Annis V. were born in Texas. He was a farmer, real estate value \$5,500.

Melene Box died in September 1852 leaving seven children:

Sarah Elizabeth Box

John Henderson Box

Margaret E. Box

William Henry Box

Soloman Franklin Box

Annis V. Jane Box

Samuel Palmer Box

Box's Fort

Of these seven, four children have died: Sarah Elizabeth who married Larkin Dendy, Margaret Emeline who married Benjamin Russell, John Henderson Box who married Lucinda Posey, and William Henry Box. Sarah E. Dendy and Margaet E. Russell left children.

Inventory included 2,400 acres of land in his own headright which was their homestead place and 1,032 acres in Houston County, part of the John Box headright. Melene's father was mentioned, Solomon Palmer of Blount County, Alabama. He left her a small estate.³⁶

Marriage records indicate William S. Box married Mrs. Winnefred Aycock 1 May 1853, widow of John T. Aycock. His third marriage was to Rebecca Hassell 16 February 1860. She is with him on the 1860 Federal Census and so are three Hassell children and his son-in-law Benjamin Russell and two children as well as his family.³⁷

His fourth marriage was to Eliza Ann, said to be Hassell ca 1863. The large estate had dwindled in the hard times following the Civil War. William S. Box made his will in February 1869 and it was proved in December 1870. On the 1870 census Eliza Box, age 50, born in Tennessee, has Thomas Box, age 10, and Alabama Box, age 8, in her household. Eliza Ann was left 200 acres of land in the William S. Box headright. Other items were 27 head of cattle, 1 mare, 85 head of hogs, 150 bushels of corn. All these things were left to the widow during her widowhood. At her death gifts would go to three living children of Sarah Elizabeth Dendy: Ofieldie, William and John; to children of Margaret Russell: Melena and Elizabeth; to daughter Annis V. Box who married Jacob Isaac; and Franklin S. Box. All the rest of the property was to be divided between the two youngest children: Thomas Benton Box and Alabama Rebecca Box.³⁸

William S. Box lived under the flag of Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the United States, the Confederate States, then again under Old Glory.

Roland W. Box (1803-1851) was the son of John Morris Box and was born in Laurens County, South Carolina and moved with his parents to Tennessee. Around 1820 the family moved to Blount County, Alabama where he married Mary Hallmark. They were in the group that came here in 1834, and he bought the land where they built the Box's Fort. Later on he moved to Houston County before settling in the part that became Anderson County, where they were enumerated on the 1850 Federal Census. That was where his league and labor of land were located.

Roland W. Box died 3 March 1851, and his widow, Mary Box, became administratrix. Her bond was \$60,000, customarily twice the value of the estate. Legal heirs and distributees were:

Elijah Farris Box,
 Sarah Holmes, wife of John Holmes,
 Louiza Adeline Morrow, wife of Jacob S. Morrow
 John Box,
 Eliza Jane Box,
 Roland Henry Box,
 Texas A. Box .^{39a}

An affidavit by Roland H. Box states that there were other children born to his parents but they all died unmarried and without issue.^{39b}

Box's Fort

The inventory and appraisalment included 14 slaves, 22 bales of cotton, 5 mules, 2 colts, 2 yokes of oxen, 100 hogs, 50 sheep, 19 bee hives, grindstone, stoneware, 64 head of cattle, 1,000 pounds of bacon at 12½ cents a pound, 150 pounds of lard, 127 pounds of coffee, 200 pounds of sugar, 150 pounds of salt, 20 gallons of molasses, 300 bushels of corn, oats, beef hides, 300 stock cattle at \$6 each, plows, tools, household and kitchen furniture, as well as notes and due bills. He owned 17,590 acres of land, 18 town lots in Fort Houston, and land certificates for 1,920 acres. Included in this were his league and labor, 2,214 acres granted William S. Box, 1,644 acres of Samuel C. Box's headright, and 1,476 acres in the Stephen Burnham headright. This vast estate was divided into seven lots by county commissioners.⁴⁰ The Box's Fort and 368 acres w t to Sarah Box Holmes, wife of John Holmes of Anderson County.⁴¹

On 9 March 1857 John and Sarah Holmes sold this tract to William R. and N. C. Monk, his wife, for \$600. On 12 October 1872 the Monks sold the tract to T. T. Black for a \$1,200 promissory note and 55 gold dollars.⁴²

Most narratives state in error that Roland W. Box sold the land to T. T. Black, the grandfather of Arthur Black of Jones Chapel Community, Cherokee County.

An undated narrative in Stella Hill Memorial Library in Alto contains the following:⁴³

The Box family lived in the old fort. The Box Cemetery with eleven graves of the Box family is located on an elevation near the fort. The names of the members of the family buried there are not known, however. John M. Box, the father, was buried in Cherokee County, so one of the graves is probably his.

John M. Box is our great, great grandfather. John A. Box is our great grandfather, and Caroline S. Box.... wife of Henry Clay Hendrick, is our grandmother.

Mr. T. T. Black built the log house which was located on an elevation a short distance of the fort.

In later years a fence was built around the old fort and it was used for a barn and the lot was used for the stock, horses, cattle, and hogs for the family use.

After Mr. T. T. Black passed away, his son and family occupied the house and they built more rooms on to it

Later they moved to Dallas, and the old place, then called the "Black place" for years and years, was left vacant for a long, long time.

Even before Arthur Black's parents passed away, he and his cousin C. C. Francis, lived on the place, farmed the land, and did some carpenter work. They built one house on the place, and perhaps more.

Box's Fort

Mr. Francis and his family later moved to Fort Worth. Mr. Arthur Black with his family stayed on until a few years ago. Mr. T. D. Little is now the owner of the land on which the site of the Box Fort and Box Cemetery are located.

Just after the turn of the century, fire destroyed the last remnants of the structure, which had long been used as a dwelling. ⁴⁴

T. D. Little bought the land and the fort site in 1947⁴⁵

There is an affidavit that year, 1947, by C. T. Francis, grandson of T. T. Black, that T. T. married Rachel McDowell and they had the following children:

Tempy Black who died without issue.

W. F. Black, and

Mary Black who married Dr. J. E. Francis, and they had seven children. ⁴⁶

The fort and land passed through the Black family from Bessie W. Black to Arthur G. Black in 1946. This was well within the memory of Edith Hendrick who wrote the undated narrative about that time and who lived in the Jones Chapel community at Alto.

The present owners are Freddie and Sandra Wallace of Alto. The fort site is under fence at the end of CR 2920 which comes off State 294 about six and one half miles west of town in a southerly direction.

Over 165 years have passed since John Morris and Sally Box and Stephen F. and Keziah Box and their children and grandchildren ended their westward trek near the Neches River in east Texas. This frontier had recently belonged to Indians who still believed they had a valid claim to the land. There was no stable government to offer them protection, yet these Box families came and they stayed. They were the embodiment of the hardy American spirit. They knew there would be obstacles but they were equal to the test, sustained always by their strong Methodist faith.

An application for an official Texas Historical marker for the site of Box's Fort is submitted by the Cherokee County Historical Commission because it believes that the founders and their families contributed greatly to many important phases of the development of the local area, of Cherokee County, and of our proud heritage. To them we are thankful.

Ogreta W. Huttash
1502 South Jackson
Jacksonville, Texas 75766-3026
27 July 1999

Editor's Note: The marker was dedicated in 2000.

**Box's Fort
End Notes**

1. Southwestern Abstract Office, Rusk, Texas, 40/53 - 61
2. HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS 1687-1979, page 263, col. 2
3. Cherokee County Deed Records 40/53
4. Loc. cit.
5. Gifford White, CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, #752
6. Ibid.
7. MUSTER ROLLS OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION by DRT, Inc., 1986, pp. 17, 56, 57, 66, 133, 134.
8. REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PENSION APPLICATION ABSTRACTS., Austin Genealogical Society, 1987.
9. John W. Wilkins, RECORDS OF EAST TEXAS, LUFKIN, 1966-1973.
10. Texas Archives and Information Service, letter from Jean Carefoot, dated 6 July 1999. Also Republic Claim from Microfilm Reel 10, frames 233-239. Samuel C. Box served 3 months in Capt. John C. Hunt's Co. and was discharged 1 August 1836 at Victoria. While in First Regiment Texas Volunteers he lost a roan mare and was paid \$75 for it. Many claims for other Box men include those for Roland W. Box supplies to troops at Fort Houston.
11. Nell M. Cole, (comp. and ed.) TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS, HISTORY OF ALTO, TEXAS, 1686-1936, 1936, p. 19.
12. R. B. Blake Collection, SFASU, Special Collections, Vol. XVIII, page 316.
13. Ogreta W Huttash, PROBATE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, 1846 ca 1875, 1998, p. 11, 13.
14. HOUSTON COUNTY HISTORY, p. 263, column 3.
15. DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PATRIOT ANCESTOR ALBUM, 1995, and manuscript in Stella Hill Memorial Library at Alto Texas.
16. Cole, p. 19 and above manuscript
17. Above manuscript and FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, VOL, 11, 1974 for Shorter's death date
18. HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY, p. 266, column 3.
19. INDEX TO HEADS OF FAMILIES OF ALABAMA 1830 and microfilm
20. HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY, p. 262, col. 2 and 3
21. 1850 Federal Census of Anderson County, Texas, p. 16
22. Hattie Joplin Roach, HISTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, (Texas), 1934, p. 24.
23. 1850 FEDERAL CENSUS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS transcribed by Sue Taylor, p. 64 (Residence 858)
1860 FEDERAL CENSUS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, Cherokee County Genealogical Society, p. 72 (Residence 1086)
1870 FEDERAL CENSUS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS by Sue Taylor and Ira Gaylon White, 1999, Pct 2, Residence 167.
24. Cherokee County Deed Records beginning with W-384
25. Ogreta W. Huttash, COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS 1846-1849, p.3, 4, 16, 27, 39, 43, 50.
26. Wright Patman, Congressman, A HISTORY OF POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS, 1968, for Cherokee County, Texas.
27. MARRIAGE RECORDS BOOK A, NACOGDOCHES COUNTY, TEXAS
28. Ogreta W. Huttash, MISCELLANEOUS GENEALOGICAL RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, 1974, p 103 Deed Records A-216-219.

**Box's Fort
End Notes**

29. Huttash, PROBATE RECORDS, p. 17
30. Ibid. p. 38
31. Gifford White, 1840 CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, LAND G GRANTS, vol. III
32. Ibid. p. 30
33. Huttash, MISCELLANEOUS GENEALOGICAL RECORDS, p. 103, Deed Record A-216-219
34. Huttash, COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 1846-1849, p. 2, 9, 23, 24, 19, 66
35. 1850 FEDERAL CENSUS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, p. 20, Residence 263.
36. Huttash, PROBATE RECORDS, p. 17.
37. Carolyn Ericson, NACOGDOCHES- GATEWAY TO TEXAS, VOL. I, REVISED, p. 39.
38. Huttash, PROBATE RECORDS, p. 20
39. Deed Records 40/94-98 and 40/55.
40. Ibid.
41. Deed Record L-746
42. Ibid.
43. Manuscript in Stella Hill Memorial Library
44. Roach, HISTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, (TEXAS), p. 23, 24
45. Deed Record 306/194
46. Deed Record 304/48

**Box's Fort
BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Austin Genealogical Society, REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PENSION APPLICATION ABSTRACTS,
Austin, 1987

R.B.Blake Collection , Vol. XVII page 316. SFASU Special Collections

Cherokee County Genealogical Society, Jacksonville, Texas

1850 Federal Census and Mortality Schedule by Sue Taylor

1860 Federal Census, Mortality and Slave Schedules

1870 Federal Census, 1870 Agricultural Census, 1870 Mortality Schedule and Tax Rolls

Crawford, Helen Wooddell, compiled and printed, CEMETERIES OF MID CHEROKEE COUNTY

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, MUSTER ROLLS OF HE TEXAS REVOLUTION, DRT, Inc.,
Craftsman Printers, Inc., Lubbock, 1986

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PATRIOT ANCESTOR ALBUM, Turner Publishing
Company, Paducah, Kentucky, 1995

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS,
VOLUME 11, DRT, Inc., 1974

**Box's Fort
BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Deed Records of Cherokee County, Texas Volume 40/53 Burnham to Box, 40/58 Burnham's petition, 40/59-60 field notes and decree W-384

Ericson, Carolyn, NACOGDOCHES -GATEWAY TO TEXAS, VOLUME I REVISED, A BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY, Ericson Books, 1991

Ericson, Joe E., JUDGES OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS (1836-1846), Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, 1980

History Book Committee of Houston County Historical Commission, HISTORY OF HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS 1687-1979, Copyright by Eliza Bishop

Huttash, Ogreta W., Privately printed COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, 1846-1849. 1989. MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS 746-1880. 1973. MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS 881-1906. 1976. MISCELLANEOUS GENEALOGICAL OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, typescript, 1974 (includes summary of Deed Records Book A) PROBATE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS 1846-ca 1875 (Minute Books A-1 through N), 1998

INDEX TO DEED RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS, 5 volumes

McDonald, Archie P. (ed.) HURRAH FOR TEXAS; THE DIARY OF ADOLPHUS STERNE, 1838-1851, Texian Press, Waco, 1969

Mullins, Marian Day, REPUBLIC OF TEXAS POLL LISTS FOR 1846, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1974

Patman, Wright, Congressman, A HISTORY OF POST OFFICES AND POSTMASTERS, CHEROKEE COUNTY, 1968

Reeves, Emma Barrett, MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF NACOGDOCHES COUNTY, BOOK A, Transcribed, Ingmire, 1981

Roach, Hattie Joplin (Mrs. V. R.), A HISTORY OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, (TEXAS), Southwest Press, Inc., Dallas 1934

Roach, Hattie Joplin (Mrs. V. R.). THE HILLS OF CHEROKEE, News Printing Company, Inc., Fort Worth, 1952, second printing 1976

Southwestern Abstract Company, Rusk, Texas /for finding deeds kept off record 75 years/

Texas State Library and their Archives and Information Service Letter July 1999

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS, HISTORY OF ALTO, TEXAS 1686-1936, Compiled and edited by Mrs. Nell M. Cole, copyright 1936 by The Alto Herald

**Box's Fort
BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Wade, Ophelia Richardson, THE BOX BOOK WITH McELROY AND FLOYD, Bragg City, Missouri, n.p., 1975

White, Gifford E., CHARACTER CERTIFICATES IN THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF TEXAS, Ingmire and Ericson, St Louis, 1985

White, Gifford E., 1840 CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, Ingmire and Ericson, 1983, 1984

White, Gifford E., 1840 CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, VOL. III LAND GRANTS

Wilkins, John W. (compiler and editor) RECORDS OF EAST TEXAS - A QUARTERLY OF GENEALOGICAL SOURCE MATERIAL 1966-1973.

**Historian's Report
October 8, 2001**

Filed 30 publications.

Placed the 4 books given by Mary Taylor in the library:

A History of the Georgia Baptist Association, 1784-1984

The Vital Record Compendium

Memorial and Genealogical Record of Texas (East)

Confederate Research Sources, A Guide to Archive Collections

Placed "Grave Marker Index for Cherokee County Texas" in library in memory of Champ Hartwell Marable.

Talked with Ogreta Huttash - copies of all the books she sells are in the library. She has done some for DAR that have not been placed in the library, but she may do so in the future.

Talked with the Historical Commission - we have 9 books they want copies of. Will get the books to them in the next few days.

Talked with Mrs Crossman about Helen Crawford's books -she says the library has at least one copy of all of Helen's books.

Historian's Report

Books Placed in Library 2000-2001

Clark Co, WA Pioneers, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co, WA Marriage Book, Vol 2, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co. WA Marriage Book, Vol 3, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co, WA Marriage Book, Vol 4, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co, WA Marriage Book, Vol 5, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co, WA Marriage Book, Vol 6, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co, WA Marriage Book, Vol 7, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co. WA Marriage Book, Vol 8, gift from Clark Co, WA
Clark Co. WA Death Records, 1891-1903, exchange with Clark Co, WA
Clark Co, WA Land Records, exchange with Clark Co, WA
St. Luke's Parish Register, 1853-1886, exchange with Clark Co, WA
The Pierces and Their Posterity from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
Our Before Ancestor Charts, Vol 6 in honor of speaker Mrs. Lucy Canter
History of Clinch County, Georgia by Folks Huxford from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol 1 by Folks Huxford from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol 2 by Folks Huxford from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
(received 2 copies)
Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol 3 by Folks Huxford from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol 4 by Folks Huxford from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
(received 2 copies)
Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol 7 by Folks Huxford from Lon Morris College thru Gordon Bennett
Heritage Quest Magazine, September 1985 - December 1999 CD-Rom purchased by CCGS
Texas Special Census Records 3 rolls of microfilm containing 1870 Federal Census and Agricultural
Census
Descendants of Bartholomew Stovall (1655-1722) given by The Stovall Family Association, Inc.
Ford Family History - Richard Ford (Foord) of Virginia, His Wife Elizabeth and Their Descendants
given by the author, Wanda DeMooy

BOOKS PLACED IN LIBRARY 2001-2002

A History of the Georgia Baptist Association, 1784-1984, given by Mary Taylor

The Vital Record Compendium, compiled by John and Diane Stemmons, given by Mary Taylor

Memorial and Genealogical Record of Texas (East), given by Mary Taylor

Confederate Research Sources, A Guide to Archive Collections, by James C. Neagles, given by Mary
Taylor

The Cannon Journal by Bart Cannon

Thursday 21st (1846)

This morning I paid Mr. Dalton 50 cents for all our supplies and Lodging last night having on yesterday paid Mrs Bruton 50 cents for coffee. Started before breakfast. Arrived at Mr Prices 3 miles took breakfast and travelled on through a belt of Timber 7 miles wide, crossed Cedar creek. Sufficient stream for mills, limestone plenty. Stopped at Mr Williams at Kings prarie the lands through the timber excellent, timber large post oak. One to two rail cuts. An abundant supply for all building and farming purposes on the praries adjacent at the Williams corn and wheat. The corn shoots high wheat good. Large herds of cattle feeding on the prarie in full view of us in all about 300 head. Fatter than ordinary stall fed beef cattle. And very large generally. About two hours by sun. Set out through the prairies, arrived at Kings Fort at dusk. The lands in this prarie first quality, equall if not superior to the best Tennessee river bottoms. Gently undulating - forming draws or branches every mile or two, along which are beautiful elms clusters of timber, sufficient alone to shade the pools of water, now standing of considerable depth and said by the oldest settler to never fail during the dryest seasons, (note it is owing to these drains that the whole prairie is dry and fit for the cultivation of corn wheat cotton garden vegetables etc.) at the place called Kings Fort, a Mr Aigan lives and has cut & shocked his wheat, certainly the very best wheat I have ever seen anywhere, about 25 bushels to the acre, corn fine, so of his cotton, here is a good chalibeate* spring, perennial, our company all not only well pleased with the country, but delighted and agreed that if our families were here that we would go no further. Vacant lands plenty - but few springs. Wells about 25 feet deep. I think these prairies to be equal in elevation to the top of the Cumberland Mountain, the pasturage unequalled by any either wild or tame in Tennessee or any where that I have ever been before. To day swapped for a Mustang poney with a Mr Johnson, saw a two Year old Heifer** Bison. (called buffalo in this country.) at Mr Prices perfectly tame and running with the cattle.

* chalybeate, means iron tasting. heifer refers to a young, calfless cow.

Friday 22nd May

Started early this morning in a short distance crossed Kings creek & crossed through a belt of Post and red oak timber. Pretty good rail timber. Very large one to two cuts entered the prarie, and having travelled about five miles and our trail became so dim one could not follow it. Bore to the right a few miles, turned our course west ward and got our dinner at a branch just above its junction, with a creek running South after dinner Mr Saunders and myself went down the branch to the creek bottom, wild wheat, oats, barley and other grasses most luxuriant. Bear sign plenty. Also deer sign. This creek bottom rich and dry returned to our company and left bearing N.W & after going about 2 miles discovered a lot or gang of mustangs 13 in number. Some of them fine sizeable horses. And among which was a mare and colt. Camped to night in the open prarie.

Saturday 23rd May

Started early in about two miles came to the Bois D' Arc bottom progressed, a mile or more through the bottoms but had to return to the open prarie in consequence of the undergrowth & after getting into the prarie progressed south ward along the timber with the hope of finding a trail crossing through the timber and in about 2 miles found a dim cross trail along which a waggon had been some days siner*. Took the right hand end of the trail and as we approached the timber the trail became plainer and after getting into the timber found it a plain waggon way - in two miles came to the creek

The Cannon Journal

or river called the Bois D'Arc or East fork of Trinity river the bottoms about 3 miles wide bound by prairie on both sides. Subject to overflow the whole width or nearly so, timber Bois d'arc cotton wood, oak of different kinds, wild china tree, Honey locust and a great variety - the names of which are unknown to us. The Bois d'Arc is the finest timber for making waggons, carriages etc. the most celebrated for strength to hardness and durability in the world. very thin sap. color of the wood bright yellow. Tree large, but not tall. Mostly about ten feet trunk branching Top forming a pretty shade. The Pecon tree abounds here bearing the pecon fruit or such. There is some Hickory and other timber common in Tennessee. Swam our horses across the stream without difficulty, about twenty yards wide and five feet in depth, affording good 50 ton barge navigation as I am informed a good portion of the year this point is about 20 miles from the mouth where it empties into the main river. Just above goddards, bluff, this stream abounds with most excellent fish, in great variety. just at the edge of the timber after travelling about a mile from the crossing of the creek. Through the bottom we arrived at a cabin and new improvements made this spring. When we stopped about 12 oclck got dinner with Messrs. Lanier & Stewart. Young men. Settled here. found a good spring in 15 steps of their cabin. After dinner went out and saw them plowing or breaking prairie with 5 yoke of oxen to one plow, and planting corn in the furrows. Then went some hunting and fishing caught a fine blue catt**, weighing from 12 to 15 pounds. Had it for supper. Very fat.

* siner is an antique term meaning before. **catfish ?

Sunday 24th

Rested to day at Messers Lanier & Stewart, looked about in their neighborhood. Was at Mr Starkers, Mr. Hants, Mr. Gurleys* all making new improvements. I staid with Mr Gurley to night.

* Probably William F. Ghourly a farmer in Cherokee County. He was from TN and was born in 1816. His wife was Sarah and children were James, Robert, Mary, Martha, John and Samantha MHC.

Monday 25th

Purchased from Mr. Gurley a summer coat for \$1.50. This morning John Carmichael & myself left our company this morning intending to explore the country still farther N.W. to the cross tributarys where they cross the W. fork of the Trinity river in passing from where we started to Dallas the county seat of Dallas county. Saw some good prairie lands - the timber rather indifferent. Found settlements increasing. Larger and older improvements, than for many miles back, wheat crops good & in some quantity. Took dinner at Mr. Carvers paid 10 cents each. By me --- Left and passed several farms. Good land corn & wheat good. People well pleased with the country. Arrived at old Mr. Bermans 4 miles from Town, this is one of the best and probably oldest improvements in this country, a portion of it having the 4th crop growing now. On some of it, perhaps 50 acres in all corn excellent about waist high. Well stalked and colored, this man has a good stock of cattle & horses.

Tuesday 26th of May

Our bill this morning 37 1/2 cents each paid by me. Rode to town. This village is called Dallas. Situated on a bluff on the North bank of Trinity river about 25 or 30 miles above Goddard's bluff, above which the E fork empties into it. And above a raft* formed above the mouth of the East fork. Of about 4 miles in length one mile of which is quite solid so that horses and waggons can cross over upon it. As I am informed by those who have examined it. Also about four miles below the mouth of the West fork, river, quite a travelled road crosses the river at this town.

The Cannon Journal

The ferry is kept and owned by Col. J. N. Bryan*** who is a man of some information and observation and who treated us very politely, answering all our inquiries unhesitatingly and quite satisfactorily so far as he knew. Here is two small stores. A blacksmith shop, cabinet shop & post office, the land upon which the Town is laid off is sand & of very good quality timbered more than a mile out with Post, Black oak Hickory black jack & cedar, principally, almost perfectly level, tolerably well supplied with springs, water agreeable to the taste, but rather too much impregnated with lime, and as clear as crystal. got our horse shod, I bought one pair of shoes for 50 cents from Mr. Carver yesterday, and the Smith charged me one dollar for another pair and nailing them all on, and charged John Carmichael paid one dollar for shoeing his horse with old plates or training shoes. We left late in the evening, and called at Mr. Coles about 2 miles, North of Dallas.

* A raft probably means a logjam.

** "Elem" refers to the middle fork of the Trinity River, also known as the Elm fork because of the abundant elm trees along its banksBM.

*** Colonel John N. Bryan of Dallas County was an attorney from TN born in 1811. He is said to be the founder of DallasMB He was married to Margaret and in 1850 their children were John, Frances and Edward.

Wednesday 27th

This morning Mr Cole accompanied us to the Cedar Spring, about 3 miles N of Dallas, here is a little store, Black smith shop, and several families living. Land and water good, fine farms, large fields of good wheat now harvesting, some 15 some 20 acres. 20 to 25 and some probably 30 bushels to the acre. Visited old Mr. Coles out in the open prairie about 1 1/2 miles. His farm about 80 acres under a staked and redend* cedar fence. About 15 acres of wheat. The residue in corn. Excellent spring, water pouring out of a rock bluff or bump the size of a house projecting from the main bluff of the creek. About 10 feet above the base and carried across the creek in a cedar trough. The old gentleman asks 1200 dollars for this tract of 640 acres being his head right**. His son where we staid last night has on an adjoining tract on which he lives 75 acres under fence, cedar rails all in cultivation, the lands in this neighborhood are excellent well matured and within a mile & a half of the river bottoms, or timbered land. Returned to young Mr. Coles, refreshed ourselves, and then went eastward and in a half mile came on a league of land owned by Grigsbys heirs, and a Mr Parker, all of whom live near Fort Houston, and wish to sell. about half of this league is timbered, principally with post oak some cedar etc. the other half prairie of good quality. Mr William Hicklin lives on this tract. About 2 miles east of Dallas. He is the son of Johnathon Hicklin now of Missouri but formerly my old school mate in Tennessee. Here we took dinner. Thence returned to Dallas. Crossed the Trinity river The river bottom for about 1 mile overflows its bank in places to the depth of 6 feet, but these high freshets*** as we are informed by the settlers do not occur more than twice a year, and are of short duration, not more than a week each time. about one mile from the river we came to second bottom not subject to overflow. The land the very best quality, timber good, about 1/2 a mile wide. When after passing through which we arrived at Mr. Combs, in the edge of the prairie, who has a good farm some perhaps 70 acres in cultivation fine field of excellent (about 25 acres) wheat, shocked a good well in his entry between his cabins, 14 feet deep. Mr Combs is one of the oldest settlers in this country having been here about 8 (?) years. Well pleased with the country.

Is a man of some information and observation and has made himself acquainted with the advantages and disadvantages of this section of Texas as well as other portions of it. Prefers this to any other portion of the state or even of the United States, as an agricultural & stock growing country producing Indian corn,

The Cannon Journal

wheat, rye, oats and cotton in great abundance. & stock of all kinds without feeding except work cattle and horses which would do better if fed, while at work. Ferriage to day 12 1/2c each.

* Redend is actually two words and refers to reddish ends shown by cut red cedarMB.

** Head right is an old term referring to ownership of lands. In Texas, heads of families were given 640 acres of land. Single men were given 320 acresMB.

*** Freshets are fast moving, but brief floods.

Thursday 28th May

Our bill this morning 62 1/2 cents each paid by J.C. Mr Combs accompanied us this morning. Examined the lands in his neighborhood. A few miles round a portion of the high prairie sandy, black soil impregnated with lime, and in many places bars of broken or small limestone rocks make their appearance on the surface, but the land of this appearance seems to produce as well as elsewhere, but is harder to plow. A portion of the prairie, particularly that next the river bottom is of the black, sticky or waxy kind, very rich but harder to cultivate being heavier, closer, colder and more damp than the sandy. But not less productive. Mr Combs showed us the vacant sections in his neighborhood. There being several, yet un-appropriated. After separating with Mr. Combs we bore westward up the river and in a few miles were opposite the junction of West and Elem forks, just above which Mountain creek empties into the W. fork. This is a large creek affording at this time and probably at all times sufficient water for milling. the banks very high yet subject to overflow to the second banks the first bottom cut to pieces by deep sloughs and ravines. The 2nd bottom at very high water seems to overflow at very high tides some 3 or 4 feet. We cross this creek with considerable difficulty near its mouth, Mr Carmichaels horse bogged down in the bottom of the creek. Mr C. had to wade out about knee deep in water, his horse in great exertion followed him. I drove my pony across and passed over on a log. Safely - I have no doubt but better crossings could be had further up the creek. This being so near its mouth is no doubt the reason why its waters rise so high. It is a bold running stream at its present stage. after leaving the creek a small distance saw two fine deer about 25 steps down from. They regarded us little, jumped off a few rods and stopped. we found in passing through the bottom out to the prairie which is about two miles, but little timber. Deep hog wallow, wet land, not fit for cultivation, but the luxuriant grasses forming excellent summer & winter pastures. after getting into the prairie, found the land to be mulatto sandy soil best quality. arrived at Mr Wilmouths in the prairie about 5 miles from the ford where we crossed the creek. He settled here last winter, with his family has built him a pretty good cabin, and has the means to make him a considerable farm in a short time. Has beautiful situation, excellent land in the open prairie, and good timber adjacent in the river bottom, the character of the land and water after crossing the creek is entirely different from that below the creek. the water here of the free-stone* kind. no appearance of lime stone or stickiness in the soil, timber of better quality than on the creek we stopped at Mr Wilmouthes owing to an indication of a heavy rain, and in a few minutes the wind commenced blowing from the West and as the rain commenced the wind increased until it blew a storm which continued with great violence near two hours, blowing down the fencing unroofing the shed to Mr Wilmouths house, and every moment threatening certain destruction to the inmates - the storm abated about sun set, and through a kind Providence we all escaped unhurt, but very wet and cold, Mr. Wilmouths family, some of them in ill health, and ourselves joined in our thankfulness for our preservation. It is said that this country is not subject to such storms,

The Cannon Journal

and in fact, there are no trace of any such, through the country over which we have travelled. This is called Pleasant Hill prairie, and extends to the cross timbers** from 6 to 7 miles in width & from 12 to 15 miles in length. Nearly all fit for cultivation, and tolerably well watered, and then extending southward along the cross timbers to the Brassos about 10 miles wide and 75 miles in length, bounded on the West by the cross timbers and East by Mountain creek to its head and then by a stream emptying into the Brassos.

Monday 8th June

Took breakfast with Mr Bailey. Returned to Mr McCabes met with Mr Wm C. Price, formerly of Tennessee & cousin to Rich & John E. Price. Sends his compliments to Thuin* etc. Their post office Richland, Navarro county Texas. Left and after crossing Richland creek arrived at the Lawacary* hills, in the evening about 16 miles. The bottom on Richland creek about one mile wide. Very rich but rather wet for cultivation but affording good timber, and about 8 miles further crossed pin oak creek a branch of Richland, the bottom of which also affords some timber. There is some cedar along the ravine in this neighborhood. The Lawacary hills present a beautiful appearance from the country around them for many miles in every direction being an elevation of several hundred feet above the level of the surrounding prairie extending N & South about 1 1/4 mile and but a short distance across. Having ledges of large rock rather of the freestone kind along the extreme top of the ridge, and a number of the most beautiful springs of pure freestone water breaking out. on the S.E. side, the branches of which run off in rapid streams and in short distance come together forming a perennial stream of sufficient size at all times for a flouring and corn mill. These are the finest springs and best water I have met with in Texas and the only constant stream with sufficient fall in a short distance for an asico** shot mill. The lands in this neighborhood are of good quality, of the mulatto sandy soil and for many miles round open prairie interspersed with clusters of timber sufficient for fire wood. There is a sufficiency of post oak rail timber within 2 or 3 miles and cedar within 5 to 10 miles of the hills for fencing. From the summit of these hills the view is unsurpassed by any I have ever had, open prairie and belts of Timber, alternately are seen as far as the eye can reach. In fact all the beauties of a prairie country are at once placed before the vision. Description is lost and the imagination dwells on the immensity and beauty of the work of creation. After calling at Mr Prices, an hour or two I in company with Mr Price, went to Mr Boyds about a mile, where I called for the night.

* Tawacary named for the Tawacary Indians. The nearby town of Tehuacana is also named for this tribeMB.

** illegible

*** refers to an "overshot" wheel for a grist mill MB.

Tuesday 9 th June

Staid at Mr. Boyds until after dinner got my shirts and drawers washed. Bill 125 c after look at Mr Boyds farm left in company with his son, who is a candidate for sheriff of this (Limestone) county, and in 10 miles came to Mr Philpots, the young man to whom Mr Davis of Decatur sent a letter by me. The route this evening was through the open prairie. land of the mulatto sandy soil. Water indifferent. Staid with Mr Philpot to night bought a or hair rope today for 1.00 c.

The Cannon Journal

Wednesday 10th

Left this morning and in a few miles came to the timbered lands. At about 12 miles crossed Cary creek*, fine cane in the bottoms on this stream. The country sandy, post oak timber, the most of this post oak sandy land will produce good cotton, sweet potatoes and even corn for a few years, but I am inclined to think will not bear cultivation as well as the prairie lands. Saw several buffalo to day - deer turkeys etc. Arrived at the Walkers about 30 miles eat some dinner, and went to Mr Wells about 2 or 3 miles, and staid all night.

* BBC has entered Freestone County North of modern Fairfield MB.

Thursday 11th

This morning left Mr Wells, without charge and about 2 o'clock came to a saline where salt has been made by boiling. This saline is owned by Mr Edwards who lived on the tract etc about 1/4 of a mile from Mr E's. West, This saline presents a different appearance from any I have seen, a great number of small hillocks or mounds are seen which on examination I found to be from 4 to 10 feet in diameter, almost perfectly round at their base and from 2 to 6 feet in height. Of the consistence of thin paste, the matter of which they are composed is of a bluish purple color and the strongest saline or salt water oozing through the top, seeping off sinking again at the edge of the base of the mound. Dined at Mr Edwards. paid 12 1/2 cents. Rode on to Mr. Praters. Staid here all night. Mr Praters farm is in river bottom prairie (Trinity).

Friday 12th June

Friday, Bill this morning 50 cents left and in 6 miles crossed Trinity river at Parkers bluff. Ferriage 12 1/2 cents in about 5 miles came to an extensive saline. Here is a well and furnace. 16 old sugar kettles, boiling attended by two hands making about one bushell to the kettle per day. 5 miles further came to Ft Houston, 2 or 3 stores etc - paid 25 cents for quinine & 75 cents for a riding whip, left. And in the evening came to an academy. about 30 students, called and staid an hour. Well pleased with the excercises. School closed with singing & praying. Left and arrived at a Mr. Benj Cannons* who lives about 2 miles west of the Nachez We could not be certain whether we are Related or not

* This would be in Anderson Co., and probably Benjamin E. Cannon. Some confusion exists as to which Cannon operated the ferry on the Fort Houston Road where it crossed the Neches River. Benjamin B. Cannon eventually settled in Cherokee Co, probably farther away from the Neches than Benjamin E. Cannon. Cannon's Ferry shows on the 1862 Johnson's map of Texas which accompanies this paper.

Saturday

Bill this morning 100c left & crossed the Nachez. Met Mr George McCrackin* who requested me to write to his brother Smith A. McCracken who resides in Bledsoe County, Te** on my return home, In about 11/2 miles arrive at Mr Daughertys, the lands in this region Sandy Ridges mostly. Iron ore abounds in those ridges which are not sandy - and has the appearance of being of the best quality and inexhaustible. Timber tall pine in abundance, some oak, & hickory. Also black walnut, in the branch bottoms & cane. Here the land is rich. Mr Daugherty has a beautiful situation excellent spring & spring house, good land, and farms well. Etc. This week I have passed through every variety of landsaw more petrification*** than ever before. Good and bad water etc. George Moore Daugherty (cousin to Wm J.J. Morrow**** lives in Cherokee county, (Rusk the county seat)

The Cannon Journal

* Tennessee

** George McCrackin and his wife Mary were from TN though George was born in 1804 in North Carolina. By 1850 they had the following children; Joseph, Tennessee (F), George Smith, William, Columbus (M), Margaret and Winneford.

*** Probably referring to silicified fossil wood

**** A Wm Morrow was living in Houston Co. by 1850. He was from Tennessee and in 1846 he may have still been in that state.

14th June (Sunday)

This morning. Left. In search of Mr Gibson* Who lives near Cooks fort. Passed through some good red lands and also some gray lands well timbered and watered. Within a few miles south of Mr Daughertys. And further on Mr Jourdan met me and Mr Trimble over took me both whom live north of Mr Daugherty in Cherokee county near the upper end, and who request me to look at the country in their neighborhood Mr Trimbles father has 640 acres located in Smith county. Still north of where he lives. Which he will sell cheap etc. in the neighborhood of Mr Vinings and Cooks fort land of the first quality water good timber excellent. Large cornfields etc. The county seat is located about 3 miles north of Cooks fort, and is called Rusk. Arrived at Mr. Murrays after night where I put up for the night.

* May be Absalam GibsonBM son-in-law of Joseph Cook, patriarch of Cook Fort Clan.

Monday 15th June

Bill this morning 50 cents rode to Mr Gibsons a mile. He from home. Followed him to Cooks fort. Found him. Had my ponys shoes removed before. Charge 50 cents returned to Mr Gibsons obtained from him Mr Uri Holbrooks certificate for 1280 acres, on his sect*, he states that another certificate of the same amount was surveyed by him in two 640 acre tracts on the Golden deno a branch of the Attoyac, that this was done at the instance of W.A. Faris, who now resides near Dallas Texas. Mr Gibson has a fine tract of land where he lives

* Means "section" of land in the township and range system. One section is 640 acres. This would appear to be two sections of land and at least some of the land that B.B.Cannon eventually owned.

(To be concluded in Winter 2001-2002 issue.)

Visit our Internet site at:

<http://www.tyler.net/ccgs/default.html>

Queries

B. G. Piper
6308 Mesa Ridge Dr.
Fort Worth TX 76137-2048
BGOzBooks@aol.com

Teresa Hamilton
3517 S. Orchard St.
Apartment F9
Tacoma, WA 98466
ragdollbaby12@cs.com

Georgia Causey Saicoe
34656 Bronco Lane
Squaw Valley, CA 93675

Kenneth B. Jaggears
100 1 Padenreich Avenue
Gadsden, AL 35903-2903

Betty Slomosky
6800 McNeil Dr. #821
Austin, TX 78729

Wm. H. Coats, M.D.
2036 Oro-Chico Hwy.
Durham, CA 95938

Does anyone have the 1920 Cherokee Co. Census? I need a lookup for SAM BRIGGS, with up to 8 children. He was supposed to be living in Ironton. His wife, FLORENA (MARSH) BRIGGS died in 1918 during flu epidemic. Thanks in advance for your help. B.G.P.

Edwin Hamilton is my grandfather and Cora Ledford is my grandmother. I don't have a lot of information on them, but I will share what information I do have. Edwin Hamilton died sometime in the 60's, I was around 2 or 3 years old. I don't know when or where he was born or who his parents are. Cora Hamilton died on 10-26-1990 and was buried next to her husband Edwin Hamilton. I don't know the name of the county or the Cemetery they were buried in. I don't know who her parents are or where and when she was born. Family rumor has it that she is Cherokee Indian. My father is Welton Leon Hamilton born 4-2-1925 and died on 12-13-1982 and was buried next to his parents Edwin and Cora Hamilton. My father's wife is Wanda White and is still living. My sister is Patricia Lee Hamilton and according to my mother she was born in July of 1964 and died in 1965. She is buried next to my father. All the data bases that I have searched only go back as far as 1964 and I need information that goes back more then that. All lived in Cherokee County, TX. I know that my mother and father and sister was born in Jacksonville, TX however that may not be true for my grandparents. I know that they have family in either Concord or Troup, Texas (I am not really sure which one). I know that this is not a lot of information, but I hope that is will help in the search. Thank you for you responds to my email and I hope to hear from you again. Sincerely, Teresa Hamilton

I am interested in the history of the Providence Cemetery on FM 347 south of Jacksonville. My great great grandfather, Wright Causey, died in Cherokee County in 1879. His property was sold by his children in Oct. of that year. His son and numerous other descendants are buried in Providence Cemetery and in that same section of the cemetery there are two old graves with stones that have no marking on them. Wright's wife Nancy died before him and I just have a suspicion that, perhaps, the two old graves might be theirs. Is there a record of the cemetery? Who owned the land in the 1860's ? and so forth. I'd really appreciate any information you might relay to me. Thank you for your time and trouble. Sincerly, Georgia Causey Saicoe

I need to correspond with anyone who may have knowledge of the MORRIS family who lived in Rusk, Cherokee County, in 1860. My ancestor, Elizabeth is shown with her son, Marcus, on page 170 in the 1860 census. I am particularly interested in Bible records, correspondence, anything that would show connections with their relatives in Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina. I am especially interested in anything showing that Elizabeth and her husband, William, had a son named John Jarman MORRIS. Will you put me in touch with anyone with whom I may correspond? Do you have a Morris family file? I will be happy to pay fees and expenses.

I am writing this in reference to my husband's grandmother who ran a boarding house called Wildhurst in your area in the early 1900's. Her name was Fannie Wren Dean SLOMOWSKY/SLOMOWSKI. She was a widow at that time and lived with a Chester family. I believe it was near the Cherokee County Lumber Co. If you have information on any sources available, could you let me know?

I am starting a blind search for any descendents of Oliver Price COATS, b. 1862 in the Webster Community of northern Wood County, and d. Mar. 4, 1929 in Jacksonville. He is buried at Providence Cemetery, Dialville. He was a great granduncle of mine, and I would like to contact any of his descendents still in Jacksonville. I know of only one, by name. I believe Ervay COATS was a son, but I am certain he is long since deceased, -- probably there in Jacksonville. I would appreciate any assistance or advice you might be able to give me.

 Queries

JIM REECE
RT3 BOX 123
RUSK, TX. 75785
upholstryman@hotmail.com

Amy Cantrell
843 Bowling Green Dr.
Lewisville, TX 75067
Acangelic@att.net

Nancy McMurry Rooney
94 West 2100 North,
Sunset, UT 84015
sunsetunit@qwest.net

Glenda Moorhead Lainka
8211 Katy Fwy #9
Houston, Texas 77024
glendal@houston.rr.com

George M. Atwood
439-2nd Avenue South
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-6403
Phone 208-735-5977
e-mail gbatwood@prodigy.net

Andrea Ramsay
940 N. Main
Wichita, Kansas 67203
aramsay@onemain.com

I AM TRYING TO FIND SOME INFORMATION ON JOHN EDWARD Mc/CARTY WHO LIVED IN RUSK AND THE CHEROKEE COUNTY AREA. HE WAS ACCIDENTLY KILLED, A YOUNG MAN AT 38, AT A SAWMILL JUST SOUTH OF RUSK, AND WAS BURRIED IN THE RUSSEL CEMETARY. ANY INFORMATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRICIATED..

Searching for information on Alex Mcdaniel married to Alice Jones on Sep 10, 1920 in Rusk Cherokee Co. TX I know Alex was married to a Mary Lee Gowin before he married Alice. Alice Jones was born in Jacksonville TX and Alex Mcdaniel was born in TN possibly. I would like to know any birth or death dates or any children, any possible information would be appreciated..

I am searching for information on my grandmother, Susie Durham McMurry. She died in November 1918 in Cherokee County (Ironton) when my father was 6 months old. Her two children, Joseph L. McMurry and Hiram P. McMurry were placed in an orphans home shortly after her death ... I would appreciate any information regarding her husbands first name or the names of any of her extended family. I recently discovered that she had a father, three brothers and five sisters living at the time of her death and have not been able to confirm their names on a County census.

Cherokee County, TX census of 1880, Township E. D. 19, Page 450D
Goodwin, George..M..61 Head
Joseph..M..32..son
Rainey, Sarilda ... 23, daughter
Andrew M 5.grandson
Sarah F 3. Granddaughter.
Newton M I. Grandson

I am hoping to find someone researching this family, for information on the death of Sarilda Goodwin, widow of (ANDA) Andrew A. Rainey (Raney). Please contact me at glendal@houston.rr.com. Any information on the Raney or Goodwin family would be GREATLY appreciated! Glenda

Searching for information and descendents of Selina/Salina ATWOOD who married a ?. (can't remember first initial) D. M. SMITH in Mississippi before moving to Cherokee Co., TX in the early 1850's. Some of the SMITH children are shown whithe their Grandmother Mary (GOLDMAN) ATWOOD on the 1860 US Census for Cherokee Co., TX.- They were listed as Seicily A. SMITH 14; Lurana A. SMITH 7; Mary E. SMITH 5; H. E. SMITH 2. Seicily A. SMITH was b. in Miss. all the others were born in Texas. You help will be appreciated

Lewis H. Bryant b. 1840 Vermilion, IL., moved to Red River County, Texas in 1842 with family. He married a Paralee or Paralee Mount about Dec. 27, 1864. According to an LDS site, they were married in Cherokee County. I know, from his Civil War pension application that Lewis was living in Bowie County in early 1862, when he enlisted in the Civil War, in Lamar County. From Dec. 1862 to close of war he acted as Acting Asst. Commissary of Subsistence 2 Sub. Dist. of Texas, at Nacogdoches County. He served the last six months, after close of war, until the fall of 1863, at Rusk. Soon after "the break up" of the War, he went to Fincastle, Henderson County, Texas, to teach. That was probably 1864, and a witness affidavit on his pension application says he was there in 1865 and 1866, so he may have married Paralee Mount at Rusk before moving. He spent most of his life thereafter in Henderson County. It is actually Paralee Mount for whom I am looking. I have no date or place of death for her, but Lewis married a second wife in 1868, so presumably Paralee died sometime between 1864 and 1868, in Cherokee County or Henderson County. Would appreciate any information.

 Queries

Kevin Stingley
Rt. 5, Box 51-W
Rusk, TX 75785
kstingley@risecom.net

John H. Griffin
1108 S. Stanley
Stillwater, OK 74074
(405)377-3666
jhg60@hotmail.com

Tina H. Wilson
108 Franklin Hills Court
Canton, Georgia 30114
RDWCEW@aol.com

Cathy Flournoy
20015 Park Tree
Katy, TX 77450
cmfgmf@swbell.net

Belinda Pierce
7210 N. Fotheringham
Spokane, Wa. 99208-4868
wdcarvers@hotmail.com

Dr. A.H. McCord in Rusk

Does anyone have any info on this local doctor in Rusk from around 1883 until his death in 1912. I am doing some work on his old house that he built in the 1880s and would love more info on him, especially a photo. Of course I've checked all the local sources.

Name: G. W. Smith, Birth date/place: May12, 1873* Kentucky ? Death Date/Place: June 12, 1937* Dallas *Tombstone, Oak Cliff Cemetery in Dallas Texas
Son: James Edward Smith

Grandson: James Edward Smith
Birth date/place: May12, 1873* Kentucky or TX? Death Date/Place: June 12, 1937* buried in Dallas *Tombstone, Oak Cliff Cemetery in Dallas Texas

Spouse Name: Nora Isabelle(a) Boggs (Mr & Ms J W Vassar ?)
Birth date/place: Burleson (city or county TX) Death Date/Place: Dallas

Ggrandson: Name: Joel Edward Smith Birth date/place: Nov 5, 1901 (or 1905) Alto, Cherokee Co TX Death Date/Place: July 28, 1990 Dallas

Spouse Name: Annie Lou King Birth date/place: May 15, 1901
Death Date/Place: Nov 4, 1996

These may be related to Edward Smith died Dec 1, 1918 "husband of Tonciola" buried in Dallas *Tombstone, Oak Cliff Cemetery in Dallas Texas
John Griffin jhg60@hotmail.com

I am interested in any information on a Moses 76 b. SC and Deana Perkins 38 ba GA, listed on the 1870 Census of Cherokee TX With Margaret 17 F GA, Nancy J. 15 TX. Moses M. 9 M TX Buenavista 7 F TX , Oucy(hard to read) 4 F TX, George F 1 M TX. I could only locate Moses M. 19 (listed as M. M) on the 1880 census working on the farm of John Dial. Any information on this family would be appreciated. This was a second marriage, many other decendants in Cherokee Co. GA if the same Moses would like to confirm.

Sallie A.T. Henry and Absalom Q. Flournoy
Searching for information on the family of Sallie A.T. Henry (17 Aug 1851-14 Sep 1911) who was born in Arkansas. Sallie and Absalom Q. Flournoy obtained a marriage license in Rusk, Cherokee Co., TX on 18 Apr 1872. They lived in Van Zandt County (TX) and later in Tyler, Smith Co., TX where they are buried in the Bascom Cemetery. Their children: George, Elizabeth, Hillory, Mollie, Emma and Absalom Jr.

Sallie is my husband's g-grandmother, and we are researching the Henry family. Would like to share information. Contact me at cmfgmf@swbell.net.
Regards, Cathy Flournoy

I've been searching for the marriage of CLISBY RIGGS JONES (aka C.R. Jones) and MARY WATKINS who may have married in Cherokee Co., Texas. Clisby's brothers had married in Cherokee Co. and am hoping he did also. Clisby and Mary were married circa 1880. We thought they may have married in Hamilton Co., Texas but have found nothing.

Queries

Linzay Kelly
4803 Silver Fox Dr
Houston, TX 77066
Pharmer2@swbell.net

Mary Summers Hearn
628 13th St.,
Galveston TX 77550.
mlshearn@aol.com

B J Frank
4034 Colony Oaks Drive
Sugar Land TX 77479
coby321@aol.com

J. Crews
P O Box 27
Covington, Ga. 30015
TCrews6175@aol.com

Jerry Lee
2005 Forest Hills
McKinney, Tx 75070
JLEE051447@aol.com

Wendy Ward
151 Fairview Rd
Imboden AR, 72434
wlward@daviscomp.com

Michael Tope
P. O. Box 200579
San Antonio, Texas 78220
mtope@mail.ev1.net

James Miller
1019 Breezewood Dr.
Arlington, TX 76017
Comspiracy@aol.com

6420 Wildwood Circle West #502
Fort Worth, TX 76132.
moore2@airmail.net

I was wondering if anyone had a list of the general stores or other places for gathering provisions that might have been in operation in Cherokee county during the period of 1900 - 1915..

Looking for any information on this family especially Robert, age 3.
14 665 665 Summers Jas. F. 46 M Farmer 960 N.C.
15 665 665 Summers Louisanna 37 F TN.
16 665 665 Summers Tho. W. 12 M AL.X
17 665 665 Summers William 6 M TN. X
18 665 665 Summers Robert 3 M TN.
19 665 665 Summers James 2 M TX.

Would like info on Broadways who were in Cherokee CO TX and were said to be related to Frances M Broadway Wilkinson. Frances, born @ 1839 died in 1912, but am told that she had a brother or nephew who was still in the area during the 1930's and 1940's. Any help greatly appreciated. Thank you. bj.

I am searching for the burial sites of some of my Crews relatives. We have a 1905 Obituary of the brother of these relatives which indicates that the relatives (Simeon J. Crews and Alabama Foreman Crews) were living in LoneStar, Cherokee Co., Texas. Could someone please tell me if LoneStar still exists and what cemeteries would be near by that location? Thanks so very much. J. Crews

Looking for information on the STRAIT family of Rusk. Especially looking for an obit for Joseph STRAIT. His family was from Cherokee County but he died in Red River County. I'm thinking that the obit might be in Cherokee County. thanks

I am looking for information about my ggrandad. Mountain Caleb Hill, the family story goes he had a wife and children in TX before he married Susanna Jones Hill in AL in 1877(my Ggrandma). After they were married he would leave for long periods of time going to TX..

I am looking for information on James Alexander Bolton. His wife is Julia A. Bolton. James filed for his CSA pension in Cherokee County. I believe he might be buried in the county. Any information would be appreciated. Please contact me at mtope@ev1.net

Searching for Augustus Miller, immigrant from Germany, m. Sarah Miller 1856 in Cherokee County. Moved to Rusk County in 1860s. Last found living in Jacksonville in 1880 census. Son Augustus M. Miller m. Mary Price and both are buried in Alto City Cemetery. Daughter Mary Miller m. Camille Montag in Rusk County. Daughters Matilda Miller, Susan Miller, and Elizabeth Miller not located after 1880 census. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Isaac D. (Daniel or David) Shepperd b. ca 1815 in GA m.ca 1837-38 to Sarah Ann (possibly Dillard) b. ca 1816 TN. Four children (Thomas, Mary, Dillard, Elizabeth) born MS between 1839-1845. Found on tax rolls of Cherokee Co. in 1846. Four children born Cherokee Co. TX between 1846-1857 (James A., Sarah, Martha, Susan.) Removed to Hood Co. TX around 1870 where Isaac, Sarah, sons James and John and dtr. Sarah died within days of each other, probably from typhoid contracted on trip. All buried in Acton Cemetery near Granbury, Hood Co., TX Thomas was killed in the Civil War in 1862. Mary (called Polly) married W.C. Walters of Hood Co. bef. 1860. Dillard m. Eliza Galiger in Cherokee Co. bef. 1870. Susan, raised by Mary and W.C. Walters, m. G.R. Moore in Hood Co. in 1878. She is my ggrandmother. What happened to Elizabeth and Martha? Will share all information I have on this family with anyone researching same. email moore2@airmail.net

Publications available through CHEROKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 1332, Jacksonville, Texas 75766-1332

___ 1850 CHEROKEE CO. FED. CENSUS & MORTALITY SCHEDULE, by Sue Taylor, 76 pgs, (1986) indexed ISBN 1-931167-05-2	\$10.00
___ 1860 CHEROKEE CO. FED CENSUS & SLAVE SCHEDULE, 131 pgs, indexed. ISBN 1-931167-06-0	\$16.00
___ 1870 Cherokee County Federal Census, Agricultural Schedule, Mortality Schedule and Tax Rolls, by Sue Vaughn Taylor and Ira Gaylon White, 150 pages (1999) indexed ISBN 1-931167-07-9	\$11.00
___ 1880 CHEROKEE CO. FED. CENSUS, by Sue Taylor, 504 pgs. plus pgs of column explanations & abbreviation explanations: other introductory pgs., (1983) indexed. ISBN 1-931167-08-7	\$32.00
___ 1910 CHEROKEE CO. FED. CENSUS, by Bobbie Berry Dowling & Ira Gaylon White, 265 pgs, plus 3 pgs of column explanations, (1998), indexed ISBN 1-931167-09-5	\$25.00
___ OUR BEFORES - ANCESTOR CHARTS, VOL. 1, 250 pgs., (1982), indexed ISBN 0-9703085-1-5	\$16.00
___ OUR BEFORES - ANCESTOR CHARTS, VOL. 2, 252 pgs., (1982), indexed ISBN 0-9703085-2-3	\$16.00
___ OUR BEFORES - ANCESTOR CHARTS, VOL. 3, 176 pgs., (1986), indexed ISBN 0-9703085-3-1	\$16.00
___ OUR BEFORES - ANCESTOR CHARTS, VOL. 4, 222 pgs., (1991), indexed ISBN 0-9703085-4-X	\$16.00
___ OUR BEFORES - ANCESTOR CHARTS, VOL. 5, 247 pgs., (1996), indexed ISBN 0-9703085-5-8	\$17.00
___ OUR BEFORES - ANCESTOR CHARTS, VOL. 6, 168 pgs. (2000), indexed. ISBN 0-9703085-6-6	\$16.00
___ SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH, CHEROKEE CO., TX (formerly CHURCH OF CHRIST AT SALEM, EDGEFIELD DISTRICT, S.C.) from 1836 to 1941: copy of original handwritten minutes, names of members, pastors; 260 letter-size pages, softbound, Second Printing (1992) indexed by Sue Taylor & Bobbie Dowling ISBN 1-931167-04-4	\$16.00
___ CHURCH BOOK OF ROCKY SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CHEROKEE CO., TX 1871-1912, copy of original handwritten minutes, names of pastors, roster of members, 351 pgs, softbound, (1991) indexed by IdaLee Derrett Edmiston ISBN 1-931167-03-6	\$23.00
___ CHURCH BOOK OF PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHEROKEE CO., TX. VOL. I, Sep. 1854 to Feb. 1921. Copy of original handwritten minutes of the church, names of pastors, roster of members, obituary notices on some members, introductory pages includes a brief history of the church, surrounding area, and map of location, 452 pgs, (1992), softbound, indexed. ISBN 1-931167-01-X	\$29.00
___ CHURCH BOOK OF PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHEROKEE CO., TX. VOL. II, Mar. 1921 to Apr. 1961. Copy of original handwritten minutes of the church, names of pastors, roster of members, obituary notices on some members, (Introductory pgs. the same as VOL. I above), 500 pgs, softbound, indexed ISBN 1-931167-02-8	\$31.00
___ AN ALBUM OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TX MEN & WOMEN WHO SERVED IN WW II, THE KOREAN CONFLICT OR VIET NAM (1994), navy with white imprint, red tape binder, 260 pgs., softbound, indexed. ISBN 1-931167-00-1	\$21.00
___ TREE TALK, THE FIRST FIVE YEARS, May 12, 1975 through April 30, 1980. Contains a brief history of the organization of the Cherokee County Genealogical Society, charter membership roster, etc.. (1995), full name index (1998) ISBN 1-931167-11-7	\$10.00
___ NORTHWEST CHEROKEE CO. CEMETERIES, VOL. I, 20 cemeteries (1997) , by Ira Gaylon White, 253 pgs, softbound, indexed ISBN 0-9703085-8-2	\$21.00
___ NORTHWEST CHEROKEE CO. CEMETERIES, VOL. II, 25 cemeteries (1997) , by Ira Gaylon White, 288 pgs, softbound, indexed ISBN 0-9703085-9-0	\$22.00
___ CHEROKEE COUNTY DEATH RECORDS, 1903-1945, by IdaLee D. Edmiston (1998) 351 pgs., softbound, approximately alphabetical ISBN 1-931167-10-9	\$25.00
___ Tree Talk, Volume 1 through Vol. 25, No. 3. (2000) Contains the complete text (about 3600 pages) of the 25 years of this publication. 2 CD-ROMs. ISBN 0-9703085-0-7	\$30.00
___ GRAVE MARKER INDEX FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY TEXAS, (2000), by Ira Gaylon White, edited by Gordon Bennett. An alphabetical listing of 29,484 markers from 15 published sources. 476 pgs., softbound, ISBN 0-9703085-7-4	\$35.00
___ GRAVE MARKER INDEX FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY TEXAS, (2000), by Ira Gaylon White, edited by Gordon Bennett. An alphabetical listing of 29,484 markers from 15 published sources. 1 CD-ROM, ISBN 1-931167-12-5	\$15.00

PLEASE NOTE: Above items are not taxable, as they were published by a non-profit organization.

<input type="checkbox"/> Complete sets of TREE TALK VOL. 24, Nos. 1-4, 1998-1999 ISSN 0736-7678.....Includes postage	\$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete sets of TREE TALK VOL. 25, Nos. 1-4, 1999-2000 ISSN 0736-7678.....Includes postage	\$12.00

PLEASE NOTE: Above items are not taxable, as they were published by a non-profit organization.

ORDER FORM, CONTINUED

The following items require 8.25% tax for Texas Residents only:

<input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES, No. 1, Cherokee co., TX, 12 Oct. 1846 through a called session 4 Feb. 1850. A verbatim copy which lists the first 37 land certificates, precincts and their boundaries, patrol captain, road workers, overseers, prisoners, etc. 86 pgs, by Ogreta W. Huttash, (1989)softbound, indexed	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST RECORDED MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEROKEE CO., TX. A verbatim copy of the original book in the office of the Dist. clerk, Rusk, TX Oct. 1846 through Nov. 1848, by Ogreta W. Huttash, 112 pgs, (1987), softbound, indexed	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO., TX, VOL. I. by Ogreta W. Huttash. 100 pgs, copyright 1974, fifth Printing, 1985, Approximately 4,000 marriages alphabetically by name of groom: full-name index of brides.	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO., TX, VOL. II. by Ogreta W. Huttash. 127 pgs, copyright 1976, Approximately 5,800 marriages alphabetically by name of groom: full-name index of brides.	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL WAR RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO., TX, VOL. I. by Ogreta W. Huttash, 93 pgs, (1982). Most complete list from soldiers from Cherokee county available, plus interesting documents from individuals, softbound, indexed.	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL WAR RECORDS OF CHEROKEE CO., TX, VOL. II, PENSIONS. by Ogreta W. Huttash, 115 pgs, (1982). Summary of over 700 pension applications by veterans & widows who lived in Cherokee County, softbound, indexed.	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORICAL MARKERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TX. by Ogreta W. Huttash. 103 state approved markers erected THROUGH OCT. 16, 1994, 2000 edition, indexed.	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/> PROBATE RECORDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TX 1846- ca 1875 by Ogreta W. Huttash , 200 pages (1998) Includes estates, settlements, guardianships for minors, community property of decedents, heirs, and the name of the surviving spouse. Slaves in estate settlements are indexed under the name of the owner. Softbound, indexed	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1870 CHEROKEE CO. FEDERAL CENSUS, by Helen Crawford, 154 pages (1983) plus surname index.	\$17.50

This form may be used when ordering books from CCGS. Include .0825 tax (for TX residents only) on the last nine books on this list. Also POSTAGE & HANDLING CHARGE if \$3.50 for the first book plus \$1.00 for each additional book ordered at the same time. Place a check mark by the book or books you wish to order and show the total amount on the right below.

Your Name: _____ Total amount of order \$ _____

Address: _____ State sales Tax (if applicable) \$ _____
(Street address or P.O. Box)

_____ Postage & Handling \$ _____

_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
(city or town) (state) (9-digit Zip code)

Membership Application

CHEROKEE COUNTY

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Post Office Box 1332

Jacksonville, Texas 75766-1332

Annual membership dues are \$12.00 (single) and \$16.00 for a two-member household. The membership year ends August 31, 2002. Membership entitles you to four quarterly issues of our publication Tree Talk. Tree Talk is normally published the first week of October, January, April and July of each fiscal year. Members joining after the first issue is published will receive all issues of Tree Talk, but back issues of Tree Talk will be mailed with the next issue unless \$1.00 for special handling is enclosed. The Society meets the second Monday of the months September through May at Bonner Place, 421 S. Bonner, Jacksonville, Texas at 7 p.m.

Date of Application _____

Single Membership \$12.00 _____

New Member _____

Two-Member household \$16.00 _____

Renewal _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ 9-digit Zip Code _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____ E-mail Address _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Surnames you are researching; _____

Complete the information above, make out your check, and mail to:

Cherokee County Genealogical Society

Post Office Box 1332

Jacksonville, Texas 75766-1332