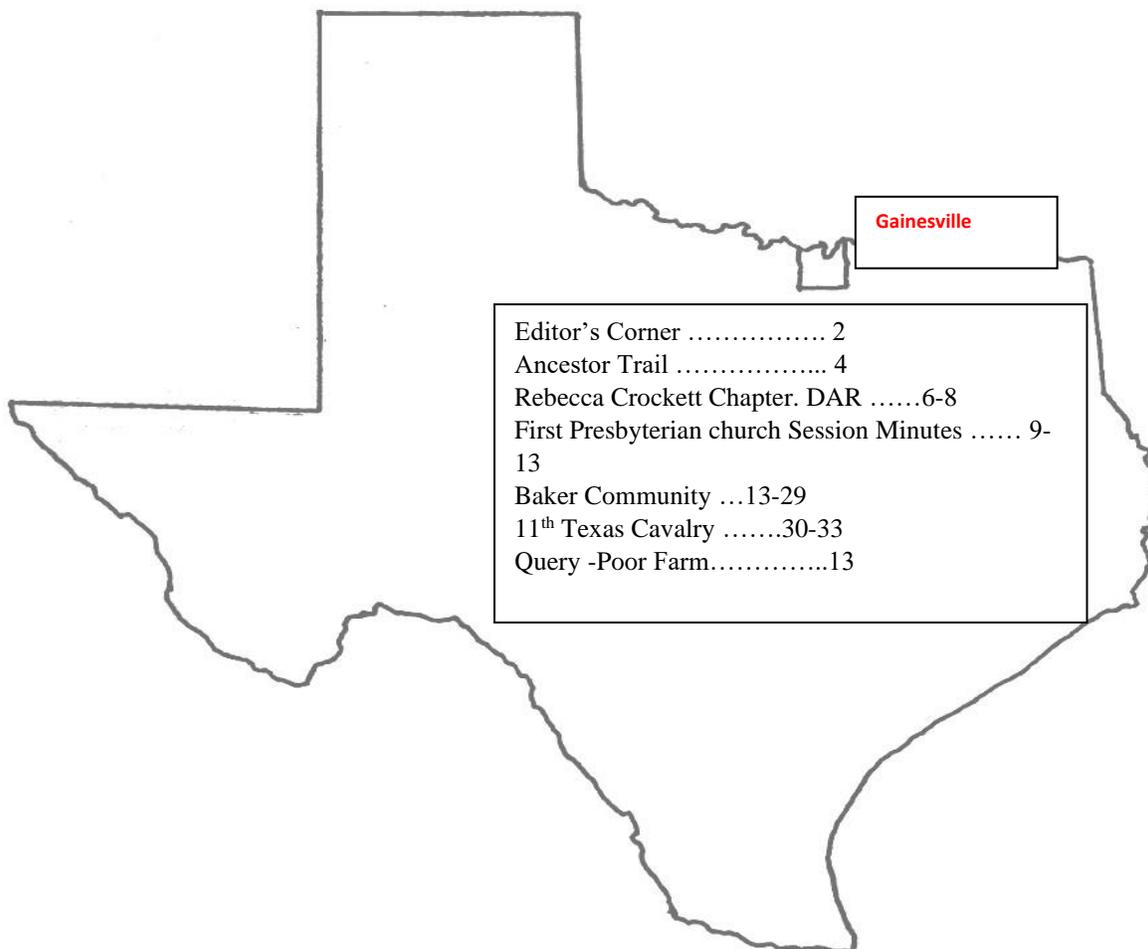


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EDITORS' CORNER

When I was growing up, Christmas was a magical time of year, eagerly anticipated. Unlike today, it seemed to take forever for the big day to arrive. Of course, back then no one talked about Christmas in July or had Christmas sales in the summer; people did not put up their Christmas lights until December; and there were no Hallmark Christmas movies showing in October. But from Thanksgiving on the momentum would build.

One of my favorite childhood memories involved going to my grandmother's house in Oklahoma where she always had her breathtaking and mouthwatering 3-tier coconut cake proudly resting on a crystal cake stand sitting on top of the China cabinet in the dining room. My mother remembered watching my grandmother stand

back and fling the coconut onto the cake and with the frosting being so thick the coconut would stick.

My grandmother never used written recipes when she baked-it was all done from memory. So, unfortunately, when she died the knowledge of how to make that cake died as well. She has been gone since the 1970s and still my cousins and I continue to talk about that cake and Christmas at her house. Great grandchildren who never knew her or tasted the cake know about it through our shared memories.

To this day, decades later, I can still close my eyes and see that room and visualize that cake and remember how it tasted. No other coconut cake has ever come close. Is that true because the cake was so good? Possibly. Maybe the memory is so intense because of the essence of my grandmother and her love of Christmas. Possibly it is a combination of both.

In your families, is there a special food that has been passed down? A special memory that makes Christmas, Christmas for your family? Are those stories written down so future generations will know about them? If not, why not use the holidays when the family comes together to get those things recorded before it is too late? Genealogy is more than just names and dates; it is also stories that help to bring your ancestors to life.

A footnote to my family's story came in a recent email from a distant cousin. She had a relative on her father's side who knew my grandmother very well, they were friends and the same age. My cousin has that relative's recipe for a coconut cake-a 3-tier cake! Is it possible? Could it be my grandmother's recipe too? She sent it to me and this Christmas, I and other cousins are going to try out the recipe. I will let you know what the results are.

So, enjoy this time with your family and get those stories down.

I hope you enjoy this December issue of the Cross Timbers Post.

Regards, Shana Powell, Editor

Meeting Schedules

Our next few meetings are as follows:

We will not meet in January 2023.

The Family History Center is inviting the public to a meeting January 17, 2023, at the Mormon church at 6 p.m. Stacie Briggs, Director of the Denton Family History Center

will make a presentation on navigating My Heritage. For those who do not have an account, you can access it through the FHC.

Monday, February 6, 2023, we will meet in the Simmons Bank meeting room, Gainesville, Texas. Linda Jonas will speak on "Brick Walls".

Thank you to Darlene Denton for arranging the speakers for our meetings.

All the meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

If history interests you, please contact one of our officers and/or members who would love to speak to you.

A special thank you to Cass Reasor for his contributions to this newsletter.

Happy Hunting,
Shana Powell

Following the Ancestor Trail:

This page covers research material and research locations in Cooke County.

MUENSTER LIBRARY,
418 No. Elm, Muenster, TX

COOKE COUNTY LIBRARY
200 South Weaver St., Gainesville, Texas
Newspapers, family history, county history, various states, and counties

COOKE COUNTY-COUNTY CLERK
100 South Dixon, Gainesville, Texas (courthouse)
*Death, Birth, Marriage records available.
*You can look up most records yourself. Copies are \$1.00 per page

MORTON MUSEUM of COOKE COUNTY
210 South Dixon, Gainesville, Texas
Historical people in Cooke County, various books

NCTC LIBRARY—1525 W. California St., Gainesville
Various genealogy magazines, papers, family information, obits

Church's in Gainesville with Libraries and Archives

First Christian Church

401 No. Dixon 940-665-2053
Started May 10, 1874, Open Daily

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

415 E. California St. 940-665-4705
Started August 6, 1885, Open 9 A.M. to 12 Noon Only Look-up's

First United Methodist Church

214 So. Dixon 940-665-3926
Started 1852

First Presbyterian Church

401 So. Denton 940-665-5153
Started 1878 Archives

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

(located at Burns City, Tx.)
279 Burns City Rd
Valley View, Tx 76272

(Call Cass Reasor for assistance 940.665.6973)

From Cass, "We started a library about 2 years ago and I have a file cabinet that I'm working on. Following is a list of info that I have placed in the library and I hope to add more this winter."

Baker, Texas
Cooke County Births 1926 - 1946
Burns City History
Burton School History
Cooke County History
Cooke County Probate Records
Family Land Heritage
Fugitives from Justice
George Carroll Funeral Home Records
Good Times Edition 1899

Harvey Hulen History of Cooke County
 Hesperian News Deaths
 History by Joe Roff
 Immigration Records
 Indian Creek History - southeast Cooke
 Know Your County
 Mt Zion History - southeast Cooke
 Mtn. Springs Oral History
 New Resthaven Cemetery
 Newspaper articles
 Pagel's Store News - Muenster
 Pleasant Hill/Salem History
 Randolph O'Brien's Thesis on Cooke Schools and Education 1944
 Shiloh Baptist Institute
 Spring Creek Cemetery
 Thetford, Elder Joseph
 Tipton Chapel History
 Tyson Cemetery
 Walling Methodist Church History
 Ye Gainesville Towne
 Pilot Point Cemetery - Denton County
 Collinsville History - Grayson County
 Ethel History - Grayson County

St. Mary's Catholic Church

825 No. Weaver 940-665-5395
 Started 1879

From time to time, I will try to include information about organizations that have existed and, in some cases, still exist in the county in this newsletter. Minutes from some of those organizations still can be found.

The **Rebecca Crockett chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** was formed in Gainesville in 1903. Five years later they hosted the annual state convention, bringing ladies into town from chapters across the state. The following is an excerpt from a history of the organization. It discusses the convention:

An exciting time for the chapter arrived a short time later when the 9th annual state conference of the Texas Daughters of the American Revolution was held in Gainesville in December 1908 from the 7th through the 8th.

On December 9, 1908, the *Palestine Daily Herald* newspaper reported that "Mesdames A.R. Howard and S.K. Hohes are attending the state meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Gainesville. They are delegates from

Palestine.”

An article in the *American Monthly Magazine* described the convention in detail. The chapter proved itself “a royal hostess, entertaining many of the delegates in the lovely homes and others in the “Turner” (the Turner Hotel), where the proprietor left nothing undone that could have added to the comfort or pleasure of his guests, who felt that the limit was reached when he placed a telephone on their breakfast table in order that they might be in touch with their friends while enjoying waffles and coffee.”

Though David Turner initially came to Gainesville to retire those plans soon were derailed after so many people asked him to open a hotel. He finally did that “in 1884 when he purchased a one and ½ frame residence a block west of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Station. He subsequently added a kitchen and dining room in a wing to the east of the house and began operation as the Turner Cottage. As the years passed, he added 5 more rooms on the west side.” When the Santa Fe Railroad came to Gainesville in 1887 the facility was in an even better location now attracting clients from both rail lines. From the Turner, the delegates would have had a short walk going west on California street to the location of the meetings or could have taken a carriage.”

As the author of the article related, “Monday was given up to visits and drives over the city-the sun shone brightly on the frost and icicles which added novelty to the pleasure of the ladies from South Texas, who left roses in bloom on green lawns, at their homes.”

At 8:00 p.m. the first session was held in the Elks club rooms, with Mrs. Seabrook W. Sydnor, State Regent presiding. After the Invocation and a song, Judge C.C. Potter “welcomed the Daughters in most eloquent and cordial terms to the city.” Mrs. A.O. Potts of Belton “responded in her easy and charming manner and was followed by R. Ewing Thomason, exalted ruler of the Elks, with a much-appreciated welcome from the Elks, which was responded to by Mrs. John F.

Swayne, Vice State Regent.”¹ The chapter probably held the convention at the Elks club rooms because of the connection between R. Ewing Thomason and his wife Belle, who was a member of the Rebecca Crockett chapter.

Susan Bosson of Gainesville then “gave a welcome from her chapter in such cordial and gracious words that the guests were all delighted to be there. Mrs. L.A. Scott brought greetings in response. “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow” was sung by the assembly, after which Miss Mary Pettus Thomas of Belton, made a beautiful and touching memorial address. This completed the program and was followed by an informal reception.”

On Tuesday morning at 9 o’clock the meeting was called to order by the Regent and opened with the “Star-Spangled Banner”. Roll call by chapters “brought responses from 13 chapters, leaving only three not represented. The reports of state officers, of the Continental Hall, patriotic education and other committees were received and disposed of. They adjourned and would meet again at 1:30 p.m.”

The afternoon session “was opened promptly with Mrs. Cora (E.B.) Blanton singing “Red, White and Blue” very acceptably. Chapter reports showed an increasing interest in the D.A.R. work in the state. When the election of State officers was held, Belle Thomason was chosen as the State Treasurer.”

At 4:30 p.m. “the Daughters attended a reception given them by the Lou Dougherty Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in the parlor of the Elk Club. This proved to be another evidence of the beautiful hospitality shown by the Gainesville ladies.”²

The D.A.R. banquet given by the hostess chapter to their guests and friends at “The Turner”, at 9:00 p.m. was as the author of the report summarized “a fitting ending to all the pleasure that had gone before.” It “was unique, being a woman’s

banquet and as charming as possible with beautiful women in Paris gowns, speaking to toasts in words sparkling and crisp with wit and humor. No better toast mistress ever presided than Mrs. Bosson.”

The Daughters of the American Revolution chapters in each state held annual state conventions (they still do). Each chapter would submit a report, listing the names of all the members, any marriages or births or deaths that took place during the year and all the activities that chapter was involved in. Those annual convention reports are wonderful sources for female ancestors if you determine that you had an ancestor who was a member. The ones for Texas can be found on Family Search.

Submitted by Shana Powell

First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville Session Minutes from 1921-1922:

The clerk reported that arrangements had been made with Mr. Freed to act as organist and look after the organ and a salary of \$25 dollars per month was voted to him by the session.

On August 1, 1921, it was reported that there were no church services held during the month of May as the pastor, choir director, and organist were on vacation. Charles Richter was chosen as scout master for the Boy Scout troop to be organized.

Minutes from Called Meeting of Session, August 1, 1921:

Clerk reported letters of dismissal to the following and action approved by session:

Wayne Sawyer to Temple, Texas, W.J. Wand to Ft. Worth, Mrs. Alice Dean to City Temple at Dallas, Mrs. R.M. Thompson nee Miss Una Sawyer to Amarillo (a golden moment for a genealogist-now they would know that Mrs. R.M. Thompson's first name was Una and her maiden name was Sawyer and would have a rough idea of when the wedding took place and also what city they have left for), Mrs. G.W. Henderson and son Joe Wheeler Brown to Dallas, Texas.

The following new members were ordered enrolled: Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Radcliff and son Jack Radcliff.

Minutes from Called Meeting of Session September 23, 1921:

Meeting was called to elect officers and teachers for the ensuing year. The following were chosen:

Chas. Priddy and F.D. Henderson—Co-Superintendents.

Mrs. W.W. Leverett, Secretary and Treasurer

Intermediate Dept. Teachers:

Mrs. S.W. Gregg, Mrs. J.H. Midkiff, Mrs. Carl Moore, Mrs. Alex Canon and Chas. Richter.

Elementary Dept. Teachers:

**Misses Eva Noble and Virgie Newton, Co-Superintendents,
Mrs. Chas. Sarles and Mrs. John McCarty as secretaries.**

Teachers:

Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Rominger, Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Gudge, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Holland. Misses Frankenberger and Aldridge. Miss Clara Holland Sunday School organist. Mrs. Stinson Elementary dept. organist.

Beginners Dept.: Mrs. F.L. Magnenat, Supt. Teachers: Mrs. Ira Moss, Miss Elizabeth Brown, Miss Ruth Hocker as organist.

Minutes from Called Meeting of Session

February 5, 1922:

Following names ordered enrolled as regular communicants:

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Barlow, Misses Helen and Ina Barlow, Mrs. Mary Tipps and Gladys Barlow, L.L. Copeland, Alice Ludeman, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Mahaffey, and W.J. Maddox.

The following letter of dismissal were reported by the clerk and approved by the session:

G.W. Cox to Graham, TX; L. Fenwick Dickson to Laurel, Miss.; D.H. Dodson to Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Mrs. Susan Bosson to Indianapolis, Ind.

Minutes from Called Meeting of Session

March 5, 1922:

Clerk reported the following letters of dismissal issued since the last meeting:

Mrs. E.J. Gordon to El Paso, Texas; Stewart R. Camp to Miami, Florida; Miss Ada C. Russell to Hangchow, China; Wm. Jewel Smith to Hollywood, California. The session voted its approval of such action.

The church letter of J.W. Mitchell was read and by vote of the session he was received as a regular communicant of the church.

Minutes from Regular Meeting of Session

June 4, 1922:

Clerk reported the following names enrolled as regular communicants of the church and approved by the session:

By Letter: G.M. Woolard (it had been typed S.M. but that is written over and it appears to be a S) and Wife; Alex Canon; T.J. Murphy and Wife; Claude Kennerly; Mrs. E.L. Giltner; Porter Wilson; Miss Maurine Lyle; Dr. E.C. Mead and Wife.

By Experience: Elizabeth Maddox; Velma Holland; and E.L. Giltner.

Minutes from Regular Meeting of Session

September 3, 1922:

Clerk reported letters of dismissal issued to the following members: Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Philo to City Temple, Dallas; Mrs. F.L. Magnenat to Central Presbyterian Church at Denton, Mrs. C.W. Yetter to church at St. Jo; Mrs. Vergie N. Klepper to Crowell; Mrs. Katherine Grimes to Cooper. Approved by session.

The following members were ordered enrolled as regular communicants:

By letter: Franklin Miller

By experience: Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Meyer, Willie Meyer and Eunice Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller.

The moderator was requested to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Mr. McClure, one copy to be spread upon the minutes of the session and one copy to be sent to the family of Mr. McClure.

Minutes of Called Meeting of Session

September 24, 1922:

The meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers and teachers for the ensuing year, the following were chosen:

Superintendents: F.D. Henderson, C.P. Priddy

Secretary: Mrs. W.W. Leverett; Assistants, Miss Lucille Ainsworth, Miss Florence Johnson.

Organist Main School: Mrs. Alex Canon

Chorister Main School: Mrs. F. D. Henderson

Intermediate Department: Mrs. J.H. Midkiff, Superintendent; Mrs. S.W. Gregg, Mrs. F.D. Henderson, Miss Lucy Bradley, Mrs. J.P. Brown, Miss Pauline Ainsworth.

Elementary Department: Miss Eva Noble, superintendent; Secretaries, Mrs. C.L. Sarles and Mrs. John McCarty. Pianist, Mrs. Stinson. Teachers: Miss Gilbert, Miss Liles, Miss Ludeman, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Gudgell, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Rominger, Mrs. Frasher, Mrs. Smith.

Beginners Department: Miss Mary Douglass Kennerly, superintendent; Secretary, Mrs. Ira Moss; Pianist: Miss Ruth Hocker. Teachers: Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Kaden.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Session

November 5, 1922:

Following additions to the church were reported and accepted: Joe Whitaker, experience and baptism; Mrs. Joe Whitaker, by letter; C.L. Aldridge by experience; Mrs. Sam Bean, by letter.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Session

December 3, 1922:

Harvey Padgett was reported as an addition to the church by letter and he was accepted by the session.

Baker Community

The following information concerning the Baker Community was provided by Cass Reazor:

(On the Texas Gen Web site, is a posting by Jim Wheat of Postmasters for Cooke County. The following is listed for Baker.

Baker, John P. 12 Jun 1884

Martin, Newton, 9 Nov 1886

Baker, Jas. P., 19 Jan 1887

Discontinued 22 Mar 1887;

papers to Pilot Point.

(it appears that Baker was located somewhere near Oak Dale school and Tipton Chapel. It may also have included the Stirrup Factory.)

(The Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas

Saturday January 28, 1888)

Baker

Profs. Arthur and Vaughter have their schools in good working order again since the holidays and are doing very efficient work.

Mrs. Embry is very low with fever.

Mrs. George Studyman of Montague county, who has been visiting her mother for the past three weeks is very sick.

Will Miller, John Baxter and Aus Hammer went to Gainesville Sunday.

Miss Kit Miller, of Montague county, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobs are kept busy looking after the interest of a newly arrived son.

Leap Year with its blessed opportunities for the girls, as well as the old maids reminds Miss Melanie, so she says, that the crescent promise of her youth is not yet set and that the young men will have to be mighty sharp if she don't get some of them. Tioga and Pilot Point youths, be on your guard!

On Wednesday while bringing water from the well Miss Belle Deaver slipped on the ice sustaining some very painful, though not serious, bruises.

Dr. R.I. Bonds visited friends here Friday.

(The Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas

Saturday February 4, 1888)

Baker

Mr. Pinkston, representative of the music house of Froeman & Co. of Sherman, was here this week.

These lovely days, almost in mid-winter, beautifully carry out the poetical idea of spring nestling fondly and innocently in the lap of winter, only to be unmercifully chilled and destroyed by the icy breath of the monster who feigned protection.

The same genial days were spent not so poetically, but more pleasantly, perhaps, by quite a number of Pilot Point's best citizens and best businessmen in shooting quails in the vicinity of Baker.

Mr. J.V. Deaver, of Collinsville, spent Thursday and Friday with relatives here.

Mrs. J. W. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hardy and masters Albert and John Keller are visiting relatives near Sand Town.

Misses Ella and Jane Gilbert and Mr. Solomon Miller are very sick.

Mrs. Lee Haberly, of Prairie Chapel, has been visiting friends here and returned.

Many thanks to your Tioga correspondent for kind solicitations in regard to my health. Am rapidly convalescing; a permanent cure may be effected.

The Gainesville Daily Hesperian

Sunday February 19, 1888

(This is an excerpt from an article on roads in Cooke County.)

Precinct No. 9. – Gainesville and Pilot Point road via Tipton's. A Owen; section 1, from Gainesville to northwest corner of Spencers pasture. J.K. Wooten; section 2, from northwest corner of Spencers pasture, Dyes old field. Ben Nelson; section 3, from Dyes field to Indian creek. Geo. Chapman; section 4, from Indian creek to Hawthorn's store. Joseph Hardy; section 5, from Hawthorn's store to T.S. Crutsinger's; section 6 from Baker's store to county line.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday February 25, 1888)

Baker

The recent rains and sleet have stopped the farmers in their work for the present.

Rev. J.B. Smith preached at the Chapel to a large audience on the second Sunday.

Mr. Baker, of Arkansas, is visiting his brother, Mr. William Baker.

On the 15th inst. Mr. Lewis, of Tioga, and Miss Ellen Foutch, of Baker, together embarked in the frail craft of matrimony. May their voyage through life be pleasant and happy. Three young men that we have heard of says that seals their fate for a life of single blessedness.

Sam Wilson is getting up a petition to have a bridge built across Jordon on the road leading from Tioga to Baker. Miss Melanie generously proposes to pay one-half of the expenses. Of course, she has no selfish motive in view.

In the springs a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, and one of Baker's most popular young widowers has already raised his reward, which was \$10 to \$75 for any one of the fair sex who would consent to share all his sorrows and cares, and in anticipation of a speedy response, has as we have heard, handsomely furnished a room with elegant furniture and carpets. A certain young lady says that when the reward amount to \$1,000, she will apply for the position if the money is to be paid in advance.

L.D. Tipton went to Gainesville Monday and returned Tuesday evening.

The bed clothing on the bed in which Mrs. S.A. Tipton was ----- caught fire early Sunday ----- (can't read)

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday March 3, 1888)

Tioga

From reports we are sure for a bridge across Jordon Creek. The young lady at Baker, with an open heart, offers to pay half the expenses and we heard a certain young man here (Tioga) said he would go the other half. Pro bono publico, of course.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday March 10, 1888)

Bloomfield

Mr. W.B. Damran is bringing on more new goods, and will soon have a first-class country store.

Mr. C.C. Blackburn who keeps the post office is also on a boom and smiles when an opportunity is afforded to wait on a customer.

Mr Joe S. Riley is teaching the Bloomfield school at this time, and is a model teacher; in fact, Joe is a rising young man and our community is justly proud of him.

The school at Walling, conducted by Miss Annie Furman is also in a prosperous condition. We predict a bright future for Miss Annie.

Prayer meeting at Walling on Wednesday nights, and spelling Thursday nights.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday March 17, 1888)

Baker

Farmers welcome with delight the genial smiles of old Sol once again after so much rain and mud.

The family of Mr. Cicero Baker arrived from Arkansas last week. Mr. Baker will make this home, at least for a time and engage with his brother, Mr. William Baker in the manufacture of stirrups.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Baxter are happy over the arrival of a new daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Williams and Mr. J.V. Deaver all of Collinsville, spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives here.

Misses Ursula and Melanie Deaver have returned from a week's visit to Collinsville.

We hear that W.A. Murphy has christened his small daughter Lilly Pauline.

Little Miss Lela May Tipton, of Mountain Springs, is spending a week at her grandfather's, L.D. Tipton.

A two day's meeting with sacramental services will be held at the Chapel on the Saturday preceding the second Sunday in April.

Spelling school every Friday night at Oak Dale schoolhouse, conducted by Prof. Vaughter.

Mrs. Will Pierce is very low with pneumonia fever.

Dr. W.G. Williams went to Gainesville Monday.

No doubt the M.D.'s would suggest that if the bridge across Jordon is really to be built by the generosity of certain private parties as was hinted, that now is the accepted time as the banks are almost impassable, and important cases are liable to suffer from enforced neglect.

Gainesville Daily Hesperian

Wednesday April 11, 1888

A.M. Martin, of Baker's store, Cooke county, a noted farmer of that bailiwick, was in the Future Great Tuesday

S.W. Autry, a farmer of the Burns City neighborhood made The Hesperian a pleasant call last Tuesday.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday April 28, 1888)

Mrs. L. Luper, of Portland, Oregon, arrived here Sunday morning and is visiting relatives in the Baker neighborhood.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday May 12, 1888)

Information has been received from Baker, four miles north of the city, that a little son of David Collier, during the absence of the family, while asleep in a chair, fell in the fireplace. The face and arms were terribly burned, the flesh crisping on the face and eyelids and it is believed that the eyesight is injured beyond recovery as the child has been unable to see since the accident.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday June 2, 1888)

J.H. Glanville, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, arrived here Thursday to visit his brother, C.C. Glanville, at Baker.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday June 9, 1888)

Mrs. Thompson, of Cooke county, near Baker Store, who has been an invalid for a period of fifteen years from a trouble with her bladder, baffling the physicians to a great extent, was operated on by Dr. Robert Craig of this town, assisted by Dr. Lewis, of Leadville, Colorado, and Mat Bradley. Two large stones were taken from the bladder weighing over 200 grains. The operation was performed Thursday of last week, and up to this date, the old lady is doing well and free from pain.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday June 16, 1888)

We regret to learn of the death of the little eighteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Tipton at Baker, Thursday Morning. The Post-Mirror tenders its warmest sympathy.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday June 30, 1888)

Rev. J.W. Murphy, of Baker, was a pleasant caller at this office on Monday.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday July 28, 1888)

Last Sunday evening the little infant daughter five months old of Mr. W.A. and Irene Murphy, died at the home of her parents at Baker after a brief illness with whooping cough. The remains were brought here for burial funeral service conducted by Rev. J.B. Smith.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday September 1, 1888)

Tioga - A number of our citizens attended the Alliance picnic at Indian Creek church Friday of last week.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday September 15, 1888)

The wife of Rev. J.D. Murphy died at her home near Baker, last Saturday night and the remains brought here Sunday evening for burial. Rev. W.M. Leatherwood conducted the funeral service at the cemetery. We were promised a more extended notice but failed to receive it.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday September 22, 1888)

Rip Van Winkle, after another of his famous naps is again around gleaning news items, and like Rip of old, finding that he has not been missed at all exclaims with a pathos equal to the noted sleeper, "are we so soon forgotten?" I think if those who are wrangling over the situation of the village of "Falling Water" and the exact spot where Rip took his nap, would pay Baker and vicinity a visit they would be no longer in doubt. The veil of conjecture would be lifted at once.

Farmers are beginning to pick cotton and think the average crop will be some larger than last year.

A representative of Byers Bros. of Sherman came down this week and is putting the alliance gin in running order. He thinks the gin will be ready for work next week.

Prof. H.E. Deaver, of Tishomingo, B.I.T., who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. S.A. Tipton, returned to the territory last Tuesday.

J.V. Deaver, of Collinsville, spent Wednesday with his mother and sisters.

W.A. Hughes came in from his ranch in Greer county and spent several days of last week with relatives here. He reports grass fine and cattle looking well in that section, and the market for beeves gradually coming up.

The wedding mania seems on the verge of breaking out again in this quiet vicinity. Several rumors of weddings are afloat, but the young lady who, at the beginning of the year started out so confident and warned the young men that they would have to be "mighty sharp" or she would capture some of them,

now looks languishing and sad and says that perhaps after all she overrated her abilities. Tis sweet to love but oh how bitter! – you know.

Miss Maggie Williams left last Saturday to attend school at Gainesville.

Miss Bettie Martin has entered school at the Pilot Point Seminary.

Mrs. Nannie Murphy, wife of Rev. J.W. Murphy, after a long and painful illness, died at her home near Baker on the 9th inst. The remains were taken to Pilot Point for interment.

Thomas Keller who has been visiting the family of Rev. J. W. Murphy, has returned to his home in Collin county.

L.D. Tipton went to Sherman on business last week.

The little son of Mrs. Pauline Hardy fell off the veranda one day last week, inflicting a painful, though not serious bruise on his head.

Mr. A. Hughes has been sick for several days.

Mrs. Ewing, of Dallas, and Mrs. Pace, of Tioga, were visiting here Saturday.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday September 29, 1888)

Baker

This soft sunny September weather, with only a hint of the poet's "Melancholy days, the saddest of the year with wailing winds" etc., is delightful for cotton picking, and all seem intent on making the most of it.

The Alliance gin has put up fourteen bales of cotton this week.

Rev. J.W. Murphy has pulled his old barn down and re-built on a larger scale, indicating a bountiful harvest.

George Covert, of near the Point, and Mr. Bell, of Sherman were here this week buying mules. Joseph Hardy sold two for \$80 and L.D. Tipton sold two for \$90.

Some "wandering minstrel" regaled our senses last Saturday night with some very sweet music, for which return thanks, though the serenader remains yet unknown.

J. B. Younger, of Collinsville, was visiting here Sunday.

D.J. Enderby, candidate for district clerk, and Eli Sellers, candidate for tax collector, were here this week giving the x-timber people "taffy" and soliciting votes in return.

Mr. A. Hughes went to the Point with cotton Monday.

L.D. Tipton went to Collinsville Tuesday.

Miss Melanie Deaver will leave for Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county, in a few weeks to take charge of the Art department at that place.

Rev. J.W. Murphy preached at the Chapel Sunday.

Dan Tipton attended church at Tioga Sunday night.

Sunday has come and gone still Baker's popular young widower lingers among the lone benedicts.

Mr. Cardwell and family have returned from a visit to relatives at Sulphur Springs.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday October 13, 1888)

Baker

Corn gathering seems to be the order of the day with farmers now.

We learn that Rev. J.W. Murphy is soon to begin a school at Oak Dale school house. We wish him a pleasant and successful years' work.

Two real nice young men from Gainesville, were here this week. They said they were collecting.

Dr. Williams says; now that Miss Maggie the light of the home is gone, he and Mrs. Williams are very lonely. Says he don't see why they should be either as there are ten in the family, Mrs. Williams counting one and he naught.

Messrs. J.V. Deaver, A.E. and Matt Hughes, all of Collinsville, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

I extend my heart-felt sympathies to the young gentleman who had been making such desperate efforts to cross Jordon of late. Though I think that instead of the young gentleman's having fallen a victim to the charms of some sweet siren, as your Tioga correspondent intimates, it is the creek that is charmed. Perhaps it is the same charm that was woven round the river Ayr in Tom O'Stanter's time. If so, by way of proving my sympathy sincere I should like to say to the disconsolate one that the charm lies exactly in the middle of the stream; and the way to successfully dispel it is to be brave, plunge right into the waves regardless of seeming difficulties, and when the middle is reached all dangers will disappear as surely as did Tom's ghosts, and he can ever afterwards cross in safety. It is better to dispel the charm than to build a clumsy, falsely constructed bridge, isn't it?

Misses Ursula and Melanie Deaver left Wednesday on a visit to Collinsville and Farmersville and expect to be gone several weeks.

Rev. J.B. Smith and family left last week on a visit to Gordonville.

George Shanks and Mr. Roche, of Pleasant Hill neighborhood, were here last week.

As the love of praise is the heritage of all mankind, of course I was gratified to learn that your Tioga Correspondent had missed me, but drowsy old Rip is so unaccustomed to such sweet diminutives as Rippy that I fear he is entirely incapable of appreciating them at their full value.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday October 20, 1888)

Baker

Madams Embry and Bullara with their beautiful and accomplished daughters and interesting sons have returned from Collin county, where they have been picking cotton.

C.C. Glandville, agent for "the beautiful story" is delivering books this week.

J.J. Reasor and his sister, Mrs. Collier have returned from Virginia, whither they went to collect their portion of their father's estate.

L.D. Tipton made a business trip to Collin county this week.

Dan Tipton went to Gainesville last week to attend court.

Miss Mary Hughes of Collinsville visited relatives here last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassister died very suddenly on the 10th inst.

Rev. J.B. Smith preached at the Chapel on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonah McRussels and little daughter, Miss Titia, of Burns City, have been visiting here this week.

J.V. Deaver, of Collinsville, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Misses Ursula and Melanie Deaver have returned from a two weeks visit to Collinsville, McKinney, and Farmersville.

Messrs Dode Sanders and Buck Derickson went to Collinsville Sunday.

Another one of the young ladies of Baker vicinity, has let another leap year chance leap beyond her reach into the dark beyond of matrimonial ban, by letting a certain handsome young "cattle king" launch his little barque upon that awful river so dread to see!

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday October 27, 1888)

Baker

A. E. Hughes, of Collinsville, was here Friday on business.

L.D. Tipton went to Gainesville and Collinsville on business this week.

C.C. Glanville, of Indian Creek, was here this week.

Mrs. Cicero Baker and little son, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Arkansas, for the past two months, have returned home.

J.V. Deaver, of Collinsville, visited relatives here this week.

H. Jacobs, wife and eight children are sick with chills.

Mrs. Thompson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. Brown of Indian Creek.

Miss Melanie Deaver left Friday for Mineral Wells to take charge of her art class.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday November 3, 1888)

Baker

The vicinity of Baker is lively in the prospect of a better crop of cotton than was at first anticipated. Cotton is still opening and we hope for a continuance of good weather until it is all picked out. Some of our farmers are sowing wheat.

The Sunday-school at Tipton Chapel has been revived and bids fair to do well under the guidance of W.A. Murphy, who has been elected superintendent.

J.W. Murphy has been on the sick list for several weeks but we learn is improving and hope he will soon be able to commence the school he contemplates teaching at Oak Dale.

On the 29th inst., Sleepy Hollow was awakened to a sense of grief and regret at the departure of Mrs. Sallie Tipton with her beautiful and accomplished daughters. This dilemma was brought about by family troubles, which we hope are at an end as a ratification of peace has been declared between the parties. Mrs. Tipton and family returned to their farm near Collinsville, where we hope they will enjoy the peaceful quiet of their old home, while her husband is left to enjoy the same blessing.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday November 10, 1888)

Baker

According to promise we will give you a few items from this vicinity.

The families of Messrs. Rogers and Burt, of Lloyd, have been visiting relatives and friends in this neighborhood for several days.

T.G. Keller, of Aubrey, spent Saturday and Sunday with his children and other relatives here, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Craven and little son have been on the sick list for several days; we are glad to learn that they are improving.

A fine boy at Rev. N. Martin's' both mother and child are doing well.

We are free to admit that "Sleepy Hollow" has been for the last two weeks quite revolutionized, but through much meditation and prayer we are delighted to say that she has become completely reconciled.

Baker is still on the look up; cotton is coming in every day to our new alliance gin, which has already ginned 175 bales.

J.W. Murphy commenced his school at Oak Dale on Monday; we hope for a good school, as he is said to be a profound disciplinarian.

We have a thriving Sunday school well represented by both young and old. We hope the good people of Baker and vicinity will see to having the house repaired and made comfortable for the little folks this winter. Conference may send us a new preacher, but if they give us J. Smith again, we will not grumble. His faithful performance of duty as a pastor has won for him a lasting devotion.

Miss Lillie Martin, who is attending school at Pilot Point Seminary was at home yesterday visiting her parents.

Mrs. Irene Murphy is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. A.A. Martin who is on the sick list.

We learn that L.D. Tipton went to Gainesville last week for the purpose of securing a divorce; our widows had better look out for it is natural to suppose that friend Tipton will want another housekeeper. Who can blame him?

Mr. W.A. Murphy, a worthy young man of the Baker community, gave us a call last Saturday, and he promised to keep the readers of the Post-Mirror, posted of the events, and happenings in that neighborhood, and we hope our friends there will aid him by informing him of personals and other items of interest.

Mr. Baker informed us of a quarrel in his neighborhood, five miles north of town, over politics, and Morgan Faulkner, candidate for re-election to the office of constable, received a cut in the side at the hands of Henry Henderson. It is not considered dangerous.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday November 17, 1888)

The alliance gin at Baker caught fire from sparks out of the smokestack a few days ago, but through prompt and heroic efforts it was saved with but slight damage.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday November 24, 1888)

News scarce this week. E. King, Henry Jacobs and L.D. Tipton went to Gainesville this week.

Dr. J.C. Riley has a fine boy at his house.

Prof. J.L. Vanzant, of Tioga, commenced a five month's school at Burden last Monday. We hope that the term may be pleasant for teacher and profitable for students.

Your scribe made a trip to Denton last week and, while there, had the pleasure of being present at the marriage of Mr. T.G. Keller and Miss Mollie Rosebaum. They were neatly attired and looked very pleasing.

Johnnie, Albert and Little Willie Keller have returned home since their father's marriage. We regret to give them up, as they are sweet, intelligent children, and will be greatly missed in our Sunday school.

Quite a serious accident occurred about five miles west of here a few nights ago. Two boys riding the same horse went into Mr. Bigham's apple orchard, hearing a noise they became frightened and started to run. The horse fell, breaking its neck and bruising one of the boys very badly.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday December 15, 1888)

A.A. Brewer, a substantial farmer in Baker neighborhood paid the Post-Mirror a call Monday.

(The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas Saturday December 29, 1888)

J.W. Murphy, of Baker, gave the Post-Mirror office a pleasant call last Saturday.

The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas

Saturday August 2, 1890

Ship Price has finished the job of painting David Light's barn and is now painting (or having it done) Tipton Chapel. He also has the contract for removing all the iron for the Jordon Creek bridge, which is being put up rapidly.

The Post Mirror, Pilot Point, Texas

Saturday February 14, 1891

D.F. Rutherford, of near Tipton Chapel, was in town last Saturday and called at the Post Mirror office.

The Post Mirror Pilot Point Texas

Friday August 25, 1893

Bloomfield

Rev. B.F. Sizemore has been carrying on a meeting at Indian Creek, with about 75 conversions and 27 accessions to the church.

Bro. Wm. Crawley organized a church at Mt. Olive, 4 miles west of here with 16 members and after holding a week's meeting, 8 were baptized.

The Post Mirror Pilot Point Texas

Friday February 9, 1894

Tioga, Tex., Feb. 6 – Mr. Till Autry, a young man about nineteen years of age, living about seven miles west of this place, was killed by a saw log rolling off the wagon and mashing him into the earth.

The Post Mirror Pilot Point, Texas

June 15, 1894

A Killing in Cooke County

J.J. Reasor, a prominent citizen of the Baker's store neighborhood, about ten miles north of this place, was shot and killed Sunday evening at his home, by Craig Herndon. From parties who attended the funeral of Mr. Reasor, we learn the circumstances are about as follows:

Herndon some years since had married a stepdaughter of a brother of Reasor in Virginia. They parted and the wife with her children came to Texas and Reasor furnished her with land and a team with which to make a crop. About six weeks ago Herndon also came and the wife was persuaded by Reasor and others to live with Herndon again. After three weeks she said she could not live with him longer. This is supposed to have been the cause of Herndon's enmity towards Reasor whom it is supposed he thought had something to do with his wife's leaving him again. Sunday afternoon Herndon went to Reasor's and after remaining apparently without any intention of evil, suddenly, when Reasor's attention was attracted away, began shooting at him. After emptying his pistol, he reloaded and continued the shooting until he had inflicted eight wounds, leaving his victim dead. Herndon remained in the neighborhood for some hours, said he intended killing his wife and a young man who worked for Reasor and then himself; but failing to find them he mounted a horse and left going west, and as yet has not been caught. The horse was found near Valley

View. Mr. Reazor was a prominent and well-to-do citizen, was for four years justice of the peace and was at the time of his death serving as deputy tax assessor. He was a Mason and was buried by that fraternity, a large number attending the burial from the surrounding lodges.

(NOTE! John J. Reazor was my grandfather. He lived southeast of the Mt. Zion Community and north of the Barron Cemetery. Maybe this was the closest store to his residence. Cass W. Reazor)

The Post Mirror Pilot Point Texas

Friday September 21, 1894

Bloomfield

There was a large audience at the Baptist church Sunday night to witness the ordination of Mr. Matt Kelly.

The presbytery was composed of the following brethren: W.C. West, Eli Witt, J.C. Howe, B.F. Sizemore, Wm. Crawley and the deacons of Union and Indian Creek churches.

Married at Mount Olive on the 16th, Mr. W.D. Wilson of Era and Miss Grace Cooke of Mount Olive, Rev. W.M. Crawley officiating.

Other post offices & post masters in southeastern Cooke County from Jim Wheat's list:

Bloomfield

Robison, David C., 27 Aug 1877

Williams, John A., 8 Jan 1879

Dameron, Wm. B., 29 Dec 1879

Blackburn, Jas., 11 Feb 1884

Bushong, John D., 31 Dec 1885

Bushong, Jacob D., 22 Mar 1886

Blackburn, Rich'd., 16 Dec 1887

Dameron, Wm. B., 11 Sep 1890

Bushong, Jacob D., 20 May 1896

Discontinued 15 Nov 1907;

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Burns

Daniel, Wm. G., 25 July 1884
Nichols, Wm. M., 8 Dec 1884
Nichols, Ed. A., 25 Oct 1887
Miller, Clarence H. 3 Mar 1888
Carter, Hugh R., 12 Nov 1888
West, Wm. C., 26 Aug 1889
Miller, Clarence H., 10 Mar 1892
Murphy, Irene, 23 Aug 1893
Hutchison, Jas. J., 28 Sep 1893
Glasgow, Fred, 9 May 1903
Discontinued 31 Aug 1907;
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Hemming

Pipkin, Wm. J., 7 May 1894
Cude, John, 21 Feb 1895
Newton, Ben R., 26 Sep 1900
Discontinued 15 Jun 1905;
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Mountain Springs

Burch, Jos. R. 24 Feb 1875
Murphy, John W., 8 Dec 1876
Rayzor, Andrew, J. 17 Mar 1879
Mikeal, Isham, 31 Aug 1880
Yeakley, Jas. M., 22 Jan 1883
Scoggin, Jas. P., 6 May 1898

Mikeal, Wyatt, 26 Jly 1898

(failed to qualify)

Yeakley, Melendez M. 2 Nov 1898

(failed to qualify)

Discontinued 16 Jan 1899;

Papers to Burns

(Re-established)

Hodge, Sam'l B., 27 May 1899

McMillan, John 28 Oct 1901 (Declined)

Rayzor, Simeon A., 19 Dec 1901

(failed to qualify)

Yeakley, Melendez M., 17 Feb 1902

Discontinued 15 Oct 1904

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Grayson County Post Offices

Collinsville; November 13, 1872

Tioga; August 29, 1881

Denton County

Pilot Point; 1855.

11th Texas Cavalry

This flag is a variant of the First National pattern. The men who comprised this unit came primarily from Grayson County. The ladies of Sherman and Gainesville each made a side of the flag and the sides were then sewn together. Gainesville had red stars and Sherman had blue stars.

This unit served east of the Mississippi River with Joe Wheeler's Cavalry Corps of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. The 11th Texas Cavalry participated in over 100 battles and skirmishes during its service.



