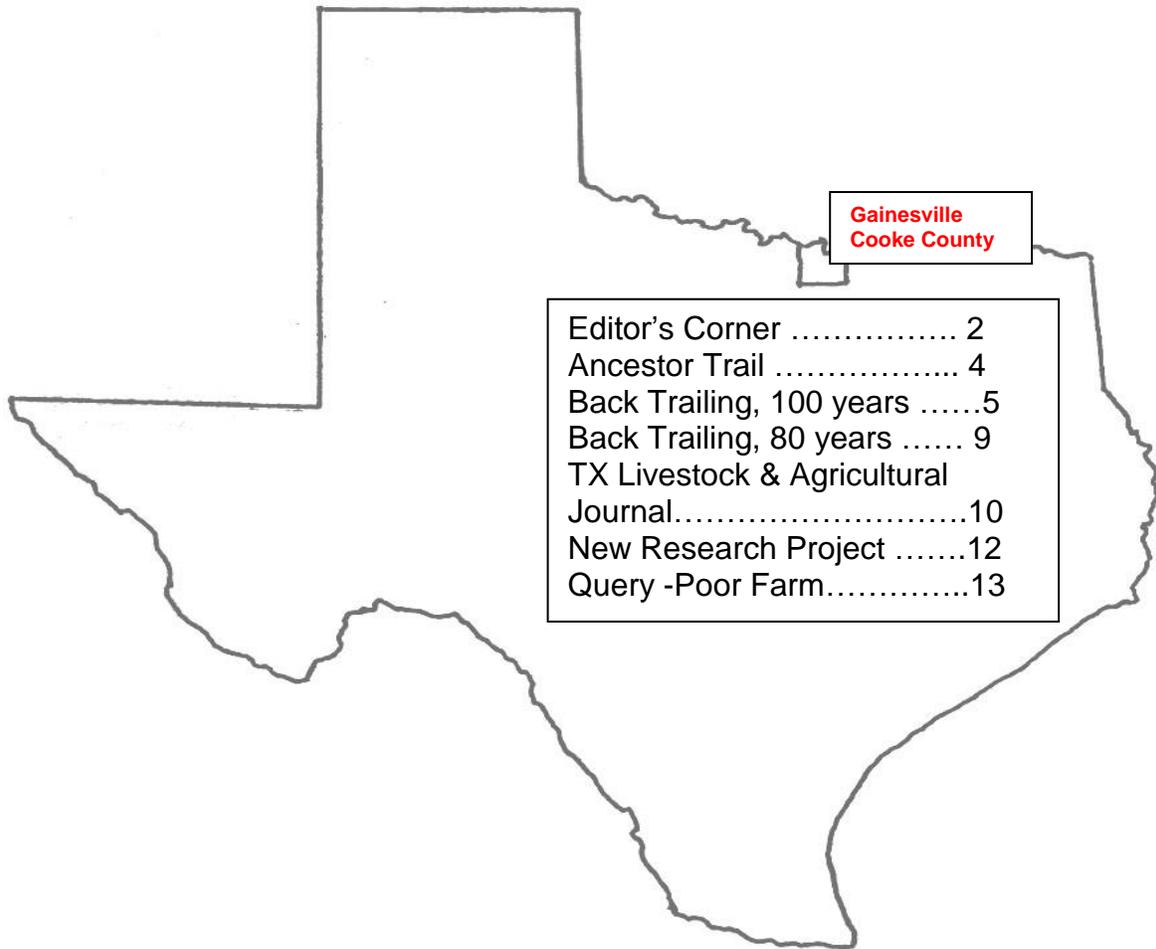


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EDITORS' CORNER

My name is Shana Powell and beginning with this issue I will be taking over as newsletter editor. Thanks to Norman Newton for his help with the transition. I worked for many years at the Morton Museum of Cooke County and I write historical articles for *The Weekly News of Cooke County* so I deeply love history and genealogy.

So, are you dreaming of the 1950s? Have you put on your pedal pushers, dug out the saddle oxfords, revved up the old hot rod, checked out the nearest drive-in movie theater, and listened to Elvis music yet? Speaking of Elvis have you seen the latest movie about him? It certainly will transport a person back to the early days of rock and roll and television in the 1950s. Every genealogist should have the 1950s on their mind as this year saw the release of the 1950 census. You may think that census is too modern to help you with your research,

you may believe that you know everything about your family from that time. But there may be more to the story than what you think.

In my case, I discovered one set of my grandparents were living with my great grandparents; I am not sure why as they owned a home in the same town. One long standing family mystery was resolved when I discovered a young cousin in the census. At the age of 17, he had walked away from his sister's house where he was living to go to the store. No one ever heard from him again. But there in the census, he was shown at an army base in California having enlisted. I subsequently discovered that he fought in the Korean War and lived a long life. So, some questions may be answered for you while other questions may emerge. But that is the fun of genealogy, isn't it? So, happy hunting in the 1950s and go get your blue suede shoes out.

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

Regards, Shana Powell, Editor

Meeting Schedules

Our next few meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, we will meet at the Gainesville History Center, 1703 W. California, Gainesville, Texas for a tour of the facility and a discussion of the services offered there.

Monday, October 3, 2022, we will meet in the Simmons Bank meeting room, Gainesville, Texas. Carol Beck from Denton will be our speaker.

Monday, November 7, 2022, we will meet in the Simmons Bank meeting room, Gainesville, Texas. Jackie Gary from Lake Kiowa will be our speaker.

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.

Regards,
Shana Powell

August Meeting:

A special thank you to Linda Jonas who gave a wonderful presentation on "Discovering Your Ancestors through DNA".

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

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

Church's in Gainesville with Libraries and Archives

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

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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

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First United Methodist Church
214 So. Dixon 940-665-3926
Started 1852

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First Presbyterian Church
401 So. Denton 940-665-5153
Started 1878 Archives

St. Mary's Catholic Church

825 No. Weaver

940-665-5395

Started 1879

BACK TRAILING: 100 Years Ago (January – December 1922)-info from Gainesville newspaper for that year.

Masons Celebrate Year with Program of Speeches, Fasting: January 3, 1922

Gainesville Masons were hosts last night for their families, friends, and several visitors from other towns and cities, entertaining them with some timely discourses, musical numbers and ending the evening's pleasures with a buffet luncheon. More than 400 persons are estimated to have been present on this occasion. J.A. Garland of Paris, deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Bartlett of Waco both of the Royal Arch Grand Chapter in Texas, made addresses that were heartily received and appreciated by the audience that packed the lodge room to capacity. Talks were made by local Masons. Visitors were here from Valley View, St. Jo, Era and other towns. This is a local event with local Masonic bodies.

February 1, 1922: Messrs. Gilpin & Coursey of Wolf Ridge disposed of \$28 worth of raw furs on the local market yesterday. Austin McElreath & Ed Johnson of Fish Creek spent Tuesday in town. George Nislar of the Dye School House community was a Gainesville visitor Tuesday.

March 1, 1922:

1) Local Refinery Starts Boilers This Morning

The Producers Refinery located one-mile north Gainesville, fire its boilers this morning and started the machinery in operation after having been closed for practically one year. The resumption of operations came as surprise to many people, although it had been rumored for several days that the plant was to be operating shortly. The number of employees put to work today nor the approximate number to be employed, could not be ascertained today from officials of the company but the fact that the property is again in operation will relieve the local unemployment situation considerably. The products turned out by this plant will be marketed mainly through the seventy bulk distributing stations of a Cities Service subsidiary in Texas. The Gainesville plant was one of the first of the refineries in the Mid-Continent field to be shut down during the 1921 hard times.

- 2) The Pure Oil Company has abandoned the plans to dismantle its refinery at Ardmore, Oklahoma which was shut down a few weeks ago. Instead of cutting it down, it is planned to resume operations again if the refining conditions become better.
- 3) Miss Horton connected with the extension department of TX A & M College, accompanied by Miss Bolton of Arlington, who will be the new home demonstration agent in Cooke County arrived here today.

Valley View Lad is Painfully Hurt by Mule Dragging Him: April 3, 1922

The son of J.D. Huett, who lives on a farm near Valley View was seriously injured last Saturday when a mule dragged him about the pasture after the youngster had thrown a rope over the

animal's neck in order to lead him to the barn. The mule became frightened and ran tangling the loose end of the rope around the boy's body, in which condition he was thrown to the ground in a helpless condition. He was brought to the local sanitarium where he is reported resting fairly well this afternoon.

First Public Appearance of Ku Klux Klansmen in Robes Occurs Here Sunday Evening:

April 3, 1922

So far as known, the first public appearance of Ku Klux Klansmen in Gainesville occurred Sunday evening when 8 figures garbed in the hood and robe appeared to be that of Klansmen filed silently down the aisle of the First Baptist Church tabernacle and stopped below the altar where Rev. R.L. Powell was engaged in building services, handed him an envelope, for which he thanked them, and then as silently marched from the church, disappearing in two waiting automobiles. The envelope contained \$25 in currency and a communication commending the pastor for the stand he has taken "against the rails which threaten our civilization."

Rev. Powell was said to have stated his regret at having to be absent from the city on next Tuesday night, the date when Col. Camp of Atlanta, Georgia, reputed to be a lecturer of national reputation, will deliver an address here in the principles of the Ku Klux Klan. Rev. Powell said he would have taken pleasure in introducing the speaker. He left here this morning for Decatur, Texas where he will speak before the Decatur College students.

Mrs. Ollie L. Thurman-Lady Chiropractor Has Opened an Office at 208 ½ East California Street and Solicits Your Patronage.: Monday, May 1, 1922.

Patterson's Store Robbed of Much Valuable Clothing: May 2, 1922

J.R.M. Patterson's dry goods store on East California Street was entered by thieves last night and hundreds of dollars' worth of ladies silk dresses, evening gowns, silk hosiery, men's suits, shirts, and other articles were taken. Mr. Patterson does not know to what extent the loss is, as he is not finished checking the items missing.

It is not known whether the store was broken into or the thieves secreted themselves in the building before the store closed yesterday. They broke out a window in the rear of the building through which they escaped. Mr. Patterson has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest of the thieves.

Four-legged Chicken Will be Some Stepper Along 'bout Xmas: Thursday, June 1, 1922

Bud Reeves, Commerce Street grocer is barred from paying attention to flappers because he has a better half at home but as a picker of chickens, he is some doin's. Bud brought to The Register office today a Cornish Game baby chick that will be some Stepper before Santa Claus has come again. This little fowl, brought into the world yesterday along with 10 others of his ilk, has 4 legs, 3 of which are fully developed and the 4th gives promise of some use in scratching up the neighbors' gardens next spring. The chick appears healthy and it is the intention of Mr. Reeves to give the little fellow careful attention, that it might be raised into a freak of nature which will command a good price from some collector of rare specimens.

Big Indian Spuds in Deep Test Well: Wednesday, August 16, 1922 Thousand People Witness the Initial Ceremony on the Davis Farm, 13 miles east Gainesville

About 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening when the machinery was put in motion and the big bit began boring into the earth, causing the vibration to be felt over a wide area, the persons who had gathered on the B.W. Davis farm, one mile east of Callisburg knew that the test well of the Big Indian Oil company had been spudded in.

People from Whitesboro, Gainesville, Woodbine, and many other cities began arriving at the site of the well at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning many of them bringing their lunches and spending the day and when the scheduled time for the spudding in arrived, there were fully 1000 people on the grounds to witness the event.

The people of Whitesboro prepared a big barbecue for the entire crowd and they deserve much credit for their enterprise and hospitality. O.O. Suddeth and R.G. Shelton of Whitesboro had charge of this feature and no detail was omitted that would hinder the success of the occasion. J.J. Kennedy, postmaster of Whitesboro, was toastmaster and introduced as the first speaker C. D. Anderson of Whitesboro.

Mr. Anderson stated that he was well acquainted with the oil men of this part of the country and that he was glad to say that the Big Indian Oil & Development Co. was one of the best organizations in his knowledge and when he heard they were planning to drill in Cooke County, he knew that they meant business. He declared that the spudding of the well was the beginning of the greatest prosperity this and surrounding counties had ever known and that the event would go down as an outstanding feature in the history of Texas.

Mr. Kennedy then introduced Mrs. Irene Hathaway of Gainesville. It was chiefly Mrs. Hathaway's perseverance and sacrifices that the drilling of the well was made possible. Mrs. Hathaway began buying leases in Cooke County several years ago on the strength of geologists reports and since that time she has done much work to persuade a company to drill in that part of the county. Because no company was able to lease enough land in that section to make it attractive to drill, Mrs. Hathaway sacrificed some of the leases which she held in order to insure the culmination of the enterprise.

Gainesville Man Chosen as Officer Kiwanis District: Wednesday, September 6, 1922

Dr. Chas R. Johnson, past president of the Gainesville Kiwanis Club, and one of the most enthusiastic workers of the organization, whose personal efforts have gone a long way in promoting the interests of the local club and making possible the trip of the Boys Band to Galveston, was highly honored by the district convention meeting there this week, when he was elected a lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis district placing him in line for the highest office of governor at a later date. The many friends of Dr. Johnson in Gainesville will be elated to receive this good news and can well congratulate those men who saw to it that he was accorded honor for his unselfish service to the organization.

Ku Klux Klan will Hold Ceremonial at Era: Wednesday, October 11, 1922

Circulars bearing a flaming red cross have attracted considerable attention on the streets of Gainesville today. The circulars which were eventually distributed in the streets at an early hour this morning read as follows: "Ku Klux Klan, Big Ceremony, at Era, Texas, Thursday night, October 12 at 8 o'clock. Public is invited. Good speakers."

Persons who failed to see the big initiation ceremony held by the Klan several miles east of Gainesville a few months ago, will have an opportunity of seeing the Klansmen in their full regalia Thursday night. While it is quite probable that outsiders will not be permitted to go within hearing distance, they will be able to witness the ceremonies.

B.F. Mitchell Buys Commerce Street Bargain House: November 6, 1922

B.F. Mitchell purchased the stock of dry goods owned by J.W. Mitchell this morning for a consideration of \$3075. Mr. Mitchell has been operating the store under the name of the Commerce Street Bargain House.

It has not been learned whether the new owner will take charge of the business or not.

Funeral of M.W. Staniforth Held at Methodist Church: Monday, November 6, 1922

The funeral services for M.W. Staniforth were held at the Denton Street Methodist church at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, Rev. E.V. Cole and Presiding Elder R.G. Mood officiating. The church edifice was filled with sympathizing friends who had come to pay final respects to the memory of the distinguished citizen that answered the final summons last Wednesday morning following a paralytic stroke.

Since announcement of his death became generally known here hundreds of friends of the family went to the Staniforth home to extend their sympathy to the grief-stricken wife and children. This sincere friendship was further exemplified in the gorgeous floral offerings which literally covered the church rostrum and later the mound that marks his final abode.

Knights Templar Masons, dressed in their regulation uniform, and bearing gold swords and a number of Blue Lodge Masons, stood at attention as the casket containing the body was borne from the residence to the hearse. The Blue Lodge Masons preceded the hearse to the church, while the Knights Templar marched on either side. The same line was formed at the church door as the body was taken inside the edifice, and again at the cemetery when it was lowered into the grave. Here the Masons said their ritual over the remains of the departed brother.

Revs. Cole and Mood very touchingly reviewed the life efforts of Mr. Staniforth, each delivering beautiful eulogies. A quartet composed of Mesdames McArdle, Hamilton, and Messrs. Rue and Buckingham added to the impressive solemnity of the occasion by their vocal offerings.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Mrs. Belle Staniforth and the following children: Montague, of Wichita Falls; Sid, of Arizona; Billie and Booster and Mrs. Agnes Thomason of this city, all of whom were present with the exception of the son residing in Arizona, he being unable to come at this time. Others attending the funeral from a distance were Mike Sneed and wife of Hugo, Oklahoma; John Alexander of Denton, Abd Mrs. Montague Staniforth and children of Wichita Falls.

Undertaker Carroll, who had charge of the funeral arrangements, announced the following list of pallbearers:

Active—W.H. Dougherty, D.T. Lacy, Will Ross, Anvil Ross, H.P. Wade, C.O. Turner.

Honorary—Hugh Hamilton, Ed Thompson, Will McKemie, Judge J. H. Garnett, Ewing Thomason, Wood Stonum, Dr. Geo S. Field, Henry Bertram, J.M. Porter, W.O Davis, Dr. C.R. Johnson, H.F. Smith, J.B. Lilly, John Alexander, Dr. H.B. Harrell, Jack Howeth, J.C. Murrell, Dr. R.S. Wilson, R.J. Timmins, Lewis House, Max Hirsch, J. Z. Keel, S.J. Kennerly, S.M. King, J.D.

BACK TRAILING – 80 Years Ago, May – October 1940

Town Topics by A. Morton Smith Wednesday, May 1, 1940, *Gainesville Daily Register*

Registration of births is a matter which should be the concern of the public generally. The reason it should be of the interest to the public is that it affects most every family one time or another. And while we have the law and machinery to provide for effective registration of births, the results are not satisfactory, and public opinion appears to be necessary to provide for universal registration of births.

More and more is a birth certificate necessary to the average individual. One cannot obtain a passport to travel to a foreign country without one. Some business establishments now require birth certificates before they employ individuals. And one cannot obtain social security assistance from our government agencies without such proof of birth.

And if one watched the legal records, he observes more and more proceedings in the probate courts to obtain proof of birth for persons who lack birth certificates.

Dr. H. H. Terry, head of the Gainesville-Cooke County health unit, is vitally interested in this movement. He points out that in each of the 8 justice precincts there is a register of birth certificates. And physicians are required by law to file such certificates within 5 days after the birth of a child.

Nevertheless, the births in Cooke County in 1939 show a decrease of 14 over the previous year. The state health department and Dr. Terry's office interpret these figures as indicating that there is a laxity in birth registrations.

And Dr. Terry's office has further proof, in that the county health nurse, is making post-natal visits to homes, has found a number of cases where babies' births have not been registered.

Therefore, it seems that the best remedy is the insistence of parents that their babies' births are properly registered. The county health unit will be glad to advise anyone interested whether or not his or her child's birth has been properly recorded at the courthouse. And the cooperation of the public in this movement is urged by Dr. Terry and his associates for the best interests of the public and the individuals involved particularly.

Over 300 Attend Barbeque Here: August 3, 1940, *Gainesville Daily Register*

Officials of the Cooke County Fair Association were hosts Thursday night to more than 300 people at a barbeque given for cattlemen and stockmen of the county, at the fairgrounds.

The group enjoyed ample supplies of barbeque and the trimmings and heard members of the Cooke County Home Demonstration Club tell of their achievements for this year.

Following the feed a large group remained for a square dance, given in the fair park

auditorium.

Council Presses Swimming Pool at Tuesday Meeting: September 4, 1940, *Gainesville Daily Register*

Gainesville was virtually assured a new swimming pool in Leonard Park as Mayor Cecil Murphy and Aldermen H.A. Latham, Jr., J.L. Webb, Luther Turner, and Sam Lanius discussed the matter pro and con at a regular city council meeting held in the city hall Tuesday evening.

Mayor Murphy stated that a good pool could be constructed for \$40,000. The Chamber of Commerce has raised \$8500 from revenue bonds and a WPA appropriation is available. An additional amount will have to be obtained if the pool is to cost \$40,000, Murphy stated. Ross P. Reagan, city manager, was advised to write the architect who has consulted with the Chamber of Commerce officials concerning specifications of the pool to meet with the council.

“Congratulations!”: October 4, 1940, *Gainesville Daily Register*

“The 50th anniversary Register was an amazing, unbeatable, unbelievable, achievement in journalism. Never anything like it. To me it is a golden treasury of memories of happy days and the finest people—the Gainesville of long ago. I knew your father and loved him. We shall nit look upon hid like again.” Claude Weaver, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The following information was from an entry that someone made on the Texas State Genealogical Society page. It was a copy of the Texas Livestock and Agricultural Journal published in St. Jo, Texas on January 15, 1892.

Entries about Gainesville and Muenster included the following: **1) Dr. Valerius & Co.** of Watertown, Wisconsin. Importers & Breeders of Percheron, Clydesdale, English Shires and French Coach Horses. Large stock of pure-bred Morgans always on hand. Parties in Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma desiring first class horses should apply to our Texas agent, W.H. Kirkpatrick, Gainesville, Texas. **2) Hird, Maddox & Vaeth,** Successors to Schiff, Sommer & Co., Sellers of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Notions. Located at the Corner of Dixon Street and Broadway in Gainesville, Texas. **3) Waterman & Friedenheit:** Fine imported wines, whiskeys, and cigars, Gainesville, Texas. **4) Pete Delfield:** Boot and Shoe Store in Gainesville, Texas. **5) Whitehead & Co:** Livery and Feed Stable in Gainesville, Texas. **6) Stonum Brothers:** Fine Clothing, Gent’s Furnishing Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, caps, Trunks and Valises, East California Street in Gainesville, Texas. **7) Brice P. Sterrett:** Drugs! No. 300 East California Street

in Gainesville, Texas. **8) New Drug Store!** I am now open at my new store-Prices to suit you in Drugs, Paints, Farm Oils, etc. Mail orders will receive prompt attention. Your visit to my store will be pleasant and profitable. Your friend, Frank C. Garner, Gainesville, Texas.

9) M.D. Vinnedage: Proprietor of the LaClede Hotel in Gainesville, Texas. **10) DeBerry & Grigsby:** Proprietor of Anchor Saloon in Gainesville, Texas. **11) Kildow & Fowler:** Cooke County Marble Works. Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Red Swede, Red & Gray Scotch, Quincy, Barre, Concord and all-American Granites, Italian Statuary, Foreign and American Marbles, Gainesville. **12) Marion E. Gooding:** Registered Pharmacist. Drugs, Druggists' Sundries. 17 El California Street, Gainesville, opposite S. Zacharias. **13) H. Hulen:** Breeder & Importer of Pure Blood Jersey Cattle in Gainesville, Texas. **14) W.B. Fishburn:** Proprietor of Gainesville Steam Dye Works. No. 7 Commerce Street, Gainesville, Texas. **14) Muenster Colony—**The thriving colony of Muenster was started in January 1890 by Messrs. Gunter and Wellesley, and is situated in Cooke County, Texas on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. Through the untiring efforts of the founders, Gunter and Wellesley, aided by their efficient agent, Mr. Henry Richter, the colony has been a success since the start. Muenster is a flourishing town with hotels, dry goods, hardware and other stores, a commodious church under the charge of Father Blum and a fine school taught by the Sisters of Providence, while the surrounding country is being rapidly opened up by farmers. The settlers are Germans from all over the country and extend a cordial welcome to their fellow Germans throughout the U.S. who may desire to better their conditions to come and settle in their midst where with half their present labor they can earn a competency. The soil is equal to any in North Texas and produces corn, wheat, oats, cane, millet, potatoes, fruit and in fact everything that can be grown anywhere else. Land can be purchased in large or small tracts at reasonable prices and on favorable terms. The situation is healthy, the climate salubrious and the soil most productive. Those who have already joined the colony and have been most successful and no better chance is offered in the State of Texas to Germans to acquire a home. **15) P. Stoffels:** Proprietor of Muenster Saloon in Muenster, Texas. **16) Herr Brothers:** General Merchandise, Dry Goods and Groceries in Muenster. **17) Schmitz Grocery Store—**Muenster. **18) Thomas Wolmstzek:** Furniture, Queensware and Notions in Muenster. **19) John Koll:** Postmaster & General Agent in Muenster. **20) Waples, Painter & Co.:** Lumberyard and agent Mr. Weismann will your wants in Muenster.

21) Henry Richter: Agent for Gunter and Wellesley and practical farmer. Can be found at office in Muenster by applying to John Boetner, Muenster Hotel. **22) Shaller & Meier:** Butchers on Main Street in Muenster. **23) Frank Hesse:** Hardware of every description always in stock in Muenster. **24) Casper Dolle:** Carpenter and Builder in Muenster. **25) Dr. Bennett:** Physician and Surgeon in Muenster. **26) Frank Hess:** Boot and Shoemaker in Muenster.

New Research Project

Member Cass Reasor became interested in trying to put together a list of the men from this county who while serving in the military during war time died during their service. From that initial interest the idea then developed of gathering as much information as we could about each of them for a proposed database on the society's webpage. We hope that family members who might have photographs or stories will consider contributing to that project. Here is an example:

Anderson, Travis William

Born: 22 September 1891 in Whitewright, Texas

Died: 31 January 1918 in San Antonio, Texas

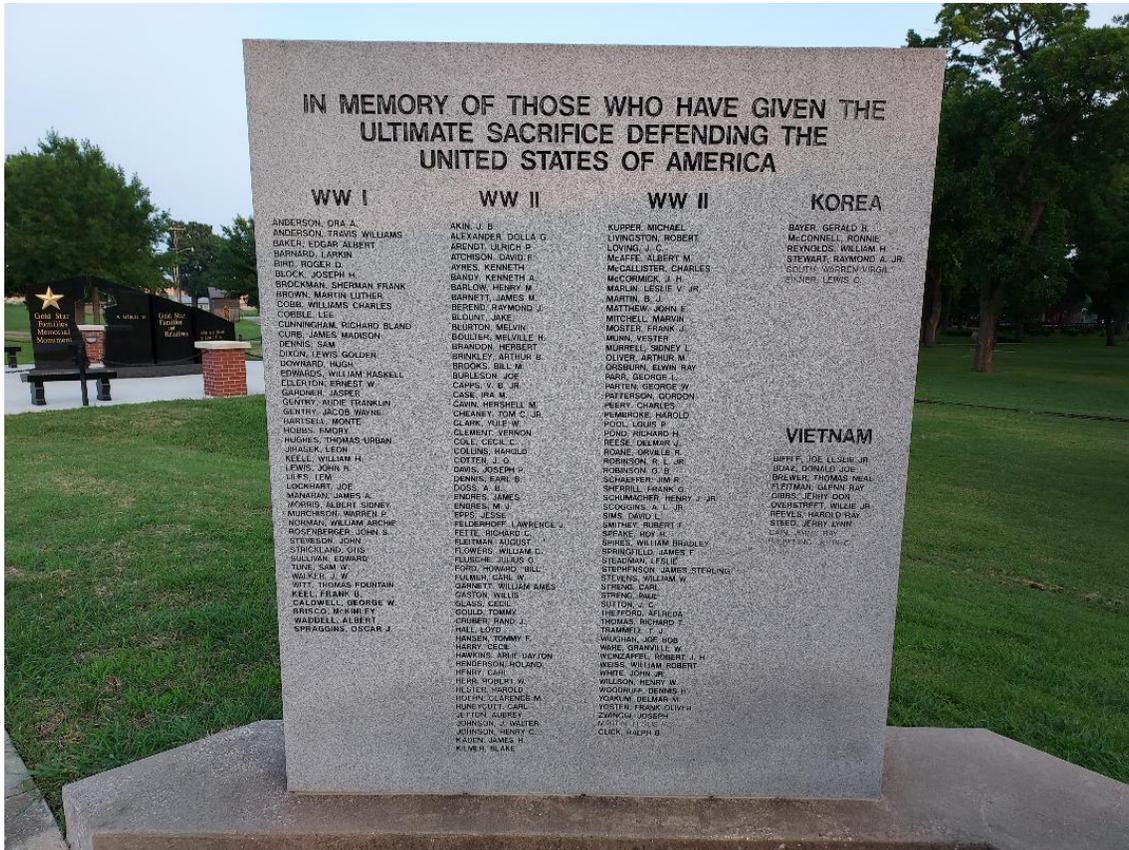
“Travis was Cooke County's first son to lose his life while in training for the Army. He died at Camp Travis, San Antonio January 31, 1918, after an attack of pneumonia. He was born at Whitewright in Grayson County. At the age of 9, he moved with his parents to Cooke County, where they bought a farm 5 miles southwest of Gainesville.

He was a single man. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Earl Jenkins, writing an obituary for Travis in the Gainesville paper at the time, stated he was a most noble man, with exemplary habits, lofty ideals, kind, and generous in all his dealings and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.” This information was taken from his Findagrave.com entry.

Six of the eighty-one men who left Gainesville on September 19, 1917, died during the war including Travis Anderson. The others were Frank Keel of Gainesville, James Madison Curb of Myra, Wayne Jacob Gentry of Muenster, George Washington Caldwell of Valley View, Samuel Richard Dennis of St. Jo.

If you would like to help with this project, please contact one of the officers.



Veterans Memorial at Leonard Park. Photograph taken by Norman Newton.

Query – Cooke County Poor Farm

Matthew Spaeth wants to honor a group of people who had been almost forgotten in Cooke County. The teenager is working on an Eagle Scout Project to preserve the graves of a group of individuals who died while they were residing at the Cooke County Poor Farm. The burials are located at a site on West Highway 82 across from the Texas Dept. of Transportation. There are at least 25 known graves. Matthew has cleaned up the site and is keeping it mowed. He is trying to put together a thorough history of the farm and if possible, a list of the individuals who died there in the hopes of possibly finding descendants of some of those individuals. If you have any information that you could share and that might help Matthew to restore this resting place, please contact one of the officers of the genealogical society and we will get the information to Matthew.

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

