



Collin County Historical Commission
Collin County Courthouse
Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX

Date: 04.25.18
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Adams, Dallas
Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta*
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Catherine Casavant, Treasurer
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Chris Krupa-Downs, Plano
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
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Diane Miller, Melissa*
Kim Peat, Anna
Janice Quick, Film Preservation
Paula Ross, Chair
Jan Samuels, Fairview
Justin Simmons, Plano
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, State Markers
Jane Yancy, Plano
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison

Absent*

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Welcome Guests: Don and Brenda Bourland with Chambersville Cemetery Association and Diana Kyle with the Heritage Association of Frisco.

Public Comments: Thank you, Linda Hess, for supplying dinner.

Welcome to our three newest members of the Collin County Historical Commission: Mary Kay Adams, resident of North Dallas, Collin County, since 1985. Jan Samuels, a resident of Collin County for 50 years and she shared that her mother's family has been in the county since 1841. Finally, Justin Simmons, who has been in Collin County for 20 years and resides in Frisco.

Janice Quick announced the Collin County Genealogy Society will meet Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 at the Haggard Library on Coit. Guest speaker is Kathy Lathen with the Sam Rayburn House and Museum.

CCHC Mission Statement was read by Paula Ross. The Collin County Historical Commission helps preserve and educate on the rich history of this county by:

- Initiating and conducting programs and activities for the preservation of our historical heritage
- Marking, interpreting, preserving and accumulating information on our history and landmarks
- Serving as an umbrella organization for all public and private historical groups in the county, in order to encourage, support and promote these groups' activities

Minutes/Roll Call: Minutes were approved with corrections. Volunteer hours total: 386 hours.

Treasurer's Report/Financials: Of our budget of \$49,900.00, \$16, 698.00 has been spent or encumbered, leaving a balance of \$33,202.00. Catherine reminded us that our fiscal year is October-September. Purchase orders need to be in by the end of July for this fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

Grants: Chambersville Cemetery Association received a grant for marker repair, cleaning and leveling monuments in the amount of \$3000.00. The summary and report were presented by Don Bourland. The board of the association, using conservation, prioritized repair recommendations provided by the Texas Cemetery Restoration, LLC. under the leadership of James (Rusty) Brenner.

Heritage Association of Frisco received a grant to preserve the 1902 Griffin Lo Auction Flyer for \$1000.00. The Summary and report were presented by Diana Kyle. One of the objectives of the project was to professionally conserve the flyer through an intervention process that stabilizes the damage and prevents further inherent deterioration caused by the composition. In order to conserve the document a small room dehumidifier was purchased and installed that controls the humidity in the storage room.

The mandatory grant orientation will be Tuesday, May 7 at 7 PM at the Heard Craig Carriage House. The deadline for grant submissions is 5 PM, on Friday, June 7.

Two more grant presentations are scheduled for the next CCHC meeting in May.

State Markers: Marianne Wells received the rewrite of the Princeton Cemetery narrative and will be reviewing it next week. The Plano Masonic Lodge will not be submitting an application this year. Over 30 years ago they applied for a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark (RTHL) and were denied because the buildings historic integrity was extensively altered during renovations. At the time the Texas Historical Commission (THC) did approve a subject marker for the organization. The lodge, however, wanted the marker attached to the building, not on a pole. Only RTHL's can be attached to a building. The current members have no information on this earlier application or the research that was done. Marianne encouraged them to reapply for a lodge subject marker which was organized in the 1870's.

Reinstallation of the state marker for Routh Cemetery will be April 26. There has been an issue with parking for cemetery visitors. Today the cemetery association president was given a code for the adjacent apartment's security gate which will allow additional parking and should alleviate the parking issue.

County Markers, Marker Book: Kim Peat thanked Paula Ross for her proofing skills and Joy Gough for her preparation of the maps to ready the marker book. After many hours, the book is ready for print.

The Herring-Hogge marker is ready for the dedication ceremony on May 18.

There are two markers ready to be sent to the All Craft Wellman foundry in Ohio. The markers are the Liberty Church, Mantua and the Kelly Community, Anna.

Cemeteries: Cannon Cemetery, Melissa: Diane Miller and Marianne Wells visited Dorothy Aycock who lived on the farm where the cemetery is located from 1951-1962. Dorothy remembers the triple monument for the Cannon children who died before the Civil War. She said that the marker was not standing even then and that there was a barbed wire fence around the cemetery. Marianne did more research on the Cannon family at the Collin and Grayson County court houses and determined the children were buried on their grandfather's headright. The cemetery can't be reached because so many trees have fallen around it and Marianne talked to Lt. McCullough, coordinator of the SCORE (Sheriff's Convicted Offender Re-entry Effort) program about cleaning up the area. Lt. McCullough's department is in the process of gaining access to enter the property from the landowner, which requires a form to be signed. Yesterday, Marianne discovered the property is for sale so her investigation is timely.

Lovell Cemetery, Farmersville: In 2006 the land around this cemetery was sold to Collin College for a future campus. It is near the road and can easily be cleaned up by SCORE. After it is cleaned up, Marianne plans more research to apply for a Historic Texas Cemetery designation so it will be on all the maps. Jane Yancey is going to trace the deeds to see if it was ever mentioned.

Clark Cemetery, Plano: When the land was being developed, the monument for the Lanson Clarks' was moved by the descendants to a cemetery in Frisco. The funeral director at the time thought that there were more burials on the site. Marianne has not been able to find a court order and does not think the remains were moved. Marianne will probably put it on the Atlas, to get it

on maps and leave it at that.

Educational Programs: There is nothing to report at this time.

Communications: There is nothing to report at this time.

Preservation Celebration: The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at Rutledge Haggard's Party Barn, from 9-noon. Guest speaker is Mary Jacobs, author of "Haunted Plano." Entertainment will be the E-Flat Porch Band.

Awards: Twenty-two nominations for all categories have been submitted for awards at Preservation Celebration. Plaques and certificates of appreciation will be presented on April 27 at the awards ceremony.

Tax Abatement: Joy Gough is going through Eric Nishimoto, our county liaison, to see if the judge will approve the submitted clarification for the Historical Property Tax Abatement list. The clarification states that if a property fails the annual inspection for 3 consecutive years, the structure will be removed from the Tax Abatement list and the property owner will need to reapply to be returned to the list, once repairs have been completed.

Historic Assets: The county has updated the map. Donna Jenkins is considering a workshop to teach others how to document an asset.

Film Preservation: Janice Quick contacted Eric Nishimoto, the historical commission's county liaison, to confirm approval for creating a YouTube channel that uses the name "Collin County Historical Commission" and the Collin County logo. The committee met to pick a few digitized videos (and audio oral histories) to upload to the new CCHC YouTube channel, if approved. Committee members are working to obtain copyright permission for the selected videos.

Speaker's Bureau: Janice Quick was contacted by an organization desiring a speaker on a particular topic that is not currently offered on the Speakers Bureau. She will try to find a speaker and then ask if the speaker would like to be added to the Speakers Bureau.

Commission Brochure: The first draft of the brochure was created to highlight the Historical Commission's offerings. The committee is soliciting feedback from CCHC members.

Workshops: Possible topics for future workshops is "dating photos" with Mary Carole Strother from the Collin County Society and Museum in McKinney and one on the steps required to document a historic asset. Work is being done in finding possible dates for the workshops.

Cruise: The next cruise will be this fall, hopefully in September, with plans to visit the Sam Rayburn House and Museum.

Coalition Schedule: *Saturday, July 20, 2019 and Thursday, October 17, 2019.* Both meetings are held at The McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC).

Adjourn: 8:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary