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HERITAGE

2018 Commemorative Program

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October 30, 2018

Dear Family Land Heritage Honorees:

It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome you to Austin for your well-deserved recognition as part of the 43rd Annual Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage ceremony.

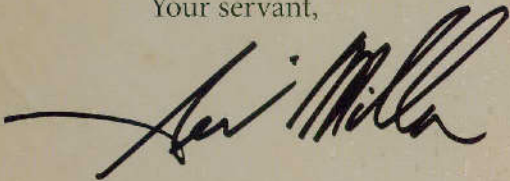
Today, in this historic House Chamber, I am reminded of our ancestors who came to Texas in search of a better life for themselves and their children. They created the foundation upon which generations of Texans have been able to build their dreams. They survived adversity through courage, their ingenuity and grit, and their stories of survival and success make Texas what it is today — a nationwide leader in agriculture, an industry that provides more than \$110 billion to our state's economy.

For more than a century, you and those who came before you, have made agriculture a way of life and, in so doing, have made Texas a state rich in history and productivity.

Congratulations on receiving this momentous designation. I am pleased to add your name to our honor roll of Family Land Heritage recipients. You join an elite group of hardworking Texas men and women who produce the safest, most abundant and most affordable food and fiber in the world.

On behalf of the Texas agriculture industry and the Texas Department of Agriculture, thank you for your tireless contributions. Best wishes to each of you as you continue to nurture the agricultural legacy of Texas with the next chapter of your historic operation.

Your servant,



Sid Miller
Texas Agriculture Commissioner



Family Land Heritage Ceremony



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Bob Tallman

INVOCATION

Werth Mayes
Cowboy Church of Erath County

PLEDGE TO THE FLAGS

Mason Hines and Camille Bell
Texas FFA State Vice Presidents

REMARKS

John Paul Dineen III
Texas Agriculture Memorial Day

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Sid Miller
Texas Commissioner of Agriculture

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Texas Department of Agriculture Quilt Block Competition Winners
Family Land Heritage Honorees

ENTERTAINMENT

Red Steagall

BENEDICTION

Red Steagall

OUR SPEAKERS



COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

An eighth generation Texas farmer and rancher, Sid Miller is the 12th Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture. He has devoted his life to promoting Texas agriculture and rural communities.

Since taking office in January 2015, Commissioner Miller has brought real, common sense reform to the Texas Department of Agriculture. He increased consumer protection in everything from fuel pumps to commercial scales to organic certifications. A former ag teacher and school board member, Commissioner Miller has also led the fight against childhood obesity through nutrition programs for Texas schoolchildren, including Farm Fresh Fridays and other farm-to-school initiatives.

Commissioner Miller is the state's leading advocate around the world for Texas agriculture. He and his staff have visited every continent on the globe representing Texas agriculture and the GO TEXAN marketing program. Commissioner Miller is on a mission to spread the word about Texas' world-renowned agriculture industry and showcase the best Texas has to offer to the world.

Commissioner Miller breeds and trains American Quarter Horses and is a recognized rodeo cowboy with nine world championship titles.

Miller and his wife, Debra, have been married for more than 40 years. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.



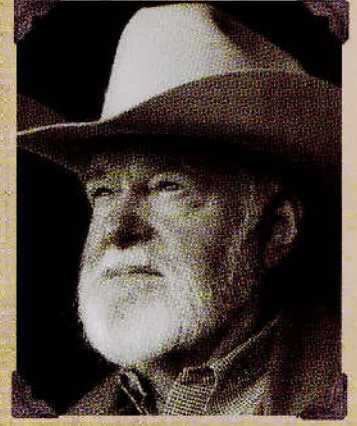
BOB TALLMAN

Bob Tallman is known far and wide for his voice. He uses it to entertain and educate people about rodeo and the Western lifestyle at rodeos across North America and through his agricultural endeavors.

Bob was born and raised in Nevada, lived in California, Montana and Oregon, and while all those places have a special place in his heart, he is now proud to call Texas home. He and his wife, Kristen, live west of Poolville in Parker County where they raise registered Angus cattle and all-natural beef.

Bob has received numerous awards and been inducted into nearly every hall of fame that involves rodeo and being a cowboy. However, all the awards and accolades are not nearly as important as his faith, his family and his friends. He loves children and headlines several fundraisers each year for charities.

Bob is a proud American who is busy with business endeavors day-in and day-out. No matter what, he always makes time for God, family and friends, because in his opinion, "That's the cowboy way."



RED STEAGALL

For more than 40 years, Red Steagall has entertained people around the globe as a recording artist, songwriter, television and motion picture personality, and cowboy poet.

In 1991, the Texas Legislature named Red the Official Cowboy Poet of Texas. By 1994, he launched his one-hour syndicated radio show, "Cowboy Corner," which is now heard in approximately 165 markets across 43 states.

Musically, Red has won eight Wrangler Awards from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. He has also authored four books.

In recognition of Red's significant contribution to the western way of life, he was inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame in October 1999. In 2003, he joined the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum's Hall of Great Westerners. A year later, Red was inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

In 2006, Red was awarded the prestigious Charles Goodnight Award and also was named the Poet Laureate for the State of Texas.

Red's television show, "In the Bunkhouse with Red Steagall," first aired in 2009. His current show, "Red Steagall is Somewhere West of Wall Street," airs nationwide on RFD-TV.

150 Year Honorees





Pecan Trail Farms

ANDERSON COUNTY

1/2 miles south of Henderson County Line on Hwy 19

FOUNDED: 1860

FOUNDER: Sarah Ann Litten Kale

CURRENT OWNER: Darrell Lee Hillhouse

Sarah Ann Litten Kale was born in North Carolina. She traveled to Anderson County where she acquired 400 acres of land from her brother, James Litten, in 1860. She raised cotton and cattle with her husband, Luther Kale, and six children, one of whom was William Henry ("W.H.").

W.H. Kale acquired 200 acres of the original land in 1901. He raised cotton and cattle with his wife, Fannie Jane, and their only child, Ide Mae Kale. W.H. later purchased 100 acres to add to the family's homestead.

In 1961, Marie Irene Schrader Stafford acquired the property after the passing of her grandparents. She married Wayne Stafford and they had two sons: Steven and Randall. They raised hay and cattle.

Darrell Lee Hillhouse acquired 17 acres of the land from his aunt, Marie Irene Schrader Stafford, in 2014. He raised cattle for many years, but now raises hay, pecans, alpacas, and bees with his wife, Kendall.

As told by Darrell Hillhouse, great-great grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

400 acres

PRODUCTION

1860 Cotton and Cattle

2018 Hay, Pecans, Alpacas and Honey Bees



W.H. Kale Estate

ANDERSON COUNTY

1/2 miles south of Henderson County Line on Hwy 19

FOUNDED: 1860

FOUNDER: Sarah Ann Litten Kale

CURRENT OWNER: Mary Fayrene Schrader Hillhouse

Sarah Ann Litten Kale was born in Catawba County, North Carolina. She traveled to Anderson County where she acquired 400 acres from her brother, James Litten, in 1860. Sarah raised cotton and cattle with her husband, Luther Kale, and their six children: Ephriam Monroe, MAS, Nancy Elizabeth, Charles, William Henry ("W.H.") and Mary Margaret.

W.H. Kale acquired title to the land after the passing of his mother in 1901. He continued to raise cotton and cattle with his wife, Fannie Jane, and their only child, Ide Mae Kale. During this time, W.H. purchased an additional 100 acres to add to their homestead.

In 1961, Mary Fayrene Schrader Hillhouse acquired the land after the passing of her grandparents.

She married Alva Clarence Hillhouse and had one child, Darrell Lee Hillhouse. She raised cattle for many years but now raises hay, pecans, alpacas and honey bees.

As told by Darrell Hillhouse, great-great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

400 acres

PRODUCTION

1860 Cotton and Cattle

2018 Hay, Pecans, Alpacas and Honey Bees



Reyes Family Farm and Ranch

ATASCOSA COUNTY

9 miles NW of Poteet

FOUNDED: 1868

FOUNDER: Catarina Garza Riojas

CURRENT OWNERS: Albert Reyes, David Reyes, Victoria Reyes, Louisa Silva, Margie Houghes, Mary Garcia & Dianna Herrera

In 1868, Catarina Garza Riojas purchased 380 acres of the Cruz-Landin land from Luciano Navarro and wife Theodora Carvajal de Navarro. Her and her children's lives revolved around the farm. Catarina willed the land to her grandchildren: Estanislado Jr., Eduardo, Bernardo, Gregoria, Louisa and Maria, who all obtained title in 1935. Eduardo and his older brother, Estanislado, began farming the land in the mid 1930s.

In 1973, Estanislado Jr. sold his portion of the land to Eduardo. Eventually, the rest of the Riojas Reyes siblings also sold their shares of the land to Eduardo and his sons: Albert, Richard and David. Eduardo and his sons maintained the farm for many decades. Both Richard and David answered their draft calls to serve in the Vietnam War but returned to the family farm once they had

completed their services. In 1999, Eduardo retired and the land was passed down to his sons. Albert and David currently operate the land. They raise hay for their livestock and grow a variety of produce, including strawberries, which have won numerous awards at the Poteet Strawberry Festival. Eduardo's son, David Roy, is the only one who still resides on the original land.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

380 acres

PRODUCTION

1868 Beef cattle, Hogs, Horses, Donkeys, Grain, Corn, Hay and Vegetables

2018 Hay, Cattle, Tomatoes, Squash, Watermelons, Strawberries and Cantaloupe



Mahlmann Farm

AUSTIN COUNTY

15 miles NW of Bellville on FM 2502

FOUNDED: 1866

FOUNDER: Ernst Heinrich Mahlmann

CURRENT OWNER: Clarence E. Mahlmann Jr.

In 1857, Ernst and his wife, Elisabeth, left Rehburg, Hanover Germany for America. They first settled in Rehburg, a small community in Washington County, and then resettled in 1866 after purchasing 163 acres in Austin County. Ernst and Elisabeth had six children: Heinrich Willheim, Marie Sophie, George Elterw, William, Joahanna and Henrietta. They raised cotton, corn, milo, and farm animals.

George acquired the farm in 1886. He and wife, Emma, had 12 children: Julia, Ernst, Frieda, Willie, Elisabeth, Mary, George Frieder, Emma, Hermann, Lydia Antonie, Alice and Bennie William. Hermann acquired the farm in 1944, after his father's death. He and his wife, Edna, lived in the original farmhouse and raised four children: Baily Bennie, Norris Rueben, Vivian Lucille and Clarence Edward. Corn, cotton, milo and dairy cows were raised on the farm.

In 1998, Clarence Sr. acquired the farm after the passing of his parents. He and his wife, Ora, had four children: Charles Edward, Sharon Marie, Clarence Jr. and Linda Kay. Cattle and hay were raised on the farm. Clarence Jr. acquired the farm in 2012. He has two sons, Michael Ray and Jonathan Thomas. Hay and cattle continue to be raised on the land today.

As told by Clarence E. Mahlmann Jr., great-great grandson of the founder.



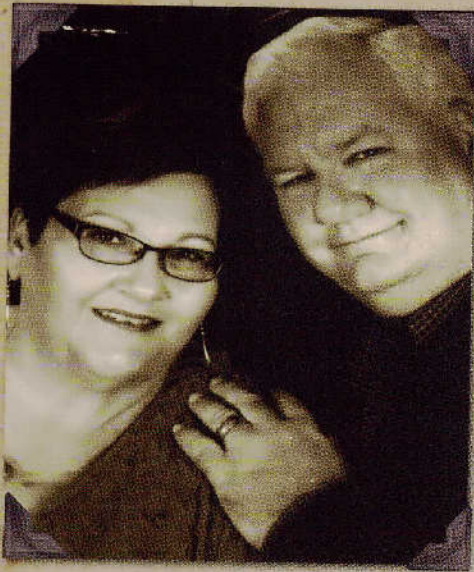
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

163 acres

PRODUCTION

1866 Cotton, Cattle, Horses, Mules, Chickens and Corn

2018 Hay and Beef Cattle



Stanford Ranch

AUSTIN COUNTY

4 miles W of Bellville on Hwy 159

FOUNDED: 1865

FOUNDER: Charles W.A. Ueckert

CURRENT OWNERS: Clayton and Sharon Stanford

Charles W.A. Ueckert acquired 1,040 acres from Jasper N. Daniel and E.E. Daniel in 1865. This land was part of the Four Leagues, No. 11 granted to Stephen F. Austin. Charles and wife, Adela, had seven children and raised livestock, cotton and milo.

In 1884, title to the farm was divided amongst the children. Bertha, daughter of Charles and Adela, acquired 362 acres. Bertha and her husband V.C. had six children. They raised livestock, cotton and milo.

Adela, daughter to V.C. and Bertha, and her husband, Hugo, acquired 100 acres of the land in 1922. Adela and Hugo raised their five children on the farm. They raised livestock, turkeys, chickens, watermelon, milo, corn and timber.

LaVerne, the daughter of Adela and Hugo, and her husband, Fred, acquired 31 acres after her parents deaths in 1974. They had two children and continued to raise livestock and hay on the land.

In 1996, LaVerne and Fred deeded the farm to their daughter, Sharon. Sharon along with her husband, Clayton, continues to raise livestock. They have one son, Clint. The family belongs to the Austin County Farm Bureau Association.

As told by Sharon Stanford, great-great granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

1,040 acres

PRODUCTION

1865 Livestock, Cotton and Milo

2018 Livestock



Omenstad

BOSQUE COUNTY

11 miles W of Clifton

FOUNDED: 1868

FOUNDER: Omen Omenson

CURRENT OWNER: Elaine Bakke Bell

Omen Omenson was born in Skjold Parish, Stavanger, Norway in 1832. In 1855, he immigrated to America with his parents and siblings. They entered the United States through New York and eventually made their way to La Salle County, Illinois. Omen immigrated to Texas while his family settled in Nebraska. He tended sheep for ten years while living off the land in Waco. Norwegian was the only language Omen spoke. He was mustered into the Civil War in 1864, a war he could not understand.

In 1868, he bought 100 acres of land in Bosque County. On the farm he raised oats, barley, wheat, horses, mules, cattle, chickens, donkeys, hay and sugarcane. Omen married Eline in 1869. The couple lived in a small cabin with their seven children. In 1885, a new home was built. Omen and Eline paid passage for 35 Norwegian immigrants to live in Texas.

After Omen's death, the land was passed down from generation to generation. By the time he died he had accumulated 1,800 acres of land, owned seven houses and had given each daughter \$1,000 in dowries. Elaine, great-granddaughter of the founder, currently owns the farm. Today, cows and hay are raised on the land.

As told by Elaine Bakke Bell, great-granddaughter of the founder.



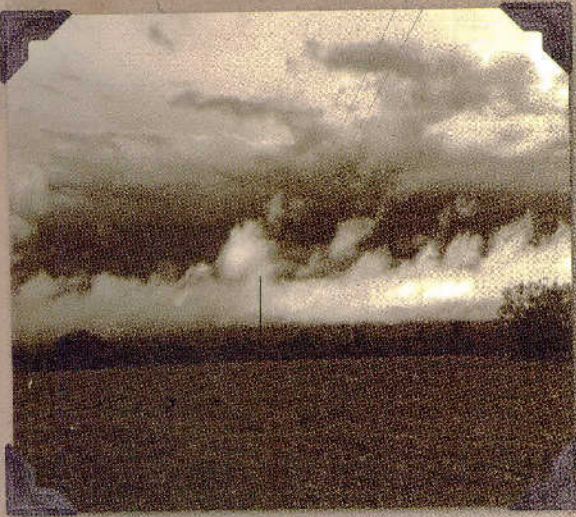
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

100 acres

PRODUCTION

1868 Oats, Barley, Wheat, Horses, Mules, Cattle, Chickens, Donkeys, Hay and Sugarcane

2018 Hay crops, K-R, Native Grasses, Bermuda and Cattle



Brownsboro Ranch

CALDWELL COUNTY

9 miles S on FM 1322 off Hwy 20

FOUNDED: 1850

FOUNDERS: Holloway and Martha Ellison

CURRENT OWNERS: Robert Eugene Brown III, Robert Eugene Brown IV, and Reginald William Brown

Holloway Ellison was born in Alabama in the early 1800s. He moved to Caldwell County, Texas. He married Martha Roberts in the late 1840s. They had thirteen children including Eugenia Ellison.

Tyre Harris Brown, born in North Carolina, moved his wife Lydra to Tulip Ridge, Arkansas. In the late 1860s they moved to Caldwell County and settled in what is now the Brownsboro Community. With three sons, including Robert Adkins Brown. Robert married Eugenia Ellison On November 1, 1871. They had 11 children including Robert Eugene Brown, named after his father and mother. They lived on the Ellison farm, which his wife Eugenia inherited most of. They raised cotton, corn and livestock.

Robert Adkins Brown had 650 acres when he died in 1909. Robert Eugene Brown inherited and bought acres from his siblings for a total of 1000 acres where he

continued to raise cotton, corn and livestock.

This land was inherited by his only child Robert E. Brown Jr., who continued to raise cotton, corn, milo and livestock. He had only one child; Robert E. Brown III who inherited the 1,000 acres at his death on April 13, 1994. Today Robert E. Brown III and two sons, Robert E. Brown IV and Reginald W. Brown, operate a commercial cattle ranch and produce hay.

As told by Robert E. Brown III, great-great grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

380 acres

PRODUCTION

1850 Cotton, Corn and Cattle

2018 Beef Cattle and Hay



Quinten Lowell Jackson Sr. Ranch

CHAMBERS COUNTY

15 miles S of Anahuac on FM 1985

FOUNDED: 1868

FOUNDER: John H. Jackson

CURRENT OWNERS: Clay and Karla Jackson Dean

John H. Jackson was a descendent of Humphrey Jackson who originated from Ireland and came to Texas in 1823 with Stephen F. Austin's original 300. Upon the death of his parents, Hugh and Sophie, John, age four, moved to Double Bayou, Texas to live with his Aunt Letitia. As a merchant, he saved enough to accumulate over 30,000 acres of land in Chambers County. He became one of the largest landholders and ranchers in southeast Texas.

In 1934 he died, leaving approximately 20,000 acres of land to his nephew Solomon Barrow. Approximately 10,000 acres were left to his three boys, one being the current owner's grandfather, Arthur A. The Jackson Ranch then became The Jackson Brothers Ranch. Arthur acquired 5,306 acres, raised cattle and farmed. In 1953 he left 884 acres to Quinten,

who continued to ranch, breed cattle and horses, and improve pasture land for grazing and hay production.

Upon Quinten's death in 1995, his acreage was partitioned for better management and business purposes. It is currently in production and managed by his daughter Karla Jackson Dean.

As told by Karla Jackson Dean, great granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

12,000 acres

PRODUCTION

1868 Cattle, Bahia, Rice, Corn, Sorghum, and Hay

2018 Cattle, Jiggs Bermuda, Winter Rye Grass and Rice



ACL Fischer Ranch

COMAL COUNTY

1/2 mile E of Fischer on Fischer Store Road

FOUNDED: 1854

FOUNDER: Otto Fischer

CURRENT OWNERS: Carol Fischer Asher and Thomas Asher

Otto Fischer came to Texas from Germany in 1852. He married Adolfine and raised four sons. Over the years he added properties to his original land for a total of 1,600 acres at his death. Otto was a noted horse breeder of trotting and racing stock. He was known as the "Stock Fischer". His property was passed to his surviving sons, Rudolf and Waldemar. Rudolf and his wife, Elfrieda continued to raise livestock and farm the fields. The land was then passed to their four children. Walter, son of Rudolf and Elfrieda, and his wife, Ella, raised cattle and Angora goats.

In 1974, Fischer Ranch received Texas Family Land Heritage recognition for 100 years of agriculture production. In 2017, the Otto Fischer Homestead was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the United

States Department of Interior. A log home that was built in 1857 still stands on the land today and has the original cedar logs, caliche and hay.

Carol, daughter to Walter and Ella, and her husband, Thomas, continue to carry on the Fischer family's heritage by farming the fields, raising sheep, restoring pasture, and living in the family home built by Otto

As told by Carol Fischer Asher, great-granddaughter of the founder.

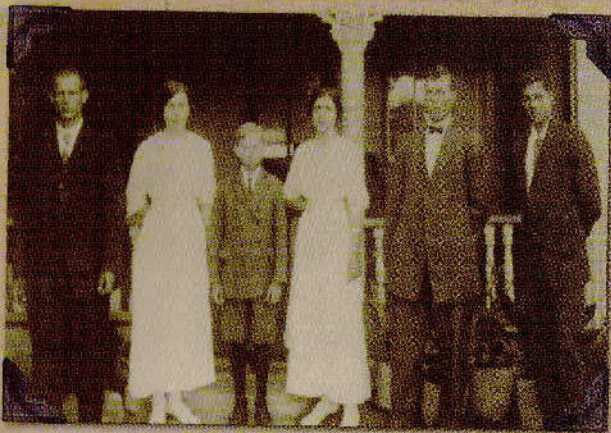
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

89 acres

PRODUCTION

1854 Horses, Cattle and Grain

2018 Sheep, Oats and Hay



Schaeferkoeter Ranch

COMAL COUNTY

23 miles NW of New Braunfels at U.S. Hwy 281 & FM 306

FOUNDED: 1862

FOUNDERS: Friedrich Wilhelm Schaeferkoeter

CURRENT OWNER: Kenneth Schaeferkoeter

The Friedrich and Wilhelmina Schaeferkoeter family traveled from Westphalia, Germany to Indianola, Texas aboard the *Creole* in 1852 and rode by wagon train to New Braunfels. Once there, they traveled northwest to the Hill Country and built a two-room log cabin, and became a founding family of Spring Branch. In 1862, Friedrich obtained a 320 acre land scrip from the State of Texas. On the land they raised cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, feed crops, cotton, large gardens and orchards.

In 1901, Friedrich's son Wilhelm obtained the deed. He was married to Elisa and they had eight children: Melitta, Richard, Emma, Monroe, Harry, Ida, Fred and Thekla. Wilhelm co-owned a butcher shop in Blanco, a blacksmith shop in Twin Sisters. He hauled freight for merchants in Blanco, Twin Sisters and Fischer. They continued to raise livestock and crops. Wilhelm's

son Fred acquired title to the land in 1917. He married Florence and they had two sons, Ralph and Arnold. Ralph was married to Irene and acquired the land in 1960. They had one son, Kenneth. Kenneth received the deed to the homestead in 1983. He lives on the ranch along with his children, Chad and Stacie, and their families. Currently, the seventh generation of Schaeferkoeters resides in the original homestead.

As told by Chad Schaeferkoeter, great-great-great grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

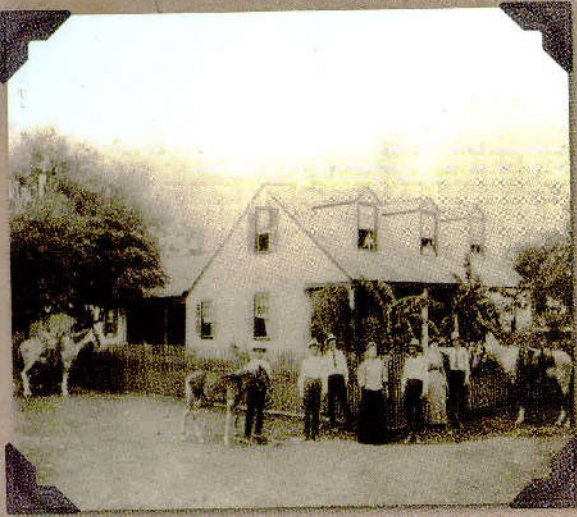
320 acres

PRODUCTION

1862 Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Hogs,

Feed crops, Cotton, Gardens and Orchards

2018 Cattle and Coastal Grass



Duderstadt-Bettge Ranch, D.B.A. 6D Cattle

DEWITT COUNTY

15 miles SW of Cuero on U.S. Hwy 183

FOUNDED: 1855

FOUNDER: Frederick Duderstadt

CURRENT OWNERS: Richard and Catherine Bettge

Shortly after arriving in Texas from Lutgenrode, Germany Friedrich Duderstadt Americanized his name to Frederick. As an enterprising immigrant, he purchased 258 acres of land upon which he built a gristmill, castor bean oil press, cotton gin and cotton press. He was a teamster during the Civil War and acquired approximately 1,000 acres in his lifetime.

In 1880, Albert, son of Frederick, and his wife, Caroline, built a two-story house that still stands on the land. In 1884, Albert purchased 393 acres from Frederick which was passed to his son, Alois, and granddaughter, Ruth. Albert, in addition to raising and fattening cattle, was a butcher and horse trainer. He started using the bar 6D brand which is now used by the current owner but without the bar.

Richard married Frieda and they had one daughter, Ruth. Ruth acquired the land in 1947. She and her husband, Chester, operated a dairy for 20 years. When Chester died, the land was passed to their children, Richard and Hazel. The land is currently owned and operated by Richard and his wife, Catherine, as 6D Cattle, raising hay and cattle. They have two daughters, Lisa and Angie, and four grandchildren.

As told by Richard Bettge, great-grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

258 acres

PRODUCTION

1855 Corn, Cotton, Castor Beans, Ribbon Cane, Potatoes, Cattle Horses and Sheep
2018 Hay, Oats, Native Rangeland and Pasture Land



Stanley Farm

FRANKLIN COUNTY

1/2 mile west of Hwy 37 and 1/2 mile north of FM 71

FOUNDED: 1860

FOUNDER: John Stanley

CURRENT OWNER: Gerald Stanley

In 1860, John Stanley moved his wife, Mary, and his 10 children from Mississippi to Franklin County. He purchased the 240-acre J.A. Wimble Survey, below Ringo's Ferry, south of Sulphur River. The family grew cotton and acquired more acreage throughout the years. Following John's death in 1874, his unmarried daughter, Elmina, was deeded 57 acres of the land. Cotton farming continued on her land by twin brothers, Marion and Isaac. Later, Elmina lived with Marion's son, Sam. In 1918, Elmina died, leaving her land to Sam and wife, Addie.

Addie and Sam grew cotton, cucumbers, sold chickens and dairy products. They farmed a low-lying creek land to grow cane. Sam was well known for cane milling and his ability to process cane juice into syrup. In 1953, Sam and Addie borrowed \$1,170 to construct a

new house. In 1959, with Sam's health failing, Addie and Sam deeded their 57 acres to their son, Gerald, who was able to assume their loan, pay back-taxes and make improvements to the farm.

Gerald saw potential in ranching so through the 1960s he cleared land for pastures and began raising Hereford cattle. He added to his 57 acres, purchasing parcels of original John Stanley farmland. Gerald now owns 140 acres. Cattle continues to be raised on the farm.

As told by John A. Stanley, great-great grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

240 acres

PRODUCTION

1860 Cotton
2018 Cattle



The Beard Farm

HOUSTON COUNTY

10 miles W of Grapeland on FM 2544

FOUNDED: 1850

FOUNDER: Dr. Francis Lewis Meriwether

CURRENT OWNERS: Peggy Beard Dworsky

Dr. Francis Lewis Meriwether was born in 1804 in South Carolina. Dr. Meriwether traveled with his wife, Ethalinda to Texas in 1845 and purchased approximately 2,000 acres in Houston County. In 1850 he had a house built and raised four children. The land was cleared for raising cotton, corn, milo and livestock.

Dr. Francis Meriwether died in 1888. His son, Frank Meriwether continued to live on the farm and raised cotton, corn, and livestock. Frank had three children that he raised on the farm, and after he died his two daughters acquired the land. One daughter, Jessie Irene Meriwether Eaves, remained on the farm, married and continued to raise corn and livestock.

The Eaves had one child named Julia Lee Eaves. In 1924, Julia married James Oscar Beard of Houston County. They had five children: Henry Arnold Beard, Frank Beard, Jane Hopson, Curtis Beard, and Ray Beard. Jessie died

in 1955 and Julia acquired what was left of the farm, which was 428 acres, known as The Beard Farm. Only corn was raised to feed livestock.

The oldest son, Henry Arnold Beard and his wife, Eva Abshire Beard, acquired 107 acres in 1973 and continued to raise cattle. They had three daughters: Susan Abshire, Barbara Irving and Peggy Dworsky. Peggy Beard Dworsky, the youngest daughter, and her husband David Dworsky, continue to operate a small cattle operation.

*As told by Peggy Beard Dworsky
great-great-great granddaughter of
the founder.*



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

2,000 acres

PRODUCTION

1850 Livestock, Cotton, Milo and
Corn

2018 Cattle



El Colorado

JIM HOGG COUNTY

35 miles from Rio Grande City on FM 649

FOUNDED: 1866

FOUNDER: Jose Gregorio Gomez

CURRENT OWNERS: Graciela G. Trujillo, Manuel David Garcia, Sandra G. Figueroa, Rose Osvelia G. Rankin, Luis Francisco Garcia, Armando Garcia, Edna Garcia, Maria Leonor G. Medellin

Born in Mier, Tamaulipas, Mexico, Gregorio Gomez and his family crossed the Rio Grande River from Mier into El Colorado, known as such not for the color of soil but for the color of the cattle, which is now known as Guerra, Texas. In 1866, he acquired 480 acres where he and his wife, Eugenia de la Garza Gonzalez Gomez, raised their children, cattle and goats. They also farmed corn, beans and squash. After Gregorio's death, his son Teofilo inherited some of the land where he continued to raise cattle and goats and continued to farm.

After Teofilo's death his daughter, Rosa Garcia, inherited 11 acres in 1935. They continued with cattle and small livestock. In 1979, David, the youngest son of Rosa, was given the 11 acres through a quitclaim deed in addition to the 27 acres he purchased from his uncles in 1947.

After David's death in 2000, his wife Osvelia acquired the land and her two sons continued to raise cattle. When Osvelia passed in 2008, the land was then inherited by her eight children. Presently, all three sons are still raising cattle and small livestock.

*As told by Diana Dubelza M.
Garcia and Manuel David Garcia,
great-great grandson of the
founder.*



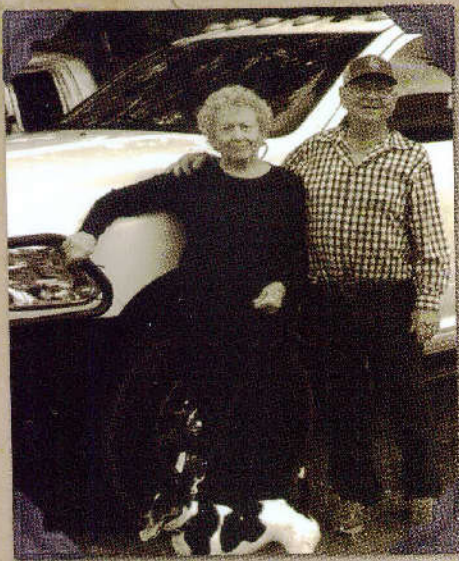
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

480 acres

PRODUCTION

1866 Cattle, Goats, Corn, Beans
and Squash

2018 Cattle and Small Livestock



Jim Moore Ranch

LLANO COUNTY

10 miles E of Llano on Hwy 71

FOUNDED: 1862

FOUNDER: Luke A. Moore

CURRENT OWNERS: Jim and Bobbie Jean Moore

In the early 1850s, Luke A. Moore left Missouri for Texas and did not arrive in Llano County until the mid 1850s. He acquired acreage deeded from the State of Texas for 160 acres, which still remains as the original homestead today. At the age of 34, Luke served with the Texas Rangers. As a rancher, he raised cattle, hogs, and horses. Luke was known for his cattle drives to Abilene.

Luke passed away on December 7, 1919 at the age of 89. His surviving family included his widow, 18 children, 73 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. His son, Euel, acquired title to the land in 1938. Euel and his wife, Rina, raised four children on the ranch: Myron, Bernice, Marjorie, and Jim. Euel was the Llano County Commissioner for 18 years while

also actively ranching, raising cattle and hogs.

Euel's son, Jim, acquired title in 1976 and today actively raises commercial cattle. Jim was named Cowboy of the Year in 2014.

As told by Vicki Moore, great-granddaughter of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

160 acres

PRODUCTION

1862 Cattle, Hogs and Horses

2018 Cattle



Triple T Ranch

MADISON COUNTY

7 miles N of Madisonville on Hwy 75 N

FOUNDED: 1868

FOUNDER: Constant R. Hall

CURRENT OWNERS: Alan and Diane Tinsley

Constant R. Hall acquired 640 acres 1848. That deed, signed by Anson Jones, is in the possession of Alan L. Tinsley. Jesse D. Tinsley purchased the land in 1868, moved his family to the property that same year, and began farming and ranching activities raising primarily cattle, cotton and corn.

Jesse D. Tinsley died in 1890. James F. Tinsley eventually sold 40 of the 140 acres. While he owned his share of the property, he started the first cotton gin in Madison County. In the 30s, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow crossed the property where they sawed off a shotgun. James F. Tinsley's five children inherited undivided interests in the property owned. Elizabeth Hensarling and Glynn S. Tinsley purchased the interests of their three siblings.

Elizabeth Hensarling sold her interest to Alan L. Tinsley, her nephew, in 1992. In 2010, Alan reacquired approximately 160 acres of the original 640 acres from a third party. He also inherited his father's interest in the property. Alan and his wife, Diane, own approximately 250 acres of the 640 acres and operate a cow/calf operation on the property.

As told by Alan L. Tinsley, the great-grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

240 acres

PRODUCTION

1868 Cotton

2018 Cattle



Justiss Ranch

MORRIS COUNTY

7 miles NW of Daingerfield on FM 144, N of Hwy 49

FOUNDED: 1868

FOUNDER: John Williford Justiss

CURRENT OWNERS: Shelia Justiss and Madron
Justiss Hartley

John W. Justiss, born in 1829 in Georgia, made his way to Texas via the California gold rush. In 1868, he bought 146 acres. On this land he and wife Rachel C. Yancey reared five children. He had a wagon repair shop and raised corn, sugar cane, sheep and cattle.

Joe Justiss, the fifth child, acquired the land in 1928. He added acres to this land and raised sweet potatoes, cotton, corn, melons, sugar cane and cattle. He and wife Willie had 12 children.

Adron Justiss, the sixth son, purchased his siblings' share of the land in 1961, and paid it off when he was 86 years old. He was a Pioneer Polled Hereford Breeder, and registered his first animals in 1936. He and wife Mae Copeland of Georgia raised two daughters and were active in the Northeast Texas Hereford Association. They sold the original 146 acres to daughter Sheila and her husband in 1985 and they continued raising cattle on it.

In 2010, Sheila Justiss deeded the original 146 acres back into the larger family operation, Justiss Ranch, LLP, when she and Madron Justiss Hartley became heirs and general partners of the ranch. The two sisters have continued running the cattle operation selling bulls and replacement heifers each year to buyers in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Colorado.

*As told by Madron Justiss Hartley,
great-granddaughter of the founder.*

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

146 acres

PRODUCTION

1868 Corn, Sugar Cane, Sheep
and Cattle

2018 Registered Cattle

ABOUT THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Each year, applications will be accepted to nominate honorees to the agriculture memorial through three categories: memorial, honor and memorial service.

The memorial category honors men and women who have lost their lives while engaged in agricultural-related pursuits such as working livestock, transporting agricultural goods or operating machinery.

The honor category recognizes those who

have had a severe debilitating accident while engaged in agricultural-related pursuits.

Those who passed away due to natural causes or in a non-agricultural accident but had an active role in an agricultural operation will be honored in the memorial service category.

Future plans include an interactive kiosk in the Agricultural Museum in the Texas State Capitol. The kiosk will allow visitors to search for honorees, read about their contributions to Texas agriculture, as well as nominate a new honoree. The kiosk will also include accident prevention and safety education provided by The Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention, and Education at the University of Texas in Tyler.

100 Year Honorees





Brast Ranch

AUSTIN COUNTY

6.6 miles E of Bellville on FM 529

FOUNDED: 1902

FOUNDER: Hugo Hagen

CURRENT OWNER: David Brast

Hugo Hagen and his sister, Alvina, were born in Rostock, Germany. Their mother, Dortha Teal Hagen Larson and stepfather Ulof Larson, traveled by ship to the United States in the early 1880s to escape the poor economic conditions in Germany. In 1883, Dortha and Ulof acquired land in Bellville. They built the home where Hugo and his siblings were brought up, raised cattle and grew most of their own food.

Later in life, Hugo married Emma Hoff Hagen. In 1902, Hugo purchased 130 acres of land from Charlie Ueckert. Hugo and his wife had three children: Gardner, Lenora and Charlie. They continued to raise livestock.

After Hugo and Emma died in 1962, the land was split between

the children. In 1968, Lenora left her share of the land to her children William E. Brast and Dottie Brast Finch.

In October 2003, William Brast divided his land between his three children: Janet, Randy and David. David Brast acquired 25 acres on which he built his current home. He, his wife and son still live there today and continue to raise livestock.

As told by David Brast great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

130 acres

PRODUCTION

1902 Livestock and Hay

2018 Cattle and Hay



Doernbraack Farm

AUSTIN COUNTY

9 miles NW of Sealy on FM 2187

FOUNDED: 1885

FOUNDER: Wilhelm Doernbraack

CURRENT OWNERS: Charles Lawrence Abel, Delores Abel Fojt, William Travis Abel, and Joy Abel Mahaffey

Wilhelm Doernbraack was born in Warbende, Germany and traveled to the United States. In 1885, he acquired 160 acres. With his wife, Anna, he raised livestock and farmed the land. They raised three daughters: Annie, Emma and Minnie. Annie and her husband, Charles, acquired the land from her parents in 1908. They raised three children: Zadie, Lee and Lillie May. They raised livestock, corn and cotton.

In the 1930s, during the warm seasons, the surrounding neighbors would gather on the farm for an event they called Butcher Club. A calf would be butchered to provide food for the families in the community, due to the lack of cold storage. Every week a different neighbor would donate the calf.

Lillie acquired the farm in 1966. She and her husband, Leonard, raised cattle, hogs, mules, horses, sheep, cotton, corn and hay. Iron

ore was harvested off the land. They raised four children on the farm: Charles, Delores, William and Joy. They were one of the first in the community to win an electric refrigerator from San Bernard Electric Coop at the annual meeting in 1942. In 2018, the land was acquired by Lillie and Leonard's children. Cattle is raised on the land today.

As told by Patti Abel Sebesta, great-great granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

160 acres

PRODUCTION

1885 Cattle

2018 Cattle



H & P Property

AUSTIN COUNTY

6 miles E of Bellville on FM 529

FOUNDED: 1902

FOUNDER: Hugo Hagen

CURRENT OWNER: Emily Pfeffer

Hugo Hagen was born in 1874 in Rovershagen, Germany. He came to America as a child with his mother, a widow, and his sister. He settled in Austin County. Hugo married Emma Hoff in 1900. In 1902, he acquired 133 acres from Charlie Ueckert.

On this land they raised hay and cattle. He and Emma had three children: Lenora, Charlie and Gardner. After Hugo's death in 1933, Emma was left to raise her children alone. She inherited the property and continued to use the land to raise hay and cattle.

Gardner married Clara Stannitz in 1933. They had four children: Billy, Bobby, James and Emily. Gardner died in 1959 preceding his mother's death in 1961. This resulted in the property being

directly inherited by Gardner's children. Each child inherited 28 acres. These children are the present owners of the property. They continue to raise cattle on the land.

As told by Emily Pfeffer and Billy Hagen, grandchildren of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

133 acres

PRODUCTION

1902 Cattle

2018 Cattle



Hagen Ranch

AUSTIN COUNTY

6.5 miles east of Bellville on FM 529

FOUNDED: 1902

FOUNDER: Hugo Hagen

CURRENT OWNER: Billy R. Hagen

Hugo Hagen was born in 1874 in Rovershagen, Germany. He came to America as a child with his mother, a widow, and his sister. He settled in Austin County. Hugo married Emma Hoff in 1900. In 1902, he acquired 133 acres from Charlie Ueckert.

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As told by Billy Hagen and Emily Pfeffer, the grandchildren of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

133 acres

PRODUCTION

1902 Cattle

2018 Cattle



Rafter S Ranch

AUSTIN COUNTY

5 miles N of Sealy on Grubbs Road

FOUNDED: 1903

FOUNDER: Charles Hoff

CURRENT OWNER: James A. Schroeder

Charles Hoff was born in Mecklenburg, Germany in 1859. He came to America in 1870 with his mother and stepfather, Henry Schmidt. They settled in the New Ulm Community in Austin County. In 1885, Charles married Anna Pursche. Anna was born in Saxony, Germany and came to America at the age of 16. Charles later became an American citizen in 1886.

He and Anna lived in the Peters-Hacienda community of Sealy most of their lives, farming in the Mill Creek bottom. They had eight children: Ella, Annie, Alma, Dora, Henry, Gertude, Charles and Willie. In 1953, Dora acquired the land. It was then passed down to Birdie Schroeder, Dora's daughter, in 1967.

James acquired the land from his mother, Birdie, when she divided it between her four children in 1986. He has contributed to the family business of cotton and cattle ranching. A cotton gin is still on the property today. James has two children, who have both been active in continuing the family cattle business by raising cattle and producing hay.

*As told by James A. Schroeder
great-grandson of the founder.*



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

167 acres

PRODUCTION

1903 Cattle and Hay

2018 Cattle and Hay



Fisher Sisters Ranch

BANDERA COUNTY

6.5 miles NW of Utopia on Lemond Road

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: W.H. Fisher and Sterling

Fisher

CURRENT OWNERS: Diane F. Causey, Joan F.

W.H. Fisher and son, Sterling, acquired 615 acres of land in 1918. This added on to property W.H. and his wife, Mattie, previously purchased in 1906.

The father-son duo ran a Hill Country ranching operation complete with cattle, sheep, goats and a fine line of quarter horses. In 1954, Sterling's son, Billy, acquired the land. He continued to keep the ranch afloat despite the harsh times of the 1950s drought.

In 1981, Billy passed down the land to his children: Diane, Joan, Kathleen, Betty and Billy. Diane, Joan, Kathleen and Betty learned how to work the ranch at an early age and fought screwworms that affected the livestock. Predators took a toll on the sheep and goat production, so today the ranch is home to a set of black cows and two

cabins which are available for rent by tourists who love gorgeous and peaceful surroundings. The fifth and sixth generations of Fishers now enjoy hiking, camping and exploring on the ranch regularly.

*As told by Diane Fisher Causey,
granddaughter and great-
granddaughter of the
founders.*



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

615 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Cattle, Goats, Sheep and
Quarter Horses

2018 Cattle



Schultz-Knesek Family Farm

BURLESON COUNTY

6 miles west of Lyons on FM 60

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDER: Henry Schultz

CURRENT OWNERS: Kenneth E. Knesek, Timothy A. Knesek and Susan L. Knesek

Henry's parents, Christian and Frederika, migrated to Texas from Kuhlhausen Providence, Prussia, Germany in 1867. He was born in the Birch community of Burleson County. Henry acquired a 134 acre farm from J.B. Matcek in 1918. He and his wife, Frances, grew cattle, hay, cotton and corn on the farm. Henry and Frances had two children: Henry "Burl" Jr. and Louise.

In 1956, Henry and Frances sold the farm to Willie and Annie Kubelka. Willie and Annie continued ranching and farming practices. They had five children: Mary Jane, Stanley, Bernadette, Martha and Eugene, which they raised on the land. The children held ownership of the property from 1990 through 2002 until it was sold to the current owners, Kenneth and Timothy.

Kenneth and Timothy, and Timothy's wife, Susan, currently operate the farm as a cattle ranch. They grow hay, grasses and winter forages to supplement their ongoing cattle operation.

As told by Kenneth and Timothy Knesek, great-great-nephews of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

134 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Cattle, Hay, Cotton and Corn

2018 Cattle and Hay



Proffitt Farm & Ranch

BURNET COUNTY

4 miles E of U.S. 281 on RM 2147 E

FOUNDED: 1891

FOUNDER: David Proffitt

CURRENT OWNER: Nita Ruth Proffitt

David Proffitt was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1832. David and his family left Tennessee in 1875, traveling by boat down the Mississippi River and by wagon to Burnet County. David later acquired land from Julia Stolley in 1891. They raised corn, cotton, grain, dairy cows, chickens, hogs, vegetables and fruits. David and his wife, Martha Jane, had eight children, LaFayette being the oldest.

LaFayette acquired title to the land in 1908 and purchased another 33 acres in 1918. He raised the same crops and livestock. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, had five children, Landon being the youngest.

Landon acquired 192 acres in 1935. He later expanded the farm to 254.29 acres. In 1927, Landon and his wife, Louise, had one child, Horace Kenneth. They raised

peanuts, watermelon, peaches, plums, cattle, hogs, sheep and garden vegetables.

Kenneth held the title to the farm from 1948 to 1953, then again in 1969 when he and his wife, Nita purchased 253 acres, 155 acres of which were original 1891 parcels. Since Kenneth's passing, Nita has taken over the farm and raises cattle and hay.

As told by Nita Ruth Proffitt granddaughter-in-law of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

155.5 acres

PRODUCTION

1891 Cattle, Cotton, Grain, Livestock and Vegetables

2018 Hay and Cattle



Vestal Farms

CALLAHAN COUNTY

2.5 miles N on Hwy 206 at CR 420

FOUNDED: 1914

FOUNDER: Tom Benton Vestal

CURRENT OWNERS: Elmore Isaac Jr. (Dick) Vestal

Tom Benton Vestal was born in Collin County, Texas in 1890. In 1914, he purchased 290 acres with his wife Martha and had seven children: Harvey, Elmore Isaac, Belle, Ettie, Fanny, Effie and Kace. Tom was a cotton ginner, farmed cotton, wheat and trained draft horses.

In 1917, Tom sold the original 290 acres to his son Elmore. Elmore and wife Dema (Walker) Vestal raised three children: Loreta, Juanita and E.I. Jr. (Dick) in Callahan County. Dema acquired title to the land in 1958 when Elmore Isaac Sr. died. She raised livestock, peanuts, grains and hay with the help of Dick. Upon Dema's death in 1965, she willed the land to her three children. Dick, and his wife Joann, received 170 acres.

In 1971, Dick and Joann purchased 54 acres of the land from his sister Juanita, resulting in 224 acres of

the original land in 1971. Dick and Joann raised cattle, peanuts, wheat, hay and developed irrigation on the farm. They raised six children: Richard Joseph, Danny Curtis, Tom Andrew, Cynthia Anne, Harry Christopher and Michael David.

As told by Joann Vestal, wife of grandson, and Tom Andrew (Andy) Vestal, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

290 acres

PRODUCTION

1914 Fruit, Vegetables, Wheat, Sorghum, Cotton, Peanuts, Corn, Draft Horses, Milk, Swine, Poultry and Cattle

2018 Wheat, Improved Warm Season Perennial Forages and Cattle



Compton Family Farm

CHILDRESS COUNTY

2 miles N of Hwy 287 and E of FM 2530

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDER: William Iley Compton

CURRENT OWNERS: Compton Family Partnership (Betty Jean Compton Harris, Michie Ray Compton, Jerry Lee Compton, Tony Jack Compton and Arlon Joe Williams Jr.)

William Iley Compton was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas in 1881. In 1905, he traveled with his family from Arkansas to Texas, settling in Childress County. In 1917, William bought 160 acres from Florence Harper. William and his wife, Myrtle, raised dairy cattle, cotton, wheat and milo. They had four children: Iley, Bess, Marie and Lelda Lee.

In 1935, after her husband's death, Myrtle acquired the land. She moved to the town of Childress while Iley and family moved into the farmhouse to continue the farming operations. Myrtle and Iley acquired an additional 100 acres in 1938. In 1942, Iley purchased a portion of his mother's land to help with her personal finances.

Iley and his wife, Ethel, had six children: Peggy, Iley Jr., Betty, Michie, Jerry and Tony. They were raised on the farm, milking cows as well as plowing, weeding and

helping pick cotton at harvest. In 1976, Iley bought the remaining acres of the original land. They continued to raise cotton, wheat and hay. After Iley's passing in 1996, his surviving children formed the Compton Farm Partnership. In 2013, after Peggy's passing, her son, Arlon Williams Jr., was added to the partnership. Today, Compton Farm Partnership grows cotton and continues the Compton legacy.

As told by Peggy Compton Williams, Iley Compton Jr., Jean Compton Harris, Mike Compton, Jerry Compton and Tony Compton, grandchildren of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

160 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Dairy Cows, Cotton, Wheat and Milo

2018 Cotton



Parrett Ranch

COLORADO COUNTY

10 miles SE of Columbus on Bernardo Prarie

FOUNDED: 1883

FOUNDERS: Anton and Josephine Drymalla

CURRENT OWNERS: Leanne and George Parrett

Anton and Josephine, along with their four children, Francis, Phillip, Stephan and John, came to America from Prussia in 1879. They traveled to Austin County where they lived until 1883 when Anton and Josephine purchased 160 acres in Colorado County. They farmed the land, tended their hay meadows, and raised livestock.

Stephan and his wife, Frances, purchased the original 160 acres from his parents, Anton and Josephine, in 1911. The couple, along with their two children, Regina and Edwin, continued operating the land. In 1920, Stephan died unexpectedly leaving Frances with half of the land while each of the children acquired a half undivided interest. They continued to raise livestock and hay. In 1951, after Frances died, both Regina and Edwin each partitioned off part of the original land. In 1971, Regina gifted part of the original 160

acres to her daughter, Lorease. Lorease continued raising cattle and planting grasses to produce better hay meadows.

Leanne, daughter of Lorease, was gifted part of the land in 1999 and again in 2010. In 2014, she had a portion of her inherited land partitioned off. Currently, Leanna and her husband George run cattle on the ranch, are restoring the 100 year old farmhouse and trying to bring back some native prairie land grasses.

*As told by Leanne Parrett,
great-great-granddaughter of the
founders.*

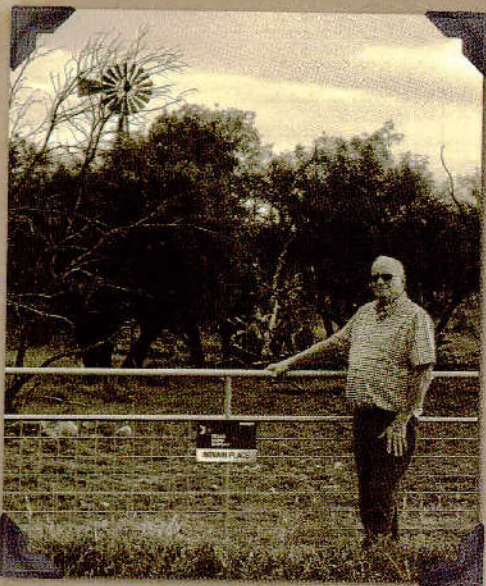
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

160 acres

PRODUCTION

1883 Cattle, Horses and Hay

2018 Cattle and Native Prairie
Land



Novian Place

CONCHO COUNTY

9 miles E of Eola on FM 765

FOUNDED: 1913

FOUNDERS: August and Mary Novian

CURRENT OWNER: Richard Wood

August Novian was born Gillespie County, Texas. He traveled to Concho County to work on a large ranch. Mary Cornelia Grant was from Alabama and was hired to be the school teacher on the same ranch in Concho County. August and Mary purchased 480 acres in 1907, and then added 440 acres in 1913, to form the current Novian Place. They had four children Mary Katherine, Anne, Zanata and James. They raised horses, cows, sheep, cotton and wheat.

Mary Cornelia acquired title to the land when her husband passed in 1952. She continued to operate the stock farm until she died in 1975. At that time the property was in an undivided estate for Mary Katherine Wood's children, Janette, Judy, Gwen, Ed, Robert, Richard and Mike. After Mary Cornelia

died, Richard and Robert operated the ranch. In 2011, Richard Wood divided his 90 acres plus 45 he had purchased from a sibling.

Richard currently uses the land as a hobby farm. He raises sheep and goats, and is known to have a llama or two out there. The Novian place has been involved in the soil and water conservation program.

*As told by Richard Wood,
grandson of the founder.*

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

450 acres

PRODUCTION

1913 Sheep, Cows, Cotton,
Maize and Wheat

2018 Sheep, Cows, Goats and a
Llama or Two



Henderson Ranch

CROCKETT COUNTY

8 miles S of IH 10 in E Central Crockett County

FOUNDED: 1902

FOUNDER: Lee Earl Henderson

CURRENT OWNERS: Henderson Ranch and Mineral Trust

Lee Earl Henderson was born in San Saba County in 1877. He was the eldest of six children of J.W. and Elizabeth Henderson. Lee moved with his family to Ozona as a young boy. In 1902, he began the acquisition of his ranch land in Crockett County which would eventually total 26,000 acres. On this land he raised sheep and cattle. Lee married Minnie in 1907 and they raised four children: Jean Elizabeth, Alice Adelaide, John Lee and Helen.

In 1942, Lee's four children each acquired a portion of ownership of the ranch. His only son, John Lee (Jack), continued raising sheep and cattle on 5,994 acres. Upon Jack's death in 1951, ownership was divided and passed to his two children, John Lee Jr. (Sonny) and

Helen. Sonny primarily raised sheep and goats on the land. With the help of his son, John Lee III, Sonny was awarded Conservation Rancher of the Year in 1987.

Today, John Lee III raises cattle and goats on the ranch and continues efforts towards water and grass conservation.

As told by Virginia Leigh Henderson Howell, great-granddaughter of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

17,000 acres

PRODUCTION

1902 Sheep and Cattle

2018 Cattle and Goats



Wristen Farms

DAWSON COUNTY

10 miles S of Lamesa and 2 miles E on Dawson CR 27

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDERS: Bert and Edna Wristen

CURRENT OWNERS: Perry and Zigora Wristen

In 1916, Bert Wristen acquired land from W.E. Anderson. Bert and his wife, Edna, moved onto the land and built a house in 1917. He raised cattle and cotton on the property until 1929 when he rented the farm to his eldest son, J.C. The land was farmed by J.C. until 1936. The land was then rented to Edna's nephew, John Armstrong,

Ira (Sid), son of Bert, rented the farm from 1940 to 1950. In 1950, Bert sold half of the farm to his sons, Sid and Hugh. Bert then gifted 80 acres to each of his five children. Hugh traded his interest of the land to Sid in 1953. Fay, Bert's daughter, sold her acres to Sid in 1962, and J.C.'s heirs sold his share in 1967. Sid acquired an additional 80 acres upon the death of his mother in 1971.

When Sid died in 2000, his wife, Vivian and children Perry and Tracy, inherited the property. After Vivian's death in 2013, Perry acquired Tracy's share. In 1995, Perry sold his house along with five acres but continued to farm the remaining land until his retirement in December 2017. Cattle and cotton continues to be raised on the land.

As told by Perry Wristen, grandson of the founder.

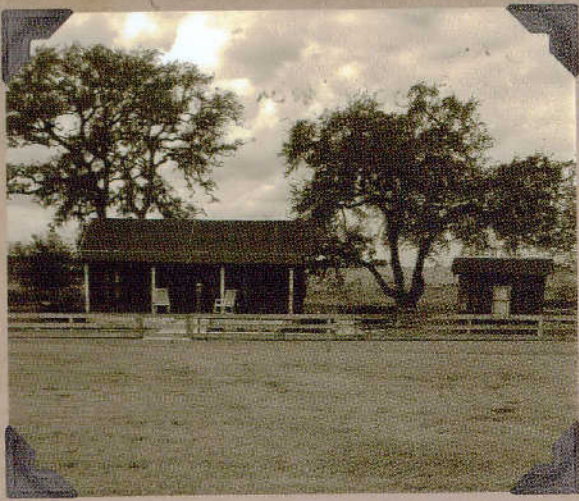
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

640 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Cattle and Cotton

2018 Cattle and Cotton



One Mueller Fertsch Place

DEWITT COUNTY

2 miles S of Westhoff on Schlenstedt Rd off FM 2816

FOUNDED: 1910

FOUNDER: Henry Otto Fertsch

CURRENT OWNERS: Denis R. Mueller and Sheryl L. Mueller

Henry (Otto) Fertsch was born in Lavaca County. His father Ferdinand came to Texas in 1838. In 1847, he married Johanna Frels, who came to Texas with Captain Frels, founder of Frelsburg, Texas. In 1910, Otto acquired 134 acres from George Schroeder. He raised livestock, chickens, turkey, cotton and corn. Otto and his wife, Antonia, raised two daughters, Regina and Hilda. Hilda and her husband, Alfred, lived on the farm all of their married life until they retired and moved to Westhoff to help Otto and Antonia in their aging years. Hilda and Alfred continued to raise livestock, chickens, turkeys, cotton and corn.

In 1969, Regina and Hilda acquired title to the land when Otto and Antonia passed away within two months of each other. Hilda and Alfred's son, Adrian,

acquired title to the land in 1978 and added 8 acres in 1979 with a partition deed between Adrian and Regina.

Denis, Adrian's son, acquired title to the land in 2001. He and his wife, Sheryl, have added an additional 70 acres to the ranch over the years. They have one son, Kyle. Denis currently raises Brangus livestock on the land.

As told by Denis Roy Mueller, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

134 acres

PRODUCTION

1910 Livestock, Turkeys, Chickens, Corn and Cotton
2018 Livestock and Brangus Cattle



S.J. Shanklin Ranch

EDWARDS COUNTY

10 miles NW of Rocksprings on 2995

FOUNDED: 1903

FOUNDERS: Samuel James and Serena Adeline Phelps Shanklin

CURRENT OWNERS: The Shanklin Brothers (Thomas Asa, Souli Ryan and Seth Taos)

Samuel James (S.J.) Shanklin Jr. was born in Lampasas County in 1863 to S.J. and Sarah. In 1882, he bought land on Contrary Creek northeast of Rocksprings. In 1898, S.J. married Serena. They had five children: Souli, William, Harry, Lessie and Arthur. In 1905, S.J. began buying land northwest of Rocksprings and acquired about nine sections throughout the years. He moved his family to this land in 1912. S.J. raised 500 Angora goats, 250 Delaine sheep and 500 Hereford cattle on the ranch.

After World War II, S.J. and Serena bought a home in Rocksprings and Arthur ran the ranch. Serena died in 1946 and S.J. in 1956. The ranch was divided, with Arthur receiving three sections and Souli, Burk and Lessie each receiving 1,116 acres. Souli gift deeded his share to his only son Souli James (Tooter).

Tooter and his wife, Lillie, built a home on this land where Lillie still lives. Tooter ranched with his father raising Angora goats, cattle and horses. Tooter and Lillie had three children: Martha, Souli Asa and Jake. The land was deeded to Souli Asa and then to his sons: Asa, Ryan and Seth. The Shanklin Brothers bought Arthur's three sections in 2013. They raise Angora goats, sheep, cattle and horses.

As told by Thomas Asa Shanklin great-great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

5,460 acres

PRODUCTION

1903 Cattle, Horses, Angora Goats and Sheep
2018 Cattle, Horses, Angora Goats, Spanish Goats and Sheep



Growing With Sara Farm

EL PASO COUNTY

1 mile E of El Paso on Belen Rd

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDER: Guadalupe Garcia

CURRENT OWNER: Marta C. Loya

Nacianceno Chavez was adopted by his godparents, Guadalupe and Ponciana Garcia. The Garcias believed that they could not bear children since they were first cousins, so they asked Nacianceno's biological parents for permission to raise their son. Nacianceno helped manage the farm and ran the dairy.

In 1945, Nacianceno married Engracia. She assisted Nacianceno with the dairy and helped take care of the Garcias as they grew older. The couple, along with their children Marta and Luis, lived in the same house with the Garcias. In 1968, Nacianceno purchased the land from the Garcias. He continued to raise cotton, alfalfa, cows, sheep, goats and chickens on the farmland. He ran the dairy until 1971.

Neither Nacianceno nor Engracia had high school diplomas, so they proceeded to obtain their GEDs.

Both worked outside the farm but continued to maintain the farm and grow crops.

Marta married her husband, Ralph, in 1981. In 1983, they started planning and designing a custom home with the hope of building the house on the original property. Marta inherited six acres from her father Nacianceno in 1984. Today, they grow cotton and organic vegetables on the land.

As told by Marta C. Loya, adopted granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

6.82 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Cotton, Alfalfa, Cows, Sheep and Goats

2018 Organic Fruits and Vegetables



4D Driskill Farms

ERATH COUNTY

12 miles SE of Stephenville on CR 194

FOUNDED: 1901

FOUNDER: George Frank Driskill

CURRENT OWNER: Russell Gene Driskill

George Frank Driskill was born in Navarro County, Texas. Frank travelled with his family from Navarro to Erath County. In 1901, Frank acquired 55 acres from D.F. Hinton. He raised livestock, cotton, corn and peanuts on the land. Frank and his wife, Alda, had two children, Roy Lee and Floyd. They raised the boys on the farm. Frank's parents, George K. and Lydia lived across the pasture from the family.

Roy Lee acquired title to the land in 1960 from his father Frank. He continued to raise livestock, hogs and peanuts. Roy and wife, Ada, had one son, Roy Gene. Roy Gene acquired the land in 1977 and raised cows, goats and hay. Roy Gene and his wife, Glenda Mae, had two children, Russell Gene

and Mitizi. Glenda Mae acquired title to 123 acres of the land in 2004 after the death of Roy Gene. She raised livestock, goats and coastal hay. Following the death of his mother, Russell Gene acquired the land. He and his wife, Susan, continue to raise livestock and coastal hay on the land.

As told by Russell Gene Driskill, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

55 acres

PRODUCTION

1901 Livestock, Pigs, Cotton, Corn and Peanuts

2018 Livestock and Coastal Hay



The Floyd and Beulah Driskill Farm

ERATH COUNTY

13 miles E of Stephenville on CR 194

FOUNDED: 1901

FOUNDER: George Frank Driskill

CURRENT OWNER: Phyllis F. DeRoos

George Frank Driskill was born to early Erath County settlers, George K. and Lyda Ann Driskill, in 1877. He married Alda in 1899. In 1901, he acquired 55 acres from Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Hinton. With his sons, Roy and Floyd, Frank farmed the 55 acres and several other sections of land in the Pony Creek Community. They raised cattle, cotton and corn.

In 1925, Floyd married Beulah. They moved onto the farm alongside Floyd's grandparents, George and Lyda. The family raised cattle, sheep, pigs, turkeys, chickens and peanuts. They had one daughter, Wilma. In 1947, Floyd and Beulah acquired the farm.

After Floyd's death in 1963, Beulah, their daughter, Wilma,

and her husband, Gerald, continued production on the farm, raising cattle and Coastal Bermuda Grass. In 1988, the land was acquired by Wilma's daughter, Phyllis, who has continued to raise cattle with the help of her parents, Gerald and Wilma, and her husband, James.

*As told by Phyllis F. DeRoos,
great-granddaughter of the
founder.*

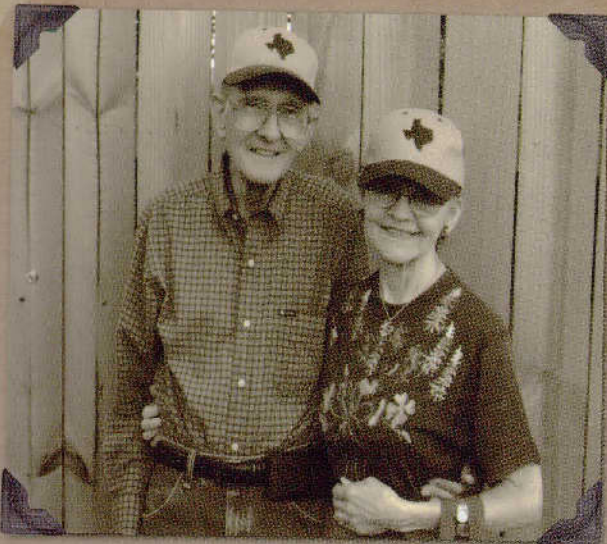
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

55 acres

PRODUCTION

1901 Beef Cattle, Cotton and
Corn

2018 Beef Cattle



CWC Ranch

FAYETTE COUNTY

1.5 miles S of Flatonia

FOUNDED: 1890

FOUNDER: Charles Chemnitz

CURRENT OWNERS: Alice June Wehmeyer Cernosek
and Richard S. Cernosek

Charles Chemnitz was born in Anhalt, Germany. In 1890, after immigrating to America, he purchased 153 acres in Fayette County, approximately 1.5 miles south of Flatonia. Charles planted cotton and raised chickens. He and his wife, Louise, had six children: William, Louise, Amanda, Gustav, Herman and Clara.

In 1923, Amanda, daughter of Charles and Louise, and her husband, Henry, acquired the property. They raised cotton, corn, cattle, hogs and chickens. In 1938, Henry deeded the land to his seven children: Louise, Hugo, Robert, Charlie, Emma, Henry Jr. and Walter. The family continued to raise cotton, corn, cattle, hogs and chickens.

Following nearly 50 years as undivided property, the family divided the land, making every

effort to keep it within the family. Alice, great granddaughter of the founder, and her husband, Richard, acquired 39 acres in 1987 and raised cattle. In recognition of their ancestry, they named the property the CWC Ranch: C for Chemnitz, W for Wehmeyer and C for Cernosek. Their love for the land runs deep, especially as they remember the attitude of their ancestors: "Be good to the land. The good Lord isn't making any more".

*As told by Alice June Wehmeyer
Cernosek great granddaughter of
the founder.*

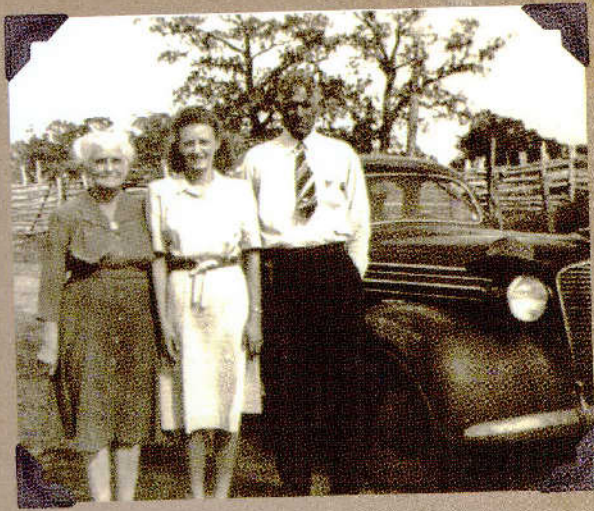
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

153.75 acres

PRODUCTION

1890 Cotton and Chickens

2018 Cattle



Hohman Ranch / E.H. Nites Founder

FAYETTE COUNTY

5 miles N of Flatonina

FOUNDED: 1916

FOUNDER: Edward Henry (E.H.) Nite

CURRENT OWNER: Charlotte Ann Hohman LaRoche

Edward Henry "Ed" Nite was born in Nueces County in 1876. His family settled in Jeddo, Bastrop County by 1884. Ed and his wife, Annie, moved to Fayette County where they raised nine children. Ed was the mail carrier for the Kovar and Stellar areas. He farmed when not carrying the mail. In 1916, Ed and Annie bought their first tract of land that contained approximately 54 acres. He continued to buy additional land whenever he could. He raised cotton, corn, hay, hogs, cattle, peaches, pears, plums, and sold butter and milk. Ed died suddenly in 1947 and Annie acquired the land.

After her death in 1962, the children inherited the ranch. Ann, the youngest child, and her husband, Benjamin, purchased

several shares of the property from Ann's siblings. Ann died in 2003 and Benjamin in 2010. Their surviving child, Charlotte, inherited the property. She and her husband, Paul, raise beef cattle on the property with the help of their sons and have built a weekend home there for the family to enjoy.

As told by Charlotte Ann Hohman LaRoche, granddaughter of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

54.84 acres

PRODUCTION

1916 Cotton, Corn, Hay, Hogs, Cattle (Beef and Dairy), Peaches, Pears, Plums, Sold Butter and Milk

2018 Beef Cattle



Klam Farm and Ranch

FAYETTE COUNTY

4 miles N of Hwy 90 and FM 1383 Intersection

FOUNDED: 1909

FOUNDERS: Frank and Mary Janicek

CURRENT OWNERS: Debbie Klam, Jason Klam, Jeremy Klam and Joshua Klam

Frank Janicek Sr. was born in Frenstadt, Austria. He and his wife, Mary, were married in 1882 and came to Weimar, Texas in 1890. They settled in Dubina, Texas. In 1908, Frank purchased 119 acres of land from John Steffek Sr., where they raised cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens. Frank and Mary had seven children: Mary, Sophie, Frank, Louis, Leo, Emil and Robert. The entire family helped in the daily operation of the farm.

In 1933, Mary, daughter of Frank and Mary, and her husband, Charles, purchased 87 acres. In 1945, Sophie, Mary's sister, and her husband, Joe, purchased the 87 acres from Mary and Charles. They continued to raise corn, hay, and cotton, cattle, hogs, and chickens.

Joe and Sophie had three sons: Emil, Alphonse and Sylvin. Their sons helped with the daily duties of the farm.

Ronnie, grandson of Joe and Sophie, acquired the title to the land in 2000. He continued to raise cattle, corn and hay until his death in 2008. Since then, the land has been acquired by his wife Debbie and their sons, Jason, Jeremy and Joshua. Cattle and hay are still being raised on the land today

As told by Jason Klam, great-great grandson and Debbie Klam, great granddaughter-in-law of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

119 acres

PRODUCTION

1909 Cotton, Corn, Hay, Cattle, Hogs and Chickens
2018 Cattle and Chickens



GAH Three Circle Ranch

FOARD COUNTY

15 miles SE of Crowell off of FM 267

FOUNDED: 1903

FOUNDER: Furd Halsell

CURRENT OWNERS: Ann Halsell, Carolyn Halsell Smead and John Glenn Halsell III

Furd Halsell was born in Wise County, Texas. He purchased 12,368 acres from the H.T.C Railroad Company through land patents. He raised cattle on the land. Furd and wife, Rosalie, had one child, John Glenn who was born in 1899. Furd later purchased an additional 28,653 acres. John Glenn acquired title to the land in 1941. In 1961, Furd died and left John Glenn in charge of the operations of the ranch.

John Glenn and his wife, Eugenia, had three children: John Glenn Jr., Furd II and Eugenia. He continued to raise cattle and wheat on the land. In 1976, John Glenn died and the land was kept intact until 1982 when it was divided between the three children.

John Glenn Jr. inherited 14,745 acres and continued to raise cattle.

He purchased an additional 9,107 acres in Foard and Knox counties. Upon John Glenn Jr's death, his wife, Anne, and children, Carolyn and John Glenn III, inherited the land and continue to operate the ranch through the GAH Three Circle Ranch, LP family partnership.

As told by Kent Smead, husband of the great granddaughter of the founder.



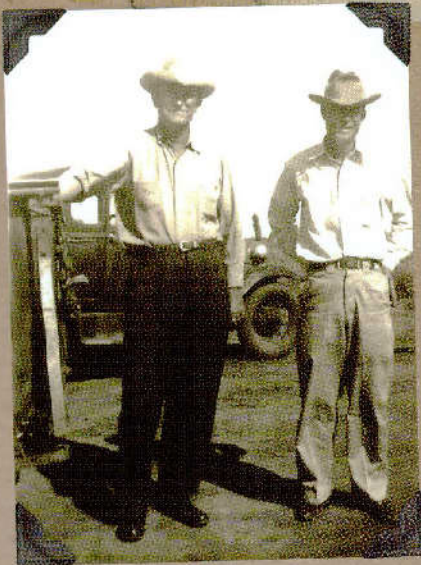
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

12,368 acres

PRODUCTION

1903 Cattle

2018 Cattle



Welch Family Farm

FOARD COUNTY

8 miles SW of Crowell and E of Hwy 6

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDER: Thomas Francis (T.F.) Welch

CURRENT OWNERS: Thomas Don and Martha Kay Welch

Thomas Francis (T.F.) Welch was born in Collin County in 1882. His father had moved to Collin County from Alabama following the Civil War. T.F. and his wife, Anne Sarah, moved west from Collin County to Foard County to begin a new life. They were accompanied by their only son, Wyman, who was seven.

In 1918, they bought 344 acres of land in Foard County where they built a small home and barn on. T.F. raised wheat, cattle, cotton, swine, sheep, poultry, horses and mules. T.F. passed away in 1963 and the land was inherited by his wife, Anne Sarah. After the death of his mother in 1968, Wyman inherited the land and all of his parent's possessions. He farmed the land from 1953 to 1976. Thomas Don, Wyman's son, rented the farm from 1976 until his father's death in 1998.

When Wyman passed away

the land was willed to his three children: Thomas Don, Betty and Peggy. Thomas Don bought the two sister's land and since then has accrued additional land which now totals 889 acres. Thomas Don is 75 years old and still operates the farm. He raises wheat and cattle and promotes conservation and wildlife habitat.

As told by Thomas Don Welch, grandson of the founder.



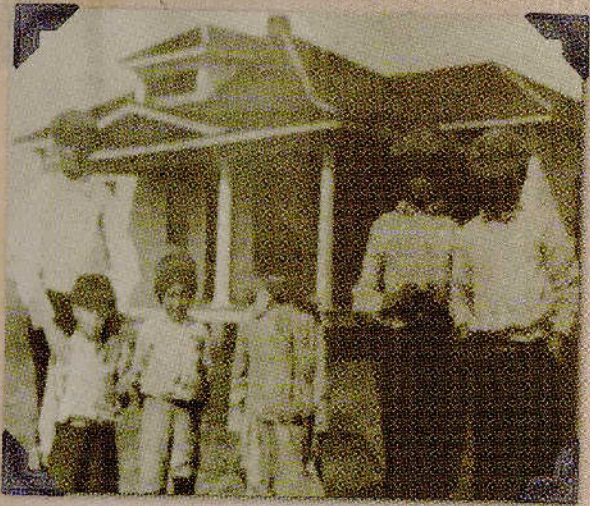
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

344 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Wheat, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Poultry and Cotton

2018 Wheat and Cattle



Mason Family Farm

GARZA COUNTY

At the NE intersection of CR 105 and CR 230

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: L.R. and Eula Mason

CURRENT OWNERS: Mason Family Farms Inc.
(Thomas Benjamin Mason, Charles Ray Mason,
Ida Pearl Mason Brown, Jack Doyle Mason and Joe
Robert Mason)

L.R. Mason, born in McClellan County, and traveled with his family to Garza County to fulfill his dream of becoming a landowner and better providing for his growing family. On April 4, 1918, Mason acquired 172 acres. The purchase of the land included a homestead, which is still occupied by his descendants today. The land was used to raise livestock, cotton, milo, and corn. Mason and his wife, Eula, had nine children: Thomas Benjamin, Chester Roy, Connie Lee, Lillie Belle, Robert Louis, Woodrow Benton, Eula B., Ruby Mae Mason, and Harvey Waldo. After the death of L.R. Mason, three of his children acquired title to all of the acreage of the land.

The oldest son, Thomas, purchased 200 acres in 1959, which included the homestead. Thomas drilled wells to modernize his purchase into irrigated farmland. Today,

the land is owned by the Mason Family Farms Corporation, which is comprised of five of the seven children of Thomas Mason. The land is operated by his son, grandsons, and great-grandsons. Currently, the farm actively produces cotton, rye and milo.

*As told by Charles Ray Mason,
grandson of the founder.*

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

172 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Cotton, Milo and Corn

2018 Cotton, Rye and Milo



Immel's Big Flat Farm

GILLESPIE COUNTY

13 miles E of Stephenville on CR 194

FOUNDED: 1912

FOUNDER: Albert Immel

CURRENT OWNERS: Viola "Olie" Klein Immel

Albert Immel, a descendant of German emigrants, purchased 320 acres in Big Flat, Gillespie County, Texas in 1912. He moved from Stonewall, Texas with his wife Hulda Grobe Immel to their new home with six young children: Edgar, Alvin, Tillie, Pauline, Clara and Felix. Albert restored a small home on the property and during the next 12 years they had two sets of twins: Chester and Milton, and Clemens and Albertine. All of the children worked in the fields and with the animals. They raised oats, milo, wheat, cotton, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, and horses.

Clemens Immel purchased 160 acres of the Big Flat property in 1942 and continued to live with his wife, Viola "Olie" Klein Immel, in the original home that Albert had restored 30 years earlier. They had three children, Lyndon, Alton, and Geraldine. They raised oats, wheat, cattle, sheep, hogs, and turkeys.

Clemens died in a tractor accident in 1976, leaving Olie and Alton to continue his work. Bobby and Geraldine Immel Smedley moved to Fredericksburg in 1978 and have worked with Olie and Alton until the present time. Alton's sons, Stuart and Steven, also work with the family. They raise wheat, cattle, sheep, hogs, practice modern soil conservation and management.

*As told by Geraldine Immel
Smedley, granddaughter of the
founder.*

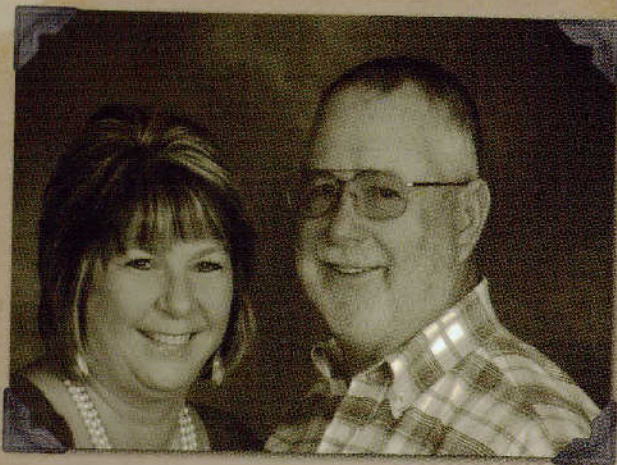
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

320 acres

PRODUCTION

1912 Oats, Milo, Wheat, Cotton,
Cattle Hogs, Sheep, Goats and
Horses

2018 Cattle, Sheep, Wheat, Milo
and Sudan



Scrap Iron Ranch

GRIMES COUNTY

3 miles N of Bedias on CR 115

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: Hugh Richard and Lula Collie Price

CURRENT OWNERS: Troy Michael and Virginia Ann Price

Hugh Richard and Lula Collie Price of Grimes County founded Scrap Iron when they purchased 151 acres in 1918. They raised cotton, corn, cattle, vegetables, poultry, and swine. Their son and daughter-in-law, N.T. and Imogene James Price, purchased the land in 1951. They continued to raise cotton, corn, cattle, vegetables, poultry and swine. Around 1962, they ceased to raise cotton and corn, but continued raising vegetables, poultry and swine, while increasing the beef cattle operation. When N.T.'s health began failing at age 91 and could no longer take care of the ranch, his son Troy and wife Virginia purchased his cattle and leased his property.

Troy acquired approximately 70 acres in June 2013. His niece Lacy and nephew John Paul acquired approximately 60 acres in June 2013, being heirs of Sharon Kay Price Terry. The remaining approximately

70 acres were acquired by Eddie Don Price also in June 2013. The approximately 60 acres is operated today by the founder's grandson, Troy, and his wife Virginia Price.

As told by Virginia Price, great granddaughter-in-law of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

151 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Cotton, Corn, Cattle, Vegetables, Poultry and Swine
2018 Tifton Bermuda Grass, Ball Clover, Beef Cattle, Fruit, Vegetables, Poultry and Hay



Derrick Hoffman Farm

HOOD COUNTY

11 miles NW of Granbury

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: Rue V and Lucille Derrick

CURRENT OWNERS: Jean Marie Derrick Hoffman

Rue V Derrick was born in West, Texas in 1893. He married his wife, Lucille Connaway, in 1917 and they purchased their 266 acre farm in February of 1918. R.V. raised mixed breed cattle, Angora goats, mules, and harvested pecans.

During the depression, R.V. moved his sister and her family to his farm, placed the bulk of the land in the Federal Land Bank, and began to work in order to save his family. His sister continued growing the native grass, and raised some of the cattle and goats. She also began growing trees for a nursery in Waco. R.V. and the family moved back to the farm full time in 1953 and continued until his death in 1995. At that time, Jean and her brother, R.V. Jr., each inherited a half of the farm and Jean bought her brother's half from him.

Jean, her husband Claude, and their son Paul, operate the farm, raising goats and cattle, harvesting native pecans from the trees on the property, and growing coastal hay. Paul and his wife, Renee, live in the original house.

Jean Hoffman, daughter of the founder

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

266 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Angora Goats, Mules and Pecans
2018 Goats, Cattle, Pecans and Coastal Hay



Jordan Farm

HOUSTON COUNTY

7 miles W on FR 1280 from Hwy 19

FOUNDED: 1900

FOUNDERS: Isaac Craven and Jennie Bitner Craven

CURRENT OWNERS: John Thomas Jordan, S.R. and Betty Jacqueline Craven Jordan

Isaac Craven, born in Lexington, Tennessee, came with his family to Neville's Prairie (later known as Antioch) where they lived and farmed. In 1896, he married Jennie Belle Bitner Craven of Shilo Community in Houston County. In 1900, they acquired 111 acres and raised cattle, cotton, corn, milo and peanuts. They had five children: Hattie, John, Thomas, Isaac J.R. and Tennie.

In 1905, Isaac Craven died and Jennie continued to farm and raise cattle. In 1910, Jennie married Lafayette Jackson Craven, brother of Isaac Craven. They had two more children, Jackson and Lillie. Lafayette and Jennie lived on the property and raised cattle, cotton, corn and milo until their deaths. The property was then passed to Hattie Craven Sanders, Tennie Craven Blackerby, Isaac Craven, Jr. and Jackson Craven. These

children and their families lived on the property and continued to raise cattle and crops. In 1990, John T. Jordan Sr. began the process of putting the original parcel back together for his wife Betty Jacqueline Craven Jordan, granddaughter of the founder. They live and raise cattle on the 102 acres of the remaining property.

As told by Betty Craven Jordan, granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

111 acres

PRODUCTION

1900 Cattle, Cotton, Corn, Milo and Peanuts
2018 Cattle



XR Ranch

HOUSTON COUNTY

18 miles W of Grapeland on CR 2210

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDER: Frank Edens Taylor

CURRENT OWNERS: R. Barrett and Margaret Taylor Riess

Frank Edens Taylor was born in Houston County, Texas near the Trinity River. He grew up raising cattle on a large piece of property belonging to his family. In 1912, Frank E. Taylor married Orie Sue Howard Taylor. They had two children, Sue and Henry Frank. In 1917, Frank acquired 1,611 acres and began raising corn, cattle, cotton, hay and sugarcane to support his young family. In 1922, he downsized to 494 acres for his farming and cattle operation. He was an innovative farmer who was the first in Houston County to own a tractor.

His son, Henry Frank Taylor, bought property next door and raised three children: Josephine Taylor, Frank Edward Taylor, and Margaret Sue Taylor. Orie Sue Taylor acquired the title to the land in 1968 when Frank passed away. The land was no longer used for row crops; it was exclusively a commercial cattle operation.

In 1994, Margaret Sue Taylor Riess and her husband, Barrett Riess, acquired the land from Orie Sue Taylor. They continued to raise cattle and work hard to restore the property to function efficiently. They raised two children, Julie Michelle Riess and Cameron Scott Riess. The family is active in the Houston County Farm Bureau and the Independent Cattleman's Association.

As told by Margaret Taylor Riess, granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

1611 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Corn, Cattle, Cotton, Hay and Sugarcane
2018 Hay, Commercial Cattle and Commercial Goats



England Farm

JOHNSON COUNTY

3 miles E of Alvarado on CR 109

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: James Lafayette England (Jim) and Johnson Webb England (Webb)

CURRENT OWNERS: Donald Webb England, Chasta Donette England and Audrey Jean (England) Walker

Brothers, Jim and Webb England, were born in Georgia. Their mother brought them to Texas after the death of their father in the 1890s. In January 1918, Jim and Webb together purchased 154 acres of land Johnson County. In November 1941, Webb sold his interest in the farm to Jim. Jim and his wife, Ivan, had five children: Harold, Francis, William, Sarah, and Joe. When Jim died in 1959, his son Harold, took over the farm operation. The farm land was divided between the siblings in 1967 with the death of Ivan.

In March 1972, Harold and wife, Viola, purchased the 154 acre farm from Harold's siblings. They had four children: Donald, Connie, Brian, and Audrey. Harold died in 1992 and his son, Don, took over the farming operation. Viola died in 2014 leaving the farm to her four children. In 2016, Don and his daughter, Chasta England,

acquired all but 24 acres of the original 154 acres from his siblings. Audrey retained the remaining 24 acres.

From 1918 to 1992, the England Farm produced livestock, cotton, wheat, milo and corn. Since 1992 the England Farm has produced hay that supplies feed to cattle and horse operations.

As told by Donald Webb England, grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

154 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Livestock, Cotton, Wheat, Milo and Corn
2018 Hay



Joe and Rose Bedrick Family Farm

KAUFMAN COUNTY

1 mile S of FM 987

FOUNDED: 1909

FOUNDER: Frank John Bedrick Sr.

CURRENT OWNER: Roseann Bedrick Morrow

Frank John Bedrick Sr. emigrated from Czechoslovakia to the United States in 1898. In 1909, he purchased 100 acres situated in Kaufman County. Comprised mostly of Czech emigrants, the community became known as the Lonestar Community. Frank Bedrick Sr. planted corn, cotton, milo and oats. There was also a cow barn, hog barn, blacksmith shop, spring-fed well, and two cisterns – these remain today.

Frank and his wife, Anna, had two sons, Frank Jr. and Joseph (Joe). In 1945, the 100 acres were deeded to Joe and his wife, Rosie Pucelik. Joe and Rosie raised cotton, corn, milo, oats, hay, cattle, chickens, turkeys and a large garden. In 1947, Joe and Rosie built their house. There was no electricity until the 1950s in the community, so they used

coal-oil lamps for light and cooking, a battery radio and a wood stove for warmth.

After Joe and Rosie's passing, their two daughters, Roseann and Margaret, inherited the 100 acre farm. Roseann purchased Margaret's half in 2008 and currently lives on the farm with her son, Glenn Morrow.

As told by Roseann Bedrick Morrow, granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

100 acres

PRODUCTION

1909 Milo, Oats, Corn, Cotton, Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Chickens
2018 Angus Cattle, Oats, Coastal Hay, Sudan and



Contrary Springs Ranch, LLC.

KERR COUNTY

1 mile W of Mountain Home

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDERS: Fritz C. Basse and Olga Usener Basse

CURRENT OWNERS: Nelta LaVerne Boles, Ricky W. Boles, Regina Boles Godron and Carl Gordon, Reagan Brent Boles and Julie James Boles, Ryan Talbert Boles and Melissa Basham Boles

Fritz Basse and Olga Usener Basse of Fredericksburg bought 3500 acres of ranch land in west Kerr County in 1917. They had two children, Anita and Leroy, who grew up on the ranch. The family raised sheep, Angora goats and cattle.

Fritz and Olga deeded 931 acres each to Anita and her husband, Bob Ned, and to Leroy and wife, Marjorie, in 1951 while Fritz and Olga retained 1406 acres, and created three separate ranches. Anita and Bob Ned called their portion T Bar Ranch. Following Olga and Fritz's deaths, the remaining ranch land was gift deeded to each of his children, Anita and Leroy.

Anita and Bob Ned had two children, Charles and Nelta LaVerne. In 1972, they deeded 703 acres to Charles and wife, Joy, and to LaVerne and husband, Rickey.

Upon the death of Anita and Bob Ned, Charles and Nelta LaVerne inherited additional land in 2000.

Following Charles' passing in 2014, T Bar Ranch was partitioned. In 2016, Contrary Springs Ranch, LLC was formed with 710 acres by Nelta LaVerne, Rickey, and their three children and spouses: Regina Boles Gordon and Carl Gordon; Reagan Boles and Julie Boles; Ryan Boles and Melissa Boles.

As told by Nelta LaVerne Boles, granddaughter of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

3500 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Sheep, Angora Goats and Cattle

2018 Cattle, Native and Exotic Game for Lease Hunting



Tom and Belle Phillips Ranch

KIMBLE COUNTY

20 miles SE of Junction on RR 479

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: Tom and Belle Phillips

CURRENT OWNERS: Jack Wayne and Sharon S. Phillips

In 1918, Tom Phillips and Belle Parker purchased a ranch in Kimble County. They farmed cotton, corn, and hay, as well as raising sheep, goats and cattle.

Tom and Belle's son, Charles C. Phillips, and wife Alice, took ownership of the land in 1955 and operated the Phillips ranch until 1990.

In 1990, the Phillips ranch was gifted to their three children, Charles D., Jack Wayne and Nancy Jane. Jack Phillips and his wife, Sharon, acquired the remainder of the land from Charles D. and Nancy Jane in 2001 and 2004. They currently raise cattle and wildlife on 1570 acres.

As told by Jack Wayne Phillips, great-grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

1778 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Cotton, Corn, Hay, Sheep, Goats and Cattle

2018 Cattle and Wildlife



Meiners Ranch

LA SALLE COUNTY

3 miles E of Alvarado on CR 109

FOUNDED: 1913

FOUNDER: Louis Heller

CURRENT OWNERS: Bill and Valerie (Smith) Brown

Born to parents of German and Alsatian descent, Louis Heller purchased three sections of La Salle County property in 1913 from the State of Texas land grants. Despite an abundance of Prickly Pear Cactus and Senecio, Louis had intended to grow vegetables on this parcel of 1920 acres. He had been enticed by promises of it becoming part of a "Breadbasket of the World" region, but soon discovered that things were not quite so simple – irrigation was necessary. The small creek on the property proved unsuitable for this purpose, thus the land was used instead for grazing cattle and wildlife management. Various crops to feed both were developed over the years, including oats, wheat, sesame, maize and milo.

Property ownership passed from Louis to his sister, Mary Heller,

before being passed to her daughter, Julia Heller Meiners. Her son Elvis W. Meiners acquired the ranch from her in 1935. Since E.W.'s death in 2002, the ranch is jointly owned and managed by Elvis's daughter Elva (Meiners) Keilers and his son Don Louis Meiners, the two comprising Meiners Partners GP, Inc. It also serves as beloved second home for their families who continue his ranching and wildlife operation.

As told by Elva M. Keilers great-great niece of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

1920 acres

PRODUCTION

1913 Vegetables

2018 Cattle and Feed Crops



Johnson Farm

LUBBOCK COUNTY

1.5 miles N of Posey

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDER: S.A. Johnson

CURRENT OWNER: Jeffery Dale Johnson

In 1916, S.A. Johnson of Vernon, Texas moved to Posey, Texas and purchased 321 acres two years later in 1918. S.A. and his sons broke out the land and built a house and a barn - both which are in use today. S.A. and his wife, Mary, grew cotton, as well as raising cattle, pigs and chickens. S.A. died in 1931, leaving 107 acres to his eldest son, Thomas A. Johnson.

Following Thomas' death in 1975, his wife, Vera, inherited the farm. In 1986, Vera sold the farm to her grandson, Jeffery Dale Johnson. Jeff and his wife, Cathy, continue to raise cotton, and raised their two sons, Chad and Coby, on the farm. Chad and Coby were the fifth generation to be raised in the house built by S.A. Johnson.

As told by Jeff Johnson, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

321 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Cotton, Cattle, Pigs and Chickens

2018 Cotton



G.W. Young was born in Wayne County, Tennessee in 1852. In 1900, he visited his brother in McCullough County and liked the opportunities he found. He purchased 160 acres in 1900 from A.R. Watkins and his wife.

G.W. and his wife, Martha, raised five children on the farm: Katie, Emma, Walter, Woody, and Harvey. The two youngest sons died as young men and Emma moved away for college and received a teaching position. Katie and her husband, L.C. Sansom, remained on the land and helped her father raise cattle and grow corn, cotton, wheat and oats. Katie's brother Walter farmed nearby.

In 1936, Emma was deeded this land by her father, but he continued to farm it. After G.W.'s death, Emma sold her land to her brother-in-law, L.C. Sansom, in 1949. When

Katie and L.C.'s daughter Emagene was given the deed to this parcel in 1959, they continued to operate the spread. After Emagene's death, her husband, Charles, continued their work until his passing in 2015.

Charles and Emagene's son Barry inherited this parcel of land in 2015. That same year, Barry and his sister JoLynn Dean combined their inherited land to become Oakwood Farms, LLC.

As told by Barry Haenisch, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

135 acres

PRODUCTION

1900 Cattle, Corn, Cotton, Wheat and Oats

2018 Cattle and Scimitar Horned Oryx

Oakwood Farms, LLC

MCCULLOUGH COUNTY

2 miles SE of Rochelle on CR 424

FOUNDED: 1900

FOUNDERS: G.W. Young and Martha Ellen

CURRENT OWNERS: Barry Haenisch and JoLynn Haenisch Dean



Albert Thomas Kircher was born in Marion. Albert and Elizabeth got married in 1899 in New Braunfels, where they resided for five years and had two children - Stella and John. The family then moved to Violet after Albert acquired land.

On December 10, 1910, Albert acquired 190 acres from J.H. White. Albert and his family raised crops, such as cabbage, broccoli, carrots, onions, cotton, and corn. Albert also raised cattle, hogs, chickens, goats, turkey, and guineas.

Albert's son, John, acquired the title to the land in 1926. John and his family raised crops such as cabbage, broccoli, carrots, onions, cotton, and corn. John and his wife, Mary, had two children, John Jr. and David.

In 1935, John gave his sister, Stella, 95 acres. Stella and her family raised cattle, cotton and grain sorghum. Stella and her husband John had five children: Mary, Annie, Bennie, Celia, and John Jr. In 1979, Stella

sold her 95 acres to her nephews and their wives, to ensure the land was kept in the family.

Today, Hans and Loring Kircher (great grandsons of Albert Thomas) farm over 2,700 acres and run cattle. They raise crops, including cotton, grain, sorghum, corn and a home garden. They also raise cattle, chickens and guineas. Hans and his wife, Susan, built their homestead on the land in which they currently live and raise their first child, Elizabeth.

As told by Hans Wendell Kircher, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

190 acres

PRODUCTION

1910 Vegetables, Cotton and Livestock

2018 Cotton, Grain, Sorghum, Corn and Livestock

Kircher Farm

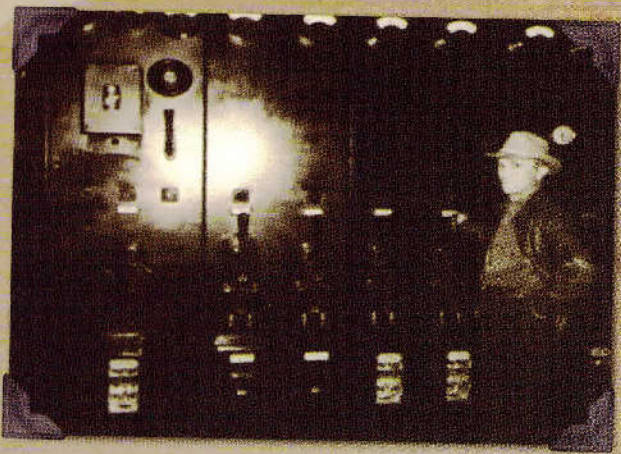
NUECES COUNTY

2.5 miles S of Violet on CR 34

FOUNDED: 1910

FOUNDERS: Albert Thomas Kircher and Elizabeth Anna Schwab Kircher

CURRENT OWNERS: Hans Kircher Trust, Loring Kircher Trust, John Theodore Kircher Jr., and Kircher Family Trust



Good Flying T-5 Ranch

OCHILTREE COUNTY

Approximately 24 miles SE of Perryton on Hwy 83*

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDERS: W.M. Good and Luna Poindexter Good

CURRENT OWNERS: Keith and Toni Good

W.M. Good and Luna Lawrence were married in 1902 in Sadlersville, Tennessee. In 1904, W.M. and Luna traveled from Tennessee by train to Canadian, Texas to farm at Ellar Flats southwest of Canadian. In 1916, W.M., Luna, and their six children moved to Ochiltree County, Texas. On January 18, 1918, W.M. purchased 275 acres (the "Historical Tract") from F.E. Gerhart. During W.M.'s lifetime, he added 1,915 acres to the Historical Tract.

In 1972, Arnold (W.M.'s son) and wife, Wenona Good, acquired the Historical Tract from the W.M. and Luna Good Estates. They and their two children, Keith and Kay Good, continued farming and ranching. During Arnold's and Wenona's lifetimes, they added 4,125 acres to the Historical Tract.

In 1997, Keith Good and Kay (Good) Gregath acquired the Historical Tract from the Arnold and Wenona Good

Estates. Keith and Kay operated the Historical Tract as a partnership.

In 2016, Keith acquired 100% of the Historical Tract by purchasing Kay's interest. Keith continues to manage a cow/calf operation on the Historical Tract.

In 2017, Keith and wife, Toni, added another 1,600 acres to the ranch. Keith and Toni have two children, Greg and Gretchen Good.

As told by Keith F. Good grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

275 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Wheat and Cattle

2018 Cattle



Cantrell Buzbee Ranch

PALO PINTO COUNTY

1.5 miles W of Santo on Panama Rd

FOUNDED: 1915

FOUNDERS: James Thomas Cantrell and Willie Henrietta Cantrell

CURRENT OWNERS: Charles A. Buzbee, Martin Buzbee, James Bradford Buzbee, LeLynn (Buzbee) Wilson, and Carla (Buzbee) Osborn

James Thomas (Tom) Cantrell was born in July 31, 1870, to James Russell and Angelina (Brannon) Cantrell near Acworth, Georgia. Tom moved to Texas and got his degree in pharmacy at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood and later opened up a drug store in Brazos.

Tom and Willie Henrietta Bradford were married in 1900 while sitting in their buggy in Brazos. Their honeymoon was an overnight trip to Ft. Worth. The couple's only child was Clara Louise Cantrell, born May 18, 1901 in Brazos.

In 1907, Tom, Willie and Clara moved to Santo to open a mercantile store where Tom was the pharmacist. The ranch was deeded to Clara in 1947 upon the death of her father. In 1970, the

ranch was passed to her two sons, James and Charles Buzbee.

In 2008, the ranch was divided into two halves. One half went to Charles and his son Martin and they formed the Cantrell Buzbee Ranch L.P. The other half went to the children of James Buzbee: Brad Buzbee, Lelynn Wilson, and Carla Osborn.

As told by Martin Russell Buzbee, great-grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

40 acres

PRODUCTION

1915 Goats, Cattle, Wheat, Pecans, and Peaches

2018 Pecans, Wheat and Cattle



2B Farm

PARKER COUNTY

8.5 miles SW of Weatherford

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDERS: Buford Lester Gill and Munsie Gill

CURRENT OWNERS: Mark and Patsy Beaty

Buford Lester Gill married Muncie Williams in 1909 in Weatherford, Texas. They had three children: Marie, Ella and Blake. In 1917, they purchased 213 acres near the Brazos River in Southwest Parker County. It dates from an original land grant from Texas governor Elisa Pease in 1855. The following five children were all born on that farm: Sherrod, Faye, Vaudine, Patsy, and Don.

Buford and Muncie's only occupation was farming. They raised goats, hogs, peaches and milk cows. In 1965, Buford sold the farm to his son Don, daughter Patsy and her husband, Bedford Beaty. Buford Gill passed away in 1976 and Muncie in 1980, both while still living on the farm.

Bedford and Patsy continued to live on the farm and had five

children: Linda, Cathy, Diane, Vicky, and Mark. Bedford continued working his farm until his death in 2007. Since 2003, Mark and his wife Nancy, and their sons Ross and Sam, have continued running the farm. They raise beef and cattle, sudan and coastal hay, while maintaining their farming heritage.

*As told by Mark Ely Beaty,
grandson of the founder.*



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

213 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Goats, Corn, Hogs, Peaches
and Dairy Products
2018 Beef Cattle, Coastal Hay and
Sudan



Roark Farm

PARKER COUNTY

4 miles W of Weatherford on Old Brock Rd

FOUNDED: 1917

FOUNDERS: John Silas Roark and Alice Teresa "Tee"
Hutcherson Roark

CURRENT OWNERS: Dwayne Ballard and Devonna
Cowardrey

John & Teresa "Tee" Roark and their children travelled from Tennessee in a wagon to settle in Thorp Springs. In 1917, John purchased two tracts of land totaling 162 acres from Sam Tate. Over the years, the sons purchased parts of the land from their father, as well as transferring acreage between themselves. Of the seven children, Don lived on the property the longest, from four years-of-age until his death at 90.

Don was responsible for the majority of the farming and developments over his 90 years. He purchased the first farm tractor. Don and Dale experimented with different types of crops and focused on watermelons and cantaloupes to sell at the Weatherford farmers' market. They evolved what was originally a Bankhead variety yellow meat watermelon into a larger, hardier melon. In the 1990s, the operators of the farmer's

market called them 'Roark Specials' because of their size and quality.

Don's Grandson, Dwayne, has taken over the day-to-day operation with the help of his wife, children and support of his sister, Devonna and her family. Don's daughter, Donna, is also involved with the land.

*As told by Dwayne Ballard, great-
grandson of the founder.*



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

162 acres

PRODUCTION

1917 Watermelons, Peaches,
Peanuts, Cantaloupes, Cattle, Hay
and Pecans
2018 Cattle, Pecans, Sudan,
Wheat and Watermelons



Casa Piedra Ranch

PRESIDIO COUNTY

42 miles S of Marfa

FOUNDED: 1889

FOUNDER: William E. Russell

CURRENT OWNERS: Armando F. Vasquez and Conchita Vasquez Mendoza

Kentucky native William E. Russell came to Texas in the 1850s and became a prominent land owner, rancher, merchant, farmer and silver miner in Presidio County. He was the great-grandson of General William Russell, American Revolutionary War soldier credited with aiding in the drafting of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1889, William purchased 160 acres of land, known as *La Punta Del Agua* from Dionicio Mata which included a two-room rock house. He gave the land to his two daughters, Lucia "Lucy" and Anita. Anita sold her share to her sister. Lucia and her husband, Natividad Vasquez, grew wheat, corn, beans, squash, peaches, and raised goats, chickens, turkeys and cattle.

In 1913, the eldest son of Natividad and Lucia, Conrado L. Vasquez, knew that the community was in need of a post office and store. He

decided to name it Casa Piedra, Spanish for rock house. The Casa Piedra United States Post Office and store opened in 1913. In 1947, Conrado purchased 560 acres from his parents and added 5152 acres. Conrado gifted all 5712 acres to his children, Conrado H., Armando, and Conchita. Today, the ranch is owned and operated by Armando and Conchita. Conchita has converted the Post Office and store to a family museum containing old pictures and artifacts.

As told by Christopher J. Vasquez, great-great-great grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

160 acres

PRODUCTION

1889 Wheat, Corn, Beans, Squash, Peaches, Poultry and Livestock
2018 Cattle



Okonski Ranch

ROBERTSON COUNTY

5 miles S of Bremond on Richard Hailey Rd

FOUNDED: 1892

FOUNDERS: Joseph and Victoria Okonski

CURRENT OWNER: Gene B. Okonski

Joseph Okonski, born in 1871 in Znin, Poland, left at 20 months old with parents, aboard the vessel *Cambria*. They arrived at Ellis Island in 1873 and migrated to Pennsylvania. They sailed to Galveston in 1880 and rode on wagon train to Bremond.

Joseph married Victoria Storemski in 1892. Victoria's parents, Albert and Francis Storemski, gave them 25 acres of land and a house for their wedding and sold them 29 acres in 1892. They raised 10 children at "Okonski HomePlace" with 100 acres. Joseph raised corn, tobacco, livestock, poultry, tomatoes, and sold logs and wood from his sawmill.

Edward L. Okonski was born in 1906 and married Helen Novak in 1929. They stayed at the "Okonski HomePlace" while his parents moved one mile west. Seven children were born in the "Okonski HomePlace". Edward raised livestock, corn, cotton, turkeys, and tomatoes.

Gene Okonski, son of Edward and Helen, purchased all property of original 100 acres between 1978 and 2004 from parents and siblings. Gene raises cattle and coastal hay and has been actively involved in Okonski Ranch since the early 1950s.

Gene's son, Kevin, his wife Sherry, and grandsons Tyler and Ryan are also enjoying the Okonski HomePlace and Ranch.

As told by Gene B. Okonski, grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

54 acres

PRODUCTION

1892 Cattle, Hogs, Horses, Poultry, Cotton and Vegetables
2018 Cattle, Coastal Hay, Oats, Gardens and Fruit Trees



PDS Farms

SHERMAN COUNTY

2 miles W of Stratford on Country Club Rd

FOUNDED: 1915

FOUNDER: Arthur and Florence (Spurlock) Mullins

CURRENT OWNERS: Cindy Veazy, Bonnie Boynton, Fred L. Veazy, Robert F. Pendelton, Tom E. Pendelton, Lee Arthur Pendelton and Ann Pendelton Jones

Arthur and Florence (Spurlock) Mullins came to Sherman County in 1900. They came from the community of Mountain Home, Arkansas and moved to the Texas Panhandle due to Florence's respiratory health. They joined Florence's parents, DD Spurlock, and brother, Wes Spurlock, who had settled in Sherman County earlier that year.

In 1915, Arthur and Florence bought 189 acres of land west of Stratford and the following year bought 400 additional acres. They built their house on this property and raised their children (son, Forrest and daughter, Lois) and lived on this property until their retirement in 1958.

They raised cattle and wheat on this property through both World Wars, the Great Depression, the

Dirty '30s and the drought of the 1950s. The unbroken ownership of the property has resulted in a partnership of all great-grandchildren of the original founder being the current owners.

As told by Tom E. Pendelton, great-grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

189 acres

PRODUCTION

1915 Cattle and Wheat

2018 Corn and Wheat



Dickschat-Mohr Farm

WASHINGTON COUNTY

4 miles SW of Washington Whitman Rd

FOUNDED: 1889

FOUNDER: Henry Mohr

CURRENT OWNERS: Raymond H. and Joy Ann Dickschat

Henry Mohr was born in Germany. He and his wife, Kate, came to Washington County with their family. Henry purchased 282 acres from W.I. Taylor in 1889. He raised corn, cotton, cattle, and hogs, and operated a cotton gin. They had three children: William, Fritz and Gustav. They schooled their children in the former Anson Jones home on the adjoining farm.

Gustav Mohr bought 50 acres of the farm in 1915, built a blacksmith shop and raised corn, cotton, hay, hogs and cattle. He milked his cows and sold cream to Blue Bell Creameries in Brenham.

In 1950, Charles Mohr purchased the 50 acres and Fred and Raymond raised corn, hay, and cattle. In 1958, Fred Dickschat purchased the farm and continued operation.

In 1990, Raymond Dickschat

purchased the 50 acres and continued raising hay and cattle. He received the Washington County Farm Bureau's Outstanding Farmer and Rancher Award in 2013. Raymond and Joy are 4-H adult leaders. All four sons are Gold Star Recipients and are Texas A&M graduates. Three sons are active in farms operations and two grandsons are county extension agents. All family land will be passed on to the children.

As told by Raymond Dickschat, great-grandson of the founder.

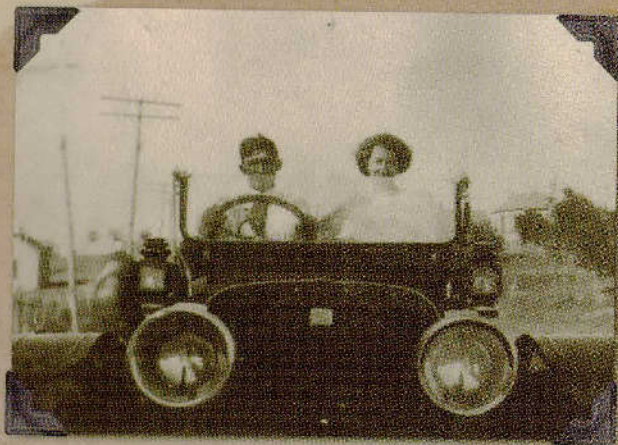
ORIGINAL ACREAGE

282 acres

PRODUCTION

1889 Cotton, Corn, Hay, Cattle and Hogs

2018 Hay, Cattle, Corn and Hogs



Rockin' S Ranch

WHEELER COUNTY

3 miles E of Mobeetie on Hwy 152

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDER: D.G. (Douglas Good) Sims

CURRENT OWNERS: Harry Douglas and Sherry Lynn Lepel Sims

D.G. Sims of Newsite, Alabama acquired a 160 acre ranch in Mobeetie, Texas with his wife, Effie, in 1918. They raised beef cattle, cows for milk and cream, chickens, butcher pigs, cotton, and grain along with three children – Ruth, Mary, and Jack.

In 1977, Jack Sims and his wife LaRue acquired the land. They had three children: Sharon, Harry, and Kyle. They raised cattle, horses, and planted improved grasses on the original 160 acres.

In 1990, Harry Sims and wife Sherry acquired the land. They continued to raise cattle and horses and planting improved grasses for the livestock on the original 160 acres, but took the initiative to expand the ranch to the current operating acreage of 3,680 acres. Many fences have been replaced due to the recent fires. Harry and Sherry have two children, Juhree and Tye; four grandchildren,

Lauren, Chase, Savanna and Kelton; and two great-grandchildren, Jerry and Jack. The original home, never altered by nature, is used for a camp house and guest quarters. Harry and Sherry live nearby on an addition to the ranch, and Tye's family lives on another addition to the ranch.

As told by Lauren Taylor Guest, great-great-granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

160 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Chickens, Pigs, Cotton and Grain

2018 Cattle, Horses and Improved Grasses



Stadler Ranch

WILSON COUNTY

9 miles SE of Floresville on FM 537

FOUNDED: 1900

FOUNDER: William Steven Stadler

CURRENT OWNERS: Richard Alton Stadler and Louise Edna Stadler

William (Willie) Steven Stadler was born in Cherokee County, Texas in 1862. He married Bertha Pryor and they had seven children: James Earl, Ernest (died in infancy), Audrey, Pearl, Arthur "Pete", Addie, and William Alton.

On January 11, 1901, Willie and J.A. Pryor acquired 400 acres of land in Wilson County. In 1907, Willie Stadler became the sole owner of 200 acres situated nine miles southeast of Floresville. He raised livestock, cotton, corn, milo, peanuts and watermelons.

William Alton Stadler acquired the title to 68 acres of the land in 1942. His brother, James Earl Stadler, acquired 69 acres of the land at the same time. They both raised livestock, corn and peanuts.

Richard Alton Stadler acquired title to the entire 68 acres that William Alton Stadler had owned in 1989. In 1998, he acquired title to 45 acres of the land which had been owned by James Earl Stadler.

Richard and his wife, Louise, live on the land and raise coastal grass and hay for their cattle. They have three children: Randy, Beverly, and Dana.

As told by Richard Stadler, grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

400 acres

PRODUCTION

1900 Cotton, Corn, Peanuts, Grain, Sorghum, Watermelon and Livestock

2018 Coastal Grass and Hay



Sunnyside Ranch

WILSON COUNTY

9 miles SE of Floresville

FOUNDED: 1900

FOUNDERS: William (Willie) Steven Stadler and Bertha Stadler

CURRENT OWNERS: Tommy Earl and Shirley Ann Stadler

William (Willie) Steven Sadler migrated from Cherokee County, Texas to Wilson County, Texas in 1898. He brought his wife, Bertha Pryor Stadler, and three children, James Earl, Audrey and Pearl. On arrival, he rented land and farmed cotton. In 1900, he and his brother-in-law, J.A. Pryor, purchased 400 acres of land west of the Cibolo Creek in the Sunnyside Community.

In 1907, Willie built a home and established a homestead with his wife on the western 200 acres. Willie and Bertha had three additional children: Arthur "Pete" Stadler, Addie Stadler, and William Alton Stadler. In 1916, Willie purchased an additional 175 acres of land located nearby on the west side of the Cibolo Creek. Willie raised his family while farming and ranching this land until his death in 1942.

All six of Willie's children lived their adult lives while farming,

ranching, and raising their families within four miles of the original Willie Sadler homestead.

Today, Tommy and his wife Shirley, own a portion of the original William Stadler homestead and are proud to continue their legacy of farming and ranching.

As told by Tommy Earl Stadler, grandson of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

200 acres

PRODUCTION

1900 Cotton, Corn, Grain, Sorghum, Beef Cattle, Hogs, Horses, Mules and Chickens
2018 Coastal Bermuda, Native Pasture and Registered Brahma Cattle



Cates Ranch

WISE COUNTY

3.5 miles S of Decatur

FOUNDED: 1871

FOUNDER: Robert G. Cates

CURRENT OWNER: Laura Maria Cates

Born in McMinn County, Tennessee, Robert G. Cates acquired 640 acres and moved to Decatur, to provide a better life for his family in 1871. He raised beef cattle and horses, and grew cotton, corn and peanuts. Robert also served as the county's sheriff for 11 years. He and his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, had 10 kids, including Charles Franks Cates and Joe Claude Cates.

Charles acquired 100 acres of the original parcel of land in 1899. Charles used the land for cotton, corn, peanuts, and cattle while raising his six kids with his wife, Lucy.

In 1903, Charles' brother Joe, acquired the 100 acres from Charles Frank and continued to use the property for cotton, corn, peanuts, and cattle. Joe and his wife, Mary Jane Champion, raised

two children, including James Gordon Cates.

James Gordon Cates acquired 95 acres of original parcel in 1969. Following James' passing in 2014, the land was left to his wife, Laura Maria Cates. The property is maintained by Laura's son, Joseph Lee Greene, Jr. To this day, the land is used for coastal hay and beef cattle.

As told by Laura Marie Cates, granddaughter of the founder.



ORIGINAL ACREAGE

640 acres

PRODUCTION

1871 Beef Cattle, Horses, Cotton, Corn and Peanuts
2018 Coastal Hay and Beef Cattle



Galloway-Radney Ranch

WOOD COUNTY

1/2 mile W of FM 69 on CR 1490

FOUNDED: 1887

FOUNDER: William Harvey (W.H.) Galloway

CURRENT OWNERS: Charles Ray and Linda Geneva (Radney) Busby

William Harvey Galloway was born September 11, 1828, in Coweta County, Georgia. In 1865, after serving in the Civil War, William settled in Wood County, Texas. He acquired 25 acres from his brother, Richard Henry L. Galloway, in 1887. William and his wife, Nancy, had seven children: Thomas, Francis, Robert, Mary Ann, William, Richard, and Martha Eudora. Acquiring another 25 acres in 1902, the family lived on and worked their land; raising cotton, peanuts, corn, hogs, chickens, cattle, and horses.

Martha Eudora gained ownership of the 50 acres in 1936. Martha married Pursley Daniel Radney in 1908 and the couple had 11 children: Robert, Ola, Almer Virgil, Florence, Eva, Lendsey, Lela, Nancy, Rubin, Amanda, and Bertha. They raised cotton, peanuts, corn, hogs, chickens, cattle and horses.

In 1970, Almer Virgil acquired the 50 acres. He married Willie Mozell Gilbreath in 1935 and had five children: Dortha, Linda Geneva, Roy, William, and Valta. They raised cotton, peanuts, corn, grade B milk, hogs, chickens, cattle, and horses.

Linda Geneva, married to Charles Ray Busby in 1960, acquired the 50 acres in 2004. They had two children, Cathey and Mark. Linda and Charles continue to raise beef cattle and hay today.

As told by Mark Alan Busby, great-great-grandson of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

25 acres

PRODUCTION

1887 Cotton, Peanuts, Corn, Hogs, Chickens, Cattle and Horses

2018 Beef Cattle and Hay



Palo Blanco Ranch

ZAPATA COUNTY

21 miles E of Zapata on FM 2687

FOUNDED: 1906

FOUNDER: Eleuterio Lopez

CURRENT OWNERS: Belia L. Cremar, Mary Perez, Antonio Lopez Jr., Monica O. Laine and Blas Ortiz Jr.

Eleuterio Lopez was born in Guerrero, Tamaulipas, Mexico in 1889. He was brought to Texas at the age of 12 to work the land at La Encantada Ranch and El Huisache Ranch as a cowhand. Here he learned ranching and farming. In 1906, Eleuterio purchased 1,280 acres from the State of Texas where he raised livestock, beans, corn, cotton and sorghum.

Eleuterio married Eva Pena in 1909. The couple had nine children: Esther, Pedro, Amador, Lauro, Alonzo, Antonio, Eleuterio Jr., Evangelina and Agustin. After Eleuterio's death in 1962, Eva and her children continued the farming and ranching operation. They raised livestock and cotton.

In 1968, Eva Pena de Lopez passed away and the 1,280 acres were divided amongst the nine children. Each one of the children got 139 acres and they continued to raise livestock.

Zoila Lopez acquired 139 acres in 1998 after her husband, Antonio, died. She raised livestock with the help of her children. In 2003, she deeded acres to her children, Belia Cremar, Mary Perez, Antonio Lopez Jr. She also deeded land to two grandchildren of her deceased daughter, Monica O. Laine and Blas Ortiz Jr. The five co-owners continue to raise livestock today.

As told by Belia Lopez Cremar, granddaughter of the founder.

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

1,280 acres

PRODUCTION

1906 Livestock, beans, Corn, Cotton and Sorghum

2018 Livestock



Rose Family Trust

FLOYD COUNTY

2.5 miles E of Lockney on FM 97

FOUNDED: 1918

FOUNDER: C.H. Rose and Mary Ida Casey Rose

CURRENT OWNERS: Jerry Rose

ORIGINAL ACREAGE

100 acres

PRODUCTION

1918 Wheat, Cotton and Cattle

2018 CRP



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