

FAMILY LAND HERITAGE REGISTRY 2002

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Dear Honorees:

Welcome to the 27th annual Texas Family Land Heritage celebration. It is with great honor that I congratulate you and your families on your vast contributions to Texas agriculture. For hundreds of years your ancestors have been working the land – planting, grazing, tilling and resting it to squeeze life from the soil and sustain our abundant food supply. My family also has firm roots in agriculture, having come to Texas in search of land and opportunity in 1859. We all are products of our families who helped shape our past and future.

Today we celebrate the amazing diligence and quiet dedication of a long line of Texas farmers and ranchers. Our earliest pioneers carved out lives by planting crops and raising livestock, and over the years farming and ranching have become the lifeblood of some 194,000 producers across the state.

This is a particularly special year for the Family Land Heritage ceremony, as our country's spirit recently was challenged by tragic events. But the American spirit – and the Texas spirit – live on. As a nation, we work together to grasp where we are headed, and our farmers and ranchers continue to produce what is expected of them – enough food to feed a nation and sustain a growing world population.

From the wind swept High Plains to the sun-drenched Rio Grande Valley, more than 100 properties are being honored here today. I am pleased to add your names to our honor roll of agricultural heritage, and I encourage farmers and ranchers to display the American flag on their fences and gateposts in patriotic support of agriculture as we make our way through 2002. On behalf of the Texas agriculture industry, I send best wishes to you as you continue with the next chapter in your historical operation.

Sincerely,

Susan Combs
Commissioner

*Making Texas the nation's
leader in agriculture
while providing efficient
and extraordinary service.*

ARCHER COUNTY

CONNER FAMILY RANCH

Eleven miles southwest of Archer City on State Highway 79.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1949	John W. and Mary C. Conner
1949 – 2001	James W. and Ella L. Conner
2001 – 2002	James Carl Conner
	John W. Conner
	Nell M. (Conner) McClellan
	Theresa L. (Conner) Kunkel

JOHN WILLIAM CONNER and his wife, MARY CATHERINE ELKINS, moved from Bridgeport, Texas, to Archer County and purchased 320 acres in 1902. At this time, Highway 79 was only a dirt road for wagons. Between 1904 and 1913, the Conners added 1,120 acres to their ranch.

John and Mary ran a cow-calf operation of horned Hereford cattle and also raised wheat, oats, maize and hay. They also produced eggs and butter. The Conners and their neighbors helped each other thresh wheat and work the cattle. In 1907, the railroad was granted right of way on about four acres of the property. The train came through once a week and transported livestock and crops to market. An old dipping vat, which still exists today, was built on the property to help control tick-borne diseases. John William lived until 1958 to the age of 94 and was active almost to the end of his life in the management of the ranch and the improvement of his cattle herd.

John and Mary had two sons that grew up on the ranch—John Dolphus and James Woodrow. James took over day-to-day operation of the ranch in 1949. He married Ella Louise Phillipp, and they had six children—Mary Alice, Theresa Louise, James Carl, John William, George Leo and Nell Marie. During the Depression, James worked for \$2.40 a day



to build and pave State Highway 79, using his own team of mules and earthmoving equipment to fill in washes and smooth the road.

One important project James Woodrow undertook was returning the farmland on the property to the original native grasses. The family still routinely clears mesquite and cactus on the original 320 acres and controls these plants on the rest of the property. Stock ponds were built on drainage areas, and roads have been rocked and graveled for conservation purposes.

Today, at 90, James Woodrow continues to guide his son, James Carl, as he manages the Conner Family Ranch with his brother, John, and sisters, Theresa and Nell. They operate a cow-calf operation numbering about 50 Hereford and Angus-cross cows, one horse and several bulls. The original farmhouse still stands, and James Woodrow's house is still maintained. Two large barns from the original development remain, as does a corral and old dipping vat.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cattle, wheat, oats, maize and hay; 2002—Cattle.



ARMSTRONG COUNTY

PATTERSON FARM

Five miles south of Claude on Texas Highway 207.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1936	J.S. Patterson
1936 – 1940	Lizzie Patterson
1940 – 1946	Margaret (Hawes) Scott Sara Elizabeth Hawes
1940 – 1975	Clarence Patterson
1975 – 2002	Lena Patterson Ronald Patterson

J.S. PATTERSON was born in Adair County, Kentucky in 1859. Lizzie (Francher) Patterson was born in Hillsboro, Texas in 1870. They married in Hillsboro in 1890 and made their first home in Hill County, Texas and then came to Armstrong County to pioneer a new country. Near Claude, they purchased 640 acres of land from William Brook Close and Edward Ford North. They raised wheat, grain sorghum, feed, cattle, horses and hogs. The first house was built in 1908. J.S. and Lizzie brought up a family of four children—Ethel Mae, Clarence, Mellie and Thelma. In 1927, the Pattersons donated land for roads so their neighbors would have an easier way to get to the market, schools and churches.

On June 26, 1939, Clarence Patterson and his nieces, Margaret and Sara (daughters of his sister, Mellie), each inherited part of the original property. Clarence inherited 214.33 acres, and Margaret and Sara, who were both minors, inherited 214.33 acres. Both farms continued to grow grain crops and raise cattle, hogs and horses. In 1946, Clarence bought half of his niece's land. Clarence helped start a medical clinic, a farmer's co-op and a veterinary hospital. In 1948, he gave land to build a farm-to-market road, and in 1966 he gave additional land to make the road a state highway. A



enjoys spending time with her family, especially great-grandchildren, Lynnzee Keys, Cole Schott and Cheyann Schott. The Texas Cooperative Service has done several test plots for grain sorghum, and Dow Chemical has also used the farm for a test plot.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 321.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Wheat, grain sorghum, feed, cattle, horses and hogs; 2002—Wheat, grain sorghum, cattle and hogs.

AUSTIN COUNTY

FRIEDRICH "FRITZ" ANDREAS SR. AND ELLA SCHUMANN FAMILY FARM

Two miles south of Bellville.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1884 – 1932	Friedrich "Fritz" Andreas Schumann Sr.
1932 – 1968	Friedrich A. Schumann Estate
1968 – 2002	Hildegarde A. Schumann



FRIEDRICH "FRITZ" ANDREAS SCHUMANN SR. was born in Goedewitz, Germany. He came to Texas to seek a better life and more freedom. Fritz acquired 52 acres on May 13, 1884, in Austin County. He added 33.4 acres between 1884 and 1899. Corn, cotton, sugarcane, cattle, horses, swine, chickens and sheep were raised on the land. Fritz and his wife, Ella (Witte) Schumann, had 12 children—Elsie, Anna, Emma, Alma, Minnie, Hattie, Ella, Edna, Fritz Jr., Carl, Hildegarde and Wilma. The children were engaged in agriculture in Austin and surrounding counties. Fritz was the director of the Piney Concordia Singing Society for 30 years.

In 1968, the majority of the farm was sold to the Bellville Independent School District except for 6.093 acres. Hildegarde Schumann is the sole owner of the remaining acres and raises cattle on the land. The house in which Hildegarde resides is more than 100 years old. When Hildegarde worked in Houston, she spent every weekend on the family farm.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 52

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 6.093

Crops or livestock raised: 1884—Corn, cotton, sugarcane, cattle, horses, swine, chickens and sheep; 2002—Cattle.

BASTROP COUNTY

INGRAM RANCH

★ 150-YEAR PROPERTY ★

Seventeen miles southeast of Bastrop.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1838 – 1854	John G. and Mary Welchmeyer
1854 – 1912	George W. and Lavinia Powell
1912 – 1944	Charlton Y. and Liza L. Powell
1944 – 1994	Elton I. and Vera (Powell) Ingram
1994 – 2002	Jerry D. and Doris M. Ingram
1994 – 2002	Clay A. and Laurie Ingram

JOHN G. WELCHMEYER was a native Georgian who joined the Texas Revolution on August 18, 1836, and rose to the rank of first sergeant, serving with Captain Chenoweth's Zavala Volunteers and General Green's Brigade. After Independence, he became secretary of the Texas Railroad, Navigation and Banking Company. His wife, Mary Rousseau Andrews, was the daughter of Colonel Mosea Rousseau. Her first husband, Richard Andrews, was the first casualty of the Texas Revolution.

The Welchmeyers were granted a headright by the Republic of Texas to land originally patented in 1830 by Colonel Mosea Rousseau, part of a Mexican grant to Stephen F. Austin. John and Mary raised cotton, corn and cattle on their land, which totaled approximately 7,000 acres.

In 1844, a daughter, Lavinia, was born to Mary and John. The same year, John was killed when a gun accidentally discharged during a river crossing. William Augustus Hemphill, the executor of John's estate, became Lavinia's guardian. He later married Mary and adopted Lavinia.

Mary owned the land until her death in 1848 at the age of 28. The land passed to Lavinia's ownership in 1854 under the supervision of William Hemphill. During Lavinia's life, the ranch produced corn, cattle and pecans. Lavinia married George Washington Powell, who fought in the Civil War with the 16th Texas Infantry. They had nine children—Mary Susan, William Cullen, Charlton Yellowly, Ida Lee, Thomas Nelson, George Washington Jr., Claude Elmer, Dilla Rudell and Bertha Estelle.

Charlton Y. Powell acquired 500 acres of the farm in 1912, and added 476 acres to his holding, where he continued to



grow corn, sorghum, cattle and pecans. He married Liza Lou Hanna in 1906 and they had three children—Elmer Nelson, Vera Lou and Charlton Yellowly Jr.

Vera Powell received 323 acres of the family land in 1944. That same year, she and her husband, Elton Ingram, purchased 150.5 acres of adjacent land, raising cattle and pecans on their holdings. They had four

children—Carlyle, Bobby, Jerry and Larry.

In 1994, Jerry and his wife, Doris, acquired the family property and raised cattle and pecans on a total of 1,086 acres. This included 47.56 acres of the land from his great grandfather's 1838 land grant and 72.44 acres of land that has been in the family for 100 years. Jerry and Doris also acquired 120 acres from Elton Ingram, which was originally purchased by Elton's grandfather in 1868.

Today, their son, Clay and his wife, Laurie, operate the 450-acre Ingram Ranch. They have cleared brush, dug tanks, planted coastal grass, grafted pecan trees and are continuing to raise cattle. They have two children—Chandler Ethan and Caitlyn Addison.

The Family Land Heritage Program originally recognized the Ingram Ranch in 1998 for 100 years of continuous agricultural production.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 7,000

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1838—Cotton, corn and cattle; 2002—Cattle and pecans.



BAYLOR COUNTY

MILLER FARM

Four miles north northwest of Seymour on FM 2069.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1942	Leo C. and Sarah Frances Harrison
1942 – 1942	William E. Harrison
1942 – 1943	Glen E. Miller
1943 – 1968	Lawrence D. and Ida (Harrison) Miller
1968 – 1979	Olin F. “Bob” Miller
1979 – 2002	Larry F. Miller

LEO CRUMWELL HARRISON was born in East Texas but went west to get a new start. The land was cheap and the soil was good. On July 21, 1902, he bought 320 acres from A.L. and Rachel Ellison and raised cotton, cane, wheat, oats, corn, cattle, horses and mules. The county seat of Baylor County, the City of Seymour, was organized 12 years before he bought the property, and Leo saw the town steadily grow with the building of the railroad, flourmill, hotels, movie theater and banks. In addition, he saw the breakup of rangeland into smaller, privately owned farms. Leo and his wife, Sarah, had eight children—Ira, Howard, Edgar, Alton, Ida, Era, Fleddie and Jessie, who died at age seven.

In 1904, the community decided to build a school so the area children would not have to walk to school in the neighboring town several miles away. Leo sold an acre of his property for \$10 and donated another acre to build the school. For his generosity, he was given the privilege of naming the school. Since the location had a plain view of the community and the City of Seymour, he decided to call it “Plainview.” On Sundays, the school building was used as a church that the Harrisons helped organize. The school closed in 1940 and the building is no longer there, but the community is still referred to as Plainview.

William Edgar Harrison acquired title in 1942 from the estate of his mother, but he only owned the land for three months. The family needed money, so he sold the land to his nephew, Glen Miller. Edgar and his wife, Ina (Roddy) Harrison, had four children—Zelma, Flo, Lawrence and Lynn.

Glen Miller owned the land for only six months. His



parents, Lawrence and Ida Irene (Harrison) Miller had originally wanted to buy the property from Edgar, but did not have the money at the time. As soon as the loan was processed and the money available, they bought the 100 acres from Glen. Lawrence and Ida raised cotton, wheat, oats, corn, ribbon cane, cattle, horses, mules, pigs and chickens. Ida was a charter member of the Plainview

Home Demonstration Club, and during World War II, club members did their part and pledged to be “Victory Demonstrators” by providing food and giving guidance to non-club members. Lawrence owned a thresher, one of the only threshers in the area, and he threshed wheat, oats and milo for many of the area farmers.

Lawrence and Ida had five sons—Olin “Bob”, Glen, L. Estes, E. Vanis and W. Thelbert. Bob Miller was the next owner of the property. Today, his nephew, Larry Miller owns and operates the land. Larry is the son of L. Estes and Modena Miller. Larry and his wife, Annette, planted 200 evergreen trees as a windbreak in 1980 to prevent wind and water erosion. Most of the trees are still alive and more than 30 feet tall. Larry built waterways and seeded a large portion to Bermuda for grazing. Larry and Annette have two children—Chelsi and Ryan.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, cane, wheat, oats, corn, cattle, horses and mules; 2002—Cattle, oats and Coastal Bermuda.

BELL COUNTY

ROTHHOFF/WILDE FARM

Sixteen miles east of Temple off of FM 3369.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1922	Henry Rotthoff
1922 – 1968	Otto and Dorothy (Rotthoff) Wilde
1968 – 2002	Gilbert and Pauline (Block) Wilde



JOHN HENRY AND MARY (SEIB) ROTHHOFF came from Germany. They bought 51.3 acres from F.M. and Sarrah Visage on April 2, 1901. They raised cotton, corn, milo, cattle and hogs on their property. John Henry and Mary had two children—Dorothy and Edward. Dorothy and her husband, Otto Wilde, acquired title to the property in 1922. The couple raised cotton, corn, milo, cattle and hogs. Dorothy and Otto had five children—Gilbert, Celestine, Geraldine, Marvin and Cecil. Gilbert passed away in October 1957 and Dorothy took over ownership. Their oldest son, Gilbert, rented the land for crop production until he bought the land from his mother in 1968.

Gilbert, who was born on the farm, and his wife, Pauline (Block) Wilde, added 80 acres to the original land. Gilbert and Pauline had four children—Virginia, Daniel, Beatrice and John. The Wildes still live on the farm and Gilbert raises cattle, cotton, corn and milo.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 51.3

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 51.3

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, milo, cattle and hogs; 2002—Cattle, cotton, corn and milo.

BEXAR COUNTY

THE BARKER RANCH

Southwest of Von Ormy on Interstate 35 South.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1900 – 1920	Samuel John Barker
1920 – 1961	Robert Emmet Barker
1961 – 2002	Robert Erin Barker



SAMUEL JOHN BARKER was born in Ireland. He came to Texas in search of a better life. In 1900, he purchased 220 acres from Francis Smith. Cattle, horses, mules, corn, cotton and feed for livestock were raised on the land. Samuel and his wife, Mary Bridget, had seven children—Minnie, Margaret “Mag”, Martha Evelin, Robert Emmet, Thomas J., Samuel John and George A. Samuel. They raised and sold cattle and other livestock at the San Antonio Stockyards.

In 1920, son Robert Emmet Barker acquired the ranch. Cattle, corn, hay and peanuts were raised. Robert and his wife, Lillie Mary, had four children—Margaret Bridget, Samuel John, Bobbie Lee and Robert Erin. Robert continued his father’s tradition of selling livestock at the San Antonio Stockyards. He also raised and sold crops at market. The family built a home adjacent to Interstate-35 soon after the highway was built in 1937.

In 1961, the grandson of the original owner, Robert Erin Barker and wife, Jerry Nell Barker, were willed 53 acres of the

220-acre parcel of land. In 1970, they built their home on the property. They had three children—Linda, Nancy and Larry. Jerry passed away in 1989. Robert has continued to manage the ranch and raise cattle. Through the years, he has cleared 40 acres of the land, built partition fences, barns and cattle pens. He has also enlarged the pond and stocked it with catfish and largemouth bass for all to enjoy. Robert grows hay for winterfeed and oats for winter grazing and has the 40-acres that he cleared planted in Coastal Bermuda and Pasture grass for summer grazing. Robert has given his children, Nancy and Larry, a parcel of land on which they have built their homes and now reside.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 220
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 53

Crops or livestock raised: 1900—Cattle, horses, mules, corn, cotton and feed for livestock; 2002—Cattle, hay and oats.



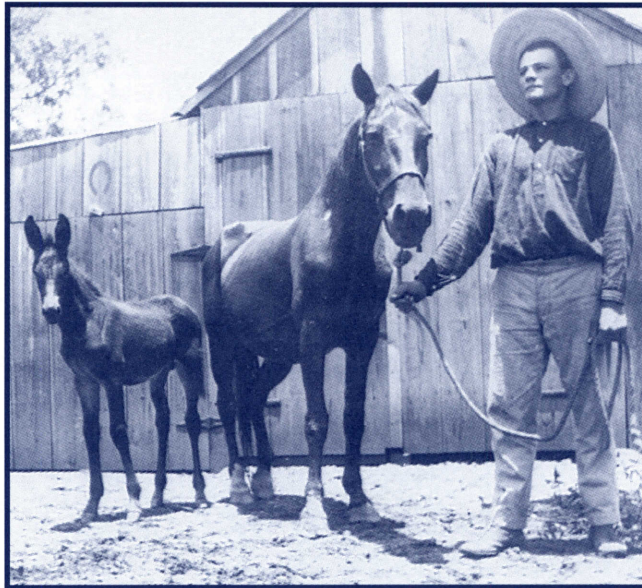
WINKELMANN FARM

On FM 2538 one and one-half miles from Interstate 10 East.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1876 – 1900	Carl Heinrich Hermann and Sophie Winkelmann
1900 – 1927	Fritz Johann and Dorothea Winkelmann
1927 – 1949	Edward Edward and Frieda Winkelmann
1949 – 2002	Vernon Edward and Ottilia Winkelmann

HERMANN WINKELMANN was born in Verden, Germany. Hermann, his wife, Sophie, and their child, Diedrich came to Texas. On June 13, 1876, Hermann bought 209.41 acres of land from Eleanor Stribling. The property was originally part of the land granted to Eligio Gortari. The couple raised cotton, wheat, pigs, cattle and chickens, and horses began replacing human labor in crop cultivation. Hermann and Sophie had four children—Diedrich, Fritz Johann, Sophie and Hermann, who came over on the SS Baltimore ship from Germany to Texas. Diedrich was two years old; Sophie, who was three, died on the way; Fritz was six years old and Hermann was 14 months.

A son, Fritz Johann, acquired title to the land on December 6, 1900. He added 177 acres to the original property and raised cotton, corn, cattle, sorghum, pigs and chickens. During his ownership, Delco plants helped provide electricity to farms and rural areas. Fritz and his wife, Dorothea Haecker, had four children—Alma, Ida, Edward and Ella. Their son, Edward, took ownership of 123.22 acres in 1927. Edward added 413.6 acres to his property and sold over 119 acres outside of the family.



Rural electrical co-ops were beginning to replace the Delco plants, and Edward was the founder and advisor for the local electric co-op. He was an active participant in the Grange and was a member of the Soil Conservation District. Edward raised cotton, corn, milo, wheat, oats, flax, cattle, pigs, chickens, horses and dairy cows. He and his wife, Frieda Wieters, had three children—Vernon Edward, Dorothy and Wallace.

Vernon acquired title to the land in 1949, which contained 123 acres of the original property. Each generation has been active members of the Texas 4-H program, the Grange and the Texas Farm Bureau. A small barn built more than 100 years ago is still used to store feed. The founder's original home, a blacksmith shop and old smokehouse are still standing. Vernon's wife, Ottilia, and their son, Kenneth, manage the daily operations of the farm.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 209.41

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 123

Crops or livestock raised: 1876—Cotton, wheat, pigs, cattle and chickens; 2002—Cattle, corn, maize and wheat.

BOSQUE COUNTY

WILLIAMS DOUBLE R RANCH

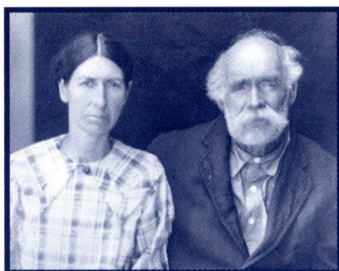
Twenty-three miles northeast of Meridian on FM 56 at Brazos Point.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1870 – until death	Philip Winn Williams
1870 – 1939	Philip Winn Williams Jr.
1939 – 1989	Jack William Williams
1989 – 1999	James Russell Williams
1999 – 2002	Russell Jay Williams

PHILIP WINN WILLIAMS and his son, PHILIP WINN WILLIAMS JR., were co-owners of the property. Philip Winn Sr. was born in Hickman County, Tennessee. He first came to Texas in 1843 and lived in Dallas County, but returned to Arkansas in 1848 to live near his mother-in-law. After serving in the Confederate Army, he returned to Texas to begin a new life. On March 4, 1870, Philip Sr. and his son bought 960 acres from J.S. Meeks and began raising corn, cotton, poultry, hogs, cattle, horses and mules. He built a log cabin on the farm, which was located on the Brazos River. The farm was upriver from the Kimball Crossing on the Chisholm Train where hundreds of Longhorn cattle crossed the river. The arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad in the northern part of Bosque County in 1882 brought an end to the cattle drives, but made it easier to bring in products that local farmers and ranchers needed. Philip Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth (Headstream) Williams, had 12 children—Harriet Elizabeth, Philip Winn Jr., Mary Etta, Margaret P., William B., Pheby Abigail, Hill Zebulon, Jesse P., Julia L., Thomas Felix, Mattie C. and Avarilla.

Philip Winn Jr., added 501 acres to the original acreage and sold 26.2 acres to the Brazos River Reclaim District for the development of Lake Whitney. He became the sole owner after his father's death, the date of which is unknown. Philip Jr. raised cotton, Cleveland Bays, Spanish Malta jacks, poultry, Jersey and Red Durham cattle and mules. One year the family used earnings from a cotton crop to buy a car. Philip had three wives—Emma, Ann and Naoma—and 12 children—Myrtle, Authur, Luther, Bettie Ann, John LeLon, Thomas Philip, Opal Bell, Jack William, Nellie June, Jim Murray, Mary Etta and Billie Sunday. The oldest daughter was a midwife who delivered many babies in the community.

Jack William acquired title to 157 acres in 1939 and raised



corn, peanuts, watermelons, cotton, cattle, hogs, poultry and cane. In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was created to help bring electric service to rural areas. However, this property did not receive electricity until the 1940s when the first power lines were erected in northeastern Bosque County. Jack married Eunice Irene Wheatley, and the couple had seven children—James

Russell, Patsy Lorene, Eunice Ailene, Willa Dean, Glenda Adell, Jackie Dwain and Brenda Sue. Patsy taught school in Texas and in Bosque County for 24 years.

Their son, James Russell, was the next owner, acquiring 22.78 acres in 1989. He raised cattle, oats, wheat, sorghum and Coastal Bermuda. James Russell served in the U.S. Army and worked for General Dynamics, earning extra income to sustain his cattle operation. He married Nora Elizabeth Price, and they had two children—Russell Jay and Rodney Philip. Russell Jay ran the cow-calf operation for his father and is the current owner of the land.

Both Russell and his wife, Sharon Denise (Gilliam) Williams, hold private applicator licenses and attend most CEU courses offered by the Cooperative Extension office. They are also members of the Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Today, a large portion of the land is in Coastal Bermuda as well as oats and wheat. They also raise commercial cattle. Russell and his wife, Sharon, have two children—Faith Nicole and Dustin Blake.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 960

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 22.78

Crops or livestock raised: 1870—Cotton, corn, cattle, poultry, hogs, horses and mules; 2002—Cattle, oats, wheat and Coastal Bermuda.

BROWN COUNTY

LAZY "Y" RANCH - THE ANDREWS PLACE

Three miles west of Thrifty.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1865 – 1879	Riley and Louisa Jane (Mullins) Cross
1879 – 1905	Susan (Cross) and James Jeffery Andrews
1905 – 1985	Annie Belle (Andrews) Hays
1985 – 2002	Thomas M. Hays

RILEY CROSS was born in Henry County, Tennessee. He came to Texas with his father, James Madison Cross, in 1847 as part of the westward movement in search of more land and a better life. James Madison Cross had scouted and surveyed the land from West Texas to Arizona in 1835, and he thought the area around Brownwood was a "beautiful place." James Madison and his family were some of the first settlers in Bell County, where he raised livestock and built a sawmill. He later sold his business interests and moved to Brown County.

Riley stayed in Texas until 1851 when he returned to Mississippi to finish his common school education. He returned to Texas in 1855 and opened a woodshop in Lampasas. There he met and married Louisa Jane Mullins. Riley was a Texas Ranger and fought Indians during the Civil War. He sold the woodshop and with his brothers-in-law started a livestock operation in Brown County. Riley and one of his brothers also surveyed the land in Lampasas, Bell, Comanche and Brown counties. Riley and Louisa had five children—Nancy E., Lucy



J., Anna S., Susan E. and Dolly. The children could not play outside or sit on the front porch in the evening for fear of an Indian attack. Their house had to be guarded at all times.

Riley had to give up his livestock operation in 1879 because of ill health, and he gave 70 acres to his daughter, Susan, and her husband, James Jeffery Andrews. They raised livestock, cotton, wheat, oats and maize. Susan and James had one daughter, Annie Belle, who married Tom Hays, the father of the present owner, Thomas Hays. Annie Belle Hays deeded the land to her son on her death. Thomas raises registered Braham cattle on the ranch. Through root plowing and seeding, he has helped improve the land. Thomas is a retired United States Navy Captain and he was married to Ruby Faye (Knapp) Hayes.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 700

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 613.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1865—Livestock, cotton, corn, oats and maize; 2002—Registered Braham cattle.



BURNET COUNTY

MARSHALL HOLLAND RANCH

Three miles east of Marble Falls off County Road 340.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1857 – 1878	Samuel E. Holland
1878 – 1914	David B. Holland
1914 – 1947	Marshall and Bessie (Hays) Holland
1947 – 1975	Bessie Holland
	Heirs of Marshall Holland
1975 – 2002	Fred H. Holland

SAMUEL “S.E.” HOLLAND was born in Merriweather County, Georgia. He came to Texas and on March 17, 1857, bought 320 acres from Jacob D. Cordova. He also owned several other places in Burnet County. S.E. was the first permanent builder in the county, put in the first cultivated farm, strung the first wire fence and built the first all stone home. Samuel was married three times—Mary Scott, Clara Thomas and Susan McCarty. He had 13 children—George, David Benjamin, John H., Sam W., Porter D, Mary, Martha Ann, Louisa, Catherine, Elizabeth, Charles Hamilton and two sons from his third marriage whose names are unknown. S.E. was a veteran of the Mexican War, an Indian fighter, a colonel during the war between states and involved in Reconstruction. He was the first Burnet County Treasurer from 1825 to 1855.

A son, David Benjamin, took over ownership of the 320 acres in 1878. He raised sheep, goats and cattle. He also raised cotton, corn and sorghum cane. David and his wife, Lucy (Thomas) Holland, had nine children—Marshall, Ealy Monroe, Elva Cora, Hunter Harrison, Dudley Benjamin, Margaret Mae, Willie Bryan, Dee Christian and Clara Beatrice.



In 1914, 111 acres were sold to Marshall, who raised sheep, goats and beef cattle on the land. Marshall and his wife, Bessie (Hays) Holland had seven children—Malcolm Franklin, Anna Ruth, Edna Lois, Dudley Howard, Marshall Jay, Fred Hays and Donald Gene. Marshall served as County Commissioner for Precinct No. 4 from 1932 to 1944. Marshall passed away in 1947 without a will. His widow, Bessie, and son, Fred, operated the ranch until 1974. Fred’s brothers and sister willed him their share of the ranch.

Today, Fred and his wife, Billie, operate 111 acres of the original property and they live on adjoining acres that have all the improvements for the ranch. They have cleared brush, built stock tanks and planted permanent grass. They raise goats and beef cattle.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 111

Crops or livestock raised: 1857—Sheep, goats and cattle;
2002—Goats and beef cattle.

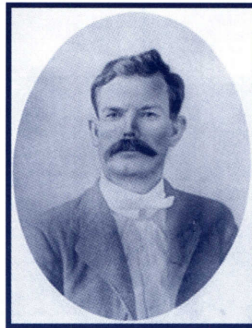


UNCLE BOB HAYS PLACE

Two-tenths of a mile east of Marble Falls on County Road 340.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1884 – 1893	William Arthur Hays
1893 – 1947	Robert Lee Hays
1947 – 1955	Lucy K. Hays
1955 – 1960	Robert Hale Hays
1960 – 2002	Fred Hays and Billie Jean Holland

WILLIAM ARTHUR HAYS was born in Green County, Tennessee. Following the Civil War, he came to Texas along with other family members in search of a better life. On January 22, 1884, he bought 253 acres of land from N.A. Cavin and raised cotton, milo, corn and cattle. William and his wife, Sallie, had six children—Addie Mae, Ernest, Ollie, Iris, Winnie and Carlyle.



by Fred's great uncle. Robert Lee and Lucy Hays were all surrogate grandparents to Fred, since his grandparents were deceased. Fred and Billie Jean have drilled a well, cleared timber, built stock ponds, stocked a pond with fish, planted permanent grass and built new fences. They raise beef cattle. Fred and Billie's son, Howard, and his wife, Melanie, built their home on the land and are raising four daughters on the ranch—Kylie, Bethany, Marin and Caitlin.

In 1893, a brother, Robert Lee Hays, bought 60 acres from William. Robert raised cotton, corn, milo, cattle, sheep, turkeys and chickens. Robert and his wife, Lucy, had one child, Robert Hale Hays, who acquired title to the 60 acres from his mother in 1955. Robert Hale raised milo. He and his wife, Anna Marie, had no children.

Today, Fred Hays and Billie Jean Holland purchased the ranch from Robert Hale in 1960, which was originally owned

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 253
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 60

Crops or livestock raised: 1884—Cotton, milo, corn and cattle; 2002—Beef cattle.



WARDEN RANCH

Five mile northeast of Burnet on Ranch Road 963.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1949	James Bradley Warden
1949 – 1973	William Arnold Warden
1973 – 2002	Charles Kennedy Warden

JAMES BRADLEY WARDEN came to Texas with his parents from West Virginia in 1873 following a flood that destroyed his father's crops. Much to his father's disappointment, the land was not as productive as he had hoped and in a letter wrote that "times are too hard and business dull; too many loafers and nothing to bring cash." James Bradley bought 320 acres of land from D.R. Holland on January 19, 1901 and later added an additional 346 acres to his holdings. He cleared the land for farming and raised oats, corn, cattle, sheep, goats, horses and mules. Using the horses and mules, he built an earthen tank, which has been improved and is still in use today. In 1899, James Bradley had married Rella Myrtle Barton, and the couple had five children—William Arnold, Annie Myrtle, Kate, Clara and Martha Jo. James Bradley was one of the founders and first trustees of the Oak Hill School.

William Arnold Warden acquired title to 666 acres on October 1, 1949. He terraced the farmland and built spreader dams on the ranchland. He also built another earthen dam and cleared the ranchland of shin oak. William Arnold was also a trustee at the Oak Hill School. William and his wife,



Susie (Roach) Warden, had five children—twins Beulah May and Eulla May, Nina Mildred, Arnold William and Charles Kennedy.

Charles Kennedy "Ken" acquired the 332-acre ranch in 1973. Charles was born in the original house on the property, but later built a new house, making a barn out of the original structure. He cleared cedar, built an earthen dam and put up new fences. Ken raises cattle, sheep, goats, oats and Coastal hay. He married Johnnie Elizabeth Norris, and the couple had two children—Charles K. Jr. and John Allan. Ken also served as a trustee of the Burnet Independent School Board and

director of the Chamber of Commerce. Two structures—a log hay barn and log corncrib—are more than 100 years old and are still in use today.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cattle, sheep, goats, horses, mules, oats and corn; 2002—Cattle, sheep, goats, oats and Coastal hay.

CALLAHAN COUNTY

M. JOHNSON RANCH

One mile northeast of Oplin at the intersection of FM 604 and FM 2926.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1925	Tom and Mary Johnson
1925 – 1969	Edd and Mamie Johnson
1969 – 1980	Maurice and Maxine Johnson
1980 – 2002	Maxine Johnson

THOMAS JOHNSON came to America from Norway in search of more opportunities and a better life. Mary Betcher's family came from Germany to avoid war. The two married in America and purchased 640 acres in Callahan County in 1901, adjacent to almost 126 acres that Tom acquired in 1892.

Tom worked as a rock mason and dug wells for himself and his neighbors. He cleared his land of rocks and brush so it could be plowed and grew cotton, milo, wheat, oats, corn and cane. He also raised cattle, horses, mules, hogs, chickens and turkeys. Tom and Mary had a large family—Amelia, Edith, William, Edd, Andrew and Eules. They donated land for the town site of Oplin and to build the Oplin Church of Christ.

In 1915, Edd Johnson began to manage the 640-acre ranch with his mother and brothers. Edd and his brothers continued clearing the land so more of it could be cultivated. They built a small house, a barn and some corrals and grew cotton, wheat, oats and milo. They also raised cattle, horses, pigs, chickens and turkeys. After Edd died in 1924, his wife Mamie, raised their three young boys—Frank Edward, Eldon Maurice and Tommie Waymon—on the ranch. As soon as the boys were old enough to ride, they worked on the ranch with their uncles and brought the ranch through the dust bowl and Depression.



In World War II, Maurice was called to service for four years, most of it overseas. After his return, Maurice and his brothers worked with the Soil Conservation Service to make improvements on the ranch, including building new tanks and controlling the mesquite. They added 300 acres to the property. Maurice married Mary Maxine and they had two daughters—Mary and Mallie.

Maurice passed away in 1980 and Maxine took over management of the M. Johnson Ranch. She actively supports the Conservation Reserve Program and continues many conservation practices, including waterways, diversion terraces, mesquite and prickly pear control. Maxine's wise stewardship of the ranch will ensure that future generations will enjoy a beautiful and profitable land. Maxine has started deeding Mary and Mallie part of the original acreage to continue through them and the grandchildren—Marci, Jo, Whit and Mat—the family's ranching heritage.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 640

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, milo, wheat, oats, corn, cattle, horses, mules, hogs, chickens and turkeys; 2002—Haygrazer, wheat and grass hay.

COLORADO COUNTY

THE BRUNE FARM

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

Seven miles north of Columbus on FM 109.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1846 – 1861	Frederick A. and Margaret Zimmerscheidt
1861 – 1873	Josephine Barbara Zimmerscheidt-Leyendecker
1873 – 1908	John Frederick Leyendecker
1908 – 1950	Laura (Leyendecker) Brune Victoria Leyendecker
1950 – 1971	Emil and Laura (Leyendecker) Brune
1971 – 2002	Kenneth E. Brune



FREDERICK “F.A.” AND MARGARET (BASTIAN) ZIMMERSCHIEDT came to Texas from Budesheim, Germany, seeking a better life. Anson Jones, president of the Republic of Texas, granted Frederick one league of land of 4,428.4 acres. F.A. received his grant between 1832 and 1834, when he had it surveyed. He actually acquired title to the land on February 10, 1846. Frederick later sold about 2,128.4 acres and he donated one acre for the Zimmerscheidt School. The Zimmerscheidts raised horses, cattle, oxen and cotton. They had one daughter, Josephine Barbara, who with her husband, Johann Leyendecker, and their four children, joined the family in Texas in 1843.

In 1848, Josephine and Johann were deeded 400 acres of the southeast corner of the league from her father. In 1861, they inherited the rest of the farm from her mother. Under Johann’s guidance, the farm became one of the most prosperous in Colorado County. The 1860 Agriculture Census showed that Johann had 11 horses, 5 mules, 70 milk cows, 4 working oxen, 250 other cattle, 50 sheep and 20 swine. In addition, he raised corn, cotton, Irish potatoes, hay and produced butter. He also ginned cotton for other farmers, a practice that his son, Fritz, carried on in the 1870s. Josephine and Johann had eight children—Mary, John Frederick, Josephine, John Baptist, Margaret, Catherine, Charles and Adam.

In 1873, John Frederick "J.F." Leyendecker inherited 519.5 acres of the farm. That same year, he was elected to serve in the 13th Legislature of the State of Texas. Upon completing his term of office, he took up farming activities again. A pioneer horticulturist, J.F. founded the Pearfield Nursery in 1876. In 1905, he sold trees and shrubs to Colorado County for the courthouse lawn. J.F. introduced a variety of fruit trees and developed several new ones, particularly peaches. He grew pears and was one of the first nurserymen to introduce Japanese persimmons to Texas. He did pioneer work in grafting Japanese Persimmons, grapes and pecans. J.F. and his wife, Frances Ann (Stanger) Leyendecker, had 12 children—Alice, Mary Josephine, John Frederick, Victoria Catherine, Adolph Sylvester, Salvoronia, John James, George, Robert, Peter, Laura Malvinia and Jessie.

In 1908, Laura (Leyendecker) Brune inherited the land as part of an undivided interest with her sister, Victoria. They also purchased two additional portions of land from their siblings, Robert and Josephine. She and her husband, Emil Jochaim "E.J." Brune, along with Victoria, continued the Pearfield Nursery and were instrumental in furthering pecan production in Colorado and surrounding counties. Emil was a breeder of fine horses and served as a government tick inspector in the

1920s. Emil and Laura had two children—Earl Kenneth and Robert Allen. Victoria passed away in 1950.

In 1971, Kenneth E., son of Earl, inherited part of the original undivided estate, and in 1988 the estate was divided and Kenneth received 80 acres of the original 519.5 acres. Kenneth and his wife, Arline (Gerston) Brune, raise cattle and horses. Kenneth and Arline are founding members of the Colorado County Ag Complex, where Kenneth served on the board of directors for seven years. He is Chairman of the Livestock Committee of the Colorado County Fair Association and a life member of the American Quarter Horse Association. He is involved with the Columbus Livestock Company. Kenneth and Arline have two children—Kenneth David and Tracey (Brune) Heard.

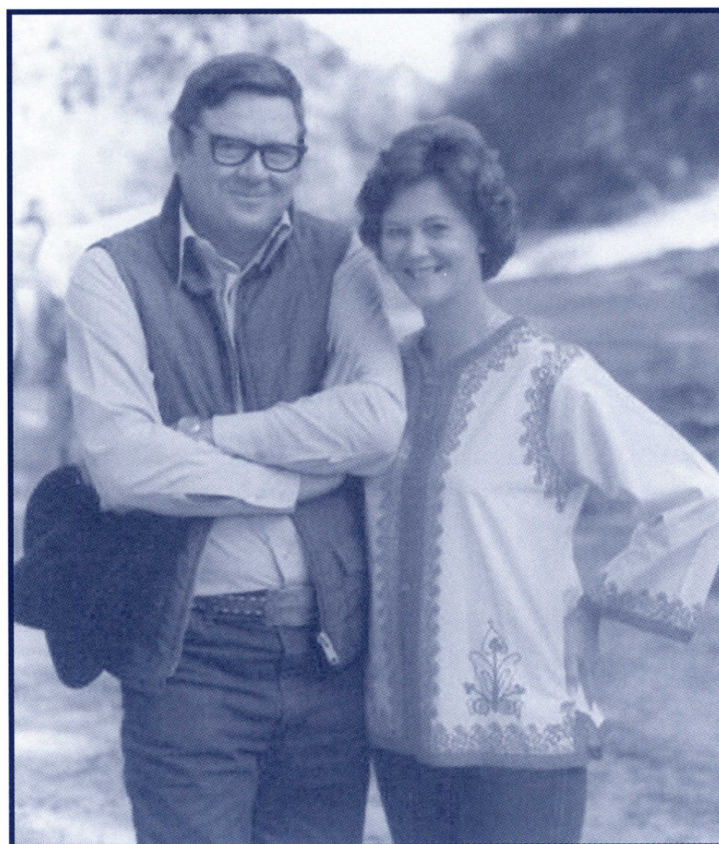
In 1976, the original home built for Frederick and Margaret Zimmerscheidt was put on the State Registry of Homes and on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Fire destroyed the structure in 1981.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 4,428.4

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 80

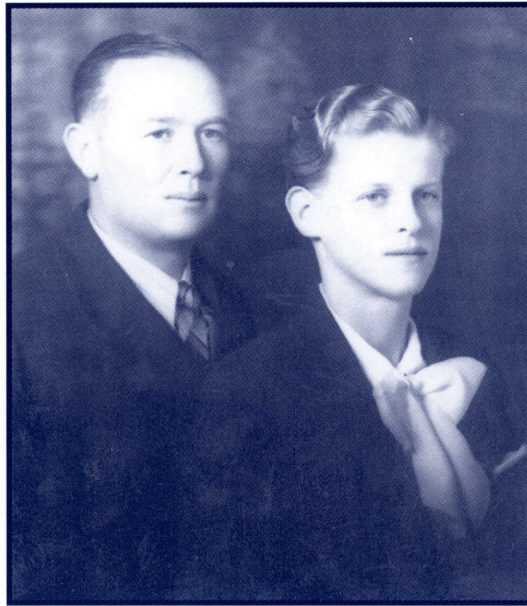
Crops or livestock raised: 1846 —Horses, cattle, oxen and cotton; 2002—Cattle and horses.



FREIS-HEGER RANCH

Near Weimar on County Road 201.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1900 – 1920	Eilert and Wilhelmina Brandt
1920 – 1974	Minna (Brandt) Kahlden
1974 – 1974	Lillie M. (Kahlden) Freis
1974 – 2002	Jean J. (Freis) Heger Russell Heger Mark Heger Jena (Heger) Bippert



EILERT AND SOPHIE WILHELMINA (WESTING) BRANDT came to Texas from Germany to buy land. They bought 1,899 acres in Colorado County from E. Kollmann in May 1900. They added an additional 1,101 acres to the property and raised cotton, corn and cattle. The couple had five children—Emil, George, William, Theodore and Minna Johanna.

Minna and her husband, Charles Kahlden, acquired title to 490.4 acres on May 12, 1920. They practiced good soil conservation and raised cotton, corn, peas, sugarcane, hay and cattle. They had nine children—Otto, Hugo, Erna, Emil, Werner, Robert, Martha, Arthur and Lillie.

Lillie acquired title to 198.8 acres in April 1974 from her parents. She and her husband, Joe Freis Jr., were married on September 28, 1937. They have planted grass for pasture

improvement and raised cotton, corn, hay and cattle. The couple had a daughter, Jean, who took ownership of the acreage in July 1974.

Jean and her husband, Wilbert “Tubby” Heger have three children—Jena, Mark and Russell. Jean, Tubby and their children are involved in the daily operations of the ranch along with her mother, Lillie, who still lives on the ranch.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,899

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 198.8

Crops or livestock raised: 1900—Cattle, cotton and corn; 2002—Cattle, grass and hay.

HATHORN RANCH

Two miles north of Columbus on FM 109.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1895 – 1932	Ida Duerr
1932 – 1938	Heirs of Ida Duerr
1938 – 1951	Henrietta Kainer
1938 – 1984	Raymond Burger
1984 – 1998	Henry Burger Jr. David Gayle Rayburn
1998 – 1999	Heirs of Henry Burger and David Gayle Rayburn
1998 – 2002	James and Betty Hathorn



IDA DUERR bought 45 acres in Colorado County from Mary Emmil on January 30, 1895. Ida raised cattle and vegetables. Ida and her husband, Robert, had eight children—Lena, Nannie, Mary, Olga, Willie, Sonny, Caesar and Walter. Ida and Robert deeded about one-fifth of an acre in a corner tract of their property for a school building. After Ida and Robert died, their children and spouses and nieces took ownership of 37.47 acres in 1932.

In 1938, Raymond Burger, the son of Lena and Henry Burger, took ownership of the ranch. In 1951, he bought 6.78 acres from Henrietta Kainer, a granddaughter of Ida and Robert Duerr. Raymond raised cattle, hogs, hay and vegetables. Raymond never married, and in 1984 when he died, his unmarried brother, Henry Burger, Jr., and Henry's nephew, David Gayle Rayburn, acquired title to the property. When Henry died, the property went to his nieces and

nephews. Henry's sister, Betty, (Evelyn's daughter), inherited some of the acreage and what she didn't inherit, she and her husband purchased.

Today the great granddaughter of the founder, Betty Hathorn, and her husband, James, own and operate the property. Betty grew up on the ranch and has many fond memories and has worked hard to keep the property in the family. Betty and James have upgraded and repaired the homestead, rebuilt the barn and put in new fencing. They raise cattle and exotic animals.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 45

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 43

Crops or livestock raised: 1895—Cattle and vegetables;
2002—Cattle and exotic animals.

JOYCE BRANDT OHNHEISER RANCH

Nine miles northeast of Weimar on County Road 201.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1900 – 1920	Eilert and Wilhelmine Brandt
1920 – 1941	Henry T. and Selma Brandt
1941 – 1970	Paul Ewald and Hilda Brandt
1970 – 2002	Allen and Joyce (Brandt) Ohnheiser



EILERT BRANDT was born in Germany. He and his wife, Wilhelmine, came to Texas seeking land for their five children—Minna, Henry Emil, Fredrick William, Henry Theodore and George. Eilert acquired 1,556 acres from E. Kollman on May 23, 1900, which was part of the original grant that Baron De Bastrop and Stephen F. Austin awarded to Freeman Pettus in 1824. Corn, cotton, cattle and pecans were raised on the land.

Henry Theodore Brandt acquired 562 acres of the land on May 12, 1920. He later acquired 994 acres from his father and raised cotton, corn, cattle and pecans. Henry and his wife, Selma (Benedict) Brandt, had two children—Paul Ewald and Emma.

On September 10, 1941, Paul Ewald inherited 555 acres and raised cotton, corn, cattle and pecans. He and his wife, Hilda Ida, raised two children on the land—Joyce Waldine and Ewald Theodore.

Joyce (Brandt) Ohnheiser acquired the ranch between 1970 and 1974 that belonged to her great grandparents. She and her husband, Allen, raise cattle and pecans.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,556

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 306

Crops or livestock raised: 1900—Corn, cotton, cattle and pecans; 2002—Cattle and pecans.

MEISMER "FLYING M" RANCH

One mile east of 949 on Interstate 10.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1955	John and Margaretha Meismer
1955 – 1997	John E. and Josephine Meismer
1997 – 2002	Joella Vaclavik Dr. Barbara Menconi Christine Moore John M. Meismer



JOHN and his wife, MARGARETHA (ROLF) MEISMER founded their 320-acre ranch in Colorado County in 1902. The family added 274 acres, but later sold 210 acres. The Meismers were active in the Mentz and Bernardo schools, St. Rocks Catholic Church and the Meat Club. Agricultural production on the ranch included cattle, horses, mules, chickens, geese, hogs, corn, cotton and a fruit orchard. John and Margaretha had 10 children, but only eight lived to adulthood—Josephine, Mary, Cecilia, Leo, Joe, Bertha, Annie and John.

After John died in 1952 and Margaretha passed away in 1955, the children acquired undivided ownership of the ranch. John E. Meismer purchased land from his siblings as it became available. John and his wife, Josephine (Braden) Meismer, had four children—Joella, Barbara, Christine M. and John M.

In 1997, Joella Vaclavik, Dr. Barbara Menconi, Christine Moore and John M. Meismer—grandchildren of the original founders—acquired the ranch from their parents. Cattle are raised on the land.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 300

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cattle, horses, mules, corn, cotton and feed for livestock; 2002—Cattle.

TREFNY RANCH

Nine miles northeast of Weimar on CR 201.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1900-1920	Eilert and Wilhelmine Brandt
1920-1941	Henry T. and Selma Brandt
1941-1991	Emma (Brandt) Trefny
1991-2002	Charles T. Trefny

EILERT GERHARD BRANDT was born in Oldenburg, Germany in December 1838. His future wife, Sophie Friederick Wilhelmina Westing was born on September 15, 1844 in Oldenburg, Germany. The couple married on May 2, 1865. To this union, fourteen children were born, eleven boys and three girls. The first member of the family to come over to this country was the eldest son, Emil Brandt. Emil's brother, George followed in 1888 and then their parents with a daughter and two younger sons came to the United States on April 2, 1888.

Eilert and Wilhelmina came to Texas seeking land for their five children—Minna, Henry Emil, Fredrick William, Henry Theodore and George. They acquired 1,556 acres from E. Kollman on May 23, 1900. The original land grant came from Stephen F. Austin and Baron de Bastrop to Freeman Pettus in August 1824. Corn, cotton, cattle and pecans were raised on the Adkins' farm, as it was then known. Additional tracts of land were purchased and added to the original holdings for a total of 8,000 acres.

The Brandts celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1915 with over 1,000 friends and family at their home in the Adkins' Lake community. The couple renewed their marriage vows as their five living children—Emil, George, Mrs. Chas. Kablden, William and Henry Theodore and their twenty-six grandchildren—celebrated their special day. All of their children resided on or near their parent's farm.

Henry Theodore Brandt acquired 562 acres of the land on May 12, 1920. He later added 994 acres and raised cotton, corn, cattle and pecans. Henry and his wife, Selma (Benedict), had two children, Paul Ewald and Emma.



On September 10, 1941, Emma (Brandt) Trefny inherited 562 acres of the original land and raised cotton, corn, cattle and pecans. She added 288 acres to the ranch. Emma and her husband, Charles Trefny, had a son, Charles Theodore. Pecan production on the ranch evolved from a native orchard that was cleared out in the 1950s. Since then the native pecan trees have been thinned out four times to make room for growth and they have planted 50 acres of

improved pecan trees that are irrigated and mechanically harvested. The Trefny's worked with the Texas Cooperative Extension on the pecan expansion on the ranch.

Charles acquired his great grandfather's land in 1991 from his mother. He and his wife, Donna G. Trefny, live on the ranch along with their son, Charles Russell, and his wife, Michaelanne, and their daughter, Jessye. The Trefny's also have a son, Michael, who is a Texas A&M and University of Houston Law School graduate and is an attorney in Houston where he lives with his wife, Kathrine. The Trefny's daughter, Kimberly, is a University of Texas graduate and a junior high teacher in the Kline ISD. In the last ten years, the family has gone into commercial Brangus female sales and have topped the sales in value in Houston, San Antonio, Heart of Texas Sales and Camp Cooley.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,556

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 850

Crops or livestock raised: 1900 - Corn, cotton, cattle and pecans; 2002 - Cattle, corn and pecans.

HENRY E. FISCHER RANCH

Four miles southeast of Bergheim on SH 3351.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1899 – 1921	Henry E. Fischer
1921 – 1944	Arnold R. and Eva (Fischer) Schwarz
1944 – 1992	Henry Schwarz
1992 – 2002	Elgin G. Schwarz



HENRY E. FISCHER, born in Texas, acquired 1,048 acres of land on August 21, 1899, from Caroline and George Saur. The land was originally granted from Texas Governor Albert C. Horton to Ewing H. Crocket, assignee of Joseph Branch and also Texas Governor Pinckney Henderson to the heirs of Daniel O'Dougherty. Henry and his wife, Friedericke (Klinger) had two children—Harry K. and Eva.

Eva and her husband, Arnold R. Schwarz, acquired the land in 1921. They raised cattle, corn, oats and sheep. They had two children—Henry and Meta.

In 1944, Henry Schwarz acquired 562 acres and raised sheep, Angora goats, cattle, horses, oats, corn, milo and hay.

He and his wife, Minnie (Saur) Schwarz raised two sons on the ranch—Kenneth H. and Elgin Gene.

In 1992, Elgin acquired 200 acres of the ranch. He and his wife, Bonnie (Calmbach), and their son, Jason, operate the land today and raise cattle.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,048

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 200

Crops or livestock raised: 1899—Corn, cotton, cattle, horses and mules; 2002—Cattle.

KENNETH H. SCHWARZ RANCH

Two and one-half miles east of Bergheim on State Highway 3351.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1899 – 1921	Henry E. Fischer
1921 – 1944	Arnold R. and Eva (Fischer) Schwarz
1944 – 1992	Henry Schwarz
1992 – 2002	Kenneth H. Schwarz



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He and his wife, Minnie (Saur) Schwarz, had two sons—Kenneth H. and Elgin Gene.

In 1992, Kenneth, great grandson of the founder, acquired 362 acres of the ranch. He and his wife, Donna

Kay (Croft) Schwarz, raise cattle, sheep, goats and hay. There is a house still in use that is over 100 years old, as well as a two-story rock and wood building, log house, hand-hewn frame oak whip saw-siding barn.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,048

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 362

Crops or livestock raised: 1899—Corn, cotton, cattle, horses and mules; 2002—Cattle, sheep, goats and hay.

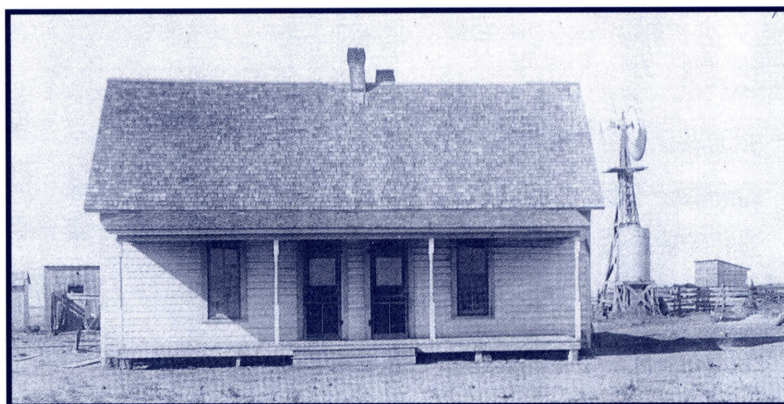


THE HOME

We must not forget our past. There was a time when buildings and roads did not blanket the Texas landscape as they do today. Instead, there were families of pioneers, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their own homes and staking their claim to the land.



ARCHER COUNTY  Conner Family Ranch



ARMSTRONG COUNTY  Patterson Farm



BURNET COUNTY  Uncle Bob Hays Place



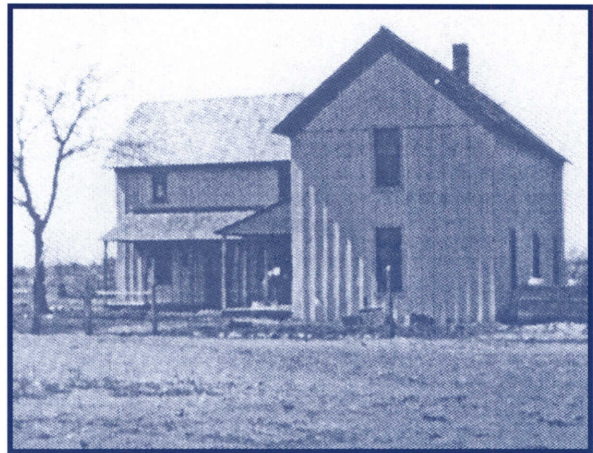
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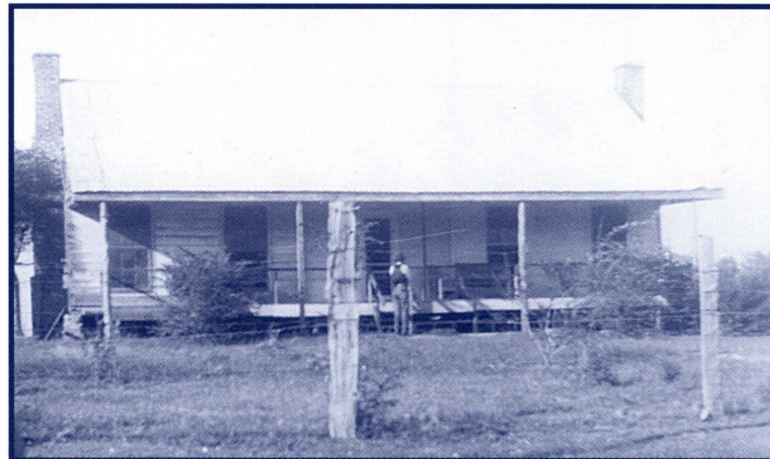
HASKELL COUNTY  Howard Farm



HEMPHILL COUNTY  Arrington Ranch



HUNT COUNTY  Turner Farms



SAN JACINTO COUNTY  McGowen Place

RITTIMANN RANCH

About five miles northwest of Spring Branch.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1901 – 1953	Adolph Rittimann
1953 – 1980	Elvin Rittimann
1980 – 2002	Carmen Rittimann



ADOLPH RITTIMANN acquired 155.33 acres in Comal County from Henry Acker on November 12, 1901. After clearing the land for cultivation and fencing his acreage, Adolph and his wife, Alvine (Bergmann) raised corn, cotton, cane, oats, wheat, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, horses, chickens and turkeys. Adolph was the first rancher to fence his property with netting wire to raise goats, and he was the first rancher in the Spring Branch area to raise Angora goats. He added 387 acres to his property. The Rittimanns had three children—Benno, Elvin and Leila.

Elvin D.J. Rittimann took over the property in 1953 and saw the transition from horse-drawn farm equipment to diesel and gasoline powered tractors, combines and hay balers. Elvin and his wife, Carmen (Beierle), had three children—Carlton Adolph, Vance Charles and Ellen Louise Rittimann-Weed. Elvin and Vance custom baled hay for many years in addition to raising corn, oats, wheat, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs and chickens. The family belonged to the Grange when it was active in Spring Branch and they were members of the Texas

Farm Bureau. Elvin was also instrumental in helping organize the Spring Branch Volunteer Fire Department and served as a school trustee and helped consolidate one-room schools.

After Elvin passed away in 1980, Carmen acquired the ranch and their son, Vance, raises beef cattle, sheep for wool and meat, goats for mohair and meat, and grows hay and oats. Carmen Rittimann, the current owner, still lives on the property.

The original barn and home built in the 1860s has been added to several times and is still in use. All buildings on the ranch are still in daily use.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 155.33

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 155.33

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Corn, cotton, cane, oats, wheat, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, horses, chickens and turkeys, hogs and chickens; 2002—Beef cattle, sheep, goats, hay and oats.

BADING FARM II

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

Southwest of York Creek near FM 1101.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1852 – 1897	Rudolph Bading
1897 – 1919	Robert Bading
1919 – 1971	Herbert Bading Laura Bading
1971 – 1994	Lorenz and Lottie Bading
1994 – 2002	Laurel (Bading) Evans Lanette Bading



RUDOLPH BADING was born in Berlin, Germany (E. Prussia). He came to Texas in 1848 to free himself from the oppression and tyranny prevalent in Germany. In January 1852, Rudolph purchased 143 acres from two different subsections of the A. M. Esnaurizar Eleven League Grant from his brother, Adolph Bading, and John M. and Sam H. Perkins. Since no state supported educational system existed at the time, Rudolph was instrumental in establishing the Blum School District, serving as trustee and board member, and setting up a system whereby members of the school board taxed themselves to provide funds to educate their children.

Rudolph enhanced the production of this farm by clearing mesquite from the more productive blackland area. He designed and built the original living quarters, setting a pattern for others. Some of these structures are still existing and in

use. Subsurface water was nonexistent, so roof runoff water was captured and stored in hand-dug wells, lined with quarry stone, some of which were up to 50 feet deep. Rudolph added 217 acres in 1881, purchased from George and Christoph Pfeuffer, also a part of the same grant. This land is now known as Bading Farm I. Rudolph and his wife, Henrietta, had six children—Reinhold, Edmund, Ernst, Anna, Robert and Ida.

In 1897, their son, Robert, acquired 112 acres from Rudolph's 1852 purchase that is the current day Bading Farm II. Robert and his wife, Antonie, had three children—Laura, Franz and Herbert. The farm produced corn, cotton, hay and sorghum cane for molasses. They also raised cattle, hogs, poultry, geese, fruit, berries and a vegetable garden. Robert continued the Bading legacy of being active in the community by enhancing educational opportunities for children with



monetary and personal assistance to Blum School. In addition, Robert was a talented musician and played for community events. He also built a facility to process sugarcane into molasses and it was used by his neighbors.

In 1912, Franz inherited 56.282 acres from his parents, now known as Bading Farm I (47.718 acres had been sold outside of the family). Herbert and his sister, Laura, acquired 112 acres in 1919 from their parents, which is now Bading Farm II. Herbert and his brother were very innovative, improving the agricultural community; constructing concrete cooler buildings (before refrigeration); designing and building threshing machines for grain (prior to current day combines); building wind activated grist mills to grind grain; and initiating numerous other projects to benefit themselves and neighbors.

A builder, Herbert built his own home in 1913, which is still in use today. Herbert was first married to Frieda Waxler, and the couple had two children—Lorenz and Helna. His second wife was Ida Engler, and they also had two children—Clifton and Idaline.

Lorenz Bading and his wife, Lottie, acquired Uncle Franz's acreage in 1957. Then, in 1980, Lorenz purchased 6.82 acres of the original farm from outside of the family for a total of over 63 acres. He also purchased 56.91 acres from his father in 1971. Lorenz and Lottie have two daughters—Laurel (Bading) Evans and Lanette, who own 55 acres of Bading Farm II.

Lorenz Bading operates both Bading Farm I and II, both of which were recognized in 1997 by the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of continuous agricultural operation. He grows milo, hybrid sudan, wheat and oats. Additional acreage has been planted with permanent grasses and a black Limousin herd has been established.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 145

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 108.889

Crops or livestock raised: 1852—Corn, hay, cotton, dairy cows, hogs and beef cattle; 2002—Milo, hay, wheat, oats, and Limousin cattle.

COMANCHE COUNTY

LEE RANCH

Six miles west of De Leon on FM 2247.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1888 – 1941	J.L. and Letha Clements
1941 – 1979	T.A. and Lela (Clements) Lee
1979 – 2002	Barbara (Vannatta) and Thomas A. Lee Jr.

J.L. CLEMENTS purchased 40 acres of land in Comanche County from Alfred Smith in November 1888. The HT & C Railroad originally owned the land. J.L. and his wife, Letha, added 200 acres over the course of their lives and sold 80 acres outside of their family. They raised cotton, hay and cattle. J.L. and Letha had a large family of 14 children.

The Clements' daughter Lela and her husband, Thomas A. Lee, acquired 160 acres of the land in 1941. A rock windmill tank tower constructed by T.A. in 1930 still stands on the property. The Lees raised livestock, peanuts and hay. They had two children—Mary Ellen (Lee) Steele and Thomas Lee Jr.

Thomas A. "Chip" Lee Jr. and his wife, Barbara, now own the original tract of the Lee Ranch and have added



almost 800 acres by purchasing tracts adjacent to their land. Thomas holds a PhD in plant pathology and has served as a professor and plant pathologist with Texas Cooperative Extension since 1973. The Lees raise beef cattle, wheat and hay on their ranch. They also have set aside some of the land for native wildlife. Thomas and Barbara have two sons—Chad and Clay.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 40

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1888—Cotton, cattle and hay;
2002—Cattle, wheat and hay.

ROBERTSON FARM

Six and one-half miles northeast of May in the Amity community.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1886 – 1912	John J. and Elizabeth (Morrow) Henry
1903 – 1958	Irvin Wayne and Margaret Jane (Henry) Robertson
1958 – 1997	Henry Wirt Robertson Billy Frank Robertson Bobbie Lee (Robertson) Martin Peggy Mae (Robertson) Ellen Elizabeth Columbia Robertson John Maston Robertson Bertha Mae (Robertson) White
1997 – 2002	Nelda Jo (Chambers) and Horace Edward White Jr. Robert Wayne and Annelle (Burton) White William Allen and Mozelle (Bullen) White

JOHN AND ELIZABETH HENRY came to Texas from Tennessee in search of new land in the west. On May 3, 1886, they bought 220 acres from John F. and S.E.C. Powell, and on November 12, 1890, bought an additional 54 acres from James and Mary Smith. Amity Cemetery and Amity Baptist Church joined the farm on the southwest corner and were developed and maintained with the help of John and Elizabeth.



The couple had four children—Sam Herbert, John C. Henry, Fredrick Morrow and Margaret Jane—who were born in Fackler, Alabama. John hand-dug a 46-foot deep water well and raised cotton, corn, wheat, oats, cattle and horses.

Margaret Jane and her husband, Irvin Wayne Robertson, were the next owners, acquiring title to the 274 acres in 1903 and 1912. They hand dug another 46-foot deep well. Irvin owned and operated a thrasher, pulled and powered by a steam engine tractor and later a Case gasoline hard-wheel tractor. In the fall, the neighbors would use the thrasher to thrash their grain. This was a family enterprise with the men stacking and hauling the grain to the thrasher, the women cooking and the children hauling water to the men in the field. Margaret and Irvin had four children—Henry Wirt, Elizabeth Columbia, John Maston and Berth Mae. The children

acquired the farm in 1958. Elizabeth Columbia was secretary-treasurer of the Amity Cemetery from 1951 to 1992 and was responsible for obtaining a 100-year marker from the Texas Historical Commission.

Today great-grandsons of the founder own and operate the land—Horace Edward White Jr., Robert Wayne White and William Allen White. A two-story frame house built in 1886 is still in good condition

and used by the family. For the past 50 years, family members gather in November or December for an annual rib roast, based on the traditional hog killing at the first cold spell of winter. The annual family event draws about 60 people who consume pork ribs cooked on a string over an open fire. A smokehouse built over 50 years ago is still used by the family.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 274

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 274

Crops or livestock raised: 1886—Cotton, corn, wheat, oats, cattle and horses; 2002—Cattle, peaches, apples, tomatoes, wheat, onion, peppers, potatoes and Arugula.

COOKE COUNTY

HUNDT FARM

Four miles north of Lindsay at 976 County Road 407.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1947	Joseph Hundt
1947 – 1977	Gregory Hundt
1977 – 2002	Mary C. Hundt



JOSEPH A. HUNDT was born in Festina, Iowa. On August 5, 1902, he bought 380 acres from Joseph Loeffelholz and raised cattle, corn, wheat, hay, oats and barley. Joseph was a founding member of the Lindsay community. He and his wife, Emily (Flusche) Hundt had five children—Gregory C., Herbert, Joseph B., Antonia and Clara.

In July 1947, Gregory and his wife, Mary (Hermes), acquired title to 179.8 acres of the farm. The couple raised corn, wheat, oats, hay, barley and cattle. In the 1960s, nearby Sycamore Lake was built to help regulate water and it provided recreation and fishing for the area. The Hundts received the Conservation Farmer Award in 1983 for Cooke County. Gregory was instrumental in getting the roads in the countryside paved and was a member of the school board,

where he served as president. Gregory and Mary had seven children—Roger C., Marilyn, Claudia, Doris, Jeanette, Nancy and Christopher.

Today, Mary owns and operates the land with the help of her son, Christopher. Chris and his wife, Shelly, and their children—Allison, Derek, Tyler and Zach—live on the ranch with Mary.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 380

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 179.8

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cattle, corn, wheat, hay, oats and barley; 2002—Cattle, wheat, oats, hay, barley and corn.

THE ARTHUR BYRD PHILLIPS RANCH

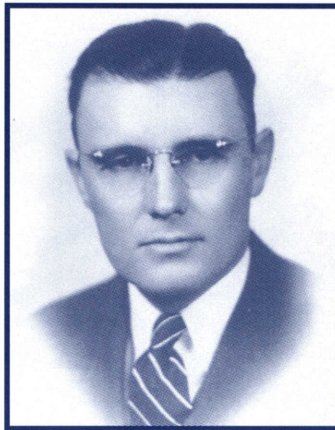
Twenty-three miles south of Ozona on State Highway 163.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1900 – 1924	Samuel Byrd Phillips
1924 – 1985	Arthur Byrd Phillips
1985 – 2002	Arthur Byrd Phillips Trust Corinne (Phillips) Carleton Diane Phillips Arthur Byrd Phillips Jr./Elizabeth (Phillips) Hure

SAMUEL BYRD PHILLIPS was born in Hillsboro, Texas in 1865 and was an early settler in Crockett County, arriving in 1881 as a 16-year-old trail driver. He married Lela Williams in 1899. In December 1900 they acquired from F.W. Schwalbe 640 acres in south Crockett County with a two-room rock and adobe house built in 1888. The Schwalbe brand (S-) obtained by Samuel Byrd and the old house are still in use.

Samuel Byrd and Lela had nine children—Maud Ivy, who died at 15 weeks, Arthur Byrd, Hillery Marshall, Walter Samuel who died at 7 weeks, Emma Lou, Roy Pierce who died at 13 years of rabies, William Henry Clay, Guy Willard who died at birth and Lela Mae. He raised cattle, sheep and goats. He added more than 10,000 acres through homesteading and purchases. One of the earliest water wells in Crockett County was drilled on the ranch, and county elections were held at the ranch headquarters. By 1912, he had purchased two additional ranches and, after his death in 1924, his estate purchased two more, leaving a ranch to each of his five surviving children.

Samuel Byrd was a director of the original Ozona Telephone Company and an original stockholder in Ozona National Bank and First National Bank of Mertzon. He helped organize the Texas Wool and Mohair Association, was a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and was a Thirty-Second Degree Freemason.



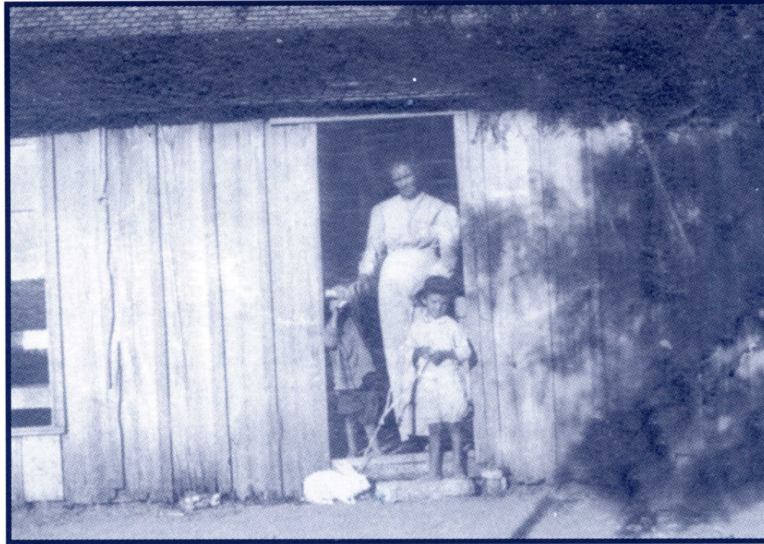
After Samuel Byrd's death, Arthur Byrd Phillips left college to take over the ranch where he had been born. He operated the ranch for more than 60 years and, during this time, added about 80 acres as an access for driving livestock to the main road. He erected a tall wind charger to produce electricity until REA power arrived in the late 1940s. He brought indoor plumbing to the ranch house, built barns and improved fencing and pens.

Arthur married Rachel Crawford in 1926. They had two children—Arthur Byrd Jr. and Corinne. Rachel died from pneumonia in 1937. In 1939, Arthur married Bernice

Collins and they had a daughter, Diane. They financed college educations for all three children. The family endured the 1950s drought by incurring substantial debt to buy livestock feed. Prior to Arthur's death in 1985, he was able to retire the drought debt with income from a natural gas field discovered under the ranch in 1978. Its production and development continues today.

Arthur was an original stockholder in the Ozona-Barnhart Trap Company and in the Crockett County Fair Association. He was a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and of the Ozona Masonic Lodge for 60 years.

In 1984, Bernice renovated the old ranch house and hosted its centennial celebration. Forty-eight relatives and descendants of Samuel Byrd and Lela Phillips attended, including Arthur and his three surviving siblings—Hillery, Emma Lou and Lela Mae.



In the 1960s, Arthur Sr. deeded 60 percent of his ranch to his three children. After Arthur's death in 1985, the remainder was placed into a trust for his four grandchildren—Cathy, Elaine, Phil Carleton and Elizabeth Phillips. Arthur's widow, Bernice, was the Trustee, and Arthur Byrd Jr. operated the ranch until his death in 1991. His ownership share passed to his daughter, Elizabeth (Phillips) Hure. Arthur Byrd Jr. was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Force and a member of several professional agricultural organizations.

Since 1991, Corinne (Phillips) Carleton and her husband, A.T. "Toby" Carleton, have leased the ranch from Diane Phillips, Elizabeth Hure and the Arthur Phillips Trust. Bernice, now 89, and Diane manage the business interests of the Trust and are involved in ongoing ranch activities.

The Carletons belong to Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. They raise livestock and have initiated programs

for brush control and game management. They have made extensive improvements to the old house, outbuildings, fences, pens and water systems. Toby, a petroleum geologist, oversees the continued development of mineral interests on the ranch.

Although none of the family lives on the 10,725-acre ranch, they frequently spend time there and hold annual holiday gatherings in the old ranch house. All of Arthur's descendants take an interest in the ranch and proudly recognize the historical richness of their agricultural heritage.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 640

Crops or livestock raised: 1900—Cattle, sheep and goats;

2002—Cattle, sheep and goats.

FRIEND RANCH

Twenty-eight miles southeast of Ozona.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1894 – 1901	J.W. Friend
1901 – 1903	S.W. Friend
1903 – 1920	Athelia, Horace & Alice Friend
1920 – 1951	Sheppard Annis (Dock) Friend
1951 – 1993	Lee Balts Friend
1993 – 1995	Wilma Louise Friend
1995 – 2002	William Clayton Friend Benny Lee Friend Family Trust

J.W. FRIEND was born in Smith County, Texas. In 1894, J.W. purchased over 100 sections, but he later sold 40 sections. J.W. raised cattle and horses on the land. He was the first tax assessor for Crockett County. He was in charge of all expenses for the first school built in 1892-95.



J.W. and his wife, Martha Palona (Coates), had seven children—S.W., W.E., Dixie, Frank, Harry, Maggie and Sheppard “Dock.” The family were charter members at Ozona Methodist Church.

In 1901, S.W. acquired more than 640 acres and added 10,000 acres more. Along with his father and brothers, he operated a large ranching operation known as J.W. Friend and Sons. They raised cattle and horses. S.W. and his wife, Athelia (Simpson), had two children, Horace Burns and Bertha Alice. In 1903, after S.W. died, his wife and children acquired the land.

In 1920, S.W.’s brother, Sheppard Annis “Dock” Friend, acquired more than 11,000 acres from S.W.’s family. Dock later sold 3,840 acres. He raised cattle, sheep, horses and Spanish goats. Dock operated the ranch until his death. He also donated land for the present Ozona Methodist Church. He and his wife, Katherine (Goode) had four children—Jakie, Joe W., Lee Batts and Dock Clayton.

A son, Lee Batts Friend, acquired 4,200 acres in 1951. He raised cattle, sheep, horses, and Angora and Spanish goats. He and his wife, Wilma Louise (Hutcherson) had two children—Benny Lee and William Clayton. The family hosted an annual roping, barbeque

and dance for several years at the Friend Ranch. In 1955, William won the Crockett County Quarter Horse Junior Reining Contest. Lee Batts operated the ranch until his death in 1993. Wilma continued to oversee the daily operations until her death. Wilma played the organ for the First Methodist Church and was very active in the community.

In 1995, William Clayton Friend and the Benny Lee Friend Family Trust, which includes Benny’s children—Lee Friend, Joe Friend, and Francine Friend—acquired 4,200 acres. Today, William continues to operate the ranch and the trust as well as upgrade the quality of the ranch by practicing conservation and brush control. William is also increasing the quality of livestock to more purebred cattle. He raises cattle and Spanish goats, hay, wheat and oats for grazing.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640 +
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 4,200

Crops or livestock raised: 1894—Cattle and horses; 2002—Cattle and Spanish goats, hay, wheat and oats.

MAGGIE MOORE RANCH

Twenty-seven miles southeast of Ozona.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1903	S.W. Friend
1903 – 1909	Athelia Friend
1909 – 1920	J.W. Friend
1920 – 1965	Maggie (Friend) Seahorn
1965 – 2002	Maggie (Seahorn) Moore

S.W. FRIEND came to Crockett County in 1889 with his father, J.W., who was one of the early settlers and first tax assessor of the county. S.W. helped his four brothers and father operate a cattle and horse business known as J.W. Friend and Sons, and he drove a herd of cattle from Buffalo Gap to Crockett County. He also helped his father build the first fence in the county. S.W. bought 1,280 acres from the State of Texas on December 4, 1902 and raised cattle and horses. He added 10,000 acres to the original property. S.W. and his wife, Athelia, had two children—Horace Burns and Bertha Alice.

S.W. died in 1903, and Athelia owned and operated the land until 1909, when she sold it to her father-in-law, J.W. Friend. She lived in a house made of cedar pickets, and she cooked on an open wood fire, raising her children on the rugged Crockett County land. J.W. and his sons operated the ranch until his death. They dug water wells and put up fences to contain the Shorthorn cattle and horses they raised. J.W. was one of the founders of the school and a charter member of the Ozona Methodist Church. J.W. and his wife, Martha Palona (Coates) had seven children—S.W., W.E., Dixie, Frank, Harry, Maggie and Sheppard.



A daughter, Maggie, and her husband, William Ponder Seahorn, acquired title to the land in 1920, which totaled 11,451.6 acres at the time. They raised sheep, goats, cattle and horses. Maggie was an avid supporter of soil conservation, and she and her husband made many improvements to the land. The couple not only raised their two children—William Ponder Jr. and Maggie Burns—but also two nephews—Joe Warren Friend and Lee Batts Friend. Maggie, or “Auntie,” as the family called her, was a member of the Ozona Methodist Church, worked in the Parent Teachers Association, belonged to the Eastern Star and was a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

Today, her daughter, Maggie Burns (Seahorn) Moore, owns and operates 3,840 acres, which contains 1,280 acres of the original land holdings. Maggie and her late husband, Buddy Moore, raised sheep, goats and cattle and constructed earthen dams to prevent soil erosion.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,280

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 1,280

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cattle and horses; 2002—Goats, commercial deer and turkey hunting.

DALLAS COUNTY

JAMES MORNEY'S FARM

Joining Hutchins, Texas, one mile west of Interstate 45 South.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1877 – 1920	James and Delia Cathrine Morney
1920 – 1939	Robert Morney and Lonnie Morney
1934 – 1969	Curley Dee Morney and Jearline (Morney) Keyes
1969 – 2002	Murdine (Keyes) and Leonard Berry

JAMES AND CATHRINE MORNEY, freedmen, bought more than 120 acres between 1877 and 1888 for several bales of cotton and six years of savings. James and Cathrine raised eight children on their land—Amos, Benny, Lonnie, Robert, Will, Beatrice, Mary and Clara. Each son had his own responsibility: slaughtering cattle, making and selling sausage, selling eggs or chopping cedars for post and Christmas trees. The local school for black children was named for the family.

Robert and his family lived on the farm and began farming on the 120 acres in 1920. Robert was never legally the sole owner of the property. They raised corn, peas, grain, chickens, hogs, turkeys and cattle. Robert and his wife, Clara, had eight children—Sterlin, LaFaye, Florine, Ellen, Thelma, Maxine, Winifred and Hubert. Robert made the decision that they needed to raise funds to maintain the farm.

In 1969, the grandson of James and Cathrine Morney, Curley, picked up a handful of soil and handed it to Murdine Berry, great granddaughter of the original founder. He was “passing the land to her.” The deed to the property was still in



the name of James and Cathrine Morney until 1977 when it started to change to Murdine Berry. She began acquiring the land from her parents, uncles and cousins. Portions of the land were illegally divided in 1932, but Murdine, a retired schoolteacher, was awarded clear title to the property in 1989 after a three and one-half year court battle. James and Cathrine Morney wanted their descendents to live on the land and continue the family’s history, Murdine has worked to ensure that her great grandparents’ legacy lives on through her children and grandchildren. Also, as a tribute to her great grandparents and other freedmen, Murdine has several freedmen houses on the farm along with some of the original tools and furniture that she will be opening to the public for display.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 120

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1877—Corn, cotton, hay, cattle, hogs, chickens and turkeys; 2002—Cattle.

BLACKWELL-SHEPPARD PLACE

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

Ten miles north of Cuero on Highway 183.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1847 – 1860	Joseph Stevens
1860 – 1890	Mary (Stevens) Coppedge
1890 – 1946	Mitchie (Coppedge) Blackwell
1946 – 1980	Finley D. “Dick” Blackwell
1980 – 2002	Rosemary (Blackwell) Sheppard

JOSEPH AND SARAH (STEEN) STEVENS migrated from Mississippi to Texas because of the inexpensive land that was available. In 1847, the Stevens’ purchased 4,208 acres from John McCoy and Kimber W. Barton, on which they raised corn, cotton, cattle, horses, mules, oxen, hogs and chickens. Using labor and teams of oxen, Joseph Stevens is said to have changed the course of McCoy Creek on his property. From 1850 to 1861, Joseph was on the board of Concrete College. Joseph and Sarah had 11 children—Mary, William, Josephine, Margaret Mitchell, Elisha, Joseph Enoch, John Quitman, Carroll, Narcissa Jane, James and Lucie. Of the children, only Mary, Josephine, Margaret, Elisha and Narcissa survived to adulthood. In 1860, Sarah died in childbirth when she was 39 years old.



Joseph and Sarah’s eldest daughter, Mary S., acquired 852 acres of the family’s land. Mary married Dr. Oliver DeWitt Coppedge and they had four children—William, Mitchie, Ettie and Lawrence.

In the 1890s, Mitchie acquired part of the family’s acreage. She married Claude North Blackwell and they had eight children, but only six survived to adulthood—Mary, John, Claude Jr., Ettie, Finley “Dick” and Raleigh.

In 1946, Dick acquired 418 acres on which he raised cotton, corn, oats, sugarcane, feed stuff, cattle, hogs, horses and sheep. Dick married Mary Margaret “Jane” Muerer and they had a daughter, Rosemary.

In 1980, Rosemary acquired the family’s ranch and now operates it along with her husband, Joseph Sheppard. They continue to fight brush and improve grasses on the ranch as well as rework a century old spring to supply crystal clear water for livestock. Part of the house that is on the ranch is over 100 years old. A 13-foot long bench made of a single slab of cypress, which once sat on Joseph Stevens’ front porch over 150 years ago, is now treasured and used by the Sheppards on their front porch.

The Family Land Heritage Program recognized the Blackwell-Sheppard Place

in 1975 for 100 years of continuous agricultural production.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 4,208

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 263

Crops or livestock raised: 1847: Corn, cotton, cane, cattle, horses, mules, oxen, hogs and chickens; 2002: Coastal and native grasses and cattle.

“THE OLD PLACE”—PRIDGEN-VANDERSTUCKEN

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

One half mile north of Thomaston

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1849 – 1850	W.W. and Mary (Baker) Pridgen
1850 – 1893	Bolivar J. Pridgen
1883 – 1892	Wiley Washington and Bettie Pridgen
1883 – 1895	John O. and Fanny (Pridgen) Williamson Everett E. Pridgen
1892 – 1913	David Crockett Pridgen
1913 – 1959	Ruby (Farrar) Pridgen
1913 – 1993	William McKinley Pridgen
1993 – 1996	Mrs. William “Velma” Pridgen
1913 – 1991	Margaret (Pridgen) VanderStucken
1991 – 2002	Alfred VanderStucken
1996 – 2002	William Hill Pridgen Sarah (Pridgen) Doss

WILEY WASHINGTON and his wife, MARY (BAKER) PRIDGEN and their family moved from North Carolina to Texas in 1839 and first settled in Harrison County. In 1849, Wiley purchased 1,024 acres of land from Orlando S. Jones. He raised cotton, corn, hogs, cattle, horses, mules, poultry, fruit and pecans. Wiley and Mary had six children—Henderson M., Redding S., Bolivar Jackson, Benjamin, Wiley W. and James Polk.



After Wiley and Mary divorced, Mary settled at the Price’s Creek settlement in DeWitt County and gave her son, Bolivar and his new wife, Martha, 261 acres of land as a wedding gift.

Bolivar and Martha had eight children—Oscar F., William E., Bettie, George, David, Fanny G., Sidney and Everett. Bolivar raised the same crops as his father, but added grapes and wood. During the Mexican War, Bolivar served under General Winfield Scott and General Zachary Taylor. During Reconstruction, Bolivar served as a Republican State Senator in the 12th Legislature, from 1869-1872, representing the old 24th District. He worked to pass bills for free public schools and for the construction of the Gulf Western Texas and Pacific Railway into DeWitt County. Bolivar, who was said to resemble Ulysses S. Grant, is the only member of the 12th Legislature whose portrait is hanging in the State Capitol.

Bolivar’s children and their spouses, Wiley Washington and his wife, Bettie; and Fanny and her husband, John Williamson; and son, Everett, inherited undivided interest of 122.65 acres in 1883. They grew corn, vegetables and grapes and raised cattle, horses, mules, hogs and poultry on the land.

Bolivar’s son, David Crockett (“D.C.”), acquired the 139 acres from his father and over the next few years, bought out his sibling’s undivided interest in the 122.65 acres. David

married Ruby (Farrar) and they had two children—William McKinley and Margaret. The children along with their mother acquired the undivided interest to the 261 acres in 1913, but they sold 139 acres to relatives.

William McKinley Pridgen married Velma (Hill) and they had two children—William Hill and Sarah. After his father D.C. died, William McKinley continued to operate the farm with a dairy and raise

livestock. In 1996, after Velma passed away, William Hill and Sarah acquired an undivided half interest in the family’s farm.

Margaret married Edgar VanderStucken and they had a son, Alfred. In 1991, Alfred acquired his mother’s half interest that he had been farming since 1968. Alfred and his mother, Margaret, were both cooperators with the DeWitt Soil and Water Conservation District and they received the Absentee Conservation Farmer-Rancher award. Alfred, his son Edgar, and grandson Christopher Bird have built cross fences, ponds and planted improved grasses. They also practice rotational grazing and brush management. The farm serves as headquarters for the purebred Beefmaster cattle operation they have on the founder’s original land as well as 1,400 acres of adjoining leased rangeland.

The Family Land Heritage Program recognized “The Old Place”—Pridgen VanderStucken in 1998 for 100 years of agricultural operation down through the generations.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,024

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 122.65

Crops or livestock raised: 1849—Corn, cotton, cattle, swine, horses, mules, poultry, fruit and pecans; 2002—Cattle and hay.

EASTLAND COUNTY

LOVELL FARM

Six miles south of Carbon on County Road 413.

Dates of Ownership	Names
1889 – 1898	Alvie Lovell
1898 – 1943	William Jasper Lovell
1943 – 1990	Henry Alvie Lovell
1990 – 2002	Bonnie Wynelle (Lovell) Brown



ALVIE LOVELL came to Texas from Rome, Georgia. On April 17, 1889, he and his wife, Rhoda Elizabeth (Wallace), bought 320 acres of land from Lydia Groesbeeck. They cleared the land to plant cotton, corn and oats. They also raised horses, cattle and hogs. Alvie and Rhoda had seven children—Mary Elizabeth, Williams Jasper, Martha Malinda, Sara Lulu, Ida Rosalee, James Wallace and Tom Matt. The couple sold or deeded most of their land to their children, who made homes for their families on the farm.

William Jasper “W.J.” Lovell acquired 100 acres of the land in 1898. He and his wife, Cedera Josephine (Mayberry), used the land to raise oats, barley, cane, corn, cotton, mules, horses, cattle and hogs. W.J. dug a water well and built a five-room house complete with two fireplaces and a large front

porch, which is still standing today and used as a barn. They provided land for Center Point School and the land was returned to William when the school was discontinued. He added 152 acres of land in 1900. The couple had four children—John Wallace, Clyde Earnest, Sybbie and Henry Alvie.

In 1943, W.J. and Cedera’s son, Henry Alvie, acquired 252 acres. He and his wife, Bonnie Ethel (Greenwood), raised corn, cotton, cane, oats, peanuts, horses, cattle, goats and hogs. They added 30 acres to the property and had two children—Jenoise and Bonnie Wynelle. Henry built tanks and field terraces on the farm. Henry and Ethel celebrated their golden anniversary on the farm in 1969.

Bonnie Wynelle (Lovell) Brown owns 252 acres of the farm. She is the great-granddaughter of the original founder and operates the land with her husband, W.D. “Bill” Brown. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2002. Bonnie and Bill’s son, Kris, and his wife, D’au, and their children, Kristal and Bill Bob, are active in the community and on the farm to ensure future generations pass on the family’s agricultural heritage. The house where all of William Jasper’s children were born remains on the property and is used as a barn. A smokehouse is still standing that is over 100 years old.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 252

Crops or livestock raised: 1889—Cotton, corn, oats, horses, cattle and hogs; 2002—Wheat, oats, Sudan hay and cattle.

ERATH COUNTY

FAULKNER FARM

Southwest of Stephenville on Green's Creek.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1891 – 1916	F.B. Faulkner
1916 – 1982	C.M. Faulkner
1982 – 1982	Lonnie M. Faulkner
1982 – 2002	Patsy (Faulkner) Harvey
1982 – 2002	Charles and Brenda Faulkner
	Lonnie Merle Faulkner
	Jackie Lynn Faulkner
	Patricia (Faulkner) Turney



F.B. FAULKNER settled in Texas on 98 acres of land that he purchased from G.A. Rucker on September 12, 1891. He raised peanuts, hay and cattle. F.B. married Rachel Bryson in 1867. She died in 1886, and F.B.

married S.E. Hodd in 1908. F.B. had six children—George F., Daniel M., Robert E., Henry P., Mollie B. and Paralee A.

F.B. deeded the land to Daniel's sons on September 9, 1916. Daniel, who died in 1906, had married Myrtle Fields, and the couple had two sons—Charlie M. ("C.M.") and William E. ("W.E.") Charlie and William raised peanuts and cattle on the farm. In 1939, William gave Charlie and his wife, Elsie, a dollar for 98 acres to establish his own family farm. Charlie and Elsie established their own farm on the remaining 100 acres. The couple had two children—Lonnie M. and Otlie. Oil and gas rights were leased to Seaboard Oil Company of

Delaware in 1935. On February 1, 1950, C.M. and Elsie homesteaded the property.

The Faulkner Farm was deeded to Lonnie from his parents in 1982. After Lonnie passed away, his wife, Patsy (Faulkner) Harvey,

and their children—Charles and Brenda Faulkner, Lonnie Merle Faulkner, Jackie Lynn Faulkner and Patricia (Faulkner) Turney and their families—acquired the farm. Patsy and her new husband, Otis Harvey, and Charles and Brenda took over the care and maintenance of the farm. They raise cattle and hay, and the family built a stock tank for the cattle.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 198

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1891—Peanuts, hay and cotton; 2002—Hay and cattle.

FALLS COUNTY

FRANK HODGES FARM

Five miles southwest of Lott on County Road 496.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1891 – 1910	Elias Richard Hodges
1910 – 1958	Frank Lester Hodges
1958 – 2002	Katherine (Hodges) and Anson Jones



ELIAS RICHARD AND MARGARET (MCPHERSON) HODGES came to Texas from Alabama to put the devastation of the Civil War behind them. They purchased 410 acres from Laura S. Wilcox on February 26, 1891, and raised cotton, corn, hay, oats, cattle and hogs. They used part of their land to help build the Live Oak Baptist Church and Live Oak Cemetery, which adjoin the Hodges farm. Elias and Margaret had five children—William Elias, Frank Lester, Margaret Ann, Ethel and Edward. Elias had six children with his second wife, Dora—Horace, Carrie, Erin, Geneva, Raymond and Karyl. Of his 11 children, nine lived to adulthood. Eight became schoolteachers and one became a doctor.

In 1910, Elias' son, Frank, acquired 127 acres of the property. He raised cotton, corn, oats, cattle and hogs and was involved in public school education. Three of his four daughters taught school in Texas. He married Beatrice Benita

McCoy and they had five children—Margaret Ann, Katherine, Frank Lester, Mary Hellen and Frances Ruth.

Daughter Katherine and her husband, Anson Jones, acquired the property in 1958. They also bought Katherine's three sisters' share of the farm and raised oats, milo and cattle. They had three children—Katherine Ann, Mary Jane

and Anson Winston. After Anson's death in 1986, Anson Winston, great-grandson of founder E.R. Hodges, began leasing the farm owned by his mother. It is primarily pasture with grain and hay. Katherine's three children, their spouses and four grandsons own land in Falls County and have strong ties to agriculture.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 410
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 127

Crops or livestock raised: 1891—Cotton, corn, oats, hay, cattle and pigs; 2002—Grain and livestock.

FAYETTE COUNTY

HEINRICH FARM

Five miles north of Schulenburg off of FM 956.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1875 – 1902	Joseph and Anna Billimek (Besetzney) Heinrich
1902 – 1935	Ferdinand and Leopoldina (Kainer) Heinrich
1935 – 1978	Robert A. and Rosa (Muehr) Heinrich
1978 – 2002	Robert L. and Diana Heinrich Arnold and Patty Heinrich Marie Heinrich Stutes

Born in Pohl, Austria, JOSEPH HEINRICH and his first wife came to America to escape the low employment, high taxes and hard times they felt were all their home country offered them. They landed by ship in Galveston and traveled overland to settle in High Hill as some of the first settlers in the area. Heinrich was a bricklayer by trade and used his skills to build his new home. He helped construct the first successful oil mill in Texas, located in High Hill. He later wrote to his brother, Wenzel, to ask him to come to High Hill. Wenzel immigrated in the late 1870s and settled near Joseph in the High Hill area.

Joseph had no children with his first wife, and she died shortly after arriving in High Hill. He later married Anna Billimek (Besetzney).

The Heinrichs purchased their farm from E.H. Fordham on the first day of October in 1875. There they raised hogs, sheep, cotton, corn, milo, hay, fruits and vegetables. They raised two children on the farm—Ferdinand Ludwig and Anna (Heinrich) Stanzel.

In 1902, Ferdinand “F.L.” Heinrich took possession of the farm from his parents. A skilled inventor, F.L. patented a baling machine for cotton in 1902. He also helped build one of the first automated cotton gins in Texas. A man of many talents, F.L. helped build the historic High Hill Church (dubbed the Queen of the Painted Churches in Central Texas) and was also a bandleader.

F.L. married Leopoldina Kainer, and they had three children—Robert, Arthur and Olga. During the depression,



F.L. grew food for his family and neighbors. He also loaned money to those who were in need.

After F.L. died in 1935, his son Robert A. took over the farm. Robert raised cotton, corn, milo, hay, pecans, fruits, vegetables, cattle, hogs, chickens, ducks and sheep, just as his father did. Robert married Rosa O. Muehr, and they had ten children—Mildred, Arnold, Leon, Darlene, David, Elvra, Dianne, Robert L., Marie and Michael. Leon

died at the young age of 10 from lockjaw. Like all American families at this time, the Heinrichs had to deal with the rationing necessitated by World War II. The Heinrichs dealt with these hardships by forming “Meat Clubs” to share food and farming equipment with their neighbors.

Since 1978, Robert L. Heinrich and his wife, Diana, have run the farm. Co-owners of the property include Arnold and Patty Heinrich and Marie Stutes. They raise cattle, pecans and hay. The Heinrich Farm still comprises 56 acres out of the original 136.5 acres purchased by Joseph Heinrich in 1875. A farmhouse built by Ferdinand L. Heinrich in 1909 still stands on the property, a symbol of the Heinrich family’s continued dedication to the land.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 136.5

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 56

Crops or livestock raised: 1875—Cotton, corn, milo, hay, fruits, vegetables, hogs and sheep; 2002—Cattle, pecans and hay.

FREESTONE COUNTY

EMMONS RAFTER E RANCH

Five miles east of Fairfield at the corner of Highway 84 and County Road 445.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1974	Andrew Jackson and Lottie R. Emmons
1974 – 1989	Mattie E. Emmons and Herbert D. Emmons
1989 – 2000	Herbert D. Emmons
2000 – 2002	Russell D. Emmons

ANDREW JACKSON EMMONS was born in Freestone County in 1867 and purchased 100 acres of land from R.L. Barnett on November 1, 1902. He raised cotton, corn, cattle and hogs and expanded his property by adding 85 acres. He contributed to his community by allowing some of his land to be used to build U.S. Highway 84. He married Lottie Mims Robertson, and they had four children—Della Beryl, Dervin Julia, Reagan Holt and Andrew Jackson Jr. Over the years, cotton farming was phased out and replaced by cattle ranching.

Reagan Holt's wife, Mattie Elizabeth, and their son Herbert Dewitt acquired 71.25 acres in 1974. They raised hay, cattle and horses. Reagan and Mattie had one other child—Littleton Holt. Herbert Dewitt married Patsy Thornton Emmons and they had three children—Stanley Bryce, Steven Bruce and Russell Dewitt. In 1989, Herbert Dewitt became the sole owner of the 71.25 acres. For 30 years, he served on the board of directors for the Turlington Community Rural Water Supply Corporation and was instrumental in acquiring a second water well for the system.



Russell Emmons, the fourth generation of the Emmons Rafter E Ranch, raises commercial cattle, hay and horses. He maintains the land by practicing weed control, fertilization and livestock rotation. Of the 71.25 acres that Russell owns, 39.25 acres belonged to his great grandfather, Andrew Emmons, and has been in the family for 98 years. He lives on the property with his wife, Kimberly, and their children—Kendell and Marcus. Russell won the American Quarter Horse Association's world title in 1994 for amateur breakaway roping on a horse he trained on the land. The family raises American Quarter Horses and participates in AQHA shows, ropings, youth and ranch rodeos and playdays. A barn that was built in the early 1950s is home for the

registered quarter horses.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 100

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 32

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, corn, cattle and hogs; 2002—Cattle, hay and horses.



LOUIS-GUS CRENWELGE FARM

Five miles south of Fredericksburg on Mesquite Flat.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1870 – 1897	Mathias Boos
1897 – 1939	Wilhelmina (Boos) Crenwelge
1939 – 1982	Gustav Crenwelge
1982 – 2002	Dayton R. Crenwelge

MATHIAS BOOS was born in Prussia and he obtained his U.S. citizenship on June 25, 1866. In 1870, he bought a section of land from the Nathaniel Townsend Estate. Nathaniel Townsend originally received the land in an 1845 grant from the State of Texas. Mathias raised cattle and obtained a cattle brand for his herd. Mathias and his wife, Karoline, had one daughter, Wilhelmina. Karoline had been married to Mathias' brother, Michael Boos, and they had two children. After Michael was killed in an explosion, Karoline married Mathias in 1865. At that time, she and Mathias entered into a Marital Agreement, a precursor to our current pre-nuptial agreements. The primary term of the agreement was that children born of each marriage would inherit from the couple equally.

Wilhelmina and her husband, Louis Crenwelge, acquired title to 517.75 acres in 1897 and raised cattle, grapes and peaches. They built a two-story Basse Block house. The couple had eight children—Martha, Lina, Bertha, Edmund, Alvin, Armand, Gustav and Anna.

Gustav acquired title to 128 acres in February 1939. He added 144 acres to his property, which he bought from other relatives. He raised cattle, sheep, oats, wheat, peaches, apples, pecans and hogs. He also began terracing his fields and developed a pecan grove. Gustav and his wife, Lina (Behrends), had two children—Kermit G. and Dayton Ray. In



addition to other farm products sold, Lina also prepared and sold butter and kochkaese, German for “cooked cheese,” to provide additional income for the family.

Dayton, who acquired the farm in 1974, owns and operates the land today. In 1954, Dayton raised the grand champion steer in the Houston Livestock Show. He has also participated in feed trials for pigs and hogs. Dayton and his wife, Nancy, live on the farm along with their son, Scott and his wife, Kristen, and their son, Preston. Dayton and Nancy also have a daughter, Cheryl (Crenwelge) Sione, who is married to Alesana Sione, and they have a son, Dylan.

Besides the farm, another of Dayton's contributions to the agriculture industry is as a majority shareholder of a local feed and farm supply store. He has worked at the store since 1964. In 1972, he was named Young Agri-businessman of Gillespie County and was the first individual to receive the award. Dayton also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Gillespie County Livestock Show for 15 years.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 960

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 134

Crops or livestock raised: 1870—Cattle; 2002—Cattle, sheep, wheat and oats.

STRACKBEIN RANCH

Four and one-half miles southwest of Doss on Ranch Road 783.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1885 – 1918	Christian K. Strackbein
1918 – 1983	Otto Carl Strackbein
1983 – 1989	Clarence Otto Strackbein
1989 – 2002	Julia (Kordzik) Strackbein
2002 – 2002	Jodie (Strackbein) Keller Holly (Strackbein) Schmidt Stacy Strackbein

CHRISTIAN STRACKBEIN was born in Germany. He came to Texas in search of a better life. Christian fought in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. On May 9, 1885, he bought 20 acres of land in Gillespie County. He later added 300 acres, buying 210 acres on September 26, 1888 and 90 acres on April 18, 1893. He bought all his land from Henry and Philip Klaerner.



Christian raised rye, cotton, wheat, corn, milo and cane. He was also a stonemason and helped build the Doss church and the Cherry Springs schoolhouse. The Strackbeins were one of six families who founded the St. Peter Lutheran Church at Doss.

Christian and his wife, Katherine (Eckert), had eight children—Karl, Mary, John Henry, August, Christian Johann Heinrich, Albert, Emil and Otto Carl. Otto acquired title to the 320 acres in 1918 and raised milo, corn, cotton, cattle, sheep and goats. Otto was known throughout the area for his hounds that were used to track predators such as bobcats and wolves. The men would hunt the predators to keep them from killing their livestock. Otto and his wife, Emma (Kroll), were members of the St. Peter Lutheran Church at Doss, and their three children—Adele Anna Margaret, Olinda Hulda and Clarence Otto—attended the Doss school.

In 1973, Clarence Otto began acquiring portions of the property and finally, in 1983, acquired title to all 320 acres.

Clarence worked in Fredericksburg as a mail carrier for the U.S. Post office, but he continued to operate the land, plowing his own fields and working the livestock. He raised cattle, sheep, goats, corn and maize. Clarence won many reserve champion and grand champion honors for his registered Angora goats at the Gillespie County Fair in the 1950s

and 1960s. Clarence and his wife, Julia Mae (Kordzik), had four children—Jodie Clarice, Holly Rue, Tami Lane (deceased) and Stacy Shannon. Following her husband's death, Julia owned and operated the land with the help of her children and their families. They raised cattle, sheep and goats. Julia especially enjoyed each spring when the new crop of kids, lambs and calves would arrive.

The children own and operate the land now, carrying on the Strackbein family tradition. A two-story rock house built by Christian Strackbein in 1895 is still standing and the families use the house on weekends and during hunting season.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1885—Rye, cotton, wheat, corn, milo and cane; 2002—Cattle and sheep.

GONZALES COUNTY

F.R. AND HENRY GOTTWALD FARM

Eight miles north of Gonzales on Canoe Creek.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES	DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1875 – 1880	Henry and Mary Gottwald	1980 – 1990	Henry C. Gottwald
1880 – 1903	Mary Gottwald Felix Robert Gottwald Henry M. Gottwald Fritz C. Gottwald Frank F. Gottwald	1990 – 1990	Audrey A. Gottwald Henry C. Gottwald Mary Louise Gottwald Felix R. Gottwald III Bernard J. Gottwald Ann Elice Gottwald Larry E. Gottwald
1903 – 1943	Felix R. Gottwald Sr.	1990 – 2002	Norwood H. Gottwald Jr.
1943 – 1980	Felix R. Gottwald Jr. Henry C. Gottwald		

HENRY GOTTWALD was born in Bielefeld, Germany, but left the country to avoid military conscription. In 1875, he bought 400 acres in Gonzales County from John Coplin and 183.2 acres from G.N. and J.C. Dilworth. Henry raised cattle, cane hay and row crops. In 1878, he deeded four acres to Gonzales County for the use of a public school. Henry married Mary (Offers), and the couple had five children—Felix Robert, Henry M., Fritz C., Frank F. and August, who died when he was two years old. Mary and her four sons owned and operated the land after Henry died. During the early days of Texas, it was difficult for a widow to make a living farming, so the older sons quit school to help their mother.

On September 14, 1903, Felix Robert acquired title to 44.67 acres of the original holdings. Felix leased his land to his brother Frank, who continued to raise cattle, cane hat and row crops. Felix moved to McLennan County to help his uncle begin farming. Felix married Elisa (Scheidweiler), and the couple had two children—Felix Robert Jr. and Henry Calvin. The family lived in McLennan County until Felix Sr.'s death in 1943, when his sons inherited the property.

Felix Jr. and Henry continued to lease the farm to their Uncle Frank, who used the land for grazing. During World War II, both Felix and Henry worked in defense-related industries. Felix and his wife, Audrey (Gradel), had five



children—Mary Louise, Felix R. III, Bernard, Ann Elice and Larry E. Henry and his wife, Evelyn Imogene (Hughey) had one child, Genie Elise. Following Felix's death, Henry and Felix's wife, Audrey, owned the land and leased it to their cousin, Norwood Gottwald, who bought the 44.67 acres in July 1990.

Norwood is the present owner of the farm and raises beef cattle and hay. He has constructed fences, practices soil erosion control and participate in programs that preserve the property and protect the environment. Norwood and his wife, Evelyn, and their sons, Kenneth and Darrell, participate in local activities such as 4-H, stock shows and county fairs that promote agriculture. Other acreage Norwood has inherited that has been recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program includes the Gottwald Farm in 1976 and Norwood Farm in 2001. Norwood farms and ranches about 1,300 acres of which 551.2 acres belonged to his great-grandfather, Henry Gottwald.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 583.2

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 44.23

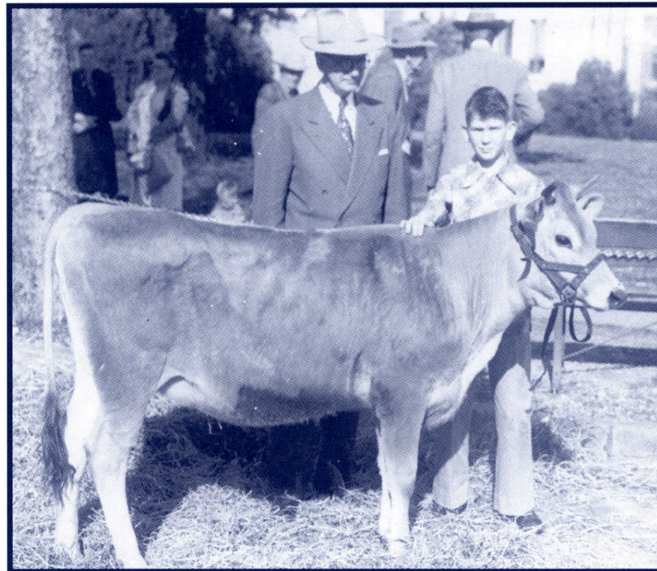
Crops or livestock raised: 1875—Cattle, cane hay and row crops; 2002—Beef cattle and hay.

GRAYSON COUNTY

CLEMENT RANCH

Three miles south of Whitesboro.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1947	J.V. Deaver
1947 – 1983	T.A. and Nine (Deaver) Clement
1983 – 2002	Alton T. Clement



A native Texan from Collinsville, J.V. DEAVER purchased 155 acres of land on October 9, 1902, and raised cotton, corn and peaches. He also provided the right of way for what is now called Clements Road and furnished gravel for other roads in the area. President of the Fruit Growers, J.V. developed a natural spring that furnished water for six families. He and wife, Pauline, had nine children—Vera, Mavit, Ida, Bess, Arthur, Nina, Faye, Darrell and Ella.

On April 21, 1947, daughter Nina (Deaver) Clement and her husband, T.A. Clement, acquired the land and added 7.8 acres. They raised dairy cows, peanuts, hay and beef cattle and developed their farm from a hand-milking operation to a

Grade A dairy. They also participated in soil conservation programs. T.A. and Nina had four children—Alton T., Gene, J.L. and Linda.

Alton acquired 165 acres of the land in 1983 and with his son, Christopher T., raises beef cattle and hay. A large barn that was part of the original property stands on the land today.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 155

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 109

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, corn and peaches; 2002—Beef cattle and hay.

GREGG COUNTY

C J RANCH

Eight miles east of Kilgore on FM 349.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1873 – 1883	William Henry Cunyus
1883 – 1902	Amanda Waty (Cunyus) Laird
1902 – 1933	George Oliver Cunyus
1933 – 1972	Agnes (Watson) Cunyus
1972 – 1994	Howell Hohmann Cunyus
1994 – 2002	Patsy Joan (Cunyus) Johnston

WILLIAM HENRY CUNYUS was born near LaGrange, Georgia, and came to Texas with his father, William Cunyus, when they both wanted to make their fortune in the Lone Star State. In 1863, his first wife, Mary Cardelia, died leaving William with three children—Walter, James and Mary. In 1868, William, his brother, John, and Dock Pegues owned and operated a grocery store in Hallsville. In 1871, they moved the store to Longview.

On February 24, 1873, William Henry bought 130 acres of land in Gregg County from Adaline Wood and raised cotton, corn and potatoes. In 1866, William had married his second wife, Laura Beatrice (Dyer), who taught school in Peatown. The couple had four children—William H. (who died at age six), Sophroia Louisa, George Oliver and Amanda Waty.

William Henry was justice of the peace for Gregg County and county commissioner for Precinct 5 until his death in 1878. Laura managed the property until her death in 1882. Her dying request was for the oldest son, Walter, to take charge of the children and the property. The land was partitioned, and Walter managed the estate.

Amanda married Joe Laird, a dry goods clerk from Longview. After their marriage, Joe tried to manage the property but was unsuccessful, so they sold their 130 acres to Amanda's brother, George Oliver, in 1902. George bought an additional 57 acres from Will Trent, who had bought the land from George's half-brother James. George raised cotton and cattle. George and his wife, Agnes, also taught school. The



couple had three children—George Grady, James Alvis (who died as a baby) and Howell Hohmann.

George also opened a dry goods store in Longview, and Agnes had a millinery store. In the 1930s, they owned a grocery store on Marshall Street.

Agnes acquired title to the land in 1933, and she added two more acres to her holdings when she owned it. In 1972, Agnes' son, Howell Hohmann, received 189 acres from his parents' estate. He raised cattle. In 1973, he built a new house on the land and moved to the ranch from Longview after his mother's death. He also built new fences, repaired the corral

and built a new barn. Howell's first wife, Dorothy, died in 1977. The couple had four children—Patsy Joan, Donald Drexal (who died at age two), Barbara Karen (who died at age 11) and Robert Howell. Howell's second wife was Lorraine.

In 1994, Howell deeded the ranch to his daughter, Patsy and her husband, Charles, and their three children—Steven, Ann and David. In 1996, they deeded their interests to Patsy. Patsy and Charles added 146 acres to make a 335-acre ranch. Today, Patsy and Charles own and operate the land, which includes 130 acres of the original property. They raise Brangus and crossbred cattle.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 130

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 130

Crops or livestock raised: 1873—Cotton, corn and potatoes; 2002—Cattle.

PFANNSTIEL FARM

★ 150-YR FARM ★

Five miles east of Cibolo on Pfannstiel Lane.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1846 – 1866	David Justin Pfannstiel
1866 – 1914	Frederick Wilhem Pfannstiel
1914 – 1959	Adolph Valentine Pfannstiel
1901 – 1976	Arthur Pfannstiel
1959 – 2002	Roman and Gladys Pfannstiel

DAVID “JUSTUS” JUSTIN AND MARIA SABINA (EBERLEIN) PFANNSTIEL and six of their children came from Germany to improve their lives. On June 10, 1846, they acquired title to 300 acres of land from H.M. Lewis in the Corenas Survey. There was nothing on the land when they arrived so David built a cellar where the family ate, a separate kitchen and a single sleeping room. He also acquired an additional 978 acres to raise corn, cotton, horses and cattle. David and Maria had 10 children—Louie, August, Lawrence, Gustave, Henry, Adolph, Justine, Hulda, Hermania and Matha. Four of them died in Germany before the family moved to America.



Wilhemine, Adolph and Matilda Friedrich.

In March 1914, after the death of his father, Adolph Valentine acquired 320 acres of the land. He added 118 acre then sold 100 acres. Adolph also purchased shares in a cotton gin in Marion and raised cotton, corn, milo, cattle and horses. He and wife Augusta (Schwab) had eight children—Amanda, Arthur, Antonie,

David Justin divided the land among his six children, and his son, Frederick, received title to 320 acres on February 12, 1868. He raised corn, cotton, horses, cattle and sorghum, and built an oven that on Saturdays the ladies in the community used to bake their breads and cookies. Frederick’s grandson, Arthur, was in charge of the oven. They also built a molasses press that was used to cook sorghum juice into molasses. Frederick added seven rooms to the house, including two separate rooms from the main house, which served as the parlor. An accomplished fiddle player, Frederick met his wife, Anna Marie (Von Ebert), while he was performing at the Old German Hall in San Antonio. They had 11 children—Carl Louis, Henrich Gustav, John August, Lorenz Frederick, Mary Juliana, Justina Louisa, Ulrich Henry, Hulda Mathilda,

Louise, Agatha, Hilda, Leonie and Edgar.

Adolph sold 140 acres of the land to his son, Arthur, and 136 acres to his grandson, Roman Pfannstiel, the present owner of the land. Roman purchased an additional 170 acres of the original Pfannstiel property. He and his son, Ray Joy, now operate the farm and raise corn, milo, hay and cattle. They are active members of the Guadalupe County Farm Bureau. An original barn made of logs without the use of nails is still used by the family and an original one-row horse-drawn planter remains on the place.

In 1976, the Family Land Heritage Program recognized the Pfannstiel Farm for 100 years of continuous agricultural production.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 300

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 292

Crops or livestock raised: 1846 —Corn, cotton, horses and cattle; 2002—Corn, milo, hay and cattle.

HAMILTON COUNTY

DIAMOND R FARM

Twelve miles east of Hamilton on State Highway 22.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1936	Friedrich and Marie (Bremer) Giese
1936 – 1974	William Paul and Anna Louise (Henkelman) Giese Eliese Subine Marie Giese
1974 – 2002	Doyle Eugene and Ima Jean (Giese) Roberts Jason Paul Roberts Danna Louise Roberts



FRIEDRICH GIESE was born in Wilma, Germany. In 1876, Friedrich and his half sister, Alvina Huske, left Germany to escape compulsory military training and religious oppression. They settled in Washington County, where Friedrich met and married Marie Bremer. The couple farmed rented land until August 20, 1901, when they purchased 449 acres in eastern Hamilton County. They expanded the original house on the property to accommodate their eight children—Albert, Adolph, Bertha, Martha, Mollie, Eliese, William and Ernest, as well as Friedrich's half sister. They dug a well by hand, and later added a barn, chicken house, brooder house and smokehouse. They raised wheat, oats, milo, cattle, goats and horses. Friedrich also assisted in building St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Cranfills Gap.

William and Eliese inherited the land after their parents' deaths and later added 244 acres. In 1947, they sold almost 13.5 acres of property to the State of Texas for right of way. As members of the Farm Bureau and Cattle Raisers Association, they participated in county youth activities, oil and gas exploration and government conservation and agricultural programs including conservation, flood control,

good farming practices and selective breeding of livestock and poultry. They raised wheat, oats, milo, cotton, cattle, goats and horses. William married

Anna Louise (Henkelman) and they had one daughter, Ima Jean Giese.

Ima Jean and her husband, Doyle Roberts, acquired the property on February 26, 1974, and added 227 acres, where they raise wheat, oats, cattle, goats and horses. They have worked on range enhancement, fence modifications, flood control and livestock management. The family is active in FFA, FHA, 4-H, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. Doyle and Ima Jean have two children—Jason Paul and Danna Louise. The old two-story house still is used today, as are many of the other original buildings.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 449

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 435.75

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Wheat, oats, milo, cattle, goats and horses; 2002—Wheat, oats, cattle, goats and horses.

HASKELL COUNTY

HOWARD FARM

Two and one-half miles southeast of Paint Creek School.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1905	Lewis and Mary Jane (Earp) Howard
1905 – 1975	Marion Bunyan Howard
1975 – 1985	Vernay Wilson Howard
1985 – 2002	Vernay Wilson Howard Jr.



LEWIS HOWARD was born in Macon County, Georgia. Lured by the new lands in Texas after the Civil War, Lewis purchased 942 acres of land from D.A. Nunn, J.E. and A.H. Wooters and Kim Hisey on October 1, 1902. In 1905, he bought 984 acres from Parker C. Evan and raised wheat, cattle, cotton, milo and oats. Lewis also started the Howard School, church and cemetery. The cemetery still is in use by the community, Howard Church joined Paint Creek Baptist Church, and in 1935 the Howard School became part of the Paint Creek School. Lewis and wife, Mary Jane Earp, had 10 children—Emmett Artiberry, John Wesley Thomas Nugent, Mary Abi, Lelia Lillian, Susan Cordelia, Isaac Newton Alanzo, Marion Bunyan, Joseph Lewis, William Earnest and Synthia Elizabeth.

In 1905, son Marion Bunyan Howard acquired 272 acres of the land and raised wheat, cotton, oats, milo, cattle and

turkeys. He and his wife, Jannie Bray, had five children—Ethel Laura, Bunyan Wesley, Vernay Wilson, Thomas Murle and Marion Artist.

In 1975, Vernay Wilson Howard acquired the property and added 200 acres to the farm. He raised wheat, milo, cotton and cattle. Vernay and his wife, Eula Mae (Davis), their son, Vernay Wilson Jr. and his wife, Laurel Lee (Flaming), farm 64 acres of the land raising cotton and wheat. Vernay keeps the rest of the land in native pasture for cattle grazing and 100 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 942

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 272

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Wheat, cattle, cotton, milo and oats; 2002—Cattle, cotton, hay grazer and wheat.

HEMPHILL COUNTY

ARRINGTON RANCH

Fifteen miles southwest of Canadian on County Road 5.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1897 – 1923	George Washington (G.W.) “Cap” Arrington
1923 – 1944	Sarah Caroline (Burnett) Arrington
1944 – 1973	French Arrington
1965 – 1966	George W. Arrington, William L. Arrington, Ann (Arrington) Johnson Webb
1973 – 1990	Ollie (Lake) Arrington
1965 – 1990	William Lake Arrington
1990 – 2002	George Michael “Mike” and Deborah “Debbie” (Clay) Arrington



JOHN C. ORRICK, who later changed his name to George Washington (G. W.) Arrington, was born in Greensboro, Alabama, in December 1844. He joined the Confederate Army at age 16 and later was a mercenary in John S. Mosby’s guerilla band. In 1867, he murdered an Alabama businessman and left the United States for Central America. He returned to the U.S. in 1870 and moved to Texas, changing his name to George Washington Arrington to break with his troubled past. He worked the Texas Central Railway in Houston, was a farmer in Collin County and a cowboy trailing a cattle herd to Brown County.

At age 31, he enlisted in the Frontier Battalion of the Texas Rangers and was eventually promoted to Captain of Company C, where he gained the nickname “Cap.” As a Texas Ranger, Cap’s assignments eventually took him to the Panhandle.

In 1882, Cap left the Texas Rangers and became sheriff of Wheeler and the 14 surrounding counties, where he was known as the “Iron-Handed Man of the Panhandle.” He met and married Sarah Caroline Burnette. The couple lived at the county jail in Mobeetie until Cap left law enforcement in 1890 and moved his family to 643.88 acres of ranch land that included the headwaters of the Washita River in Hemphill County. Cap built two cabins to house his family and serve as a ranch headquarters, and later added 3,200 acres of open range to his holdings. He raised cattle and wheat and in 1885 registered the CAP cattle brand. He and Sarah had nine children—Gilbert, French, John, Sadie, May, Inez, Empress, Orlean and Caroline. An active member of the community, Cap was co-founder of a rural school. Sarah was active in the local women’s temperance union.

Their son, French, was born in 1895 and contracted polio at age two. Despite the disability, French managed the family ranch after his father's death in 1923. In 1944, he acquired the original 643.88-acre ranch, working and managing the entire operation. To compensate for his disability, French designed, built and fitted his tractor and other equipment with hand controls. He married schoolteacher Ollie May Lake in 1928. The couple had a daughter, Ann, and twin boys, George W. and William L., all of whom attended college. The three children acquired undivided interest in 480 acres of the original ranch in 1965.

George W. Arrington left the ranch to pioneer in oil and gas exploration and founded George W. Arrington Oil Company. He married Jane Coker in 1953 and the couple had three children—Cathy, Julie and Mike. His twin brother William Lake Arrington served in the U.S. Army and became involved in oil and gas exploration. He married Margareta “Greta” Miller and they had two children, William Miller Buck and Melanie Lake. Ann (Arrington) Johnson Webb attended University of Arizona in Tucson. She met and married Kenneth B. Johnson, who served in Korea. They divorced

after being married 18 years. Ann returned to Canadian, Texas and in 1990 married Allen Webb, a high school classmate. She has four children—Jane, Morgan, Janice and Denver.

George Michael “Mike” Arrington, the son of George W. and Jane, owns and manages the 643.88-acre family ranch and is a proponent of ranch diversification. He and his wife, Debbie (Clay), restored the historic family home that Cap built and have converted it to a bed-and-breakfast called Arrington Lodge. The site was included in the 2000 movie “Castaway” with Tom Hanks. Their ranch improvements also promote the local economy through nature-based tourism. They have three sons—George Wade, Daggett French and Jonathan Clay, and are actively involved in their community and church. Mike uses his ranching knowledge to support the local 4-H Chapter and the Farm Service Agency.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 643.88

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 643.88

Crops or livestock raised: 1897—Wheat and cattle; 2002—Hay, cow and calf operation; bed-and-breakfast inn.





THE FAMILY

*Family is at the heart of farm and ranch life.
From the early homesteading days of the men
and women who settled this state,
Texas agriculture has been built
on the backs of families –
husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, sons,
daughters, brothers and sisters –
working as one.*



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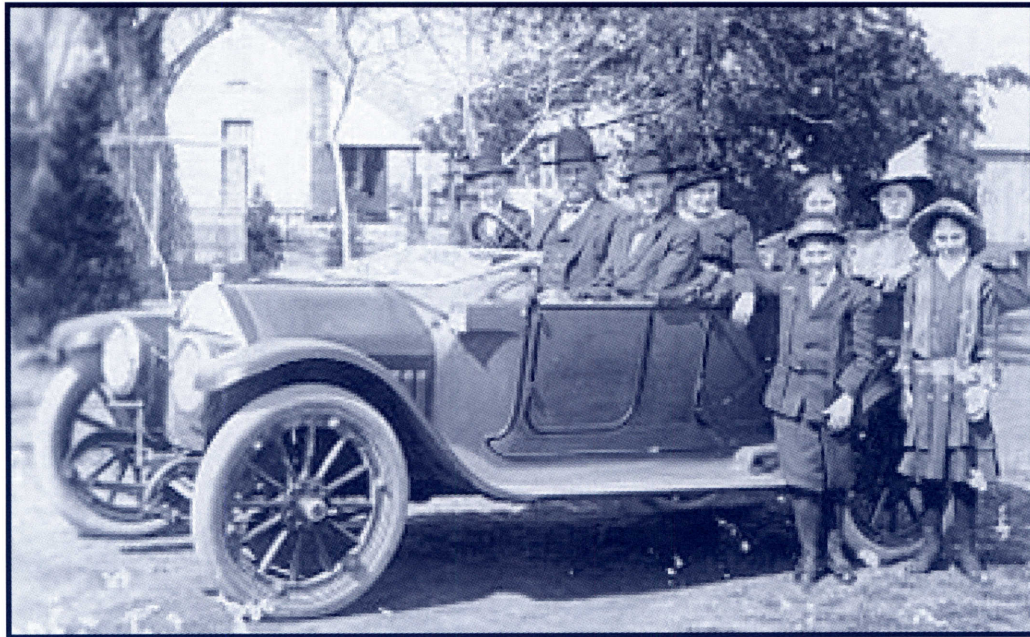
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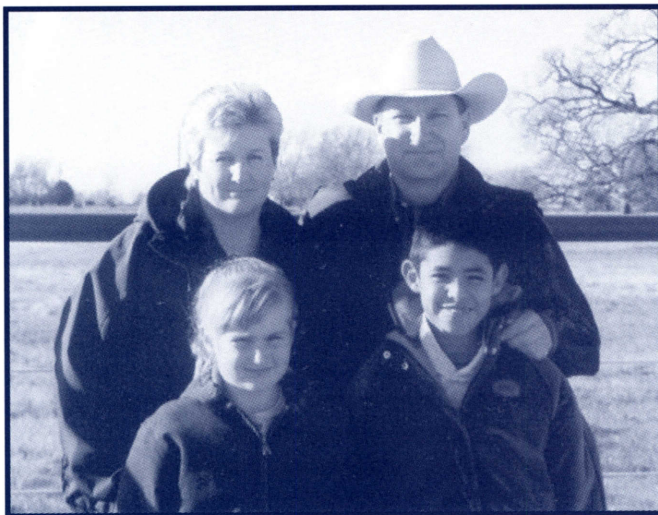
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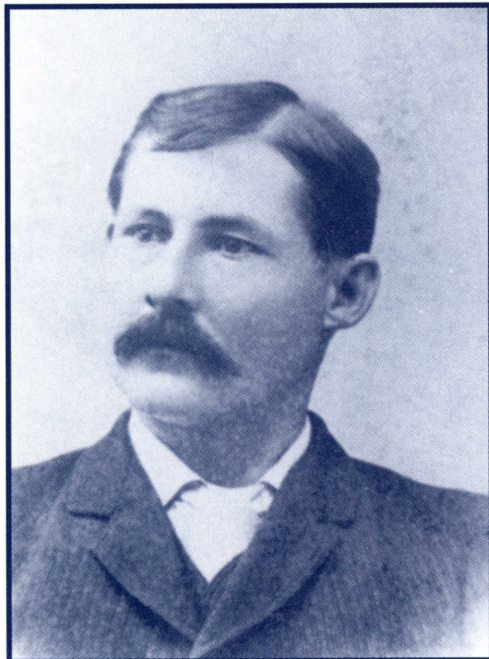
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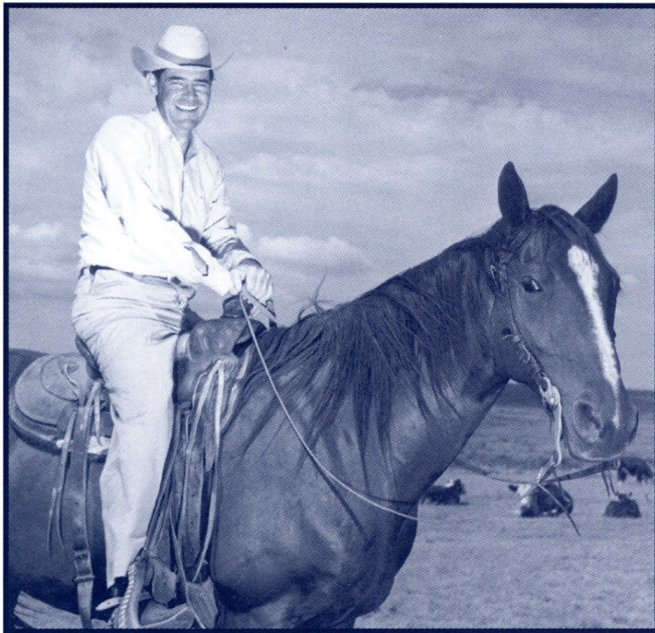


WALKER COUNTY  Pasket Farm

TODD RANCH (NIX RANCH, LTD.)

Five miles northwest of Canadian on Highway 83.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1894 – 1921	Laura V. and William J. Todd
1921 – 1942	Estelle P. and Williams J. Todd Jr.
1942 – 2000	Mary Alice Q. and William Dale Nix
2000 – 2002	Nelwyn H. and William D. Nix Jr.



WILLIAM JEPHTHA TODD was born in Clay County, Missouri, and came to Texas to work as superintendent of Bar CC Ranch in Ochiltree County. He helped organize Ochiltree County in 1890 and was elected its first county judge. William J. and his wife, Laura Virginia (DeBusk) Todd, purchased their own land in 1894 from C.B. Willingham, and eventually expanded the property to 17,500 acres and raised Hereford cattle. The couple had four children—Henry, William J. Jr., Mary and Laura. During this time, historical events relating to their ranch included the Homestead Act and the breakup of Scottish and English land and cattle syndicates.

Their son, William J. Todd Jr., acquired the 17,500-acre ranch and continued his father's cattle operation raising Herefords. His mother and sisters were co-owners of the ranch. He married Estelle Patton and the couple adopted their nephew, William Dale Nix, who was Laura's son. The ranch survived through the Dust Bowl, the Great Depression and World War II.

In 1942, William Dale assumed operation of the ranch and raised Herefords, Charolais and Angus crossbred cattle. Dale married Mary Alice Quattlebaum and they had one son, William D. Jr. During this time, they saw the development of the oil and gas industry and endured the drought of the 1950s. Dale was an award-winning soil conservationist and was very active in his community, having been involved in the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He also was chairman of the Federal Farm Credit Board.

William D. Nix Jr. operates the family-owned ranch today. He is the president of Nix Cattle Co. and practices certified beef quality assurance and developed a systematic crossbreeding system. He lives on the property with his wife, Nelwyn "Puddin" Nix. A bunkhouse that is over 100 years old still stands on the property and is used as a guesthouse.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 17,500

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 17,500

Crops or livestock raised: 1894—Hereford cattle; 2002—Charolais and Angus breeding herd, Charolais cross stocker steers.

HENDERSON COUNTY

HAYDEN BOLES FARM

Fifteen miles southeast of Athens off State Highway 175.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1872 – 1898	John B. Boles
1898 – 1938	Heirs of John B. Boles
1938 – 1970	John H. Boles
1938 – 1970	Jack L. Boles
1938 – 1973	Katie Toms and Clyde Weaver
1970 – 2002	Hayden Boles

JOHN B. BOLES was born in Alabama, and came to Texas to acquire land next to his brother, Isaac Boles. In 1872, he purchased 320 acres of land from F. M. Caddenhead. The land was originally granted by the State of Texas in 1860. In addition to farming, John owned and operated the country store in the nearby Fincastle community. He and his wife, Mary C., raised eight children—John H., Mary Rose, Katie, John Lee, William H., Seabern F., Jerry R. and Pink.



Imogene, Hayden and Dorothy V.

Grandchildren of the founder and cousins of the current owner also owned part of the original property from 1938 to 1973.

Hayden Boles acquired 117 acres of the original property between 1970 and 1973. He improved the land to coastal hay and grazing pastures to support cattle operation. Hayden married Jean and they had three children—Mark, Michael and Debbie.

From 1898 to 1938, the land was owned and operated by Mary and the eight children as undivided interests. Her oldest son, John H. Boles, acquired 39 acres of the original land in 1938. He was deacon of the local Baptist Church and served several years on the school board. He and his wife, Annie Lavada Boles, had 12 children—Raymond, Oma John, Clint, Wayne, Opal J., Ola Mae, Alma L., Velma L., Janie M., Annie

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 117

Crops or livestock raised: 1872—Cotton, corn, peas, tomatoes and potatoes; 2002—Hay and cattle.

HILL COUNTY

BURLESON FARM

Eight miles southwest of Aquilla on HCR 2200.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1911	N.W. and Theadocia (Clabaugh) Burleson
1911 – 1926	N.W. and Mary Burleson
1920 – 1937	Lena Elizabeth Burleson
1926 – 1931	Sybil (Burleson) Inmon
1926 – 1937	Rufus Burleson
1926 – 1938	Myrtie Jewell Burleson
1937 – 1938	Durwood Burleson Inmon
1926 – 1941	Euell Cecil and Charlie F. Burleson
1926 – 1942	Fleda Jane Burleson
1943 – 1943	Maxine Inmon
1926 – 1972	Norris Walker Burleson
1972 – 1997	Myra Jean (Burleson) Gatlin
1997 – 2002	Andrea (Gatlin) Holt



N.W. BURLESON was born in Leon County, Texas. On August 21, 1901, he bought 200 acres of land in Hill County from P.H. and Viola Bessire. It included the White & Bessire Gin. N.W. raised corn and cotton and operated the gin. He and his wife, Theadocia Emistine Clabaugh, had nine children—Charlie F., Ethel V., Lena Elizabeth, Rufus, Fleda Jane, Myrtie Jewell, Sybil Eunice, Norris Walker and Euell Cecil. On November 10, 1911, Theadocia died. N.W. married Mary Burleson.

In 1920, Lena Elizabeth Burleson, received one undivided interest in the farm “for and in consideration of the love and affection and one dollar to me paid...” In 1926, after the death of N.W. Burleson, Mary Burleson conveyed the 200-acre property to the heirs. During the next 16 years, Norris Walker Burleson began to buy each sibling’s portion of the Burleson Farm. He raised corn, cotton and cattle on the land. Between 1926 and early 1943 he bought portions of the farm from Lena Elizabeth Burleson, Rufus Burleson, Myrtie Jewell Burleson, Durwood Burleson Inmon, Euell Cecil Burleson, Charlie F. Burleson, Fleda Jane Burleson and Maxine Inmon.

Norris Walker Burleson cleared timber on the property to provide more pasture and replaced row crops with pasture. He was active in improving the native environment by planting various varieties of peach, pear and persimmon trees, as well as 100 papershell pecan trees, many of which remain today. The construction of FM 1304, one-half mile from the farm, and a bridge across the Brazos River, connected Hill and Bosque counties, opening Bosque County as a possible outlet for cattle and crops. Norris Walker and his wife, Meta (Lueck), had one daughter, Myra Jean.

Myra Jean and her husband, A.L. Gatlin Jr., who was Hill County Commissioner for 24 years, acquired the land in 1972. They were the first in the area to improve native pasture to Coastal Bermuda grass. They sold the sprigs and bailed the grass as hay for cattle. They converted the farm to pastureland to raise cattle and ceased farming operations. Myra Jean and A.L. Gatlin have two children—Andrea Lou and Jana Gaye.

Andrea Lou and her husband, Keith, have lived on the Burleson Farm since 1971, raising cattle and selling Coastal sprigs and hay. In 1972, they tore down the original house and used the lumber to build a new home. They acquired the farm in 1997 from Andrea’s parents. Andrea is the former county judge of Hill County and the first female judge to hold the position. Andrea and Keith’s daughter, Keitha and her husband, Stephen Hatfield, live with their son, Nicholas Ryan, in Round Rock.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 200

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 200

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Corn and cotton; 2002—Cattle and Bermuda grass.

ROSIE WASHINGTON ESTATE

Three and one-half miles west of Crockett on FM 3020.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1915	Tobias Washington
1915 – 1958	Rosie (Reed) Washington
1958 – 1993	Bias and Theodore Washington
1993 – 2002	Rosemary (Washington) McCullough



TOBIAS WASHINGTON was born in Leon County, but moved to Houston County to find work and buy land. In 1902, he purchased 28.25 acres from Joe and Marie Fobbs. He raised peanuts, vegetables, cotton, cows, hogs, and horses. Tobias was remembered for feeding needy families and loaning money to his neighbors. He and his wife, Rosie (Reed) had seven children—Annie, Maud, Nannie B., Bias, Bertha, Eula and Theodore. They were active in church and the community.

Rosie acquired the farm in 1915 after her husband passed away and she became the sole caretaker of the family. She farmed the land and taught her children and grandchildren the importance of farming as a means for survival and as a business. Rosie also instilled the importance of education in her children and they all went on to receive advanced levels of education beyond high school.

In 1958, sons Bias and Theodore Washington acquired the 28.25 acres. They raised cattle, horses and hay on the land. Bias and his wife, Helen, had a daughter, Rosemary. The brothers dug a large tank to water cows and horses and they also planted trees on the farm.

In 1993, Rosemary (Washington) McCullough acquired all the land from her father and Uncle Theodore. Rosemary has opened up her farm for County Extension office demonstrations, attended by local farmers and ranchers. The emphasis

has been on planting of yucca arrowleaf and gulf annual rye grass. She also built a new barn for hay storage.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 28.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 28.25

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Peanuts, vegetables, cotton, cows, hogs, and horses; 2002—Cows, hay, and grass.

TEN OAKS

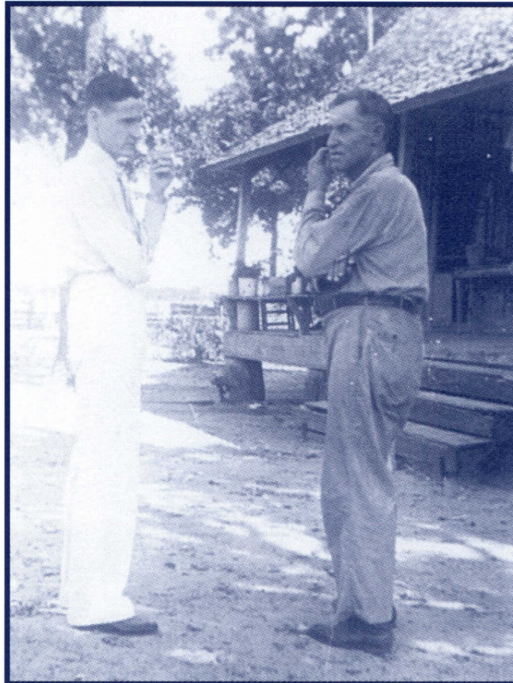
One mile west of FM 3151 on County Road 3450 at Pearson Chapel.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1961	H. Carson Marks
1961 – 1961	W. Henry Marks
1961 – 1989	Minnie (Marks) Nettles
1961 – 1996	Verna (Nettles) and George E. Youngblood Sr.
1996 – 2002	Verna (Nettles) Youngblood George E. Youngblood Jr.

HENRY CARSON MARKS was born in 1880 in North Carolina, and came to Texas in 1901 to get married and settle a homestead. Carson married Artie Missie Glover, and on December 2, 1901, the couple purchased 108 acres of land in what is now Houston County. Over the years, the couple added 273 acres and raised peanuts, cotton, corn, horses, mules, dairy cows and chickens. They worked to improve their property by clearing the land and building fences and ponds, and opened an on-site grocery store and gas station for ranch hands and their families to use. They had six children—Minnie Beatrix, W. Henry, Howard W., Wilmer C., Glover M. and Edgar Lee. Their daughter became a schoolteacher at Person Chapel School and a son became councilman and Mayor of Lovelady, Texas. Carson became Master of the Masonic Lodge at Lovelady.

In 1961, son W. Henry and his wife, Emma D., acquired 54 acres—half of the original homestead. They raised corn, livestock, hay and chickens. The couple had one child, Judy.

Also in 1961, Minnie Beatrix (Marks) Nettles, the founder's daughter, received the other 54 acres of the original home site. She raised livestock and hay along with her



husband, Watt Nettles. The couple had three children—Verna M., Vera and Cora.

Minnie's daughter, Verna, and her husband, George E. Youngblood, acquired 54 acres from W. Henry and his wife in 1961. In 1989, Verna received 17.36 acres from her mother. They raised cattle, cotton and hay. The couple had a son, George Edward Youngblood Jr. who acquired the 54 acres in 1996.

Verna and her son, George Jr., are co-owners of the Ten Oaks Ranch. They raise cattle and hay and have built fences and a new barn. The Youngbloods built a house in 1961 using the old chimney and the wood from the founder's house built in 1901. Many historical buildings still stand on the property today, including the grocery store built by

the founder, a cow shed, chicken house, barn, log crib, storehouse and a well house.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 108

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 71.36

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Peanuts, cotton, corn and livestock; 2002—Cattle and hay.

HUNT COUNTY

TURNER FARMS

Ten miles west of Greenville on U.S. Highway 380.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1908	Giles "G.F." Turner
1903 – 1953	Harry Lee Turner
1953 – 1972	R.L. Turner W.A. Turner, Jr.
1972 – 2002	Vela and W.A. Turner, Jr.
1983 – 2002	Carol (Turner) and Freddie Dale Whit Turner

GILES "G.F." TURNER was born in Montgomery County, Virginia on August 16, 1849. He married Ellen W. Graham on October 10, 1870 in Lee County, Virginia. He and his wife, Ellen W., had nine children—J. Kyle, James H., Harry Lee, Alonzo Y., R. Emogene, Aramenta, Sarah E., and L. Jane who were born in Virginia, and William E., who was born in Hunt County, Texas. In July 1902, he acquired 60 acres in Hunt County from L.M. Graham, and later added 63 acres, where he raised cotton and corn.

In August 1902, their grown son Harry Lee and his family moved to the farm and in January 1903, purchased 60 acres of the farm from his father. Harry Lee added 77 acres, but sold 10 acres outside the family. He grew cotton, corn, onions and hubam clover on the land, and in 1921, built a two-story frame house where the present owners now live. Harry Lee also helped establish the Floyd Methodist Church and the Floyd Co-op Gin. He and wife, Flora (Cox), who were married in December 1897, had four children—R.L., C.E., Pearl and W.A. Sr.

In 1953, R.L. and W.A. Turner, Jr. acquired 127 acres of the farm, where they raised cotton, milo, forage, beef cattle and hay. R.L. never married. W.A. married Vela L. and they



had four children—Tommy Carl, Paula Jean, Carol Ann and Mary Lynn.

In 1972, R.L. died and left his half interest to the children of W.A. Turner Sr. In 1972, W.A. Turner Jr. purchased his sisters interest. He graduated from East Texas State University with an agriculture science degree and taught agriculture classes before entering education administration.

W.A. and Vela Turner continue to live on the land. In 1983, their daughter, Carol Ann (Turner) Dale, acquired two acres of the original founder's property. She, her husband, Freddie, and their son, Whit, operate the land today. They raise beef cattle, forage and hay. Six of the Turner's grandchildren are working on or have received their college agricultural degrees and all seven

of their grandchildren are actively involved in Texas 4-H or FFA.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 60

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 50

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton and corn; 2002—Beef cattle, forage and hay.

KENDALL COUNTY

HARVEY, STEPHEN AND MARK LINDNER RANCH

Five miles south of Comfort.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1875 – 1886	Michael Lindner
1886 – 1918	Herman Lindner
1918 – 1947	Hubert Lindner
1947 – 2002	Harvey Lindner
1969 – 2002	Stephen Lindner Mark Lindner

Due to hard times and a sense of “wanderlust,” MICHAEL LINDNER came to Texas from Germany. He landed in Galveston, Texas on or about December 9, 1851, and his name is linked with early construction and building in the Hill Country in the late 1850s. Michael became a leader in the community, now known as Comfort. He was a notary public and a mill builder. Michael erected the first log house in Comfort. He married Margarethe Steigner in the early 1850s and acquired 320 acres in Kendall County in 1875. They raised cattle on the land and built a very substantial masonry home. Michael later added 80 feet to the home to serve as a barn and implement shed. He also built a high, boarded fence to serve as a cow pen for local operations. Michael and Margarethe had six children—Anna, Juluis, Herman, Augusta, Leo and Antonie.

In 1886, Michael Linder’s son, Herman, acquired title to part of the land and raised cattle. With the help of neighbors, Herman built the Holiday school on his ranch in 1889. It remained open until the 1950s when federal legislation



closed many small country schools. Herman married Marie Liessman, and the couple had 10 children—Augusta, Bertha, Gus, Alfonso, Ella, Edwin, Richard, Antonio, Hubert and Arthur.

Herman and Marie’s son, Hubert, was the next owner of the property on which he raised cattle, sheep and goats. He practiced good soil and water conservation and eradication of cedar and brush. Hubert married Emmie Spenrath, and they had two children—Harvey and Odedda. After Emmie passed

away in 1969, her portion of the ranch went to her grandchildren—Stephen and Mark Lindner.

Today, Harvey and his wife, Ruth, along with their two sons, Stephen and Mark, own and operate 1,530 acres, which includes 270 acres of the original land.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 270

Crops or livestock raised: 1875—Cattle; 2002—Cattle.

BLACK BULL RANCH

Thirty miles northwest of Kerrville on Highway 41.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1850s – 1917	Charles A. Schreiner
1917 – 1935	Charles A. Schreiner Jr.
1935 – 1944	Mrs. W.C. Rigsby
1944 – 1944	A.C. Schreiner Jr.
1944 – 1969	W. Scott Schreiner
1969 – 1984	Josephine (Carr) Schreiner
1984 – 2002	Josephine (Schreiner) Parker E.C. Parker III Scott Schreiner Parker Tobin Masterson Parker

Black Bull Ranch was founded by CAPTAIN CHARLES ARMAND SCHREINER, an immigrant from Riquewihr in Alsace-Lorraine, a region situated between Germany and France. Born in 1838, Captain Schreiner immigrated with his family to San Antonio in 1852. Schreiner raised mohair producing Angora goats, herds of longhorn cattle and sheep on his ranch. In 1858, Schreiner bought a small store at Camp Verde and supplied beef and other supplies to the fort.

During the Civil War, Schreiner served the Confederacy in the Third Texas Infantry. After the war he established a General Merchandise Store in Kerrville and founded what would eventually become the Charles Schreiner Company. As founder and president, Schreiner extended the company's interests to include banking, ranching and marketing wool and mohair. His early efforts helped Kerrville become the "Mohair Center of the World."

In 1875, the governor of Texas appointed Schreiner as Captain of the Kerrville Mounted Rifles. Schreiner was one of the founders of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association in 1877 and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in 1915. Schreiner donated more than \$1 million to worthy causes, and his largest gift established Schreiner College (formerly Schreiner Institute).

Schreiner and his wife, Mary, parented eight children. In 1917, he transferred control of his 178,404.5 acres to his sons, Aime, Gustave, Charles Jr. and Walter. In 1935, their daughter



Emilie Louise (Schreiner) Rigsby acquired Black Bull Ranch, comprised of 6,413 acres of Captain Schreiner's original tract. Emilie and her husband, W.C. Rigsby, raised cattle, goats and sheep on the ranch until 1944.

In 1944, their nephew, Aime Charles Schreiner, began to manage the ranch and continued his aunt and uncle's cattle, goat and sheep operation. His tenure was a brief one; by the end of 1944 his brother, Whitfield Scott Schreiner, took over the ranch and ran it until 1970. When he was not raising

herds, he found time to chair the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster commission, appointed by Governor Alan Shivers in 1945. He was also one of the original directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and also president of the Schreiner Wool and Mohair Commission, the oldest firm of its kind in Texas. Scott Schreiner and his wife, Josephine, had a daughter, Josephine Tobin Schreiner.

Josephine married Ernest Clyde Parker Jr. and their family has run the ranch since 1968. Josephine acquired the ranch in 1984. Their son, Tobin, oversees the daily operation of the ranch and their other sons, Scott and E.C. help too. The family raises several varieties of cattle.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 6,413.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 6,400

Crops or livestock raised: 1850s—Cattle and goats;
2002—Cattle.

HENRY WELLBORN RANCH

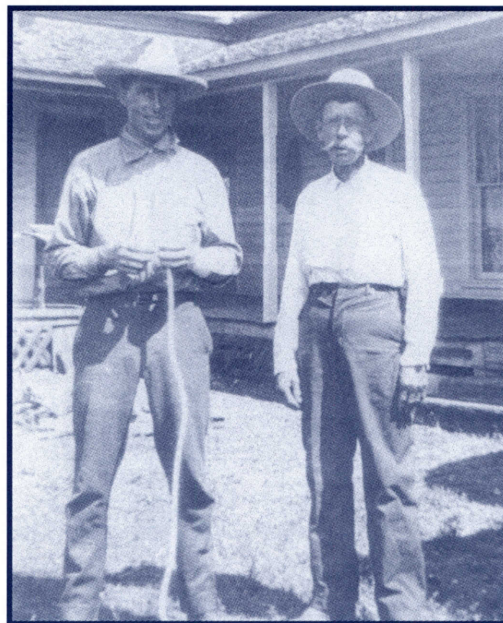
Two miles southwest of Center Point on FM 280.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1867 – 1921	Katrina (Leinweber) Lang
1921 – 1924	Robert G. Lang Henry Lang Charles F. Limberger W.E. Limberger Henrietta (Lang) Witt Lena (Limberger) Wellborn
1924 – 1927	Tom Wellborn
1927 – 1974	Henry Wellborn
1974 – 1983	Helen B. Wellborn
1983 – 2002	Earl H. Wellborn Cecil V. Wellborn

KATRINA LEINWEBER was the sixth child born to Jacob and Catherine Leinweber in Hesse Darmstadt, Holzhausen, Germany. Katrina's first husband, Henry Lang, was killed in a sawmill accident when a limb fell on him. A widow with three small children, Katrina was staying with members of her family when she met her second husband, Charles F. Limberger Sr. He was stationed at the fort at Camp Verde. Charles had served in the Union army in the Civil War. Katrina bought 320 acres on July 18, 1867, from the heirs of Elisha Williams. Katrina and Charles raised cattle, sheep, goats and small grains. Katrina and her first husband, Henry Lang, had three children—Robert, Henry and Henrietta. Children from Katrina and Charles' marriage—Lena, Charles F. Jr. and William.

The children acquired title to the land on May 14, 1921. They operated the 320-acre ranch raising small grains, cattle, sheep and goats. Lena and her husband, Tom Wellborn, were the next owners, acquiring title to 213.33 acres on January 14, 1924. They raised cattle, sheep, goats and small grains. The couple had four children—Mertie, Ernest, Jessie and Henry.

Henry acquired title to the land on July 18, 1927 as a gift



from his parents. Henry and his wife, Helen (Bergmann), moved onto the land, built a house and began farming and ranching the land. Henry was a good steward of the land. He terraced fields and practiced brush control and rotational grazing of pastures. He sold 4.8 acres for the FM 480 right-of-way.

Henry and his wife, Helen (Bergman) had two children—Cecil V. and Earl Harry. Following Henry's death in 1974, Helen continued to live on the land and operate the ranch by raising livestock and growing small grains and hay. She occasionally hired hands to help with the crops and livestock, and her son, Earl, also helped. In 1983, Earl and Cecil acquired title to the land. Earl and Cecil are involved in agricultural

programs in Kerr County to improve the land and manage wildlife. A two-story barn constructed before 1898 is still on the property and in good condition.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 213.33

Crops or livestock raised: 1867—Cattle, sheep, goats and small grains; 2002—Cattle and hay.

KIMBLE COUNTY

WHITWORTH RANCH

Twenty miles east of Junction off Farm-to-Market 479 and Blue Mountain Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1900 – 1943	William Henry Whitworth
1943 – 1956	Mary M. Whitworth
1956 – 1964	Whitworth Estate
1964 – 2002	Maggie Lee “Peg” (Whitworth) Stapp



At the age of 12, WILLIAM HENRY WHITWORTH left his home in East Texas and came to the Kimble County area with his younger sister and older brother. On August 30, 1900, he purchased 1,280 acres from Sarah R. French and later added 8,000 acres. Through diligence and hard work, William gradually developed a large ranching operation. He raised cattle, sheep, goats, grain and fodder for livestock. He and his wife, Mary Margaret Rogers, had 12 children, six sons and six daughters—Walton W., Ruby, Maggie Lee “Peg”, Ruth, Claudia, Johnny, Irene, Nathan, Colon Owen, Carl, Howard and Anna Mae. The founder was known as a generous friend to his neighbors. After William passed on, his wife inherited the ranch.

In 1964, the Whitworth estate was divided, and daughter Maggie Lee “Peg” acquired 779 acres. Sheep, goats and cattle were raised on the land. She was considered a lifetime ranchwoman, working directly with her livestock even through her late 80s. She was injured while feeding goats at the age of

89 years. She and her husband, Hugh Chester Stapp, had two children—John Kennon and Phil. John Kennon operates the land today.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,280

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 779

Crops or livestock raised: 1900—Cattle, sheep, goats, grain and fodder for livestock; 2002—Sheep, goats and cattle.

LAVACA COUNTY

2 T RANCH

Eight miles west of Hallettsville on County Road 371.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1888 – 1938	Matous Pustka
1938 – 1995	Matthew and Ameilia Pustka
1995 – 1999	John and Virginia Pustka
1999 – 2002	Michael and Rebecca Till



MATOUS PUSTKA was born in the Czech Republic. On December 22, 1888, he bought just over 210 acres of land from H.H. Russell and James Ballard and raised cotton and corn. He and his wife, Karolina (Mican) Pustka, had 10 children—Barbara, Antonia, Alois, Steve, Agnes, Joseph, Ludvik, Matthew, Julie and Karolina.

Matthew Pustka acquired 52 acres of the land in 1938 and added 36 more acres, where he also raised cotton and corn. He and wife, Ameilia (Netardus), had nine children—Bernard, Pete, John, Victor, Matthew Jr., Molly, Joseph, Mary and Helen.

John Pustka acquired six acres of the land in 1995, then bought six more from his brother Bernard, and raised corn and coastal hay. He and wife, Virginia (Grahmann), had four children—Robert, Jane, Rebecca and Karen. Bernard and his

wife, Agnes (Hybner), had six children—Rose, Leo, Margaret, Thomas, Jo Ann and Bernard Jr.

Daughter Rebecca acquired the 12 acres in 1999. She and her husband, Michael Till, raise horses and cattle. They run yearlings twice a year on the

land as well as work and train horses. Rebecca and Michael had her mother's uncle's family home moved to the property and it is over 100 years old. The Till brand and ranch name, 2 T, is a 2 with the bottom part of the 2 forming the top of the T.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 210.3

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 12

Crops or livestock raised: 1888—Corn and cotton; 2002—Cattle and horses.

MATULA RANCH

Twelve miles south of Hallettsville on FM 531.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1895 – 1935	Jan and Frances Matula
1935 – 1994	John and Frances Matula
1994 – 2002	Joe Matula John Matula Louis Matula Josephine (Matula) Klimitchek Frances (Matula) Holley Margaret (Matula) Timm



JAN MATULA was born in Kozlovice, Czech Republic, and his wife, Frances (Jalufka), was born in Vetrkovice, Czech Republic. They came to Texas in search of a better life and to escape poor conditions in their country. In 1895, they acquired 80 acres of land from W.C. Noble and raised cattle, pigs and sheep, as well as horses, which Jan sold to augment the family's income. He also raised feed products for farm animals and food for his family. They had eight children—Mary, Agnes, Frances, Joe, John, Louis, Caroline and Louise.

After his parents' deaths in 1935, John acquired the 80-acre ranch and continued to raise cattle, horses, pigs and sheep. For about two weeks during World War II, soldiers from Fort Hood practiced maneuvers on the farm. In 1945, John purchased his first Ford tractor for farming. In 1948, he installed electricity. He also used split post oak grown on the farm for fence posts. John served his community as an Ezzell School Trustee and presided over local, state and national

elections for his precinct. He and wife, Frances (Michna), had six children—Josephine, Joe, John, Louis, Frances and Margaret.

John's six heirs—Joe, John, Louis, Josephine (Klimitchek), Frances (Holley) and Margaret (Timm)—inherited the ranch in 1994 after the deaths of their parents and used the land to raise cattle and hay. They

have stocked the pond on the property with fish and constructed a recreational area and buildings for use by family and friends. Joe lives on the ranch as well as Lorene Matula, widow of Louis, who was deeded two acres on the southwest corner of the ranch.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 80

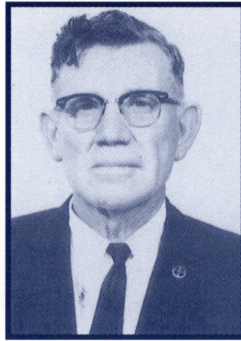
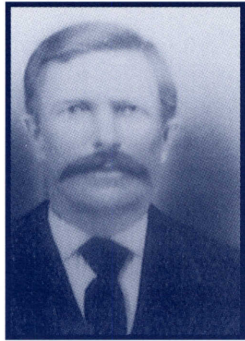
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1895—Cattle, pigs, sheep and horses; 2002—Cattle and hay.

PUSTKA FARM

Eight miles west of Hallettsville on County Road 371.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1888 – 1938	Matous Pustka
1938 – 1956	Mary and Alois Pustka Sr.
1956 – 1966	Ameilia and Matthew Pustka
1966 – 2002	Virginia and John Pustka



MATOUS PUSTKA was born in the Czech Republic. On December 22, 1888, he bought just over 210 acres of land from H.H. Russell and James Ballard and raised cotton and corn. He and his wife, Karolina (Mican) Pustka, had 10 children—Barbara, Antonia, Alois, Steve, Agnes, Joseph, Ludvik, Matthew, Julie and Karolina.

Alois Pustka acquired 53 acres of the land in 1938 where he also raised cotton and corn. He and his wife, Adela, had eight children—Lillie, Alois Jr., Joseph, Julius, Justina, Elizabeth, Mary and Leno.

Alois' brother, Matthew Pustka, acquired the land in 1956 and continued to raise cotton and corn. He and his wife,

Ameilia (Netardus), had nine children—Bernard, Pete, John, Victor, Matthew Jr., Molly, Joseph, Mary and Helen.

John Pustka acquired the 53 acres in 1966. He and his wife, Virginia, live on the farm. They raise corn, coastal hay, cattle and laying hens.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 210.3

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 43

Crops or livestock raised: 1888—Corn and cotton; 2002—Corn, coastal hay, cattle and laying hens.

LIVE OAK COUNTY

PUGH STOCK FARM

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

About five miles northeast of George West.

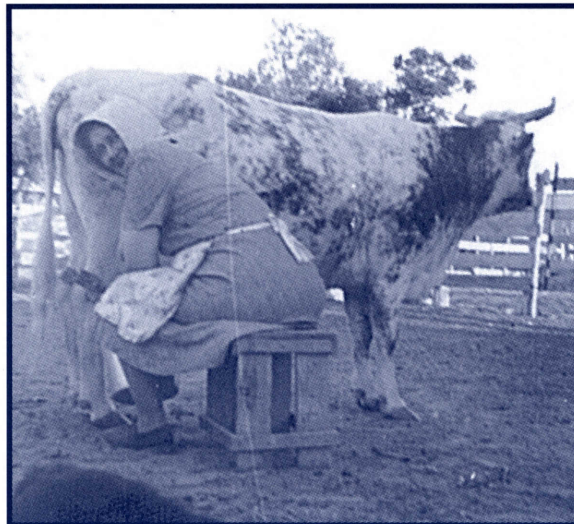
DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1835 – 1876	Thomas and Margaret Pugh
1872 – 1876	Rose Ellen and William Pugh
1876 – 1934	Charles Augustus and Lucy Pugh
1934 – 1959	William Felix and Dora Pugh
1959 – 1979	William Dee and Theresa Pugh
1979 – 2002	Peggy (Pugh) Hillje Mary Catharine (Pugh) Howard William Carl Pugh Amelia Fay (Pugh) Brett Richard Ray Pugh

In 1831, THOMAS AND MARGARET (McCAN) PUGH arrived in the United States aboard the ship Messenger from Ireland. After arriving in New York, Thomas and Margaret made their way for Texas and arrived at Matagorda Bay. Many immigrants to Texas came through Matagorda Bay and settled in what was then San Patricio County.

After the Mexican War of Independence, the Mexican government used colonization contracts and land grants in what is now Live Oak County to promote the settlement of Texas.

Between 1828 and 1834, shiploads of Irish immigrants were brought to Texas by John McMullen and James McGloin, and in 1835 the Coahuilan government issued at least thirty-five land grants along the banks of the Frio, Nueces, and Atascosa Rivers in what is now Live Oak County. Most of the newcomers preferred to remain in the Corpus Christi and San Patricio settlements rather than risk the hardships and dangers of the inland frontier. Nevertheless, some settlers began to move into the southeastern section of the future Live Oak County. Thomas and Margaret Pugh established a home near the Nueces about 1835. Thomas was instrumental in helping establish Live Oak County from San Patricio County.

Thomas and Margaret acquired one league and one labor for a total of 4,595.5 acres from John McMullen on June 30,



1835. Thomas cleared his land and raised cotton, corn, watermelons, and cane for molasses and brown sugar. They also caught and tamed the wild horses on the farm to sell to Mexico. The Pughs had six children—Thomas Jr., Margaret, William, Patrick, Catherine and Bartholomew. After their son, William, returned from the Civil War, he and his wife, Rose Ellen, lived on the farm and assisted with the farming.

William acquired the land from his parents and he raised cotton, corn, watermelon and cane for molasses. William and Rose

Ellen (Maloy) had six children—John M., Fanny, Charles Augustus, Margaret, Rose Mary and a child whose name is not known.

After William's death in 1876, Charles Augustus was willed the land from his mother. He raised about 50 acres of cotton, and planted corn and sorghum for molasses. He also raised cattle and horses. Charles's wife, Lucy Ann Crawford, taught the three youngest children—Thelma, Lela, and Charlie—at home while their oldest son, William, attended school in Beeville and Victoria. During Charles' ownership of the land, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ran a telephone line from Oakville to Mikeska that connected the Pugh home and others in the Marbach community.

In 1930, William "Willie" Felix inherited 131.33 acres of



the family estate and, over the course of his life, acquired almost 439 acres of the original land back that had been sold out of the family. A farmer and cattle raiser, Willie was also a 30-year employee of the Texas Highway Department. Willie and his wife, Dora (Grover), had eight children—Doris, Thelma, Lillian, William, Charles, Robert, Margaret and James. Willie and Dora built a home on the Pugh land, which still stands today.

William Dee and his wife, Theresa Ann (Hennig), inherited 131.33 acres of the land in 1960. William owned one of the first cotton-picking machines in the county. William and Theresa had five children—Peggy Ann, Mary Catharine, William Carl, Richard Ray and Amelia Fay. William and Theresa built a new home next to the original homestead in 1961. After William's death in 1979, their children inherited part of the family estate from their father. Theresa leases half of the land and oversees the cattle that are co-owned with her children. Theresa is remarried to Robert Huebner.

Peggy and her husband, Charles, live on a ranch in La Salle County where they raised three children—Laura Ann (Hillje) Deiss, Charles Fred II and Roxie Lee (Hillje) Avant. Peggy is the president of the La Salle County fair where she has served as an officer for 30 years. Her husband, Freddy, has served on the Valley Telephone Co-Op rural board for 31 years, helping to provide phone service for South Texas ranches.

Mary Catharine and her husband, John Howard, have three children—Michelle Catharine Davis, John Michael and

Melissa Lanette Howard—who are have been involved in 4-H and FFA projects over the years. Cathy is mayor pro tem of Agua Dulce and John teaches at Aqua Dulce High School and Texas A&M Kingsville.

William Carl and his wife, Diana (Brown), have a son, Jarrett Zane Dee. William owns Di-Trol Systems, which serves the oil and gas industry. He uses his agricultural background to help preserve the land while dealing with oil and gas industries.

Richard Ray and his wife, Brenda (Wideman), have two children—Tara Ashley and Adam Tyler. He owns an auction barn that participates in the community by buying animals and food products at the local livestock shows and at the Mayhaw Festival in Liberty County.

Amelia Fay and her husband, John Brett, restored the house built in 1913 by Willie and Dora Pugh and lived in the home two years before moving to Hull. They have a ranch in Liberty County and own the Raywood Livestock Auction. They have three children—John Kory, William Kade and Kati Ellen.

The Family Land Heritage Program recognized the Pugh Stock Farm in 1974 for 100 years of continuous agricultural production.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 4,595.5

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 131.33

Crops or livestock raised: 1835—Corn, cotton, watermelons, horses and cane; 2002—Cattle.

MADISON COUNTY

THOMAS RANCH

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

On Old San Antonio Road in Midway.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1836 – Unknown	William Foster Young
Unknown	William Caswell Young
Unknown – 1936	James Hayes Young
1936 – 1977	Mary Elizabeth (Young) Thomas
1977 – 2002	Mary Ann Thomas
	John Wiley Thomas
	Amanda Rebecca (Thomas) Esposito

WILLIAM FOSTER YOUNG was born in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He came to Texas in early 1836 and in February of that year joined Captain William Smith's Cavalry of Washington on the Brazos. He received 320 and 640 acres of land from the State of Texas for having fought in the Battle of San Jacinto under General Sam Houston. He married Hester Wingo and they had one son, William Caswell. The family raised cattle and cotton on the ranch.

William Caswell inherited the land when his father died. He married Mary Hayes and they had eight children—Amanda, Martha, Mary, Margaret, William, Frank, James and Sallie. William Caswell was a prominent Mason and Indian fighter.

James Hayes acquired 444 acres when his father passed away. James was married to Mary Frances Smith. They had two children—Mary Elizabeth and James Hayes Jr. Mary Elizabeth inherited 222 acres from her father when he passed away in 1936. Mary married Ernest Purcell Thomas



and they had a daughter, Mary Ann.

Mary Ann (Thomas) and her husband, Wiley Thomas, inherited 222 acres from her mother in 1977. Wiley died in 1997. Mary Ann raises cattle and maintains the working ranch along with her children—John Wiley Thomas and Amanda Rebecca (Thomas) Esposito—that her great great grandfather, William Foster Young, fought hard to acquire and pass onto his future generations.

The Family Land Heritage Program honored the Thomas Ranch in 1999 for 100 years of continuous agricultural operation.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 960

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 222

Crops or livestock raised: 1836—Cattle and cotton; 2002—Cattle.

MASON COUNTY

STARKS RANCH

Fifteen miles northwest of Mason on FM 1222 and Starks Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1895 – 1909	Valentine Starks
1909 – 1925	Antone Starks
1925 – 1976	Dan J. Starks
1976 – 2002	Lena Jane Bankston



VALENTINE STORCH (later changed to Starks) was born in Whales, Germany, and made his way to Texas where he purchased 640 acres of land in Mason County in 1895. He married Laura Doeblor, and the couple had 10 children—Charles, Otto, Alfred, Will, Robert, John, Dave, Antone, Anna and Clara. The family raised cattle, sheep and goats on the property.

In 1909, Antone acquired approximately 200 acres of the land from his father. He married Dora Emilie Schuessler, and the couple had four children—Alfred Louis, William August, Hulda Mina Elma and Emma Louisa. The family raised corn, cotton, sheep and cattle.

In 1925, Emma's son, Daniel John Starks, acquired a portion of the property. He inherited acreage from his mother and bought some land from his Uncle Antone. He raised

cotton, corn, milo, cattle, sheep and goats. He married Lizzie Cavness, and the couple had one child, Lena Jane. Daniel served as county commissioner for 14 years.

Lena Jane Bankston is the current property owner, having acquired 104 acres from her parents in 1976. She raises cattle on the property. A house that has stood on the property for more than 100 years has been

remodeled and serves as the family's home.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 104

Crops or livestock raised: 1895—Cattle, sheep and goats; 2002—Cattle.

MATAGORDA COUNTY

STEVENS/FREEMAN RANCH

One mile south of FM 2611 on FM 457.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1873 – 1905	Henry H. Freeman
1905 – 1943	Charles T. Freeman
1943 – 1966	Rita Freeman
1966 – 1973	Willie Lou (Freeman) Stevens
1973 – 2002	Anna Ve (Stevens) Farr

In 1873, HENRY H. (“H.H.”) FREEMAN and his first wife, CORNELIA SMITH, purchased 2,037 acres and later sold 209 of those acres outside the family. Henry raised sugar cane, cotton, cattle, pigs, corn, hay, pecans, and timber on the land. The couple had nine children—John Franklin (died as an infant), Frances Elizabeth, Mary Isabel, Jessie Amelia, Annie Laura, Henry Thomas, Charles Tyler, Joseph Herman, and Theodore Ernest. Henry had one daughter—Willie Bina—with his second wife, Clara P. Brunson. The founder and his family housed several confederate soldiers on the property during the Civil War to protect Caney Creek shipping. The Freeman’s had a sugar press for extracting cane syrup and shipped cotton, cane sugar, and syrup.

In 1905, Charles Tyler Freeman, who was a minor, acquired 205 acres from his father. Henry T. Freeman, as executor of H.H. Freeman’s will, held the land until Charles came of age and Henry transferred the title to Charles in 1908. Charles later added 106.7 acres. Charles married Rita Spivey whose aunt, Willie Deyerle, owned the adjacent Hawkins Plantation property in Hawkinsville. They raised corn, cotton, cattle, pigs, hay, and pecans on the land. The current ranch operation now includes additional property brought into the holdings by Rita, including 500 acres in McLennan County. Charles served on the original Intracoastal Canal Advisory Commission for Matagorda County. He also served as a Matagorda County Constable. The couple had one child,



Willie Lou. Rita inherited the land after Charles passed away in 1943.

In 1966, Willie Lou Freeman acquired 311.7 acres. Cattle, horses, cotton and maize were raised on the land. Willie Lou married John M. Stevens, and they added about 2,000 acres to the ranch in Matagorda. They later sold 600 acres. John served on Van Vleck School Board and on the Jackson Electric Board of Directors. The couple had two children—Anna Ve and Rita Faye.

Willie Lou Freeman passed away in 1973 and in 1978, Anna Ve acquired the 311.7-acre farm. She was also willed additional acres. In 1978, Anna and her husband, Gerald G. Farr, purchased 1,765.5 acres of the founder’s original acreage and homestead. These acres had been in the family until H.T. Freeman, Anna’s uncle, willed them to a convent. After a number of years, the sisters sold the land to Anna. She and her husband raise cattle, hay, pecans and sod grass on the land. Anna and Gerald have two children—John Steven and Joanna. John is married to Hannah and they have a daughter, Ella Jean.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 2,037

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 311.7

Crops or livestock raised: 1873—Sugar cane, cotton, cattle, pigs, corn, hay, pecans and timber; 2002—Cattle, hay, pecans and sod grass.

McCULLOCH COUNTY

FROST FARM

Nine miles north of Lohn on County Road 324.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1930	E.W. and Mary Elizabeth Frost
1930 – 1972	C.E. and Eula (Amarine) Frost
1972 – 2002	E.W. Frost

E.W. FROST AND HIS WIFE, MARY “MOLLIE” ELIZABETH, established their 127-acre farm in McCulloch County in 1902. They raised livestock. Mr. Frost learned how to farm from an agriculture book published in 1903 and later editions and the current owners still have the books. He built a barn and made his own hand tools. The couple had 11 children—Lillian Judson, Iva Mae, Clara Jane, Willie Ann, Ade Lee, Gracie Olive, Sara Bell, Claude Edward, Mary Calista, Eva Opheila and Wesley Wyche.

On September 27, 1930, Claude Edward and his wife, Eula Amarine, acquired the 127-acre farm from his dad. C.E. worked for his dad, helping to take care of him and the farm. Cotton, corn, maize, watermelons and milk cows were raised on the farm. The couple sold the horses they used to work the farm and bought a tractor. Claude and Eula had five children—Claude Lee, Doris, Martha Dell, E.W. and Nelda Vaudine.



On November 28, 1972, the founder's grandson, E.W., acquired the land and raised oats and livestock. E.W. and his wife, Clara P. (Hill), had two children—James Otis (deceased) and Denise Vaudine (Frost) Matlock. The Frosts have made improvements to the land such as digging two wells, adding improved grasses, building a barn, adding onto the house, and building a tool shed and carport. The family has also maintained the original tools made by the founder as well as many antiques that they are working on restoring. A smokehouse that used to be the kitchen of the old house is still used today. A hand-dug water well is also over 100 years old.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 127

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 125

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Livestock; 2002—Oats and livestock.

COVER PHOTO: *Enoch W. and Mary Elizabeth Frost with their children including the next owner, Claude Edward Frost on the tree stump.*



McLENNAN COUNTY

CRUNK FARM

County Road 434 at Asa.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1894 – 1932	Wesley Calvin Crunk
1932 – 1956	Fannie Madora Crunk
1956 – 1965	Calvin Dee Crunk
1965 – 2002	Wendall Carroll Crunk

WESLEY CALVIN CRUNK was born in Tennessee. His great-grandfather, Joseph Blakemore, Jr., came to Texas prior to the war with Mexico because the family had an interest in the Lone Star State. In 1894, Wesley and his three partners, W.C., E.J. and J.A. Webb, bought about 500 acres from D.J. Castleman. The land was originally part of the Galindo 11 league grant in McLennan County. The farm was known as "Webb Bros. And Crunk." They raised cotton, corn, hogs and cattle. Wesley also acquired part ownership in a cotton gin. He married Fannie Madora Webb, who was a sister to the three Webb brothers. The couple had two children—Mary Edna and Calvin Dee. Two other boys were stillborn or died soon after birth. One of their daughters died of scarlet fever when she was a few months old.

Following Wesley's death, Fannie owned the land until 1956 when Calvin Dee took over ownership, raising cotton,

corn, hogs and cattle on the original 500 acres. He also worked to get the county road bond passed to improve rural roads.

Calvin and his wife, Ruth, had one son, Wendall Carroll, who owns and operates the land today. Wendall was a county commissioner and is the owner of Crunk Agriculture Services Inc. He was also a founding director and past president of West Brazos Water Supply. A barn that was built more than 100 years ago is still on the property, but not in use. Wendall and his wife, Julie, have two sons and both are in farming. Wendall's cousin, Dorothy Bates, is part owner of the farm.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 500

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 484

Crops or livestock raised: 1894—Cotton, corn, hogs and cattle; 2002—Corn, wheat and cattle.



KEMPF ONE HORSE RANCH

Six miles north of Devine on FR 463

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1902 – 1921	Henry R. Kempf
1921 – 1962	John L. Kempf
1962 – 2002	Allan L. Kempf
1997 – 2002	May Kempf



A native of San Antonio, HENRY R. KEMPF purchased 247 acres in Medina County in 1902. He raised cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs, horses, goats, sheep and chickens and benefited from the construction of Medina Lake and its irrigation canals. Henry and his wife, Lula (Callahan), had four children—John, Lizzy, Beans and Joseph. Henry and his son, John, worked to build a school in Medina and helped build the irrigation system from Medina Lake.

John inherited 87 acres of his father's land in 1921. He built a new fence around the property, and grew corn, cotton, and hay. He also raised cattle, sheep, goats, and chickens. John

added a water tank to the ranch and built a home on the property. John also was a chief deputy sheriff of Medina County. He and his wife, Matie (Vawter), had five children—Louis, Doris, Marvin, June and Allan. John was a Boy Scout leader for the Natalia Boys and built a rifle range on his property for the Boy Scouts. He also gave land when Farm Road 463 was constructed.

Allan Kempf received more than 62 acres from his father in 1962. Allan had been a member of Future Farmers of America in high school and used this knowledge on his ranch. He cleared eight acres of brush and made it into farmland, and grew corn and hay. He also raised cattle, pigs and chickens. Allan married Tomie Lee Watson and they had four children—Darrell, Tammie, May and Betty.

Today, May Kempf runs the Kempf One Horse Ranch, where Sudan and Haygrazer are raised for hay, and oats for winter grazing of the cattle. Cattle, hogs and chickens are still raised on the ranch, which is now home to many deer. The Kempfs allow the irrigation company to use the land to access the canals. Allan and Tomie Kempf still live on the property, as does May and her son Michael.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 247

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 60.11

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs, horses, goats, sheep and chickens; 2002—Haygrazer, Sudan, oats, cattle, hogs, chickens and deer.

THOMAS AND HELENE BOEHME FARM

Thirty miles west of San Antonio on FM North.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1877 – 1895	Jacob Fritz
1895 – 1924	Emil and Katherina (Fritz) Haegelin
1924 – 1955	Henry and Clara (Haegelin) Boehme Claude Boehme
1955 – 2002	Thomas and Helene Boehme



JACOB FRITZ was born in Germany and after coming to Texas bought 280 acres of land in 1877 from William Alexander. He raised cattle and corn. His daughter Katrina

(or Katherina) inherited the acreage in 1895. She and her husband, Emil Haegelin, raised cattle and corn. They had four children—Charles, Otto, Louisa and Clara.

Clara and her husband, Henry Boehme, acquired the property in 1924 and raised four children—Irene, Armin, Claude and Harvey.

In 1955, Thomas Boehme, son of Claude, acquired the property from his grandparents, Henry and Clara Boehme. Thomas and his wife, Helene, raise corn, cotton, hay, oats and cucumbers. Besides Thomas and Helene, their daughters, Joan and Lea, and their families live on the property. An irrigation well was dug in 1966 and brush has been cleared from the land with conservation practices implemented. Thomas is a board member of the Medina County

Underground Water District. He has been a Texas Farm Bureau member since 1967 and has served as County Director and State Director.

In the 1924 deed to Clara from her father, Emil, the property is referred to as Castro's Bend. The current owners believe it is the same property written about as Castro's Corner in August Santleben's book, "A Texas Pioneer." Local legend is that Henri Castro had an experimental farm on what is now the Thomas and Helene Boehme Farm and that farming began on the land as early as 1845.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 280

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 280

Crops or livestock raised: 1877—Cotton and corn; 2002—Cotton, corn, hay, oats and cucumbers.

MILAM COUNTY

WORLEY FARMS

Nine miles northwest of Rockdale on County Road 428.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1898 – 1915	Aden I. Worley
1915 – 1946	Frank W. Worley
1946 – 1989	Lewis Lee “Lefus” Worley
1989 – 2002	Christopher Kit Worley

ADEN I. WORLEY and his first wife, MARY (BISHOP) WORLEY, were some of the original settlers in the Rockdale–San Gabriel area. They had purchased other acreage in the area, but in 1898 they purchased 252.5 acres outside of Rockdale, which they called the home place. Their primary source of income was cotton, small grains, cattle and pecans. A. I. and his wife, Mary, had nine children—Mattie, Emma, Ola, Lula, Ivie, Joe, John, Frank, and George.

Frank Worley inherited the land from his father in 1915. He purchased additional land of which 304 acres adjoined the original acreage. He raised corn, cotton, small grains, pecans and cattle and opened and operated a general store and cotton gin on the farm. He was also a breeder of Worley-Boykin cottonseed. Frank and his wife, Freida (Doss), had nine children—Flora, Boyd, Billie, Lula, Lewis Lee, Faye, Dorothy, Mary Nell and Evelyn.

In 1946, Lewis Lee Worley, who was known throughout the community as “Lefus,” inherited the home place along with other land that was acquired by Frank. Like his predecessors, Lefus also farmed the land, raised cattle and grew pecans. He operated the cotton gin until 1971 when an explosion in the dryer caused the gin to be closed. Lefus and his wife, Dorothy (Anness), had two children—Tim and Kit.

Kit Worley inherited the land in 1989, but began farming it in 1969. Kit and his wife, Linda (Cuba) Worley, have two children—Lanny and Jason—and currently one granddaughter, Makenlee. Both sons farm the land with Kit and Linda, and the family’s farming, ranching and pecan operation still includes the original 252.2 acres. Today, the farming headquarters is located on the site where the cotton gin once stood and a grain elevator, erected in 2001, is just a few hundred feet west. The oldest structures on the property are the general store, a barn that is still used, and a home, all built in 1925. Kit was raised in the home that he and Linda started residing in 1994.

There has been a lot of blood, sweat and tears shed, and blessings from God throughout the years that keeps this land in the Worley Family.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 252.5

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 252.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1898—Cotton, small grains, pecans, hay, hogs and cattle. 2002—Corn, cotton, pecans, small grains, hay and cattle.

KEY WEST WAYBOURN RANCH

Eight miles northeast of Matador on FM 94.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1940	Charles Preston and Mattie Waybourn
1940 – 1986	Gerald and Edna (Leonard) Waybourn Charles Gilbert Waybourn
1986 – 2002	Geraldine (Waybourn) Key Barbara (Waybourn) West



CHARLES PRESTON “C.P.” WAYBOURN was born in Montague County and in 1900 began making trips to Motley County with his father, John Wesley Waybourn, to purchase land from A.P. and Virginia Turner and W.G. Maxwell. In 1900, C.P. married Mattie Valeria Gerald and with his new wife, parents John W. and Elizabeth Waybourn and youngest sister Frances Adline “Babe” moved to Motley

County. They purchased separate land during 1901 and 1902 totaling 3,060.4 acres on what became known as the “Waybourn Place.” They raised cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, dairy cattle, hogs, chicken, ducks, geese, cotton, feed grains and a household garden. They used the family’s Flying T brand, originally registered in Montague County in 1878 to C.P.’s grandmother.

Charles Preston and Mattie built a home, barns and outbuildings. He built windmills, dug wells and shared the land with the mail route from Childress to Tell to Matador. They established a family dairy operation and delivered milk, butter and eggs to people in Matador. In 1903, John W. died and his land was divided among his wife and surviving children. Charles Preston was the only descendant who kept his land. Babe married, sold her property and moved to Palo Pinto County. Charles Preston and Mattie continued to live on the land and raised their two sons, John Gerald and Charles “Buck” Gilbert.

The family built a home in nearby Matador to make it easier for the boys to attend school and during the next 20

years divided their time between town and the home place in the country. Upon the death of their father, John Gerald and “Buck” inherited the property and eventually divided it, with John Gerald retaining the majority of the farming land and “Buck” the pastureland. In separate operations, they continued to raise animals, cotton, feed grains and a household garden. “Buck” never married. John Gerald married Edna (Leonard) Waybourn and they had two daughters, Hazel Geraldine and Barbara Jo.

During World War II, the U.S. Army established an airbase in nearby Childress and established a target on the Waybourn property. Barbara Jo, then age four, was afraid of the bombing noise and insisted on a night light, which Edna allowed to burn. When a bomber experienced engine trouble and crashed during maneuvers, one of the airmen followed the nightlight to the Waybourn home for help. During the years of bombing practice, the family estimated that bombs destroyed a cow, pig and mule.

Drought and poor health eventually forced John Gerald to sell his portion of the property, while “Buck” retained his and lived with his mother, Mattie, on the land. When “Buck” died in 1986, John Gerald’s daughters, Hazel Geraldine and Barbara Jo, inherited the property. Hazel Geraldine and her husband, Ellis Key, returned there to live and manage the ranch. They have two children—Toni Ann and Kenneth Floyd. Barbara married Jimmy West, and they have no children.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 2,560

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 729.52

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, dairy cattle, hogs, chicken, ducks, geese, cotton, feed grains and a household garden; 2002—Beef cattle and feed.

W.R. "DICK" HARRIS FARM

Two miles northeast of Garrison on County Road 299.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1900 – 1901	Steven Lafayette "Fate" Harris
1901 – 1938	W.R. (Dick) Harris
1938 – 1982	William C. Harris
1982 – 1987	Meriam (Beckham) Harris
1987 – 2002	Michael G. and Trena (Harris) Greer

STEVEN LAFAYETTE "S. L." HARRIS was born in Tennessee and came to Texas in about 1850 with his parents, Joseph Mims Harris and Mary Jane (Hairgrove) Harris. They settled in Shelby County in the Weaver Community near Timpson. On January 1, 1990, he purchased 120 acres of land from O.E. and J. Broyles for \$100 cash. Originally the land was part of the Gibson Russell grant, assignee of Ransom Olfin, received from the 1901, S. L. sold 37.5 acres to Henry Craig.

During this time, the town of Garrison was incorporated and the city limits surveyed in the 1890s. Also, the H.E. & W.T. railroad was completed from Nacogdoches to Garrison.

S. L. and his first wife, Susan, were married in 1867 and had four children before her death on February 14, 1881—Joseph, Nanny, W.R. (Dick) and Taylor. He married his second wife, Isabell Parrott (Boatman), in October 1881 and they had six children—Oscar, Tobe, Jim, Orpha, Ida and Georgia.

S. L.'s son, W. R. "Dick" Harris, purchased 37.5 acres for \$320 on November 27, 1901, and the remaining acreage was purchased by two other sons. In addition to farming, Dick Harris was a carpenter of homes and coffins. Dick married Lillie Francis 'Fannie' King and they had four children—Fairy Jane, Pearl Beatrice, William Claude "W.C." and Junie Brutus. During this time period, the success of the H.E. & W.T. railroad helped the townspeople get their crops to market. In 1937, Mrs. Maud Irwin was elected the first woman mayor in Texas, where she served several terms and was responsible for the first city water system in Garrison, which greatly improved daily life for everyone.

On November 9, 1938, William C. Harris purchased two acres from his father to live on and raise his family. Upon his



father's death at 74 in April 1944, Fannie was heir to the remaining 35.5 acres. The sons continued running the farm with their mother until her death in January 1947. All four children inherited portions of their parents' property. William purchased his siblings' shares for \$800 on February 3, 1947, giving him a total of 37.5 acres. In addition to raising livestock, William C. had a fruit orchard nursery and sold peach, pear, apple and pecan trees to feed, seed and farm supply stores. William C. and his wife, Meriam Lillian (Beckham), raised five children—Wilfred

Harold, Charles Lessie, Demple Claryce, Dot Anyce and Mary Ann. After the death of William C. on October 12, 1982, his wife inherited the property and son Charles used the property to raise cattle and hay the next five years.

On March 11, 1987, Charles purchased 8.65 acres from his mother, and Meriam's granddaughter, Trena Ann (Harris) Greer, and her husband, Michael, purchased the remaining 28.85 acres. Trena and Michael live on the property and have added three commercial pullet houses and a large hay barn with horse stalls.

Trena and Mike's 28.85 acres is adjacent to her uncle's 8.65 acres keeping the original 37.5 acres in the name and ownership of the Harris family.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 120

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 28.85

Crops or livestock raised: 1900—Cattle, horses, hogs, chickens, cotton, corn and general farming; 2002—

Commercial pullets, cattle, registered paint horses, registered quarter horses and hay.

NAVARRO COUNTY

RIDGWAY FARMS

One-half mile north of Barry on FM 1126.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1895 – 1904	Martha M. Gay
1904 – 1907	James E. Gay
1904 – 1911	S.L. Gay
1904 – 1951	J.B. and Mary Orena (Gay) Jones
1951 – 1985	Jeff and Ruth (Jones) Henderson
1985 – 1991	Ruth (Jones) Henderson Arthur Henderson Edith Naomi (Henderson) Gruenberg
1991 – 2000	Arthur Henderson Naomi (Henderson) Gruenberg Ridgway
2000 – 2002	Naomi (Henderson) Ridgway



MARTHA M. GAY was born in South Carolina. She came to Texas to be with her son, Green Franklin Gay. On February 19, 1895, she bought 80 acres of land from R.A. and Sarah Jane Northcutt. She had a few milk cows and raised cotton and corn. During the time she owned the property, the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad came through Barry and built a depot. A post office and cotton gin were also built. The Barry School District was established in August 1895.

In 1904, Martha's grandchildren—James E. Gay, S.L. Gay and Mary Orena (Gay) Jones—took over ownership of the 80 acres. James and S.L. eventually sold their interests to Mary and her husband, J.B. Jones. They owned and operated the land until 1951. During this time, tractors began to replace mules. J.B. also served on the Barry School Board. In 1914, the farmers formed a stock company and built a cotton warehouse to store their cotton. Mary and J.B. had eight

children—John Franklin, James Turner, William Wiley, Bessie Viola, Ruth Anna, Irene Elizabeth, Lillian Myrtle and Margaret Louise.

Ruth Anna and her husband, Jeff Henderson, acquired title to the 80 acres in 1951. They added 734 acres to

the original property and raised cotton, corn, wheat, oats, Haygrazer, beef cattle and milk cows. The couple had two children—Arthur and Naomi. Naomi began acquiring the family land in 1985. She and her husband, Billy Joe Ridgway, own and operate the homestead and have added 29 acres.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 80

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1895—Cotton, corn and milk cows;
2002—Beef cattle, Haygrazer and oats.

PARKER COUNTY

ROBERT E. LEE HARRISON FARM

Twelve miles southwest of Weatherford and two miles south of Interstate 20.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1948	Robert Edward Lee Harrison
1948 – 1950	Willie Alyce Harrison
1950 – 1986	Thomas Alton and Ophelia Pritchard
1986 – 2002	Julia Ellen Sharlow Marjie Walker (deceased) Thomas Pritchard Bobbi McClure



ROBERT EDWARD LEE HARRISON came to Texas from Kentucky and on June 24, 1902, acquired title to 80 acres, buying the land from W.S. and Jesse F. Osborne. He later added eight acres to the property. He raised corn, cotton, hogs, cattle and peanuts. Robert married Mary Etta Maddox, and the couple had five children—Rowena Pearl, Ophelia Blanch, Willie Alyce, Mamie Lee and a son who died. Robert was the first person to own a model “T” Ford in the community and proudly drove it to the Brock United Methodist Church every Sunday.

Since her brother died at birth, Ophelia was always at her father’s side helping him with the endless and demanding chores. She loved to work with her father and was his right-hand man. She would hitch up the mules and plow, chop wood for the stove and help care for and feed the livestock. Ophelia

told her father that she wanted to farm the land some day, but after his death, her mother deeded the land to her sister, Willie Alyce. It took about two years for Ophelia to talk her sister into selling the land to her so she could keep her promise to her father and farm the land.

Ophelia and her husband, Thomas Pritchard, raised peanuts, cotton, watermelons, cantaloupe and cattle, and they provided jobs for high school students every fall and spring to haul hay. Thomas and Ophelia met during a revival in Brock. When they were first married, they would drive to the center of town and park between the Methodist and Baptist churches. Ophelia was Methodist and Thomas, Baptist. Later Ophelia joined the Baptist church.

Thomas was good at predicting the weather and could tell when the showers would come and rainfall amount by the color of the clouds and their movement. During the Depression, Thomas would walk 12 miles into Weatherford after farming all day to buy necessities for the family. Sometimes he would have to throw some of the items in a ditch because he didn't have the strength to continue his journey while carrying everything.

Thomas and Ophelia had four children—Bobbi Jeanette, Thomas Edward, Marjie Eudora and Julia Ellen. They raised the children during the Depression, and Ophelia would make their clothes out of flour and feed sacks. There was no electricity on the farm, and on stormy nights Ophelia would gather the children in her bed and play her guitar and sing her favorite songs—"On Top of Old Smokey," "Red Wing," "Under the Double Eagle" and "You are My Sunshine."

The family survived the Depression, but the 1950s drought brought even more discouraging times. In 1958, following several dry years when they couldn't produce a marketable peanut crop, Thomas and Ophelia loaded the children into their 1949 Chevrolet and headed to the bank in Weatherford

to get a loan. Ophelia and the children waited in the car while Thomas talked to a loan officer. When he came out of the bank, he got into the car, put his hands over his face, laid his head on the steering wheel and began to cry. The bank would not loan him what he needed to pay the bills and keep his family fed until they made a good crop. This was the first time Julia Ellen had seen her father cry, and she wanted to cry too. Ophelia kept telling him, "We'll figure something out."

The farm survived and today is owned and operated by Thomas and Ophelia's three children—Julia Sharlow, Thomas Pritchard, Bobbi McClure and Marjie's husband, Ronald Walker. A farmhouse and two-story barn built 100 years ago are still on the property and are in the process of being restored.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 80

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, corn, hogs, cattle and peanuts; 2002—Cattle and Coastal hay.



RUNNELS COUNTY

PAW-PAW'S RANCH

Ten miles south of Ballinger on Highway 83, west 1.34 miles on County Road 234.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1933	Frank G. Hoelscher
1933 – 1996	Walter A. Hoelscher
1996 – 1999	Children of Walter and Mary Hoelscher
1999 – 1999	Dennis and Katherine Hoelscher
1999 – 2002	LeRoy and Valeria Hoelscher

FRANK G. HOELSCHER was born in Ellinger, Texas, in Colorado County in 1851. After a brief move to Ohio, the family returned to Texas and in 1875 settled in Falls County. Frank married Mena Miller in 1878 and they had seven children—Rosa, Ed, Tillie, Lizzie, Frank, Clara and Minnie. In 1896, he married Josephine (Hinsmann) and they too had seven children—Lena, Emma, Alfons, Walter, Annie, Alma and Harvey.

In October 1901, five families left Westphalia in Falls County for a seven-day covered wagon trip to West Texas.

Josephine remained in Falls County, and Frank soon returned by train to begin moving his family, livestock and farm implements to Runnels County and the community of Olfen, which he helped establish and named after his father's German homeland. On March 10, 1902, Frank purchased 320 acres from J.N. and S.R. Adams. He cleared pastureland to use for cultivation and raised horses and cattle, selling some of them to the U.S. Army. Frank provided both money and labor to build the St. Boniface Catholic Church, established a general store and acted as land agent, encouraging other families to move to the area. He contributed his land sales commissions to the settlers to help them get started.

Walter A. Hoelscher grew up on his father's land and with his older brother served as the ranch's only cowhands. Walter participated in his first cattle drive at age eight. In 1926, Walter married Mary Knoff and they had 11 children—Grace,



Weldon, Jerome, Clarence, Marilyn, Joyce Ann, Francis, Pat, LeRoy, Ben and Leon. In 1933, Walter A. Hoelscher purchased the 320 acres from his parents and later added 160 more. As a youth, he helped build the church and parish hall, hauling bricks from Ballinger to the site. Walter also cleared more land for cultivation, constructed terraces and waterways and built stock tanks. He raised cattle, horses, sheep, cotton, sorghum and hay for forage.

In 1996, his children inherited the property, and in 1999, Joyce Ann's son Dennis and his wife, Katherine Wilene (Farned), briefly held title to it. In November 1999, LeRoy and his wife, Valeria (Kalina), traded 320 acres of the land they owned in St. Lawrence, Texas, in exchange for the original home place in Olfen, which included the 480 acres and the homestead. They deepened the stock tanks and filled them with fish. They rebuilt the fences and pastures for cotton, wheat and hay and to raise cattle, sheep and horses. They have five children—Marianne, Douglas, Carol, Dana and Allen.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cultivation, horses and cattle; 2002—Cotton, wheat, hay, cattle, sheep and horses.

McGOWEN PLACE

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

Five miles east of Coldspring on Old Swarthout Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1852 – 1886	James H. McGowen
1886 – 1901	Estate of James H. McGowen
1901 – 1946	J.T. and Daisy Deane (Dorroh) McGowen
1946 – 1970	Charley Lea and Winnie Lee McGowen
1970 – 2002	India (McGowen) Adams

JAMES H. MCGOWEN was born in Lowdes County, Mississippi and in 1850 came to Texas with his father, Samuel, and wife, Eliza (Davis) McGowen. In 1852, James and Eliza purchased 910 acres from James Davis and later added 702 acres to raise corn, cattle and cotton. They had no children and Eliza died in 1863. In 1864, James married Elizabeth Eastor Higgason, and they had six children—Mary Elizabeth, Ella Frances, James Thomas “J.T.,” Samuel, George and John. In 1870, the land became part of San Jacinto County, which was created from Liberty, Montgomery, Polk and Walker counties. In 1881, continued fever outbreaks forced the family to move the house. They dismantled and moved it to higher ground, losing only one board in the process. In addition to farming thousands of acres of cotton, James worked closely with the farm hands, helping them to buy land of their own.

J.T. McGowen acquired a portion of the land from his father in 1886 when the 1,107 acres were divided among three surviving heirs. He married Daisy Deane Dorroh in 1895, and they had five children—James Rodney, Charley Lea, John D., C.W. “Neil” and Mary. Affectionately known in the community as “Bud Jim,” J.T. helped the farm grow through the Great Depression and two world wars. In addition to raising corn, cotton and cattle, he and Daisy planted a pear orchard. Two of



their sons operated general stores in the county, and C.W. brought registered Herefords to the county in 1941.

In 1946, the land was divided among J. T.’s heirs; Charley Lea acquired 124.5 acres of the land and continued to raise cattle, corn and cotton. With the construction of Lake Livingston, San Jacinto County became a recreation area. Charley and his wife, Winnie Lee, operated a marina on some of the

original J.H. McGowen river land. He also was elected to the county commission. Their niece, India (McGowen) Adams—who is the great-granddaughter of James H. McGowen—and her husband, Danny Roy Adams, acquired the land in 1970 and now have 212 acres. They raise hay and beef cattle. They are past members and board representatives for the Texas Senepol Association and alternate representatives for the Farm Service Agency.

The Family Land Heritage Program honored the McGowen’s in 1999 for 100 years of continuous agricultural production on the family’s ranch.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 910

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 212

Crops or livestock raised: 1852—Cattle, corn and cotton; 2002—Cattle and hay.

JAMES LOCKER RANCH

Twenty-two miles northwest of San Saba, 2415 on County Road 264.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1898 – 1944	Issac Edward and Martha Burleson
1944 – 1984	W.G. and Edna Locker
1984 – 2001	Kathryn and James D. Locker Sr.
2001 – 2002	James D. Locker Sr.
2002 – 2002	Martha and James D. Locker Jr.

In July 1898, ISSAC EDWARD AND MATTIE BURLESON founded their 320-acre ranch in San Saba County. They bought the land from the Wilhemine and Wilhelm Schultz Estate and raised livestock. They later added 675 acres. Cotton was planted on some of the added acreage and later it was used for raising livestock. In 1918, an oil and gas lease was issued to the couple, but there are no records of any



oil or gas production on the land. Mr. and Mrs. Burleson had nine children—Burlie, Suzie, James E., Martin, Fannie, Edna, Bradley, Annie and Elizabeth.

In 1944, the founder's daughter, Edna, and her husband, William Grover Locker, acquired 995 acres of the family ranch. They added 1,000 acres and rebuilt the fences on the perimeter of the ranch portion of the 1,995 acres. Fences also were built to separate farmland and ranchland on the 1,000 acres that contained both. This was done so the farm merchandise could be raised separately from grazing land. Cotton, oats, Hegari, cattle, horses, goats and sheep were raised on the land. The Locker family owned a cotton gin and ginned for the public. The family also owned a sheep and goat-shearing machine. The couple had four children—Beryl, Maynard, Olan and James.

In 1984, the Locker's son, James, and his wife, Kathryn, acquired 664.93 acres of the family ranch and later added

432.68 acres. Cattle, grazing fields of permanent grass, Wilman love grass and oats for deer grazing were raised on the ranch. The owners also divided the grazing land into seven areas with partition fences. Each grazing plot had watering ponds for the livestock. One 160-acre area includes five small open spaces for planting permanent grasses and 10 acres of oats to aid the hunters that hunt deer in

the fall and winter. For several years, James D. had stockers, but began to accumulate mother cows for a commercial calf herd. James and Kathryn had three children—James Jr., Darrell Lynn and Lisa. After Kathryn passed away, James Sr. later married Bessie who took care of him until he passed away on November 24, 2002.

After his father passed away, James Jr. and his wife, Martha, acquired the family ranch. They raise commercial livestock using tiger stripe cows and Charolais bulls and are working to ensure the ranch remains in the family for future generations.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 320
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1898—Cotton and livestock;
 2002—Cattle.

MARTIN RANCH

Twelve miles north of Richland Springs.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1891 – 1950	W.R. and Bell Martin
1950 – 1956	Julian and “Tot” Martin Jack Martin
1956 – 1993	W.R. and Mary (Inez) Martin
1993 – 2002	Randy Martin



W.R. MARTIN was born in Martinsville, Virginia. He came to Texas in 1878 with his parents at the age of 19, looking for an adventure and a new place to live. W.R. and his wife,

Bell, bought 160 acres of land in San Saba County, which originally was a Texas land grant. They later added 1,300 acres to their original property. W.R. and Bell had eight children—Nora Ada, Homer Dudley, Charles Douglas, Julian, Marcus Perry, Ethel, Lydia Marie and Buckie Dan.

W.R. raised cattle and corn. He also built and operated a cotton gin on his land. While traveling to Texas from Virginia, W.R. saw a cotton gin in operation, so he built one on his land from memory and began operating it in 1891. W.R. was an excellent carpenter and built caskets for his family and friends. He also built some of the household furniture. After W.R. Martin's death in 1950, the land was divided among his children.

Julian and California “Tot” Martin acquired title to 160 acres and raised cotton, corn, cattle, hogs and turkeys. The couple had three children—W.R., Margie and Jim. W.R. and Mary (Inez) Martin were the next owners, acquiring title to 160 acres in 1956. They raised cotton, corn, small grains and

cattle and had two children—Judy and Randy.

Today, Randy Martin and his wife, Carol, own and operate the property, which includes 260 acres of the

original holdings. They raise cattle and hay. Every fall, the Martin family trucks more than half their herd of cattle to their lease on Matagorda Island where the cattle spend winter and spring grazing salt grass. In June, the family and friends round the cattle up and truck them back to their San Saba ranch. A large hay bar, cotton gin, church and house built more than 100 years ago still stand on the property and the hay barn and church are still used. Randy and Carol have three sons—Tommy, Cade and Justin. Tommy and his wife, Marta, and their children—Josh, Jeremy and Jared live on the ranch along with Randy and Carol.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 160

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 160

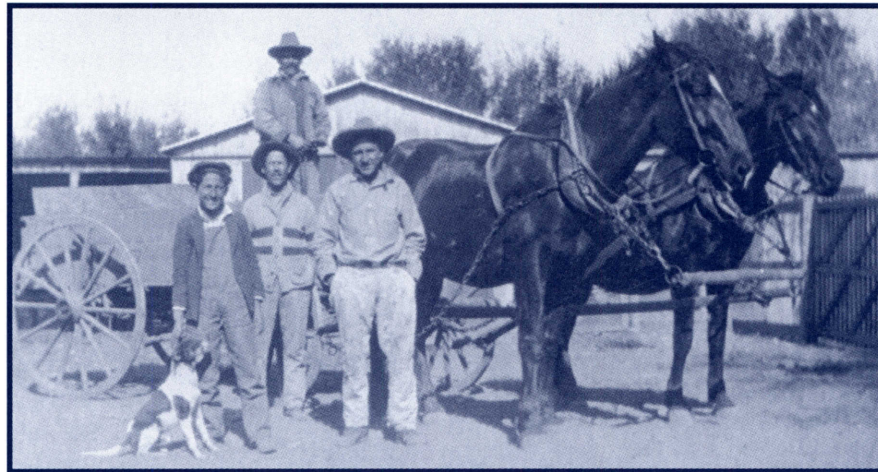
Crops or livestock raised: 1891—Cattle and cotton;
2002—Cattle.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY

JAN-CO RANCH

Eight miles southwest of Fort McKavett on FM 864.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1881 – 1917	Duncan C. Ogden
1917 – 1936	Elizabeth Ogden
1936 – 1958	D.C. Ogden Wilson
1958 – 2002	Dorothy Ogden (Wilson) Pope
2002 – 2002	Janet (Pope) Andrews Cora (Pope) McGowan Walter Cadesman Pope IV



DUNCAN C. OGDEN was born in Houston, Texas and lived in Texas before moving to Schleicher County. In 1881, Duncan began buying land in Schleicher County for four cents an acre. He raised Angus cattle. Duncan married Elizabeth Scott, and the couple did not have any children.

After Duncan's death, Elizabeth owned and operated the land until 1936, when a nephew, Duncan C. Ogden Wilson, acquired title to the property. He raised Polled Hereford cattle and was a director for the Rural Electrification Administration. Duncan C. and his wife, Frederica (Pool) had two children—Duncan C. O. and Dorothy Ogden.

Dorothy and her husband, Walter Pope, operated the land until they passed away. They raised Angus cattle and Boer goats. Their children, Janet (Pope) Andrews, Cora (Pope) McGowan and Walter Cadesman Pope IV are proudly continuing their parents' ranching operation.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 28,000

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 14,000

Crops or livestock raised: 1881—Angus cattle; 2002—Angus cattle and Boer goats.

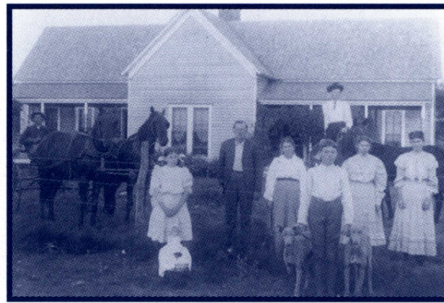
SHACKELFORD COUNTY

ENGLISH E-BAR RANCH

One mile west of Moran, on FM 2312.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1920	John Matthew Dallas English
1921 – 1990	William Lucas English
1990 – 2002	Donna (English) Moore and Family Marie (English) Johnston and Family

JOHN MATTHEW DALLAS ENGLISH and his wife, SARAH ELIZABETH (JONES), founded the English E-Bar Ranch in 1902. Born in Booneville, Mississippi, John and Sarah had lived on 160 acres in Hunt County before buying the 967 acres in Shackelford County that comprised their new home from A.W. and Mary Pollard of Oxford, England. The English family followed friends and relatives who



had already moved to the county, reasoning that this network of relations would help them rear their children and prosper in a new home. During the next 20 years John and Sarah English raised wheat, oats, cotton, sorghum and Hereford cattle on the ranch. They had six children—John Judson, Jesse Lee, Margaret Frances, Georgia Lou, William Lucas and Margie Mora.

Shackelford County was newly settled and had no school. John English was instrumental in building a one-room schoolhouse near Sedwick and was one of the first three trustees. The school's first teacher boarded at the English house.

In 1921, William Lucas English took over operation of the ranch and continued to raise the crops and herd started by his mother and father. Will English and his wife, Naomi (Criswell), ran the English E-Bar ranch for almost 70 years. During that time, they saw the ranch through the Depression and World War II. While the U.S. was at war William increased the number of cattle he raised and allowed the military to construct a beacon light on the property to help guide airplanes. Changes in technology over two generations enabled him to install steel fence posts around his land, and the discovery of gas wells on the property enabled the family to install gas ceiling lights and cooking stoves on the property. Farm-to-Market 2312 was paved by the state in 1953. John Matthew Dallas English donated the land soon after purchasing the 160 acres for a dirt

road that ran along the frontage of the property. The public had access to this road and it had gates at each end of the road. It was known as the Double Gate Road.

Will English was an active member of both the Sedwick and Moran communities. For many years, he was an election judge for the Sedwick precinct and was a longtime member of the Moran

School Board. He was also a Moran Grain Co-op board member. Will and Naomi had two children, Marie Joyce and Donna Louise.

Donna (English) Moore and Marie (English) Johnston inherited the property in 1991. Donna and her husband, William Shoffner Moore, raised two children—William “Shof” Shoffner II and Leslie. Donna lives on the ranch in the original English dwelling that has been modernized. She is an active owner and operator. William Shoffner Moore II is an active owner and operator who lives in Abilene, but works on the ranch three days a week. They raise Limousin cattle and lease out the cropland. Donna is an active member of her community, serving as docent of the Old Jail Art Center in Albany, a member of the Shackelford County Appraisal Review Board, and is active with the Moran Amity Club, the Moran Museum Board and the Moran Cemetery Association board.

During the last decade, the property has been improved with cross fencing, new tanks, and a hunter's camp and lease.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 160

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Wheat, oats, cotton, sorghum and Hereford cattle; 2002—Cattle.

SHERMAN COUNTY

BRANDVIK FARM AND RANCH

Thirty-three miles southeast of Stratford on Highway 1573.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1902 – 1910	John Alexander Boney
1910 – 1911	Grover C. Boney
1911 – 1967	Maggie Mae King
1967 – 1997	Velma Mae Wyatt
1997 – 2002	Kathryn Christine Brandvik

JOHN ALEXANDER “J.A.” BONEY came to Texas from Choctaw County, Alabama between 1875 and 1878, living first in Bell and Gray counties before purchasing 1,920 acres in Sherman County in 1902. He later added 640 acres. J.A. raised horses and cattle on the property and grew bundle feed. He made a variety of additions and improvements to the property during the nine years he lived on the farm, including drilling domestic water wells, fencing, and building a farmhouse. J.A. sold some of his horses to the military and the Boney home was the site of the first school in southeast Sherman County. J.A. and his wife, Mary Jane (Hill), had nine children—Leander Owen, John, Cora, Thomas J., Roy, Fred Ezra, Grover C., Maggie Mae and Robert Hill.

Maggie Mae Boney married Virgil Marion King in 1909, and in 1911 Maggie’s father deeded to her 320 acres of land on which she and Virgil later built a barn, a farmhouse, and outbuildings. They were among the first in the county to install irrigation and they also participated in soil-conservation programs. The Kings were able to make it through the Great Depression and the “Dirty Thirties” through their hard work and determination.

The Kings had two children—Velma Mae King and Mary Marguerite King. The Kings retired to Stratford, Texas in the 1940s, leasing the farm to Velma and her first husband, J.W. Williams. J.W. Williams died in 1948 and Velma then married H.C. Wyatt, who continued to farm the land with Velma and



live on the King home place. Velma had three children—Joe Wayne (who died in 1942), Kathryn Christine and Marion Rex. The Wyatts further developed the farm’s irrigation system and continued to participate in soil conservation programs. They were charter members of the S&H Gas Association and members of Rural Electrification Association and the Sunray Co-op.

Velma and Henry Wyatt retired in 1970 and leased the land to her daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn “Christine” and Mendota “Ray” Brandvik. The Brandvik’s built a new home at that time, and added a new barn and stock pens. Later they installed center-pivot sprinkler irrigation systems to help with water conservation. Christine and Ray grow wheat, corn and milo and raise cattle. They also serve on the board of the S&H Gas Association.

After Velma Wyatt’s death in 1997, a portion of the farm passed to her daughter, Kathryn “Christine” Brandvik, who, in 2002, was the fourth generation farmer on the same land for 100 years.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 1,920

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 240

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Horses, cattle and bundle feed; 2002—Cattle, wheat, corn and milo.

TOM GREEN COUNTY

EDWARDS FARM

Four miles south of Wall.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1939	George E. Hemphill
1939 – 1964	Mary Elizabeth and John Edwards
1964 – 2002	John Horace Edwards



GEORGE E. HEMPHILL came to Texas from Missouri and on October 8, 1902, bought 640 acres of land from W.A. and Victoria Pringle. He later added 640 acres to his property. He was one of the first to raise and feed lambs for shipment by rail to Fort Worth as fat choice lambs. He raised forage crops, oats, cotton, milo, horses, cattle, sheep and goats and was well known for his purebred livestock. His saying was: "A good bull or ram is half of the herd; sorry one, the whole herd." He married Louella DeWitt, and they had three children—Vera, Ray and Mary Elizabeth.

Mary Elizabeth and her husband, John Edwards, received 640 acres on May 5, 1939, and raised Hygeri, cotton, oats, maize and cane, as well as pigs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, chickens and turkeys. The Hemphill trap, which was the 190-acre tract west of Fort McKavitt Road, was used by the large cattlemen as an overnight stop for their herds during transport to the railroad shipping pens at Pecan Station or San Angelo. While George Hemphill raised purebred Hereford cattle,

fine wool sheep and the largest draft horses on Lipan Flat, John Edwards produced registered O.I.C. hogs, the first on the flat, and Thoroughbred horses. Mary Elizabeth and John had five children—George, Harrell, John H., Hubert and Don.

John H. acquired 266 acres of the land on November 19, 1964, and raised cotton, wheat, maize, sheep and cattle.

He was the first to bring registered Suffock sheep from Canada. He and his wife, Dorothy Stevens, had four children—Margo, Steven, John and Kimilee. John H. farms 2,289 acres and raises sheep, goats, cattle, cotton, wheat and hay.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 266

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Forage crops, oats, cotton, milo, horses, cattle, sheep and goats; 2002—Sheep, goats, cattle, cotton, wheat and hay.

TALFERD AND ELLA COLLINS FARM

Five miles southeast of Austin on Dee Gabriel Collins Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1891 – 1934	Dee Gabriel Collins
1934 – 1942	Walter Gabriel Collins
1942 – 1997	Talferd Gabriel and Ella Collins
1997 – 2002	Ella Collins



DEE GABRIEL COLLINS and his wife, DONNIE, were native Texans. In 1891, they bought 330 acres in Travis County from James H. Jones that was originally part of the Santiago Del Valle grant from Mexico. They built a two-story home, which is in use today, and installed a generator for electric lights and had running water in both the house and barns. Later, they added 87 acres to the property. They raised cattle, horses, cotton, corn, hay, chickens and turkeys. The family donated land for and built a church and schoolhouse. They hired a teacher and a preacher to run these endowments.

Dee and Donnie had a large family with 18 children—Silas, Edward, Maude Ester, Elizabeth Mae, Bertha Violet, “Bud” Talford Dee, Walter Gabriel, Ada Pumphrey, “J.B.” John Beal, Alge Morris, Charles Emory, Theodore Roosevelt, Laura Thelma, Donnie Gladys, Gertrude Hortense, James Kuyendoll, Virgie Clemmie and Myrtle Viola.

In 1934, Walter Collins took over the bulk of the farm, and raised cattle, horses, pigs, cotton, corn, hay and poultry on 130 acres. Over time, he and his wife, Cecilia (Rucker), added 100 acres to their holdings and improved the facilities by building a new rock house and barn and installing an electric pump for the well. Walter Collins was one of the first farmers in the area to use a tractor, and acquired a variety of modern farm equipment. Walter and Cecilia had nine children—J.B., Pearl, Talferd, Ada, Walter, Gertrude, Edgar, Thelma and Joe. All the daughters went to college.

Walter and Cecilia educated themselves and kept abreast of the latest developments through the extension service, Home Demonstration Clubs and 4-H. They also bred hunting dogs and greyhounds.

Talferd Gabriel Collins, grandson of the founder, and his wife, Ella, acquired part of the farm from his aunts, Laura and

Gertrude. Talferd lived on the farm his entire life and worked the land prior to purchasing it in 1942 with a 20-year loan that was paid off in five years due to a bumper cotton crop of 38 bales in 1947. A windmill pumped water for the farm until mid-1940, when electricity became available and plumbing was installed in the house. They were the first in the community to have indoor plumbing. Ella ran the farm on a day-to-day basis while Talferd worked off the farm in maintenance at Bergstrom Air Force Base during World War II, followed by work in road construction and 24 years with Travis County Law Enforcement. One of the proudest accomplishments of his career was helping to peacefully integrate the Del Valle schools. Talferd was also successful in having the road that goes by the property named after his great grandfather, Dee Gabriel Collins, who had donated the land for the road. Talferd had many lucrative offers to purchase the farm, but he treasured the Pilot Knob land and his family's history on it.

Talferd and Ella, active in church and school activities, also had a large family of 11 children—Silas, Talferd, Alice, Ernest, Ella, Phyllis, Ronald, Edwin, Jeanie, Cecelia and

Lambert. All of their children participated in 4-H and attended college and several have advanced college degrees. Three of their sons own and operate ranches. One son is a professor at Prairie View A&M, and another son serves on the 4-H Club Camp Board and on the Board of Directors for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Talferd passed away in 1997 and Ella continues to run the farm with the assistance of her children. Ella lives in the family home that Dee Gabriel Collins originally built on the land. They raise cattle, hay and wheat and continue to use many of the barns and outbuildings that are original to the property.

The Collins children were taught to respect, love and treasure the land and their heritage and they expect it to remain in the family for generations to come.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 330

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 300

Crops or livestock raised: 1891—Cattle, horses, cotton, corn, hay, chickens and turkeys; 2002—Cattle, hay and wheat.





THE LAND

Texas farmers and ranchers have always been persistent. Through hard work and steady dedication to their land, they have made Texas a national and world leader in agricultural production. Not drought, pests nor flood have stopped Texas farms and ranches from producing food and fiber, year in and year out, generation after generation.



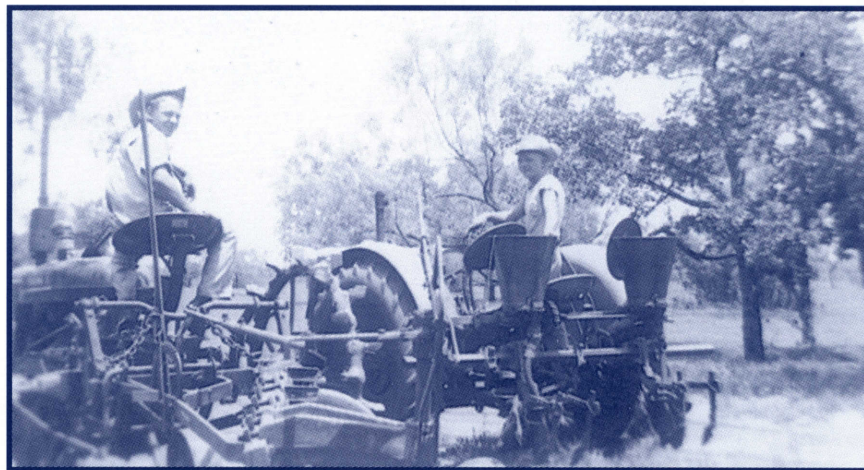
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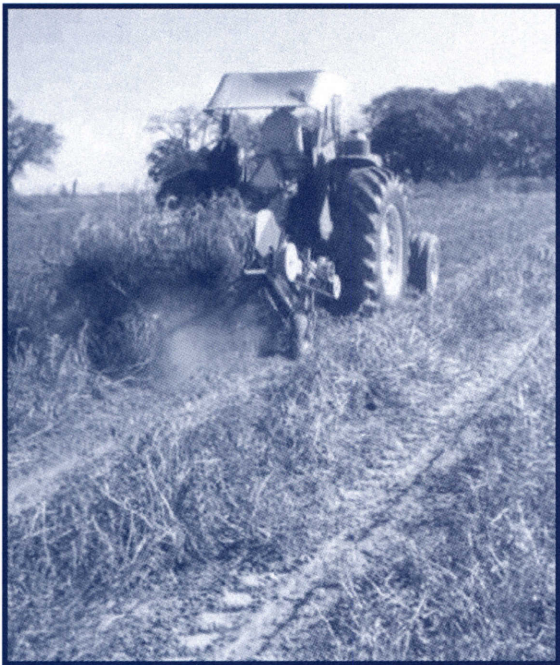
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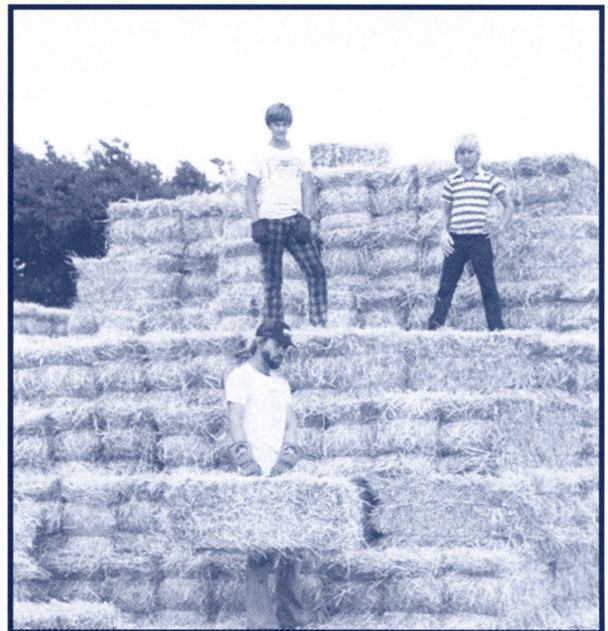
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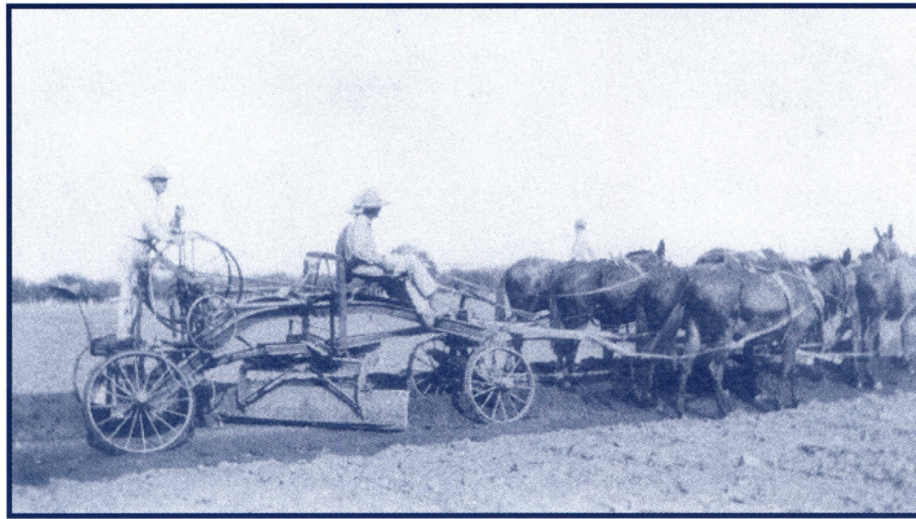
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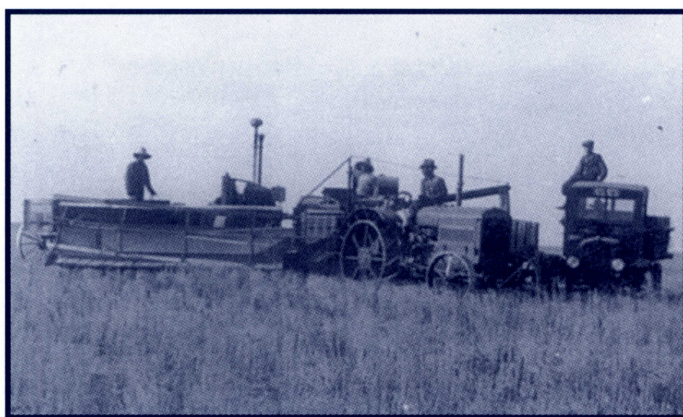
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UVALDE COUNTY

LOUIS HENRY KNIPPA FARM

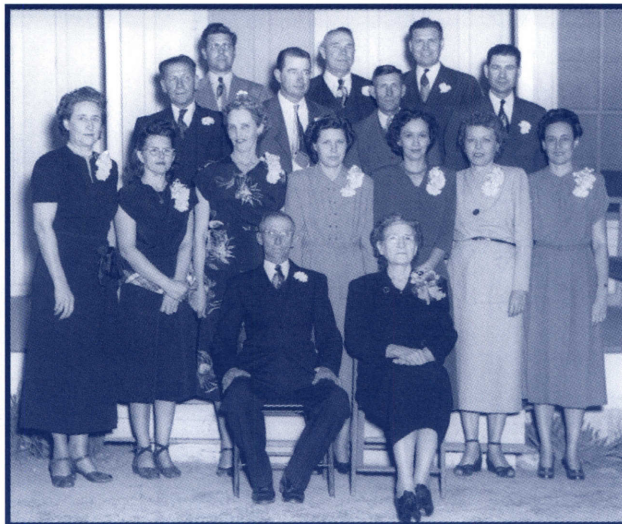
Eleven miles east of Uvalde on FM 1049 South.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1887 – 1906	Georg Knippa
1906 – 1963	Louis Henry Knippa
1963 – 1991	Elmer Louis Knippa and Estate
1991 – 2002	Terry M. Knippa

In the late 1800s, GEORG KNIPPA fled discrimination in his homeland of Germany and came to America. Through an acquaintance, Terry O'Neil, he settled on a sprawling ranch in Uvalde County. Georg purchased 8,000 acres in 1887, where in true pioneer spirit, he founded a town named Chatfield, which was later renamed Knippa. Georg and his wife, Rosina, raised cattle and horses, and had 10 children—William F., Emma, Hannah Augusta, Anna-Maria, John, Charles Georg, Herman, George, Louis Henry and Lydia.

Over the years, Georg prospered and purchased an additional 5,000 acres and fostered a deep commitment to community. Georg sold portions of his land to encourage town development. He also donated a portion of the property for a community church, Emanuel Lutheran Church.

His youngest son, Louis Henry and his wife, Mary (Umlang) Knippa, took over operations of the property in 1906, continuing cattle production and adding hay production. However, hard times and drought during the 1920s and 1950s reduced acreage of the once sprawling ranch to 500 acres, known as the Knippa Farm. Louis and Mary had eight children—Clarence W., Gertrude (Jansen), George,



Herbert, Gary, Norma Langner, Elmer Louis and May Belle (Hendrickson).

In 1963, Louis Henry's youngest boy, Elmer Louis Knippa, acquired the property. He changed the agricultural production from a combination livestock/crop to a crop based production raising maize, wheat and oats. Elmer Louis and wife Mary (Jones) Knippa had five children—Larry Don, Lyndon Gale, Claire Louise (Hughes), Terry Michael and Debra (Cleveland).

In 1990, Elmer passed away and a year later, Terry Michael, the youngest son, staked his claim to 200 of his father's 500 acres. Continuing in his father's footsteps, Terry raised maize, cotton and oats and expanded crop production to include mesquite. Terry has two sons, David Michael and Adam Lee. Today, Terry's cousin, Lelan Falkenber, operates the property and wheat is the mainstay.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 8,000

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 200

Crops or livestock raised: 1887—Horses and cattle;
2002—Wheat.

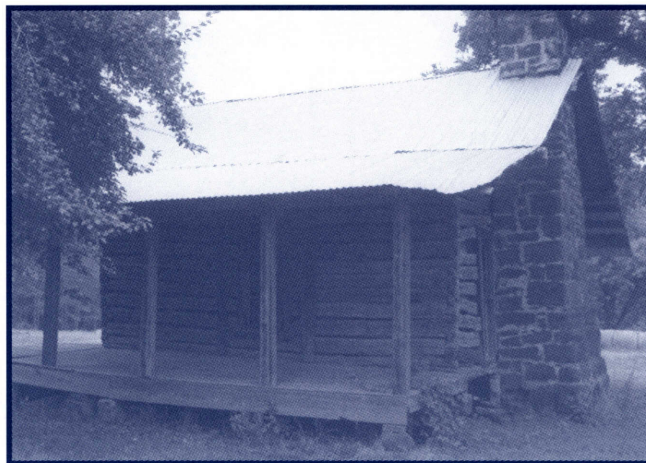
VAN ZANDT COUNTY

HAMBURG

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

Five and one-half miles east of Edom on FM 279.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1849 – 1868	James Coltharp
1868 – 1903	Charlotte and A.C. Beall
1903 – 1949	Jefferson Davis Beall J.C. Beall
1949 – 1955	Annie Beall
1955 – 2002	Col Boyce and Oneta (Geddie) Cason



JAMES COLTHARP was born in Tennessee and purchased 476 acres of Texas land from Daniel H. Vail in 1849. James married Joanna McSpadden and they had seven children. James built a log house for his family in 1849 and served as postmaster in Van Zandt County. He also owned and operated the first sawmill in the county. James and Joanna were charter members of the original County Line Baptist Church.

James and Joanna's daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, and her husband, Augustus Chandler "A.C." Beall, acquired 476 acres from her father in 1868. Charlotte and A.C. had 11 children. They were charter members of the original County Line Baptist Church and of the Concord Baptist Church. Augustus was postmaster of the Hamburg U.S. Post Office from 1874 until 1881.

Charlotte and A.C.'s sons, Jefferson and J.C. Beall, acquired 146 acres in 1903. Jefferson married Sarah (Cavender) Green and they had eight children—Walter Green, William James, Annie, Jewel, Nobie Sophronia, Mary Elizabeth, Ruth

and Thomas Frederick. J.C. never married.

Annie Beall inherited 79 acres from her father, Jefferson Davis Beall, in 1949. She had previously acquired 62.5 acres at the death of her mother,

giving her a total of approximately 142 acres. Annie sold this land to her nephew, Col Boyce Cason, in 1955.

Col Boyce and his wife, Oneta (Geddie) Cason, live on the farm today. Their grandson, Brad Osborne, who owns seven acres of the original land, helps with the day-to-day operations. One room of the original loghouse built in 1849 is still standing.

The Family Land Heritage Program honored Hamburg in 1999 for 100 years of continuous agricultural production.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 476

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 135

Crops or livestock raised: 1849—Cattle, hogs, horses, wheat, corn and oats; 2002—Cattle and hay.

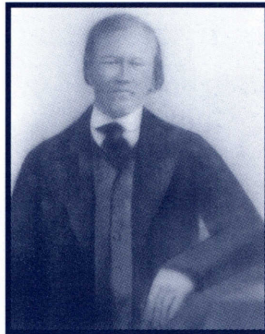
HEZEKIAH (FARIS) FARRIS - BENTHALL RANCH

★ 150-YR PROPERTY ★

Fifteen miles southwest of Huntsville on FM 1791.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1836 – 1859	Hezekiah (Faris) Farris
1859 – 1887	James Morgan Farris
1887 – 1925	James Hezekiah Farris
1925 – 1958	Lee Elwin Farris
1958 – 1994	Eva Mae Farris
1994 – 2002	Lucille (Farris) Benthall

HEZEKIAH FARIS (later changed to Farris) was born in Virginia in 1797. In 1835, he joined Sam Houston, Captain James Gillaspie and others and came to Texas. He joined the Texas Army to fight for Texas independence from Mexico. On April 21, 1836, they fought and won the battle of San Jacinto. The next day Sam Houston sent out small groups of soldiers to search for members of the Mexican Army who had escaped. Hezekiah and two other soldiers found a man creeping away in a private's uniform along the tall grass on the riverbank. They captured him, and soon found out they had caught General Santa Ana himself.



For his service to Texas, Hezekiah received a land grant of 640 acres in an area that later became Walker County. He returned to Tennessee and moved his family to their new home in Texas. He and his wife, Matilda (Stevens), had two children—James and Susan. They grew cotton and corn and raised cattle on the ranch.

In 1842, Hezekiah donated land for the Farris Cemetery. He also donated the logs used to build the Farris Chapel Methodist Church. This building was used by several denominations and was also used as a schoolhouse. Susan married Captain James Gillaspie in 1849.

In 1859, James Farris inherited the ranch from his father. He continued his father's projects, and eventually enlisted in the Texas State Troops that fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. After the war, James worked to improve the Farris Chapel Methodist Church. He married Susan (Browne) and they had six children—Matilda Ann, James "Jim" Hezekiah, William Edward, Robert Lee, Allen Browne and Alice.



James "Jim" Hezekiah inherited the ranch in 1887 from his father. He continued to raise the same crops his ancestors did, but also owned a pecan grove and peach orchards. He also raised sugar cane for syrup. His pecans, peaches and syrup were popular in the county and at the Walker County Fair, where he won a prize for a 32-pound head of cabbage that he

grew. He donated additional land to the Farris Cemetery. The only period of time he did not live on the ranch was the three years he spent in Arizona during that state's mining rush.

James married Maggie (Guerrant) and they had five children—Jimmye Browne, Lee Elwin, Edward Quincy, Alton Boone and Marion Hezekiah.

Lee Elwin Farris was deeded 79 acres from his parents in 1925. He raised cattle and grew cotton and corn. After his death in 1958, he left the land to his wife, Eva Mae Farris. They had five children—James Elwin, M. Lucille, William David (died as infant), Eva Jean and Winnie Mae.

After Eva Mae Farris' death in 1994, her daughter, Lucille, who was born on the Farris property, inherited part of the ranch and purchased the remaining portion from her siblings. Today, she and her son, Keith L. Benthall, the sixth generation of descendents of Hezekiah Farris, run a cow/calf operation on the ranch.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 640

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 79

Crops or livestock raised: 1836—Cotton, corn, and cattle; 2002—Cattle.

PASKET FARM

One and eight-tenth miles west of Highway 75 North.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1925	Charlie Novark
1925 – 1970	Viola (Novark) Borski
1925 – 1971	Lena Novark
1970 – 1996	Frances (Borski) Pasket
1970 – 2001	James Borski
1971 – 1978	Harold Borski
1978 – 2002	George Louis Pasket



On November 18, 1901, CHARLIE NOVARK began payments for land he was purchasing from Clara and S. Brown. Charlie raised cattle, corn and cotton and used a horse to cultivate the land. He planted seed and harvested his crops by hand and earned \$30-\$40 per bale for his cotton. Charlie and his wife, Josie, had six children—Andrew, Lena, Annie, Viola, Narcis and Mary.

Viola and Lena each received a portion of the land in 1925. Lena received 35 acres and Viola received 67 acres. They continued to raise cattle, corn and cotton. The cattle were free range, and the calves were penned in a two-acre lot near the home. Every fall, a cattle buyer would come to town from the port city of Houston. The Texas Highway Department purchased 11.92 acres of Lena's land for Interstate 45. Lena never married. Viola and her husband, Louis Borski, had three children—James Joseph, Frances Cecilia and Harold Bruno.

Viola and Louis bought a tractor in 1944 and started a

terrace building business. They also built numerous ponds with the tractor and an earthmover. Viola and Louis' children were the next owners of the land. Frances acquired title to 26.05 acres, James had title to 15.13 acres, and in 1971, James, Frances and

Harold jointly acquired title to their Aunt Lena's 23.08 acres.

Today, one of Frances' sons, George Louis Pasket, along with his wife, Nancy (Sisson), own and operate the land he obtained from his mother and uncles. They raise cattle and hay and have planted Bahia and rye grass to improve the land and made improvements to ponds on the property. He and Nancy have a son, Joseph Burner Anderson.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 219

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 54.57

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cattle, cotton and corn;
2002—Cattle and hay.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

THE COUNTRY

Eight miles southwest of Brenham on Lehmann Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1937	Albert Carl and Anna Lehmann
1937 – 1992	Lillian (Lehmann) Dannhaus
1992 – 1997	Lehmann Estate
1997 – 2002	Bernard Dannhaus
2000 – 2002	Roy Bernard Dannhaus



A native of Washington County, ALBERT CARL LEHMANN purchased 191.25 acres of land southwest of Brenham from Ben and Sigmund Schmid. The land originally was part of a March 1831 Mexico land grant to John Hodge. Albert later added 180.85 acres to his holdings. He terraced the hill land in the 1930s for soil conservation and raised cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens, and sold cream and eggs at market. He married Anna Margretha Hoffmann and they had seven children—Albert John, Hermann August, Norma Mathilde, Emmie Louise, Edgar Reinhard, Lillian Vesta and Edna Lehmann.

A.C. divided his land in such a way that each child received woodland, farming land and prairie for cattle grazing and hay making.

Lillian acquired 87.1 acres of the property in 1937 to which she added 72 more acres to raise vegetables, corn, hay, cotton, cattle, turkeys, hogs, chickens and various grains. Lillian and her husband, Edward Dannhaus, rotated the crops, worked closely with the soil conservation office and sold

cream to the Brenham Creamery. They were active members of the community, supporting the local Lutheran churches and serving on the school board. The couple had seven children—Laura, Bernard E., Waldo H., Alice, Edward R., Elroy and Doris.

Bernard inherited 24.93 acres of the property from the Lehmann estate in 1997, and raises cattle and pigs on the land. He and his wife, Alice (Bethke), and their son, Roy Bernard, and his family, manage the property together. They have added a pond, new fencing and a barn and have improved the grazing land. They negotiated with the locally utility companies for easements across their property. Roy and his wife, Vickie (Eberhart), have one daughter, Kaci Mae.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 191.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 24.929

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Cattle, hogs and turkeys.

LEHMANN BOTTOM FARM

Eight miles southwest of Brenham on Lehmann Lane off of FM 109.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1937	Albert Carl and Anna Lehmann
1937 – 1975	Edgar Reinhard Lehmann
1937 – 1997	Lillian (Lehmann) Dannhaus
1975 – 2002	Alvin Edgar and Frances Lehmann

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Edgar Reinhard acquired 62 acres of the property in 1937 and raised cotton, corn, hay, grain, cattle, hogs and chickens. He worked with the county agricultural agent in the eradication of the screwworm fly. Edgar also worked with the soil conservation office on several erosion projects, building tanks, sowing cover crops, implementing crop rotation and rebuilding the soil. He and his wife, Viola Dora (Hill), had four children—Verlin Lillie, Alvin Edgar, Dorothy Meta and Caroline.

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Alice, Edward R., Elroy and Doris.

In 1975, Alvin Edgar purchased 40.484 acres of land from his father Edgar, and in 1997, he got 117.48 acres of land from his aunt Lillian, which included 45.48 acres of the founder's land. Alvin later sold 8.93 acres outside the family. He raises cattle, deer, hay and pecans and has instituted soil conservation practices that include construction of tanks and terraces and planting cover crops. He works with the Texas Parks and Wildlife on a reforestation project, and has added fences and a barn to the property. Alvin and his wife, Frances Bayer, have four children—Pamela Sue, Robert Alvin, Linda Sue and Alan Craig.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 191.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 77.034

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Cattle and hay.

LEHMANN FARM

Eight miles southwest of Brenham on Lehmann Lane.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1915	Albert Carl and Anna Lehmann
1915 – 1991	Herman August and Meta (Schawe) Lehmann
1991 – 2002	Kenneth Wayne Lehmann



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He married Anna Margretha Hoffmann and they had seven children—Albert John, Herman August, Norma Mathilde, Emmie Louise, Edgar Reinhard, Lillian Vesta and Edna Lehmann.

A.C. divided his land in such a way that each child received woodland, farming land and prairie for cattle grazing and hay making. He sold Herman 76.8 acres of land in 1915 after Herman's marriage to Meta Schawe. They grew hay, cotton, corn, maize, sugar cane and raised cattle, turkeys,

hogs, chickens, horses and mules. Herman put in stock ponds for livestock and practiced crop rotation for higher crop yield. The couple had five children—Irene J., Meta M., Vernita D., Helen L. and Herman A. Jr.

In July 1991, Herman's children deeded the land to his grandson, Kenneth Wayne Lehmann, who with wife Betty raises cattle and hay on the land. A small wood-frame barn

and shed area, which was part of the founder's original house, was moved to the property in 1947 and is used today to store feed and supplies.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 191.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 76.8

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Cattle and hay.

LEHMANN-HILL FARM

Eight miles southwest of Brenham on Lehmann Lane.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1937	Albert Carl and Anna Lehmann
1937 – 1980	Edgar Reinhard Lehmann
1980 – 1993	Verlin (Lehmann) Mertz Alvin Edgar Lehmann Dorothy (Lehmann) Schilling Caroline (Lehmann) Fagan
1993 – 2002	Alvin Edgar Lehmann Dorothy (Lehmann) Schilling Caroline (Lehmann) Fagan



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The four children received an undivided interest in 28.94 acres of the land in 1980 and raised cattle and hay. They also

grafted pecan trees, planted a variety of peach and pear trees, restocked the tank with bass and planted oats and ryegrasses. Verlin married Clarence Mertz and they had four children—Darrold Lynn, Darvin Gale, David Nelson and Sandra Ann. Alvin married Frances Bayer and

they had four children—Pamela Sue, Robert Alvin, Linda Sue and Alan Craig. Dorothy married Melvin A. Schilling and they had three children—Sharon Jane, Lori Ann and Marlene. Caroline married and had two children—Gordon Emmett and Gregory Scott.

Upon Verlin's death in 1993, the surviving siblings purchased their sister's share of the land from her children. Today, Alvin Edgar and Frances (Bayer) Lehmann, Melvin A. and Dorothy Mae (Lehmann) Schilling, and Caroline (Lehmann) Fagan oversee daily operations of the farm, where they raise cattle and hay. The sharecropper's home, which was on the property in 1901, is used today as a barn to store hay and feed.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 191.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 28.94

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Cattle and hay.

NEUMANN FARM

Three miles north of Brenham on SH 36.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1899 – 1935	August Neumann, Sr.
1935 – 1984	Eddie “Ed” Neumann
1984 – 2002	Edward Neumann



AUGUST NEUMANN SR. was born in Germany and came to Texas to make a better life for himself. On January 7, 1899, he purchased 100 acres of land from P. H. Barnhill for \$1,200. The land can be traced back to May 6, 1868. August gave part of the land to make Cedar Hill Road. Two rooms of the original home survived the 1900 storm, and more rooms were added as the family grew. He and his wife, Wilhelmina (Forste), raised eight children—August Neumann, Jr., Otto, Fritz, Henry, Eddie “Ed”, Ida, Emma and Martha.

Ed acquired 73.07 acres of the original land on October 3, 1935, where he raised corn, cotton, livestock, fowl and hay. He farmed the land with horse-drawn equipment until he purchased his first tractor, a Farmall B, in 1950. He and his wife, Elsie (Gummelt), raised two sons—Edward Neuman, Jr. and Ernest Norris. Ed and his family sold cattle, turkeys and

eggs to help keep the family farm in operation and also butchered hogs and gardened to feed the family.

Edward acquired 27.62 acres of the original land in 1984 and raises cattle and hay. He and his wife, Shirley Ann, live on the property where he is active in hay and cattle production. Edward restores tractors as a hobby. Three generations living on the Neumann Farm include Edward, his son, Kenneth and grandchildren, Lee and Kendall.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 100

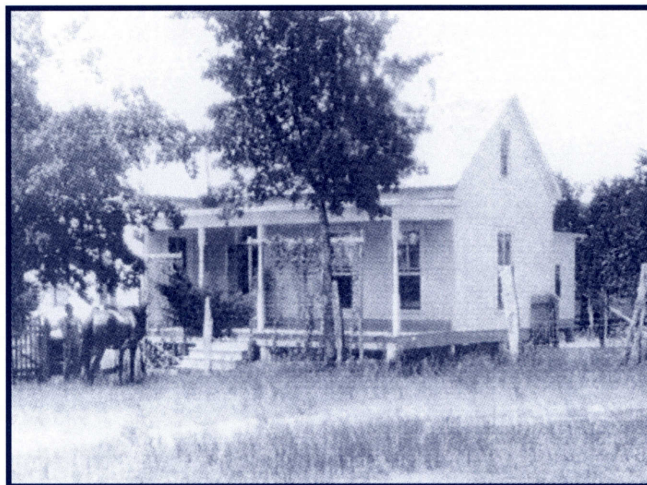
ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 27.616

Crops or livestock raised: 1899—Cotton, corn, cattle and horses; 2002—Hay and cattle.

WALDO'S PLACE

Eight miles southwest of Brenham on Lehmann Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1937	Albert Carl and Anna Lehmann
1937 – 1992	Lillian (Lehmann) Dannhaus
1992 – 1997	Dannhaus Estate
1997 – 2002	Waldo Dannhaus



A native of Washington County, ALBERT CARL LEHMANN purchased 191.25 acres of land southwest of Brenham from Ben and Sigmund Schmid. The land originally was part of a March 1831 Mexico land grant to John Hodge. Albert later added 180.85 acres to his holdings. He terraced the hill land in the 1930s for soil conservation and raised cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens, and sold cream and eggs at market. He married Anna Margretha Hoffmann and they had seven children—Albert John, Hermann August, Norma Mathilde, Emmie Louise, Edgar Reinhard, Lillian Vesta and Edna Lehmann.

A.C. divided his land in such a way that each child received woodland, farming land and prairie for cattle grazing and hay making.

Lillian acquired 87.1 acres of the property in 1937 to which she added 72 more acres to raise vegetables, corn, hay, cotton, cattle, turkeys, hogs, chickens and various grains. Lillian and her husband, Edward Dannhaus, rotated the crops, worked

closely with the soil conservation office and sold cream to the Brenham Creamery. They were active members of the community supporting the local Lutheran churches and serving on the school board. The couple had seven children—Laura, Bernard E., Waldo H., Alice, Edward R., Elroy and Doris.

Waldo inherited 14.919 acres of the property from the Lehmann estate in 1997, and raises cattle, vegetables and chickens on the land. He has added fencing and a barn and upgraded the grazing land. He also provided an easement for the electric and gas companies.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 191.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 14.919

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Cattle, chickens and vegetable garden.

WASHINGTON AND AUSTIN COUNTIES

THE WOODLAND

Eight miles southwest of Brenham on Lehmann Road.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1901 – 1937	Albert Carl and Anna Lehmann
1937 – 2002	Edna (Lehmann) Gueldner

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Edna acquired 75 acres of the property in 1937. It included 10.13 acres in Austin County. She sold 64.65 acres of the property outside of the family. She uses it today as pasture land, and although the property is fenced, Edna keeps the gates open so that cattle from her nephew's neighboring farm can graze on the land. Now in her 90s, Edna checks the fence line with her nephew and son and shares stories of its rich heritage with her nieces and nephews, all of whom were raised on the founder's farm.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 191.25

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 10.35

Crops or livestock raised: 1901—Cotton, corn, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Cattle.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

THE FRENZEL FARM

Three miles east of Hutto on County Road 132.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAMES
1902 – 1928	Carl and Bertha Krueger
1928 – 1948	Clara (Krueger) Frenzel
1948 – 1972	Eddie Krueger
1972 – 2001	Marvin W. Krueger
2001 – 2002	Lucia Nell Krueger

CARL KRUEGER was born in Germany. He married Emelia Ziesman in Germany, and the couple had four children—Herman, Louise, Otto and Frank. Emelia died, and Carl married Bertha Locke. Carl, Bertha and the four children came to Texas to improve their life and raise a family. On May 6, 1902 they purchased 99.75 acres in Williamson County from Henry Schmidt. They raised cotton, corn, cane, cattle, hogs and chicken. The size of Carl and Bertha's family grew after arriving in Texas. They had eight more children—Martha, Arthur, Eric, Richard, Clara, Louis, Ewalt and Alma.

On November 8, 1928, a daughter, Clara, and her husband, Albert Frenzel, inherited 37.62 acres, where they raised cotton, corn and cane. The Frenzels had three children—Harvey, Gilbert and Dorothy.

In 1948, Clara's brother Eric "Eddie" Krueger purchased the land and raised maize on it in addition to the other crops and livestock his sister had raised. Eddie and his wife, Emma,



had one son, Marvin W. Krueger. Eddie and his son, Marvin, worked the farm from 1948 until 1954 when Eddie retired. Marvin continued to operate the farm. He married Lucia in 1954 and they had two sons, Morris and Michael.

In 1973, Marvin became the owner of the farm and he and his two sons, Morris and Michael, continued raising cotton, corn and maize.

After Marvin's death in 2001, Marvin's wife, Lucia Krueger, assumed ownership of Frenzel Farm. Their son Michael operates the land today, and he raises cotton, corn and maize. Lucia owns The M K Place, which was also honored this year.



ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 99.75

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 37.62

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, corn, cane, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Maize.

THE M K PLACE

Four miles east of Hutto on County Road 132.

DATES OF OWNERSHIP	NAME
1902 – 1928	Carl and Bertha Krueger
1928 – 1942	Martha (Krueger) Rundberg
1942 – 1973	Eddie Krueger
1973 – 2001	Marvin W. Krueger
2001 – 2002	Lucia Nell Krueger



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Their daughter, Martha Krueger, inherited 60.87 acres in 1928. Martha and her husband, Simon Rundberg, raised cotton, corn, cane, cattle, hogs and chickens. They had five children—Lillie, Alvin, Selma, Dora and Helen.

In 1942, Martha's brother Eric "Eddie" Krueger purchased the land and raised maize on it in addition to the other crops and livestock his sister had raised. Eddie and his wife, Emma,

had one son, Marvin W. Krueger, who was born in 1927 in the house that Henry Schmidt built in 1895. When the house was torn down in 1962, the lumber was used to build the new home in which the current

owner, Lucia Krueger still lives.

When Eddie retired in 1954, his son, Marvin, took over the farming, raising cotton, corn and maize. In 1954, Martin married Lucia and they settled on the farm and had two sons—Morris and Michael. In 1973, Marvin became owner of the farm and he and his two sons, Morris and Michael, continued to farm.

After Marvin's death in 2001, Lucia Krueger assumed ownership of The M K Place. Their son Michael operates the land today, and he raises cotton, corn and maize.

ACRES IN ORIGINAL PARCEL: 99.75

ORIGINAL ACRES HELD TODAY: 60.87

Crops or livestock raised: 1902—Cotton, corn, cane, cattle, hogs and chickens; 2002—Maize.

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