

Yesterday's News

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HISTORICAL GHOST WALK

Featuring

“Ghosts of Kaufman County Past”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

The Kaufman County Historical Commission will present the 5th annual “Ghosts of Kaufman County Past” Ghost Walk on the evening of Saturday, October 9th at the Kaufman County “Poor Farm”, 3600 S. Houston St. (Behind the Wall), in Kaufman.

Tours will begin at dark (7:00 to 8:00 p.m.) and begin approximately every 25 minutes thereafter. The Ghost Walk is a walking tour, stopping at 16 scenes reenacting characters from Kaufman County’s colorful past. This year, there will be scenes depicting early Kaufman county “Settlers”, and then move on to scenes portraying “Politicians, Murderers, Thieves, and other Scalawags”; “Entertainers”; and scenes featuring characters from the early war years, “War is Hell”. You will not want to miss the grand finale, “Rosie the Riveter”, portrayed by Marilyn Rowden.

The Ghost Walk, written by Jean Ann Ables-Flatt, will again be produced and directed by the very capable Ron E. Harris, stage and movie actor.

For information call 469-376-4121 or e-mail – kchc@kaufmancounty.net.

Reservations are required.

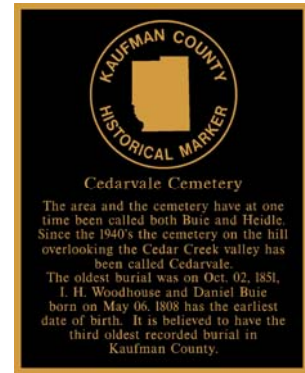
Tickets may be purchased from Books & Crannies in Terrell (209 W. Moore Ave. 972-563-5481) and in Kaufman at the Kaufman Chamber of Commerce (2100 S. Washington – 972-932-3118).

KCHC COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

In an effort to recognize and honor people and places of important historical significance in Kaufman County that may not meet the criteria necessary for a state marker issued by the Texas Historical Commission, KCHC has created a Kaufman County Historical Marker program. Currently there are three markers completed and ready to be placed.

Types of county historical markers, medallions, and plaques include : Subject Markers; Recorded County Historic Landmark Markers; and Historic County Cemetery Markers. Information on marker application procedures, costs, and the *KCHC’s Official Kaufman County Historical Marker Application Form* is available on request from the County Historical Commission and will soon be accessible on their web site; www.kaufmancounty.net/kchc.htm.

Contact the Commission via e-mail at kchc@kaufmancounty.net or phone (469) 376-4121.



KAUFMAN COUNTY - 105 YEARS AGO

taken from the *Terrell Daily Transcript* – September 1905

“At 9 o’clock this morning the **city schools of Terrell** began on the session of 1905-6. As the first month is private term the attendance is not as large as it is when the public school begins a month from today...High School, 85; lower grades Central building, 113; North Primary, 113, Oak Lawn, 28. Total 364.”

Pace & Levy Dept. Store: Spring and Summer suits on Sale - \$15.00 suits ...\$9.85; \$12.00 suits\$8.00; \$10.00 suits....\$6.00; \$8.00 suits...\$5.50; \$6.50 suits..... \$4.40.

Terrell – Wood Nash and Mr. Porter of Kaufman were in the city yesterday examining the building of the Church of the Good Shepherd with a view to buying it and removing it to Kaufman. It has not been decided yet what disposition will be made of the structure.

Charged with Assault: **Kaufman:** Ab Jones, a young white man about 20 years old, was jailed by Sheriff Crane Tuesday night. He is charged with having made an attempt to criminally assault the 13- year- old step-daughter of J.E. Moore of Ola. Jones’ trial has been set for next Saturday by Justice Carter.

Terrell – A warrant was issued out of Justice T. L. Frank’s court this morning, charging Henry Durham, operating a “frosty” joint on Adelaide street, with selling intoxicating liquors. Another arrest in connection with the same offense was that of Charlie Gonzales, colored. The arrests were made by Officer Woodall and Constable T. C. Ables.

Suits Filed in County Court:

State vs. W. H. Hicks, killing dog.

Griffith, McClung & co. vs. Texas and Pacific Railway company, damages.

FRIENDS OF KCHC

For information on the Friends of KCHC, or becoming a member, please contact Jamie Laywell at 972/563-0709 or jjlaywell@aol.com

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

“A PART OF THE LORD’S BIG GARDEN”

A History of Early Kaufman County.....\$25
by Horace P. Flatt

“CAPN’ TERRELL’S TOWN”Spiral \$35

A History of Early Terrell...Hard Cover \$45
by Horace P. Flatt

To order above books, phone (972)524-0321

“FORNEY COUNTRY”

A History of NW Kaufman County.....\$45
by Jerry Flook
to order, call (214)703-6644

Local Museums

Terrell Heritage Museum, 207 N. Frances - Open Sat. & Sun., 1:00pm-4:00pm, 972-524-6082
#1 British Flying Training School, Terrell, Open Wed., Fri., Sat., 10:00am-4:00pm, 972-524-1714
Spellman Museum, 202 Bois D’Arc, Forney – Information web site: www.historicforney.org

The History Corner

by Jean Ann

August 4th 1866

FOR SALE

I offer for sale my residence on Rocky Cedar Creek, Kaufman county, Texas, to include 320, 640 or 960, as may suit the purchaser, at from five to seven dollars per acre, inversely as is quantity &c.

Said land is situated fourteen miles a little North of East, from the town of Kaufman, eight miles south of Cedar Grove, thirteen miles north of Prairieville, 25 miles west Jordan's Saline, fifty miles east of Dallas, and fifty-five miles west of Tyler.

It includes the noted long, deep hole in Rocky Cedar Creek, which is canal-like, the land coming up in table form on each side, (well supplied with best quality of lime stone rock.) From four to ten feet above high-water mark, having at the lowest stage from four to twelve feet depth of water, which, being supplied by springs, is always clear, cool and fresh; surrounded by the best quality of timber, oak, ash, hickory, walnut, cotton-wood, sycamore and elm of the largest size. Containing also, at the north-eastern end about one hundred and forty acres of best quality of black sandy prairie, at the edge of which are several beautiful sites for building..

It is pronounced by knowing ones as the best location for steam machinery in the State, and equally eligible for farming purposes, and the stock business.

The improvements are three good log houses, with passages and porches, rock chimneys, smokehouses, vegetable house and two good negro cabins, also, good cribs and stables. A good spring and the best well of water in the county with milk house attached. An orchard of the finest peaches and plums in the State, and some thirty young apple trees just bearing. A large well manured and well paled garden. Also, forty-five acres of best quality of hickory land in good state of cultivation, and twelve acres of first rate prairie land, well-fenced and in fine order, with never failing stock water in every held. Also, a good cow pen and calf pasture with constant water.

I believe the location to be as healthy as any situation in the interior of the State, and has as many conveniences.

I propose leaving it, because I am suffering from chronic disease, which requires a sea atmosphere, and am crippled so as to prevent my farming to any purpose.

The situation of said land is nearly on a direct line of the surveyed route of the Vicksburg, Monroe, Shreveport and Marshall Rail Road in the proposed route to Dallas. I will also sell (*unreadable*) gentle hogs, five hundred bushels of corn, fixtures & c., and house and kitchen furniture at reduced prices, for cash. Also, a good sweet potato patch. If I don't sell by the 10th of October, I shall rent.

CHARLES J. TERRELL

August 4th, 1866 –Dallas Weekly Herald

*Charles J. Terrell was a wealthy physician born in Virginia in 1828. He married Sarah A. Woodhouse in Kaufman County 21 October 1855. He must have never sold his land, as he died in Kaufman County in 1872. His brother, Jonathan Wilson (J. W.) Terrell died in 1861. J. W.'s widow, Nancy Love Terrell, became Robert Adams Terrell's (for whom the town of Terrell was named), 2nd wife. Robert's 1st wife, Emily was a cousin of Nancy. Robert was a cousin of Charles J. and J. W. Confusing isn't it?
(Newspaper clipping supplied by Kathey Kelly Hunt of Kaufman.)*