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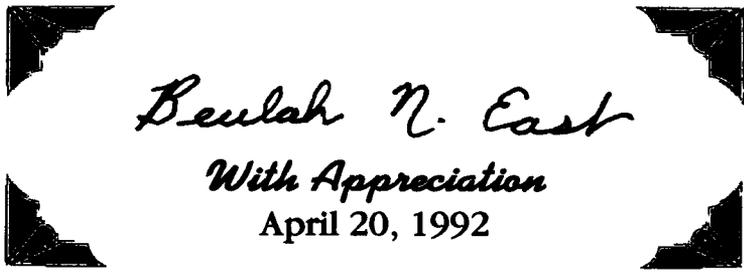




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Beulah N. East

With Appreciation

April 20, 1992



*"Tend my sheep."
John 21:16*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

What a joy it has been to work with the people-loving men and women in Huntsville who care for and want to share with those in need, to help make life more pleasant for them. We wish it were possible to thank each one personally, but due to the large numbers, that is impossible. In fact, many choose to serve for the pleasure of serving, so they decide to remain anonymous.

The Good Shepherd Mission board members and all Huntsville and Walker County residents want to say thanks and thanks again to each and everyone who has helped through the mission or any other means of getting assistance to those in need.

The assistance may be financial, personal labor, time to share, prayers or any other way to make life better for someone. To all volunteers, please accept our sincere thanks. You are the backbone of the Good Shepherd Mission program, now and in the future. Your personal help and prayers are essential to its success.

Many thanks to each person who prepared and contributed a story to Part One or Part Two of this book.

Last, but not least, a big, big thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the numerous details of putting this book together, such as typing, collating, etc. Una McGown and Winifred Trant have done extensive proofreading for which we are appreciative. We do feel compelled to mention two other names: Dr. Mary Frances Park and Dian Herrod, who have spent many hours sharing their expertise. Words seem so inadequate to express our gratitude, but, please let us say, "Thank You, Mary Frances and Dian."

Beulah East

DEDICATION

Since the first discussion of the concept of a Mission as a shelter for people in unfortunate circumstances at the original organizational gathering in 1984, more and more citizens of the Huntsville area have joined in the effort, cooperated, and supported in every way to fulfill this dream.

It is, therefore, appropriate that HUNTSVILLE IS MY TOWN be dedicated to these individuals representing every segment of our population who assisted in this project in some manner. First came the vision, next the determination of purpose, followed by the financial commitments, and finally, the staffing and facilities.

This remarkable achievement was brought to fruition by a dedicated Board who were willing to make difficult decisions and personal commitments. Leading the way in this commitment was a dedicated Christian lady who gave unselfishly and tirelessly of her energies, talents, and personal resources. Time and time again it was Beulah (Turner) East who provided the inspiration and the determination necessary to establish and to operate the Good Shepherd Mission. In like manner, HUNTSVILLE IS MY TOWN is her idea, her plan, and her pursuit. Through her diligence, the history of the Mission is preserved for posterity. This mini-history of Huntsville provides an update of current conditions and establishments of the community that assisted with this vision and who continue to support it with gifts of food, money, and volunteer hours.

Ultimately, HUNTSVILLE IS MY TOWN will forever remain, just like the Mission itself, as a tribute to Beulah East who put Christian caring into action. Therefore, this volume must be dedicated also to her and her persistence, her personal commitment, and her love for humanity.

Written by

Mary Frances Park

Mary Frances Park

For a grateful community

PREFACE AND FORMAT

"Huntsville Is My Town" was selected as the title of this book because Huntsville is a great place to live, rear a family, work and retire. The many beautiful trees, shrubs and flowers add unique breathtaking beauty to the hills and countryside.

The book is divided into two parts:

PART ONE - Good Shepherd Mission: History, Purpose, and Use

Cornerstone Vault - Donor List

The cornerstone vault plan came in a vision to list the names, alphabetically in a book, of all the donors to the new building fund and place the book in the cornerstone vault of the new building as one means to encourage people to make a donation. It worked.

PART TWO - Mini-history of Huntsville

Part two was not in the original plan for the book as it was designed to supply information about Good Shepherd Mission. Huntsville did not have a recorded mini-history of interesting sites nor information about available opportunities that enrich life, so it was decided to add Part Two. It seems this is an excellent time and place to make this information available to Huntsville residents and visitors as a number of books will be put in several locations in Huntsville for convenient and periodic reading.

Books will be offered for sale at a fair price. The profit will be added to the maintenance fund of Good Shepherd Mission.

Fill-ins

An unrelated interesting picture or clipping may be attached as a fill-in to the back of the last page of a story if it would otherwise be blank.

'Rags to riches'

Good Shepherd Mission moves into improved facility

By NELDA WOODALL
Item Staff

The Good Shepherd Mission made a "from rags to riches" move last week when it moved into its new \$200,000 facility on Martin Luther King Boulevard.

"Now I can say to those who seek help, 'I offer the use of this facility in the name of the Lord Jesus or the people of Walker County' without being ashamed," said Good Shepherd Administrator Edward Schauer.

The mission, established here in June 1984 to provide temporary housing, food and clothing to the needy, had occupied a shabby old house with less than 900 feet of floor space on the site of the new building. At times, as many as 30 people were housed overnight, bedded down on pallets in every room. The mission moved into a house across the street in January 1988. The old building was torn down and construction on a new facility began in March.

Dan Slater was the architect for the two-story, colonial-style building. J.A. Wagner Construction Co. was the contractor.

Funds for construction and furnishings were raised through the efforts of the mission's board of directors with Walt Vinson as chairman of the board. Project Build for Love, headed by Beulah East, was launched in May 1987.

A large portion of the funds came from an \$80,000 matching grant from the Dallas-based Meadows Foundation and an \$80,000 challenge grant from the



Stephen Hengst photo

New mission

The new mission has beds for up to 64 persons.

J.E. and L.E. Mabce Foundation in Tulsa, Okla., both secured by East. In order to qualify for the grants, \$40,000 had to be raised locally by Oct. 15.

Through memberships, donations and a fund-raising show, "The Big Broadcast of 1987," the building committee raised the \$40,000 by the deadline. Approx-

imately \$235,000 was raised for the building and its furnishings.

The new shelter can comfortably sleep 40 people and could handle as many as 60, according to Schauer. Accommodations include two large dormitory-type rooms with baths, one for men and one for women. There are

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MISSION

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five family rooms. The additional beds and bathrooms have created a need for more linens. Schauer said he hopes someone will have a linen shower for the facility.

The first floor has a 24-by-20-foot general purpose room, kitchen, food bank pantry, offices for the administrator and a

receptionist, an apartment for the night manager, Jay Smith and his wife, Melannie, and a bedroom for Gary Hewitt, relief man.

The general purpose room will be used for sitting, dining and may eventually be used as a classroom, according to Schauer. He would like to see the mission offer a class in money management to the mission's clients. "They need to know how to best spend their food stamps," he

Another possible class would be in vegetable gardening to encourage them to offset their food expenses by growing some of their own vegetables, Schauer said.

"We see large numbers of people who lack job skills and education," he said. "Others have lived in poverty for the fourth or fifth generation. There's a need for re-socialization."

Last month the mission served approximately 600 meals. The food bank served 113 people.

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Part One:

Good Shepherd

Mission_

History and Uses





Commissioner
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CECIL WILLIAMS
Precinct 2

WALKER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
1100 UNIVERSITY AVE.
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77340
FRANK J. ROBINSON, COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner
JAMES "BUDDY" REYNOLDS
Precinct 3
JOE MALAK, JR.
Precinct 4

July 24, 1991

To the Good Shepherd Mission:

I was born and reared in Walker County and I have been closely associated with those trying to help the needy, all my life.

I have always appreciated the concern of the citizens of Huntsville and Walker County attempting to assist the needy of our community.

We have not always had a vehicle such as the Good Shepherd Mission to help others. I was glad to see the Good Shepherd Mission come into being. It has proven to be one of the most important vehicles to offer assistance for so many people in various different needs as serving as your County Judge.

I am able to observe so many needs of the people being met through the Good Shepherd Mission; in the way of food, shelter, clothing and so many other things that contribute to the very essence of humanity.

I have always been glad to support the Mission, as so many others have done with our time, talents and finances.

This has been a community project supported by so many that only the master of the universe has a list of all the contributors. We appreciate the vision of Beulah East and the other directors for their devotion, dedication and leadership, which along with so many others are responsible for the Good Shepherd Mission coming into being.

Sincerely,


Frank J. Robinson
County Judge
Walker County

FJR/tes

Walker County

Huntsville, Texas 77340

(409) 291-9500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1987

Dear Miss East:

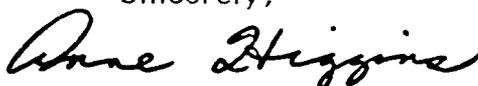
On behalf of President Reagan, I want to acknowledge your message and thank you for telling him about your organization.

We hope you will understand that because so many worthwhile endeavors come to the attention of the President, it is necessary to decline the majority of these requests for support. This is not a reflection of the President's support of one project over another, but a policy that is required by the volume of incoming requests of this nature.

President Reagan is always encouraged by the efforts of organizations like yours to assist others.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Miss Beulah East
Chairperson
The Good Shepherd Mission
Post Office Box 7281
Huntsville, TX 77340

BACKGROUND OF
THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION
BY
MORRIS I. WALLER
MAYOR-CITY OF HUNTSVILLE
APRIL 1972 - APRIL 1981

The City of Huntsville has, to my knowledge, always been concerned about its indigent residents and transient persons. In the decade of the 1970's, caring for these persons was primarily a function of the local unit of the Salvation Army, of which I served as Chairman.

In 1972, the citizens of Huntsville, by popular vote, adopted the City Manager form of government. Its formal implementation in 1972 vested the responsibility for direct management of city functions in the city manager, the first of which was Mr. Jim McAlister. Mr. McAlister was a strong proponent of individual responsibility, but also a person of much compassion.

During his administration of some ten years, the Community Organization for Missionary Endeavor, or COME organization was established as a viable agency for the distribution of clothing to needy persons. The COME organization was established initially as an emergency relief clothing agency by the local First Methodist Church, and it subsequently grew into other functions, including the distribution of financial aid.

The Salvation Army local unit and the COME organization served as the indigent aid source for the community along with direct individual church aid for almost twenty years prior to the founding of the Good Shepherd Mission in 1984. The Salvation Army paid for inexpensive lodging, food, and financial aid on a limited basis. Its budget was usually about \$3,000 per year, two thirds of which had to be sent to the regional headquarters in Dallas for national and regional work. The balance of \$1,000 was the annual budget for indigent aid for over twenty years. The need was always greater than funds available, and as the community grew, the need for other funding sources became apparent to all associated with this endeavor.

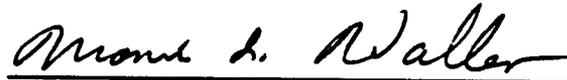
At the beginning of the 1980's, the community leadership was made aware that more had to be done to adequately serve the need of a growing community toward its less fortunate. Dr. Gary Bonner, of the First Baptist Church and the Reverend Tom Holcomb of the First United Methodist Church called a meeting in the Flag Room of the First National Bank of interested community leaders. I attended that meeting and from it the Good Shepherd Mission was conceived and evolved into its expanded concept of today.

The development of the Good Shepherd Mission is a process of which Huntsville citizens can be justifiably proud. From its conceptual and formal beginnings in 1983, it has become today a four phase assistance vehicle. It provides daily hot meals, bulk food distribution to needy families, lodging as required for up to fifty persons per night, and a "Thrift Shop" which provides clothes free of charge to those who require it and at a nominal charge to those who are below the poverty level.

The Good Shepherd Mission provides all the citizens of Huntsville a medium to make useful contributions of money, clothing, old furniture, food, and volunteered time for distribution in a supervised and orderly manner. It has indeed become the benevolent conscience of the community rendering a valuable service to literally thousands annually.

The Mission is the result of continued progressive thinking about how better to serve those in need in the Huntsville area. Credit for this goes to so many persons it would be impossible to name them, but it is clear that only divine inspiration can account for the good projected by those who participate in whatever manner to make the Mission a success in its endeavors.

July 23, 1991



Morris I. Waller
Morris I. Waller
Mayor Emeritus
City of Huntsville
(Serving April 1968-1972
Councilperson)
(Serving April 1972-1981 Mayor)

**GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION
FUND RAISER STORY**

The hungry, homeless persons who found themselves in a temporary crisis situation continued to come to Good Shepherd Mission in ever increasing numbers seeking assistance, making it evident, beyond a doubt, that more space was needed urgently in order to serve these people to meet their needs. Lack of space and inadequate facilities made it impossible to give more than band-aid quality help to those who asked for assistance.

The Good Shepherd Mission board projected a two-story dormitory type building attached to the existing re-sale store would be the least expensive to build that would meet the needs of Good Shepherd Mission.

The estimated cost to construct that building was approximately \$225,000. The BIG question was, where and how soon could we get \$225,000? People are hungry and homeless now plus other critical needs.

The attached newspaper article tells about a vision that came to Beulah East that led to obtaining two \$80,000 grants, plus the \$40,000 matching and challenge funds that had to be raised locally in order to qualify for the two grants. The \$20,000 on hand, raised from other fund raisers, could not be counted, as the \$40,000 had to be raised after the conditional grant offers were issued. Thanks to the people of Huntsville and Walker County the funds were raised.

Thanks, also, are due to the many out of town friends and relatives of local residents, plus any other persons who contributed to this worthwhile project. Gifts were received from other states as well as other Texas towns that included a generous donation from the former First Lady, Mrs. Lyndon B. (Lady Bird) Johnson.

Presented by:

Beulah East

Beulah East

**Fund Raiser Chairperson and
Good Shepherd Mission Board Member**

'Shepherds' seek funds for new Mission facility

By NELDA WOODALL
Item Staff

Beulah East's vision to build a new facility for the Good Shepherd Mission will become a reality if the Good Shepherd Board of Directors raises \$40,000 by Oct. 15.

The directors need that amount to match grants East has obtained to build a 48-foot by 64-foot dormitory-type building. If the money is not raised by Oct. 15, the mission will lose the grants.

East, a member of the board and a tireless civic worker, said she woke up in the middle of the night in early 1986 "with a vision to start this building project."

The vision was to give everybody in Walker County an opportunity to contribute to the building project, East said. She took her idea to a board meeting and it was approved. East was named "Project Build for Love" chairwoman.

In May 1986, the board distributed a brochure throughout the county explaining the project and asking for donations. Names of donors were recorded in a book and will be placed in the cornerstone vault when the new building is constructed.

Some funds were raised, but East said the directors soon realized that "we needed some big money to get the building built sooner in order to relieve some of the suffering of the homeless and the poor."

East saw the need for grants to help fund the cost of a new facility. Although she had never applied for one, she checked out library books on the subject, then began making applications. She was successful. Last February, Project Build for Love received an \$80,000 matching grant from the Meadows Foundation in Dallas. Last month the project was awarded an \$80,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Tulsa, Okla.

But, unless \$40,000 is raised by Oct. 15, the building project will lose the grants.

The proposed new building, with a total project cost of \$221,500, would be constructed on the site of the present facility at 1005 Ave. F and would join the re-sale shop.

The urgent need of the Good Shepherd Mission is more space. The present building has less than 900 square feet of space to feed and lodge people. At times, there have been as many as 30 people housed overnight, sleeping on pallets in every room, according to East.

The Good Shepherd Mission of Huntsville opened in June 1984. Figures through June 1987 show the mission has provided lodging for 9,613 people, served 29,063 meals and has given food and clothing to 14,421 members in 5,144 families.

The proposed new facility would accommodate approximately 60 people. The first floor of the two-story building would contain a dining room, kitchen, community food pantry, apartment for the night supervisor, two family bedrooms, laundry room, 3½ bathrooms, office and storage space.

The second floor would contain a women's dormitory and bathroom and a men's dormitory and bathroom. Also, plans include three family bedrooms, two additional bathrooms, linen closet and hallway.

The budget for the project is as follows:

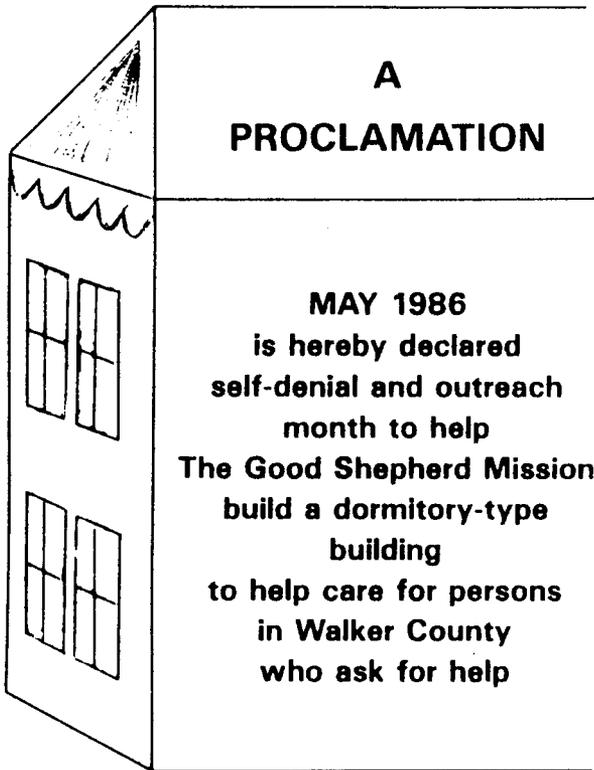
- Building, \$150,000.
- Furniture and equipment. \$45,000.
- Sidewalks, driveways and parking lot, \$12,000.
- Landscaping and dirt work, \$500.
- Enlargement of re-sale store. \$12,500.
- Ceiling fans, insulation and heat for resale store, \$1,000.

The above article was published in the Huntsville Item in July 1986 as a Kick-Off to raise the \$40,000 needed to qualify for the two \$80,000 grants. \$50,000, plus, was raised.

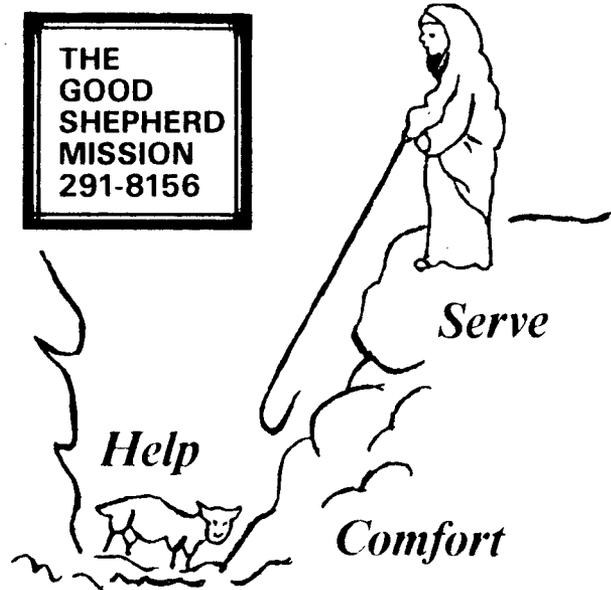
FIRST FUNDRAISING BROCHURE

TO INITIATE THE FIRST FUNDRAISER, 1800 COPIES OF THIS BROCHURE WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PROSPECTIVE DONORS.

PROJECT BUILD FOR LOVE



**THE
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Charles Powell
ADMINISTRATOR

Walt Davis
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Beulah East
CHAIRPERSON - PROJECT BUILD

Jane Monday
MAYOR OF HUNTSVILLE

Russ C. Davis Jr.
JUDGE OF WALKER COUNTY

An Insight about helping the poor:

... 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And When did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'
Matthew 25:37-40

WHY PROJECT BUILD FOR LOVE?

Who of us has been hungry and without money for food or did not know where the next meal might come from? Who of us has had no bed to sleep in or felt abandoned, hopeless, unloved and unwanted?

If we have never experienced the pain of these situations, **Thank God!** If we have experienced this pain and have been able to overcome it, **Thank God!**

Then, please, read this pamphlet carefully to find out how we in Walker County can join heart and hand with **THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION** to provide temporary lodging, food, clothing, Christian counseling, fellowship, referral and an opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The urgent need of **THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION** at this time is a dormitory type building to provide larger dining and lodging facilities.

OTHER NEEDS

A larger store building, sidewalks, driveways, and retirement of existing loan.

WHY SELF-DENIAL AND OUTREACH?

Many Walker County residents live below the poverty line and find themselves in need of help.

People of all ages, races, and stations in life pass through Huntsville. Many of them need assistance before traveling on.

We urge all Walker County residents to join **PROJECT BUILD FOR LOVE.**

We think anyone can make the minimum donation by self-denial: fast, have some meatless meals, do with fewer treats, give up a social event, use allowance, or find a way to earn a little extra money. **THE CHOICE IS OURS.**

By denying ourselves some of the comforts and pleasures of life we are saying to those less fortunate than we that we love them and care about their well being.

*Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels un-
awares.*

Hebrews 13:1,2

HOW CAN I HELP?

Be sure my name and my family's names are in the **Corner Stone Vault** of the new building.

For a small tax-deductible donation the names of individuals, businesses, groups and organizations will be listed alphabetically in each of three books: one for the **Corner Stone Vault** of the new building, one for display at the Mission and one stored for safe keeping.

The history of **THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION** and other information will be put in the books. These books will be of historic value and interest to the people of Walker County.

It is our goal to place the name of each and every man, woman and child living in Walker County in these books; also, each business, organization and group.

We want Walker County to be 100% in our effort to help those in need.



*"You also must help us by prayer."
2 Cor. 1, 11*

TO SUBMIT NAMES

- On a sheet of paper, type or print (plainly) names as they are to appear in the books.
- Enclose telephone number or a source where information may be gotten if there is a question. We want all names listed correctly in the books.
- Make checks payable to:
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION
- Send **names** and **donations** to:
Good Shepherd Mission
P.O. Box 6721
Huntsville, TX 77340
or
Mail or take to any of the five banks in Huntsville or the New Waverly bank.

Minimum Donations Are:

Under 18 years of age\$ 5
Students\$ 5
Over 18 years of age\$10
Churches, groups, businesses, clubs, and organizations\$25
*Same rate for memorials	

Larger donations will be gratefully accepted.

"For God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Cor. 9:7"

SEE AND SERVE

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION opened its doors for service June 14, 1984. From that date to March 31, 1986, note the See and Serve record:

Meals served	15,501
Lodging	5,713
Families	1,853
Total individuals	6,203

Average monthly services:

Transient gas	\$183
Bus tickets	\$125
Food vouchers	\$252
Laundry	225 washings

The building housing **THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION** at 1005 Avenue F was a **God Send**, but the number of people needing help has grown so rapidly that much more space is needed if they are to be cared for in an orderly, respectful and efficient manner.

We propose to construct a two-story dormitory-type building approximately 50' x 50' on the sight of the existing building.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION?

Official officers

Mr. Walt Vinson
First Presbyterian Church
Chairman of the Board
Mr. Stan Taft
Huntsville State Park Superintendent
Vice-Chairman of the Board
Mrs. Audrey Guerrant
Salvation Army
Secretary
Mr. Morris Waller
President, Sam Houston National Bank
Fiscal Officer

Board Members

Mr. John Amick
First Baptist Church
Mr. Frank Stivers
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Mrs. Beulah East
Church Women United
Rev. Marvin L. Jiles
Ministerial Alliance
Dr. John Holcomb
C.O.M.E.
Mrs. Dorothy O'Bannon
Family Life Christian Fellowship
Mr. H.W. O'Bannon
Faith Outreach Fellowship
Mrs. Mary Vinson
A.A.R.P.
Mrs. Jan Waller
United Methodist Women
Mrs. Nan Kennedy
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
Mrs. Marjorie Westbrook
Unitarian
Mr. Edward C. Welsch
Unitarian
Rev. Robert Thompson
Ministerial Alliance
Mrs. LuElen Gibbs
First Christian Church
Mrs. Linda Florke
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



The State of Texas

SECRETARY OF STATE

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the attached is a true and correct copy of the following described instruments on file in this office:

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

Articles of Incorporation

December 5, 1983



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin, this

26th day of July, A. D. 19 85

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Secretary of State

Benediction - August 20, 1988

Dedication of Good Shepherd Mission Huntsville, Texas 77340

Peace to this House, and to all who enter here!

**Come, Lord God, we beg you, shower your Benediction and Grace
upon all who come through this House built in your Name.
Fill this place with your love, joy and peace!**

**Blessed are you, Almighty Creator, for you shelter us
from all that homelessness and lack of place can mean.
Blessed are you, Good Samaritan, for you fill us
with strength and security, with care and compassion
to overcome fear, helplessness and despair,
indifference, mistrust and hard-heartedness.**

**Eternal Shepherd,
may this House which we dedicate to your Glory
be a source of confidence, dignity and encouragement
for all to whom we reach out in your Name.
To those who follow you, Lord Jesus Christ,
may this Mission be monument and an expression
of the hospitality and service which we are called to practice
in accordance with your teaching and example.**

**We ask your Blessing on all whose generosity and work
has made it possible to build and maintain this House of Hope.
May our benefactors & workers continue to grow in your love,
and may their kindness be returned to them many times over.**

**Finally, we entrust to your mercy and care
the most disadvantaged of our brothers and sisters:
the poor & lowly, the sick & unemployed, the hungry & homeless,
the bitter and the confused. the elderly and the little ones.
To them belong the Kingdom which we hope to share!
May we be as caring and compassionate
to the least of our brothers and sisters,
as you shall be to us in that eternal home
where we hope to live with you forever. AMEN.**

**Rev. Father Moises Cabrera
St. Thomas Catholic Church**

HISTORY OF GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

Thank you all for inviting me to be a part of this. This is a historic day, an exciting day, and a day to thank God for his very special blessings. You can not understand the Good Shepherd Mission unless you understand two things: First, the spiritual base, and second, the teamwork. The idea is as old as two thousand years. Jesus said in Matthew 25 to give a cup of cold water, to help the poor, to help the hungry, to visit those in prison and he said, "When you do this, you do this in my name." We caught up with it in the Ministerial Alliance about 1978 and 1979. As the recession was deepening in America, people were coming from the northern part of this country. We saw many from Detroit, Michigan. And almost every meeting once a month by the ministers of this city would come to the conclusion that we needed to do more than a simple bandaid ministry to these people. This discussion occurred for a number of years. And we said, "Something needs to be done distinctly Christian, distinctly compassionate and distinctly for the cause of Christ, because he loves persons and he said, 'Love your neighbor.'" On October 6, 1981 documents were sent to the Ministerial Alliance for study. On February 2, 1983, a committee composed of Jerry Johnston, Ron Petty and Gary Bonner adopted the documents that gave guidelines for the Mission to be operated under. On April 7, 1983, the first organizational meeting of interested persons was held at the Flag Room of the First National Bank. On May 4, 1983, Gary Bonner was elected Chairman of the Board of Good Shepherd Mission. He served in that capacity until February 17, 1986. On December 5, 1983, the Articles of Incorporation were received from the Secretary of the State. Now April 2, 1984 is a very important date. If you want to write these dates, this particular one stands out, April 2, 1984. First of all, we voted to purchase this property from Dora Lee Ferguson and I want to give a special thanksgiving to Dora Lee for allowing us to purchase this property. We used it extensively, I think. Through the years, there were approximately 10,000 to 12,000 persons who

slept here or who were fed here. Also on that date Charlie Powell was called as our first director, official director of the Good Shepherd Mission and you have already heard what a wonderful job that he did. On August 1, 1985 Percy Pace led us in our first fundraising activity across the city. In July 1983, the United Way had approved \$1,900 for the first year and since then they have given about \$10,000 to \$11,000 each year.

Robert Kennedy popularized a quote from George Bernard Shaw, that I have loved, and it has been a part of my heart. It said, "Some men see things as they are and they say, 'Why?' I dream things that never were and say, 'Why not?'" I am also reminded of a passage of scripture that said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This is evidence of God's work. Spirituality, teamwork of volunteers who love the Lord, who love people and want to help people in his name. And my prayer is that God will continue to bless as I think he will in much greater ways in the future.

My prayer is for Walt Vincent, for Ed Schauer and for all of those who have a part and may God Bless You and thank you for letting me be a part.

This is the history of Good Shepherd Mission presented by Rev. Gary Bonner, pastor of First Baptist Church of Huntsville, at the dedication service of Good Shepherd Mission August 20, 1988, as transcribed from a video tape of the dedication service.

Video tape recorded and released by H. W. O'Bannon

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YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME

The giving of birth to the Good Shepherd Mission, by the pastors and leaders of Walker County, was one of the greatest things that could have happened to the residents of Walker County.

The years 1984 to 1987 were one of the greatest experiences that I have had in my twenty-seven years in the ministry. Not only because of the great people that I was associated with, county judges, Mayor, doctors, teachers, college professors, policemen, sheriff department, and the public supporters of the Good Shepherd Mission, but the ministry within itself. There was a fulfillment of satisfaction of serving those that were in need. There was so much to learn from those that came through the doors of the Good Shepherd Mission, about the LOVE OF GOD. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve those three years. It will be an experience that I shall never forget. It was such a great joy working with the Board of Directors and the great leaders of Walker County, and especially Mrs. Beulah East.

I do not believe those that gave birth to the Good Shepherd Mission realized that there was such a great need.

Those that were served during my administration were: (1) Those that passed through Huntsville, Texas. (2) The battered wives and rape victims (I am thankful that the Good Shepherd Mission had a vital part in the opening of the home for battered women). (3) Those that were associated with M.H.M.R. The Good Shepherd Mission never turned away anyone from M.H.M.R. In fact the Mission provided a home for several. (4) The residents of Walker County. Sixteen percent of those served by the Mission were sixty years of age and older.

Approximately two years after the birth of the Good Shepherd Mission, we had served 1,127 families which consisted of 6,440 members, lodged 5,996 and served 16,486 meals. A total of 1,127 families received food baskets, some utilities, medical assistance, gasoline, bus tickets, counseling and spiritual guidance.

When we are obedient to God's Word, blessings will flow. "For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me me: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." (Matthew 25: 35-36). Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when did these things happen? "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40).



Brother Charles Powell
Administrator 1984-1987

BUDGET FOR GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION PROJECT

Phase I

One 48' x 64' two story dormitory-type building \$150,000.00

Phase II

Furniture and Equipment 45,000.00

Sidewalks, Driveways, and Parking Lot 12,000.00

Landscaping and Dirtwork 500.00

Re-sale Store

- Enlargement 12,500.00

- Ceiling Fans, Insulation and Heat 1,000.00

\$221,000.00

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Ms. Beulah N. East
% Good Shepherd Mission
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Dear Ms. East:

I wish to applaud your personal efforts and the imagination and hard work of the many individuals which have resulted in the present ministry of the Good Shepherd Mission. I believe that you have understood, as children of the royal family of God, the statement by our brother James, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, 'To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.'"

While I can think of hundreds of Christians who helped in the development of the Good Shepherd Mission, the following should receive special mention: Beulah, you yourself have been our "guiding light;" it has been your vision which has served as both our guide and sustenance. Charles Powell brought with him the determination that the love of Jesus commandment must be translated into action; without him the Mission probably would not exist today. I am sure that the administrative expertise and loving patience of Walt Vinson, chairperson of the Board of Directors during the Mission's developmental and building years, was at times sorely tested both by my impulsive spirit and in his guiding and monitoring of all the changes being made. I thank Walt for his firm, sweet spirit.

Richard Elliot, as night manager, helped the Mission through some particularly rough times. Tom Chambers and Irene Richards should be credited with most of the positive developments at the Mission during my administration: They made the suggestions, they did the work, however most people gave me the credit.

Since I left the employment of the Mission in August of 1989, I have purposely remained uninvolved in its ministry so as not to intrude in the management of the succeeding administration. I have in the meantime heard only good reports regarding the loving ministry of the people at the Good Shepherd Mission.

A few years ago, the Mission Board of Directors suggested that I visit missions in other cities in order to get ideas that might aid in improving the Good Shepherd Mission. At this time in history, I believe that other missions wanting to improve their programs would do well to visit with John Milton and Irene Richards, because the Good Shepherd Mission is probably the nation's bellwether in the providing of professional ministry to the poor.

You people who support the Good Shepherd Mission remind me of your Father because your ministry reflects His character in the following ways:

(the God of Jacob)
"Who executes justice for the oppressed;
Who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord raises up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord protects the strangers;
He supports the fatherless and the widow;
-- Psalm 146

Thank you for allowing me to work with you!

Cordially,

Ed

Edward J. Schauer, Ph.D.

OPERATION OF GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION SHELTER

Good Shepherd Mission began operation with three primary objectives:

- 1. To provide food on an emergency basis to those persons who are in need.**
- 2. To provide clothing for local indigent persons.**
- 3. To provide emergency shelter to persons and families who are homeless.**

The focus of this article is on the operation of the Good Shepherd Mission emergency shelter.

In June of 1984, Good Shepherd Mission began its operation and since that time, through June of 1991, has provided overnight lodging to 17,948 persons.

Good Shepherd Mission is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to handle emergency situations. Normally a person who comes to the Mission for lodging should sign-in before 9:30 p.m., but legitimate emergencies are handled at any time.

The normal length of stay at the mission is limited to three days. During this time, any person staying at the Mission is expected to be seeking employment or otherwise attempting to solve their housing situation. They are also expected to help in the day-to-day tasks of maintaining the Mission in a clean and orderly state. Obviously, a three day limit does not allow sufficient time for a person to find employment, get paid for working and obtain adequate housing. However, if the individual involved shows genuine effort at solving their housing problem, then Good Shepherd Mission will work with the person and be as flexible as possible in this policy.

Many kinds of situations occur which force people to seek shelter at the Mission. Some of the most typical are divorce, people evicted from rental property for non-payment of rent, loss of job or other source of income and not being able to pay rent or mortgage payment, being stranded in Walker County due to car trouble, parents

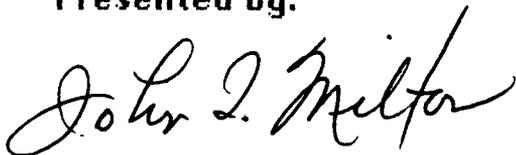
evicting teenage children from their homes, elderly or disabled persons not receiving their SSI/Social Security check and homeless persons who are transients passing through Walker County. Those who have sought shelter at the Mission range from the engineer with a Masters Degree to the refugee from El Salvador who is trying to find a place to live and work to support a family to the mother with six children whose husband suddenly disappeared leaving them with no income.

The Mission could accommodate as many as sixty people in one night, if necessary, but normally averages around five or six persons a night. The largest usage has come during times when a hurricane or tropical storm is threatening the coast of Texas and people have fled inland to escape the storm. Another time of heavy usage is typically during especially cold nights during the winter months. The lightest usage of the shelter facilities is during the summer months.

A person who is residing at the Mission, is furnished hot meals, all linens, shower facilities, washer and dryer facilities, personal hygiene articles (if necessary) and referral service to other public service agencies or counseling if appropriate. These services are provided at no cost to the individual or family.

Walker County residents should be proud of the facilities that they have provided for the homeless of their area. Good Shepherd Mission is one of the nicest and best maintained facilities of this nature in all of Texas and should provide this essential service to its people for years to come.

Presented by:



John Milton
Director, Good Shepherd Mission



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Subject: GSM Report for August 1991.

	August 1991	YTD 1991	Av/Mon 1991	Total 1990	Av/Mon 1990
Families served	545	4,331	541	6,714	560
No. in Family	1,301	10,448	1,306	17,887	1,491
Food Bank (Persons)	1,121	8,985	1,123	12,313	1,026
Clothing (Articles)	5,535	43,819	5,477	60,123	5,010
Gasoline	\$175.00	\$1,360.50	\$170.06	\$1,360.00	\$113.33
Bus	\$185.00	\$1,341.00	\$167.63	\$1,032.31	\$86.03
Medical	\$152.00	\$1,212.83	\$151.60	\$577.19	\$48.10
Furniture	18	129	16	184	15
Lodging	136	1,198	150	2,408	201
Meals Served	1,065	9,082	1,135	12,893	1,075

June 14, 1984 through August 31, 1991.

Lodging	18,220
Meals	76,946
Families	28,539
Persons in family	77,723

Respectfully submitted,

**John T. Milton, Director
September 3rd, 1991**

The
Good
Shepherd
Mission

Jesus said,
"I came that
they may
have life, and
have it
abundantly,
I am the good
shepherd."
Jn. 10:10,11

Services
provided by
the mission:

Daily Hot Meals

Food Bank

Temporary
Lodging

Clothing

Medical Aid

Transportation

Furniture

Referrals

Christian
Counselling

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GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION FOOD BANK

I first became aware of the need for a volunteer to distribute food through the food bank one morning a week in 1987. At that time the food bank was located in a donated warehouse on Highway 75 South, over 2 1/2 miles from the mission. Each applicant for the food bank had to qualify for assistance before a food voucher was issued. Then the client was directed to one of several locations to receive food. Several area churches also had emergency food pantries. It was not uncommon for people to walk from the mission to the food pantry to receive a 3 day supply of food. Some who came had to sit and rest before returning home with their food. Some who asked for food had not eaten for several meals. On the back of each voucher was listed what food the client received! Eventually the food bank was moved on premises on Avenue F near 11th Street.

In August 1988 we moved into our present new facility and the total number of people seeking food assistance dramatically increased. Tom Chambers contacted local churches and encouraged them to quarterly be responsible for collecting basic food items of beans, rice, powdered milk, cereals, canned meats and peanut butter for distribution through the food bank. We are no longer serving just people in crisis but many low income residents of Walker County who have become dependent upon the food bank to supplement their basic food needs with a meager bag of groceries once a month.

Twice I can recall the food bank shelves were empty. The first time was when the demands exceeded our supply. This crisis was met by the Junior Service League who has chosen the food bank as their service project and within minutes delivered a generous amount of food. The second time was in December 1988 when the demands for food far exceeded our supply. The shelves were empty. The citizens of Walker County immediately responded, everyone received food and our shelves restocked. The citizens of Walker County have become aware of the purpose of the Good Shepherd Mission and have supported our work generously.

What does it take to provide a bag of groceries for 1150 people

a month? It takes the dedication of at least 12 food bank volunteers who give about 140 hour a month to provide bags of groceries for distribution. It takes the citizens of Huntsville who donate the food to fill these bags or give money so staple items can be purchased. It takes the cooperation of local churches who support the mission with food, financial support and prayers. It takes "Jake" Jacobs to Krogers and Apple Tree daily to pick up the items they donate such as day old baked goods, dairy products and salvage items. These donations do much to alleviate hunger in Walker County. It takes Carol Larson to purchase staples, collect and sort donated food and coordinate providing bags of groceries to about 1150 individuals monthly. It takes the assistance of Bev Freelan and Eloise Leonard to fill bags with the basic items of rice, dry beans, powdered milk, peanut butter or tuna and macaroni and cheese dinners. It takes food bank volunteers to distribute the filled bags and add the items donated from local grocery stores.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.
I was a stranger and you invited me in.
I needed clothes and you clothed me."

Matt 25:35-36. NIU

It takes many dedicated volunteers to fulfill the purpose of the Good Shepherd Mission.

The Good Shepherd Mission is a non profit organization formed and supported by area churches to help people in crisis by providing short term assistance with basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter.

Twice daily hot meals are served. Between June 1, 1984 when the mission started to May 31, 1991, 73,574 meals have been served. The kitchen usually does not prepare food but serves food donated from the Huntsville Memorial Hospital and area restaurants. Krogers and Apple Tree donate their day old baked goods and dairy products. Local residents often donate the oversupply from their gardens.

Holiday time at the Mission is very special. The true spirit of giving

is very evident. Local students conduct food drives. The college uses their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony as a time to collect food for the food bank. Local businesses have given generously. We must not overlook "the best cooks in Huntsville" who usually bring in fully cooked dinners to the mission at Thanksgiving and Christmas to be served to those who have no family to spend the holidays with. One Christmas two students were stranded at the mission several days due to an ice storm. They witnessed the giving spirit of Huntsville.

During Hurricane Gilbert in 1988 our dormitory was filled almost to capacity when the Texas coast was evacuated. The next morning a phone call to volunteers was placed and additional food was obtained as well as a translator. The mission has become a temporary home to fire victims, stranded travelers, a foreigner injured in a traffic accident, several discharged from the hospital with no place to go. How thankful Huntsville is to have such a beautiful facility to care for the less fortunate. It takes a large staff of dedicated volunteers to perform the many services offered at the Good Shepherd Mission.

Prepared by:

Carol Larson

Carol Larson
Volunteer Manager
Good Shepherd Mission Food Bank
four years



AWAITING FOOD DISTRIBUTION



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THRIFT STORE OPERATION

One of three primary functions of GSM is to furnish clothing to the indigent of Walker County. This objective is fulfilled by allowing persons who are eligible for assistance to receive six pieces of free clothing per month from the Thrift Store. As an example, a family of five would receive thirty articles of clothing per month. This includes shoes and all other essential articles of clothing. During the winter months, each eligible person may receive a free coat.

GSM derives about 35-40% of its total annual operating budget from its Thrift Store operation. This is achieved by selling not only clothing articles, but virtually any type of household goods, including furniture, appliances, bedding and table ware. This operation is a benefit to GSM clients in two ways. Not only does it help support the overall operation of GSM, it also allows persons living on a low income to purchase needed items at a reduced cost.

One other function of GSM is achieved through the Thrift Store. Clients who are victims of disasters, such as a fire, and other emergency situations, are given essential household items free of charge.

This entire operation is made possible through donations of clothing and household goods by the people of Huntsville and the surrounding area. Without a constant flow of these donations, GSM could not possible continue the Thrift Store operation at its present level. GSM will accept virtually any type of clothing

and household goods and will give the donor a tax-deductible contribution receipt for these articles. In addition, GSM will pickup, free of charge, usable appliances and household goods. The only stipulation on donations is that clothing articles should be clean and in usable condition and that appliances be operating, since at present, we have no repair facilities.

The Thrift Store operation, like all functions of GSM, is heavily dependent on volunteers. The mission has a faithful group of regular volunteers, some who have served GSM for several years. These volunteers sort, size and hang all clothing. In addition, this group of workers sort and arrange all bedding articles, small appliances and other goods that are donated to GSM. Their job is perhaps the hardest of all who give their time and energy to help achieve the goals of GSM. The paid staff in the Thrift Store consists of two part-time employees, all other work is performed by this group of dedicated volunteers.

Here are some statistics on what the Thrift Store accomplished during an average month in 1991:

Articles of FREE clothing.....	5,469
Families receiving FREE household goods.....	16
Income generated for GSM.....	\$3,422.55

Prepared by:


Dorothy O'Bannon

Mrs. O'Bannon has served in various capacities as a volunteer at GSM since its inception in 1984.

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

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Volunteers at Good Shepherd Mission

Volunteers are the backbone of the day-to-day operation of the mission. Without their constant support and effort it would be difficult, if not impossible, to operate the mission at the current level.

During an average month, from 400-500 families receive food packets from GSM. These families include 1300-1500 individuals. 5000-6000 articles of clothing are distributed to about 1000 individuals. 1200-1400 hot meals are served each month in our kitchen. About 200 people each month receive emergency lodging. In addition to these basic services, GSM also provides emergency assistance with bus tickets, gasoline and prescription/medical/dental bills.

It is the dedicated group of about 50 regular volunteers at GSM that makes it possible for this wide range of services to be provided on a continuing basis. Volunteers work in virtually every area at the mission.

Volunteers in our Food Bank/Pantry work an average of one or two days each week. They pre-package staple food items that are donated to the Food Bank from local churches, individuals and

businesses. They bag groceries according to the size of families who receive assistance. These groceries are then distributed by other volunteers who work the Food Bank on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings each week. These groceries are also distributed on an emergency basis, at any time, to persons who come to the mission seeking food. In addition to these pre-packaged staple goods, such as beans, rice, macaroni/cheese dinners, powdered milk, canned meats and vegetables, each person usually receives bakery products which are donated to GSM by local grocery stores. In addition, most clients receive dairy products, juices, yogurt, eggs and butter, depending on availability. This entire operation is normally handled by volunteers.

Another area where volunteers are extremely vital is in our Thrift Store. This is the area where all clothing and household goods are received, sorted and distributed. The Thrift Store both sells merchandise and distributes it free of charge to those who qualify for assistance. A large part of the sorting of clothing, to determine sizes and usability, is done by volunteers. This is one of the most difficult and demanding of all the volunteer jobs at GSM. The Thrift Store operates Monday through Saturday each week and it is the volunteers, primarily, who keep the donated articles of clothing and household goods available and stocked in our store. We also have a volunteer who repairs appliances that are donated to GSM.

GSM receives food, from area businesses and Huntsville

Memorial Hospital, that is used in our hot meals program and this food is often picked up by volunteers. Volunteers often come to the mission to help with the two meals we serve each day.

Another essential service that is performed by volunteers is working in the reception/office area. These persons answer phone inquiries, fill out applications for assistance and issue vouchers for the services GSM provides. On an average day, these volunteers will deal with 50-75 clients who come seeking assistance. These are the volunteers who usually make a determination about whether GSM can help the person, or if they need to be referred to another service agency.

Another area of service that is indispensable to GSM operation is maintenance. Most repair work, building, additions, painting and work of this kind is done by volunteers. We have a number of people who have faithfully performed these jobs over the years that GSM has been operating.

Another area of assistance by volunteers is clerical work. Every organization has this type of necessary work and a large part of the routine office work is done by volunteers. This includes typing/computer work, letter writing and bulk mail-outs.

One final area in which volunteers are essential is serving on the governing body, the Board of Directors, of GSM. Many of these dedicated volunteers have served since the inception of the mission. Their jobs have consisted in fund raising, planning, overseeing construction of present facilities, general operating policies, hiring and supervision of personnel-in short, virtually

every aspect of keeping GSM in operation. These volunteers are representatives of the local churches who support GSM.

What does it mean to be a volunteer at GSM? The joy of knowing that the poor and needy of Huntsville and Walker County are not going hungry. It means seeing that a child has a decent pair of shoes to wear to school, or a warm coat in the winter months. It means knowing that our elderly are not sleeping on a bare floor on a cold night, that they have at least a mattress and warm blankets. It means helping a child or an older person with a needed prescription that they otherwise would not be able to get or helping a stranded stranger who needs a meal and a decent place to spend the night. Many of our volunteers do this work simply because they believe that this is what God calls them to do. Whatever their individual reasons, without them, GSM could not possibly accomplish the work that it does today.

Prepared by:

Irene Richards
Irene Richards

Mrs. Richards is a former Director of Good Shepherd Mission during 1989-90 and is presently serving as the Assistant Director. Mrs. Richards also served several years as a volunteer at the mission prior to serving in a staff position.

DONOR LIST

A plan was adopted when fundraising began for the building, to put the donors' names into the cornerstone vault. These names included the donor and anyone the donor wished to honor or memorialize. Individual names, businesses, organizations, and churches are included.

A special thanks to Allan Schneider for preparing this alphabetical list.

INDIVIDUALS

Kelly Wayne Adams
Marie Adams
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Col. & Mrs. John B. Airola, USMC (Ret.)
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Albarran
William E. & Irene L. Albertson
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey L. Albritton
Becky Alexander
Bobby Gene Alexander
Cecillia Jan Alexander
Erin Amanda Alexander
Erin M. Alexander
Jace Ryan Alexander
James Alexander
Domitilla Alfafara
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Allbritton
Andrew Allen
Dana Allen
David R. Allen
Emily Allen
Jan Allen
Jimmy Allen
Julie Allen
Rev. L. Allen
Louise Allen
Milford Allen
Mindy Allen
H.C. & Dorothy Allman
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Mrs. W.W. Amason
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John Amick, Jr.
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Casey Anderson
Jeanne Anderson
Matthew Anderson
Glen & Iona Andrea
Elizabeth Andrews
Bessie Margaret Angel
Earl Walker Angel
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Roy Ayan
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Dr. Martha Bailey
Windell Bailey
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Dixie Baldwin
Benjamin Balentine
David Balentine
Fowler Balentine
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Anthony & Verna Banes
William & Lynette Banik
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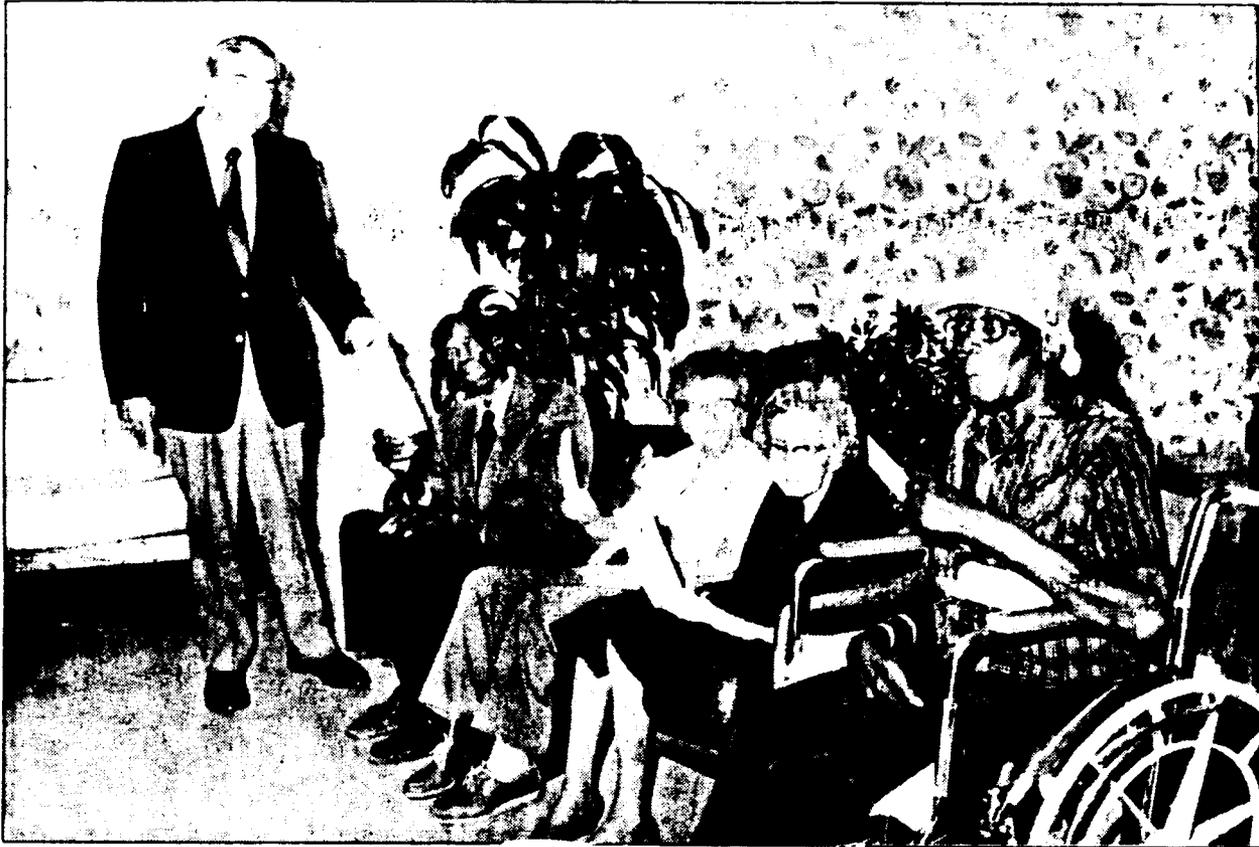
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Outreach month

Mayor Jane Monday and Judge Ralph Davis sign a proclamation declaring the month of May as "Self-Denial and Outreach Month," as, from left, Charles Powell, administrator of

The Good Shepherd Mission of Huntsville, Beulah East, project building chairperson, and Walt Vinson, chairman of the board, look on.



Richard Nira photo

Gift

Good Shepherd Administrator Irene Richards, left, accepts a check for nearly \$800 from Melissa Templeton, president of the Seven Hills Running Club. The check represented the proceeds from the club's annual Charity Mile, sponsored by Whataburger and Wal-Mart.

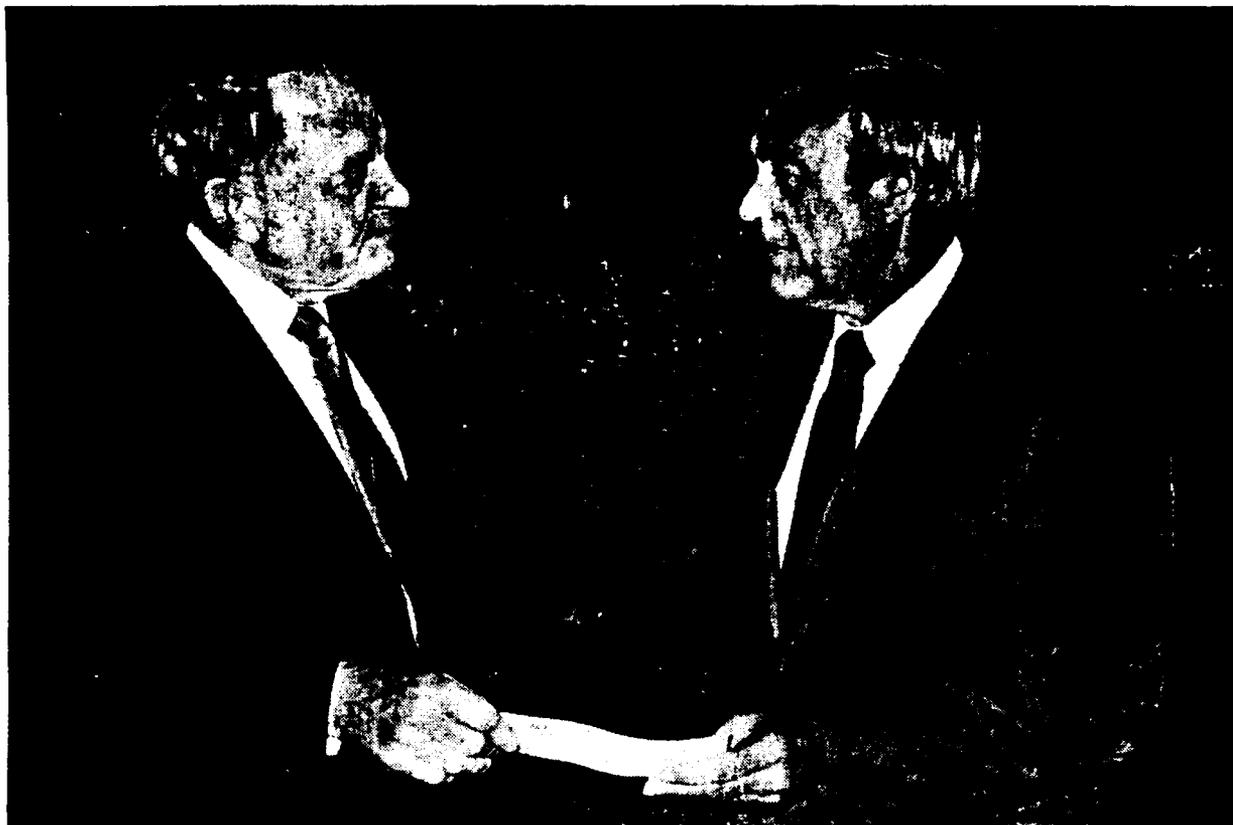


Kathy Fair photo

Check presentation

Beulah East (center), a member of the Good Shepherd Mission's board of directors, accepts a \$100 check from Billie Wells, president of the Sam Houston Club, Telephone Pioneers of America. At left is club member Cecil Grimes who assisted with the hamburger lun-

cheon held to raise money for the mission. East is chairman of the mission's "Build for Love." The mission is still several hundred dollars short of the \$40,000 needed by Oct. 15 as matching funds for grants to construct a new facility.



Nelda Woodall photo

Generous offering

First Presbyterian Pastor Bob Thomson, left, presents a check for nearly \$900 to the Rev. Charles Powell, director of the Good Shepherd Mission. The check represents the offering at First Presbyterian Church after the

Huntsville Handbell Choir Concert Saturday night. The money will be added to the mission's building fund for which approximately \$20,000 has already been raised.

Clubs aid in food drive

By JACQUELINE SORCE
The Huntsville Item

The Huntsville High School Key Club and Interact Club gave a helping hand to Walker County's needy by conducting a food drive.

According to Amanda McMillian, president of the Key Club, the group gathered 60 bags of food and delivered them to the Good Shepherd Mission.

McMillian, a 17-year-old Huntsville High School senior, said officials at the Good Shepherd Mission were surprised at the amount of food the groups were able to gather.

"They were very pleased," she said, "I think they were a little surprised, too."

According to Susan Sanders, co-sponsor of the Interact Club, the club members really gave an all out effort to get the food together.

The Key Club works with the Kiwanis Club and the Interact Club is an extension of the Rotary Club, Sanders said.

"They are service organizations," Sanders added.

Sanders said she really enjoys working with the youth who belong to these organizations.

"These are really active and enthusiastic kids so it is really fun to work with them," she said.

McMillian, who is also the treasurer for Student Council, said the two organizations decided to work together on the project because they thought they could get more accomplished.

"I think we just thought we could get a lot more stuff in if we joined forces," she said.

According to McMillian the drive was called "... the fall food drive and all of the food was donated to the Good Shepherd Mission."



Amanda McMillian, Jeanie Dyer and Jennifer McNutt load food gathered for the food drive.

McMillian said the Key Club presently has approximately 100 members.

Sanders said the Interact Club has approximately 80 members.

"The Interact Club is new to the school — this is only its third year," Sanders added.

McMillian said the clubs were able to receive more food than expected.

"We didn't really try to set any goals this year... we just wanted to get in about 20 or 30 bags and we got 60," she said.

According to Sanders, members of each club went door to door asking for donations for the food drive.

McMillian, who hopes to major in pre-law at Baylor University or Southwestern University, said no one was rude when they went door-to-door and almost everyone donated something.

Sanders said she is proud of the work the clubs have done.

McMillian said she hoped the food drive will be more successful next year.

"I hope they can do even better (next year). I hope they can do better each year," she said.

"Joe Lawson (of The Trophy Shop) had an auction and auctioned off \$1,200 worth of sports paraphernalia. He bought \$1,200 worth of gifts and we wrapped them and delivered them," McMillian said.

Jeanie is also a member of student council.

Co-sponsors for the Key Club are Agnes Holland, who teaches Spanish and Drama, and Helen Farrar, who teaches English and Public Speaking.

Interact co-sponsors are Sanders, who teaches English and Spanish, and Brenda Prestage, who teaches History.

Interact president is 16-year-old Jeanie Dyer, who is also a member of the Student Council.

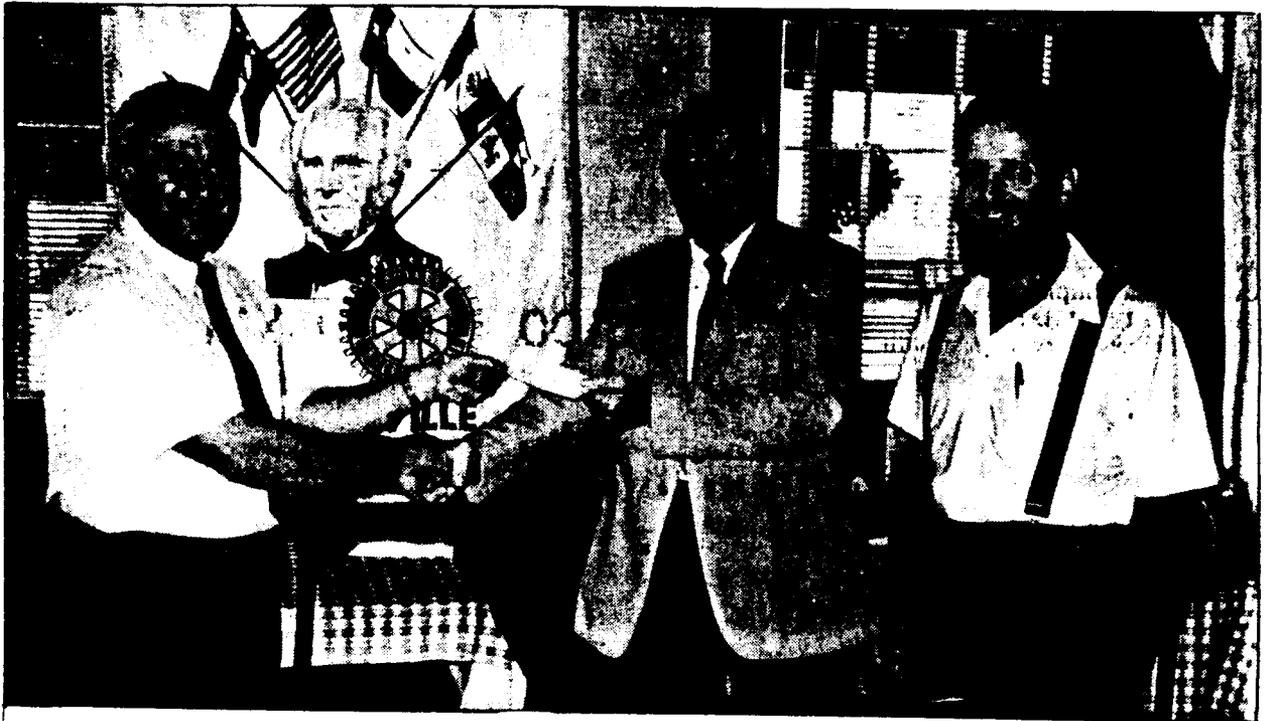


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\$10,000 donated to mission

Beulah East, a member of the Good Shepherd Mission board of directors, presents a \$10,000 check to Morris Waller, board treasurer, as the Rev. Charles Powell, director of the mission, and the Rev. Gary Bonner, board chairman, look on. The money will pay for a new

building recently added to the mission on Avenue F. East also donated the funds for another building at the site. The mission, founded in June 1984, provides temporary lodging, food, clothing, and Christian counsel to those in need.



John Holcombe photo

Check presentation

Sam Houston Rotary Club president Larry Dickens, left, presents a \$250 check to Walt Vinson, president of the Good Shepherd Mission board of directors, for the Good Shepherd Mission building program. At right

is Ed Schauer, mission co-director. Local donations to the building program will be matched by the Meadows Foundation of Dallas. The foundation will give \$2 for every \$1 raised locally.



Stephen Hengst photo

Big Broadcast

Community members will also appear in the 'Big Broadcast of 1987' tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. to benefit the Good Shepherd Mission. These kids rehearse a medley of patriotic songs including "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy" Thursday night.



Stephen Harnett photo

Donation

Carolyn Brown and Linda O'Banion of the Xi Rho Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi write a check for \$100 to present to Ed Schauer, administrator of the Good Shepherd Mission to be used for that organization's building fund. The mission must raise \$40,000 by Oct. 15 in order to qualify for matching funds.

Mission fund-raising successful; new facility planned

Tough times didn't keep the Good Shepherd Mission board from raising enough money to build a new facility. In fact, money is still coming in. The board now has approximately \$55,000 in addition to \$160,000 in grant monies.

The board had to raise \$40,000 by Oct. 15, 1987, or lose two \$80,000 grants. Beulah East, chairman of the mission's Project Build for Love, secured an \$80,000 matching grant from the Meadows Foundation in Dallas, and an \$80,000 challenge grant

Work is expected to begin in early March on the new facility. It will be constructed on the mission's present site at 1005 Ave. F. The mission has moved its operations to a house across the street and will remain there until the new facility is completed.

from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation in Tulsa, Okla.

"I never doubted we could raise \$40,000," East said. "We had a cause."

Funds were raised locally through donations from citizens, churches and businesses. Dona-

tions from citizens ranged from \$1 to \$10,000.

Sustaining memberships brought in \$5,845 and the sale of a trailer owned by the mission brought \$1,500. Additionally, the benefit performance Sept. 25 and 26 of "The Big Broadcast of



Current facility on Avenue F

1987" raised \$4,000.

Work is expected to begin in early March on the new facility, according to Dan Slater, architect. It will be constructed on the mission's present site at 1005 Ave. F. The mission has moved its operations to a house across the street and will remain there until the new facility is completed.

The new facility with its furnishings is expected to cost \$221,500. Walt Vinson, chairman of the mission's board of directors, said the mission still welcomed donations because building

construction always tends to run over budget.

The building, designed to accommodate approximately 60 people, is expected to cost \$150,000. The budget for other items is as follows:

- Furniture and equipment, \$45,000.

- Sidewalks, driveways and parking lot, \$12,000.

- Landscaping and dirt work, \$500.

Additionally, the mission plans to spend \$12,500 to enlarge the resale store and \$1,000 on ceiling

fans, insulation and heat for the store.

The new facility will contain a dining room, kitchen, community food pantry, apartment for the night supervisor, five family bedrooms, men's dormitory and women's dormitory, laundry room, 5½ bathrooms, office and storage space.

The Good Shepherd Mission opened in June 1984. Figures through December 1987 show that it has lodged 10,700 people and served 33,000 meals.

Good Shepherd Mission gets new start



Stephanie Davis photos

Participants of the Good Shepherd Mission ground breaking are from right to left: Beulah East, mission board of directors member; Dan

Slater, architect; Dick Deller of Wagner Construction; Walt Vinson, mission chairman of the board; and Mayor Jane Monday.

By **STEPHANIE DAVIS**
Item Staff

The day administrators, directors and volunteers of the Good Shepherd Mission had been waiting for finally came Wednesday — ground was broken for the mission's new facility.

"(Today) is a day we have been waiting for, for a long time," said Beulah East, chairwoman for Project Build at groundbreaking ceremonies Wednesday morning on Avenue F.



Ed Schauer

The need for the mission was greater than anyone ever im-

agined — there were "painful growing pains" over the years, she said.

The mission turned people away occasionally because of lack of room, she said.

Amid glass and wood scraps from the demolished mission, approximately 50 people gathered for the ceremony to mark the beginning of the proposed facility.

The previous facility was recently leveled and facilities were temporarily moved across the street.

Historic facts to be recorded by Good Shepherd Mission

By NELDA WOODALL
The Huntsville Item

A good bit of Walker County history, along with the names of all citizens who have donated money to the Good Shepherd Mission, is being prepared for placement in a cornerstone vault for the mission.

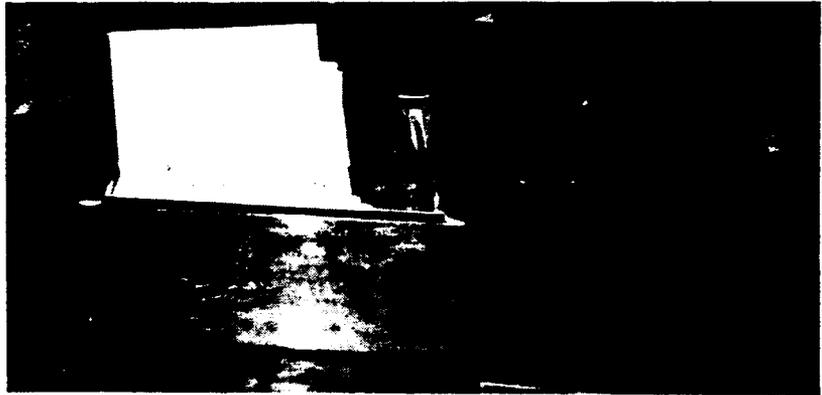
The solid copper vault was made and donated to the mission by Beckham & Jones Co.

When all of its contents are ready, including histories of *The Huntsville Item*, education, churches and businesses in Walker County, the vault will be sealed into the southwest corner of the mission office.

Good Shepherd Mission volunteer Allan Schneider is putting the names of contributors into a computer for listing in a book that will be among the vault's contents.

Additionally, other copies will be made for display at the mission, the Gibbs-Powell House and the Huntsville Public Library.

Beulah East, a guiding force in getting the mission established here, said she would like to see



A vault will contain historic facts

the name of every Walker County citizen on the list.

"I want to say a special 'thank you' to everyone who has supported the Good Shepherd Mission since its beginning here June 14, 1984," East said.

Residents can still have their names in the book of contributors to be placed inside the vault by donating to the maintenance fund now.

"The building is paid for," East said, "but we need a maintenance fund to keep the building in good condition."

The facility on Avenue F was

built at a cost of \$221,000 — \$160,000 of which came from two matching grants secured by East and her sister, Bertha Turner. With East serving as chairman of Project Build, the Good Shepherd Mission board raised the rest of the money through various fundraising projects, including several letter-writing campaigns appealing for funds.

Individuals wishing to contribute should make their checks to the Maintenance Fund and mail them to the Good Shepherd Mission, P.O. Box 1362, Huntsville-TX 77340.



**The Good Shepherd Mission's
first building**

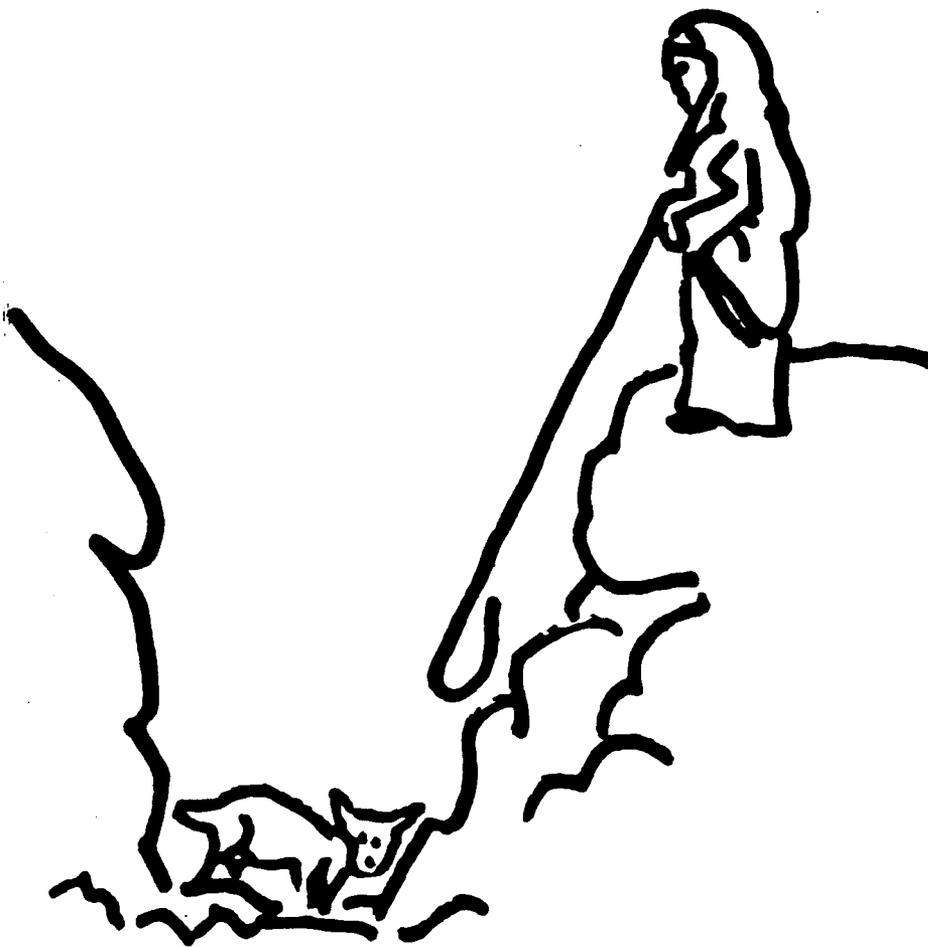


**The Good Shepherd Mission's
new building**

Dedication Ceremony

GODD SHEPHERD MISSION

Saturday, August 20, 1988



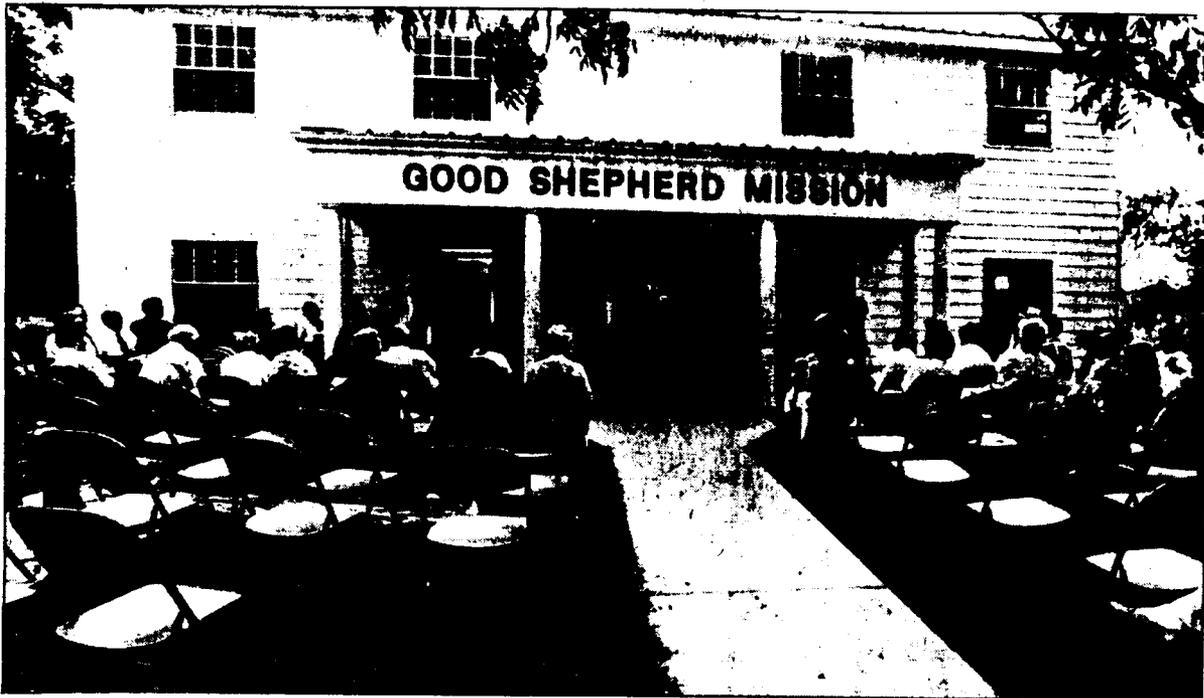
"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me"



Dedication Ceremony

August 20, 1988

Good Shepherd Mission dedication



Phelan M. Ebenhack photos

In photo above, members of the community gathered at the new Good Shepherd Mission for the dedication of the new building Saturday. In photo at right, dignitaries assemble for formal ceremonies. From left, Huntsville City Councilwoman Ila Gaines, County Judge Frank Robinson and chairman of the board Walt Vinson cut the ceremonial red ribbon at the new Good Shepherd Mission dedication. Construction of the new mission was made possible by matching grants from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation and the Meadows Foundation as well as donations from Huntsville and Walker County residents.



See and Serve Report for three months:

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
Lodging	300	368	289
Meals	1,005	1,367	1,244
Food Banks	6,276	8,004	11,004
Number of Families	147	154	284
Number in Families	420	648	1,115

Totals from June 1984:

Lodging	8,398
Meals	24,734
Number of Families	4,059
Number in Families	10,452

This is the second month of 1987. Funds are coming in slowly now that the holiday season is over, but there are still deserving people who need a helping hand from those who care. Thanks to all of you for your support in the past and your generosity in the future. Huntsville is a city that cares.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET VOLUNTEERS



CHRISTMAS at the MISSION



GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION



Richard Nira photo

Food drive

Ariena McLaughlin, Item publisher, and John Milton, Good Shepherd Mission director, will oversee another "Bags of Plenty" food drive. The bags are included in today's Item. Donations in the annual drive will go to the Good Shepherd Mission to help the mission provide aid to needy persons in the Huntsville area.



Stephen Hengst photo

ed once during the day when its food supplies ran out. Administrators say donations have been down all year.

More than 500 people waited in line for food baskets at the Good Shepherd Mission, 1005 Ave. F, Wednesday. The mission closes

Ceremony symbolizes support

By CATHY LEIGH
The Huntsville Item

As the flames fluttered in the breeze, the executive board of the Good Shepherd Mission applauded as their mortgage note disintegrated into ashes.

The burning of the bank note signified the end of almost seven years of monthly payments which means the money can now go to helping the unfortunate in the community, said Morris I. Waller, chairman of the mission's executive board.

"This is a historic occasion for the Good Shepherd Mission. It is the result of the hard work and diligence of the board and the people in Huntsville.

"The mission has never had an excessive debt except for the purchase of this property," Waller said.

The Good Shepherd Mission, 1005 Ave. F., held the note burning in celebration of the executive board's recent decision to accept

an offer by the FDIC for a discount for early payment of the mortgage note.

The \$55,000 note was made in 1984 to purchase the property for the construction of a permanent home for the mission.

The mission began its program at the location in 1984 and in 1988 opened new facilities on the site.

Monthly payments of \$679 were made toward retirement of the loan. In addition, money collected through several fund-raisers along with individual donations and a specific memorial fund helped reduced the amount.

The final payment made in January 1991 was \$11,056.

The buildings located at the mission's site on Avenue F were paid for with funds obtained from two \$80,000 grants, a \$40,000 mission matching funds and a \$20,000 donation for the thrift shop buildings.

Major donors were the Mabee Foundation, the Meadows Foundation and Mrs. Beulah East.

John Milton, the mission's director, said he believes today's ceremony is a symbol of the support and care of the people of this community for the poor and needy in the area.

"There are literally thousands of people who have contributed in some way to this building. Some people, like Mrs. Beulah East and the other board members, have made exceptional contributions," Milton said.

Speaking about the monthly payment, East said it hurt her every time the money went out.

"I wanted to use it to help the people," she said. "I am so happy we can now use that money each month to help the people in need."

East said she thinks everything has worked out beautifully for the mission.

"I think God's hands have been on it from the beginning," she added.



Board members gathered for a note burning Thursday.

Richard Nira photo

Part Two:

Huntsville

and

Walker County

Mini History





*History and
Development of Huntsville*



SELECTED DATES IN THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF
HUNTSVILLE AND WALKER COUNTY

- 1830-1834 Settlers in area searching for land (possibly Pleasant Gray and his brother Ephraim)
- 1834-1840 Many settlers arriving; quite a few grants made by Mexican Government.
- 1835 Pleasant Gray receives land grant from Mexican Government. Establishes trading post and names new settlement Huntsville after his hometown of Huntsville, Alabama.
- 1839 Mail service began
- 1841 Globe tavern built; stagecoach stop.
- 1841 Gibbs and Coffin business established.
- 1844 Forrest Lodge #19 chartered.
- 1844-1845 Brick Academy opened.
- 1845 City of Huntsville, Montgomery, incorporated by Congress of Republic of Texas.
- 1845 First newspaper
- 1846 Formation of Walker County from Montgomery County
- 1847 First Courthouse erected
- 1848-49 Purchase of land and building of penitentiary
- 1849 Austin College established
- 1850 Huntsville Item founded
- 1850-1859 Establishment of churches and erection of buildings.
- 1852 City incorporated, Walker County, Texas, by State Legislature.
- 1854 Andrew Female College opened
- 1860's Time of tragedy: Civil War; death of Sam Houston; Reconstruction
- 1866 Union Church formed; divided 1869
- 1867 Yellow Fever epidemic
- 1872 Houston and Great Northern Railroad provided spur into Huntsville
- 1877 Mitchell College for Boys (Methodist)
- 1879 Sam Houston Normal Institute established
- 1883 Bishop Ward Normal and Collegiate Institution established.

- 1888 Property of Andrew Female College conveyed to Huntsville
for public schools.
 - 1888 Fourth Courthouse built; burned in 1968.
 - 1890 Gibbs National Bank established (forerunner of First
National Bank)
 - Early 1900's Sam Houston Industrial Training School in Galilee
 - 1906 Old red brick elementary school built
 - 1907 Huntsville State Bank organized (later Huntsville
National Bank)
 - 1918 First streets paved around square
 - 1924 Other streets paved in downtown area
 - 1924-1925 City fire department organized
 - 1926 Miss Ella Smither donated her home on Avenue O for
hospital; chartered in 1927; operation begun in 1928.
- City waterworks and electricity first owned by city.
Telephones (public and private) in 1895

Mary Frances Park

MORRIS I. WALLER
INVESTMENTS

December 3, 1991

Greetings:

After serving as a member of the Huntsville City Council for four years, I was elected Mayor in April, 1972, and served until April 1981. In 1972, Huntsville had a mayor-manager form of city government with the mayor in charge of day-to-day operations. It was quickly apparent that professional municipal management was necessary, and in 1973, Huntsville adopted the City Manager form of local government, resulting in full-time professional management.

During the decade of the 1970's, Huntsville concentrated on rebuilding its infrastructure. Significant improvements were made in a number of different areas. Money management was the key ingredient. With prudent use of funds from every available source, a decade of building new and improved facilities was achieved.

Projects that were undertaken to accommodate a growing community included those that follow:

New South Waste Water Treatment Facility

Co-owned by Elkins Lake Municipal Utility District, this plant was the fourth of its type to be built in the U.S. It serves South Huntsville and Elkins Lake area, and at age 15 years has been expanded and functions well.

New Water Treatment Facility

A project in conjunction with the Trinity River Authority, this plant provides 50% of the city's water from the surface reservoir Lake Livingston and insures Huntsville's long range water requirements.

New City Hall

This building well accommodates the cities' administrative functions and provides ample space for future expansion on the centrally located 5 acre tract.

New Airport Facilities

Accomplished over 8 year period with FAA grants, this facility has a runway and taxi-way of 5000' length, administration building, large apron, and road reconstruction and provides the community with a first class airport.

City Personnel

During this period, the City began to build a cadre of competent, professional persons to staff specific areas with the required expertise. An employee benefits plan including pensions and health insurance was adopted. The finance department achieved honors for budgeting and reporting from state accreditation organizations.

City Council Persons

During this nine year period, the City Council was comprised of compatible, responsible, and aggressive elected officials. Work sessions were conducted every other week, and formal council meetings in the intervening weeks. The highest calibre of persons served with distinction.

Finance

Few of the improvements mentioned above would have been possible without the availability of funds from many sources. Among those were:

- (a) Environmental Protection Agency-(Wastewater Plants)
- (b) State of Texas Water Development Board-(Surface Water Facilities)
- (c) Federal Aviation Administration-(Airport)
- (d) Parks and Wildlife Commission-(Parks)
- (e) Revenue Sharing Funds (Federal Government)
- (f) State Sales Tax-(General Use, Arts)
- (g) U.S. Justice Department (Police)
- (h) Ad Valorem taxes (property taxes for general use)
- (i) Hotel-Motel tax-(tourism)

State Institutions

During this period the local government worked closely with expansion requirements of Texas Department of Corrections and especially Sam Houston State University. Dr. Elliott T. Bowers, truly an outstanding educator and administrator, was president of the Sam Houston University during this nine year period and was most professional, competent, cooperative, and a good friend.

Economics

The Huntsville economy during the decade of the 1970's was vigorous and expanding. Its financial institutions were prosperous and growing, and expansion of the business district as well as extensions of the city limits were necessary to accommodate that growth.

Fire Department

Constructed Fire station #2 (converted old swimming pool) and #3 (adjacent to city work center) and equipped with most modern fire-fighting trucks and equipment.

City Work Center

Constructed a large building facility on the airport property for city water, sewer, street, and sanitation departments. This enabled office facilities and work centers to de-centralize and accommodate expansion as necessary.

Police Department

Purchased and remodeled building for police department use. Greatly enlarged facilities and provided police excellent facilities and equipment with which to operate.

New North Waste Water Treatment Facility

A replacement of the north plant, this facility was built with most modern design to accommodate the long range treatment requirements.

Park Facilities

Youth and adult park facilities were constructed and expanded with major emphasis. Result was a park system including new community swimming pool, soft-ball fields, and neighborhood parks designed for intermediate needs and to accommodate long-range expansion.

Arts Commission

Dedicated part of a sales tax to community arts. Established a commission to administer a well funded arts program with continuity.

Tourism Commission

Dedicated a hotel-motel tax to a tourist commission to administer this systematically funded budget. Tourism was considered one of the primary community assets, and this commission was designed to promote its attributes.

Being mayor in the decade of the 70's, was exciting, challenging, and rewarding. It was an opportunity to make a contribution that few are afforded. Serving as a banker during this time, I was employed as executive vice president of the First National Bank of Huntsville. It was my pleasure and privilege to be able to serve my community as mayor during this unique time of community development.



Morris I. Waller
Mayor Emeritus

WILLIAM V. NASH

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August 1, 1991

HUNTSVILLE DURING 1980-1985

The first half of the eighties saw Huntsville reach a zenith in economic development. Construction was rampant, population was continuing to grow, and sales tax revenues indicated strong retail business. While that condition was real it was also thought by most that a decline was ahead of us. The Houston economy was slowing as a result of much lower oil revenues and the state as a whole was seeing downward trends.

The expansion of city infrastructure that had started in the seventies continued. The new water system which used primarily water from Lake Livingston was completed. A new sewage plant to serve the northern portion of the city was completed as were additions and renovations to the south plant. Improvements were made to the landfill and the airport. An area adjacent to City Hall was made into a park.

Storm drainage was a growing problem as more and more land was covered with buildings or pavement. The city worked with Sam Houston State University to build a retention pond on the campus that would delay water runoff into Town Creek.

A new subdivision ordinance created quite a stir for a while and a commission studied zoning.

This was a period of maturing - of stabilizing and refining - for city government. Unrest in the police department had caused two unsuccessful elections to be held to place the department under civil service. Computer systems in police and accounting were expanded. The finance program of the city saw the curtailment of Certificates of Obligation, the passing of a bond issue and the stabilization of annual debt service to a reasonably constant amount.

Planning and preparing for future development of the city were undertaken in many ways. A ten year comprehensive master plan was developed by the City Planning Department in conjunction with many committees. A consulting firm was used to develop a master plan for the airport (which greatly assisted in receiving several grants). A plan was developed to rebuild, restore or replace all of the city streets and a bond issue was passed to pay for the first phase. A new subdivision ordinance was put into effect. The City Engineering Department was expanded, equipped and given the charge to determine what and where current utilities existed. This work was all set up to be computerized and plans were initiated to coordinate repairs and upgrading of the utilities in conjunction with the street work.

Cooperation with County government resulted in several undertakings that were needed for development. The County assumed half the financial responsibility for the fire department and a joint Emergency Medical Service was established.

The Department of Corrections corrected a sewer problem (resulting from their sewage being of industrial quality) by constructing a pre-treatment plant for the three units on the north side of town.

The first half of the eighties, while productive in its own right, served mostly as a transition from the large build-up of city facilities in the seventies to an organized, efficient operation for the city in future years.



William V. Nash
Mayor 1981-1985
City of Huntsville

In addition to serving as mayor, Nash served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce for eleven years and as its Chairman. He was chairman of the Huntsville Housing Authority and served in positions of leadership with the First United Methodist Church, the Rotary Club of Huntsville, several youth organizations and Sam Houston State University support groups. He owned and managed Nash Construction Company from its organization in 1968 until he sold the company in 1982.

July 23, 1991

Dear Good Shepherd Mission,

It is indeed an honor to be asked to include a summary of the progress that I have seen in Huntsville during my tenure on City Council as a member and as Mayor. My heartiest congratulations to all of you on the dedication of the Mission and to all your hard work for making it possible. I also want to thank you for making Huntsville a better place to live by the service you provide at the Mission which is invaluable to so many people.

During my service with the City I had the chance to work with two excellent Mayors, Mayor Waller and Mayor Nash, and a number of wonderful councilmembers. I greatly appreciate their dedicated work and service and Huntsville has been blessed with their fine leadership.

I was elected to the City Council in 1979 as a representative from Ward 1 and served in that capacity for six years and three terms. I then ran for Mayor and was elected in 1985 and served for six years and three terms when I chose not to run again because of some other commitments. During my time on council we funded the Huntsville Arts Commission with one cent of the hotel motel tax which has guaranteed it funding through the years and has provided outstanding arts programs for the city which has added greatly to the quality of life in our community. I have included a listing of these highlights from 1978-1988 that I thought might be of interest.

In 1986 we celebrated Texas Sesquicentennial birthday and its 150 years of growth. I was chairwoman of the Huntsville committee and some of our accomplishments were as follows: A mainstreet program to begin to revitalize downtown Huntsville, the beginning of the Texas Prison Museum, the beginning of the Samuel Walker Houston Cultural Center, a history of the local schools, a history of the local churches, the Walker County History Book published by the Walker County Historical Commission, oral histories taken throughout the community, a project accomplished at each Huntsville Independent School campus, the beginning

of the celebration of Huntsville's birthday on July 12th each year, the designation of our founding spring site and the beginning of the drive to obtain the site and make it a park and open up the spring again, the trolleys in Huntsville, the benches and lamp posts downtown, the Festival of the Arts to celebrate all the artists from Huntsville, and beginning of the pavers downtown and the old street signs bearing the historical names of the streets.

In our 1979 master plan we announced a goal to add neighborhood parks and we did just that by adding Gibbs Park, Emma Etheredge Park, Dairy Farm Park, a park in Pine Shadows, a park in Sandbrook, a park on the end of Avenue P, Thomason-Eastham park, and Bush Miller Park. We also added a biking and jogging trail through Huntsville. We expanded our regional park at Kate Barr Ross Park by adding baseball fields and soccer fields. We greatly improved our regional park at Emancipation Park by adding a baseball field, playground equipment, a covered basketball pavilion, and the renovation of the Martin Luther King Recreational Center. We also received a gift from Ms. Ruth Gibbs Faris in honor of former Mayor W. S. Gibbs which was the land at the top of 7th Street to be developed as a Cultural Center. The gift was accompanied by a monetary gift of value in the Gibbs ranch to be presented to the City at its sale.

We began a program and are near completing it to resurface all the streets of Huntsville and to redo the water and sewer pipes that are located under them so that we will have completely redone our infrastructure. Along with this program we mapped all the water and sewer pipes in the city and have them computerized now by location. This program is remarkable when you consider that 10 to 15 years ago their location was all in Mr. Josh Brown's head and when he died the city had a substantial problem.

We initiated a sidewalk program to begin to build sidewalks again. Our first priority is to start with the sidewalks around our schools for the protection of our children.

We have called for a major recycling study and have begun to separate and recycle yard waste, tires, and cans now.

In the area of transportation we were able to obtain state highway money to widen 190 and curb and gutter it to the city limits, to widen highway 30 out past West Hill Mall, to widen 1374 from Sam Houston Avenue to 145 and widen the overpass to four lanes, and to widen highway 75 N from 11th Street to 145 and to include sidewalks on both sides to Kate Barr Ross park.

We saw our surface water supply come into production and the completion of the Brown wastewater treatment plant for north Huntsville. We have all but completed our 12 inch water supply loop. We have rehabilitated the collection system and controlled our infiltration. We brought in high tech television to utilize maximum efficiency in repair.

In the landfill we built large engineered trenches to maximize our land usage. We did a joint study with the county and agreed to join efforts and seek alternate disposal methods.

Our police department has grown, instituted a canine program, computerized the department, put in a new car program, and we are seeking certification. We joined the Interagency Drug Task Force. I initiated the Mayor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Use/Abuse that drew together 100 community leaders to address the problem and brought the city, county, school district, SHSU, land law enforcement groups together under one group to work with the community to solve the problems in this area.

Our downtown has undergone a major change. We have gone from vacant buildings to having 15 businesses move back downtown in the last 18 months. We received a grant through the Arts Commission from the Meadows Foundation that was a matching grant of \$150,000 from them and \$350,000 from the City for improvements downtown. The grant funded Richard Haas to do the murals and art work downtown and Kim Williams to supervise the restoration work. The city's money has gone for streetscape, handicap access, parking, development of the spring site, pulling the light poles to the back of the block, and a cultural plan. We also funded a study of the Henry Opera House.

We initiated the East Texas Folk Festival and the New Army of

the Republic of Texas to keep the Sam Houston Memorial Museum open when Governor Clements cut its funding. We are working now with the SHSU on the celebration of Sam Houston's 200th birthday, March 2, 1993. I am working closely with this project to bring to the Sam Houston Museum Complex: a new visitors' center, folk craft units that provide live folk craft demonstrations, a film of Sam Houston's life, and video units around the grounds. At the University we hope to establish an Academic Center of Study to study Sam Houston the Man and his Times that would include a Sam Houston lecture series, a Master teacher program, a young scholars program, and an information center in the Peabody Building.

There is also a state committee that has been authorized by the legislature to coordinate a state celebration in many cities to honor Sam Houston. The local Sam Houston committee has many of the Houston descendants on it and is co-chaired by Senators Bentson and Gramm.

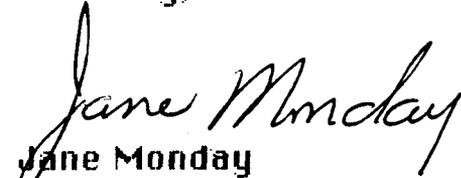
We have upgraded many of our lower economic neighborhoods by: putting new water and sewer in Boettcher Mill area and paving the streets, by redoing the water, sewer, streets, and some houses in New Addition, and by paving all the streets in Huntsville.

During this time the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division has grown. We successfully kept the headquarters here when there was an attempt to move it to Austin. Today the system has 5359 employees in Walker County. Sam Houston State has grown significantly and today has over 13,000 students and employs 950 full time employees, 760 part time student employees, and 122 graduate student teaching assistants.

I hope that this has given an interesting overview of this period. I firmly believe Huntsville will continue to be a wonderful place to live because of its people. They are its greatest asset. They care, they give, and they see that things that are needed happen for the good of all of its people.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity and again
congratulations on your fine Mission.

Sincerely,

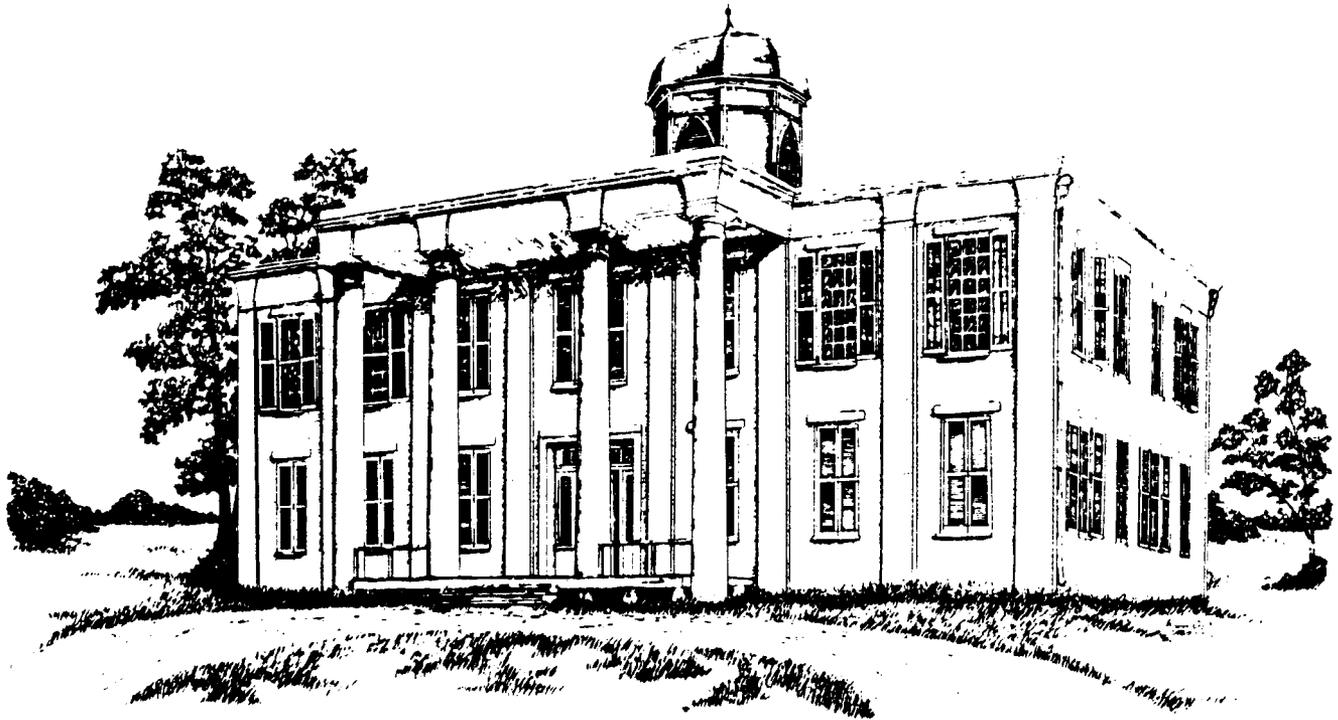


Jane Monday

Huntsville City Councilmember: 1979-1985

Mayor, City of Huntsville: 1985-1991

Member Board of Regents, Texas State University System:
1991-1997



AUSTIN COLLEGE

On June 24, 1851, the cornerstone of Austin College was laid amid much pomp and ceremony, with the Rev. Dr. Samuel McKinney, the first president of the school, speaking. This building was designed by Abner Cook, the first director of the penitentiary.

From March 17, 1855, the building housed the first school of law in Texas. The structure was used by the Presbyterians for their college until February 10, 1876, when the institution was moved to Sherman, Texas.

On April 21, 1879, Governor O.M. Roberts signed the bill which created Sam Houston Normal Institute; and on October 10, 1879, the first term began in this building. It is the oldest building in Texas in use by a college or university.

Don O'Connor, artist
Commissioned by
Walker County Historical Commission
1982



City of Huntsville

"TO BUILD AND SERVE A BETTER COMMUNITY"
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77340

212 AVE. M.
(409) 295-6471

July, 1991

Greetings:

Progress continues in revitalizing, improving, and expanding the city's utility lines and streets. The city's capital street crew is now well into the third year of a two phase \$4.5 million general obligation bond issue to complete a total rehabilitation of the city's street system by the end of 1992 and to completely rehabilitate water and sewer lines throughout the city. Through a \$331,614 Community Development Grant, the city recently extended sanitary sewer service to three minority low/moderate income neighborhoods to benefit 150 persons.

There is a keen interest in community development opportunities and in promoting tourism, which today is termed "The New Texas Crude." Several museums have been established in Huntsville to promote tourism: The Gibbs-Powell House [Walker County History Museum], the Texas Prison Museum and a Black History Museum.

A \$150,000 matching grant from the Meadows Foundation of Texas initiated a downtown revitalization program with a focus on development of downtown as a cultural center. Projects include a building facade improvement project; a master cultural plan; a streetscape masterplan; a survey of historic buildings and sites; and development of facilities and other improvements to foster a renewed active business district in downtown Huntsville and to enhance its tourist attractions.

The city's zoning ordinance divides the city into three districts: downtown, management, and neighborhood conservation, in an effort to provide protection for differing land uses in the city. Plans are underway to expand the city's library which now has in excess of 40,000 volumes. The city has seventeen parks offering various facilities and amenities. The city continues to seek additional recreational opportunities for its citizens.

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The city has 6,044 water and sewer customers, 175 miles of water lines, eight water wells [six pump to plant #1 and two pump to plant #2], 5.5 mg in ground storage, 2.9 mg in elevated storage, 129.525 miles of sewer, 15.5 miles of sidewalks, 82.24 miles of paved streets and 3.2 miles of unpaved streets and some 20.97 square miles of area in the city limits. The city has three fire stations, three full time fire employees and 40 volunteer firemen. The city has 34 certified police officers, one parking control attendant and ten office employees, including dispatchers. The police have 25 marked vehicles and 34 total vehicles. There are approximately 261 regular and part time city employees.

The tax rate is \$.3444 per \$100 assessed value of property [\$2.197 for general fund and \$.1647 for interest and sinking fund]. The city's sales tax rate is 1.5 percent. The state sales tax is 6.75 percent. The city's total operating budget is \$15,585,898 for 1990-91. In addition, the city has a \$3,939,068 capital improvements budget. Total assessed valuation in the city in 1990-91 is \$377,830.505.

The spirit of Huntsville in 1991 is that of a "Can Do" attitude.



William H. Hodges
Mayor

*Quality of Life in
Our Town of Huntsville*

Education

Spiritual Life

Cultural Opportunities

Recreation and Park Facilities

Health and Protective Services



PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN HUNTSVILLE

The early schools in Huntsville were private "Academies" or "Institutes" operated by various teachers in several locations. After the demise of Andrew Female College following the terrible yellow fever epidemic, the abandoned facilities were given to the City of Huntsville for educational purposes. A marker indicates that this location was at the corner of University Avenue and Eighth Street. In 1888 a second facility was built at the corner of east side of Avenue J and Eighth Street. (This building is still in use.) This was the beginning of public education in Huntsville.

The high schools were constructed in 1932: the one for Negro children was built at Avenue P $\frac{1}{2}$ and Tenth Street; the one for white children was constructed on the west side of University Avenue and the north side of Eighth Street.

Dr. Joseph R. Griggs became superintendent during the latter years of World War II and started a building program as well as a drive to consolidate the rural schools with the Huntsville system. There were about 15 common school districts operating schools at this time because much of the rural population had moved from the country to obtain jobs in towns and cities. In 1951, a new high school for black students was opened on Highway 190 East, currently being used as Huntsville Junior High School. The new high school for white students was located at the corner of Avenue J and Ninth Street, opening the same year. At this time a more comprehensive curriculum was begun throughout the system.

In 1957, Mance Park became school superintendent of the Huntsville public schools and he continued the program that had been started. During the next 23 years of his administration, there were three very important changes that affected education in the whole of Walker County.

First and foremost, Huntsville and Walker County enjoyed considerable growth in the fifties and sixties primarily due to the expansion of the Texas Department of Corrections, the tremendous increase in enrollment at Sam Houston State University, and the addition of some light industry which moved into the Huntsville area. This created a need for better and more new education facilities.

Secondly, there were still ten rural schools operating in Walker County. The children in these outlying schools had to transfer to an accredited high school to finish their public school education. This precipitated a move from inside and outside the Huntsville system to consolidate all the rural schools with the independent district. Nine of these schools were brought into the Huntsville district in the late fifties and early sixties. This was not an easy task for many of these schools had little or no school taxes.

Thirdly, although the Supreme Court decision of 1954 was slow to affect the public schools of the nation as a whole, and Texas and Walker were no exceptions, by 1957 the pot had begun to boil and several laws were passed to implement integration of the public schools. In 1957, a bi-racial committee from the community was formed to discuss and plan the smooth integration

of the Huntsville schools. Huntsville and LaMarque were the first two schools in Texas to have cross-over teachers in both the black and white schools, and integration moved along over the next several years with a minimum of problems.

Integration and consolidation had created an acute need for better facilities for a much larger system. During the next period, several elementary schools were erected: Samuel W. Houston, Gibbs, Stewart, and Scott Johnson--all located in different sections of the town. Huntsville Independent School District had become the largest school district in East Texas--629 square miles. Other facilities were provided during this tenure: auxiliary buildings, such as gymnasiums, shops, cafeterias, vocational buildings, etc. Relief for crowded conditions was provided with the erection of the new Huntsville High School on Highway 2821 in 1979. Several tracts of land were either donated or purchased by taxpayers during these years.

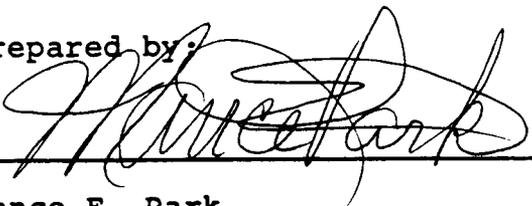
Lastly, the school board was aware that the curriculum needed to change to meet the needs of privileged and underprivileged children alike; therefore, it became the aim and goal of all administration to give to every child the best education possible taking into consideration individual differences, backgrounds, and other factors. During the three decades following World War II, the administration attempted to develop a diversified curriculum to meet the needs of the college bound and the non-college bound students. They believed that a strong vocational program must

parallel a strong academic curriculum to produce well-rounded and well-prepared students to meet the great demands of an ever-changing society.

Growth has continued during the tenure of three superintendents who have succeeded Mance Park. Expanded facilities and curriculum modifications have occurred during the last ten years while Gary Collins, Barry Tacker, and Dale Dixon (current superintendent) have been in office.

Huntsville Independent School District continues to expand its curriculum offering opportunities for pre-school, kindergarten, gifted and talented, handicapped, and others who have special needs. It is a constant challenge to provide facilities, programs, teachers, materials to assist every student become a self-sustaining and productive citizen able to cope with constant change in our technical society. With community support, the District will continue to attempt to meet this challenge in the future.

Prepared by:



Mance E. Park

Superintendent, Huntsville Independent School District

1957-1979

Sam Houston State University

A Brief History

AUSTIN COLLEGE (established in 1852), of which Austin Hall was the primary building, initially occupied the current site of Sam Houston State University; in 1876 Austin College was relocated in Sherman, Texas, and Austin Hall accommodated Mitchell College, a private Methodist school for boys.

In 1879 a group of Huntsville citizens purchased the site and deeded it to the state for the establishment of Sam Houston Normal Institute, authorized by Governor Oran Milo Roberts on April 21, 1879. On October 10 of that year the first institution in Texas dedicated to the training of teachers and the predecessor of Sam Houston State University opened its doors to 100 students.

In 1890, under the presidency of Joseph Baldwin, Old Main was built and occupied, and an additional year of study was added to the curriculum for students wishing to remain beyond the traditional two-year program. President H. Carr Pritchett's tenure (1891-1908) saw the continued expansion of the campus, including the addition of Peabody Library, and an enrollment increase to 529 by the time of his death in 1908.

During the twenty-nine years of Harry F. Estill's presidency (1908-1937) Sam Houston Normal Institute continued to expand to meet the needs of a growing student population. The curriculum was expanded to four years, and in 1923 the name of the institution was changed to Sam Houston State Teacher's College; two years later the college became a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1936 graduate programs were offered for the first time, and the first dormitory for women, Belvin Hall, was built.

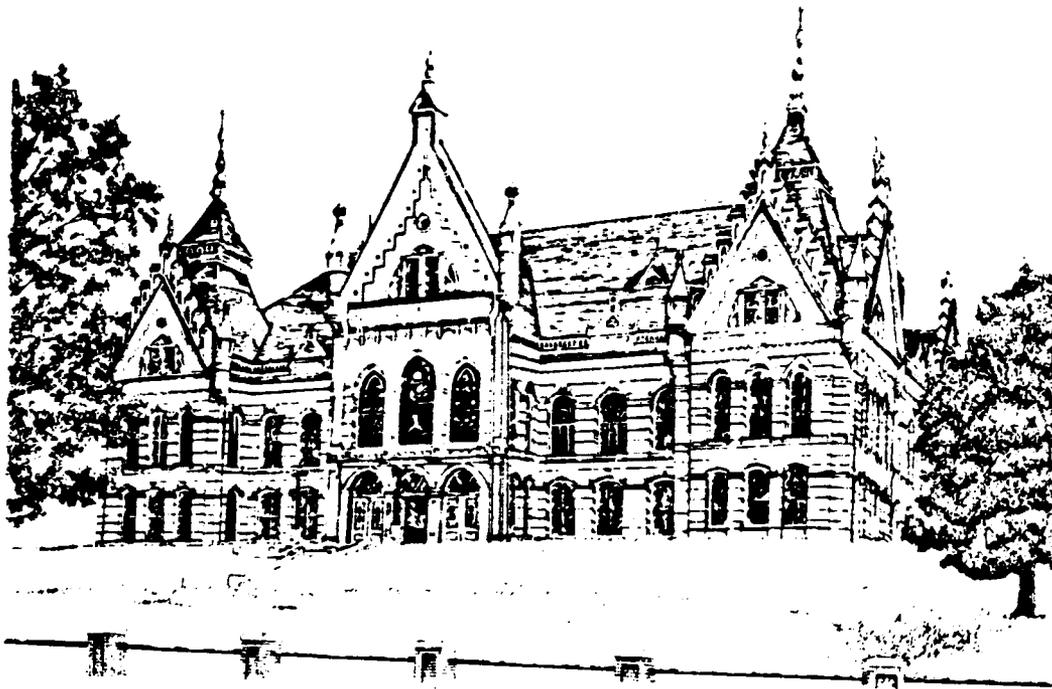
After Charles N. Shaver's five-year tenure, during which the first men's dormitory was built, Harmon L. Lowman served as president of the institution for twenty-two years. The campus expanded rapidly during the Lowman presidency, especially in the area of residence halls and instructional facilities, and by 1964 the enrollment exceeded 5000.

In 1965, during the presidency of Arleigh B. Templeton (1964-1970), Sam Houston State Teacher's College was renamed Sam Houston State College; four years later the school became Sam Houston State University. Under Templeton's leadership the university enjoyed tremendous growth: the criminal justice program was developed, a new library and several instructional facilities were added, and by the time of Templeton's resignation in 1970 the enrollment had surpassed 8500.

Elliott T. Bowers, who served as president of Sam Houston State University from 1970-1989, directed the development of East Campus, which includes the University Theatre Center, Teacher Education Center, Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum, and Criminal Justice Center. Under the Campus Master Plan of 1982 other facilities were added: the Communications Building, Health and Physical Education Building, General Purpose Classroom Building, Fine Arts Building, and a new 13,000-seat stadium and field house (named the Elliott T. Bowers Stadium and Field House in honor of Dr. Bowers in 1989).

Having grown to a current enrollment of over 12,000 students, Sam Houston State University offers an extensive range of bachelor's and master's degrees and a doctor of philosophy degree in Criminal Justice. With its modern facilities, an inspired and capable administration, and a superior faculty, the university stands ready to face the challenges of a new decade and a new century.

This was included in the Inauguration Brochure of Dr. Martin J. Anisman, April 3, 1990



OLD MAIN

This building was constructed on the Sam Houston Normal Institute campus during the years 1889-1890.

Alfred Muller, architect, designed the splendid brick and tin structure. Within the building were twelve rooms and a large auditorium, the latter of which had a vaulted wooden ceiling and memorial stained-glass windows, remembering prominent men and events in the history of Texas and Sam Houston Normal Institute.

The picturesque structure was particularly noteworthy for the manner in which brick was employed to form a rich variety of decorative details. Among the most dramatic features were the gables, with their tin Corbiesteps, and the corner pinnacles.

This unusual building was eligible for National Register listing and was being declared a Texas Archeological Landmark when it was destroyed by fire on February 12, 1982.

Don O'Connor, artist
Commissioned by
Walker County Historical Commission
1982



SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77341 (409) 294-3416

July, 1991

Good Shepherd Mission
1005 Avenue F
Huntsville, Texas 77340

During the decade of the Great Depression, 1929-1939, Sam Houston State Teachers College had a student population of some eight to nine hundred students in the fall and the spring semesters and some 1,200 to 1,400 in the summer school, ninety percent of whom were studying to be teachers or to earn certificates or other teaching credentials. Most of them resided in rooming houses, ate in boarding houses or lived with relatives.

There were few jobs and no charities. However, academic clubs, social organizations, and the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. did provide food and clothing for the poor at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

The campus facilities offered two recreational facilities, two outdoor playgrounds, a library and eight other academic buildings, one maintenance building, and a 160-acre agricultural farm. The curriculum was limited to the liberal arts and teacher education.

Over the years, particularly following World War II, the role and scope of the institution evolved into a multi-purpose educational center offering the bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in 1991 to 13,000 students taught by 520 faculty members with a support staff of over 1,000 other employees. Classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, libraries, and support spaces had increased twelve-fold to accommodate the expanded curriculum and enrollment growth.

In the 112 years of service by the Sam Houston Normal Institute, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Sam Houston State College and Sam Houston State University, many happy occasions and some sad events had been experienced. Perhaps the darkest day in the history of the school occurred on February 12, 1982, when the revered Austin College Building (circa 1851) was damaged and the beloved Old Main Building (circa 1889) was destroyed by fire.

Austin Hall was restored. Old Main Building was marked by a memorial footprint. Both had served generations of people during a period of time when the enduring motto of the school, "A measure of a life is its service," was adopted.

Hopefully this noble purpose has survived the passing of time.

Sincerely yours,


Elliott T. Bowers
President (1970-1989)

Old Main

Sam Houston State University

Old Main Memorial

Dedication Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Frank P. Leathers

Vice President for Facilities and Operations

Music

Sam Houston Brass Quintet

Invocation

Dr. Bill Austin

Pastor

*Elkins Lake Baptist Church
Huntsville, Texas*

Address

Dr. Elliott T. Bowers

President

Sam Houston State University

Time Capsule

Saturday, April 25, 1987

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1889, the cornerstone for the Main Building at Sam Houston Normal Institute was set in place. This event was the culmination of the persistent efforts of the citizens of Huntsville and the staff and faculty of SHNI, under the leadership of State Senator L. A. Abercrombie and President Joseph Baldwin. Their efforts resulted in obtaining an appropriation of \$40,000 for the construction of the Main Building from the Twenty-first Texas Legislature.

The Main Building, a towering Gothic structure, later to be known as Old Main, was 157 feet long and 92 feet wide with five classrooms, a large reception room and wide corridors in the shape of a cross on the first floor. On the second floor there were four large classrooms and what has been termed the grandest part of the building, the Sam Houston Memorial Hall. It was an auditorium 71 by 96 feet with a slanted floor and a broken design ceiling of beaded wood with excellent acoustical qualities. The hall could seat 800 people with each one having an excellent view of the large stage.

The aesthetic quality of Sam Houston Memorial Hall was further enhanced with twenty-three cathedral-like stained glass windows. These were glass memorials which had been installed periodically through the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

As the enrollment increased and the curriculum broadened, the role and scope of the institution changed, bringing about the need for name changes. The name was changed in 1923 to Sam Houston State Teachers College. In 1964 the name was changed to Sam Houston State College and again in 1969 to Sam Houston State University.

On February 12, 1982, a devastating pre-dawn fire destroyed Old Main, the most beautiful building owned by the State of Texas. The cause of the fire was never determined.

The architects' estimate to rebuild Old Main was over \$16,000,000. The Texas Legislature, after due consideration, decided that the citizens of Texas could be better served if the same amount of space was funded in another building. This was done. However, the President of Sam Houston State University, Dr. Elliott T. Bowers, with the help and guidance of Gib Lewis, Speaker of the House, Representative Allen Hightower and Senator Kent Caperton, was able to persuade the Texas Legislature to appropriate funds to memorialize the site of Old Main and restore Austin Hall. The enabling legislation was Senate Bill 341, passed on March 23, 1983.

The architectural firm of Ray B. Bailey, Inc., of Houston was employed to design the Old Main Memorial, and the Lebo Co Construction Company of Houston was the successful bidder for the construction phase of the project.

Here now stands the footprint of the famous old building.



SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77341 (409) 294-1013

Martin J. Anisman, President

August 5, 1991

Good Shepherd Mission
1005 Avenue F
Huntsville, Texas 77340

In the fall semester of 1989, the semester I assumed the presidency of Sam Houston State University, the student enrollment was 12,359, and the number of faculty totaled 411. The enrollment increase of the past few years has continued.

Several changes have occurred on the campus. The Bearkat Football Stadium became Bowers Stadium, and the General Purpose Classroom Building became the Lee Drain Building. During this time renovations and repairs, modifications to existing buildings, and electrical system improvements total approximately \$6.9 million. Renovations and repairs to residence halls total almost \$2.2 million. The unique little building known as the Peabody Building has been restored and will house the University archives.

Effective with the 1991 fall semester, admissions standards will increase to 900, from 800, on the SAT and to 21, from 20, on the ACT. The honors program opened in the fall of 1990 with 36 students. The University renovated Spivey House, a 38-bed residence hall, which has been designated as an honors residence, open to honors program students and upperclassmen who maintain a high grade point average.

In keeping with my goal of Sam Houston State University becoming the best public, comprehensive regional university in Texas, a Strategic Planning Committee was appointed and began its deliberations in July, 1990. That committee has completed its work, and we are in the process of appointing a committee to make recommendations for implementing the plan.

Service to students, a tradition started in 1879, continues to be our purpose.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Anisman



THE PEABODY BUILDING
Sam Houston State University

THE PEABODY MEMORIAL LIBRARY WAS THE FIRST BUILDING CONSTRUCTED EXCLUSIVELY AS A COLLEGE LIBRARY IN TEXAS. ERECTED IN 1902, IT WAS DESIGNED IN THE SHAPE OF A CROSS WITH A SPACIOUS CENTRAL READING ROOM, WHICH HAD A BEAUTIFUL PRESSED TIN CEILING AND A FIREPLACE OF "TIFFANY" BRICK; A BOOK ROOM; A CLOAK ROOM; AND AN OFFICE FOR HENRY CARR PRITCHETT, PRINCIPAL OF SAM HOUSTON NORMAL INSTITUTE. THE PEABODY LIBRARY ADEQUATELY HOUSED THE LIBRARY HOLDINGS FOR ALMOST THREE DECADES, UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESTILL LIBRARY IN 1928.

THE PEABODY BUILDING HAS BEEN CALLED THE "CROWN JEWEL" OF THE SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. ITS RESTORATION, THE REVITALIZATION OF AUSTIN HALL, AND THE FOOTPRINT OF OLD MAIN PRESERVE THE HISTORIC TRIANGLE AREA OF THIS 113 YEAR OLD UNIVERSITY.

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN HUNTSVILLE

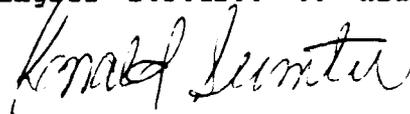
Spiritual life in Huntsville is as varied and available as our natural resources. In the area of church life the whole spectrum shines in our community from the very traditional to the newer forms of expressions. The Pentecostal churches with their spontaneous worship services reflect the freshness of life, the traditional churches that have a long and serviceable history in Huntsville satisfy the need to worship by form and ancient liturgy. Other expressions of faith have come to our community in recent years and offered other opportunities for worship and service. The Unitarian Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Jehovah's Witness are among these churches.

Our community has a long and colorful tradition of spiritual development that has given birth to numerous helping agencies such as the Good Shepherd Mission, the C.O.M.E. center and student ministries at Sam Houston State University.

Another aspect of Huntsville's spiritual development is the tolerance that we enjoy for many expressions of faith. In the years since Vatican 2, the Catholic community has united with the local Ministerial Alliance and has made many valuable contributions to that professional guild of clergypersons. The Jewish faith, though infrequent, is warmly welcomed where it seeks to live out its witness on the university's campus.

Of late there has been a wedding of the skills of local clergy with those of professional psychotherapists as the two work cooperatively to meet the needs of people.

So the many ways to seek spiritual fulfillment are resident in Huntsville; the Black experience, the liberal tradition, the fundamentalist offering, the traditional church settings, the newer religious communities, the Hispanic Christian culture combine to give our community a varied and meaningful resource to aid in spiritual development.



Ronald Sumter

First Christian Church
Huntsville, Texas

July 30, 1991

AREA CHURCHES

PHELPS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Charles Humbley, Pastor
Spur 2296 - On Access
Railroad tracks in Phelps
Is Road To Right
291-2385

Sunday School 10 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM

THE EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER and ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL

1614 University Ave. 295-3988
Fr. Am Sprunt, Chaplain

Sunday 6 PM
Holy Eucharist & family style meal
Wednesday 6 PM
Worship & study devotion
The Chapel is open for prayer and meditation.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hwy. 30 West at Sumac Rd.
Pastor Donald L. Keuper
295-3298

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1801 19th St.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM

HUNTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

3170 Old Houston Road
Corner of Loop 19 & Old Houston Road
Mr. Wayne Martin, Interim Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Men's Bible Study 6:45 AM
Wednesday Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM
Thursday Avenue Children's Program 6 PM

HARDING MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHELPS

Rt. 4 Box 963 (off 2296)
295-6083

Pastor: Jim Regal
Sunday Morning 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:15 AM

CENTER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 190 East, Oxbow

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM, 7 PM
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7 PM

BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP

Baptist Church (SBC)
Hwy. 30 W Next to Fairgrounds
Dr. Larry Patten, Pastor
Mark Dean, Assoc. Pastor
Tim Hillfield, Youth Pastor
291-2570

SUNDAY
Early Worship Service 8:00 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship & Children's Church 10:45 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM

TUESDAY
Men's Bible Study (At Texas Cafe) 6 AM

WEDNESDAY
AWANA for children & youth 6:30 PM
Financial Freedom thru series for adults 6:30 PM

THURSDAY
Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 AM
Nursery Provided for all Services
Sunday Mornings 9:05 AM KKKX 1400 AM
"Lifting Up Jesus... Building Up Believers"

NEW WAVERLY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Foster Road between I-45 & 150
Doug Beckard, Pastor

Sunday Bible Class 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday Evening Service 6 PM

CHURCH OF CHRIST

908 Elm Street - 291-0808

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM, 6 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 PM

NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1709 Hwy. 30E
295-3058
Pastor: Paul Morris

Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1800 Ave. R
Rm. Sumner, Pastor
295-3677

Church School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:45 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1530 10th St.
295-0322
Pastor: Ernest Groves

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM

PINE PRAIRIE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 347 North
Pastor Wayne Collier
291-2678

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM

HAWTHORNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Off FM 150 E. New Woodway, TX
Pastor R.W. Clayton, Sr.
433-2500

Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

FM 1874 and I-40
Joe B. Swann, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, 6 PM

TRINITY LIFE CHURCH

Huntsville Christian Academy
626 University
Pastor Dan Moon

Sunday Worship 10 AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7 PM
Services interpreted for the Deaf

COOKS SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 72H
Pastor Joe McCann
295-7968

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning 10:30 AM

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 75 South

Sunday Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1323 10th St.
296-8198
Rev. Robert Torres
Rev. Joseph A. Linnard

Sunday 6 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 11 AM
10:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST 7:15 AM
7:11 AM
5:18 PM

Saturday RECONCILIATION 4:30 PM

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

62 Graham Road - P.O. Box 7105
Huntsville, TX 77342-7105
(409) 295-4355

Sunday Mass Worship 9:45 AM
Sunday Eve Bible Study 6:00 PM
Wednesday Eve Bible Study 7:30 PM
Bible Study 7:30 PM

SECOND BAPTIST

770 S. Sam Houston
295-6404
Pastor: Dr. Dennis D. Haskins

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Youth Choir 4:00 PM
Adult Choir 4:45 PM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wed. Prayer Meeting R.A.D. (Youth) Wed. 6:30 PM

CHAPELWOOD BAPTIST

295-7876
3801 I-45 (East Access Road)
(Between Beecher & Powell Rd.)
Pastor: Dana Lawson

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

GREATER ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

312 11th St. - 295-3016
Rev. Charles Adams, Sr.

Sunday Morning 10:45 AM
Worship, Prayers & Teachers Meetings 7 PM

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

2400 Symanon
David M. Becker, Pastor
295-2996

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1016 Sam Houston Ave.
Huntsville, TX
(409) 295-5441
Rev. Ann H. Crawford
Rev. Carolyn Cowan, Assoc. Minister

Sunday Worship Services 8:30 AM
10:30 AM
9:40 AM

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 3179 at Hwy 30
Pastor: Jim Grable

Sunday Morning Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

296-8998
Hwy 90 West
(3 mi west of I-45)

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Morning Service 10:30 AM

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

P.O. Box 5, Riverdale
E.D. Coleman, Pastor
295-5463

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM, 7 PM
Wed. Prayer Service 7 PM

WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hwy. 30 East
Huntsville, TX
Rev. Bob Waldman, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 11 AM

FAMILY FAITH CHURCH

Corner of 14th & Ave. N
291-9458
Pastor: Jeff & Elissa Hackmann

Sunday Worship 10 AM, 7 PM
Sunday Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM
Sunday Worship 7:30 PM
Sunday Spanish Church 7:30 PM
Sunday Alpha Omega (Young Adults) 7:30 PM
BSU LSC Room 350 7:30 PM
Friday Youth Explosion 7 PM

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rt. 2, Box 1000 - 291-3838
Pastor: Tim Butler

Sunday Morning 11 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM

WESTERN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Between I-45 & 758 on FM 1375
Pastor Rev. James A. Clark
344-6543

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

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Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM
Sun. Worship 11 AM & 5:00 PM

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

911 Old Madisonville Rd.
Rev. L.J. Bulley, Pastor
295-2508

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM

BATH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

8 mi. Southwest of Huntsville on FM 1374
295-3695
Rev. Othel Knight

Sunday Morning 10:45 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

5 mi. west on Hwy 985
Rev. Regan Coakley
295-3467

Sun. Morn. Worship 11 AM
Sunday Evening 7:00 PM

HUNTSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sam Houston and 15th Street
Minister, Monte Ginnings
295-3884

Sunday Morning 10 AM & 6 PM
Worship Services 10 AM & 6 PM
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9 AM

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WESLEY FOUNDATION, SHSU METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

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Cultural Activities in Huntsville, Texas

Huntsville is a historic city set among the lakes, streams and piney woods of East Texas. Founded in 1835 under a land grant from Mexico, it was an early trading post for the settlers and Indians and was the home of Texas hero Sam Houston. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice and Sam Houston State University and Museum Complex are the largest institutions and employers. Once known as the Athens of Texas because of its many schools and churches, Huntsville has developed into a small, southern-style, multi-cultural City of approximately 28,000 population and is rated in a current publication as "Texas' Best Small City."

Opportunities for participation in the broad range of arts and humanities are provided by many diverse cultural groups and organizations as well as by the University and the public schools. The Huntsville Arts Commission, established by City Council in 1978, recommends funding for projects such as Community Theater, family musicals, Artists-in-Education, and Huntsville Youth Orchestra as well as for public art including murals, sculpture, and fabric wallhangings by local artists.

Additionally, the City operates Huntsville Enrichment Activities Program (HEAP)--an award winning program of cultural, recreational and educational activities. Classes taught by skilled personnel provide

experiences in art, crafts, music, drama, science, games, and individual sports. Designed primarily for children, more than 200 classes are offered each summer.

The Huntsville Public Library has the goal to be a cultural center, especially for youth. The Library has 54,000 volumes plus a strong genealogy section. An outreach program manned by approximately 200 annual volunteers promotes family literacy by presenting more than 250 preschool story hours in eight locations, and, in the Library, there are programs for school age children, movies, and various exhibits and performances. The Library is located near the heart of the City where revitalization is occurring.

With a grant from the Meadows Foundation of Texas, the City, in partnership with the County and the private sector, has begun a Downtown Revitalization Project with a focus on developing Downtown as cultural center. The Project includes murals by Richard Haas; a master streetscape plan; a survey of historic buildings; and the development of a master cultural plan for the community including recommendations for cultural facilities.

Huntsville has four museums: Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Park Complex, the Gibbs-Powell County Museum, the Samuel Walker Houston Cultural Center, and the Texas Prison Museum all of which provide glimpses into the past cultural life of the community. Approximately 130 other cultural and civic organizations contribute to the culture of the area, including churches and County organizations such as the Walker County Historical Commission and The Walker County Fair Association.

And there are events and celebrations: There are the Fair-on-the-

Square and football games in the fall, and, in the springtime, there is the General Sam Houston Folk Festival with dancing, storytelling, traditional folk arts and crafts in a celebration of the diverse cultures in the area. In the summer, Fourth of July and the Huntsville Birthday Party bring fireworks, concerts, and ice cream to the hot days of summer; winter is highlighted by Christmas celebrations with music and drama in churches and by the Old Time Texas Christmas Weekend when the town entertains with music, crafts, and a tour of historic homes. An unusually strong volunteer work force provides for many of these special events as well as for major social services through entities such as Good Shepherd Mission and Community Organization for Missionary Endeavor in order to meet needs in the community.

The influence of Sam Houston is felt everywhere--in the University, which is currently planning a bicentennial celebration of Houston's birth; in the development of tourism; in the demonstrations of cultural arts and activities at museums; and in historical visual art in the Downtown.

Questions such as what the town is like, what there is to do in Huntsville, and what will be planned for the future as well other questions regarding the culture of Huntsville will be addressed in 1991 and 1992 as the community begins to review the community's resources and to develop a master cultural plan for the coming decade.

Prepared by:



Linda Pease
Project Coordinator
City of Huntsville

**CITY FUNDING THROUGH
THE HUNTSVILLE ARTS COMMISSION**

HIGHLIGHTS 1978-1988

- I. Basic Programs in Music and Theater**
 - a. "Messiah"
 - b. Fourth of July Band Concerts
 - c. Gilbert & Sullivan Operettas
 - d. Family Musicals
 - e. Children's Productions
 - f. Creative Dramatics Classes

- II. Dance Performances**
 - a. Amenity Dance Theater
 - b. "Pied Piper of Hamlin"
 - c. "Sam Houston, the Raven"
 - d. Space/Dance/Theater
 - e. Po Dan Sam
 - f. Dance workshops in elementary schools

- III. Artists-in-Schools Program with TCA**
 - a. Grady Hillman, poetry
 - b. Lou Montgomery, creative dramatics
 - c. Stuart Kraft, sculpture
 - d. Phil Adamo, mime
 - e. Kay Thomas, pottery
 - f. Don Sanders, folk singing
 - g. Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio
 - h. Pat Jasper, folklife
 - i. Enid Woodward, dance

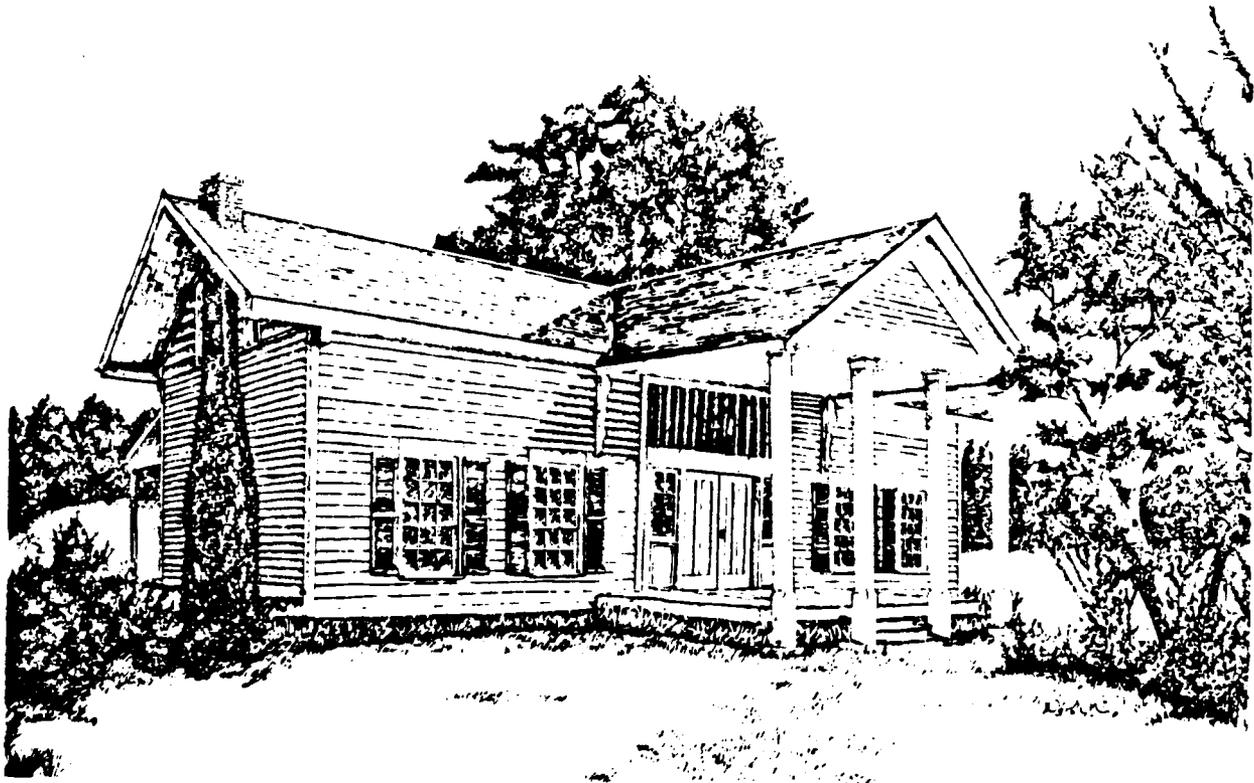
- IV. Initial Funding for New Projects**
 - a. Photographic History
 - b. Huntsville Youth Orchestra
 - c. Huntsville Community Theater
 - d. A Living History - archives of tapes with cataloging system for the Library
 - e. Downtown Project

U. Art Education Classes for Adults

- a. Oil Painting Workshops
- b. Dance Workshops
- c. Weaving & Ceramics Classes for Senior Citizens
- d. Oil Painting & Calligraphy for Senior Citizens
- e. Quilting Workshop
- f. Porcelain Overglaze (China) Painting Workshop
- g. Teacher Training Workshops to teach how to include the arts in the core curriculum of the public schools.

VI. Visual Art

- a. "Time Warp", Stanley Lee Mural on 17th Street
- b. Historical Photographic Collection
- c. "Totem", Bronze Sculpture in Town Creek Park -
Pebworth
- d. Watercolor - Saito
- e. Brown-Jardine Home, acrylic painting - Michael Hale
- f. Sculpture at high school & Kate Barr Ross Park by
Stuart Kraft
- g. Harry Ahysen Mural
- h. Martin Colley Photos
- i. Sesquicentennial Commemorative Poster art by
Charles Pebworth
- j. Sesquicentennial Quilt by Roberta Norris and
Grandpersons
- k. Trompe l'oeil designs for Downtown Project by
Richard Haas



WOODLAND

Sam Houston's Home

Sam Houston built this lovely Greek Revival home for his wife, Margaret, in 1848. The Houston family lived in the house until it was sold in 1858.

This pen-and-ink drawing was made from photographs taken after the 1911 restoration of the home.

*Don O'Connor, artist
Commissioned by
Walker County Historical Commission
1982*

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

An open house on Sunday, September 24, 1967 was the culmination of two years of hard work and determination by a group of Huntsville citizens united as Friends for a Huntsville Public Library. Over 1600 persons held membership in this organization which successfully mounted a campaign to pass a bond issue to obtain state matching funds to build the 7,000 square foot facility which exists today as Huntsville Public Library. Langwith, Wilson and King were architects for the facility built at 1216 14th Street.

The opening of a public library for Huntsville was a dream come true for those who worked so diligently founding Friends for a Huntsville Public Library. The Temporary Board for Building and Planning appointed by City Council was comprised of Dr. Mac Woodward, Chairman; A. J. Beckham; Ed Sandhop; C. E. Allen; Mrs. Helen Wheat; Mrs. Don Reid; Gerry Taylor, Technical Advisor; and Mrs. Gloria Pickett, Drive Chairman, Friends.

The first Library Board appointed by City Council was comprised of Dr. Mac Woodward, Phillip Gibbs, C. E. Allen, Mrs. Helen Wheat, Mrs. Clint Hackney, Mrs. Raymond Davis, and Mrs. Ed Sandhop.

The Huntsville Public Library is a service department of the City of Huntsville, providing recreational reading and information services to residents of Huntsville. Residents of Walker and neighboring counties are served on a fee basis.

From the 1967 staff of one librarian and one clerk, the library staff has grown to seven full-time employees, with an eighth anticipated in the fall. The summer placement of job training interns provides assistance during the library's busiest season. The library is well supported by volunteers from the community, who assist with on-going library operations and special program presentations.

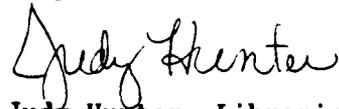
Huntsville Public Library today provides a wide variety of services to the patrons in our service area. Programming for children is a primary service goal: in addition to those programs which operate year-round, several dramatic productions are sponsored each year by Friends of the Library. The Library's collection of resource materials (books and media in a variety of formats) has grown to approximately 50,000 items in 1991.

The Friends of the Huntsville Public Library was organized in November, 1981 and in addition to children's productions, provides excellent exhibits, equipment and display items to supplement the annual City budget allocation.

In the summer of 1991, an automated circulation system became operational. This system streamlines operations significantly, allowing staff to provide increased personal service to patrons. The security system installed earlier in the same year provides theft protection especially necessary for reference and genealogical materials.

As a well-used service institution, the Huntsville Public Library is the result of those persons who had the vision to work so diligently for its establishment in this community.

Prepared by:



Judy Hunter, Librarian
Huntsville Public Library

August 15, 1991

SAM HOUSTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM

FACTS

Sam Houston Memorial Museum and the surrounding 15 acre Sam Houston Park is the focal point of Huntsville's historical attractions and activities. This area includes Sam Houston's restored Woodland Home on its original site, the kitchen, law office, blacksmith's shop and the Steamboat House where he died. Also on this site are the Museum and Exhibit Hall.

In May of 1974, the entire complex was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and declared a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior.

MISSION

As a major tourist attraction to the city of Huntsville and the surrounding area, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum is visited by 50,000 tourists from around the world each year.

The Museum preserves a unique and valuable collection of artifacts and archival material related to Sam Houston and the politics of his time. The Woodland Home, his Law Office, and the Steamboat House preserve the architectural heritage of life in frontier Texas.

The Museum's educational and outreach programs provide an innovative learning facility for educators and students throughout East Texas. Authentic costumes, activities, and demonstrations provide a vivid insight to the reality of life in the 1800s.

Associated with Sam Houston State University, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum is a valuable research facility relating not just to Sam Houston and Texas, but the entire spectrum of 19th century political and domestic life.

A site research and planning project has been prepared by the Center for Historic Resources and the Archaeological Research Laboratory of Texas A&M University. In addition to Woodland Home and the Law Office, structures envisioned for this site were typical of many East Texas farms, with a kitchen, smoke house, servants quarters, a cotton house, hog pen, corn cribs, a carriage house and stable, hitching posts, chicken coops, and outhouses.

The Museum's exhibits chronicle Sam Houston's life from his birth in the hills of Virginia, growing up with the Cherokee Indians in Tennessee, his victory over Santa Anna at San Jacinto, to his death in the Steamboat House. The Exhibit Hall highlights the life and times of a typical East Texas town complete with a doctor's office, Indians, and a carpentry shop.

HISTORY

The history of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum Complex began in 1905 when Miss Bertha Kirkley, a patriotic young history teacher at the Normal Institute, (now Sam Houston State University) inspired students, faculty, and the public to start a fund drive to purchase and preserve for posterity the remains of the General's homestead. As part of the fund-raising activities, William Jennings Bryan dedicated the monument at Houston's grave placed by the state of Texas on the 75th anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto. Fifteen acres of land, Houston's Woodland Home, and his Law Office were purchased, and in 1911 the properties were presented to the state through the Normal Institute.

In 1927 another SHSU history professor, J.L. Clark, spearheaded a drive to restore the historical buildings and recreate the homestead by appropriate landscaping of the site and building replicas of the farm structures similar to those which existed in the site during the Houstons' occupancy. With \$15,000 appropriated by the Texas Legislature, Woodland Home and the Law Office were restored, and a kitchen was built. A committee of private citizens launched a drive to obtain authentic furnishings. The grounds were landscaped by Martinus Stougaard, a Danish landscape architect, and the restored site and buildings were formally dedicated and opened to the public on May 3, 1929.

In 1936, the Texas Centennial Commission allocated funds to build a Museum dedicated to General Houston and restore the Steamboat House, where the General died, and move it to the Museum grounds. The first unit of the main Museum building and Steamboat House were dedicated and opened to the public on March 2, 1936.

From 1953 through 1972, under the direction of Mrs. Grace Longino Cox, the Museum saw its formative years. Legislative appropriations permitted the construction of three additional wings to the Museum, a new kitchen replica, and blacksmith shop; the grounds received intensive care, and the Museum became what it is today.

FACILITIES

Shaded by catalpas, cypress, pecans, and bois d'arcs, Sam Houston's Woodland Home stands proudly in the middle of 15 acres of his former homestead in the East Texas town of Huntsville. The Woodland Home is a whitewashed six-room, two-story log and clapboard house build in 1847, furnished in the style of the 19th century.

The Steamboat House - a six-room, two-story frame house built in 1858 resembling a Mississippi riverboat.

Sam Houston's four-notched log law office built in the mid-1800s.

The Sam Houston Memorial Museum tells the story of Sam Houston's life: his travels, his glorious victories, and his crushing defeats.

A replica of an outdoor log kitchen and a log blacksmith shop.

The Exhibit Hall - a log building housing the museum gift shop, audio-visual theater, and historical exhibits.

A fifteen-acre historical site and park with benches, a gazebo, spring-fed duck pond and separate picnic area for the convenience of visitors.

HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville is one of the oldest English-speaking settlements in Texas. It grew from a trading post established in 1835 by Pleasant Gray who named it Huntsville in memory of his home in Alabama. The city's location was one of its greatest assets and the reason why the Bedai and Coushatta Indians used it as a gathering and trading place. It's located on an old Indian trade route which the white man has continued to use and we now call U.S. Highway 75.

Huntsville became a hub of land routes leading to all of Texas and an important stagecoach center famous for its three taverns which served as stopping places and livery stables for stagecoaches. There the travelers found good service, excellent food, and comfortable lodging.

In 1847 Huntsville was honored by the arrival of General Sam Houston, father of the young Republic; an American and Texan hero who forged a new destiny for our nation on the battlefield of San Jacinto.

In the 1850's Huntsville was an active educational center and was called the Athens of Texas. The Huntsville Male Academy was established in 1848; in 1849 Austin college, a Presbyterian boy's school, was founded; Andrew Female college was established in 1853; and in 1879, Sam Houston

Normal Institute (now Sam Houston State University) was created; becoming the first school for training teachers in Texas.

In 1988 hundreds of local citizens, Sam Houston State University administration, staff and students organized the General Sam Houston Folk Festival and formed The New Army of the Republic of Texas. Each year, on the anniversary of Sam Houston's victory over Santa Anna, hundreds of folk dancers, musicians, and artisans representing many ethnic groups gather to recreate history and celebrate our rich cultural heritage.



Val Husley, Ph.D.
Director
Sam Houston Memorial Museum

GIBBS - POWELL HOME
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

Visitors to Huntsville can step back into the Nineteenth Century at the Gibbs-Powell Home on the corner of 11th Street and Avenue M, 1228 Eleventh Street, Phone (409) 295-2914.

Built in 1862 in the Greek Revival style popular in Huntsville and in the south at that time, the house has been the home to several generations of Gibbs and Powell families. Through the interest of Judge and Mrs. Ben H. Powell III this home has remained unchanged and the interior as well as furniture and furnishings were preserved to be used as a museum. Female boarders attending Sam Houston Normal in the Nineteenth Century roomed upstairs.

The house is both a Texas Archaeological Landmark and a recorded Texas Historical Landmark and is operated by the Walker County Historical Commission as a county museum. Furniture, furnishings, books, newspapers, and documents have also been donated by other local families to help accentuate the atmosphere of a gracious family home.

Additional features:

1. 5 original cedar trees dated from the 1860's.
2. Original oak-grained doors in upstairs room.
3. Original cypress shutters and many original panes of glass.
4. Victorian furniture downstairs and Texas primitive furniture in upstairs rooms.

OPERATING HOURS

Thursday and Friday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The public is invited on the third Sunday of each month for Walker County Historical Commission meetings.



GIBBS-POWELL HOME MUSEUM

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SAM HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

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The Samuel Walker Houston Cultural Center began as a dream in the hearts and minds of Blacks from Walker County who gathered every four years to attend a reunion of Sam Houston High School High School Alumni and Ex-Students. The first school-wide reunion was organized by the late Ollie Lacy White in 1974 and held thereafter every four years until 1982 when ex-students expressed a desire to convene biannually due to the advancing age of some of the graduates and natural occurrences in time beyond control.

In 1979, the alumni association was officially incorporated into a national organization chartered by the State of Texas. The reunions swiftly became popular events evoking attendance of alumni and ex-students from various parts of the United States. As time progressed, the focus of these reunions shifted from the social aspects to a more serious one, that of preserving the heritage of Sam Houston High School and the educational principles of Professor Samuel W. Houston, for whom the school was named. Professor Houston, as he was fondly referred to, can be called the "Father" of education for African Americans in Walker County.

As a result of integration, African American teachers and students experienced a loss of identity and graduates and ex-students felt no emotional ties to Huntsville High School, which was established after Sam Houston High was eliminated. They vowed

to remain organized and committed to the ideals set forth by Mr. Houston and sought a means to express their appreciation of him in the form of a permanent memorial befitting his status. Notable members of the National Association of Sam Houston High School Alumni who were responsible for laying the ground work for the establishment of the cultural center are Dr. U.W. Watkins, Cecil Williams, Edward Rigsby, Joyce and John Carter, Lingie Shackelford and Mary Oliphant.

In 1988, Stanford Douglas, serving as leader for the National organization, committed himself to the task of making the cultural center a reality, He aggressively explored options which led to his appeal to the Huntsville Independent School District Administration to donate the Gilpin House. The Gilpin House had previously housed the District's Business Office and was scheduled for demolition. The H.I.S.D. Board of Trustees voted to donate the building in 1989.

Renovation of the building was begun immediately and after months of diligent work on the part of S.H.H.S. exes and various other members of the Huntsville community, the building was ready for dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies at the close of the 1990 reunion.

The Samuel Walker Houston Cultural Center officially opened on February 12, 1991, the anniversary of the birth of Professor Houston.



Stanford Douglas
President,
National Association of Sam Houston High School Alumni and Ex-
Students

HISTORY OF THE TEXAS 8-26-91 PRISON MUSEUM

1984-5

The Texas Department of Corrections and the Criminal Justice Center established the Texas Prison Archives. The archives were founded by Dr. Robert Pierce, and he is currently the TDCJ-ID prison archivist. The Texas Prison Archives were housed at the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University. The archives were open to the public during the Texas Prison Rodeo in October 1984 and in 1985. In August, 1985, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division – (TDCJ-ID) intensified its efforts to increase its collection under the guidance of Ken Johnson (TDCJ-ID). These efforts led to the creation of a Texas Prison Museum Planning Group. A local survey in October of 1985 revealed that the citizens of Texas wanted a prison museum, and would pay admission to visit such a museum.

1986

The Texas Prison Museum, Incorporated received its state charter on June 25, 1986.

1986-9

The Texas Prison Museum was opened to the public on April 21, 1989 at 1113 12th Street. This historic building, currently owned by Robert Ernst, was once the city hall and a local bank.

1988-91

John Reynolds was the Texas Prison Museum's first president. Ken Johnson the second, and Dr. Robert Pierce the third. The current president is Mike Countz.

The first year of operation the Texas Prison Museum had over 10,000 visitors from 46 states and 27 countries. Last year the attendance was 14,000. The museum has hosted special tours and exhibits. The exhibit committee is comprised of Jim Balzaretta and Dr. Robert Pierce. The Texas Prison Museum from its opening day has been a popular tourist attraction in Huntsville.

Prepared by: Robert Pierce

Robert Pierce, Ph.D.

Texas Prison Museum (TPM)

Co-founder

Past President, TPM

Current Board Member, TPM



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HUNTSVILLE YOUTH IN THE '90 s

One of the primary reasons Huntsville has been rated one of the best small cities in the United States is the quality of life it offers its youth. The Huntsville Independent School District, Sam Houston State University, the City of Huntsville, the Huntsville YMCA, the Walker County Fair Association, and numerous commercial and non-profit establishments provide opportunities for Huntsville youth that far exceed those normally found in a town the size of Huntsville.

In the area of sports and athletics, the boys and girls of Huntsville may choose from several quality developmental programs such as the Huntsville Boys Baseball Association (ages 5-16), the Little Dribblers, the Huntsville Youth Soccer League, and the Huntsville Girls Softball League. All of these programs are led by dedicated parent volunteers and make use of excellent facilities provided by the City of Huntsville and Huntsville ISD. The Huntsville Little Dribbler program has served as a model for the development of such programs in other cities. A regulation skating rink and a bowling alley are available for boys and girls for both recreational and competitive purposes.

A highlight of each summer is the Huntsville Enrichment Activities Program (HEAP) sponsored by the City of Huntsville. Youth may enroll for minimal fees in classes providing instruction in arts and crafts, drama, swimming, cheerleading, twirling, folklore, life in early Texas, cooking, sewing, and many other interesting topics. Multiple sessions enable youth to participate in several activities that are educational, recreational, and socially developmental.

The Walker County Fair Association focuses its fair and rodeo around the accomplishments of youth of the county. Individual youth projects are the focal point of the fair. Additionally, the Fair Association co-sponsors with Huntsville ISD the Academic Rodeo which enables students from the schools to display

their academic accomplishments within the fair setting. The Fair Association also provides several scholarships to deserving youth.

One of the greatest additions to the Huntsville community in recent years as far as youth are concerned has been the creation and development of the YMCA. In addition to providing opportunities for youth and adults alike to participate in sporting events such as basketball, volleyball, and softball, perhaps the most significant contribution of the YMCA to youth has been its Operation Prime Time, a day care program operating in the elementary schools of Huntsville ISD from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily throughout the school year. Snacks, supervised play, and tutoring are provided for these children who might otherwise be going home for two hours to an empty house.

No community is complete in its offerings to youth without the boy scouts and girl scouts, and Huntsville certainly meets this criteria. The Sam Houston Area Council of the Boy Scouts has grown rapidly in recent years and has enabled hundreds of boys to participate in wholesome activities that cultivate responsible young men. The same opportunity exists for girls through the San Jacinto Council of the Girl Scouts.

Parents who are attracted to the fine arts will find two unique programs for youth sponsored through the music department of Sam Houston State University. The Huntsville Youth Orchestra and the Huntsville Children's Choir both give participants a taste of excellence in music education. The Children's Choir performed in California last year, and youth in these programs have the opportunity to participate in state, national, and even international performance tours.

All of the aforementioned community based offerings for youth are in addition to the comprehensive educational program they receive in the public schools of Huntsville. All Huntsville ISD schools have certified librarians, nurses, counselors, music teachers, art teachers, and physical education teachers to complement innovative, progressive instruction in the regular classrooms. Process writing, reading and writing across the curriculum, reading process, and cooperative learning occur on a regular basis in all classrooms. Science and computer labs are available on all campuses, including the elementary

schools. Huntsville ISD believes that "all students can learn" and accepts the responsibility and challenge of taking every student to his maximum potential.

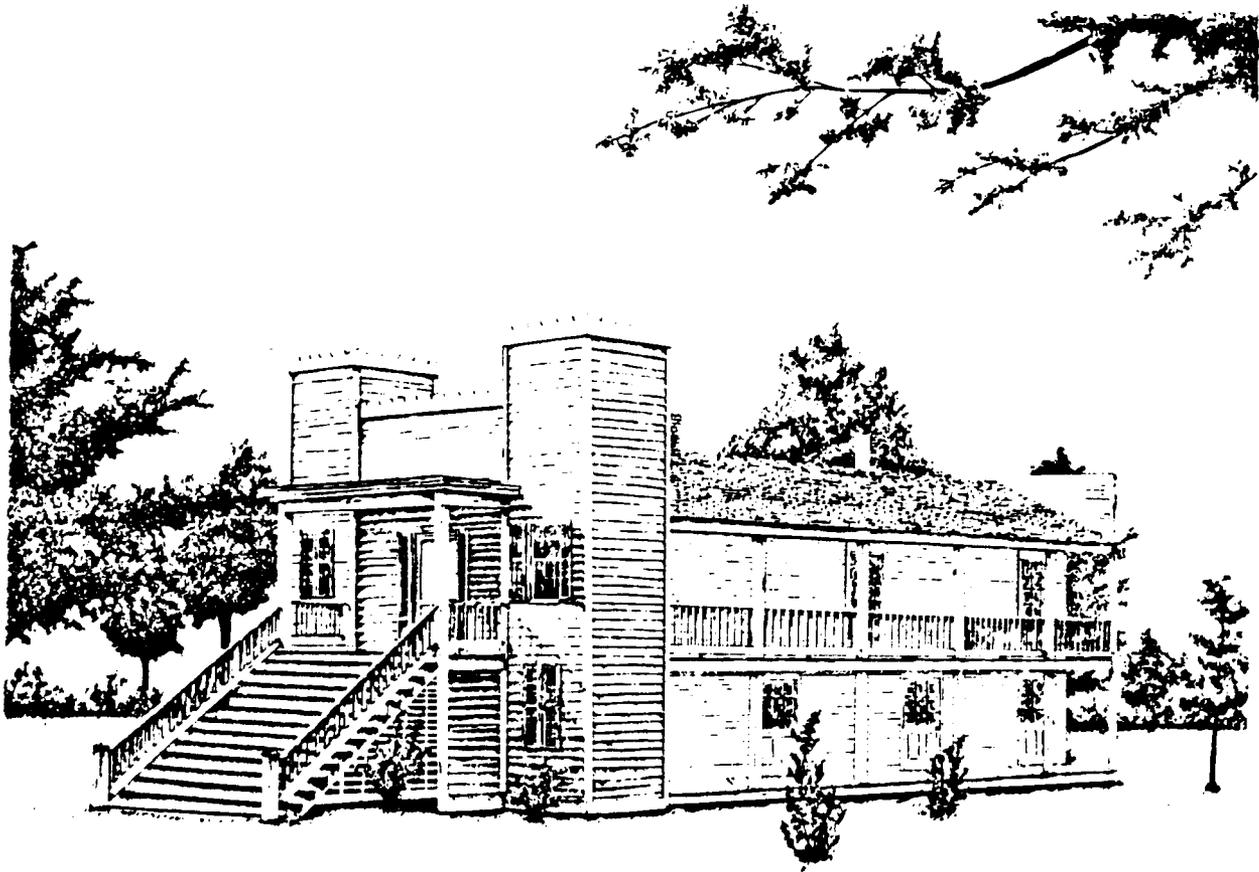
In conclusion, Huntsville at the close of the twentieth century is truly a community for youth. One need only to drive through town to see the many opportunities that exist for quality youth activities. It is no wonder that so many people say: "Huntsville is the kind of town I would like to raise my kids in."



Dale Dixon

Superintendent of Schools

August, 1991



THE STEAMBOAT HOUSE

This unusual frame residence was designed and built in 1858 by Dr. Rufus Bailey as a wedding present for his son and daughter-in-law. The newlyweds refused to live in it, however, due to the ridicule that it received, and Dr. Bailey ordered the house closed.

Sam Houston rented the structure from Dr. Bailey in 1861 and lived there until his death. During the occupancy of the Houston family, the house was located behind a grove of cedar trees on the corner of Avenue F and Ninth Street (near what is now the entrance of the Adickes Addition to Oakwood Cemetery). General Sam Houston died in the downstairs front bedroom at 6:15 p.m. on July 26, 1863.

The Steamboat House was moved to its present location in 1936.

Don O'Connor, artist
Commissioned by
Walker County Historical Commission
1982



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December, 1991

GREETINGS:

The City of Huntsville has the following parks and recreational facilities located in the city limits for each citizen's use. The park names, brief descriptions, and their locations are noted below.

KATE BARR ROSS MEMORIAL PARK

This 31.5 acre community park is located one mile north of 11th Street on Highway 75 North. The park features a swimming pool; four multiple use fields (baseball/soccer); two baseball fields; one softball field; a soccer field; a covered pavilion with a barbecue pit; playground equipment; tot lot; picnic tables with barbecue grills; and restrooms.

EMANCIPATION PARK

This 10.4 acre neighborhood park is located on Avenue F at 3rd Street. It contains a recreation building which can be rented; a covered recreation area with basketball goals; playground equipment; and restroom facilities.

THOMAS CLIFTON GIBBS PARK

This is a neighborhood park located on the northwest corner of Avenue S and 19th Street. This four acre park provides a pastoral setting and contains park benches and picnic tables.

BAYOU BEND PARK

This 2.3 acre neighborhood greenbelt located on the corner of Magnolia Way and Normal Park Streets in the Forest Hills Subdivision provides an open space recreational area.

JOHN HENRY RATHER PARK

This 1.6 acre greenbelt/ornamental park located on the northeast corner of 13th Street and University Avenue provides a natural setting with picnic tables and a bench swing to enhance the downtown area.

PINEVIEW PARK

This is a neighborhood park located at Avenue N 1/2 and 23rd Street. This two acre park includes playground equipment, picnic tables and benches.

FOREST HILLS PARK

This is a neighborhood playlot located between Willow Bend and Pine Valley Streets in the Forest Hills Subdivision. This .6 acre park features picnic tables and playground equipment.

SMITHER PARK

Smither Park is a .4 acre ornamental park located at I-45 and Avenue S. It provides a pastoral setting and park benches.

TOWN CREEK PARK

Town Creek Park is a greenbelt area located behind City Hall at 1212 Avenue M. This .2 acre park contains park benches, a Peabworth sculpture, a walk bridge spanning Town Creek, memorial to Dennis Baker, and the Amphitheater.

NEW ADDITION PARK

This park is a City/public school joint use neighborhood park located at the corner of Elm Street and Highway 190 East. It contains six multipurpose softball/soccer fields; three picnic areas with barbecue grills; and playground equipment. It is available to the public during non-school hours.

EMMA ETHEREDGE PARK

This 13 acre neighborhood park is located on Autumn Road and Holly Lane in the Spring Lake Subdivision. Picnic tables and playground equipment help to accent the setting of this beautiful and scenic green space. Some of the acreage is still being developed at this time.

SANDBROOK PARK

Sandbrook Park is a 1.3 acre neighborhood park located at the end of Clay Circle in the Sandbrook Subdivision on Old Houston Road. Playground equipment, picnic tables, and benches are some of the items that will be placed in this park as it continues to be developed.

PINE SHADOWS PARK

This is a one acre neighborhood park located on Knob Oaks Drive in the Pine Shadows Subdivision on Highway 1374. Playground equipment, walk bridge, and picnic tables are planned for the continued development of this park.

THOMASON PARK, BUSH-MILLER PARK, PLEASANT GRAY SPRING SITE

Approximately 38 acres have been acquired for the above three sites. At this time, all three are under development.

As our community continues to grow, our city Council and staff continue to look at ways to enhance the above listed parks and any additional acreage that can be used in our neighborhoods as parks and recreational facilities.


GENE PIPES
CITY MANAGER



Huntsville Memorial Hospital

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 - 24-Hour Emergency Center
 - Outpatient Surgery Center including Laser Surgery
 - CT Scan
 - Ultrasound
 - Nuclear Medicine and Mammography
 - Family Centered Birthing Suites
 - Pathology & 34-Hour Lab Services
 - Outpatient Testing
 - Physical Therapy
 - Community Health Education
 - Business & Industry Wellness Services
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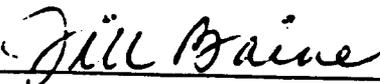
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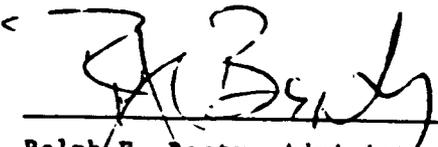
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Prepared by:



Jill Baine, Director of Marketing
Huntsville Memorial Hospital, 1991



Ralph E. Beaty, Administrator
Huntsville Memorial Hospital, 1991



City of Huntsville

"TO BUILD AND SERVE A BETTER COMMUNITY"
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77340

FIRE DEPARTMENT
1212 AVENUE M
(409) 291-3047

JOE FRENCH
FIRE CHIEF

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HUNTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Huntsville Fire Department met for the first time on Friday, November 6, 1925 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a fire department. Mayor Tom Ball was the presiding official. City Council members attending were H.O. Leigh, Ben Estine, and Joe Henson. An oyster supper was enjoyed and C.E. Bobbitt made a short talk as to what the City Council had planned to do in the way of equipping the city with an up-to-date fire department. It was stated that a very up-to-date chemical and pump truck would be in the hands of the local fire department within the next thirty (30) days. There was also a statement made about plans to build a new two story brick fire house.

At this meeting, the following officers were elected:

Fire Chief:	C.E. Bobbitt
Asst. Chief:	Phil Bowden
Secretary:	W.P. Mallery, Jr.
Treasurer:	J.R. King, Jr.

The following were applicants for membership to the Huntsville Fire Department and were appointed by the Fire Chief:

F. Shannon	Lee Kirkland
Ford Miller	Arthur Anders
W.P. Ball	Sam Robbins
Phil Bowden	J. Robert King, Jr.
J.B. McDaniel	John O. Hamblin
S.C. Baldwin	Harvey A. Boudeaux
W.B. Carr	W.P. Mallery, Jr.
Ben C. Eastine	Dock McCullough
Morris Seligman	Brady McCullough
J.W. Mallery	Elliston Humphrey
Bowden Hamblin	George Osburn

August Tampke

The first fire on record made by the newly organized fire department was on Sunday, November 15, 1925. It was at the old Gillaspie home in north Huntsville. The records state that sparks from the Gillaspie house caught three other houses on fire at the same time. The records also state that the firemen were able to save the three houses but the Gillaspie house burned down.

The first record of a fire truck being used is on November 16, 1925 at a fire in the L.A. Northington residence. The fire was caused by a flue burning out and no damage was reported.

The fire department's first fire house was located on 11th Street just east of the courthouse square. It is still standing and is currently owned by Jim Standefer.

The fire department used this building from the mid 1920's to about 1959 when the station at 14th Street and Avenue M was built.

Fire Station #2 was constructed at 22nd Street and Sam Houston Avenue in 1973. A third station was built at the end of the City Service Center building in August, 1980.

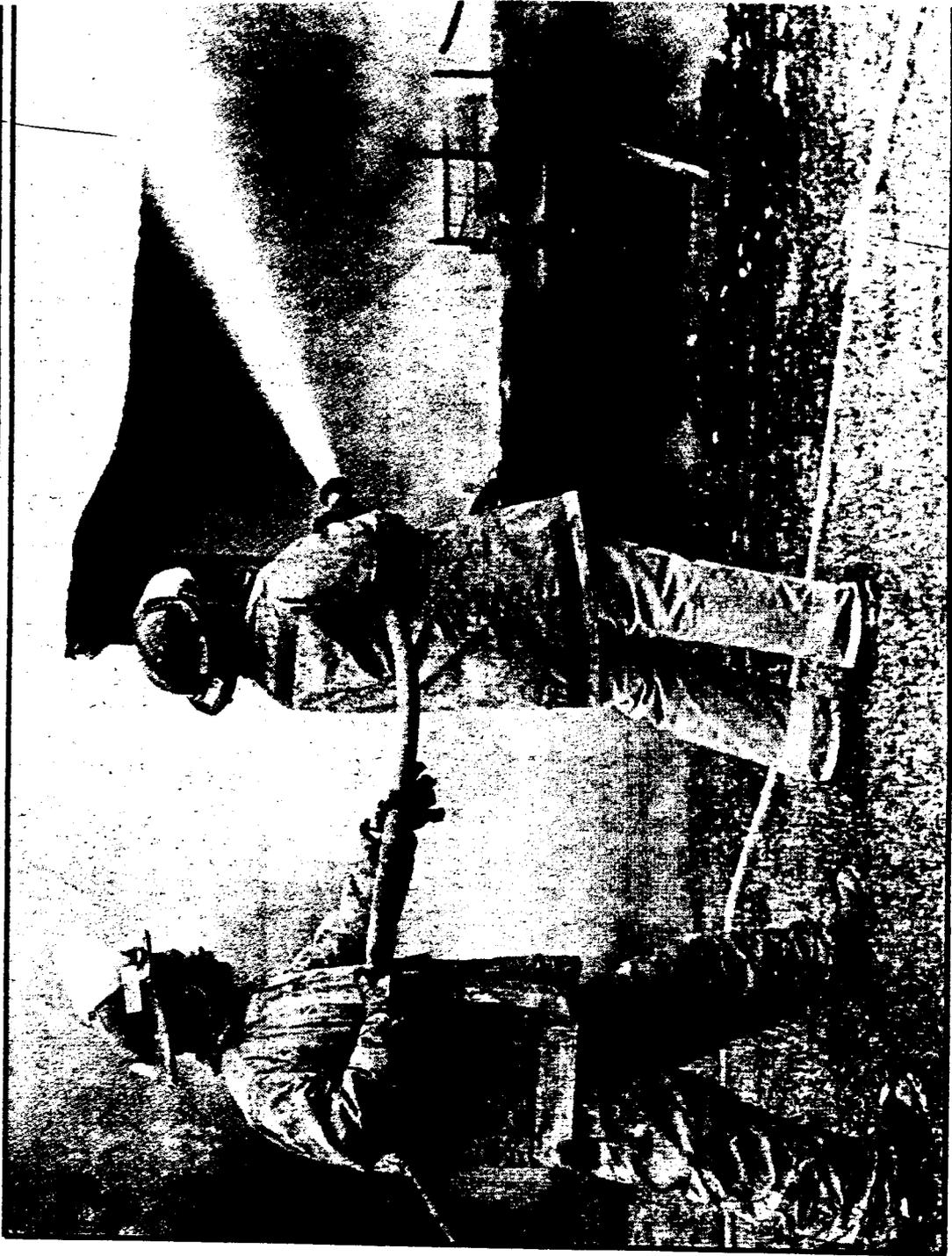
The Huntsville Fire Department now has three fire stations and 16 pieces of equipment. These are manned by three full-time firefighters and 40 part-time firefighters.

In February, 1985 due to legal questions about liability to the City of Huntsville regarding the Huntsville Volunteer Fire Department actions, the City took over the volunteer department making all its members part-time employees. Joe French was appointed the first full-time Chief of the department and remains so today.



Prepared by Joe French, Huntsville Fire Chief who has 21 years service with the department with the last thirteen as Chief.

NOT MUCH LEFT



Huntsville firefighters Charles Smith, left, and Brandon Smith hose down Tuesday's blaze.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Police Department provides deterrence to law violations, apprehends offenders, controls traffic and crowds, protects life and property, provides aid in the event of disaster, and enforces State and Federal laws and City ordinances. The Police Department's total personnel allocation is 46 employees, 34 of which are sworn officer positions.

The primary areas of responsibility of the Police Department are: Uniform Services, Criminal Investigations, and Support Services.

UNIFORM SERVICES

The Uniform Services Division is supervised by a Police Lieutenant and is comprised of four primary sections: Patrol, Warrants, Community Services, and Parking Control. Uniform Services is the backbone of the Police Department and the first line defense against crime. Uniform Services is responsible for the protection of life, property and the preservation of peace. Of the total 46 employees in the Police Department, 23 are assigned to this Division.

The Patrol Section is composed of four sergeants and 15 1/2 officers. This section is the first responder to all police calls and initial investigations.

The Warrant Section is composed of one officer and is responsible for the serving of all Municipal Court warrants as well as follow up investigations on all "hit and run" type traffic accidents.

The Community Services Section is composed of one-half an officer with the other half of his time devoted to Patrol. This officer is responsible to represent the Police Department proactively by conducting security surveys for business and homes, crime prevention talks, and work with the youth of our community.

The Parking Control Section is composed of one attendant and handles the enforcement of the City's parking ordinance in downtown Huntsville.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

The Criminal Investigation Division is supervised by a Police Lieutenant and is comprised of three primary sections: Criminal Investigations, Narcotic Investigations, and Property/Evidence Control. The total personnel assigned to this division is nine and the Lieutenant also functions as Crime Stoppers Coordinator for the Police Department.

It is the responsibility of the Criminal Investigation Division to conduct investigations and assist in the prosecution of criminal activity; to provide technical and investigative areas of specialization; to recover property; and to apprehend offenders. The main function of the Criminal Investigation Division is the follow up and detailed investigations into the criminal offense which are reported to our department. We have five detectives assigned to this function.

The Narcotics Investigation Section deals with both the reactive and pro-active investigations into narcotic offenses. By actively enforcing the narcotic laws, we believe we can produce a corresponding positive impact on the theft, burglary and robbery offenses. We have two officers assigned to this section.

The third section is Property/Evidence Control. This section processes, catalogs, and disposes of collected evidence and property as is appropriate. One technician is assigned to the Property/Evidence Control Section.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division is supervised by a Police Lieutenant and is comprised of five primary sections: Communications, Records, Training, Emergency Management, and Accreditation Compliance. The total personnel assigned to this division is 12. It is the responsibility of this division to

provide support to the other divisions within the Police Department.

The Communications Section is composed of seven emergency telecommunicators. This section receives and dispatches all calls for service for the Huntsville Police Department, Huntsville/Walker County Fire Department, and the Huntsville/Walker County Emergency Medical Service. It is the contact point for the entire City government nights, weekends and holidays.

The Records Section is composed of two clerks who process all accidents and crime reports, perform record checks, maintain the criminal records for the Police Department and also function as receptionist.

The Training and Emergency Management Sections of the Police Department are composed of one Sergeant. The Sergeant is responsible for scheduling in-service training for all personnel, coordinating training classes, and maintaining training records. The Sergeant also coordinates Emergency Management functions for the City and is assigned various other tasks.

One remaining position of Support Services is the Accreditation Officer who conducts research on policies and procedures, and prepares written regulations in compliance with the National Accreditation Project.

Prepared by:


Hank Eckhardt
Chief of Police

Police kept busy with rain, crimes

By BOB SONDEREGGER
The Huntsville Item

Criminal investigations, accidents, traffic lights that went out and apparent malfunctions of burglar alarms kept Huntsville police busy on Labor Day Monday.

"We've been extremely busy," said Sgt. Kevin Lunsford after an afternoon barrage of heavy thunderstorms added to what had already been a busy day.

"The biggest problem was all the alarms that were going off," Lunsford said.

At the height of the storm some four traffic signals went out but Lunsford said the city traffic department quickly put the traffic controls back in service.

Traffic signals reported out included those at 13th Street and Sam Houston, 16th Street and Sam Houston, 11th Street and Avenue I and Highway 30 and the Interstate 45 Service Road.

Police also investigated accidents connected with the storms including one on Montgomery Road that was dispatched as a major accident.

Lunsford said the accident turned out to be a non-injury accident.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers investigated some four accidents on Interstate 45 in Walker County Monday

afternoon.

A spokesman for the Huntsville-Walker County EMS said the service transported injured persons from an accident on I-45 at the 124-mile marker north of Huntsville.

Details from that accident were not available from the DPS.

Lunsford said traffic encountered high water at times during the storms but the water quickly subsided when the rains stopped.

He said the criminal investigations Monday included "quite a few burglary, theft and assault calls."

Huntsville firemen said they responded to three reports of lightning striking near structures — one early Monday morning during a thunderstorm and two during the late afternoon storms.

The fire department reported no serious fire damage in any of the calls.

The fire department also responded to a fire alarm at Huntsville Memorial Hospital that was apparently triggered by thunderstorms.



*Walker County
Mini-History*

MINI HISTORY OF WALKER COUNTY

Walker County, Texas was organized April 6, 1846, by an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas. It has an area of 786-square miles. The county was formed from a portion of Montgomery County and was named in honor of Robert J. Walker, a Democratic Senator from Mississippi. The citizens later regretted the honor paid to Robert Walker because of the stand he took against the Confederacy. This led to the passage of a resolution by the State Legislature on December 16, 1863, changing the name of the county to honor Captain Samuel H. Walker, a distinguished Texas Ranger who fell in Mexico while fighting for the rights of Texans.

The first session of the County Court met on July 27, 1846. Those present were Chief Justice Milton Estill, Commissioner Elijah Collard and Benjamin W. Robinson. Their only item of business was the order of the Court that the upper story of Harvey Randolph's house (north side of 11th Street) be designated as a courthouse until otherwise provided.

The first petition for a public road was presented at the second session of the County Court, which met on August 3, 1846. The road was to run from Cincinnati to intersect the Washington Road at William L. Porter's. In the middle 1830s Pleasant and Ephriam Gray settled at a Bedias Indian post at the present site of Huntsville.

By 1838 Cincinnati and Carolina were laid off as river ports on the Trinity River. Cincinnati was abandoned after the yellow fever epidemic of 1853.

The county population was 2,700 in 1846, when James Gillaspie raised a company of Walker County volunteers for the Mexican War.

The state penitentiary was located at Huntsville in 1847.

By 1850 the county population was 3,964. Walker County lost area and population with the creation of Madison County in 1853 and San Jacinto County in 1870.

In 1852 Huntsville became the location of Austin College. The buildings were later used by Sam Houston Normal Institute (now Sam Houston State University) which was founded in 1879.

With the outbreak of the Civil War, James Gillaspie raised a company of volunteer infantry, and two companies of cavalry were part of Hood's Texas Brigade. For a time in 1871 the company was a part of martial law because of Reconstruction difficulties.

The Houston and Great Northern Railroad built south to north across Walker County in 1871, bypassing Huntsville, which later secured a tap line from Phelps.

With better transportation available, lumbering became the chief industry of the county, replacing agriculture as first. By 1890 nine sawmills were in operation.

The first courthouse was built in 1848. A second courthouse burned in January, 1888. A third courthouse burned December 24, 1968. It was replaced by the present building in 1969.

The first record of a scheduled mail service for Huntsville was a Star Route operated out of Houston via Huntsville to Cincinnati on the Trinity River in 1839. This was served weekly by stagecoach except for inclement weather. Postage rates for this were \$.25 per sheet.

The county has continued with a steady growth in population. In 1890 it had reached 12,874. By 1950 it had reached 20,168, and, according to the latest census, in 1990 it is 50,917.

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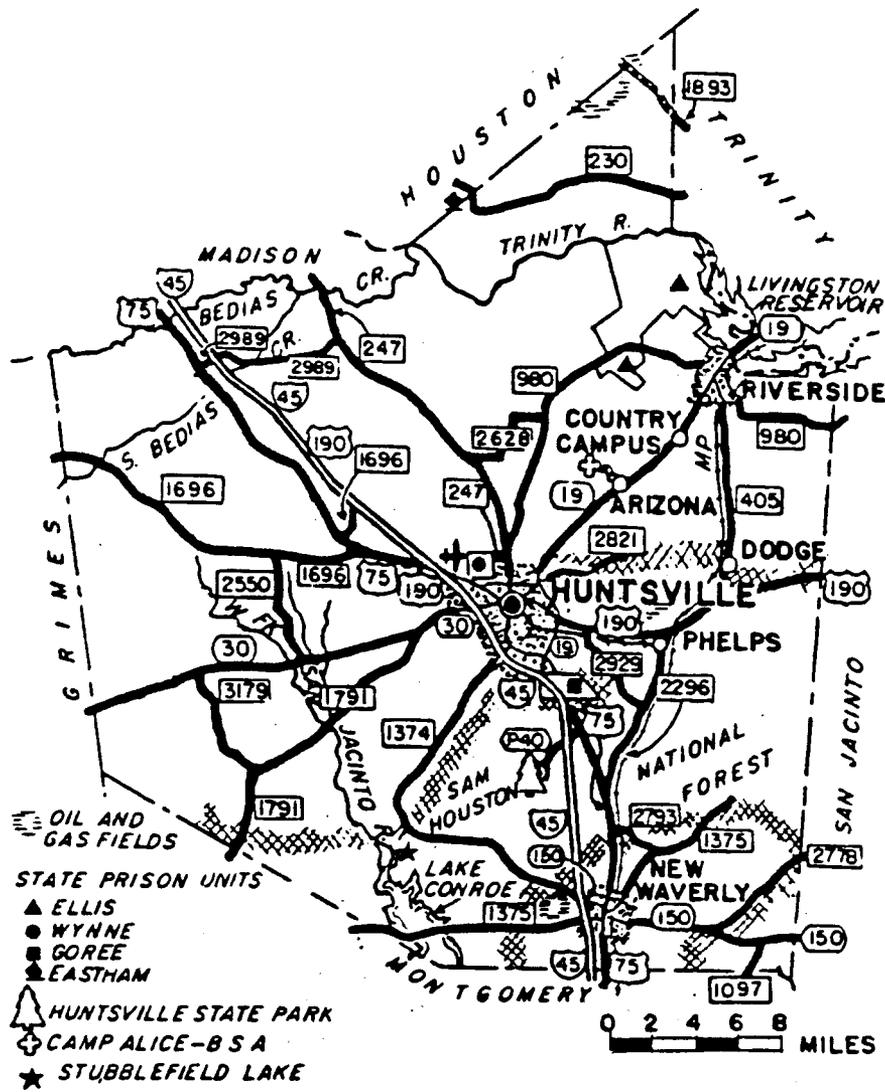
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Member, Walker County Historical Commission

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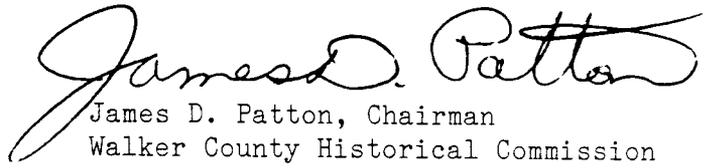


HISTORICAL MARKERS OF WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

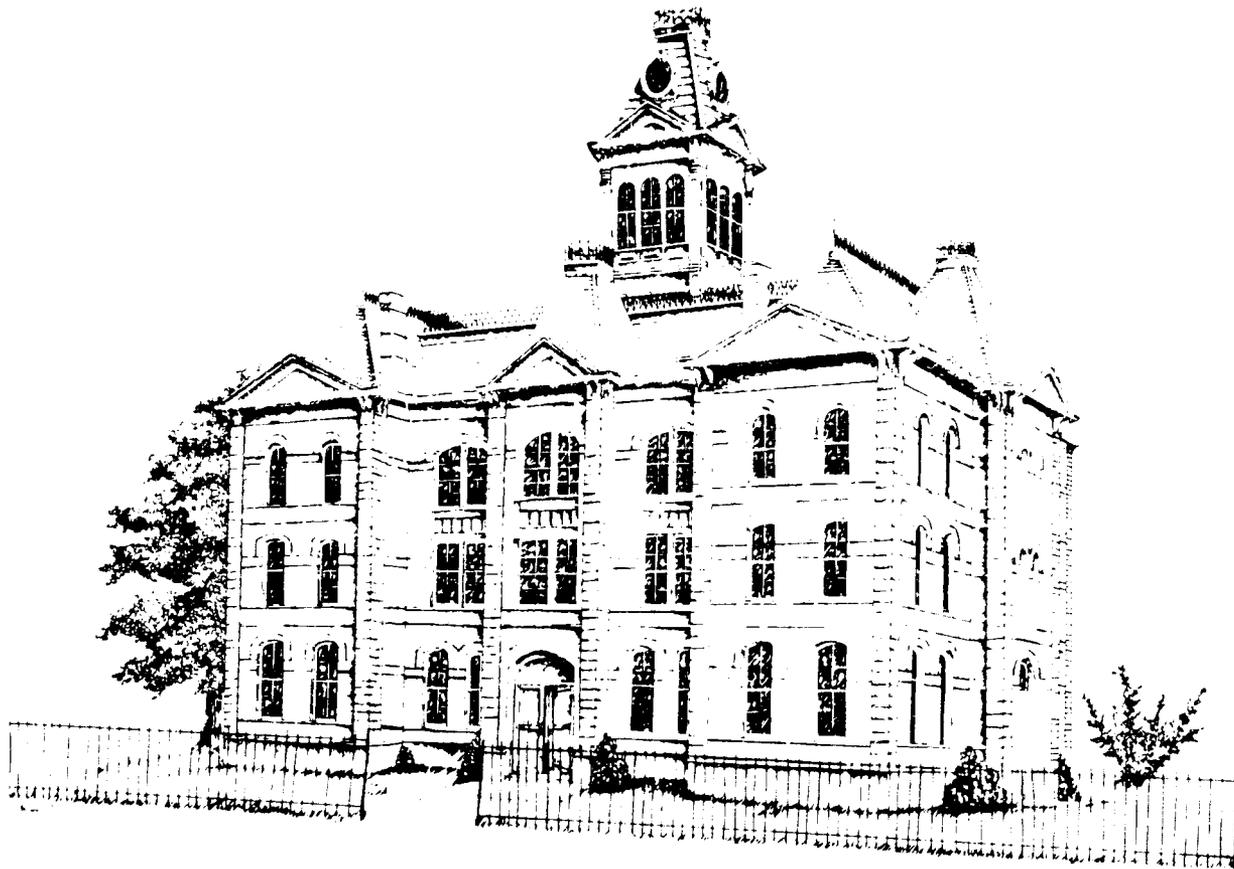
1. Walker County
2. Cincinnati
3. John Frelan Winters
4. Christopher Columbus Edinburgh
5. Home Site of Henderson Yoakum
6. Site of the original building of Austin College
7. Site of Andrew Female College
8. Town of Newport
9. Gillaspie Monument
10. State Penitentiary C S A
11. Old Gibbs Store
12. Steamboat House
13. Farris Chapel Methodist Church
14. Sam Houston (Oakwood Cemetery)
15. Walker County
16. Jardine - Browne House
17. Woodland - Sam Houston
18. Site of Founding of Huntsville and of Historic Indian Post
19. James and Rhoda Creel (Beall) Winters
20. Old Waverly
21. Samuel Calhoun Cemetery
22. Old Main Building

23. Henry Opera House
24. Hezekiah Farris
25. Town of Riverside
26. Town of Dodge
27. Mark Manning
28. Anthony Martin Branch
29. Akin Hill
30. St. Joseph's Catholic Church
31. Emancipation Park
32. Oakwood Cemetery (DAR)
33. Henderson Yoakum
34. Elijah Collard
35. First Baptist Church, Huntsville
36. Site of Thomas Plantation
37. Waverly Cemetery
38. Forrest Lodge, 19
39. Jesse Parker
40. Thomas Cemetery
41. McAdams Homeplace
42. Boswell Baptist Church
43. St. James United Methodist Church
44. Hillary Mercer Crabb
45. First United Methodist Church, Huntsville
46. Ebenezer Baptist Church
47. Bethea Creek
48. The Rev. Thomas H. Ball
49. First Christian Church, Huntsville

50. McAdams Cemetery
- *51. Confederate Memorial (UDC)
- *52. War Memorial (VETERANS)
53. Cook Springs Baptist Church
54. Black Jack Cemetery and Church
55. Chalk Cemetery
56. Gibbs-Powell House
57. First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville
58. Eastham-Thomason House
59. Gen. John S. Besser
60. Peabody Library Building
61. Austin College Building (Replacement)


James D. Patton, Chairman
Walker County Historical Commission

*Private Organizations



OLD WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

This courthouse was the fourth to occupy the public-square site. The building was completed in 1888, and was used until it was destroyed by fire on the morning of December 24, 1968.

Much of the brick from this structure has been incorporated into a beautiful home in the River Oaks section of Houston, Texas

*Don O'Connor, artist
Commissioned by
Walker County Historical Commission
1982*

WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Walker County Sheriff's Department is located in Huntsville, Texas on FM 2821 and serves a population of 27,925.

A total of fifty-three employees are employed at the Sheriff's Department. Twenty-four sworn deputies patrol the county's 786 square miles, twenty-four hours a day, providing dedicated, courteous service to the citizens of Walker County.

One of the primary duties is to prevent accidents, bodily harm or loss of property.

The Sheriff's deputies are peace officers who conduct preliminary investigations, intervene in family disturbances, maintain public tranquility, enforce traffic laws, and work to catch all lawbreakers while protecting their individual rights. They make life and death decisions under the seeing eyes of the public, and handle all types of emergencies.

The Detective Division continues investigations of crime, recovers stolen property, arrests suspects and prepares cases for prosecution.

Someone from the Sheriff's Department also attends District and County Court sessions, serves as bailiff, maintains the security of the court, assists with presenting investigations, acts as witness, serves court papers, takes charge of juries, accepts bonds, collects fines and assists in coroner's inquests.

The Sheriff is also responsible for operating the county jail, providing the prisoners with food, clothing, medical care and transportation to and from court and other places when needed.

The Communications System is vital to the operation of the Sheriff's Department. All calls are received through dispatch and transmitted to the officer. Communications operators are well trained in dealing with all types of emergencies.

The Sheriff's Department clerks are responsible for typing all reports, handling all civil process and warrants, and the entering of these into the computer.

Walker County Sheriff's Department supports Crime Stoppers, the Crime Prevention Organization and provides educational programs to local schools, businesses and civic organizations.

The Sheriff and his staff are responsible to the people of Walker County and are responsive to their needs.

Prepared by



DALE MYERS

Walker County Sheriff For Over Two Years
September 4, 1991

*Economy
in
Walker County*



OVERVIEW OF HUNTSVILLE AREA ECONOMY

AUGUST 1991

General Information

- *Historically since the 1800's, Huntsville's economy has been based on three major industries: State Prison System, Sam Houston State University and agriculture (i.e., timber, cattle).
- *In 1990, Huntsville was recognized as the highest rated small city in Texas and one of the top rated small cities in America by the Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities.

Population

- *1990 U. S. Census reports Huntsville's population at 27,925 and Walker County's population at 50,917; population includes state prison inmates with approximately 6,200 in Huntsville and 10,400 in Walker County.

Employment

- *As of July 1991, over 21,000 people were employed in Walker County, with an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent compared to unemployment rates of 6.8 percent in Texas and 6.7 percent in the U.S.
- *Major employers in Walker County: Texas Department of Criminal Justice (5,300 employees), Sam Houston State University (1,900 employees), Huntsville I.S.D. (900 employees), Louisiana Pacific (700 employees), Huntsville Memorial Hospital (300 employees), City of Huntsville (270 employees), Walker County (230 employees), Wal-Mart (225 employees), Region VI Education Service Center (170 employees).

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

- *Established in Huntsville in 1848; Only major state agency which is not based in Austin, the State Capitol.
- *Six prison units are located in Walker County, including the original Walls Unit near downtown Huntsville. Statewide, the prison system includes 35 state-owned prison units and four private prisons under state contract; several additional units are scheduled for construction. The prison system employs over 19,000 people, with an inmate population of over 49,000.
- *The Texas Prison Museum, opened in 1989 and located in

downtown Huntsville, has several exhibits related to the history of the prison system.

Sam Houston State University

- *Founded in 1879, with the main campus located on 211 acres near downtown Huntsville.
- *Student enrollment of nearly 13,000, with over 400 faculty members.

Tourism Attractions

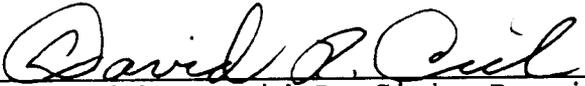
- *Outdoor Recreation: Huntsville State Park, Sam Houston National Forest, Lake Conroe, Lake Livingston, golf courses.
- *Museums: Texas Prison Museum, Gibbs-Powell Home, Sam Houston Museum, Samuel W. Houston Cultural Center.
- *Annual Festivals: Walker County Fair (March), General Sam Houston Folk Festival (April), Fair on the Square (October).
- *Downtown Restoration Project: Downtown Huntsville is being restored as it appeared in the early 1900's, with murals designed by the internationally known artist, Richard Haas. Funding is provided by a Meadows Foundation Grant, City of Huntsville and property owners.
- *Other Attractions: Antique shops, historical homes, Oakwood Cemetery (location of Sam Houston grave and memorial).

Economic Outlook

- *The prison system, university and agriculture will continue to provide a major portion of the economic base. Walker County will continue to be heavily dependent on government employment, which accounts for approximately 50 percent of the total employment.
- *Oil related industries, which were major employers in Huntsville before the oil recession of the late 1980's, will probably not return as major factors in the local economy.
- *The outlook for manufacturing and distribution industries is good. In August 1991, Eds West, Inc., selected Huntsville as the site for its new manufacturing facility; the firm expects to initially employ over 100 people beginning in 1992 and projects over 450 employees by 1996. Additional growth is expected due to Huntsville's strategic location on major highways between Houston and Dallas.

*The Tourism Industry is expected to continue to grow due to the increasing number of tourism attractions in the Huntsville area, and the growing populations in the Houston and Dallas areas. The 200th Anniversary of Sam Houston's Birthday, on March 2, 1993, is expected to attract thousands of tourists to Huntsville.

*The overall economic outlook is excellent. Following the severe economic recession of the late 1980's, the local, regional (greater Houston area) and state economies are expected to grow significantly during the 1990's.



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County tax revenue approaches goal

By MARTHA B. DRAKE
The Huntsville Item

Tax payments to Walker County almost reached the projected 95 percent collection goal, according to an end-of-the-year report presented to commissioners Monday.

Tax Assessor-Collector Oscar Thorne told commissioners court the county collected 94.8 percent of its anticipated ad valorem revenue. The county had estimated it would collect 95 percent of its total tax levy for the 1990-91 year.

The adjusted tax levy for 1990 was \$3,630,234. Thorne told commissioners the county collected \$3,439,698 in current taxes.

Thorne also reported the surge in total delinquent taxes appears to have subsided. During the 1990-91 tax year, the county collected \$254,915 in delinquent taxes.

The county's delinquent tax figure had been growing steadily of the past six years. In 1984, delinquent taxes totaled \$388,058. That figure jumped

Top 10 taxpayers

Louisiana Pacific.....	\$29,179,110
Southwestern Bell.....	\$26,678,610
Gibbs Brothers & Co.....	\$24,034,390
Gulf States Util. Co.....	\$16,557,400
Champion Intern. Corp.....	\$6,795,140
West Hill Mall of Texas....	\$6,587,810
Wal-Mart Properties.....	\$5,496,810
Missouri Pacific RR Co....	\$4,735,730
Texas Eastman Co.....	\$3,967,570
University Place Apt.....	\$3,945,900

more than \$100,000 each year over the next three years to close the 1987 tax year at \$747,478. Delinquent tax figures continued to add up over the 1988 and 1989 years peaking in 1989 at \$787,760.

Thorne said the county began a more aggressive collections policy in the 1989 and 1990 tax years. And it appears to be paying off, he added.

Although 1989 recorded the

all-time high delinquent total, it only grew by \$5,353 over the 1988 total. Thorne reported that in the 1990 tax year just concluded, the delinquent tax account dropped by \$29,075.

"We were able to stop the grow of the delinquent amount. This year we began cutting into it," Thorne said.

Thorne partially attributed the reduction in delinquent taxes to a rebounding Texas and local economy. But, he said the county has become more aggressive in initiating foreclosure proceedings against delinquent taxpayers.

Other tax office activity reported by Thorne includes:

- The vehicle department registered 30,136 vehicles. Tax office record reflect an increase in the cost of vehicles, but not in the number sold. The total number registered increased slightly.

- From these license fees, the county received \$360,000 for the road and bridge fund and \$55,000 for fees of office, the majority of which come from receipt commis-

sion. As a result of House Bill 2, the state increased the receipt commission from \$1.50 to \$1.90 per vehicle registered.

- The \$10 road and bridge fee generated \$286,350. Of this, the county retained 97 percent or \$277,259.

- There were 7,051 vehicles transferred this year. The county received \$5 per transfer for a total of \$35,255. The county's share of the vehicle sales tax was \$98,115.54. This figure indicates there were approximately \$32.5 million in automobiles sold in Walker County.

- There was approximately \$23,000 collected in boat, liquor and teletype fees.

- Total value of property in Walker County was \$1,158,201,740. However, after removing property exempt by local or state allowance, the total taxable value in the county was \$866,089,440.

- There were 12,255 houses or mobile homes in the county for the tax year. The average value of a home before exemptions was \$30,117.



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HUNTSVILLE/WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Ratings (0-20 Points)

	Points	U.S. Rank	Texas Rank
I. Climate/Environment	63		4
A. Temperature Extremes	9		3
B. Temperature Variability	10		3
C. Summer Comfort	5		6
D. Snowfall	19		1
E. Potential Environmental Danger	20	1	1
II. Diversions	39		1
A. Amusement Place Availability	4		3
B. Shopping Availability	2	215	9
C. Food and Drink	14		1
D. Population Density	16		7
E. Local Recreation Funding	3		1
III. Economics	59	5	1
A. Per Capita Income	6		7
B. Income Growth	9		4
C. Manufacturing Productivity	20	7	1
D. Retail Sales	9		7
E. Population Growth	15	5	1
IV. Education	64		1
A. High School Experience	8		1
B. High School Dropouts	13		2
C. College Influence	16		2
D. Local Education Funding	19	8	1
E. Teacher Compensation	8		1
V. Sophistication	23		6
A. College Education	7		2
B. Population Influx	5		6
C. Voter Turnout	5	211	9
D. Newspaper Strength	2		9
E. Broadcast Outlets	4		3

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HUNTSVILLE/WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Ratings (0-20 Points)

	Points	U.S. Rank	Texas Rank
VI. Health Care	27		5
A. Doctor Availability	5		4
B. Specialist Availability	3		5
C. Hospital Availability	1	212	8
D. Local Health Funding	1	210	7
E. Death Rate	17		1
VII. Housing	61		8
A. Housing Age	18		1
B. Housing Size	8		9
C. Housing Costs	10		9
D. Property Taxes	7		8
E. Heating and Cooling	18		3
VIII. Public Safety	33		4
A. Total Crime Rate	13		3
B. Violent Crime Rate	13		3
C. Police Presence <i>Presence</i>	0	219	9
D. Local Police Funding	5		3
E. Local Fire Funding	2		8
IX. Transportation	27		4
A. Community Ease	14		4
B. Public Transit Usage	1	209	5
C. Highway Availability	9		2
D. Local Highway Funding	2		8
E. Aviation Availability	1		9
X. Urban Proximity	87		2
A. Metro Center Proximity	15		5
B. Arts Center Proximity	18		2
C. Retail Center Proximity	16		2
D. Sports Center Proximity	18		2
E. Television Market	20		4
<u>Total Scores & Rank</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>1</u>

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HUNTSVILLE/WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS

CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION AS A MICROPOLITAN CITY

1. Central city must have at least 15,000 residents.
2. County must have at least 40,000 residents (including population of the central city).
3. Not part of an officially designated metropolitan area, as of June 15, 1989.

MICROPOLITAN CITIES IN TEXAS

Of the 219 micropolitan areas in the United States, nine are in Texas. Included in Texas are:

- Alice
- Bay City
- Del Rio
- Greenville
- Huntsville
- Lufkin
- Nacogdoches
- Palestine
- Paris

GIBBS BROTHERS & COMPANY

P. O. Box 711

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77340

THE GIBBS BROTHERS AND THEIR COMPANY

In 1841, Thomas Gibbs with his partner Gardner Coffin, opened a general merchandise store in Huntsville, on a 75 x 75 foot plot of land which cost the partners \$300. This was the origin of what was to become the oldest business in the state of Texas in continuous operation, on its original site.

Coffin died in 1844, and Sandford St. John Gibbs came from South Carolina in 1847, and paid \$500 to his brother Thomas and they formed a partnership. An additional store building was constructed on the site, and the two-story structure still houses the offices of Gibbs Brothers and Company.

Records show a colorful business by the Gibbs brothers until Thomas's death in 1872. Their goods ranged from saddles and rope to cheese and medicinal opium. Gen. Sam Houston was a frequent customer, with an open account for groceries and supplies. Thomas Gibbs is the first-named executor in Gen. Houston's will.

After Thomas's death, the business was continued by Sandford and his wife, the former Miss Sallie Elizabeth Smith, of Plantersville. Sandford was so trusted by local businessmen

that they brought their money to him for safe-keeping. The Gibbs National Bank, which is now the First National Bank, was established from this.

Sallie Gibbs was no less remarkable. Sandford never made a major business decision without first discussing it with her, and upon his death in 1886, he left the business to be operated by her and their six children. Under his mother's name, W. S. Gibbs was active head of the business upon the death of his father and was soon joined by his brother T. C. Gibbs, and later by J. P. Gibbs.

Both Sandford and Sallie were interested in the acquisition of land, but the majority of the Company's holdings were acquired during the administrations of W. S. and T. C. Gibbs.

A third generation came into the business in 1939, when Wilbourn Sandford Gibbs was admitted as a partner. Members of the fourth and fifth generations, including descendants of Alla Gibbs Robinson and Luteola Gibbs Hawley, are now in the partnership. (Sandford Gibbs Norsworthy died without children.)

T. C. Gibbs and Wilbourn Sandford Gibbs both served as mayors of Huntsville. The family has also been active in

support of the First Methodist Church, Huntsville Memorial Hospital, and Sam Houston State University.

Remarkable trompe-l'oeil ("fool the eye") decorations, reflecting the style of the late Nineteenth Century, were completed on the Gibbs building in 1991 by the firm of Richard Haas.

J. P. Gibbs summed up the partnership story in 1964, saying, "I could never repay any part of the debt I owe to my two brothers, who so capably followed the examples of my father and mother."

This text was prepared by one of Sandford and Sallie Gibbs's great-granddaughters -

Mary Laura Gibbs

Mary Laura Gibbs

Gibbs Brothers to note anniversary



Robert Wernsman photo

Gibbs celebration

Mary Laura Gibbs, a descendant of the family that first went into business in the early days of Huntsville, talks with Tom Randle Wednesday afternoon during an open house to note the 150th anniversary of the firm at the newly-remodeled Gibbs Brothers Building. Gibbs Brothers & Company Inc. has been serving Huntsville since 1841.

A Real Cause for Celebration

Huntsville has a great reason to be proud this week as we all salute the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Gibbs Brothers and Company. After 150 years of business they are a true Texas success story! There will be a reception on Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the Gibbs Building at 1118 11th St. downstairs in the office of Huntsville Credit Management from 3 to 7 p.m. The reception is open to the public.

HISTORY OF THE HUNTSVILLE ITEM

The Huntsville Item was not the first newspaper established in Huntsville, but it has endured for nearly 135 years.

According to research done by Mary Rainey, the first newspaper was the Montgomery Patriot, with the first issue appearing in May 1845. Records indicate the paper ceased publishing sometime in 1846.

The Huntsville Item was founded by George Robinson, who published the first edition on August 20, 1850. Before coming to Huntsville, Robinson, a native of Liverpool, England, had worked as a printer on the Galveston News. It is said that he moved to Huntsville because he thought the climate would be better for his asthma.

Rainey's research dispels a common myth about The Item. Contrary to popular belief, it has not published continuously since it was founded. One of the times regular weekly publication ceased was during the Civil War. On August 28, 1863, Robinson enlisted as a private in Company B, Infantry, 17th Brigade, Texas State Troops, for a period of six months. He was stationed at Camp San Jacinto near Huntsville.

Dr. Harry F. Estill, in his article, "Old Town of Huntsville," states that Robinson had to suspend publication during the Civil War because of lack of paper supplies and because he enlisted in the Confederate Army. The Item of March 25, 1864, carried an announcement copied from the Bellville Countryman stating

"Robinson sometimes got a short furlough and ran home, keeping The Item running as much as possible during his term of service. We are happy to learn that he has been furloughed indefinitely, for the purpose of continuing the publication of the paper." The few copies held by Sam Houston State University from the Civil War years are 11-3/4-inch by 17-3/4-inch single sheets printed on both sides.

Then, at some point in the late 1860's, financial difficulties caused Robinson to cease publication for a while. A notice appeared in the February 29, 1868 edition of the Huntsville Times stating "The unsettled accounts of the Huntsville Item are in the hands of A.T. McKinney, Esq., who will be glad to arrange anything satisfactory, to suit the hard times. (Signed) G. Robinson, Huntsville, August 3, 1867." It appears that the ad was submitted August 3, 1867 and was still running in the Huntsville Times at the end of February 1868. The Texas Almanac of 1867 listed The Item as a weekly newspaper with conservative views. Newspapers were not listed in the Almanac for 1868, but the 1869 edition listed only two papers in Huntsville; the Huntsville Times and the Union Republic. Rainey's research shows that The Item ceased publication sometime after January, 1867, and resumed publication sometime in 1869.

In those early years newsprint and ink came to Huntsville by boat and ox cart. Printing supplies were unloaded at Galveston, put aboard steamers for Riverside or Cincinnati and put on drays for the trip to Huntsville.

"Item George," as he came to be known, was often terse in his

reporting. Here's a story from an 1853 edition: "Brigham Young, the Mormon, has married his 25th wife." Crowded into four inches of type were these items: "By Thursday's mail we learned that the British ministry has been defeated in parliament and has resigned. Cotton is rising in Europe. The pope will visit France to crown Louis Napoleon.

"Spain is said to be on the eve of a revolution. A motion is before congress to import railroad iron free of duty for four years. Lord Lansdown is thought to be the new premier. Louise Montez made her first appearance at Varieties Theatre a few nights ago to a crowded house." And if there was no news, Robinson let his readers know why. "No late news from Austin by Thursday's mail." The difficulties to travel in those days were pointed out in this item: Maj. Jo G. Hatch and Rev. Allen, both of our county, left on Monday morning for California. They went by the short route, by New Orleans and Nicaragua."

The Huntsville Item was destroyed by fire several times, the first one occurring on May 4, 1878. Printing was resumed in a frame building on the corner of Main (University Avenue) and 11th Street. A second fire occurred in April 1884, causing the paper to cease publication for a few weeks. In May of that year, Fred B. Robinson, youngest son of George Robinson, took over the management. The Item moved into a building on the square known as the "Little Courthouse," operating there until 1885. At that time it was moved upstairs over Ernst Jewelry Store. In March 1892 the newspaper was again destroyed by fire. The next location was in a building in back of the jewelry store.

Another fire occurred in 1902, but the most damaging of all happened sometime between 1903 and 1914. During previous fires, old copies of the paper since its inception had been saved. The last one destroyed nearly all of these papers and the early records of The Item.

About the time of the 1902 fire, Fred B. Robinson sold The Item to J. A. Palmer. Fred stayed on until the paper was established again with J. A. Palmer as editor. The Huntsville Post, which was founded in 1891, and The Huntsville Item merged and the first edition of the Huntsville Post-Item was published August 22, 1902. Palmer was publisher.

The newspaper became the Semi-Weekly Post-Item sometime between December 28, 1906 and February 13, 1910. By May 30, 1912, the paper had gone back to its previous name of the Huntsville Post-Item. V. L. Collet was listed as publisher. An August 8, 1913 copy lists Herbert Davis as proprietor.

About the middle of August, 1912, another newspaper "The Huntsville Herald," was established here, primarily as a religious organ. The SHSU library has a copy of Volume 2, No. 2, for Friday, August 29, 1913 which lists A. J. Frick as proprietor and Miss Emmett Frick as local editor.

A bill of sale recorded in the Walker County Courthouse shows that Ross Woodall bought the Huntsville Herald from A. J. Frick on August 8, 1914. The printing plant was located on the southeast side of the square, believed to be in the building now occupied by A. J. Moak, attorney. It is not known what became of the Huntsville Post-Item. It may have merged with the Herald before Woodall

bought it. Also, it is not known when he changed the name back to The Huntsville Item. However, his widow, Patsy Woodall, says the paper was called The Huntsville Item when they married in June 1915. Research is made difficult because the university library has no copies of The Item from 1906 to 1920.

Woodall operated the newspaper on the southeast side of the square until 1918. In January of that year, his parents, W. H. and Maria Lydia Brown Woodall, deeded a piece of land to him across from First Methodist Church, and Woodall had a building constructed to house the newspaper. The Item remained in that location, expanding into the back of the Gibbs Brothers building in the early 1960s, until May 1967.

Woodall married Martha "Patsy" Finger of Alvin in 1915. After the birth of their three children, Wm. R., Glen and Bess, Mrs. Woodall, a former school teacher, began keeping the Item's books at home. As the children grew older, she started spending the mornings at the paper, gradually working in other areas, such as advertising sales. In the January 4, 1934 edition, Ross Woodall was listed as publisher, Mrs. Ross Woodall was listed as business manager and L. R. Tucker, who had bought an interest in the paper, was listed as plant supervisor.

When her husband died in 1943, Patsy Woodall took over the operation of The Item. She learned to set type by hand, make up the pages and run the presses. Her daughters, Glen and Bess, helped out at the paper during World War II.

As a small youngster, Wm. R. Woodall learned to set type, standing on a box to reach the fonts. He worked in the printing shop until he

joined the U. S. Army Air Corps at the beginning of World War II. When the war ended, he returned to Huntsville to join his mother as co-publisher of the newspaper. The Item stayed in the Woodall family until May 1967 when it was sold to Harte-Hanks, Inc. At the same time, Harte-Hanks bought the Huntsville Pictorial, which had been established in 1962. The two papers were merged.

Don Reid joined The Huntsville Item as advertising director in 1937. He, too, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He later became editor, but continued to serve as advertising manager until Harte-Hanks bought The Item. He remained as editor after it was sold, later serving as publisher for a time during the 1970s. He continued to write a column for the paper until his death in December 1981.

By January 1, 1970, The Huntsville Item published every Monday and Thursday. By January 1, 1975, it was being published every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. In 1977 it was being published five days a week, and by 1980 it was publishing six days a week. The Item became a morning paper when the seventh edition was added in July 1983.

The 1980s brought major changes to the paper. The oil bust affected most local businesses and the newspaper was no exception. Harte-Hanks sold The Item to Garden State Newspapers on May 2, 1986. That Corporation sold the newspaper to Thomson Newspapers on Feb. 29, 1988.

During 1989 and 1990, the customer service areas of The Item were renovated to give customers easier access to the circulation, advertising and editorial departments.

In the fall of 1990, remodeling began in the production area to make a new plant for the new printing press which arrived earlier this month. The total expenditure was in excess of \$1 million.

Last fall also brought another big change. Former advertising director Arlena McLaughlin was named publisher.

A re-designed and more locally-focused format is being presented to readers in 1991.

Prepared by:

Nelda Hyatt Woodall

Nelda Hyatt Woodall

Associated with The Item from October 1950-May 1967

Item was sold

Returned to The Item June 1983



THE HUNTSVILLE ITEM

BYRD TIMBER COMPANY
Huntsville, Texas

July 30, 1991

WALKER COUNTY TIMBER INDUSTRY

Walker County is on the western edge of the southern pine growing area which extends from the Atlantic Coast to East Texas. The manufacture of wood products from its pine forest has been one of the county's major industries for nearly one hundred years. Prior to that, lumber was sawn by small plants for local use. The construction of railroads, which began in the 1870-80 period in East Texas, permitted the shipment of large quantities of lumber to a wide market area resulting in the building of large capacity sawmills throughout East Texas. In addition, local extensions of the major rail lines by temporary rail systems (trams) permitted the large mills to transport the required large volumes of logs from the woods to the mills.

The first large sawmill in Walker County was the Walker County Lumber company at Elmina (New Waverly suburb) which began operations in the 1900-1902 period. Another early mill using Walker County timber was the Palmetto Lumber Company built near Oakhurst in San Jacinto County prior to 1880. This mill continued operations under various ownerships until the late 1920's.

Both of these mills transported logs from the woods with extensive "tram" systems that extended many miles into

the woods in all directions from the mills. Much of the timber from the area north of Huntsville was logged from Oakhurst by a rail system that operated out of a logging camp at Pinedale. Pinedale was a semi-permanent town where the workers and their families lived and it existed from about 1920 to 1937. Nearly all of the timber harvested by this Pinedale operation came from lands owned by the Gibbs Brothers.

Texas Long Leaf Lumber Company in Trinity began operations in 1910 and cut timber from the Kittrell "cut-off" area of Walker County. They also received logs from the Pinedale area after the Oakhurst Mill closed.

In 1933 the U. S. Forest Service began purchasing lands in East Texas which had been logged out. Nearly 50,000 acres in Walker County was bought mostly from the Walker County Lumber Company and Gibbs Brothers. These lands became a part of the Texas National Forest.

In 1930 Ed Boettcher opened a sawmill in Huntsville which continued operation until about 1970. Boettcher Lumber Company purchased most of its logs from local landowners.

In 1945 Walker Brothers Lumber Company built a small sawmill just north of Huntsville. This mill is still operating (1991) on the same site. All of its logs are purchased from owners of large and small tracts of land. Over the years improved machinery and aggressive management has increased the production of timber over a given period to more than that of any of the earlier "big" sawmills.

Since 1937 when the Pinedale operations ended railroads have been replaced by trucks for transportation of logs from the woods. Other operations which have been established in recent years are the Steely Lumber Company which is still operating, Hall Brothers, and Oliver Brothers.

Of significant importance to the timber industry in Walker County was the construction in 1970 by Louisiana Pacific Corporation of a large softwood (pine) plywood plant adjacent to the site of the sawmill at Elmina. Louisiana Pacific also operates a sawmill in Trinity which is partially supplied by logs from Walker County.

The market for pine timber was greatly enlarged in 1938 when Champion Papers (now Champion International) built a paper mill at Pasadena, Texas. Large quantities of wood, both pine and hardwood, were obtained from Walker County lands. In 1946 Champion's administrative offices for wood purchasing and timberland management were moved to Huntsville. These operations have been greatly expanded to include Champion's Gulf Coast Region consisting of Texas, Florida, and Alabama.

Timberlands of Walker County are currently supplying a larger volume of raw material (logs) to the county's wood manufacturing plants than was ever supplied in the past. Owners of large areas of these timberlands such as Gibbs Brothers, U. S. Forest Service, and Champion are managing their timber and lands for the continued growth of saleable wood products. Many individuals with smaller tracts of land

are doing the same with assistance from the above named large owners as well as from the Texas Forest Service, Louisiana Pacific Corporation, Walker Brothers, local consulting foresters and the county extension services.

Because of good forest management the future of Walker County timber is very encouraging. After one hundred years of continuous harvesting and good forestry practices we have created a good timber future to leave to the next generation.

The Byrd family has been in continuous timber industry activity for five generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to give these comments. I sincerely hope that this industry can continue to grow and prosper. It is so rewarding to leave a national resource better than it was received.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. L. 'Rip' Byrd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

H. L. "Rip" Byrd and C. F. Coffman
Foresters, Huntsville, Texas

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM

In the early 1800s, the criminal justice system in the Republic of Texas was ineffective and poorly administered. Existing jails were frequently managed by corrupt sheriffs. This situation often led to escapes and vigilantism. To amend this situation the Texas Legislature enacted a bill in 1842 to provide for the construction of a state penitentiary to improve crime control. Despite some haggling over the actual site, Huntsville was finally selected in 1846 to be the location for the prison. Land was purchased and construction began in 1849. The prison was based on a design called the "Auburn model," namely a walled institution (now located off the town square) where prisoners were required to work to produce goods to be sold on the open market. Profits generated by the selling of products were put back in the state's general revenue. This model was attractive to the Texas legislators mostly because it was based on self-sufficiency. Machinery was purchased to build a cotton and woolen mill. This early venture was fairly successful and the prison did provide some profits for the state coffers. However, the Civil War dramatically changed the management and operation of the prison.

The economy of Texas, and most other Southern states was devastated by the Civil War. Deficits soared and Texans wanted to spend as little as possible on prisons. The prison, its physical plant and prisoners, was leased to private farmers and mining companies. Though the state saved money, extreme neglect and brutality were so rampant that the lease was discontinued in 1876 and another arrangement, contracting, was implemented. Although prison officials supervised and cared for inmates at contract sites, brutality and poor inmate living conditions prevailed and turned into major political scandals. State and prison officials were desperate for a new system that would provide decent care of the convicts while showing a profit. To meet these two goals a new experiment was tried. Prison officials purchased large former plantations in Brazoria and Houston Counties that produced cotton and sugar. Quarters were constructed and inmates were set to work on prison farms. Cotton was the main cash crop. By the early 1920s over 50,000 acres of rich farmland was under cultivation. However, the agriculture operation was only a limited success. For the most part the bold experiment in prison farms soon became a drain on the state. Between 1900-1947, inmate life on the farms was deplorable. Escapes, killings, guard brutality, corruption, and inadequate medical care were the norm. Texas prisons were some of the worst prisons in the nation. The prison farm situation was so horrible that in 1947 reform became a necessity. W. C. Windsor, Chairman of Prison Board, searched the country to find the right man to reform the prisons. He found O. B. Ellis in Memphis, Tennessee. Ellis was the manager of the Shelby County penal farm. The penal farm was nationally recognized as a model prison farm. Ellis was hired in 1947 to reform the Texas Prison System. Ellis was a fine administrator and master politician. In

a few short years he transformed the once brutal prison farms into showplaces. People came from prison systems throughout the country to marvel at the Texas prison system. Inmate life in general dramatically improved for the better. The entire agricultural operation was modernized. Ellis died unexpectedly in 1962 and Dr. George Beto was appointed Director. Beto, probably the most well-read of any prison administrator in history, was unique. He possessed a doctorate in educational administration, and continued Ellis' program. Beto championed inmate education and industries. Throughout Beto's ten year administration, the Texas prison system was admired and respected by most prison experts. Indeed, Texas prisons were the paragon of institutions. However, winds of change were on the horizon.

Beto retired in 1972 and W. J. Estelle took over as Director of the Texas prison system. Estelle, the former warden of a Montana prison, was interested in maintaining the reputation of the prison system. However, in June 1972 an inmate named David Ruiz filed a suit in federal court challenging living and working conditions. From 1974-1978 the suit was tied up in various legal maneuvers. The case finally went to trial in 1978 and after 159 days of hearings, the longest civil rights trial in the nation's history concluded in 1979. Judge William Wayne Justice concluded that the Texas prison system was operating far outside the bounds of the constitution. What was once a paragon of a prison was now a paradox, a dinosaur from another age. Judge Justice outlined massive orders for the prison system to follow to move into compliance and adhere to the evolving standards of decency. As of August 1991, the Texas prison system is still under the Ruiz suit and being monitored by Judge Justice and the inmates' attorneys. The impact of the Ruiz suit has been substantial on the State. New units are being constructed throughout the state. Judicial intervention has produced many improvements. Today the prisoner population stands at 46,777, with 35 state prison units and 4 private facilities.

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AUDUBON SOCIETY	EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS STUDY CLUB
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CRIMESTOPPERS	
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HABITATS OF HUMANITY	HUNTSVILLE ROTARY CLUB
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HUNTSVILLE ARTS COMMISSION	HUNTSVILLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA
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HUNTSVILLE AREA LITERACY COUNCIL	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THOMAS COUNCIL
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HUNTSVILLE BOARD OF REALTORS	LULAC
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HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER	MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
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HUNTSVILLE JAYCEES	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
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HUNTSVILLE HOSPITALITY HOUSE	OPTIMIST CLUB

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PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HISD	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
PLANNED PARENTHOOD	VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA
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PROGRESSIVE WOMEN ASSOCIATION	WALKER COUNTY BEE ASSOCIATION
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SHSU PARENTS ASSOCIATION	WALKER COUNTY 4 H CLUBS
SPECIAL OLYMPICS	WALKER COUNTY FORESTRY LAND- OWNERS ASSOCIATION
SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS	WALKER COUNTY GENELOGICAL SOCIETY
SEW N SEW CLUB	WALKER COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SINGLE PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP	WALKER COUNTY LEAGUE OF VOCATIONAL NURSES
SOCIETY FOR CREATIVE ANACHRONISM	WALKER COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES
SONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS	WALKER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
SPOUSE ABUSE HOTLINE	WALKER COUNTY REBEKAH LODGE #13
SEVEN HILLS RUNNING CLUB	WEIGHT WATCHERS
TALL PINES QUILT GUILD	WOMAN'S FORUM-TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS-GFWC
	YMCA-YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSO.

CURRENT CLUB PRESIDENTS AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1327 11TH STREET
THIS LIST WAS COMPILED BY ALLENA K. PACE, A RETIRED PROFESSOR
FROM SHSU AND A 22 YEAR RESIDENT OF WALKER COUNTY.

Allema K. Pace



A gift to SHSU

SHSU photo

Bertha Turner, left, and twin sister, Beulah East, right, present a check for \$1,000 to Sam Houston State University president Martin J. Anisman for the American Association of University Women Scholarship Endowment. The women have been selling holiday fruitcakes since 1981, and have raised \$12,000 for scholarships which go to graduate students at Sam Houston State.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FOR MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR
Serving Walker County since 1962

The Community Organization for Missionary Endeavor is a Christian service group whose purpose is to reach out to those in need in Walker County. COME operates a used clothing center where good clothes and small household items are available for purchase at an affordable price. Clothing is given at no cost to those eligible to receive them.

COME also provides emergency aid for medical, dental and utility bills for local people in need. The Special Services office administers this program funded by United Way, Department of Human Services, Entex Energy Assistance Fund, proceeds from the clothing center, and donations.

Miss Mary Estill and other dedicated community and church leaders formed this organization in 1962. Blacks and whites united in their concern for unemployment, inadequate housing, lack of prenatal care and other health needs, adult literacy and poor job training, and other problems associated with wide spread poverty. Since 1962 COME has served as the initiator and implementor of many local helping agencies including Walker County Mental Outreach Clinic, Huntsville Housing Authority, Community Child Care Center, Good Shepherd Mission, Habitat for Humanity, a free employment service which led to establishing Texas Employment Com-

mission, a free immunization and health care service which led to establishing Walker County Health Department and the W.I.C. Program, Huntsville Family YMCA, Walker County Family Violence Council, Walker County Educational and Recreational Program for Senior Citizens which is now the Grandpersons Center, and the HEAP Martin Luther King Neighborhood Program.

Current COME programs include:

CLOTHING CENTER
113 Hwy 75 North

Open Tuesdays thru Fridays
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
295-0671

Free Clothing Program
Assistance to Burned Out Families

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE
912 Avenue M
294-9535

Emergency Aid for Medical,
Dental and Utility Bills

SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM

Eligible needy school children receive required school supplies which are delivered to the child's classroom in unmarked bags.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Senior Citizens receive gift certificates which are redeemable at a number of local grocery stores and other stores in town. Volunteers actually do the shopping to redeem the gift certificates for senior citizens who are confined to nursing homes.

Prepared by

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*President of C.O.M.E.--1984, 1985, 1990
Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church*

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UNITED WAY OF WALKER COUNTY

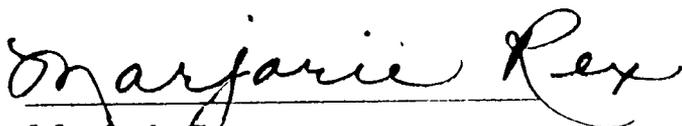
By 1956 it had become obvious that some organized means of providing charitable services for the needy citizens of Walker County was necessary. County and community leaders decided to start a United Fund for purposes of soliciting money by means of one major drive for existing charitable agencies. That first drive in the fall of 1956 had a set goal of less than \$20,000.00.

In 1981 the United Fund became the United Way in order to take advantage of state and national publicity using the name United Way. The goal had increased by that time to \$51,000.00 and helped to finance 16 agencies.

During the decade of the 80s there was a continual increase in requests for financial assistance from local agencies. By 1991 the United Way Board of 18 members had decided to seek full requested funding of \$175,000.00 for the 17 community agencies applying for funds. There has been a renewed emphasis on "fair share" giving. This is defined as a contribution of one hour's pay each month.

Following is a list of the 17 United Way agencies seeking allocations for 1992.

Compiled by:



Marjorie Rex
United Way President, 1988
United Way Board Member, 1986-91

17 AGENCIES PROVIDE A BROAD RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

EMERGENCY SERVICES

This Year's
Requests

Phone

291-0211	American Red Cross, Provides such programs as first aid training, water safety and CPR...Baby sitting classes and AIDS education to 856 individuals and other social assistance programs helping 336 individuals in 1990. Disaster services were utilized in 1990 in Walker County.	\$7,000
295-0671	Community Organization for Missionary Endeavor (C.O.M.E.), A Walker County organization that provides aid to county residents who need clothing, food, school supplies and help with medical and utility bills...gifts and toys distributed to the needy at Christmas time. 3500 individuals were helped last year.	\$5,000
291-8156	Good Shepherd Mission, provides temporary lodging, meals, and clothing to persons in crisis, plus food bank, thrift shop, and counseling. Served 24,742 needy persons in 1990.	\$36,140
291-3529	SAAFE House—Walker County Family Violence, provides emergency shelter for battered spouses and their children in the Walker County area. It also provides a 24 hour crisis hotline, helps with legal resources, tutoring, job training. Assisted 426 women and children last year—this was an increase of 52 over the previous year.	\$19,000
291-9500	Salvation Army, In addition to disaster relief, this agency serves transients with immediate needs and emergencies. Last year sent 6 young teens to summer camp—provided league of Mercy kits to forgotten nursing home residents. Assisted prisoner's families.	\$3,500

FAMILY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

295-6972	Community Child Care, a self-help program begun in Huntsville in 1969 providing proper care, food and education for pre-schoolers in low-income families. 30 children can be cared for at a time.	\$20,000
291-0121	Friends of Walker County Development, A sheltered workshop for mentally retarded and maladjusted young adults in Walker County. Last year 27 adults were helped 5 days a week, every week. Participate in Special Olympics, softball and bowling.	\$2,000
295-3170	Habitat for Humanity, a ecumenical Christian Ministry having the mission of providing housing for God's people in need. Their goal is to repair several houses per year and they have one new habitat house nearing completion.	\$3,000
291-6466	Huntsville Family Y, Summer Day Camp—400 attends, Summer Swim Classes—50 children, Prime Time After School Care, Youth Basketball—220 players, Summer T-Ball.	\$12,000
295-8009	March of Dimes, will strive to reduce birth defects through education in the school and in the Walker County Health Clinic, to reduce teenage pregnancy, and to promote family planning.	\$1,500
295-7653 (713)- 659-8111	Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts. Character building and citizenship training for boys 8 to 18 with emphasis on self-reliance, leadership and person fitness. Cubs (6-10), Boys (11-17), and Explorers (14-18), a total of 376 boys are participating.	\$5,200
291-0822	San Jacinto Girl Scout Council, instills meaningful ideas and codes of conduct through educational programs and humanitarian services for Walker County girls. Last year 437 girls participated in the Daisy (5), Brownie (6-8), Junior (9-11), Cadette (12-14), and Senior (15-18) age level groups. Activity centers serve low income girls and cost is absorbed by the Council.	\$4,200
291-9500	Walker County 4-H Club, a youth development program of the Cooperative Extension Service for Walker County, youth ages 9 through 19. Current enrollment shows 360 youth enrolled in project clubs and 480 participating in 4-H school enrichment programs.	\$4,000

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

291-1111 Huntsville Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, Provides individual, group and family counseling for drug abusers and educational resources for teachers and parents. Last year 225 individuals were served by the program. **\$16,000**

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

295-6151 Grandpersons Center, Provides social and nutritional services and continuing education to Walker County Senior Citizens, also in-home care for the home-bound. Last year provided 13,816 meals to the home-bound. 11,408 on-site meals, 18,495 trips to escort senior citizens. **\$20,500**

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

295-0072 Tri County (MHMR), provides mental status assessment for persons who may require special care due to a primary diagnosis of mental illness, mental retardation and drug or alcohol abuse and who appear to be in immediate danger to self or others-the UW monies will fund services for 48 individuals in 1990. **\$4,000**

OTHERS

295-4666 Humane Society, Provides care for abandoned and abused animals, aiding in preventing the suffering of animals and provides public education. Last year 3800 cats and dogs plus other assorted animals were taken in; found homes for 385 homeless cats and dogs. **\$1,500**

Show a way to care.



*United Way
of
Walker County*

P.O. Box 321

Huntsville, Tx. 77340



Richard Nira photo

United Way honors

Walker County United Way drive chairman Dick Hoolahan, pictured here with his wife Ella, was honored by the organization Thursday for his 1992 campaign efforts. The wrap-up meeting included announcement of more than 98 percent of the organization's \$175,000 goal, with pledges and collections in excess of \$169,400. Late contributions and pledges may push the effort over the goal, Hoolahan and United Way chairman Arlena McLaughlin said.



THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Hospitality House is a facility of the Texas Baptist Prisoner Family Ministry Foundation. The building was constructed on May 23-24, 1986 as a media event in which over 270 volunteers completed 90% of the 7000 sf structure in 24 hours. The House was dedicated and opened August 16, 1986.

The Hospitality House is controlled by a Board of 15 persons from the Texas Baptist Men, Baptist State Missions Commission, and The Tryon-Evergreen Baptist Association. The Ministry is a 501(C)3 incorporated private foundation serving social and religious purposes.

The House and Ministry are a statement of the concern for the welfare and reconciliation of the families and the inmates. This was one of the first ministries created for this purpose and is a leader in this missions-social ministry concept. The purpose is stated as a temporary shelter for prisoners families visiting in the area.

The House, with thirty beds, was opened under the Direction of Chaplain Bob and Nelda Norris, who serve as resident host-hostess, counselors, pastor advisor, and administrators. The completion of the second floor in April, 1990 added twenty more beds. At the time of this writing, five years after the opening, over 22,000 persons from 45 states and 28 countries around the World have come to this sheltered haven of acceptance, and understanding.

The Hospitality House also serves as a center for information and coordination of family ministry throughout the state. The House is available for use in other emergencies of Churches, law officers, or other organizations within the city.

We have in the years of operation quietly pursued the mission ministry of providing assistance to those who come with tremendous needs and pain. These are unique individuals with unique needs which we have been called to serve. We desire and

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strive for harmonious relationships of integrity with the community and the Corrections System in every aspect of our operation. Essentially we are a missionary island set in the City of Huntsville.

We welcome all to become acquainted with who and what we are in order to facilitate the use of our home in Huntsville.

Chaplain Bob Norris and his wife Nelda are the Directors of the Hospitality House. Chaplain Bob Norris is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has had Clinical Pastoral Training at Memorial SW Hospital in Houston as well as other training. He is a member of the American Correction Chaplains Association, The National Family Ministry Network, The Criminal Justice Ministry Committee of Texas Baptist Men, and is endorsed by the Home Mission Board of the SBC. Nelda Norris has studied at Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is responsible for the Accounting Administration and counseling as well. Bob and Nelda have had many years of pastoral and counseling experience and are called upon to speak concerning family ministry across the country. The Norris' are members of First Baptist Church where they both work in the adult Sunday School. Chaplain Norris also serves as a volunteer Chaplain in Walker County Sheriff's Department-County Jail.

Chaplain Bob Norris

WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

The first patriotic organization in Huntsville was the Daughters of the United Confederacy. They chose the name of John B. Gordon Chapter. It was organized 6th of November 1899.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mary Martin Elmore Scott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized 3 March 1916. There were sixteen members with six of those that were descendants of Mary Martin Elmore Scott - a real daughter. This is now the largest of all the organizations (1991) Mrs. Johnnie Jo Dickenson is the regent.

FORMER REGENTS

Mrs. I. B. (Wynne) McFarland	1916	Mrs. R. M Burgess	1956-1958
Mrs. W. S. Gibbs	1916 - 1918	Mrs. A. E. Cunningham	1958-1960
Mrs. W. C. Jones	1918 - 1920	Mrs. John T. Smither	1960-1962
Mrs. J. R. Martin	1920 - 1921	Mrs. E. J. Crawford	1962-1964
Miss Elizabeth Meachum	1921 - 1923	Mrs. T. F. Richardson	1960-66
Mrs. W. S. Gibbs	1923 - 1925	Mrs. J. H. Thomason	1966-1968
Mrs. Lewis Ball	1925 - 1930	Mrs. Jean D. Neal	1968-1970
Mrs. Mack Ball	1930 - 1931	Mrs. W. E. Lowry	1970-1972
Mrs. W. S. Gibbs	1932 - 1939	Mrs. E. M. Addison	1972-1974
Miss Evelyn Carrington	1939 - 1940	Mrs. W. R. Carmichael	1974-76
Mrs. Gabriel Smither	1940 - 1942	Mrs. J. Rush Stewart	1976-1980
Miss Elizabeth Meachum	1942 - 1944	Mrs. Wm. J. Blythe	1980-1982
Mrs. Earl Huffor	1944 - 1946	Mrs. E. M. Addison	1982-1986
Mrs. A. T. McKinney	1946 - 1948	Mrs. Mance Park	1986-1988
Mrs. Gabriel Smither	1948 - 1950		
Mrs. Thos. E. Humphrey	1950 - 1952		
Mrs. W. T. Robinson, Sr.	1952 - 1954		
Mrs. Clinton R. Hackney	1954 - 1956		

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

President Houston Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was organized 11th of December 1935 in the Austin Building of Sam Houston University. This organization participates in many Texas historical affairs. Past presidents of this chapter are:

Miss Victoria Frels 1935 - 1938
Mrs. Earl Huffor 1938 - 1940
Dr. Evelyn Carrington 1940 - 1943
Mrs. Don O. Baird 1943 - 1946
Mrs. W. T. Robinson, Sr. 1946 - 1948
Mrs. Clint R. Hackney 1948-1950

Also in ensuing years; Mrs. George Kearse, Mrs. A. E. Cunningham,
Mrs. J. F. Richardson, Mrs. Alton Farris, Mrs. E. J. Crawford,
Mrs. B. C. Lively, Mrs. Nancy K. Brown, Mrs. E. M. Addison, Mrs.
J. D. Dickenson, Mrs. Mac Woodward, Mrs. Don Miller, Mrs.
J. Rush Stewart.

The chapter celebrated 55 years in 1990.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS

The Captain John Utie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists was organized 6th of April 1967 with Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Richardson as Regent since John Utie was her ancestor. The organization has grown to about 50 members. Mrs. James E. Crews, Jr. served 1987 to 1991 as the National President.

COLONIAL DAMES OF THE XVII CENTURY

Robert Lawrence Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century was organized January 25, 1987. Officers were elected: Mrs. E. M. Addison, President; Mrs. T. E. Humphrey, Vice-President; Mrs. Joe Clark of Houston Second Vice-President; Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. Don Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Carmichael; Registrar, Mrs. J. D. Dickenson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. R. Lynch; Historian, Mrs. Lee Farris; Chaplain, Mrs. Mance Park; Librarian, Mrs. J. Rush Stewart. This new organization has 29 members as of 1991.

Lucy Alice Bruce Stewart



Human Interest



Tripod the Dog — from homeless mutt to celebrity

From a homeless crippled mongrel to a beloved, pampered celebrity, Tripod hobbled his way into the hearts of Sam Houston State University students during the 1950s and early 60s.

Nobody seems to know where the undistinguished-looking dog came from, but he first appeared on campus about 1948, according to information supplied by Mary Rainey, Thomason Room librarian at the Gresham Library.

Most published descriptions agree he was best described as a "mustard-colored mutt." Attempts to ascertain his pedigree end up with the statement that he looked like a mixed-breed dog.

About medium-size, short hair, with a face somewhat like a bird dog or Labrador retriever, floppy hound dog ears, a tail sort of like a German shepherd, but not quite, or so the legend goes.

CBS News anchorman Dan Rather, during his tenure as editor of the *Houstonian*, wrote in 1953 that Tripod was a "three-legged Don Juan of College Hill." This apparently referred to Tripod's habit of accosting young women and seeking affection, although he usually settled for a hug or a pat on the head, Rather noted.

Although Rather and others described the dog as "three-legged," a 1959 photo shows a four-legged Tripod lying down, with a crippled left front leg.

Tripod thwarted numerous romantic liaisons, Rather reported. "More than one campus Romeo has been stymied on the hill at night when Tripod came wandering onto the scene, seeking affection from the girlfriend.

"So not only is Tripod fat and lazy," Rather wrote, "at times he is a menace to local lovers."

A clipping from the Jan. 6, 1953 issue of *The Huntsville Item* indicated Tripod was well-established on campus at that time.

"A homeless dog who is extremely popular with Huntsville residents and with students at Sam Houston Teachers College," the article says of Tripod.

Students named the dog Tripod, the article states, because his left front leg was paralyzed, so he hobbled on three legs. Available information doesn't tell how or when the dog was injured, but apparently it had happened before he started appearing on campus.

"Nobody seemed to know the circumstances that cost Tripod the use of his front leg," a story, reprinted in the 1959 *Alumnus Magazine* from *The Houstonian*, says. The article, written by C.M. Hooper, won first place in the

Texas Intercollegiate Press Association writing contest.

"Several years ago the student body raised \$50 to have his leg operated on, hoping to restore use of his crooked limb," Hooper's article says. "He was carried to Texas A&M for the operation, but doctors were pessimistic as to the outcome of such an operation so Tripod was brought home unmolested."

The dog came as close to belonging to everyone and yet belonging to no one as a dog could.

"He belongs to no one in particular," the 1953 *Item* article said. "He manages to get plenty to eat and for entertainment he attends local football games."

Tripod attended both SHSU and Huntsville High School games. He apparently, some stories note, enjoyed the game, the crowds of people — or both.

The dog made his rounds to places where he knew he could get handouts. In addition to snacks and treats given to him by students, the university cafeteria fed him scraps. The handouts explain why Tripod put on so much weight in his later years.

Hooper's article noted that most colleges have impressive proud mascots.

"He's fat, lazy and takes his feed where he finds it," Hooper wrote, "but he is our mascot and we love him."

Tripod died on Jan. 9, 1962, was buried on Old Main Hill, and a tombstone was erected in his honor.

Mission serving brotherly love



Wallace Ferguson consumes a recent meal at the Good Shepherd Mission.

"Feed the hungry."
John 21:13







