

**Greens Prairie**  
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This farming community was located in central Brazos County, south of College Station and east of Wellborn.

Harvey ... Entered in Bethel cemetery on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, the infants of Geo. Williams of Green Prairie and Will Wood of Brazos bottom. Much sympathy is expressed in behalf of the bereaved fathers and mothers. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 8 Sept. 1898, p.3, col.2

Green's Prairie ... Mr. Editor – As I haven't seen anything from our little community, I shall endeavor to give you a few dots. Corn is up and looking well. I don't think there will be as much cotton planted in our neighborhood this year as there was last. I think our people are beginning to realize that there is more to be made by raising as much of what they eat as possible. Messrs. J.M. Williams, Geo. Williams and W.S. Dixon each have fenced in a hog pasture. More hog means more corn, bacon and lard and less cotton. I guess it would be well to give your readers a description of our community. It is situated 12 miles south of Bryan; 2 miles east of Wellborn. There are only eight families on the prairie, so you will see there aren't enough people here yet to have churches and schools. We all send our children to the Wellborn school. There is also a preaching in Wellborn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in each month and if our people don't go, it is our own fault. We have a splendid stock range through spring and summer. The health of our neighborhood is generally good, but at this writing there is some sickness, such as la grippe, roseola and colds. We are glad to note that Miss Bernice Goodyear is able to be among her friends and neighbors again after having a severe attack of roseola. Miss Bess Combest has returned home after spending a week with Mrs. Margaret Chenault of Peach Creek neighborhood. On Sunday night March 12<sup>th</sup> Mrs. W.S. Dixon shot and killed a dog that was trying to get in the house, her husband being absent at the time. The supposition is that the dog was mad. If this escapes the waste basket I may write again. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 23 March 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. Farmers seem to be very busy preparing the ground for cotton. There seems to be a great deal of sickness in this community but not very serious. Dr. G.F. Lee of Rock Prairie made a business trip to this settlement Sunday. Miss Jennie Freeman's school closed last week on Peach Creek with a nice picnic. Mr. W.S. Dixon and family, and Miss Bernice Goodyear of this settlement and Bro. W.T. Woods and Mr. M.B. Laski of Wellborn were in attendance. Plenty dinner and good singing. At 11:30 a.m., Rev. W.T. Woods made an interesting talk to the little folks which they enjoyed as well as the older ones. The exercises of the school were listened to with great pleasure. Miss Jennie has taken great pains with the little ones on Peach Creek. Mrs. E. Gandy and Miss Emma Arnold of Rock Prairie spent Thursday in the community. Mrs. M. Williams is at Harvey visiting her children. Miss Bernice Goodyear spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Evie Grew of Cartwheel Prairie. Mr. G.T. Williams and family, Mr. George Arrington and Miss Zaddie Williams were visitors on Cartwheel Prairie last week. Mrs. Norwood visited her son, Mr. W. Norwood the past week. Yum, Yum. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 April 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. Another nice rain visited this part of the county last Saturday. It being the first warm rain this spring. The crops, gardens and grass are putting on a different and more promising appearance. On account of the recent cold northers corn has been looking very bad and there is a deal of complaint about cotton not coming up. Quite a number of Greens Prairie people attended preaching at Peach Creek on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in this month, Rev. S.C. Martin, the pastor of that church, preached a very interesting sermon to a large audience. Among the visitors to that church from other communities we noticed Messrs. A.B. McSwain and W.E. Graham of Rock Prairie, Tom Ellington, Charlie Cobb and Jim Gilbert of Cartwheel Prairie, and W.W. Cothran and wife of Allenfarm. Miss Ida Symms of Peach Creek spent the past week with Mrs. W.S. Dixon of this community. Mr. J.H. Gandy and family of Rock Prairie were visiting in this neighborhood last Sunday. Mr. Crocket Ellington of Bethel has been spending a few days in this neighborhood with friends and relatives. G.R. Dixon went to Bryan last week to lay in a supply of groceries. It is now noticeable from the looks of the farms and patches, our farmers are beginning to believe in diversification of crops. One can seem most any kind of plant growing that is adapted to their climate and soil. We heard a man say a few days ago that he had a variety of peas that were very palatable cooked without meat. It is claimed that there is enough oil in them to season them when cooked, and if they proved to be as presented we consider that gentleman has a fortune in his hands as there are many farmers paying from 8 to 10 cents a pound for bacon on time, when if they had a start of those peas, they could do without bacon until they could raise a few hogs. Messrs. C.J. Kincannon and Pen Combest visited Millican last Sunday. Will conclude with best wishes for the Eagle and its many readers. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 20 April 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. We still have some cold weather once in a while. We are glad to see the golden sunshine once more. Several from Green's Prairie have been attending a meeting at Millican. Mr. Able and family attended church Sunday at Wellborn. Mrs. Chenault of Peach Creek spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Dixon. Some of our people are visiting friends and relatives on Cartwheel Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 April 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. Weather is good and warm. Crops are looking fine. From what we can learn the farmers are pretty well up with their work until it rains. Some of our people on last Sunday went to Providence Church, while a great many of them went to Millican to attend preaching. All report having had a delightful time. Mr. James Kincannon of Bethel, came over last Sunday and attended preaching at Millican Sunday night. Dr. G.F. Lee was in our little community again last Sunday. We are always glad to see the doctor as he is an old friend of most all the people on Greens Prairie. We are glad to see so many letters from different parts of the county in the Eagle. By reading them one gets the news from all over the county. We always read the correspondence news first. As news is scarce with me this week I will close and try to do better next time. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 4 May 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. This part of the country received a great blessing in the way of a good rain on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> which was very much needed. Crops, gardens and grass look fine. Since the rain some of our farmers are done chopping cotton, but the majority of them have just fairly commenced. Quite a number of our people attended preaching at Peach Creek last Sunday. Rev. S.C. Martin preached a very interesting sermon on Communion, to a large and attentive congregation. Among the visitors to that from other communities we noticed Chas. Manly and Claud Lawrence from Martin's Prairie, Grimes County. After preaching the good ladies spread an excellent dinner which was enjoyed by all. At 2 p.m. Sunday school was taken up. They also organized a prayer meeting which will meet every Sunday evening. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing. Rev. E.M. Myers is holding a meeting at Wellborn which commenced Sunday night, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we trust that Good will abundantly bless those that seek salvation during this meeting. Mr. Emmett Brunson of Bethel spent Sunday in our community. Mrs. Dollie McCulloch and Mrs. Will Sellers of Bethel are visiting Mrs. Sam Williams. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 18 May 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. Another good rain visited this community this evening which didn't come amiss as the farmers are all ready to lay by their corn. Prospects are good at present for a good corn crop in this part of the county. In going about over the neighborhood I notice that the women folks have a great many young chickens, and if the rains hold out, chicken pie all through the summer, and hog and hominy in the winter is almost a sure thing. Miss Goodyear has been sick the past two weeks with hiccoughs. Mrs. Goodyear of Anderson came to see her stepdaughter last week, and returned home today. There have been quite a number of friends to see Miss Goodyear, too numerous to give their names – from Wellborn, Rock Prairie, College, Cartwheel Prairie and Bethel who all hope that she will soon recover. The meeting at Wellborn held by Rev. Myers is progressing nicely with several additions to the church. Quite a number of Bryan people were there Sunday. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 May 1899, page 3

\*Mrs. Ellen Nora Dixon, born 17 July 1868 in MS; married G.R. Dixon in Brazos Co. on 30 Aug. 1883; died from heart disease; lived at Green's Prairie; left a husband & 6 living children; 1 child died before her; Baptist. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 8 June 1899, p.7, col.2; 29 June 1899, p.4, col.4

From Green's Prairie. We have a very good rain on the 12<sup>th</sup>, which was badly needed. Crops are very good. Some of the corn in our community is badly injured by the chinch bugs. The most of the farmers here are laying by their cotton. I think we will all be through by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The cotton is rather small to lay by, but if there are any Fourth of July picnics or barbecues we want to be ready for them. Miss Daisie Kincannon of Cartwheel is visiting Miss Zaddie Williams. Miss Susie Goodyear of Anderson, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. G.T. Williams and Miss Bernice Goodyear of this community. Mr. G.E. Orr and his mother, Mrs. Chenault spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Dixon. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Williams a fine boy, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 June 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. Health in this community is good at present and has been for some time. I have no doubt but what there will be a great deal of sickness later on, after such an enormous amount of rain falling. It rained here three days and nights nearly all the time. The rain being accompanied by strong winds, sufficient to blow down corn and cane. If it rains much more this summer corn will be badly injured as great deal will rot. The high water done considerable damage to farms, nearly all of the people were done plowing and had their land very loose, which caused it to wash badly. All the creek farms in this part of the county is washed to pieces, and a great deal of the fences are washed away, roads and bridges are torn to pieces by the high water and some of the roads are impassable, but the hands are beginning to repair them. The greatest damage done any one – on the hills – that we have heard of was a gentleman near Wellborn. Your correspondent has been informed that it wased his hogs all out of the pen and his well up by the roots. Quite a number of our people have visited the Brazos River during the high water. Mr. G.R. Dixon was water bound in the Cartwheel neighborhood from Wednesday until Saturday. We learn that Mr. Sam Williams of this community has lost between 30 and 50 head of cattle to the back waters from the Navasota River. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 July 1899, page 3

Correspondence. Green's Prairie. As I have not seen anything from the community for some time, I will try to give you the news. It is very hot and dry at present. We haven't had any rain since the big rain in July. The cotton crop will be very short in this section of the county. There is some sickness in our neighborhood at present. Mr. Offa Williams has been very sick for several days, but I am glad to note that he is up again. Miss Bessie Combest is sick at this writing. Mr. Wash Norwood and family have gone to Bell County to spend a few weeks with relatives. Mrs. Mack Cooner of Panola County is in our neighborhood visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Will Sellers and family of Cartwheel, were visiting in our neighborhood Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Emmet Brunson and family of Bethel, were visiting in our community last week. Your correspondent had the pleasure of attending a glorious revival at Peach Creek church conducted by the pastor of that church, Rev. S.C. Martin, and able assisted by Revs. S.R. McClung and G.A. Foster. The good and faithful ministers did a grand and glorious work in that neighborhood for the Master, there being 42 additions to the church, 19 by baptism the balance by letter and by reclamation, and in the number baptized was Mrs. Rachel Sims, better known in this part of the county as Aunt Rachel. She was converted in the meeting that has just closed and is 75 years of age. May the good Lord bless her and make the remainder of her days the happiest of her life. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 August 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie. Plenty of sunshine and pleasant weather at present. It is very warm for this time of year, although we had two killing frosts a week or so ago. We have been informed that several from this community and Rock Prairie communities attended preaching at Peach Creek last Sunday to witness the marriage of Mr. G.R. Dixon and Miss Jennie Cothran. Messrs. Sam Williams, J.M. Williams and W.S. Dixon have the repair work on their houses about finished. Mr. L.D. Greenwood is building on the new place he has bought in our community. Cotton is all out in our neighborhood, and the money all spent, I guess. Several of the W.O.W.'s of our camp at Wellborn attended the unveiling of the monument of Sovereign J.C. Williams at Bryan last Sunday, which was a beautiful and impressive ceremony; and I am confident that every member of the Woodmen is a better and truer sovereign now than previous to that occasion. We must

say right here that Bryan is up-to-date on entertainments. Every member of our camp expressed himself as having a delightful time. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 November 1899

From Green's Prairie. The health of our community is good at present. I only know of two cases of sickness. Mr. J.M. Williams' baby has been sick for several days. Mr. Sam Williams who has been suffering with his side for a long time, is no better. He is not able to do anything or stir about but very little. He gave a working last Thursday, Dec.20, which was largely attended by good, willing hands. Messrs. Will Goens and W.D. Sellers were there from Cartwheel Prairie. We had a fine spell of hog killing weather last week, and some of our neighbors killed all their meat, which saved nicely. I think every man in this community will kill nearly if not quite enough meat to do him and his family until next summer. Christmas is drawing near, but one would not know it if it wasn't for the children talking about Santa Claus. Don't hear any talk of Christmas trees. Haven't been able to hear whether Wellborn was going to have a Christmas tree or not, but suppose they will, as they nearly always do. Some of our farmers in this community have gone to plowing. There is a good deal of improving going on at present on houses and farms. Messrs. Ollie, Lon and Otho Williams went to Houston last week. Hanks. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 December 1899, page 2

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 4 October 1900, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 18 October 1900, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 November 1900, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 November 1900, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 29 November 1900, page 7

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 December 1900, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 January 1901, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 January 1901, page 7

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 31 January 1901, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 February 1901, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 February 1901, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 April 1901, page 3

"Green's Prairie," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 May 1901, page 3

Bryan, Tex., Aug. 11 – Vincent Ther, a citizen of this county, calls attention to the disease of blackleg among some cattle on Greens Prairie and Rock Prairie in this county. He lost a cow from the disease and burned the carcass. Dallas Morning News, 12 August 1903, page 10

B.S. Todd of Greenes Prairie was in the city today. Brazos Pilot, 2 November 1905, page 7

Dutch Williams was in today from Green's prairie. His little nephew came in with him and was taken quite sick while here. Brazos Pilot, 13 September 1906, page 5

J.M. Williams of Green's Prairie was in the city today. Brazos Pilot, 6 February 1908, page 5.

J.M. Williams of Green's Prairie, called on the Pilot while in town today. Brazos Pilot, 5 March 1908, page 5

J.M. Williams and family of Green's Prairie were in the city today. Brazos Pilot, 7 May 1908, page 5

J.M. and George Williams of Green's Prairie, were in the city today. Brazos Pilot, 4 June 1908, page 7

Harvey ... Mr. and Mrs. Offie Williams of Green Prairie visited Mr. Jeff Goen and family last week. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 February 1909, page 2

George Williams of Greens Prairie was in town Thursday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 April 1909, page 3

Smetana ... Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and little daughter of Greene Prairie, visited relatives in this community Friday and Saturday and while here attended the concert. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 20 January 1910, page 2

George Williams of Green's Prairie was in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 14 April 1910, page 3

George Williams, of Greens Prairie, was in the city today. Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 July 1910, page 3

J.M. and George Williams, of Green Prairie, were in town today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 10 November 1910, page 5

Rob Holland and Otho Williams were in town today from Green Prairie. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 24 November 1910, page 5