

Payne's Prairie
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This community was located in northern Brazos County, near Edge. It was named after members of the Payne family, who lived in the area.

“Died on the 15th of May at his residence in Brazos County in this state, Doct. Alva Payne after a lingering illness, in the 56 year of his age. Notice is further given that Marshall Payne, a son of the above deceased, left his home in Washington County, in this state, sometime in the month of February 1854, for parts unknown.”

Texas Ranger (Washington), 7 June 1855, as abstracted in Michael Kelsey, Miscellaneous Texas Newspaper Abstracts 1848-1868, vol.5, p.69

Citation.

The State of Texas, County of Brazos.

To the Sheriff of Brazos County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon by publication, Marshall Payne, who is one of the heirs at law, and legal distributees of the estate of Alvah Payne, deceased, and is a non-resident of the State of Texas, to be and appear before our Honorable County Court, for Probate business, to be holden in and for said Brazos County, at the Courthouse thereof in the town of Boonville, on the last Monday in June A.D. 1856, then and there to show cause, if any he can, why a partition and distribution of the stock of cattle belonging to the estate of the deceased, should not be made among the heirs and distributees thereof, in accordance with the petition of Miles Payne, Administrator, and one of the heirs of the estate of said deceased, and the order of said court, made at the April term thereof, A.D. 1856. Herein fail not, and have you this writ at my office by the return day hereof, with your returns of service hereon according to law.

Attest David McIntosh, Clerk of the County Court in and for said county, and the seal of said Court at office in Boonville, this 12th day of May, A.D. 1856.

David McIntosh, Clerk C.C. B.Co.

(Endorsed). Issued May 12th, 1856.

Came to hand May 13th, 1856, and ordered the within writ to be published for four successive weeks in the *Washington American*, a newspaper published in the town of Washington, before the return day thereof.

J.S. Riley, Sheriff B. Co.

Washington American, 21 May 1856, p.3

The State of Texas, County of Brazos.

To the Sheriff of said County – Greetings: Whereas, Miles Payne, Administrator, and one of the heirs and distributees of the estate of Alvah Payne, deceased, has filed in my office his final account with said estate, and his petition praying for a settlement of said account, and for a partition and distribution, final and complete, of both realty and personalty of the estate of said deceased. These are therefore to command you to summon Marshall Payne, one of the heirs and distributees of said estate, who is a non-resident of the State of Texas, by publication in the *Washington American*, a newspaper published in the town of Washington, six successive weeks, to be and appear at the next

November term of the Hon. County Court (for Probate business, &c.) of said Brazos County, to be holden at the Courthouse thereof in the town of Boonville, on the last Monday in November, A.D., 1856, then and there to contest said account, if he see proper, and to show cause, if any he can, why a partition and distribution as aforesaid should not be made in accordance with said petition of the estate of said deceased. Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ, with your returns of service hereon according to law.

Attest David McIntosh, Clerk of the County Court of said Brazos County, and the seal of said Court at office Boonville, this the 6th day of Oct. A.D., 1856.

David McIntosh, Cl'k C.C.B.C.

(Endorsed) Issued Oct. 6th, 1856

Came to hand October 6th, and the same day ordered the within Citation to be published for six successive weeks in the *Washington American*, a newspaper published in the town of Washington, before the return day thereof.

S.E.W. Hudson, Sh'ff Brazos County

Washington American, 15 Oct. 1856, p.3

In 1868, the road from Bryan to McLean's Bridge passed through Payne's Prairie a half mile southwest of Little Cedar Creek and three and a half miles northeast of Big Cedar Creek. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book A, page 221)

*Miles "PAINE" died; lived near Wheelock, TX. Galveston Daily News, 27 Dec.1883, p.1, col.7; 1 Jan.1884, page 2, col.4.

*Mary Kelley, an African American; lived on Payne Prairie; accidentally shot & killed herself. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 Sept.1895, p.3, col.2.

*Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Dilleshaw; aged 2, died at Payne Prairie; buried at Wilson Cemetery. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 Jan.1897, p.3, col.1

*Mr. Hilary Abernathy, a "young man"; died on Payne Prairie; left a brother. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 8 July 1897, p.6, col.1

*Mrs. – Wilson died at her home near Edge; left husband James Wilson, Jr. & several children; funeral took place at Presbyterian Church on Payne Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 Sept.1898, p.3, col.1

Harvey ... Mr. John Henry of Payne Prairie has spent three or four nights in this part. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 September 1898, page 7

Harvey ... Thomas Elliott, Mr. Carter and others from Payne Prairie were here Saturday and Sunday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 6 October 1898, page 3

Fickey ... Mr. and Mrs. Payne of Payne Prairie visited Mrs. Wheelless Saturday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 29 June 1899, page 3

Fickey ... Jesse Wheelless went to a ball on Payne Prairie Friday night. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 27 July 1899, page 3

Fickey ... Allen Skains of Payne Prairie spent Sunday near here. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 31 August 1899, page 3

*John E. Payne, died at his home on Payne Prairie near Edge from “malarial fever”; aged about 26; community named after his father. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 Sept.1899, p.1, col.2; 21 Sept.1899, p.3, col.1

Fickey ... Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Skains of Payne Prairie, visited Mrs. Wheelless Saturday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 23 November 1899, page 3

Mrs. M.A. Derden died at her home at Edge Saturday morning Feb. 17, and was buried Sunday on Payne Prairie. She was a devoted Christian woman and greatly beloved by all who knew her. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 Feb.1900, p.3, col.3

Ebenezer ... Mr. Luther Sherrod of Payne Prairie was in this community Sunday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 May 1900, page 3

Fickey ... Prof. Wheelless has returned from a visit to Payne Prairie last week. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 May 1900, page 3

Kurten ... Miss Lula Lawless of Payne Prairie visited her brother and mother here the past week. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 July 1900, page 3

Thompson Creek ... Mr. E. Elliott of Payne Prairie was in this community this week on business. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 October 1900, page 3

Cottonwood ... Miss Nora Thomas visited relatives on Payne Prairie Saturday and Sunday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 20 December 1900, page 7

*Mrs. --- Wilson, aged about 60, wife of Rev. James Wilson; died at Austin where she had gone for treatment; buried at Presbyterian Church on Payne Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 Dec.1900, p.6, col.2.

Uncle Alva Payne of Payne prairie was in town today and paid the Pilot office a pleasant visit. Brazos Pilot, 20 December 1906, page 5

* ... Will Payne, of Payne Prairie ... turnip ... Brazos Pilot, 23 January 1908, page 5

Ed Payne was in the city today from his home on Payne Prairie. Brazos Pilot, 28 May 1908, page 5

Tom Frame and Ed Payne were down yesterday from Payne’s Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 February 1909, page 5

Mr. and Mrs. Will Payne of Payne Prairie, and Mrs. C.C. Seale of Benchley, were in the city yesterday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 April 1909, page 5

Ed and Chas. Payne were in the city today from their home on Payne Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 July 1909, page 2

Uncle Doc Payne and his good wife are in Bryan today from their home on Payne Prairie ... (article continues) ... Bryan Daily Eagle, 20 September 1910, page 3

Miss Mary Morgan of Reliance, is visiting friends on Payne Prairie this week. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 17 November 1910, page 1

Will Payne was down today from his home on Payne Prairie. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 17 November 1910, page 8

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Payne of Payne Prairie were visitors to the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 31 August 1911, page 5

“Pioneer Citizen of Edge Passes Away,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 April 1923, page 1.