

Zack Community
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Zack was located in northern Brazos County, on Ferrill Branch in the Colbert Baker grant, two miles southeast of Cottonwood. Zachariah Guest operated a store there, which he later sold to Cyrus Koontz. (Brazos County History – Rich Past, Bright Future, page 42). Postmasters at Zack included Zach R. Guess (appointed 29 March 1904), Cyrus Koontz (appointed 23 October 1906), and C.E. Locke (appointed 8 August 1910).

Miss Hazel Johnson returned to Dallas yesterday after visiting the family of Cy Koontz at Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 September 1904, page 5

Cy Koontz and A.D. Locke were here from Zack yesterday. Mr. Locke marketed a wagonload of sweet potatoes at 60 cents per bushel. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 September 1904, page 5

Mr. C.R. Guest, of Zack, Texas, has returned from a trip to Louisiana. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 October 1904, page 8

Brazos County notaries ... Zack – W.L. Edge Bryan Weekly Eagle, 6 April 1905, page 5

Mrs. Fannie Locke, wife of Mr. T.D. Lock, died at the family home near Zack Wednesday night after a brief illness. Mrs. Lock was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Guess and was raised and lived all her life in the community in which she died. She was about 38 years of age and leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss and also her aged father. She was a most excellent lady and dearly beloved by the entire community. She was a member of the Christian Church and was a Christian not only in name but also in reality. She was laid to rest this afternoon, her funeral being attended by a large number of her friends and relatives. The Pilot extends our profound sympathy to all the bereaved. Brazos Pilot, 17 August 1905, page 7.

Uncle Zack Guess and E.W. Elliott were here from Zack today and went to Millican this afternoon to attend quarterly conference. Brazos Pilot, 26 October 1905, page 7

Uncle Zack Guess of Zack, was in the city today and left this afternoon for Galveston, where he will remain awhile in the interest of his health. Brazos Pilot, 2 November 1905, page 7

Mrs. C.C. Byram arrived yesterday from Soldadito, Mexico, to visit relations in the Zack community. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 1 March 1906, page 5

Henry Koontz and John Sabo of Zack were in the city yesterday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 9 August 1906, page 5

Z.R. Guess returned yesterday from a stay of some months in Alvin. He was met here by Cy Koontz of Zack. Brazos Pilot, 13 September 1906, page 5

Z.R. Guess returned to Alvin today after a visit to relatives at Zack. Brazos Pilot, 20 September 1906, page 5

Mrs. Tom Holden of Zack returned yesterday after a visit in Galveston. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 21 November 1907, page 3

F.M. Nichols of Zack called on the Eagle while in the city yesterday. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 19 December 1907, page 5

Cy Koontz of Zack was in this morning for a load of freight. Brazos Pilot, 11 June 1908, page 8

A shipment was made by Bryan wholesalers Wednesday to Mr. Cy Koontz, the merchant at Zack. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 5 November 1908, page 5

T.M. Turner and Tom Gallatin were in the city today from their homes near Zack. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 June 1909, page 7

Mr. Zack Guess of Alvin is the guest of relatives at Tabor. Mr. Guess is an old Brazos County man and has many friends here who are glad to see him again. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 8 July 1909, page 4

Zack Guess returned to his home at Alvin yesterday, after visiting relatives and old friends at Zack. He is in fine health and likes the coast country well. He is merchandising at Alvin. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 July 1909, page 2

Oscar Turner, of Zack, was in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 3 February 1910, page 6

Chas. Claydon was down today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 24 March 1910, page 3

Mr. Chas. E. Locke a well known Brazos County young man of the Cottonwood community, has purchased the mercantile business of Mr. C. Koontz at Zack. The trade was effective several days ago and the new proprietor is now in charge of the business. Mr. Locke called on The Eagle while in the city today and says he will use his best endeavors to keep the business up to a high standard and all patrons will be treated with the utmost courtesy. He asks his many friends and the public to call on him at his new place of business.

Relative to the above I wish to thank my friends and the public generally for the patronage extended to me while in charge of the business and to ask a continuation of the same for my successor. Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 July 1910, page 1

Zack Guess and Miss Nettie Lock, of Zack, returned last night from a visit to relatives at Wharton. Mr. Guess has a brother there that he had not seen in more than forty years. Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 July 1910, page 3

Zack Guess and Cy Koontz were here today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 October 1910, page 4

Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Locke and children were in the city today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 20 October 1910, page 3

Z.R. Guess was here today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 3 November 1910, page 6

Ed Schram, of Zack, was in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 17 November 1910, page 8

Mr. Cy Koontz, of Zack, Texas, reports by the use of 200 pounds of Star brand fertilizer to the acre that he made from 25 to 30 bushels per acres of good corn. On same land where no fertilizer was used he only made from 10 to 12 bushels. This year he will greatly increase his fertilizer acreage. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 26 January 1911, page 7

Miss Teresa Roth returned to Quincy, Ill. Thursday after a visit to relatives in the city and at Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 June 1911, page 5

Bob Batten of Zack was in the city today and reported quite a severe wind and hailstorm at his place last night. Window panes were broken out of his house and the fruit crop in his peach orchard is badly damaged. He described the hailstones as the largest he ever saw, and said they fell thick and fast for about thirty minutes. Bryan Eagle, 27 March 1913, p.8, col.4.

Henry Koontz was down today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 23 July 1914, page 5

Cy Koontz of Zack was a visitor to the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 23 July 1914, page 5

Z.T. Guess was in the city today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 20 August 1914, page 5.

T.M. Turner of the Zack community was in the city today ... Charlie Locke was among the visitors to the city today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 3 September 1914, page 5

Notice of Election. Whereas, on the 14th day of September, 1914, a petition signed by the requisite number of signers was presented to the Commissioners Court asking that the election be called in the following described territory, to wit: "Beginning at the intersection of the Dillishaw Tap and Kurten and Wheelock roads; thence with and along the center of the Dillishaw Tap road to where the S.E. line of the A.J. Lewis survey crosses said road; thence N. 47 E. with the said Lewis line to the north corner of the

Lewis survey; then along the northeast line of the Taylor and Geo. Edge tracts to the north corner of the Geo. Edge tract; thence S. 45 E. along the line between the Geo. Edge and Ed Payne tracts to Cedar Creek; thence up Cedar Creek to the mouth of Bee Creek; thence up Bee Creek to the Kurten and Wheelock road; thence with said road in a southeasterly direction in the center of said road to the place of beginning.” To determine whether or not horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be allowed to run at large. And the Court having considered the same, ordered an election to be held at Zack, Texas, on the 24th day of October, 1914 Bryan Weekly Eagle, 24 September 1914, page 8.

Cy Koontz and son, Henry Koontz of Zack, were in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 4 November 1914, page 5

Charley Lock was down today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 12 November 1914, page 5

Charley Locke, merchant of Zack, was in Bryan on business today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 17 December 1914, page 5

F.W. Locke of Zack was a visitor to Bryan today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 May 1915, page 5.

Miss Mary Locke was in the city today from Zack. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 27 May 1915, page 5

Tom Gallatin, of Zack, spent the day in the city. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 17 June 1915, page 7

Cy Koontz of Zack was in the city today. Mr. Koontz says his section of the county and beyond his as far as Edge, was visited by a hard wind during the rain storm Tuesday morning and much of the corn was badly blown down and twisted. He says there was a water spout in that locality and Cedar Creek was overflowed to such an extent that much of the cotton will have to be planted over. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 24 June 1915, page 6

A.L. Free was in town today from Zack ... Miss Eula Lock of Zack was shopping in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 1 July 1915, page 5

Master Cecil Martin, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Martin of Zack, suffered a painful cut on his leg Monday when he fell from a horse he was riding and was stepped on by the horse. Several stitches were necessary, but the little fellow was resting easy at last report. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 12 August 1915, page 2

Miss Mary Locke of Zack left yesterday for the exposition in San Francisco and San Diego and for a visit to other points of interest in the West. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 12 August 1915, page 5

S.E. Locke of Zack was in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 19 August 1915, page 5

Charley Locke of Zack was a business visitor to the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 9 September 1915, page 5

Mr. Joe Locke and Miss Maud Batten, two well known young people of the Zack community, were quietly united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of Rev. and Mrs. M.E. Weaver; Rev. A.T. Coleman, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Batten and is a young lady of manners with a host of friends who rejoice with her in her happiness. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Locke, and is a worthy and progressive young farmer of the Zack community. The many friends of the young couple express best wishes for a long and happy life for them. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 16 September 1915, page 2

T.M. Turner of Zack was in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 28 October 1915, page 5

Cy Koontz was down today from Zack ... Charley Locke, merchant at Zack, was in the city today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 28 October 1915, page 5

"Robberies at Zak and Dinkins Store," Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 October 1921, p.4

Mrs. J.D. Whitten, age 79 years old and 2 months, passed away at the home of her son John Whitten Jr. at Zack, September 13th, after an illness which had made of her an invalid for the past eight years. A devoted Christian, and one whose trust in God was her comfort and stay through a long and useful life, this dear old mother in Israel has gone to her reward. Mrs. Whitten was a native Texan and came to Brazos County more than fifty years ago from Montgomery County where she was born and reared. Her husband passed away many years ago, and since his death she has made her home with her son, as above stated. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J.F. Crenshaw and Mrs. Aubrey Moody of Zack, and the one son, John Whitten, Jr. She was an aunt of Mrs. John Edge of this city. The funeral was held at Wesson Church, Rev. R.L. Brown of College Station officiating, and internment was made in the old church cemetery. Bryan Daily Eagle, 17 Sept. 1923, p. 2.

"R.N. Batten Died on Thursday Afternoon," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 29 May 1924, page 4

"Miss Dell Fuller of Zack Winner of First Piggly Wiggly Prize," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 16 April 1925, page 7