

Elections and Miscellaneous Notices – 1854-1855

By Bill Page

Administrator's Notice.

Letters of Administration *de bonis non* on the estate of Barnabus Wickson, dec., and letters of administration on the estate of Eli Wickson, dec., having been granted by the undersigned by the county court of Brazos County, at its August term, 1853, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the estates aforesaid, to present them for payment legally authenticated, within the time prescribed by law. Claims due the estates aforesaid must be paid, or suit will be instituted.

Joseph T. Robinson. The Texas Ranger & Lone Star (Washington), 12 Jan. 1854, p.3

Proposals for Carrying the Mails ...

7870. From Washington by Millican, Boonville, Wheelock and Alta Springs, to Springfield, 112 miles and back, three times a week.

Leave Washington every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 a.m.;

Arrive at Springfield next days by 10 p.m.;

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Texas State Gazette (Austin), 7 Feb. 1854, p.156

The Brazos commenced rising slowly on Saturday last and had risen about fifteen feet on Sunday! The steamers Brazos, Major Harris and William Penn were all waiting for the river to rise, to enable them to get down to Velasco. It is estimated that there are at least two thirds of the cotton raised in the Brazos valley last year, that has not yet been sent to market. Telegraph and Texas Register (Houston), 17 March 1854, p.2

Citation Notice.

The State of Texas, Brazos County. In Justice's Court.

Whereas H. Mitchell, by his attorney, De Witt C. Booth, has filed his account in my office against David Fitzgerald, and his affidavit proving that the said David Fitzgerald is a transient person, so that the ordinary process of the law cannot be served against him.

To the sheriff of the aforesaid county.

These are therefore to command you that you summon David Fitzgerald, by publication, as the law requires, to be and appear before me at my office in the town of Boonville, on the last Saturday in April next to answer H. Mitchell, in an action of debt on open account, for a sum less than one hundred dollars.

Herein fail not under the penalty of the law.

Given under my hand this 17th day of March, 1854.

G. B. Reed, J. P.

Came to hand, March 18th, 1854, and publication ordered to be made of the foregoing writ in the Texas Ranger, a newspaper published in the town of Washington, Texas, for three successive weeks, prior to the return day of the same.

Wm. C. Boyles, Sheff B. C.

By A. B. Mullins, Deputy

The Texas Ranger (Washington), 30 March 1854, p.3

Another flatboat with 327 bales of cotton tied up here last Thursday. She came from

Sullivan's Bluff [Port Sullivan]. This is the fourth or fifth that has come down within a month. The planters on the upper Brazos seem determined not to let their cotton lie over another year. – Columbia Democrat. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 15 April 1854, p.240

Notice – Having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of James C. Johnson, deceased, late of Brazos County, by the county court of said county, at its February term 1854. I hereby notify all persons holding legal claims against said estate to present them, legally authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or their payment will be barred. Persons due said estate, are requested to make immediate settlement.

John R. Peyton, Admr.

March 20th, 1854

The Texas Ranger (Washington), 20 April 1854, p.3

Notice – William G. Rector is my authorized agent during my absence from the state. Nelson W. Rector, Brazos County, Texas, May 7, 1854.

The Texas Ranger (Washington, Tex.), 11 May 1854, p.3

Dr. W.J. LeGrand has a skeleton of a Mastodon in his possession, 12 feet high and 18 feet long. It was found a few years since, several feet from the surface of the earth, on the Brazos River, above Hidalgo Falls. Dr. LeGrand has paid considerable attention to the collection of fossiliferous remains, and has in his cabinet a number of curiosities.

Nacogdoches Chronicle, 16 May 1854, p.1

The Brazos River had risen six feet at Washington, and steamers might go over the falls.

New York Daily Times, 17 May 1854, p.8

“On Monday the 15th inst., a man named Isaac Hogan was killed at Moseley's ferry, in Burleson County, by Dr. Marcellus Harris.” *Lone Star and Texas Ranger*, 25 May 1854, as abstracted in Kelsey, Michael, Miscellaneous Texas Newspaper Abstracts, vol.2, p.156

Estray Notice. The State of Texas, Brazos County. Taken up by Eli Seale and estrayed before G. B. Reed, J. P. a small black pony about 15 hands high, from 10 to 13 years old, with no brands perceivable but small saddle marks and appraised at \$40.00. Taken up by James Henry and estrayed before Andrew McMillan, J. P., a bay filly 3 years old, 13 hands high, one hind foot white, gentle, with no brands, appraised at \$25.00. Robert Johnson, Clerk C. C. B. C. by De Witt C. Booth, Deputy. Boonville, May 1, 1854 – paid \$2. Texas Ranger (Washington), 25 May 1854, page 3

Notice.

Letters of Administration on the estate of Melvin Lange, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, by the county court of Brazos County at its March term, 1854, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate, to present them for payment, legally authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment.

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The Texas Ranger (Washington), 1 June 1854, page 4

Stray Horse. A Grey horse about 5 and a half hands high, 6 years old, no brands perceivable, spav in the righ hind leg, some spots on the left hand thig. He is in the possession of Jas. H. Evetts, Brazos County, which the owner can get by proving property and paying costs. Texas Ranger (Washington), 29 June 1854, page 3

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The citizens of Burleson County are fully alive to the importance of improving the navigation of the Brazos. A proper examination of Munsen's and Moseley's shoals is to be made, and the planters will defray the expense of their removal. With a little energy we doubt not of success. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 29 July 1854, p.359

Returns of assessors and collectors of children between 6 and 16 years of age ... Brazos 231 Texas State Gazette, (Austin), 19 Aug. 1854, p.4

County officers elected ... and the vote for and against the license to sell liquors ... Brazos for license 49, against license 16; chief justice G.B. Reed; sheriff, James S. Reily; district clerk, Arthur Edwards; county clerk, David McIntosh; assessor and collector, C. C. Seale; treasurer, J.J. Bowman; coroner, H.G. Hudson. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 26 Aug. 1854, p.5

Brazos River Convention. In our last, we published the proceedings of this convention *in extenso*. We have since read the letter of J.W. Speight, Esq., in the *Waco Era*, and learn from it that there were no delegates present from any county north of Washington. Mr. Speight says that he felt unwilling, and in fact unauthorized, to commit the people of McLennan to the convention's line of policy. He is confident that it was not designed by the members of that body to extend their operations higher up that river than Hidalgo shoals, some six or eight miles from the town of Washington. Mr. Speight thinks that the present movement will result in the successful navigation of the Brazos for the greater part of the year, if not for the entire year, as high as Washington. He remarks that the citizens of the lower Brazos have gone to work in earnest, and are resolved to spare no reasonable expense in rendering the Brazos navigable. He appeals to the people of the Upper Brazos to remove the obstructions between Waco and Washington, and asserts that with a small outlay of money, the Brazos may be successfully navigated for three or four months in the year as high up as Waco. These suggestions are well worthy of the attention of the mercantile and planting community of the Upper Brazos.

Texas State Gazette (Austin), 23 Sept. 1854, p.36

Administrators Notice.

Letters of administration on the estate of William C. Bolton, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the county court of Brazos County, at its June term, 1854. Notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate, to present them for payment, within the time prescribed by law, or the same will be forever barred.

Wm. C. Walker, Admr.

The Texas Ranger (Washington), 5 October 1854, page 4

Texas Rangers.

Inspectors – Times and Places of Rendezvous ...

District II – Inspector A.M.M. Upshaw will muster in the volunteers at Washington, 18th October. District II includes the counties of Matagorda, Wharton, Colorado, Austin, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Walker, Madison, Leon, Brazos, Grimes, Burleson and Washington. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 7 Oct. 1854, p.52

Administrator's Notice.

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of Isaiah Martin deceased, by the Hon. County Court of Brazos County, at the December term A.D. 1854. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, and those indebted to said Estate to make immediate payment.

James J. Bowman, Administrator of the Estate of Isaiah Martin, deceased.

Jan. 15, 1855

Paid \$2.50

Texas Ranger (Washington), 23 January 1855, p.3

U.S. Mail – from Washington, by Millican, Boonville, Wheelock, twice a week, in four horse coaches... Texas State Gazette (Austin), 17 March 1855, p.1

Administrator's Notice.

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the Estate of Abel Townsons deceased at the last March term of the county court of Brazos County. Notice is hereby given to persons having claims against said estate to present the same within the time prescribed by law; and persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

James A. Barker, Administrator

April 2, 1855.

The Texas Ranger (Washington), 28 April 1855, p.3

The Wm. Penn went up to Munson's Shoals and returned on Tuesday, with 350 bales of cotton, she took on the balance of her loading at this place, and started for Quintana yesterday. The Texas Ranger (Washington), 11 May 1854, p.2

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, and that his relations, and

his mother in particular, wishes him to return home as something to his advantage will take place; besides the pleasure it will give his relations to see and welcome him home; and if he should not see this notice, and if any person knows of his abode, he will confer a lasting favor upon his mother, by calling attention to this notice. May 26, 1855

The "Galveston Civilian" will please copy the above and insert it for one month, and send bill to Post-master at Wheelock for payment.

Texas Ranger (Washington), 7 June 1855, p.3

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Crops on the Brazos are in fine condition. We lately learned from Brazos, Burleson and Robertson Counties, in all of which the cotton crop as well as the corn is doing well. The corn crop is very abundant. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 30 June 1855, p.345

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The Victory (election returns) ... The results ... Brazos: Boonville precinct K.N. [Know Nothing] majority 52 ... Legislature ... Burleson and Brazos – James Shaw [Democrat] ... Texas State Gazette (Austin), 11 Aug. 1855, p.3

Citation Notice.

The State of Texas, County of Brazos

Joseph Lyons vs. The Unknown Heirs of Joseph Jordan. No. 110

To the Sheriff of Brazos County,

Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Joseph Jordan, by publication, to be and appear at the Fall Term of the District Court of Brazos County, to be holden at the court house in the town of Boonville, on the 4th Monday in October, 1855; to answer the petition of Joseph Lyons, filed under oath against them, which said petition sets forth the following facts: That Joseph Lyons, purchased the Headright certificate of Joseph Jordan, for one third of a League of Land, for a valuable consideration, and that said certificate was regularly deeded to said Lyons by Jordan; that the deed is lost; that said Lyons located said certificate in Brazos County, and paid all the

fees for surveying the lands, and for Procuring of a patent for said lands in the name of Joseph Jordan, on the 16th May 1855, and that the lands are situated in Brazos County. Petitioner prays for a title to said Land, and that he may be vested with the fee simple to said Lands, and for the establishment of his lost deed and for general relief. Herein fail not under the penalties of Law, and have you then and there this writ at the office of the District Court of Brazos County, on the 4th Monday in October 1855, certifying how you have executed the same.

Attest, Arthur Edwards, Clerk of the District Court for Brazos County, and my hand and official seal this 20th day of August 1855.

Arthur Edwards, Clerk, D. C. B. C.

In obedience to the commands of the within writ, I order the same to be published in the "Texas Ranger" for eight weeks, a newspaper published in the town of Washington. This 20th day of August 1855.

S. S. Riley, Sheriff of Brazos County

(Endorsed) issued 20th day of August 1855

Arthur Edwards, Cl'k D. C. B. C.

The Texas Ranger (Washington), 25 August 1855, page 3

Brazos County ... Congress Bell, 29, Hancock, 72; Comm's Land Office Fields 95, Crosby 11; Texas Debt Bill, For Act. 25, Ag'st Act. 22. Texas State Gazette (Austin), 16 Sept. 1855, p.4

Estray. The State of Texas, Brazos County.

Taken up by H. R. Henry, and estrayed before Wm. McIntosh, an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, a bright bay Mare, about twelve years old, hind feet white; streak in the face; branded on the left shoulder A D, and on the right shoulder Y; about 14 ½ hands high; appraised to \$35 by C. C. Seale and John H. Foley, on the 22nd September, 1855. David McIntosh, Cl'k. The Texas Ranger (Washington), 6 October 1855, p.

Estray Notice. The State of Texas, Brazos County. Taken up by Nelson W. Rector, County Commissioner for said county, a Light Iron Grey Horse, about fourteen hands high, eight or nine years old, branded with the letter J on the left shoulder, and a slight saddle mark. David McIntosh, Clerk Co. Ct. B. B. Sept. 4th. Texas Ranger (Washington), 6 October 1855, page 2

Estray Notice. The State of Texas, Brazos County. Taken up by John Patterson, and estrayed before Wm. McIntosh, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county, a Sorrel Horse Mule, about twelve years old, right eye out, branded with the letter M on the left hip and shoulder, some saddle and collar marks, about thirteen and a half hands high. Appraised at sixty dollars by S. E. W. Hudson and T. M. Cooper. David McIntosh, Clerk, Sept. 8th. Texas Ranger (Washington), 6 October 1855, page 2

Estray Notice. The State of Texas, Brazos County. Taken up by Abner Askey, and estrayed before Arthur Edwards, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said county, a work ox, black curly, one hind foot white, the bush of his tail white, marked a swallow fork in each ear, branded 1C, about seven years old; appraised at \$25 by A. J. Barker and Robt. Millican. David McIntosh, C. C. B. C., October 4, 1855. Texas Ranger (Washington), 27 October 1855, page 3

Agents for the *American* ...

Boonville G. B. Reed ... Washington American, 8 Nov. 1855, p.2

Brazos – Boonville – formed Jan. 30, 1841; pop. 614. G. B. Reed, chief justice; James S. Riley, sheriff; C. C. Seale, assessor; A. Edwards, district clerk; D. McIntosh, county clerk; J. J. Bowman, treasurer; J. Seale, surveyor; H. G. Hudson, coroner; R. Johnson, W. C. Walker, G. Higgs, J. D. Lewis, commissioners; --- notaries.

Texas State Gazette (Austin), 10 Nov. 1855, p.4

[Scholastic census] Brazos – returned for 1854, 231; returned for 1855, 204 ...

Texas State Gazette (Austin), 1 Dec. 1855, p.1

Synopsis of Judgment rendered by the Supreme Court at Austin ... Norwood vs. the State – Brazos. Dismissed for want of assignment of errors. Galveston Tri-Weekly News, 29 Dec. 1855, p.1