

Elections and Miscellaneous Notices – 1859

By Bill Page

Counties: Brazos

White Males over 18 and under 45: 268

White Males under 18 years: 331

White Males over 45 years of age: 49

White Females over 18 years: 248

Children under 18 and over 6 years: 394

Children under 6 years of age: 272

No. of slaves: 598

Free Col'd Persons: 0

Total: 1829

Qualified Electors: 285

Pupils at School out of the State: 0

Insane and Idiots: 0

Blind: 0

Deaf and Dumb: 0

Acres Land planted in Corn: 3749

Acres Land planted in Wheat: 151

Acres Land planted in Cotton: 2663

Acres Land planted in Sugar: 70

No. Acres planted in Miscel'us Produce: 642

Total number of acre in cultivation: 7275

Texas Almanac, 1859, pp.208-209

Taken up by Stephen Greer and estrayed before G.B. Reed, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a dark iron gray horse, about sixteen hands high, four years old, some apparent marks of gear and considerable saddle marks. Appraised to \$50.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 6 Jan. 1859, p.3

[ad] Henry Parks, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Boonville, Brazos County, Texas, will practice in the courts of Brazos and adjoining counties. Nov. 25, 1858.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 6 Jan. 1859, p.3

Taken up by Wm. H. Hardy, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a brown pided work steer, five or six years old, marked a crop, split and underbit off the left ear, and a crop off the right. No brands perceivable. Appraised to \$18.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 6 Jan. 1859, p.3

Taken up by E.M. Millican and estrayed before R.P. McMichael, justice of the peace for Brazos County, a small roan paint mare, white feet, chin and legs, four years old last spring, thirteen and a half hands high, branded U.S., also a small brown Spanish mare, twelve years old, thirteen hands high, Spanish brand on her hip, also a gray colt one year old, white streak in his face, no brand perceivable. Appraised at \$11.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 6 Jan. 1859, p.3

Taken up by James G. Walker, and estrayed before R.P. McMichael, justice of the peace for Brazos County, an ox, white back and belly, hair curly, right horn slipped off, seven or eight years old, mark --- crop and two splits in the right ear, and a split in the left, brand 77, appraised to \$15. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 10 Feb. 1859, p.3

The Register learns that there are three or five thousand bales of cotton ready for shipment on the upper Brazos. At present people are speculating on the rise of the river hoped for. The Weekly Telegraph (Houston), 23 Feb. 1859, p.1

[ad] M.V. Guest, J.L. Kendall. Guest & Kendall, Attorneys at Law, Booneville, Brazos County, Texas. Will attend promptly to all business entrusted to their care, in any part of the state. J.L. Kendall, Notary Public. Tri-Weekly Telegraph (Houston), 2 March 1859, p.1

Taken up by James Farquhar, and estrayed before J.M. Hood, justice of the peace for Brazos County, a bay horse, 15 hands high, ten or eleven years old, crippled in the right hind leg, branded on the near shoulder E V, appraised to \$25. Also, a yoke of oxen – one black, eight or nine years old, marked a crop and split in the left ear, and a crop, overbit off the right ear, brand not intelligible, appraised to \$12; the other a pale red, six years old, a crop off the right and under half crop off the left ear, brand W on the left hip, and on the left shoulder 308, appraised to \$18. Texas Baptist, date missing, possibly 3 March 1859, p.3

Taken up by Wilson A. Holloway, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, justice of the peace for Brazos County, a dark bay horse, about fifteen hands high, seven years old, left hind foot white, about half way to the knee; a white spot on the forehead, right nostril white, with a small white streak running from it; some saddle marks; branded A on the right shoulder. Appraised at \$65. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 16 March 1859, p.3

Taken up by S.C. Brasher, and estrayed before J.M. Hood, justice of the peace for Brazos County, one white gray pony, eight years old, Roman nose, brand on left shoulder hardly seen; paces well; very spirited. Appraised at \$50. Also, a large brown horse, both hind feet and left forefoot white, about twelve years old, gear and saddle marks, no brand perceivable. Appraised at \$60. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 16 March 1859, p.3

We learn that the Directors of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company have given a contract to Mr. Henry P. Adams of the State of New York for 82 ½ miles, commencing in the neighborhood of Millican's, a few miles north of the Navisota ... [article continues at length] ... Galveston Weekly News, 22 March 1859, p.3

Taken up by James M. Price, and estrayed before R.P. McMichael, justice of the peace Brazos County, a yellow red ox, left eye out, a scar on the left hind leg (supposed to be done by a chain) marked upperslope, underbit and crop off each ear, brand a right angle inside a circle, nine years old. Also, a light brindle ox, white motley face, mark, swallow fork in the right and underbit in the left ear, eight years old, no brand perceivable, appraised to \$45. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 7 April 1859, p.3

Thos. F. Aycock
Aycock & Stewart,
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
General, Land & Collecting Agents, Marlin, Falls Co., Texas
Will practice in the counties of Brazos, Robertson, Falls, Limestone, Hill, Navarro,
Freestone, Leon, Milam, Burleson, McLennan, Coryell, Bosque and Bell.
Also, in the Supreme and Federal Courts at the city of Austin.
The Weekly Telegraph (Houston), 20 April 1859, p.4

Union Meeting – The next union meeting for this district is to be held with Tryon Church, in Brazos County, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in the present month, May. Also a meeting is to be held at Lookout, in Leon County, or near there, at the same time. Two or more ministers are expected at each place.
Texas Baptist (Anderson), 5 May 1859, p.2

Taken up by E.G. Hearn, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, justice of the peace Brazos County, a brown mare pony, about twelve and a half hands high, small star in her face, about four years old, no marks of brands, has been roached, appraised at \$25.
Texas Baptist (Anderson), 12 May 1859, p.3

Taken up by H.G. Hudson, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, justice of the peace Brazos County, a grey flea-bitten mare, about seven years old and 14 hands high, branded ⁸WT and appraised at \$75. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 12 May 1859, p.3

Taken up by John E. Millican, and estrayed before R.P. McMichael, justice of the peace Brazos County, a brown mare, about 13 ½ hands high, star in the face, some saddle marks, nine or ten years old, branded S inside a circle on the left shoulder, has been shot through the nose, has a young colt. Also, a gray yearling colt, no marks or brands perceivable. Also a brindle ox, some white about his flanks and face, points of his horns sawed off, underbit in the right ear and underbit in the left, branded P, has a small bell on – the horses appraised at \$80, and the ox at \$20. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 12 May 1859, p.3

Taken up by B.A. Christie, and estrayed before J.M. Hood, justice of the peace Brazos County, a sorrel horse, about fifteen hands high, seven years old, some saddle marks, branded on the shoulder MC, appraised at \$75. Also a red ox, white face, marked a split and underbit in the left ear and an underslit or saw set in the right, about five years old, no brand perceivable, appraised at \$18. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 12 May 1859, p.3

Taken up by James A. Barker, and estrayed before R.P. McMichael, justice of the peace for Brazos County, a sorrel mare, bald face, three white feet, about fourteen hands high, fifteen years old, branded with horse shoe. Also a young colt. Also a sorrel mare, bald face, white spot on each side of her neck and sides and about the girt, about six or seven years old, fourteen hands high, no brands. Also a bay yearling colt, with black legs, no marks or brands perceivable. All appraised to \$100.
Texas Baptist (Anderson), 19 May 1859, p.3

Taken up by R.M. Henry, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, justice of the peace Brazos County, a yellow mare, with white mane and tail, about fourteen and a half hands high, about fifteen years old, gear and saddle marks, branded on the left shoulder with a brace, thus } and appraised at \$25. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 19 May 1859, p.3

Union Meeting: A union meeting was appointed to be held with the Tryon Church embracing the fifth Sabbath in May. Delegates from several of the churches of the district were appointed to go. Several ministers were expected, and the church prepared to entertain all who might come from a distance. We intended to leave home on Thursday, and had, as we understood it, the promise of several brethren to go with us. We waited until a late hour and no one came. We then determined not to start until Friday, hoping that some of the delegates would be ready at that time, but when the morning came, no one had arrived, and we were under the necessity of setting out, accompanied only by one of our sons. Our route led us by the Piedmont Springs, seven miles west of Anderson. Here we stopped to take a drink of what we believe to be the best mineral water we have ever seen. These Springs are justly celebrated for their remarkable medical virtues. Dyspeptics, and persons afflicted with cutaneous or scrofulous diseases should, by all means, spend one month at these springs during the present summer. Leaving this place, we made our way to the house of our old friend and brother, J.R. Stewart, in the neighborhood of the meeting. There we learned that not one of the delegates had yet arrived. Brother J.G. Thomas, from Burleson County, was the only minister present on Friday. We met on Saturday and had two sermons, but there being no other delegates, we did not even organize the union meeting. On Sunday we met again and enjoyed a very pleasant communion session with the church. Brother Thomas preached in the afternoon and the meeting closed. We were much pleased with our visit to this church. The Lord has been very gracious to His people the past year, and the church now numbers over forty members. Many of them are quite young, but they seem to be truly pious and devoted Christians. The church have a good house under contract, which they expect will be finished by the first of September or perhaps sooner. We obtained several new subscribers, and hope to obtain others soon. With proper pastoral instructions and a punctual attendance upon their part to every Christian duty, this may soon become a strong church, and by the grace of God its influence will be mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan, and to the building up of the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in Brazos County. We feel a deep anxiety for these brethren and sisters, and intend to do all we can to assist them in doing the will of God. No other union meeting for this district has been appointed; and unless the brethren can be willing to leave their secular business long enough to attend them, we think it useless to appoint any more with the expectation that delegates from the churches will attend. We would prefer that these fifth Sabbaths be used as times when the ministers who are willing to do their duty, may hold special meetings with the churches that want such efforts, and can spare the time to attend to them properly.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 2 June 1859, p.2

Millican's, Brazos County, June 9th, 1859. Eds. *News*: ... On Tuesday the 7th a young man by the name of Thos. Brumfield was killed, by a young man who called himself Davis, but we afterwards learned his right name is Pelton. They were in the woods at cards, a short distance from the house of Lewis Rectors, there were some three other men present, who being duly sworn, stated the amount of money up was \$1.50. A difference arose as to how the game stood. Brumfield drew a pistol upon Pelton, and told him that he had rather shoot his heart out than to eat. Pelton then drew a Bowie knife, and stuck it in Brumfield in sundry places, inflicting only two severe wounds, either of which was sufficient to cause death, one under the left arm entering his lungs, the other in his right breast; he only lived about two minutes. The parties are strangers in this country. Brumfield, we learn lived near Groce's Retreat, Grimes County, and had started on a visit to see some friends as we suppose, from circumstances. Pelton we learn has a family near Crockett; he was engaged as teamster in hauling rock for building the bridge across the Navasota. A writ was had for him immediately, and he was searched for diligently, and found, but made his escape into the Navisoto bottom; the presumption is that he will make for eastern Texas Galveston Weekly News, 14 June 1859, p.2

Life in Texas – Horrible Murders in Brazos County.

Murders are plentiful in Texas. On Tuesday, June 7, in Brazos County, Thos. Brumfield was killed by a young man who called himself Davis, but his right name is Pelton. They were in the woods, at cards, a short distance from the house of Lewis Rectors. There were three other men present, who, being duly sworn, stated the amount of money up was \$1.50. A difficulty arose as to how the game stood. Brumfield drew a pistol upon Pelton, and told him that he would rather shoot his heart out than to eat. Pelton then drew a bowie-knife and stuck it in Brumfield in sundry places, either of which was sufficient to cause death – one under the left arm, entering his lungs, the other in his right breast. He only lived about two minutes. The parties are strangers in this county. Brumfield, we learn, lived near Groce's Retreat, Grimes County, and had started on a visit to see some friends, as we suppose, from circumstances. Pelton, we learn, has a family near Crockett. He was engaged as teamster in hauling rock for building the bridge across the Navisoto. A writ was had for him immediately, and he was search for diligently and found, but made his escape into the Navisoto Bottom. Another man was also found dead on the east of Navisoto, a mile or two in Grimes County, on Tuesday morning, whose name is said to be Lackey. Nothing definite as to the difficulty. His head is severely cut, and is said to have been done with a glass tumbler. It all grew out of drunkenness and cards. On the same day, about a half mile distant from where Brumfield was killed, about thirty minutes after, N.C. Millican was waylaid, and had his horse shot from under him with a shotgun – two shots striking him in his hip, thought not inflicting a serious wound. This was done by a drunken man by the name of Jo Urbon. Millican then left for his gun, and returned in a moment with a six-shooter and rifle, in company with Wm. Maxfield and his rifle. Urbon was then shot at eight times by Maxfield and Millican, but only one rifle-ball was shot through his abdomen, coming out six or eight inches from where it went in. New York Times, 24 June 1859, p.8

Taken up by C.C. Seale, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, justice of the peace Brazos County, three head of horses. One is a bay mare, a small white spot on the forehead, right hind foot white, about fourteen hands high, eight or ten years old, branded a triangle on the left shoulder – appraised at \$55. One is a black horse, right hind foot white, a small snip on the nose, about fourteen hands high, three years old, no brands, appraised at \$40. The other is a sorrel horse, a few white hairs in the forehead, fourteen and a half hands high, six years old, branded JQ on the right shoulder – appraised at \$80. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 23 June 1859, p.3

Texas, Brazos County,
June the 23, 1859.

Editor of the Telegraph –

Dear Sir I see in the Telegraph, of June the 15th on page the 2nd in column 4, an article cawling on the friends of General Houston, to set the old general Wright on the subject of Know Nothingism, &c.

I as one think the People Will set the general Wright on the 1st Monday in August next.

I Now Call on you or some of your Numerous Readers of the Telegraph to set Mr. Runnels right before the People on the following Charge it was rumerd and that very strong to, during the last Canvass Runnels Mooved in to Washington or the Upper edge of Austin Countyes Date unknone, there Hierd out his Negroes after said Negroes had worked 6, or 8, Months, times got vary troblesom. Runnels give Up the Hire of His Negroes to get Posession of them then While Houston and others was defending ther Country Runnels took His Negroes and fled for Eastern Texas.

The said Report has ben Confermed this Somer by a gentleman living in Parker County he Stated to the Wrighter that he met Runnels With his Negroes on his Way to Eastern Texas between Brazos River And Where the Town of Anderson Now Stands.

the a bove needs no Comment but if true What Claims has Runnels on the People of Texas

I Hope you will Publish the a bove in the Weekely Telegraph and oblige

A Houston Man

P.S. if you Should Refuse to Publish the a bove enclose this letter and send it to the Wrightor.

We don't refuse to publish the above, and so will not enclose it to the Wrightor. Runnels has never, that we are aware of, set up any claims on the people of Texas. The party that nominated him, however, claim for their principles the support of the people, believing that they are the only salvation of the country. Will our friend inform us whether he thinks that Houston's anti-Nebraska vote, his Oregon vote, his submission to Fremont speech, and his calling the Massachusetts Abolitionists the vicegerents of God, gave him

any claims upon the people of Texas? The question is not whether Runnels or Houston shall be honored by the people; but whether the people of Texas will sustain the democracy in the great battle between pro and anti-slavery, or by voting for Houston, pronounce for submission to Abolitionism in all its tyrannical deformity.

Weekly Telegraph (Houston), 6 July 1859, p.1

Thos. C. Thomson, an old Democrat, is a candidate to represent Burleson and Brazos Counties in the Legislature. He is an old line Democrat, who never saw the Calvert, but he supports Houston, Hamilton and Clark, and opposes the re-opening of the African Slave trade, and its open and secret supporters. Southern Intelligencer (Austin), 6 July 1859, p.3

Taken up by E.M. Millican, and estrayed before R.P. McMichael, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a small brown mare mule, about fifteen years old, about twelve hands high, some saddle marks, Spanish brand, and appraised at \$40. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 14 July 1859, p.3

Taken up by S.E.W. Hudson, and estrayed before G.B. Reed, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a white paint horse pony, about fourteen and a half hands high, long mane, about six years old, branded KC [the "k" is backwards] on the right shoulder, the right eye glass, appraised at \$37.50.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 14 July 1859, p.3

The election ... Brazos – Runnels 77, Houston 199; Lubbock 84, Clark 195; White 84, Crosby 194; Waul 83, Hamilton 186. Galveston Weekly News, 9 Aug. 1859, p.2

Taken up by Levi Sweat and estrayed before G. B. Reed, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a gray horse, about twelve hands high, about eight years old, past; no perceptible marks or brands; appraised at \$25. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 18 Aug. 1859, p.3

Our friend David McIntosh, Esq., County Clerk of Brazos County, has resigned that office. We have always found him in our many business transactions to be a gentleman to be relied on. He had made an efficient and faithful officer, and carries with him the best wishes of the community in which he resides. His successor is a gentleman every way qualified for the position, and one in whom the people of Brazos may place confidence. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 18 Aug. 1859, p.3

Taken up by Richard Norwood, and estrayed before J. M. Hood, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a roan mare, and yearling, about six years old; Spanish brand on left hip; valued at \$60. Also a brown dun mare and colt and yearling; mare branded on the left shoulder with a B and cross above it; seven or eight years old, and valued at \$100.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 1 Sept. 1859, p.3

Taken up by Josiah W. Price, and estrayed before J. M. Hood, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, one brown mare and colt, all white feet, blaze face, branded with a Spanish brand, eight years old, appraised at \$50. One black mare, hip shot, eleven years old, hind feet white, star in the face, appraised at \$35. One light bay mare and colt, white blaze in the face, about eight years old, branded on the shoulder S with a half circle round it, and

Spanish brand on the hip, appraised at \$50. One dark bay mare, four years old, both hind feet white, branded with a Spanish brand, valued at \$50. One bay filly, hind feet white, and one fore foot white, one year old past, valued at \$35, no brand – One work ox, white with red ears, and points of his horns sawed off, marked a crop off the right ear, and two splits in the left, and branded on the right hip T with a stroke below it, and on the left hip T with a character below it, about six years old, valued at \$25. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 1 Sept. 1859, p.3

Citation. The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff of Brazos County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon by publication William Lemon to be and appear before the Hon. District Court of Brazos County, be holden at the Court House thereof in the town of Boonville on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in September next, to answer the petition of Sarah Ann Lemon, filed in said Court, wherein said Sarah Ann alleges that she was lawfully married to said William Lemon on the 17th day of July 1855, and lived with him for two or three months in the discharge of her duties as wife, when she separated from him on account of his bad and unaffectionate conduct; that she again joined her fortunes to him, hoping some change had taken place, and that she would be treated with the love and respect due a wife, but to no purpose. She still received the same ill treatment in a worse degree from her said husband, and was again forced to quit his bed and board; that her said ill treatment continued to grow worse until their final separation, in September, 1857. Petitioner alleges that said Lemon was guilty of habitual drunkenness and brutality – that he left his home and family unprovided for months, while he was surfeited in vice and crime, whilst petitioner was alone with her little daughter, with nothing to eat or wear, except what she begged or earned by hard labor. That when said Lemon did return it was not with the smile of a true husband, but with the frown of a demon, so that petitioner was in habitual fear for the safety of herself and child. In sooth her feelings were trampled on; her voice disregarded, and her endeavor to reform said Lemon hooted at; that he with plottings and devices sought to insnare and take her life on divers occasions before the separation; that he laid a scheme to take her life, in February, 1857; which conduct petitioner alleges is insupportable, and she therefore prays that said William Lemon may be cited to answer said complaint, and upon final hearing of the same for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony between petitioner and said Wm. Lemon, and for general relief. And M.F. Guest, attorney for petitioner, has made oath that the residence of said Wm. Lemon is unknown. Herein fail not, of this write make due return and your action thereon.

Witness, Arthur Edwards, clerk of the District Court of Brazos County, and the seal thereof, at office in Boonville, this 24th day of August, 1859.

Arthur Edward, C.D.C.B.C.

(Indorsed) Issued August 24th, 1859

Came to hand August 24th, 1859, and ordered to be published for four successive weeks in the *Texas Baptist*, a newspaper published in the town of Anderson, Grimes County.

L. Hudson, Shff. B. Co.

Texas Baptist (Anderson), 15 Sept. 1859, p.3

The *Civilian*, of the 21st says ... Dr. Royall has handed us a small specimen of coal from Brazos County, which appears to be of a good quality, but it is too small for a fair test. Daily True Delta (New Orleans), 25 Sept. 1859, supplement, p.1

Brazos – The *Telegraph* has received a specimen of lignite from that county. It is of a bright lustrous black, and more bituminous than ordinary specimens.
Galveston Weekly News, 27 September 1859, page 3, col.5

Taken up by W. W. Jones, and estrayed before G. B. Reed, justice of the peace for Brazos County, one bay mare mule, twelve or thirteen years old, both hind feet white, branded 44 on left shoulder and thigh, saddle marks, white spot in forehead; with a two year old horse colt dark bay, both hind feet white, a small white spot in forehead, no brand; and bay one year old mare colt, hind feet white, a small white spot in forehead, no brand; and a sucking colt; appraised together at \$140. A bay mare, four or five years old, white streak down her face, no marks or brands; with a light bay yearling colt, blaze face, left fore foot white; and appraised together at \$70. One bay mare, three or four years old, white spot in forehead and on the back part of the right thigh, no brands; with a bay yearling mare colt and appraised together at \$60. One brown mare mule, ten years old, left hip knocked down, Spanish brand on left thigh, appraised \$40. A bay mare six or seven years old, small white speck in forehead, saddle marks, branded 8P and TI on left shoulder, and qH on left hip, had a bell on, appraised at \$50. Texas Baptist (Anderson), 29 Sept. 1859, p.3

List of members of the Legislature ... House ... Burleson and Brazos – T. H. Mundane ...
Galveston Weekly News, 25 Oct. 1859, p.1

Taken up by Thomas J. Keetor, and estrayed before J.M. Hood, justice of the peace of Brazos County, a bright sorrel horse, bald face, three or four years old, left fore foot and left hind foot white, branded on the near shoulder 69, and appraised at \$75.
Texas Baptist (Anderson), 27 Oct. 1859, p.3

Taken up by H. Nevill, and estrayed before John B. Nash, a justice of the peace for Brazos County, a bay brown mare mule, eleven hands high, tail broke twice, six or seven years old; appraised at \$75.
Texas Baptist (Anderson), 27 Oct. 1859, p.3

We learn that the H. & T. C. Railway Company have received bills of lading of the iron to finish their road to Millican's in Brazos County. There is about four miles of grade yet to be completed. They have also just received two new locomotives, which will give them a full compliment. They will open the road to Navasota as soon as the bridges are finished to that place. The Weekly Telegraph (Houston), 16 Nov. 1859, p.1

Grimes – The Anderson *Texian* states that one Nash has been committed to the jail in that county, for horse-stealing in Brazos County. Galveston Weekly News, 25 October 1859, page 1, col.5

List of members of the Legislature ... House ... Burleson & Brazos – T. H. Mundane.
Galveston Weekly News, 22 November 1859, page 1, col.4

[Texas Methodist Conference] ... Appointments ... Springfield District ... Boonville – F. E. Wilkinson ...Texas Christian Advocate (Houston), 1 Dec. 1859, p.2

