



TEXAS RESEARCH RAMBLERS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS for 2005-2006

President: Daniel Castillo
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Treasurer: Sue Foy
Corresponding Secretary: Helen Wolf

LAST MEETING

Dan Castillo welcomed our guests, Dan and Phyllis Fahlquist, Edward Gibson, and Shirley Ferguson as well as some Ramblers we have not seen in a while. We were glad to have everybody there.



Congratulations to Edward Gibson and Ray Tompkins, our newest members.

One topic of discussion was pro's and con's of Research Ramblers and Brazos Genealogical Association becoming one group. Dan will send us the voting choices through MailServ.

The program was a slide show by Helen Kunz and presenters Jeanette Hackethorn, Nancy Hanson, Joyce Louis, Sally Koestler, and Jane Cohen, who shared what they found.



This group of 15 is probably one of our largest groups of Rambler first-timers to go to Family History Library. Now they are the experienced ones.

On the right, we have the 22 member group who have been to Salt Lake City before. Sometimes we worked and sometimes we relaxed. Many thanks to Sue Foy and Mary Elizabeth Dresser for making our trip a success.

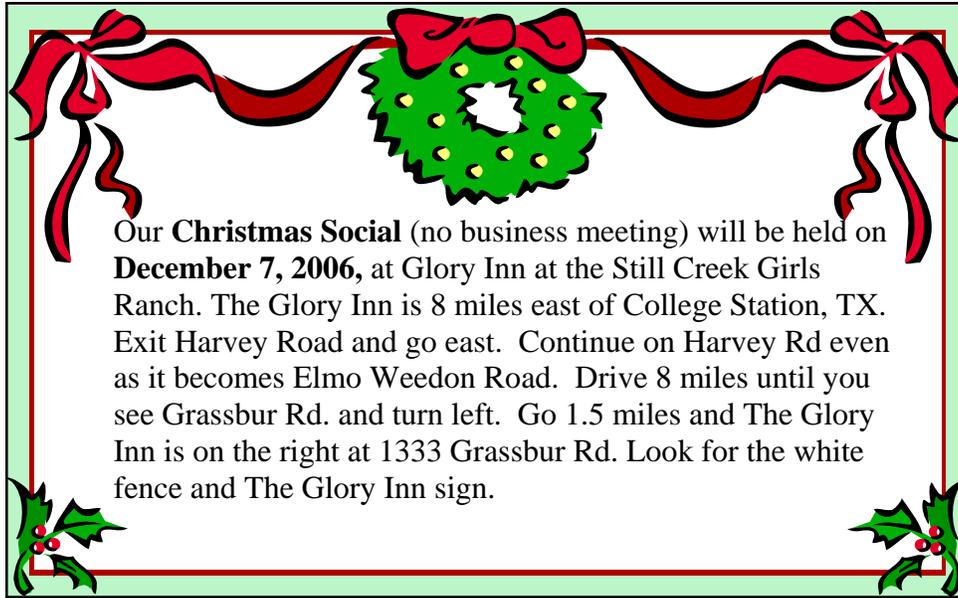


TREASURER'S REPORT

Sue Foy reported that Total Rambler Funds as of 10/25/06 was \$8,158.05.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROGRAM

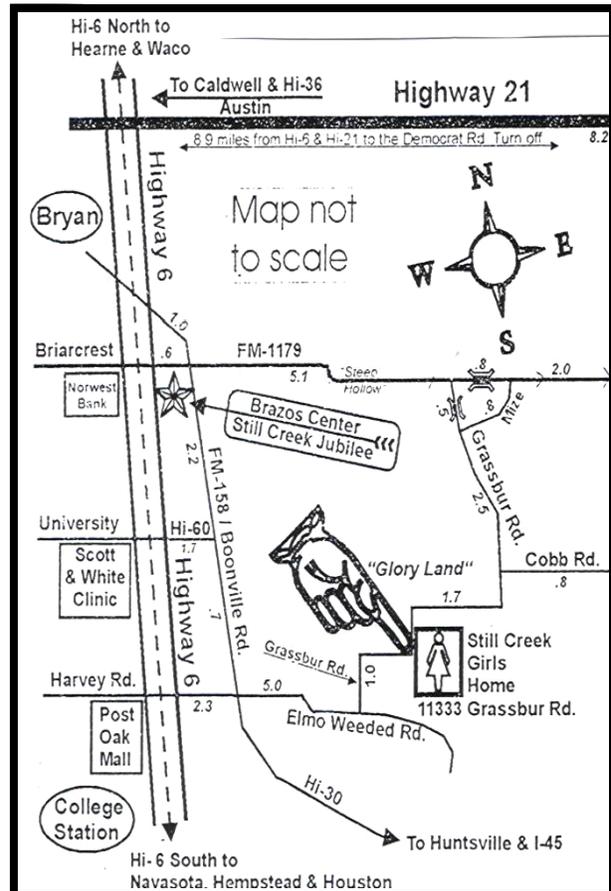
Our **last** meeting at the College Station Utility Service Center is our **November 29, 2006**, meeting. The program topic is "The Great Migration."



Our **Christmas Social** (no business meeting) will be held on **December 7, 2006**, at Glory Inn at the Still Creek Girls Ranch. The Glory Inn is 8 miles east of College Station, TX. Exit Harvey Road and go east. Continue on Harvey Rd even as it becomes Elmo Weedon Road. Drive 8 miles until you see Grassbur Rd. and turn left. Go 1.5 miles and The Glory Inn is on the right at 1333 Grassbur Rd. Look for the white fence and The Glory Inn sign.

FYI: There are 9 girls in residence at this time; however, new residents are added all the time. A basket for gratuities will be placed on the tables. A donation in an envelope or loose change would be appropriate and appreciated.

A wrapped or unwrapped gift, such as glossy lipstick, earrings, mouth wash, toothpaste, hand and body crèmes, spray body fragrances, shower gels, houseshoes (all sizes), bathrobes, or zip-up sweatshirts (1 small, 1 X-large, mediums and larges), would also be greatly appreciated.



FUTURE SEMINARS AND TRIPS

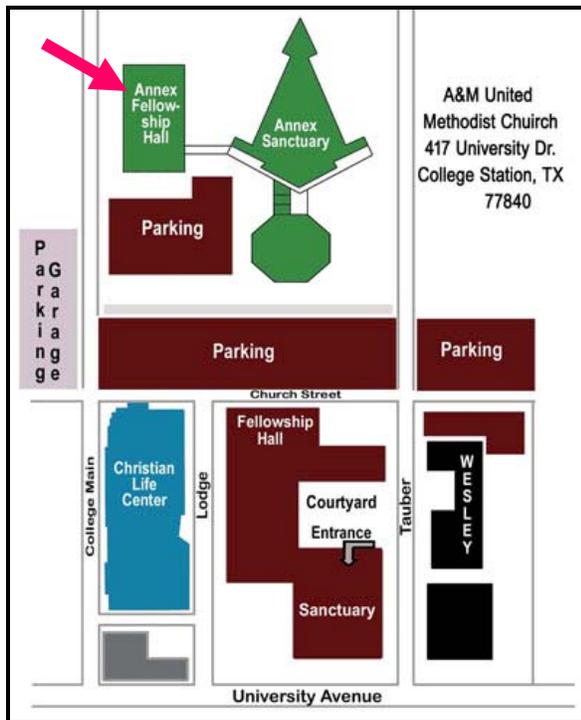
Every **2nd Wednesday** of the month: **November 8, 2006**, a trip to Clayton Library in Houston. Meet at Sam's Club Parking Lot prior to 6:45 a.m. \$7.50 to your driver. Sack lunch. Contact person: Bliss Wolfe, 696-0170 or (even better) cell ph# 255-2429.

Every **3rd Wednesday** of the month: **November 15, 2006**, Computer Genealogy Users Group will meet at The Exit Teen Center at 9:30 a.m. Learn about inserting pictures in FTM and about using the flash drive. Everyone is invited to eat at a local restaurant after the meeting.

Every **last Wednesday** of the month: **November 29, 2006**, Research Ramblers will meet at College Station Utility Service Center at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to

Every **4th Monday** of the month: **November 27, 2006**, Roots Magic Users will meet at the Bryan Public Library on the second floor from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Mark your calendar:

For workshops around the state: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txgenweb> , which will give you the full information on seminars/conferences around the state.



NOTE: Starting in January, we will meet at the Annex Fellowship Hall of the A&M United Methodist Church, 417 University Dr. in College Station, Texas.

The diagram on the left shows where we will meet. Look for the arrow on the diagram and you won't get lost.

When you drive into the main parking lots, you will see Ramblers handing out an index card/paper that you will place on the dashboard of your car to indicate you are attending a meeting in the Annex Fellowship Hall. There is some parking on Tauber St.

FYI: Tips from Others

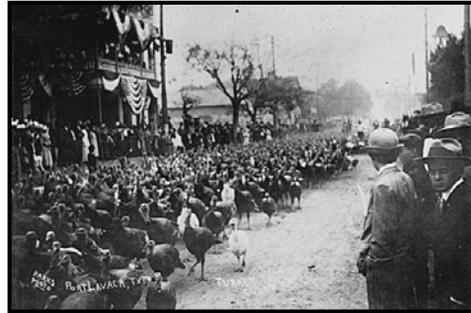
From Wikipedia, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>

In Great Britain Thanksgiving is another name for the [Harvest festival](#), held in Churches across the land on a relevant Sunday to mark the end of the local harvest. This tradition was taken to North America by early settlers and today in Canada and the USA this has become **Thanksgiving**, or **Thanksgiving Day**, an annual one-day [holiday](#) to [give thanks](#) at the close of the harvest season. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. In Canada, it is celebrated on the second Monday in October.

In 1939, President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) declared that Thanksgiving would be the next-to-last Thursday of November rather than the last. With the country still in the midst of [The Great Depression](#), Roosevelt thought this would give merchants a longer period to sell goods before [Christmas](#). Increasing profits and spending during this period, Roosevelt hoped, would aid bringing the country out of the Depression.

The city to see is Cuero, Texas, which claims to be "The Turkey Capitol of the World." The Turkey Trot, which later became known as the Turkey Fest, started in 1912, and it is still going on during the second weekend of each October.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>



SUCCESS STORIES

One success story came from **Shirley Joiner** of Boerne. She wrote, Since I have made so many trips to Salt Lake, I believe I have found most of the "easy stuff" (just joking!). This year I decided to narrow the scope of my research. One of my goals has been to locate the land where my Kirby ancestors lived in Surry, Stokes, and Forsyth counties of North Carolina. I made a list from the index of land deeds for selected ancestors. I abstracted about seventy deeds (including all of the metes and bounds and neighbors) and made copies of the more important deeds. I have ordered the software "DeedMapper" and will use that program to make a map of the land owned by my ancestors.

Henry Hanson also had success. He wrote, "My goal when I left College Station was to find more information on my Love Family in South Carolina.

I found a Love Family genealogy by Leonardo Andreas in Columbia, South Carolina that was microfilmed. It included all the Love Families in South Carolina. I scanned 102 pages of this microfilm onto my thumbdrive, which cost me absolutely nothing but two hours of time.

WEBSITES

<http://www.undercoverdetective.com> might be the answer for help in locating that deed record, etc. For a price, \$39.99, they will do the search for you. Hmmm....

<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/txconst/toc.html> is the site to view the Texas Constitution in its entirety with amendments approved by the voters on November 8, 2005.



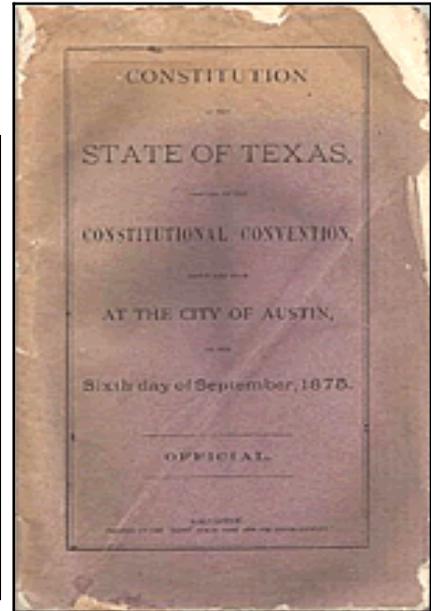
HISTORICAL MOMENT

1876: Three important events occurred in the state of Texas:

February 15, 1876: The State Constitution was adopted

The current [Texas Constitution](#) was adopted in 1876 and has been amended over 400 times. The public has so far resisted efforts to adopt a new constitution, although the Constitution of 1876 is long (over 70,000 words), poorly organized, excessively detailed, and sometimes so opaque that even the Texas Supreme Court has given up trying to interpret some passages.

<http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/law/tutorial/images/texconstitution>

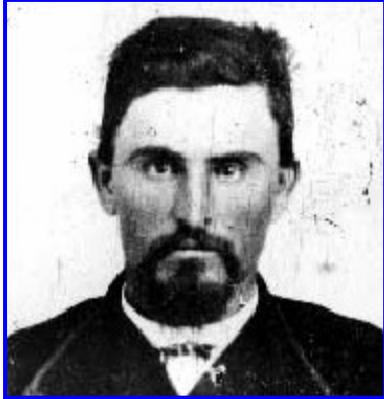


October 4, 1876: The Agriculture and Mechanical College, later Texas A&M University, opened at college Station, becoming the first public institution. Here is one of the first buildings at TAMU, Gathright Hall, 1876, also known as the Mess Hall.

<http://cushing.tamu.edu/collections/images/>



1876: Charles Goodnight established the JA Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon, the first cattle ranch located in the Panhandle.



Co-founder of the Goodnight-Loving Trail, Charles Goodnight was born in Mocoupin County, [Illinois](#) on March 5, 1836, Charles moved with his family to Waco, [Texas](#) in 1846 when he was ten years old. By the time he was twenty he was working as a cowboy and served with the local militia in the many fights against [Comanche](#) raiders. In 1857, he joined the [Texas Rangers](#), where he continued to fight in the Indian Wars and served as an Indian scout. Later, when the Civil War began, he again served as a scout.

After the war, Goodnight joined up with Oliver Loving to move cattle from Fort Belknap, [Texas](#) to [Fort Sumner](#), [New Mexico](#), in what became known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail. It was during this time, that Charles would invent the chuck wagon when he rebuilt an army surplus Studebaker wagon for more practical use on a long cattle drive. In 1876, Goodnight founded what was to become the JA Ranch in [Palo Duro Canyon](#). Partnering with John Adair, the ranch would wind up encompassing nearly a million acres, where they maintained a herd of about 100,000 head of cattle, as well as preserving a herd of bison, which continues to survive today.

<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/TX-PaloDuro.html>

Legends come and go, but Palo Duro remains as beautiful as always. The second largest canyon in the United States, it is often called "The Grand Canyon of [Texas](#)."

The term "Palo Duro" means "hard wood" in Spanish, and was named by those first explorers for the canyon's abundant mesquite and juniper trees from which the [Indians](#) made their "hardwood" bows.



GENQUIP

How did the Mayflower show it liked America? **It hugged the shore.**

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