

Titus County Historical Commission

Resolution to Reintroduce and Reinstitute the Original and Historical Name and Designation of Fort Sherman, Titus County, Texas

Now comes the members of the Titus County Historical Commission and the Titus County Historical Preservation Society, in support of the following petition to the Commissioners Court of Titus County:

Whereas, Fort Sherman was established in 1838 in now south-west Titus County on the Cherokee Trace, now known as FM 21, North of Big Cypress Creek, and

Whereas Fort Sherman was built by Captain William Stout and members of Red River Mounted Rangers, an early militia unit of the Republic of Texas, and who are now considered to be Early Texas Rangers, and

Whereas Fort Sherman was named in honor of Colonel Sidney Sherman, Commander of the Left Wing of The Republic of Texas Army at the Battle of San Jacinto, and

Whereas, Colonel Sidney Sherman was the originator of the Battle Cry "Remember the Alamo!" and

Whereas Fort Sherman was a place of refuge against Indian depredations for the Bell, Blundell, Coots, Dial, Dragoo, Gibson, and Harris families, from 1838 to 1841, and

Whereas Fort Sherman was a place of rest and replenishment for the early Texas Ranger units commanded by Captain William Stout, Captain Henry Stout, Captain John Emberson, and Captain Samuel Orton, and

Whereas Fort Sherman was a voting place for the 1842 and 1844 Congressional Elections of the Republic of Texas and

Whereas Fort Sherman was a voting place for the 1846 US Congressional Elections of the new State of Texas, and

Whereas Fort Sherman was a waypoint for Major John Pollard Gaines and his Kentucky military unit on the way to Galveston to join in the War with Mexico (1846), and

Whereas Fort Sherman, Texas, appeared on maps of the Union Army during the US Civil War, at the intersection of the Gilmer-to-Gray Rock and the and Mount Pleasant-to-Quitman Roads (Plate CLVIII, *Official Military Atlas of the Civil War*), and

Whereas Fort Sherman continued to appear on maps of the State of Texas for 1855, 1866, 1870, and through 1873, and

Whereas Fort Sherman was the first community in Titus County,

Whereas many current residents of south-west Titus County have expressed a strong desire to reestablish the name of the area as the Township of Fort Sherman, Texas, so as to properly represent and celebrate its rich and significant history,

Whereas, the re-birth of the Township of Fort Sherman, Texas, will attract many people interested in the history of the this area, founded on the Texas frontier and in the Republic of Texas,

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the name of the geographical area in south-west Titus County, encompassing the area south of Blodgett (south of CR 2910 and FM 21) to the Camp County Line and between the Franklin County Line on the west and east to CR 2880, be re-introduced and re-instituted to reflect its original and historical designation as Fort Sherman, Texas, and that the 175th anniversary of the founding of Fort Sherman, the first community in Titus County, be celebrated in 2013.



Steve Austin, Chair, Titus County Historical Commission

In Support:

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