

TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TCHC HISTORICAL MERIT AWARD

LOG BOOK

OPENED JULY 20, 2016

STEVE W. AUSTIN; CHAIRMAN

PREFACE

The purpose of the Titus County Historical Commission "Merit Award" is to further public awareness and education about the historical significance of a person, place or thing, within Titus County. TCHC "Markers" are also designed to aid in the preservation of our local history and heritage by providing a visual symbol that there is historic significance relating to the location of the TCHC "Marker".

The TCHC wishes to recognize the generosity of Priefert Mfg./Complex Designs Team, Priefert Farm, Ranch and Rodeo Equip.,Inc. and the Priefert family for the donation of the fabrication and production of the initial TCHC "Markers" originally designed by Steve W. Austin; TCHC/Chair.



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TCHC “MARKERS” ; SEQUENCE NUMBER AND NARRATIVE

ORIGINAL CONCEPT DESIGN: STEVE AUSTIN; JUNE 15, 2016

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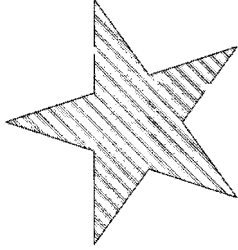
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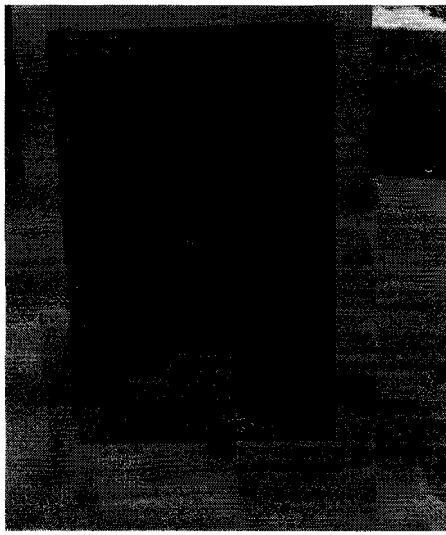
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ORIGINAL DESIGN AND CREATION BY STEVE AUSTIN JUNE 2016

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*This list
is changed to receive
the unit awards*

TCHC MERIT AWARD
(Made possible by PRIEFERT MFG.)

- ✓ #001 MID AMERICA FLIGHT MUSEUM
- ✓ #002 (TX000781-S/D) CIVIL WAR STATUE
- ✓ #003 MUSEUM / LIBRARY, CITY-MT. PLEASANT
- #004 (HTC) EVERGREEN FREEDMAN'S CEMETERY
- #005 FORT SHERMAN (THC-TOWNSHIP); REMNANTS
- ✓ #006 (HTC) TALCO CEMETERY
- #007 LEV OLD CEMETERY, SWEPKO / AEP
- ✓ #008 (GWR) PRIEFERT RANCH, GOLIATH
- ✓ #009 (GWR) PRIEFERT RANCH; RADAR
- ✓ #010 WW I; 50TH ANNIV, MONUMENT / 100TH COMMEMORATION ENHANCEMENTS
- #011 (THC) WINFIELD CEMETERY
- ✓ #012 (HTC) SNODGRASS CEMETERY
- #013 WEST NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH
- #014 (NGC-GSM) SFC. L.D. SUMMERLIN MEMORIAL PARK
- #015 (THC) STONEWALL SCHOOL
- #016 (HTC) BRIDGES CHAPEL CEMETERY
- #017 (HTC) NEVILL'S CHAPEL CEMETERY
- ✓ #018 (THLM) GREENHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- ✓ #019 (THLM) COOPER'S CHAPEL CHURCH and CEMETERY; Maggie Lee Hester Cox Memorial Award
- #020 TITUS COUNTY FLAG; Steve W. Austin, Created and Designed
- #021 (HTC) JONES CHAPEL CEMETERY; Paul "Jack" Hooker Memorial Award
- #022 (THC) DELLWOOD PARK / SPRINGS
- #023 (HTC) GREENHILL CEMETERY
- #024 (HTC) BARRETT CEMETERY

✓ Denotes those presented
to date October 8, 2018

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
AND
TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
DO HEREBY PRESENT
TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #001
TO
MID AMERICA FLIGHT MUSEUM
SCOTT GLOVER; FOUNDER

FOR PRESERVING OUR HISTORY, EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND MENTORING TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR HERITAGE ALIVE. THE MID AMERICA FLIGHT MUSEUM IS MORE THAN JUST A STATIC DISPLAY OF OLD AIRCRAFT... IT IS A "LIVING" AND INTERACTIVE EXAMPLE OF VINTAGE AIRCRAFT THAT STILL TAKE TO THE AIR AND PROVIDE THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS AND FEEL OF THIS EVER EVOLVING PORTION OF THE WORLD OF AVIATION.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

PAM HILL; CO-CHAR

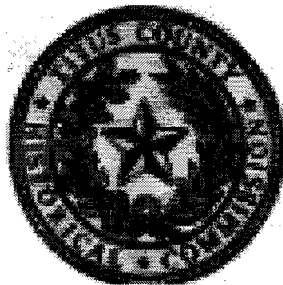
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DESSIE GOODRICH; CO-CHAIR

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
AND
TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
DO HEREBY PRESENT
TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #002
TO
CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS MEMORIAL STATUE
SMITHSONIAN INVENTORY TX 000781

IN PRESERVING OUR HISTORY; WE PROTECT OUR FUTURE

IN MEMORY OF THE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ALIKE... "TO THE HEROES OF 1861-1866, NOT DEAD BUT LIVING IN DEEDS, SUCH LIVES INSPIRE AS LONG AS HONOR AND COURAGE IS CHERISHED THE DEEDS OF THOSE HEROES WILL LIVE"...

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS 3 DAY OF OCTOBER , 2016.

PAM HILL; CO-CHAR

AND

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DESSIE GOODRICH; CO-CHAIR

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AND

TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #003

TO

Mt. Pleasant Library / MUSEUM

MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS

FOR PRESERVING OUR HISTORY, EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND MENTORING TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY TO THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR HERITAGE ALIVE. THE MOUNT PLEASANT LIBRARY / MUSEUM IS MORE THAN JUST A STATIC DISPLAY OF OLD ARTIFACTS... IT IS AN INTERACTIVE EXAMPLE OF OUR HERITAGE AND THE HISTORY OF THIS AREA AND THE NATIVE PEOPLES THAT CARVED OUT THE FIRST SEMBLANCES OF SOCIETY IN THE REGION.

PRESENTATION GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS 19th DAY OF October, 2016.

Pam Hill

PAM HILL; CO-CHAR

Dessie Goodrich

DESSIE GOODRICH; CO-CHAIR

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Nancy Regan
Sec.

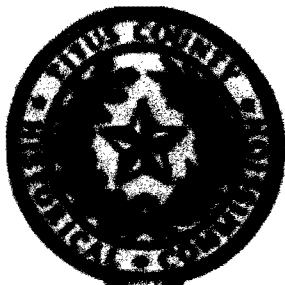
AND

Steve Austin

STEVE AUSTIN; CHAIRMAN

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
DO HEREBY PRESENT
TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #004
TO
EVERGREEN CEMETERY
EVERGREEN COMMUNITY, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Evergreen was a black community between White Oak Creek and the Sulphur River, fourteen miles northwest of Mount Pleasant in northwestern Titus County. Evergreen had its origins in the mid-1870s when Green Logan homesteaded land in the area. He was soon joined by Mose Price, Abe Daughtry, and other blacks who were able to purchase land nearby. By the 1920s Evergreen began to decline, as residents took advantage of opportunities elsewhere. The local school, which was operated by the trustees of the Wilkinson common school district, was still in operation in the 1940s but had closed by 1973. By the mid-1970s the site was a part of a large ranch, and only the Evergreen Cemetery remained to mark the spot.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2016.

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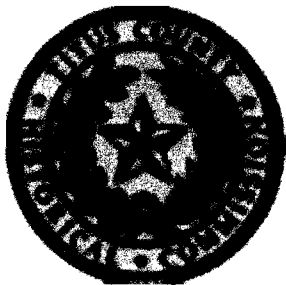
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Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag

*I pledge Allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one nation under God, indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all.*

Pledge to the Texas Flag

*Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and indivisible.*

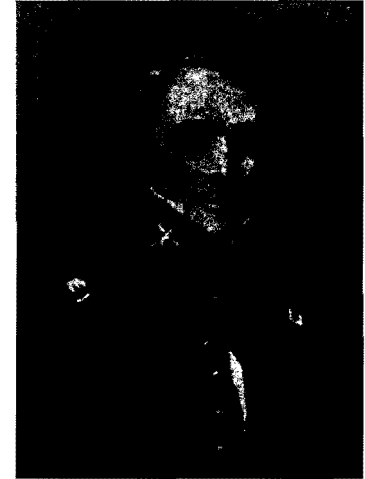
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MERIT AWARD #005



Life's better outside.®

Fort Sherman Days 175th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, June 8th 2013

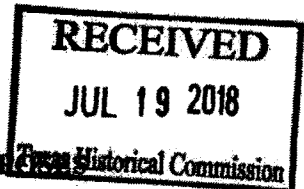


Lt. Col. Sidney Sherman

Enjoy a day of celebration recognizing
the 175th anniversary of the 1838
establishment of Fort Sherman. There
will be period dressed re-enactors
representing inhabitants as well as
interpretive information about the
inhabitants prior to, and after, the
establishment of the Fort.

Hosted by: Titus County Historical
Preservation Society

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DECLARATION OF DEDICATION FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES
FOR THE TALCO CEMETERY

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TITUS

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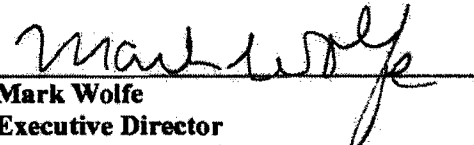
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the Texas Historical Commission, an agency of the State of Texas, does hereby certify and declare:

That the Talco Cemetery, located in the MV Delgado Survey, A-158, Titus County, Texas and more particularly described in Exhibit A as attached hereto, has been set aside and dedicated for cemetery purposes through historic use and that such property is now occupied by human graves.

That this dedication is subject to all the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas regarding cemeteries now in effect and to those adopted after the effective date of this dedication, and is made in accordance with 13 Tex. Admin. Code Section §22.6.

This Affidavit of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes is signed and executed on this 14th day of June, 2018.


Mark Wolfe
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission

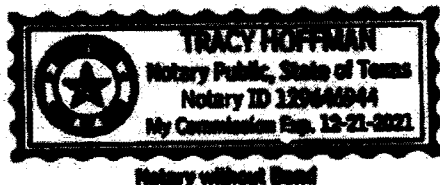
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mark Wolfe, known to me to be a credible person, whose name is above subscribed, and said person swore to me the statements contained herein are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 14th day of June, 2018.


NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the STATE OF TEXAS



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MERIT AWARD #006

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

HEREBY PRESENTS

TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #007

TO

**LEV OLD CEMETERY PROJECT and SWEPCO – AEP/J. ROBERT WELSH POWER PLANT EMPLOYEES
MOUNT PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FOR PRESERVING OUR HISTORY, EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND OUR COMMUNITY TO THE
IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR HERITAGE ALIVE. THE EFFORTS OF THESE EMPLOYEES AND THE
COMMITMENT OF THIS COMPANY TO RECLAIM AND PRESERVE THIS SNAPSHOT IN TIME AND
HISTORY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE FAMILIES, HEIRS, DECENDANTS AND CITIZENS OF
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

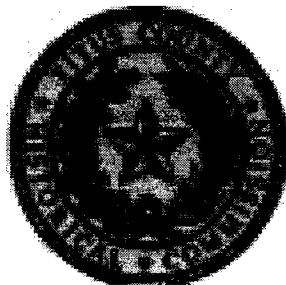
AUTHORITY GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY, OCTOBER 2018.

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STEVE AUSTIN; CHAIRMAN

TCHC



TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

HEREBY PRESENTS

TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #008

TO

PRIEFERT RANCH

GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS HOLDERS; BACK-TO-BACK

WORLD'S TALLEST LIVING HORSE

GOLIATH

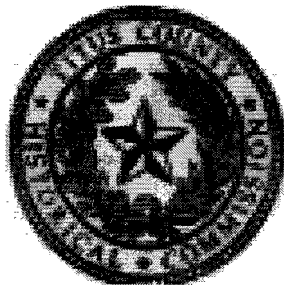
MOUNT PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

TWO GENTLE GIANTS

In 2003, Goliath received the title as the tallest living horse with a height of 6 feet 5 inches. A year later his stable-mate, Radar, inched him out with a height of 6 feet 7½ inches. These two Percherons, owned by PRIEFERT RANCH of Mount Pleasant, Texas, pull a show wagon at promotional events. In 2007, Radar briefly lost his title to a Shire mare named Tina who was 6 feet 8 inches. Unfortunately, Tina died in 2008, and Radar regained the record. A Clydesdale named Remington, owned by Cheryl Davis of Princeton, Texas and also standing 6 feet 8 inches, took the title in 2009.

AUTHORITY GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

HEREBY PRESENTS

TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #009

TO

PRIEFERT RANCH

GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS HOLDERS; BACK-TO-BACK

WORLD'S TALLEST LIVING HORSE

RADAR

MOUNT PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

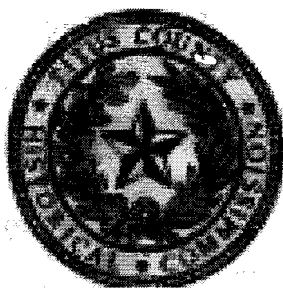
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ST (908) 576-5788 CHAIRMAN**

TCHC



Priefert Ranch Receives Titus Co. Historical Commission Merit Award

Mount Pleasant, TX - On Thursday, September 20, Priefert Ranch received a Merit Award from the Titus County Historical Commission (TCHC) in recognition of having been home to Goliath and Radar, back-to-back Guinness World Record Title Holders for Tallest Living Horse. Steve Austin of the TCHC presented the award to Bill Priefert and family. Several employees were present for the ceremony, including Charles and Guilda Woods, who traveled with both horses during their time as record holders. A plaque acknowledging the award will be on permanent display at the ranch entrance, near the memorials for each horse.

The ceremony was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Austin then spoke about the horses, the Priefert family, and the significance of the Merit Award before making the presentation. Each horse received an Award of Merit, with Marker #008 in honor of Goliath and Marker #009 in honor of Radar. Bill Priefert closed the ceremony with comments of his own regarding the horses, along with an expression of sincere thanks to Mr. Austin and a deep appreciation of the TCHC and their work.

Goliath, a Percheron gelding who stood 19.1 hands high, held the record for Tallest Living Horse from 2003-2005. Radar, a Belgian gelding, took the record in 2006. Radar stood over 19.3 hands high and held the title through 2009. Both horses were owned by the Priefert family during their time as title holders and lived out their days peacefully on Priefert Ranch. Goliath and Radar are fondly remembered as true gentle giants by all who knew them. Today, they are buried near the ranch entrance, with individual monuments marking their final resting places.

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FROM: Steve Austin

TO: mvillegas@priefert.com

I am not sure if many of your staff are fully aware that the TCHC Merit Awards would not have been possible without the assistance of the PRIEFERT family and PRIEFERT Mfg....

A couple of years ago, I approached David Fillebrown about a program I was working on for the TCHC. I had drawn up some rough sketches and designs and had some ideas and questions about production and, being a non-funded County entity, I had questions about cost. David listened patiently regarding my project and made several observations about the design and concept. David said he would take it to the Design and Engineering Dept. to see what their thoughts were. Then, if they thought it was feasible, he would take it management.

About 2 months later, I received a call from David, he asked me to come by the office. When I arrived, David met me and said "Let's take a ride around back, to one of the fab shops..". We got back in my truck and he directed me around through the plant to a large door at one of the welding/cutting bays. The Prieferts had approved the project and authorized the issuance of the TCHC Merit Awards that are now being presented throughout Titus County. Their generous contribution and donation to the TCHC was noted to the Titus County Commissioners Court and is noted during the presentation of all TCHC Merit Award ceremonies.

On behalf of Titus County and the Titus County Historical Commission; Thank You All and especially the Priefert Family...

STEVE AUSTIN; - Chair

I am attaching the list of TCHC Chair Merit Awards that have been presented to date and those scheduled in the very near future.

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DECLARATION OF DEDICATION FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES
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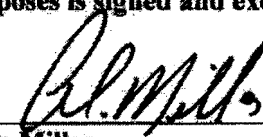
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 § KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
COUNTY OF TITUS §

That the Texas Historical Commission, an agency of the State of Texas, does hereby certify and declare:

That the Snodgrass Cemetery, located in the Wade Vining Survey, A-586, Titus County, Texas and more particularly described in Exhibit A as attached hereto, has been set aside and dedicated for cemetery purposes through historic use and that such property is now occupied by human graves.

That this dedication is subject to all the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas regarding cemeteries now in effect and to those adopted after the effective date of this dedication, and is made in accordance with 13 Tex. Admin. Code Section §22.6.

This Affidavit of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes is signed and executed on this 28th day of October, 2016.




Alvin Miller
Deputy Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Alvin Miller, known to me to be a credible person, whose name is above subscribed, and said person swore to me the statements contained herein are true and correct.


SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 28th day of October, 2016.



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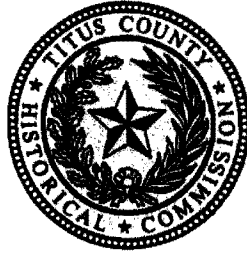
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**STEVE AUSTIN
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**CHAIRMAN
COURTHOUSE
TEXAS 75455**

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FEBRUARY 10, 2017

HISTORIC CEMETERY DESIGNATION CEREMONY

SNODGRAS CEMETERY

TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MERIT AWARD

012

STEVE AUSTIN; TCHC/Ch.

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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

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TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #018

TO

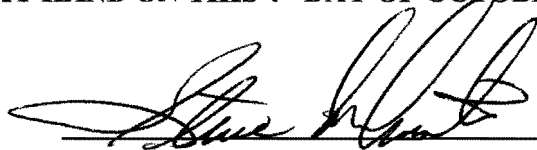
GREENHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(A TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK)

The sanctuary is also a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark; #11178, EST. 1860

GREEN HILL, TEXAS (Titus County). Green Hill (Greenhill), on Farm Road 2152 some 6½ miles northwest of Mount Pleasant in central Titus County, originated in the 1850s. When a post office was established there in 1857 it was named for E. H. Green, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, which built the sanctuary in 1860. The post office closed in 1860, reopened in 1872, and closed again in 1907. In 1884 Green Hill had a population estimated at 100, several gristmills, and a church, school, gin, and sawmill. By 1933 Green Hill's population had declined to seventy-five, served by three businesses. No further population estimates were available for the community, which had one business, three churches and a cemetery in 1984.

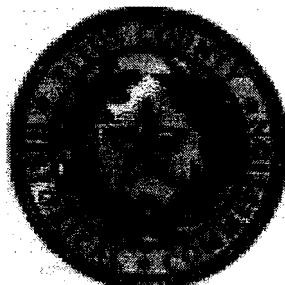
AUTHORITY GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ON THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

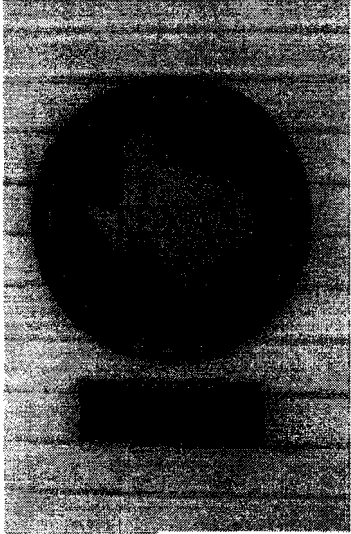


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**GREENHILL PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Marker Number: 11178

Marker Text:
Established in 1860




All the plate says is "Presbyterian Church Established 1860". The Findagrave entry for George Washington Gilpin, the first settler in northeast Titus County and who is buried in the adjacent Greenhill Cemetery, notes that he and James Nickolas Morgan erected the building between 1870 and 1872. While there is a sign outside the church, there is no indication that it is still being used for regular services, although it appears that the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant occasionally uses the sanctuary for special events. The sanctuary is also a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark.

The church's founder, the Rev. Edward Hollister Green, gave his name to the Greenhill community, and he is also buried in the Greenhill Cemetery. A Texas Historical Marker at his grave reads:

(Born Madison County, Ala., May 14, 1827; Died Titus County, Texas, Nov. 12, 1863)

Son of James W. and Elizabeth (Bass) Green. Educated at Centre College, Danville, Ky., and New Albany Theological Seminary, Ind. Licensed and ordained in Memphis Presbytery, preached 1853-59 in Tennessee. Came to Texas; founded church here Sept. 23, 1860. Held pastorate until his death.

He married Catherine Hall of Tipton County, Tenn., 1850. They had a son and two daughters.



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TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

HEREBY PRESENTS

TCHC MERIT AWARD MARKER #019

TO

COOPER'S CHAPEL CHURCH and CEMETERY

MOUNT PLEASANT, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Coopers Chapel Cemetery is a large public cemetery located in far Northeast Titus County. It is fenced with a chain link fence, well maintained and has ample room for expansion. The cemetery is quite old and although it's history is scarce, from the monuments, we know it existed in the early 1880s. The Cooper family was instrumental in establishing the cemetery with some of the Coopers coming to Texas in the wagon train with the Riddles in 1847. The first recorded deed for the cemetery came from William Cooper to the Coopers Chapel church and graveyard. A Texas Historical Landmark designation has been awarded to the church and cemetery. It reads as follows: **COOPERS CHAPEL CHURCH AND CEMETERY**

The pioneer families of William Cooper and William Ellis moved from Tennessee and settled here sometime during the 1850s. The burials of W. R. Cooper, Lizzie Dixon, and a Mrs. Harvey in 1886 are the earliest burials recorded here. By 1895 William Cooper had donated two acres, including the early grave sites, for church and graveyard purposes.

Although local tradition indicates that this sanctuary was built by members of the Cooper's Chapel Church of Christ in 1892 the earliest record of its existence is contained in a deed recorded in 1913. It is a modest example of a rural frame church sanctuary featuring a hipped roof and double door primary entrance. The site of numerous social activities, particularly during the 1930s depression period, the building served as a place of worship until 1980. It was transferred to Coopers Chapel Cemetery trustees in 1981.

A springtime event known as "Decoration Day" began early in the community's history and continues today as an annual event often attended by over 200 people. Among those buried here are Mrs. Harvey's son William, a prominent local citizen. Many of this area's pioneer settlers and their descendants, and veterans of wars ranging from the Civil War to the Vietnam conflict. Recorded Texas Historic landmark 1993

AND: in as much that;

Maggie Lee Hester Cox (104) was born on August 24, 1914, in Titus County, Texas, to Henry Franklin Hester and Para Lee Ellis Hester. Maggie was a proud, lifelong resident of Titus County. Her family members were some of the first settlers and ranchers in Titus County during the Republic of Texas years of 1830-1845. She was a distinguished member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and was a dedicated member of the North Ridge Church of Christ in Mt. Pleasant.

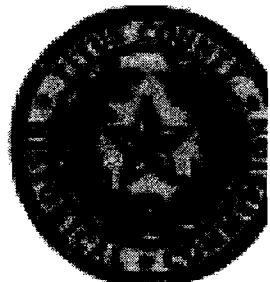
Maggie married Frank Gladney Cox on October 12, 1932, when they eloped to Ashdown, Arkansas, for their wedding ceremony. They had celebrated 68 years of marriage before Frank's death in 2000. Continuing the pioneer spirit, they established a ranching operation and enjoyed many years of family time on the ranch. Her true passion was spending quality time with her children and grandchildren, and as she now rests with family here..

Let it be known that TCHC-Chair Merit Award #019 shall henceforth and forevermore be known to all as the Maggie Lee Hester Cox Memorial Marker.

AUTHORITY GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND ON THIS 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

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DECLARATION OF DEDICATION FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES
FOR THE JONES CHAPEL CEMETERY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF TITUS

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That the Texas Historical Commission, an agency of the State of Texas, does hereby certify and declare:

That the Jones Chapel Cemetery, located in ISAAC JONES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO., 302 & J. H. HENLY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 289, Titus County, Texas, and previously filed and recorded in the Official Public Records of Titus County, Texas, in Vol. 1723, Pg. 320, and more particularly described in *Exhibit A* as attached hereto, has been set aside and dedicated for cemetery purposes through historic use and that such property is now occupied by human graves.

That the Texas Historical Commission has duly considered the evidence of existence and historic use of said cemetery and has listed said cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery, worthy of preservation.

That this dedication is subject to all the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas regarding cemeteries now in effect and to those adopted after the effective date of this dedication, and is made in accordance with 13 Tex. Admin. Code Section §21.30.

This Affidavit of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes is signed and executed on this 22 day of September, 2009.



Terry Colley
Deputy Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission

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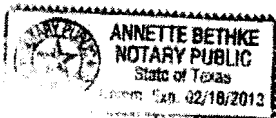
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Terry Colley, known to me to be a credible person, whose name is above subscribed, and said person swore to me the statements contained herein are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 22 day of September, 2009.



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FOR THE BARRETT CEMETERY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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That the Texas Historical Commission, an agency of the State of Texas, does hereby certify and declare:

That the Barrett Cemetery, located in JOSEPH MATTHEWS SURVEY, ABSTRACT No. 344, Titus County; previously filed and recorded in the Official Public Records of Titus County, Texas, in Vol. 34, Pg. 251; and more particularly described in *Exhibit A* as attached hereto, has been set aside and dedicated for cemetery purposes through historic use and that such property is now occupied by human graves.

That the Texas Historical Commission has duly considered the evidence of existence and historic use of said cemetery and has listed said cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery, worthy of preservation.

That this dedication is subject to all the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Texas regarding cemeteries now in effect and to those adopted after the effective date of this dedication, and is made in accordance with 13 Tex. Admin. Code Section §21.30.

This Affidavit of Dedication for Cemetery Purposes is signed and executed on this

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, 2007.

Terry Colley
Deputy Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission

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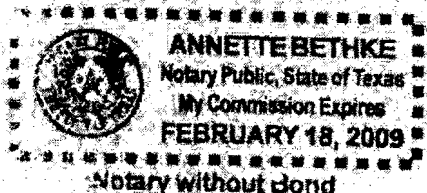
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Terry Colley, known to me to be a credible person, whose name is above subscribed, and said person swore to me the statements contained herein are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 24 day of August, 2007.



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CVSO/TCHC REPORT #101

(Period Ending September 30, 2018)

Judge Lee; Commissioners:



The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."



2018 FLAG HALF-STAFF PROCLAMATIONS: GoT-Former TEXAS First Lady Rita Crocker Clements; 1/11/2018; POTUS-2/15-19/2018, MSDHS victims Parkland, Florida; POTUS-3/2/2018 Rev. Billy Graham; POTUS-4/18-21/2018, Former US First Lady Barbara Pierce Bush; GoT(Regional Notice-City of Round Rock)4/27/18, Police Officer Charles Whites; GoT-(Regional Notice- Dept. of Criminal Justice) 5/11/2018, Deputy Inspector General Richard Hale; GoT & POTUS-5/18-5/22, 2018, victims SFHS, Santa Fe, Texas; GoT-(Regional Notice-City of Brenham) 6/28/18, Brenham City Councilman Weldon Williams, Jr.; GoT & POTUS-7/3/18, Annapolis, Maryland victims; GoT-(Regional Notice-City of Springtown) Springtown City Mayor Clayton, 7/12/19-7/16/18; POTUS-8/25-27/18, US Sen. John McCain, USN-POW Vietnam; GoT-(Texas) 9/4/18-9/8/18, Presiding Judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Jack Onion, Jr.; POTUS-9/11/18, Patriot Day, Sunrise to Sunset;...



FCC: 106; Bridge Project; TxDoT; Dragoo Creek Bridge ; FM 899; Farmers Academy area. TCHC seeks Public input, still in work pending notice from Project Manager.



West New Hope/ Summerlin Memorial Park: The April of 2016, a request for assistance with maintenance of the SFC L.D. Summerlin Memorial Park on CR 1220 was submitted to Pct. 2 Commissioner Mike Fields. The TCHC has confirmed with Pct. 2 Commissioner Elect John Fitch, that the periodic maintenance will continue. The L.D.S Memorial Park is directly across CR 1193, near CR 1220, from the West New UMC, a Texas State Historical Site since 1986, as indicated on the marker. The Park site has several large oak trees shading the entire area, a gazebo providing cover for three picnic tables, a swing set and plenty of space for other activities. An engraved granite plaque in a brick pedestal reads "THIS PARK IS DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY TO, SGT. 1st C. L. D. SUMMERLIN, KILLED IN ACTION IN KOREA, 1918 - 1850"... The TCHC will continue to work toward the cleanup of the park and GOLD Star Memorial By-Way Marker placement. **A GOLD STAR BY-WAY MEMORIAL has been ordered from the NGC.**



ADDITIONALLY: The TCHC/TCVSO and MP/NGC Chapter have the approval of the City of Mt. Pleasant and the MP/TC Chamber of Commerce, to place a BLUE Star Memorial Marker at the Chamber Office. This project is in work and a target date of Armed Forces Day 2019 is contemplated. The marker will acknowledge the service of all Titus County Veterans who have served their country, anywhere, anytime.



Historical Texas Cemetery designation application for the **Talco Cemetery**; The THC HAS **APPROVED** the application... Thanks for all you've done to document this cemetery. I'll be in touch again soon. Talco Cemetery Association members are **Bruce Case, Deb Mears, Gena Gage, Pattie McClung.** Decoration Day and **TCHC Award.** Now the Cemetery Assoc. will discuss and apply for the Marker.



FIND A GRAVE: **Martha Austin** recently became a Field Researcher for **Find-A-Grave** and she has already made some very interesting and noteworthy finds. Marti also develops Memorial Pages for Cemetery Websites. One of her favorite endeavors is providing Memorials for Veterans. She does all the research and field work and also does all of the photography. Martha also ties this information into Ancestry.Com, which makes it **easier** for families to make connections. Martha is a 2018 appointee of the Titus County Historical Commission and the official photographer/videographer.





Special Thanks to JO's: Downtown Coffee Shop for their continued support and hospitality for the VSO Programs during the year. The recent Vietnam Veteran's Pinning Ceremony with the Martha Laird Chapter/DARs a great event and many have commented with their appreciation of the staff and management. Thanks **JO's...**





TCHC/MAINSTREET: Board meetings continue, usually on Thursday early in each month at 8:00 am in the Conference Room. Jacob Hatfield-MPCity Community Director; Kate Stedman -Chamber Director and others.

Advised Commissioners of MS assistance for Annex Design options and suggestions. Welcome Aboard Amy; transitioning from Advisory Committee to City Coordinator Assistant.


 **TITUS COUNTY CARES/VSO:** Coordinated efforts to assist transient veteran. Referrals of veterans continue to be exchanged between the two organizations. Resources are limited for this demographic as we attempt to put them in touch with appropriate regional resources.


 **Ft. Sherman Project; TCHC and State Park Begin Discussions...** The Texas Historical (Archeological Research Dept.) has located several more gravesites in and around the Cemetery area. The Chain link fence was removed to aid in the search. About 30 Grave sites have now been identified and possibly fore to be located. Other efforts bring the history of Ft. Sherman to the forefront will enhance the significance of the early history of this area about the time Texas was being settled and fighting for Independence. The Fort was established in 1838 and was named for the Texian General that coined the phrase “Remember the Alamo”. Possible remnants of the old Fort are being investigated and methods to determine their authenticity are being considered. More to come as the project continues...Hopeful of permanent addition to Library/Museum.

 **FCC 106:** #176080 Talco 14510336, ETX# 18259; New Tower Compound; Tillman Infrastructure, LLC.

 **PILOT'S Intn'l/FITCH MEMORIALS:** New updates in work, project to add **Desert Storm * Global War On Terror**, to existing monument.



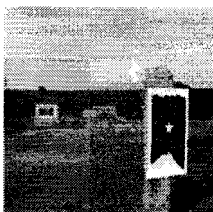
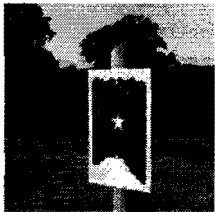
 **TCHC MERIT AWARD #007:** Lev Old Cemetery Project; SWEPSCO/AEP, J. Robert Welsh Power Plant Employees. Reclamation of the Titus County Cemetery, authorized 30th day of August, 2018

 **TCHC MERIT AWARD #008 / #009:** Priefert Ranch; on behalf of “Back-to-Back” Guinness Book of World Record Holders, “World’s Tallest Living Horse”; Two Gentle Giants- **GOLIATH** and **RADAR**. (2003-2009 collectively)

Mount Pleasant, TX - On Thursday, September 20, Priefert Ranch received a Merit Award from the Titus County Historical Commission (TCHC) in recognition of having been home to Goliath and Radar, back-to-back Guinness World Record Title Holders for Tallest Living Horse. Steve Austin of the TCHC presented the award to Bill Priefert and family. Several employees were present for the ceremony, including Charles and Guilda Woods, who traveled with both horses during their time as record holders. A plaque acknowledging the award will be on permanent display at the ranch entrance, near the memorials for each horse.

The ceremony was opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Austin then spoke about the horses, the Priefert family, and the significance of the Merit Award before making the presentation. Each horse received an Award of Merit, with Marker #008 in honor of Goliath and Marker #009 in honor of Radar. Bill Priefert closed the ceremony with comments of his own regarding the horses, along with an expression of sincere thanks to Mr. Austin and a deep appreciation of the TCHC and their work.

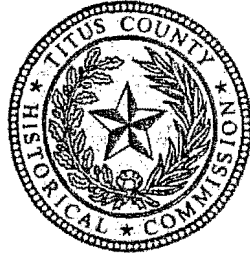
Goliath, a Percheron gelding who stood 19.1 hands high, held the record for Tallest Living Horse from 2003-2005. Radar, a Belgian gelding, took the record in 2006. Radar stood over 19.3 hands high and held the title through 2009. Both horses were owned by the Priefert family during their time as title holders and lived out their days peacefully on Priefert Ranch. Goliath and Radar are fondly remembered as true gentle giants by all who knew them. Today, they are buried near the ranch entrance, with individual monuments marking their final resting places.



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