

**COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
2008 Annual Report**

Please use this form to report your 2008 county historical commission (CHC) activities to your county commissioners court as well as to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Information from these forms may be used to report county and statewide historic preservation activities to the state legislature.

County: Tom Green Name of CHC chair: Golda M. Foster

1. How many members currently serve on your commission? 17 voting members + numerous associate members

2. How many meetings did your commission hold in 2006? 11 regular meetings + participation at Frontier Day at Fort Concho in June (total 12 meetings)

3. How do you inform the public about your meetings and activities? yes

4. When were your CHC's bylaws last reviewed and updated? 1998
(Please provide a current copy to the THC.)

5. How many volunteer preservation hours did your commission members work this year? 4986 hrs (based on \$10.00 per volunteer hourly, that is \$49,860.00 in volunteer services Tom Green County Commissioners Court did not have to pay for.)

6. Does your commission sponsor or work with young people in your county? Yes No

If yes, please list and describe such activities: Eagle Scouts - primarily cemetery research, cleanup, survey work

7. Does your county provide funds in its budget for your commission? Yes No
If yes, how much was your allocation in fiscal year 2008? \$4,000.00

Does your county provide office space for your commission? Yes No

If the county provides other operating help, please list: postage and copier machines and storage space, and meeting room

8. Does your commission have other sources of funding? Yes No

If yes, please briefly describe sources and amounts of such income: booths at community events, ie. Butterfield Overland Mail 150th Anniversary - Grape Creek Fly-In, Frontier Day at Fort Concho - sales of tee shirts, aprons, tote bags, county history books, historic photo postcards, historical maps & courthouse prints, etc.

9. Please check all that apply to your commission:

- Members attended the 2008 Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Corpus Christi
How many? **three (Golda Foster, JoAn Earnest, Barbara Ann Choate)**
- Member, Preservation Texas
- Member, Texas Historical Foundation
- Member, Texas Association of Museums
- Member, Texas Downtown Association
- Member, Texas Oral History Association
- Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Member, American Association for State and Local History
- Member, Texas State Historical Association
- Member, other historical associations(s): **Fort Concho Museum, Friends of Fairmount Cemetery Inc., Knickerbocker Community Center**

10. Please check all areas in which your CHC worked actively to promote historic preservation:

- Historical marker(s)
- Historic cemetery preservation and/or designation
- History museum(s)
- National Register of Historic Places designation
- Main Street Program – Which town(s)?
- Certified Local Government – Which city or county? _____
- Visionaries in Preservation Program – Which community? San Angelo
- Texas Heritage Trails Program – Which trail region? Forts Trail
- Heritage tourism (other than or in addition to Texas Heritage Trails Program)
- Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
- Military sites
- Advisor to commissioners court on matters related to history and preservation
- Survey/inventory of architectural resources
- Advocacy for the preservation of an endangered historic resource (see also question #12)
- Historic building rehabilitation
- Protection of archeological resources
- Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
- Oral history
- Archives
- School/educational programs
- Training workshops
- Local newspaper column
- Local history publication (CHC newsletter, county history book, brochures, etc.)
- Historical observances (check all that apply):
 - County/city birthdays
 - National Preservation Week
 - Texas Archeology Month
 - Other (please list): Butterfield Overland Mail 150th Anniversary – Grape Creek TX; 126th Anniversary Program – 1882 Ben Ficklin Flood
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February – Butterfield Stage route tour; Daughters of the Republic of Texas grave marker dedication ceremonies at Fairmount Cemetery; Buffalo Soldier Day at Fort Concho

March - Texas Independence Day – courthouse lawn wreath, ASU Genealogical Workshop, cemetery visits with Mr. Gerron Hite, THC Cemetery coordinator; Fort Concho Medal of Honor program;

April – San Jacinto Day (April 21) placed wreath at Gen. Tom Green marker at courthouse; Confederate Memorial Day program & San Jacinto Veterans Memorial program at Fairmount Cemetery (April 26th) in conjunction with Sons of Confederate Veterans General Tom Green Camp, Daughters of the Republic of Texas; co-hosted BBQ at Fort Concho following programs on April 26th; sent 3 delegates to the THC Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Corpus Christi;

May – Delta Memorial Park Cemetery Historic Texas Cemetery medallion designation ceremonies; Memorial Day flags and wreaths at Courthouse, graves in numerous cemeteries including Lt. Jack Mathis (WWII Medal of Honor recipient) at Fairmount Cemetery;

June: Frontier Day at Fort Concho;

July – hosted THC Oral History Regional Workshop at Fort Concho;

August – Knickerbocker Annual “Knicky Picky” Reunion; Ben Ficklin Cemetery cleanup project coordinated with Commissioner Richard Easingwood and CSCD personnel; 126th Anniversary Program Commemorating 1882 Ben Ficklin Flood; attended Kimble County 150th Anniversary Celebration in Junction for ideas on future events; Fort Chadbourne & Texas Forts Trail Meeting;

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September - a very big month! Historical marker dedication at Grape Creek High School with approximately 300 attending (Sept. 17th); Butterfield Overland Mail 150th Anniversary & Fly-In at Grape Creek – approximately 1,200 attended; Sweetwater – Operation Fifinella, the last reunion of the WASP (Women Army Service Pilots) of WWII – represented the late Guy Lavender of San Angelo, a flight instructor for the WASP;

October – Fairmount Cemetery Annual Tour (speaker & provided flags & photos for various pioneers); participated in THC Quarterly Meeting in San Angelo; participated in 82nd Anniversary event for San Angelo Amateur Radio Club at Mathis Field;

November – built float for the annual Veterans Day Parade; DeLong Cemetery cleanup & mapping for Historic Texas Cemetery designation application; visited Christoval Cemetery,

Ivy Cemetery, & Musick Cemetery near Christoval; worked with Immanuel Baptist Church for THC historical marker application;

December – Historical Commission's annual Christmas dinner meeting; co-sponsor First Annual Combined Historical Group Christmas Party at Fort Concho with Sons of Confederate Veterans, Fort Concho Living History Units – approximately 80 attended including Grape Creek Butterfield Committee, Water Valley Cemetery board members, and representatives of other historical groups; attended and volunteers at Christmas at Old Fort Concho; worked with Historic Orient – Santa Fe Depot board on their historical marker application and Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation.

In addition to these activities, members of the Tom Green County Historical Commission actively worked on cemeteries, research on pioneers and veterans of all eras, and provided answers for many written and telephone and email inquiries on various points of county history. We also provided assistance to county and city officials on numerous topics.

11. Does your CHC maintain an inventory of historic properties in your county? Yes No

If yes, when was the inventory last updated? 2001

12. Please list any significant historic properties or sites (officially designated or not) in your county that are threatened or endangered, damaged or destroyed. If possible, provide photographs, address and a brief description of the threat or damage, as well as information regarding any ongoing local efforts to preserve the site(s).

We have no eminently endangered properties under watch at this time. Courthouse preservation continues to be an ongoing effort.

13. Please provide a brief narrative description of your CHC's successes over the past year, as well as its not-so-successful activities. (See also **Distinguished Service Award** information following question #16 on this form.) In particular, we would like to know about any specific plans for or programs dealing with diversity, both in terms of CHC membership and preservation activities in your county.

The greatest success of the TGCHC would be the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Butterfield Overland Mail & Fly-in at Grape Creek. This community event and the historical marker dedication ceremonies required coordination with over 20 different organizations. Both events had great audiences and brought special honors to a vibrant community. This event may become an annual activity and deserves broad support from the citizens of our county.

All the events the Historical Commission sponsored, co-sponsored, or participated in brought many new groups together to build a stronger

14. Please tell us about any significant preservation projects in your county, either currently underway or planned for the coming year.

15. Please tell us about your efforts to recruit a diverse membership (age, race, gender, etc.) for your commission and how you are addressing issues of diversity in historic preservation in your county.

Our membership includes a broad base of our county residents and encourage anyone with interest in our mission to participate in our programs and become members. We continue to make one on one efforts to increase our membership base.



Distinguished Service Award – PLEASE NOTE

If you wish for your CHC to be considered for Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recognition, please check the box above and provide details about your calendar year 2008 successes and accomplishments. Enclose a brief summary/description of each project, and enclose copies of supporting documentation if applicable. Recommendations for DSA recognition will be based on an overall evaluation of each CHC's achievements in historic preservation activities and programs for the year.

DSA recipients will be notified in advance and will be recognized at the opening session of the Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Lakeway (near Austin) in April 2009



Name of person completing this report: Golda M. Foster, Chairman
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CHC web site address: _____

If the THC staff can provide you with any additional information or assistance, please call 512/463-5853 or email history@thc.state.tx.us. Thank you.

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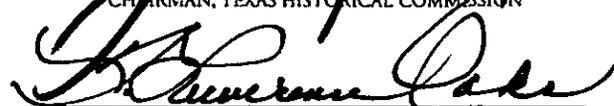




THE
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
PRESENTS THIS
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
TO
TOM GREEN COUNTY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTIVE
AND WELL-BALANCED PRESERVATION PROGRAM



CHAIRMAN, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION


EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MAY 2, 2008

DATE

**Tom Green County Historical Commission
Voting Member Appointments: Term 2007 - 2008**

In compliance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 318, the Commissioners Court of each county shall approve and appoint members to the county historical commission. Membership terms are for two years commencing in January of odd-numbered years. The following residents of Tom Green County, Texas, have formally expressed their desire to serve as Voting members, to actively participate in the preservation work of the Tom Green County Historical Commission, and to comply with attendance requirements.

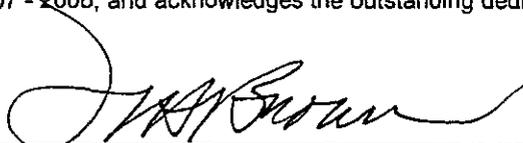
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY / ZIP	PHONE
Edward P. Brininstool	10645 Spring Valley Ln.	SA 76904	944-9301
Barbara Ann Choate	725 E. Harris Ave.	SA 76903	653-1628
Howard Coleman	207 Glenmore St.	SA 76903	651-4484
Lucille Coleman	207 Glenmore St.	SA 76903	651-4484
Rose Duke	611 Preusser St. #B	SA 76903	653-9066
JoAn Earnest	P.O. 62032	SA 76906	651-9506
* Thomas Earnest	P.O. Box 62032	SA 76906	651-9506
Mrs. Ollie Joyce Eaton	102 LaSalle St.	SA 76903	651-4362
Golda M. Foster	1115 N. Van Buren St.	SA 76901	655-1380
Nonie Green	2401 Colorado Ave.	SA 76901	949-2920
David Mack Johnson	301 Kistler	SA 76903	651-2038
* Stella Opal Karr	5332 Pacific Rd	SA 76903	658-5469
Frances F. Keyes	405 Rio Concho Dr., #214	SA 76903	653-1196
*** Mildred Moreland	1321 S. Jackson St.	SA 76901	655-8445
Robert Pace	202 Dellwood Dr.	SA 76903	651-5902
* Drew Sykes	P.O. Box 45 Knickerbocker	79639	942-1373
Milton Taylor	1949 A & M Ave.	SA 76904	227-6554
Ernestine Torres	P.O. Box 48 Knickerbocker	79639	224-4001
* Associates in 2007	*** Senior Member Emeritus		

Acknowledgement of Years of Service to Tom Green County

The following members of the Tom Green County Historical Commission are honored today for their dedicated service to Tom Green County for a remarkable 268 combined years:

- ❖ Mrs. Mildred Moreland - 38 Years (now Senior Member Emeritus)
- ❖ Golda Marie Foster – 22 Years
- ❖ Howard Coleman, Lucille Coleman, Rose Duke, JoAn Earnest, Lenora 'Nonie' Green, Stella Opal Karr -21 Years
- ❖ Barbara Ann Choate - 19 Years
- ❖ Edward P. Brininstool, David Mack Johnson – 15 Years
- ❖ Frances Keyes – 14 Years
- ❖ Mrs. Ollie Joyce Eaton – 7 Years
- ❖ Robert Pace & Drew Sykes – 6 Years

The Commissioners Court of Tom Green County, Texas, acting in a regular session on this the 12th day of December, 2006, does hereby approve and appoint the above named residents to the Tom Green County Historical Commission to serve as Voting members for the term 2007 - 2008, and acknowledges the outstanding dedication and service of these members.



Michael D. Brown,
County Judge, Tom Green County, Texas

	2008 – TOM GREEN COUNTY CEMETERY LIST: CEMETERY NAME (Locale)	VETERANS BURIED	PHOTO MADE	FILE FOLDER
1	ALL FAITH (State School grounds)	NO		
2	BAZE - Knickerbocker (D. Vincent Ranch) -HTC	YES	YES	YES
3	BELVEDERE MEMORIAL PARK	YES	YES	
4	BEN FICKLIN	YES	YES	YES
5	BUENA VENTURA (Denis Ranch)			YES
6	CALVARY CATHOLIC - HTC	YES	YES	
7	CARLSBAD (Clegg Ranch)	Unknown	YES	
8	CHRISTOVAL	YES	YES	YES
9	COUNTY LINE – Knickerbocker - HTC	NO	YES	YES
10	DEBUS FAMILY (Wall)			
11	DELONG – north of Christoval	YES	YES	YES
12	DELTA MEMORIAL PARK - HTC	YES	YES	
13	FAIRMOUNT - HTC	YES	YES	YES
14	GRAPE CREEK – US 87 N @ Grape Crk Rd	YES	YES	YES
15	HARRIETT	YES	YES	YES
16	IVY (Christoval)	YES	YES	
17	KNICKERBOCKER CATHOLIC - HTC	YES	YES	YES
18	KNICKERBOCKER COMMUNITY - HTC	YES	YES	YES
19	KNICKERBOCKER RANCH (Tweedy)			
20	LAWNHAVEN MEMORIAL GARDEN	YES	YES	
21	MACY, DAVE (State Park Land)	Unknown	YES	YES
22	MANESTEE (Cawley Family) n of Grape Crk			
23	MERETA	YES		YES
24	MIDWAY (Mertzson Hwy)	YES	YES	YES
25	MIRES FAMILY (near Christoval)			YES
26	MULLINS (near Veribest)	YES	YES	YES
27	MUSICK FAMILY (near Christoval – Musik Lane)	YES	YES	YES
28	SHAFFER MEMORIAL PARK (near Grape Creek)			
29	SKINNER (near Orient)			YES
30	ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC (Wall)		YES	
31	SUTTON RANCH			
32	TANKERSLEY (Lee Ranch) 2 areas of graves	YES	YES	YES
33	TURNER CEMETERY (Water Valley)			YES
34	VALENTINE			
35	WALL PROTESTANT	YES	YES	
36	WATER VALLEY MEMORIAL (new)			
37	WATER VALLEY PIONEER	YES	YES	YES
38	WHITE SWAN (Vancourt)			
39	ALFORD HENRY CURRIE – Carlsbad Cemetery or single burial on Graston Rd – WV [need to verify]			
40	Single burial – near Mereta – Domingo Ramirez			
41	Single burial – Wright Ranch			
42	Single burial – Scroggins near WV across river			
43	Single burial – Stanley Mayfield ranch (formerly Andy Allen ranch) – Lenham (near Christoval Andy Allen 896-2329)			
44	Mother w/infant – 200 Block N Magdalen /School property (disc 2006)		YES	
45	Mother w/infant – intersection Irene & Culberson (discovered in 1980s during waterline replacement)			
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49				