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From the Desk of Robert Palmer

Property Title Abstracts are an important source of historical information, accurate facts, and interactions between historical people. Today people don't expect abstracts when they purchase a property. Abstracts are bulky and expensive but they put the history of the property at your fingertips. Many abstracts begin with original Texas Land Grants

Recently, at the Archives, a question arose about the Warner family. This was the family of "Pop" Warner, a legendary coach who coached one of the all-time great athletes, Jim Thorpe. Did the family live in the Iowa Park area and did they sell their family land near Sunshine Hill to the

Barwise family? The answer to both questions was "Yes."

How do we know? The abstract of the farmland is held by Suzanne Darr, a descendent of the Foster family who now owns the property. The abstract draws a direct line between the Warners, the Barwises, and the Fosters. Suzanne plans to provide a copy of the abstract to the Archives.

David Padgett owns the property where Colonel Spect, the Iowa Park and Clara Community founding father's house stood. David has the abstract. The original documents were signed by Colonel Spect. Then, suddenly, he signed with an "X". David found out that Colonel Spect had

suffered a stroke and was unable to sign his name.

I recently purchased an abstract from the Morningside Addition. It is a treasure of historical information. I will share some with you now and more later. The document was prepared by the Wichita County Abstract Company.

The introduction letter describes the land as part of the E.A. Austin Survey detailing the transfer of title from G.M. Dodge to J.A. Kemp. It further describes the additional transfer of land from Randolph A. Killion to J. A. Kemp. The document was prepared by Thomas A. Huff specifically for use by J.A. Kemp. Further pages show the sale of plots by J.A. Kemp, and in some instances, repurchase and resale by J. A. Kemp. Have I whetted your appetite? It gets even more interesting. Stay tuned!

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Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday 10:00am -

12:00pm & 1:00pm -

4:00pm

Wichita County TexasArchives is on [Facebook](#)

Program Brenda Jarrett BTW - Eastside Project

MEETING

12:00 Noon - 1:00pm

AGENDA FOR MEETING:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Business
4. Program
5. Adjourn



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-Update on BTW-Eastside Project: The Archives finished digitizing & touching-up 190 photographs from the different collections provided by Brenda Jarrett. John Yates organized the photos in a PDF document to simplify the printing process. Three spiral bound books of 8"X10" photos were printed. With these bound copies, Brenda can bring individuals in to identify the persons pictured. The books are working copies that everyone can write the names of people they recognize on each page. As names are confirmed, the information will be added to the digital image in the Archives computer. Lester Walker is the first guest Brenda brought in for this photo identification project.



-Kyung Lee Gagum, PhD, Assistant Professor of German at MSU Texas, came to the Archives to view our collection of Karl Emil Bauch letters and to tour the Archives and Museum. Lee was very excited to see the number of letters written in German. Scans of several envelopes and postcards from Germany, dated 1922, were provided. These images will be used in an exhibit for the MSU Texas Centennial Celebration. She hopes to highlight the German community present in Wichita Falls in the early 20s.

-The Museum of North Texas History borrowed items from the Archives to display with the Humanities of Texas exhibit spotlighting the early German immigration to Texas. The loaned items included a German bible and two letters written in German from our Karl Emil Bauch collection. In addition to the letters in the exhibit, Dr. Gagum provided transcribed translations of those letters.

-Matt Hearn donated a map to the Archives of the Northwestern Railway from Wichita Falls to Burkburnett. The map includes the different rail stations on that line plus a street map of Burkburnett. The map, dated and amended from 1919 to 1952, measures 2 feet wide by more than 32 feet long.

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Real to Reel Exhibit continues at the Museum through October 8th.

Legends of North Texas

Eddie Hill

Wednesday, October 12th; 11:30am

[Tickets on Sale NOW!](#)

THC - Undertold Markers

Undertold Marker Cycle began on October 1st and extends to November 15th. These markers are funded through the application fee collected for each “regular” marker application filed. In other words, these are **FREE** markers. Wichita County has received four of these markers in the past. If you have any topic, whether person, event, or place, consider completing an application. An important part of the application is the written permission of the owner/manager of the proposed location of the marker.

Wichita County Cemeteries

Part of our responsibility as a county historical commission is to maintain an accurate list of the cemeteries in the county. In looking at the Texas Historical Commission website “Atlas,” we found there were missing Wichita County cemeteries. To have a cemetery listed on the Atlas requires locating the cemetery on an accepted mapping system, such as Google map or USGS map, and submitting this map to the THC. We have submitted information for the cemeteries in Electra, which were not on the THC - Atlas.

Do you love a mystery? The **Archives** is the place for you!

Volunteers

The **Wichita County Archives** needs volunteers! There are many research, classification, and identification projects that require your help.

NORTH TEXAS TALES - POD CAST

The Wichita County Historical Commission and the Museum of North Texas History is sharing stories of North Texas in a new way, a pod cast. There are currently five episodes available. The topics are and will be, as varied as the people, places, and events of North Texas. As we post more episodes, we'll let you know.

Do you have a topic you would like to hear about? Let us know!!

Click on the link below and give a listen.

[North Texas Tales](#)