

# Wichita County Historical Commission *Preservation News*



**Happy New Year  
No Meeting in January  
See You in February**



Wichita County  
Archives  
Carol Rudd, Archivist

Hours of Operation:  
Wednesday, Thursday,  
and Friday  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
720 Indiana

Wichita County Texas  
Archives is on  
Facebook

Program

**MEETING**  
First Thursday of the  
Month  
12:00 Noon - 1:00pm  
Museum of North  
Texas History  
720 Indiana

Becky Trammell, Editor

## What's going on in the Archives? December 2025

### ***“Remember, there's always something going on in the Archives.”***

Last year I went through all the files and rearranged information that dealt only with Wichita Falls. What was left to sort was the Texas and Oklahoma newspapers which I thought was going to be easy. Ha!! I had no idea there are 17 cities in Clay County and Throckmorton County has 3. Then there is Cotton County. Randlett is the only surviving town from the Big Pasture and that is where Becky Trammell went to school. But what about Cookietown and Fivemile Corner? Hmm. How did they get their names? Now that's a research project.

The next needed chore is going through the three Anniversary Files. Some of the pictures have good information. Others need pictures, dates, names, years and location as well as digitizing and putting them in plastic sleeves and filing. Please consider helping out.

Would you give an hour or more to transcribe stories from the 75th Anniversary. There are 14 stories that need attention. Here are a few: Joe E. Ward, Mabel Simpson Rice, Mr. H.B. Patterson and Mrs. J. A. Kemp.

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### Wichita County Historical Commission December 4, 2025

#### **“Take on Some sort of Project”**

**Call to order:** Robert Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. After a big “Thank You” to the Historical Commission, Robert turned the program over to John Yates.

**Attendance Members:** Billy Clark, Susanne Darr, John Yates, Carol Rudd, Joe Ross, Douglas James, Bryce Blair, Celia M. Moseley, Becky Trammell (by phone)

**Attendance Guest:** Rose Wallace, Josh Scott

**Program:** John Yates passed out a map that was prepared by Geologist John A. Key for the 75th Anniversary of the organization of the County's government in May 1882. If you are doing research, most of the time you rely on maps. The Wichita County Map is very detailed with original names from the North Texas Boom Era and more. Those doing research will find the map very handy. John grew up in Electra and told three interesting stories. The first story was “The City of Electra Throws a Party.” The second story was about parking meters in Electra, and the last story was a tribute to an old friend named Nathan Carlos Byers.

**Approval of Minutes:** All the members approved.

**Chairman Reports:** No Meeting in January.

Program:

**Cemetery:**

**Website:** Becky Trammell and Elizabeth Hawley

**Markers:** Becky Trammell: The Burkburnett Junior High has received its marker. It will be put up sometime in the spring.

Old Business: None

**New Business:** It was announced that John Yates and Becky Trammell will be co-chair for the Commission. John Yates made suggestions of where to hold our meetings from now on. Parking is a problem as well as the building is cold.

**Adjournment:** At 1:00 p.m. Robert Palmer made the motion to adjourn and Douglas James seconded.

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