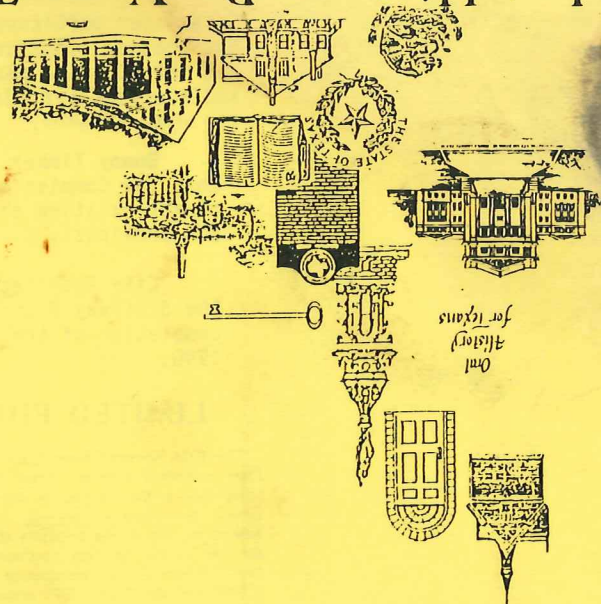


Let History Be Your Tour Guide



Nueces County Courthouse of 1914
1123 North Mesquite
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Nueces County Historical Society

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* Main reasons for stopping at a Texas Highway Information Center:

Maps	87.6%
* Historic Sites	42.5%
Travel Break	38.4%
Rest Rooms	37.8%
Cities/Towns	40.8%
National Parks	22.6%
Campgrounds	22.1%
Museums	20.3%
State Parks	19.3%
RV Parks	19.4%
Lodgings	17.7%
Special Events	13.3%
Restaurants	10.9%
Theme Parks	3.1%

Tourism Linked to Historic Preservation

Historic preservation and tourism form a powerful partnership. Historic landmarks, museums, historical markers, and sites are the foundation stones upon which a successful tourism industry rests.

Auto visitor surveys conducted in 1988 by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation indicated that historic attractions are a primary interest of tourists in Texas. For example, the second most common reason (after maps) for stopping at a visitor center was to get information on historic sites. The second and third (after shopping) most common activities for tourists were participating in historical tours and visiting historical museums. When asked what they enjoyed about Texas, tourists ranked historical markers and historical museums well above resorts, theme parks, sports, mountains, and beaches.

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CORDIALLY INVITES THE PUBLIC

TO A PRESENTATION

"THE HISTORY OF CORPUS CHRISTI STATE UNIVERSITY"

CECIL BURNEY, SPEAKER

CORPUS CHRISTI MUSEUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1989 - 7:30 P.M.

Cecil Burney played a major role in establishment of the upper level college, and currently in efforts for CCSU to become a four-year university, under the wing of Texas A&M University.

Burney is chairman of the Friends of the Courthouse and an active, supportive member of Nueces County Historical Commission and Nueces County Historical Society.

He has completed 50 years as an attorney, been president of both state and national legal organizations, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, president of the Texas Historical Foundation, and has chaired innumerable groups and drives.

Long before CCSU was opened in September, 1973, (as Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi), Burney and John Crutchfield were credited with spearheading a local and state committee, helping to push the creation of the new college through the Texas Legislature.

Burney was involved in the City of Corpus Christi's \$1,250,000 bond issue for the new school.

He helped eradicate the debts of the University of Corpus Christi, which had occupied Ward Island for many years, and channeled UCC bequests to help create the Baptist Learning Center of South Texas, 7000 Ocean Drive, east of the main CCSU campus.

Always active in helping sustain CCSU, Burney became involved and on the board of 4UCC, to create a four-year CCSU. Thus he continues to work locally and make frequent trips to Austin, again to appear before the Texas Legislature, as Texas A&M seeks to "adopt" CCSU, Texas A&I University and Laredo State University.

April 9 Sunday Casa Blanca Land Grant Historical Marker ceremony

Sponsored by Nueces County Historical Commission

Research by Dr. Clotilde Garcia

Place: Old Bluntzer School, FM 624 and 666

Time: 3 p.m.

May 6 Saturday South Texas Historical Association

Speaker: Dr. Joe Frantz, Corpus Christi State University

Place: Old San Patricio Courthouse (behind courthouse square)

Noon, lunch nearby; tours of McGloin House, \$2. Dougherty House (free)

Agency awards CLG grants to Texas cities

The Texas Historical Commission has awarded more than \$60,000 in matching grants to eight cities and one county currently participating in the Certified Local Government program.

The cities of Abilene, Beaumont, Dallas, Denton, Fort Worth, Georgetown, Lubbock, and Nacogdoches will match these funds to sponsor a number of preservation projects, including updating historic site surveys, publishing booklets on local landmarks, and organizing marker programs. Nueces County will prepare a historic photograph collection, a videotape on area archeology work, and a map of historic sites in the county.

Receiving 1989 grant assistance are Abilene, \$5,375; Beaumont, \$10,439; Dallas, \$15,000; Denton, \$6,745; Fort Worth, \$6,000; Georgetown, \$1,755; Lubbock, \$3,500; and Nacogdoches, \$10,000. Nueces County will receive \$5,250.

The CLG program is open to any municipality or county that meets approved criteria of the THC and the National Park Service. Each year, the THC distributes ten percent of its federal allocation in matching grants to CLGs, which in turn must use the money to further goals of historic preservation.

In addition to those receiving grants, other cities currently participating in the CLG program are Corpus Christi, El Paso, and Round Rock.

Anita Eisenhauer, chair of the Nueces County Historical Commission and Margaret Walberg, marker committee chair, are pleased to report that Rob Earley of the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau, will match with \$1,000 the federal CLG allocation of \$1,000 to print brochures, listing historical sites in Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

Dallas attractions draw preservationists

The Texas Historical Commission's 1989 historic preservation conference, set for April 27-29 in Dallas, is drawing near. This year, in response to requests by members of county historical commissions across the state, conference workshops will provide participants with practical advice from historic preservation experts.

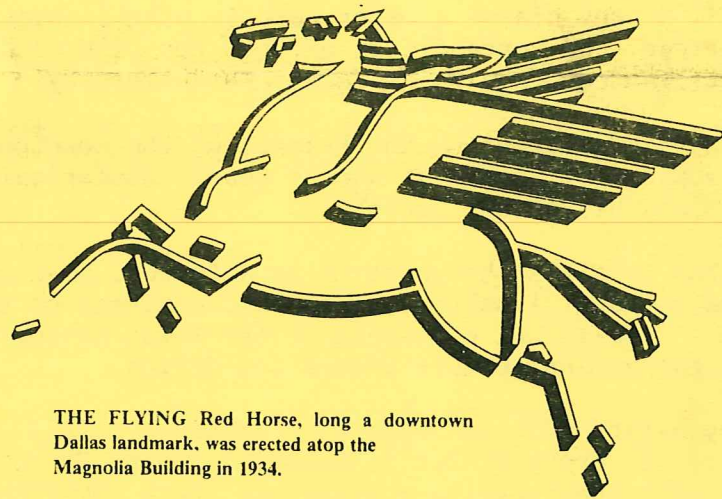
How can you identify and preserve archeological sites in your county? How are computers being used in historic preservation? How can you produce and fund successful promotion brochures? How can you research and prepare a successful historical marker application for a special site in your community? These are just a few

of the questions that will be discussed at the annual meeting.

But the conference will offer more than just practical fare. There's much excitement as preservationists from all over Texas get together to exchange ideas and plans. An awards banquet to honor individuals and historical commissions for their efforts in preserving Texas' heritage also will be offered.

First Lady Rita Clements will present a keynote address, as well as Dr. John Alexander Williams, who will discuss the Columbus Jubilee celebration. Conference participants will tour the Dallas County Historical Plaza and the newly opened Sixth Floor Exhibit, which chronicles the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

It is not too late to make reservations at the Dallas Sheraton Hotel and Towers, located one block away from the restored Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas. Write 400 N. Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201, ATTN: Reservations. For more information about the conference or to register, contact the Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711, 512/463-6100.



THE FLYING Red Horse, long a downtown Dallas landmark, was erected atop the Magnolia Building in 1934.



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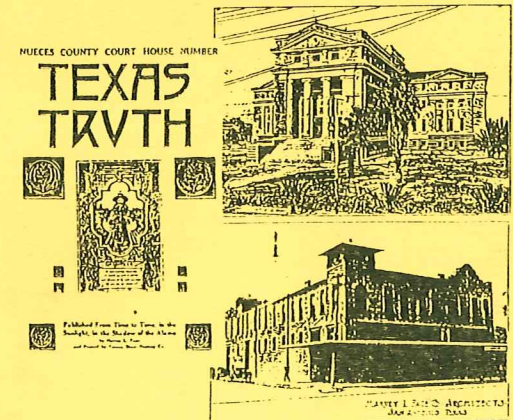
Keith Guthrie's book review of "Texas' Forgotten Ports," drew 85 interested participants at our last meeting at the Nueces County Courthouse. Visitors from Taft, Robstown, Berclair, Banquete, Alice and out of state gathered for the festive evening in celebration of Keith's 71st birthday. Margaret Walberg and Margaret Ramage provided the refreshments.

Bunny Tinker, Corpus Christi Landmark Commission Chairman, states that the Commission approved demolition of the Belden Hotel, the oldest existing structure which was originally used as a hotel (1908), and previously as a grocery store.

City Architect Edgar Ferraro reports that if the re-bidding of the Broadway Bluff Improvement and La Retama Park is successful, completion of the restoration project is estimated to be in early 1990.

LIMITED EDITION OF ARCHITECT'S BOOK ON SALE

The 1914 Nueces County Courthouse Architect Harvey Page published a book "Texas Truths," soon after the completion of the courthouse, detailing the beauties of the Greek neo-classical building under construction. A limited number of the re-prints of this book are available for sale during the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the 1914 Nueces County courthouse on Tuesday, March 7, 21989, and the "new" 1977 courthouse. Page included photographs and sketches of the courthouse, with graphic descriptions of every phase of the structure. He completed his book with a list of "books to be read" and finished it off with his own poetry. This is truly a "keepsake" and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Donation for the 40-page book is \$5, which will be used for the preservation of the 1914 courthouse sponsored by the Nueces County Historical Society, Friends of the Courthouse and the Nueces County Historical Commission. If you are unable to attend the courthouse celebration, you may order your copy of this book by calling Margaret Walberg at 991-4221 and make arrangements to pick up your copy.



Rep. Todd Hunter met Margaret Walberg at the Texas Historical Commission office in Austin, March 8 with preservationists and legislators from throughout Texas. Our other three legislators were unable to attend as they were attending a Mexican-American Caucus.

The Texas Historical Commission is very concerned with the following issues:

Funding of \$250,000 into a trust fund for preservation grants and museum grants.

Additional funding for the Main Street program.

An architectural grant program to provide incentives for saving important landmark structures.

Elimination of the sales tax on restoration which repeals the sales tax on remodeling, repair, restoration of commercial buildings.

Hotel-motel tax bill - Eliminates the use of hotel-motel funds for "historical restoration and preservation projects or activities and substitutes advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums."

These bills are of grave concern to preservationists across the state.

Contact our legislators:

Speaker Pro Tem Hugo Berlanga and Representatives Eddie Cavazos and Todd Hunter, at P.O. Box 2910, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78769.

Senator Carlos Trujan at P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.