

December 2023

**NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**PRESENTS**

**“Corpus Christi Handbook and Murphy Givens Index”**

**Jim Moloney**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church, 430 S. Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi**



**Jim Moloney will review his latest book and have copies available for purchase.**



**Penny Pillack and Debbie Zuniga presented the program at the November meeting. Penny spoke on effects of agriculture during World War II while Debbie focused on the Blue Star Mother and Gold Star Mother programs.**

**The Nueces County Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of the months of September-April. An annual Local History Awards Banquet is held on the first Tuesday in May.**

**NCHS Mission Statement**-The Nueces County Historical Society is a 501©3 multi-cultural organization which encourages a deeper understanding and appreciation for the rich history of Nueces County, the Coastal Bend of Texas, and the United States of America, by members and guests of all ages. It accomplishes this through hosting regularly scheduled presentations with interesting speakers, sponsoring special events, and leading preservation efforts for the area sites of historical significance.



The marker and log cabin are located in San Marcos. The house is the second house to be in San Marcos and it once belonged to a well-known Nueces County physician, Eli T. Merriman. He also lived in Banquete and Brownsville, as well as Corpus Christi. The hand-hewn house was built on Fort Street (now Hopkins) in 1846. He and his wife lived there with their six children. He was appointed postmaster of San Marcos in 1847 and also served as the county tax-assessor-collector. He is considered one of the city of San Marcos founders and in 1851, along with Gen. Edward Burleson and William Lindsey, laid out the town. He also served in the Texas Legislature. In 1852, he married his second wife and they had four sons. During the Civil War he was a commissioned officer and was a member of Captain Henry W. McCulloch's Company. He did much work for the Confederate Army. Two of his sons served in the Confederate Army while another served in the Union Army. Merriman died in Corpus Christi of yellow

fever in 1867 and is buried in Old Bayview Cemetery. The Merriman Cabin was moved from its original location in 1960 and was made part of the Texana Village at Aquarena Springs. Texas State University gifted it to the Heritage Association who restored it and relocated it to Veramendi Plaza during the San Marcos Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2001. Private tours may be arranged through the Heritage Association. Call 512-392-4295

Photos courtesy of Penny Pillack from November 3, 2023 visit.

**Find us on Facebook or on the web at [www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org).**

**December 5**-Regular NCHS meeting, 7:00 p.m., Speaker will be Jim Moloney on his upcoming newest book, "Corpus Christi Handbook and Murphy Givens Index."

**December 7**-Pearl Harbor Day

**December 12**-Texas Tropical Trail in Taft \*\*

**December 16**-Wreaths across America at various area cemeteries

**January 2**-Regular NCHS meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**February 6**-Regular NCHS meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**March 5**-Regular NCHS meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**April 2**-Regular NCHS meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**May 7**-Daniel Kilgore Local History Awards Banquet

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NCHS Membership Year: September 2023 to August 2024**

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