Rounding Up [Texas] Post Offices: **Identifying And Locating All The Sites That A County Has To Offer**

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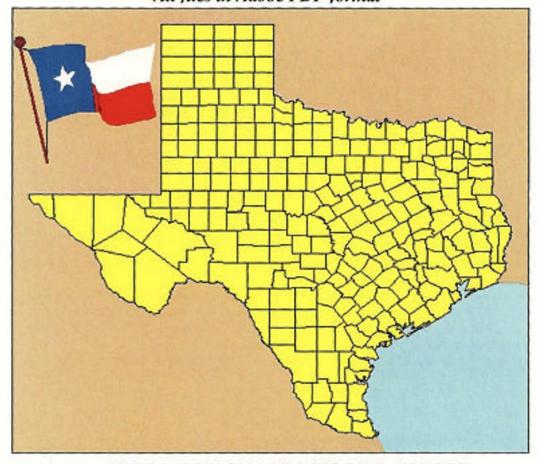
BACKGROUND

TEXAS POST OFFICES BY COUNTY

Includes information for all 254+ Texas Counties

Post Offices - Postmasters - Name Sources - History - Maps

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ANDERSON COUNTY POST OFFICES

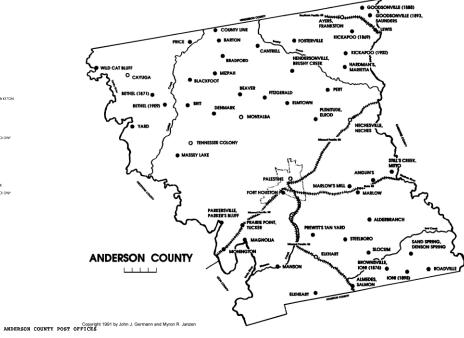
Originally part of the David G. Burnet colony, the 1072 square miles of Anderson County, bounded by the Neches and Trinity Rivers, was the subject of early settlement. The Parker family entered its regions in 1833, and Daniel Parker organized perhaps the first Protestant church in Texas - "Old Pilgrim" near Elkhart (in whose cemetery, by the way, the author of this series, John J. Germann, will be laid to rest when that time comes). In 1846 the land was partitioned from Houston County and named for Kenneth Lewis Anderson, last vicepresident of the Texas Republic, Palestine, the county seat from the start, grew hurriedly; in 1866 it sported no less than twelve dry goods stores. But Palestine could boast of only the third post office in the county. Preceding it were Brownsville, a short-lived office established in 1836 in the southeastern part of the county, and Fort Houston, a settlement only two miles from the county's center which began in 1835 as a blockhouse and stockade to prevent Indian depredations. Fort Houston quickly acquired civilian stores and cabins and consequently a post office in 1839. One thing it did not acquire, however, was the county seat. Those two miles cost it the election, won by Palestine which was at the exact center.

Anderson County has been the scene of major transportation developments. In earlier days, Trinity River navigation and commerce gave rise to port towns like Magnolia. The

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ack, however, for shortly thereafter Palestin
ecame the regional home of the Internationa
Great Northern Railroad. The East Texa.
iney woods in the eastern half and the
rasslands in the western half of the county
ave provided little farmland but much
imberland and pasture, which have helped the
ounty to rank as one of the state's leading
ambering counties and a prime livestock and
airy producer. Revenues from minerals, such
s its salt domes and its oil and gas deposits
iscovered in 1929, are important component:
f the county's income. Beginning with 2884
eople, Anderson County grew steadily unti
940 (37,092), then entered a three-decade
lump. After 1970, however, it came roaring
ack, boasting an estimated population is
xcess of 56,760 in mid-2007, doubling in les
han forty years!

ANDERSON COUNTY POST OFFICES

Post Office ALDER BRANCH	Established (Note)	Day 2	Month MAY	Year 1863	Discontinued (Note)	Day	Month	Year CSA	Mail to:
ALDERBRANCH		14	FFB	1876		18	APR	1913	SLOCUM
ALMEDES		1	OCT	1890		15	JAN	1891	ELKHART
ANGLIN'S		8	MAR	1847		17	MAY	1849	
ANTIQUITY		26	JAN	1880		11	MAY	1880	BEAVER
AYERS		16	NOV	1901		10	JUN	1902	CHGD TO FRANKSTON
BARTON		10	JAN	1856		9	AUG	1875	BEAVER
BARTON		1	SEP	1875		1	DEC	1879	BEAVER
BEAVER		27	JUL	1848		22	DEC	1868	PALESTINE
BEAVER		15	JUL	1870		25	JUL	1881	PALESTINE
BETHEL		1b	DEC	1852		24	APR	1914	TENNESSEE COLONY
BLACKFOOT		3	JUN	1886		28	FEB	1907	MONTALBA
BRADFORD		26	MAY	1882		31	OCT	1907	MONTALBA
BRIT		18	JUL	1904		31	AUG	1905	MONTALBA
BROWNSVILLE		20	DEC	1836				1841	
BRUSHY CREEK		23	DEC	1873		31	JAN	1925	POYNOR
CANTRELL		19	DEC	1901		15	JUN	1905	BRUSHY CREEK
CAYUGA		7	MAY	1894		16	MAY	1914	TENNESSEE COLONY
CAYUGA		31	JUL	1934		OP			
COUNTY LINE		14	APR	1903		30	JUN	1906	BRADFORD
DENMARK		7	AUG	1905		30	MAR	1917	MONTALRA
DENMARK		27	AUG	1913		15	NOV	1917	MONTALBA
DENSON SPRING		28	DEC	1893		14	FEB	1914	SLOCUM
DENSON SPRING		1	MAY	1915		15	JUN	1918	PERCILLA





ANDERSON COUNTY POSTMASTERS

ALDERBRANCH Murphy, Vaughn, 2 May 1863 (CSA) Discontinued CSA Murphy, Albert G., 14 Feb 1876 McKelvain, Thos. J. M., 18 Mar 1878 Huddleston, Francis M., 18 Sep 1888 Stovall, Sims M., 24 Nov 1890 Watson, John H., 25 Nov 1891 Huddleston, Thos. W., 4 May 1893 Watson, Thos. R., 8 Feb 1894 McLen, Ell, 1 Nov 1906 Discontinued 18 Apr 1913

ALMEDES Kersh, Dan'l., 1 Oct 1890 Discontinued 15 Jan 1893

ANCLIN'S Anglin, Valentine S., 8 Mar 1847

Discontinued 17 May 1849 ANTIQUITY Lightfoot, L., 26 Jan 1880

Discontinued 11 May 1880 Beard, Sam'l, E., 16 Nov 1901

Changed to Frankston 11 Jun 1902 BARTON

Rogers, Fibert M., 10 Jan 1856 Rogers, Elbert M., 6 Aug 1861 (CSA) Landis, Sam'l., 13 Aug 1866 Hanke, Dan'l. D., 23 Nov 1874 Discontinued 9 Aug 1875 Pickle, Crawford W., 1 Sep 1875 Discontinued 1 Dec 1879

BEAVER

Hanks, Hansford, 27 Jul 1848 Files, Wm. B., 20 Jun 1850 Hamlett, Wm. J., 11 Oct 1851 Woolverton, Wm., 22 Feb 1858 Hamlett, Wm. J., 24 Mar 1859 Hamlett, Wm. J., 17 Jan 1862 (CSA) Hamlett, Wm. J., 10 Jul 1866 Harper, Thos., 5 Jan 1867

Hamlett, Wm. J., 3 Jun 1868 Discontinued 22 Dec 1868 Pinson, Allen F., 15 Jul 1870. Monday, W. H., 24 Aug 1874 Hamlett, Wm. J. Jr., 21 Dec 1875 Phillips, G. C., 30 Apr 1878 Phillips, Seabron A., 13 May 1878 Towns, Alonzo H., 19 Jan 1880 Discontinued 25 Jul 1881

* - See PO Information Listings

BETHEL Gilmore, Chas., 16 Dec 1852 McMorris, Henry W., 3 Nov 1855 McMorris, Henry W., 12 Nov 1861 (CSA) Gee, Mrs. Virginia A., 20 Apr 1866 Kersey, Clinton, 8 Jan 1867 Andrews, Ed., 11 Jul 1870 Barnett, Virginia C., 5 Apr 1880 King, Thos. W. H., 11 Oct 1880 Wallace, Miss Isa, 4 Jan 1884 Cooper, Pitillo B., 2 Jan 1889 Nash, Laura B., 27 Feb 1891 McCreary, John D., 13 Dec 1892 Gee, Nannie E., 20 Nov 1893 Curry, Jas. A., 20 Nov 1899 Rampy, Hattie A., 17 Jun 1905 Derden, Milze J., 12 Oct 1906 Howell, Belle, 6 Aug 1907 Derden, Mary E., 2 Oct 1909 Discontinued 24 Apr 1914

BLACKFOOT

Stafford, Wm. U., 3 Jun 1886 Gage, John L., 1 Nov 1886 Wylie, T. F., 28 Dec 1889 Colvin, Harriet L. V., 26 Mar 1890 Jenkins, Wiley H., 4 Oct 1897 McDonald, Emlia C., 17 Nov 1899 Gatewood, Elisha, 8 Jul 1902 Discontinued 28 Feb 1907

BRADFORD

Bradford, Powell L., 26 May 1882 Scarborough, Anna, 30 Jul 1897 Discontinued 31 Oct 1907

ALDER BRANCH 1ST PM: Vaughn Murphy NAME : (See Alderbranch) ALDERBRANCE:

187 PM: Albert G. Murphy
NAME : For the alders growing along Box Creek(Branch) ALMEDES: 1ST PM: Daniel Kersh; AKA "Byron Switch" ANGLIN'S:

1ST PM: Valentine S. Anglin
NAME : 1st PM ANTIQUITE:
PM: L. Lightfoot AYERS:

1ST PM: L. Lightroot

1ST PM: Samuel Eligia Beard; AKA "Frankfort"(applied for)

POP : 1901 - #400-450 ("This will be a good town.")

BAME : For Dr. Ayers, first physician in the town BARTON: 1ST FM: Elbert M. Rogers BEAUER:

IST PM: Hansford Hanks

NAME: Por location near Beaver Creek MARE : FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ANALYSIS STORE | 202: 1980 = 31 | 187 FM: Charles Gilmore; AKA 'Gee's Store'; 202: 1980 = 31 | 18ME : For a nearby church established by early Baptist settlers FOOT: 187 PM: William U. Stafford; AKA "Gore"(applied for); POP:1980 = 33 NAME : Supposedly when an early citizen was told that he was in the "Blackfoot Nation" BRADFORD: 1ST FM: Powell L. Bradford; POP: 1980 = 22 NAME : 1st PM BRIT: 1ST PM: Jeff D. Holcomb (2 MAY 1904 = G. W. Gilbert - declined) : "Dott"(applied for) ANA
INCREMENTAL STATES AND ANALYSIS OF THE STATE BANNE (Stablished in Houston county (r. 1878) The Houston County (r. 1878) The Leander L. Pyans; MAR (Cely's Store' 1879) The Leander L. Pyans; MAR (Cely's Store' 1879) The Leander L. Pyans; MAR (Cely's Store' 1879) The Leander L. 1880 - 50 NAME: 1 Por Location near that atream; or by one of the early settlers, for his old home in South Carolina. CANTRELL:

1ST FM: Ruth R. Patterson

NAME: For an area family (e.g. Sarah Cantrell Elkins) CAYUGA: 18T PM: William Alonzo Davenport; POP: 1980 = 56 NAME : Por the 1st PM's hometown in New York COUNTY LIME:

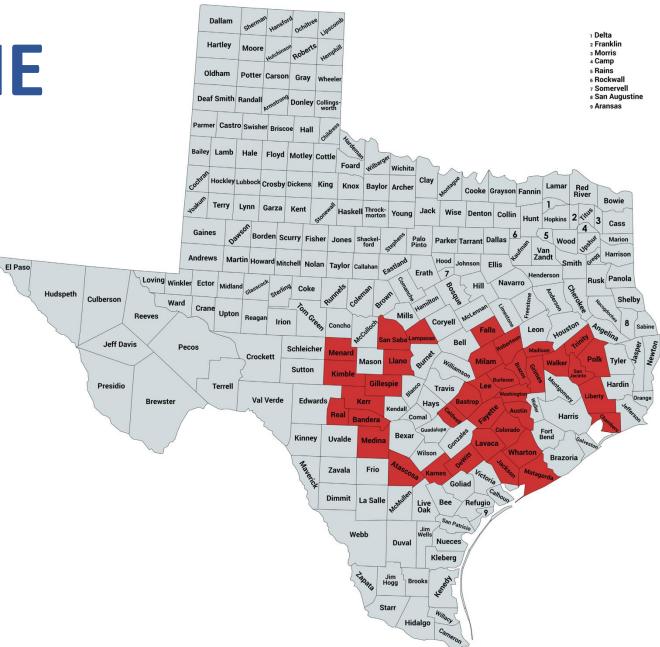
187 PM: William Mooroe Brown; AKA "Strong"(applied for)
POP : 1902 * 6184

NAME : For location near the Henderson County line DENMARK: 18T PM: Isaac W. Brown; POP: 1905 - 874

N SPRING: 187 PM: John W. Wortham; AKA 'Bush'; POP: 1892 = 825 NAME : For a Mrs. Denson, member of the pioneer Bradshaw family

DENSON SPRING:

NOW, TO THE TOPIC:



FIRST STEP:

IDENTIFYING

THE

POST OFFICES

BIRD-IN-HAND POST OFFICE





Thomas Mazza's List of Pennsylvania Post Offices from the Pennsylvania Postal History **Society Website**

Enterprise - Bird in Hand

(money order office January 13, 1892)

Established: January 9, 1836 Name changed to Bird in <u>Hand:</u> January 13, 1873

Converted to a level 6 (6-hour) remotely managed post office under Smoketown: May 3, 2014

Postmaster	Date of	Fiscal Year	Postmaster	P.O. Dept.
	Appointment		Compensation	Receipts
W.M. Happersett	9 January 1836	1837	30.42	
Jesse Hoffman	6 April 1837	1839	66.32	
	_	1841	57.84	98.76
Jesse K. Cooper	8 May 1841		no split	
_		1843	136.42	234.41
		1845	67.07	102.67
Joseph Clark	28 November 1845	1847	40.76	54.95
Henry Stauffer	29 January 1847		3.81	3.51
Jesse K. Cooper	18 February 1847		25.62	32.35
		1849	79.67	100.08
Seth Burkholder	27 April 1849		17.69	21.39
		1851	101.93	133.32
		1853	71.58	67.54
		1855	105.23	27.03
John Bender	25 April 1855		21.88	6.42
John Dunlap	31 July 1855	1857	138.34	65.69
_		1859	135.48	62.38
		1861	161.60	111.45
		1863	79.67	57.61
Ezer Lamborn	17 November 1862		115.69	96.24
		1865	205.12	200.14
		1867	59.78	30.75
Wendell Holl	19 September 1866		160.22	128.10
John Dunlap	27 March 1868	1869	212.97	170.84
John Froelich	10 May 1869		27.03	28.67
		1871	260.00	
	Bird In Hand			
	(13 January 1873)			
Silas W. Shirk	6 March 1882			
Miss Mary B. Conrad	21 August 1882			
Harry L. Overly	9 March 1927			

U.S., Appointments of U. S. Postmasters, 1832-1971

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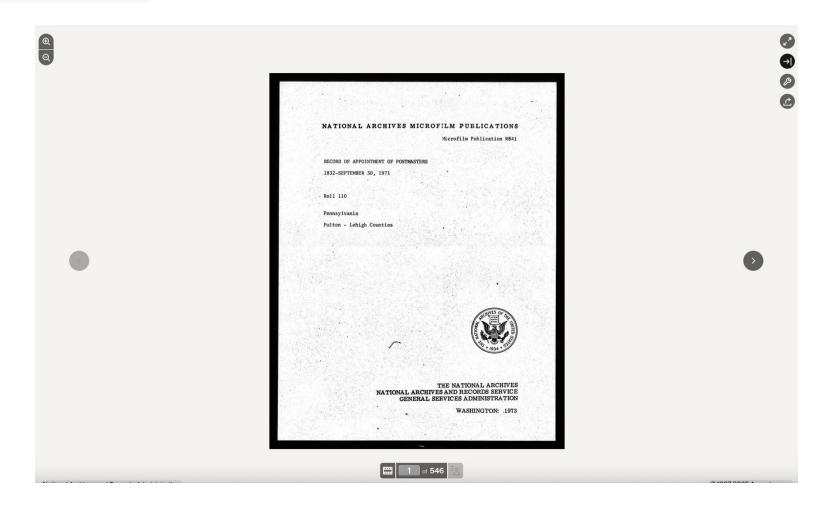
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SECOND STEP:

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BIRD-IN-HAND SITE LOCATION REPORT, 1927 Topography

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FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL APR 2-1927

Washburgton

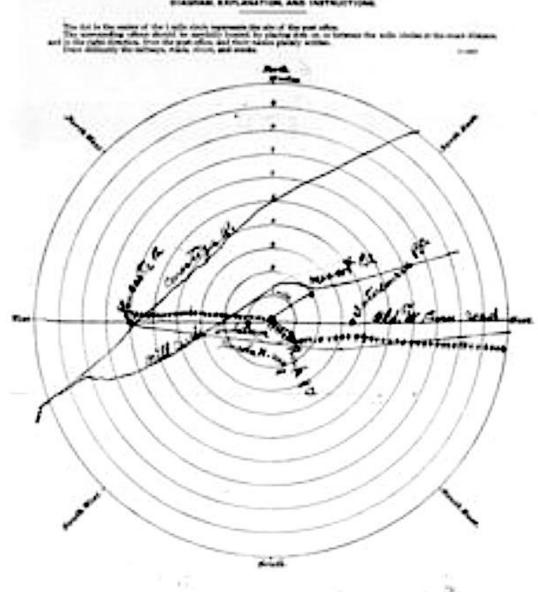
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Bashington Mar. 23,1/2
Postmaster, Bird-in-Hand NER. 1 1927
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In order that the site of your post office may be accurately represented upon the post-route maps,

In order that the site of your post office may be accurately represented upon the post-route maps, it is requested that you carefully answer the questions below and furnish a sketch, according to instructions on opposite side of paper, which should be returned to this Division as soon as possible.

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OTHER SOURCE MATERIALS FOR LOCATIONS

COUNTY HISTORIES

POSTAL HISTORIES

USPO POSTAL ROUTE MAPS AND POST OFFICE LEDGERS (NATIONAL ARCHIVES)

STATE ARCHIVES

WORKS CENTERING ON THE FOUNDING/EARLY POSTMASTER:

GENEALOGICAL WORKS (ANCESTRY.COM, FAMILYSEARCH.ORG, BOOKS)

CEMETERY RECORDS (FINDAGRAVE.COM, BOOKS)

PROPERTY TAX / DEED RECORDS (STATE CAPITAL, MAYBE IN LOCAL/REGIONAL LIBRARIES)

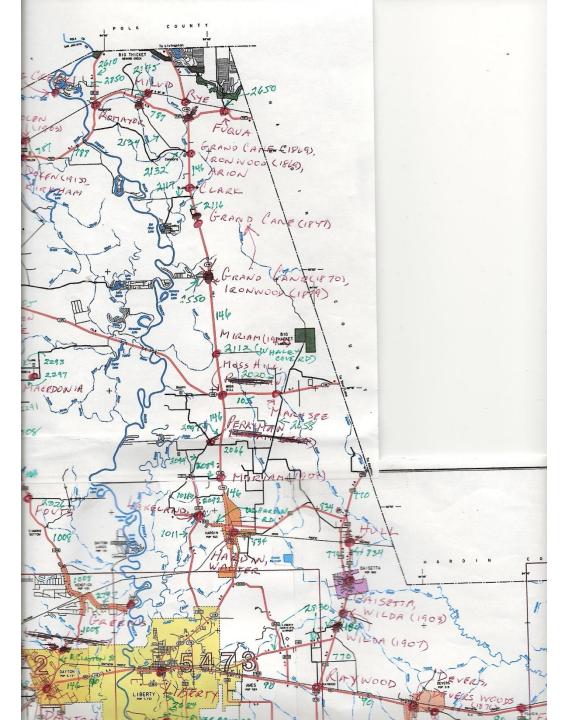
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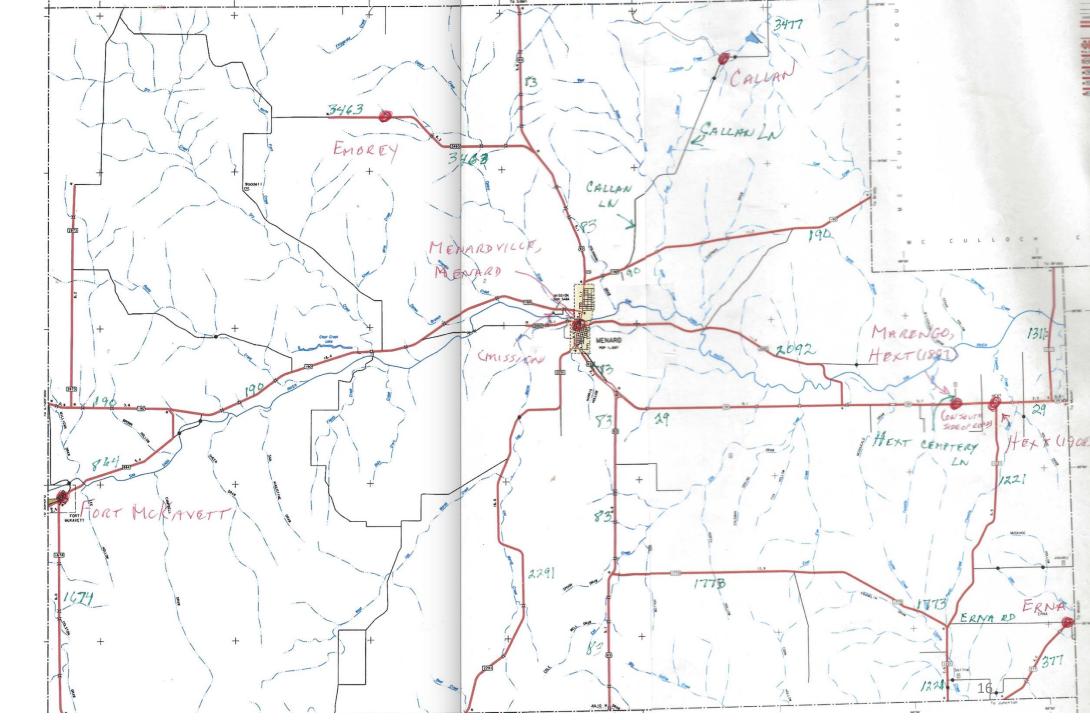
THE

TRIP

Liberty County Map – NE Quadrant



Menard County Map



MENARD COUNTY ITINERARY

ERNA 1915-1919

HEXT 1908-OP

MARENGO/HEXT 1894-1895 / 1907-1908

MENARD 1910-OP

MENARDVILLE 1868-1910

MISSION SAN SABA

CALLAN 1911-1912, 1915-1919

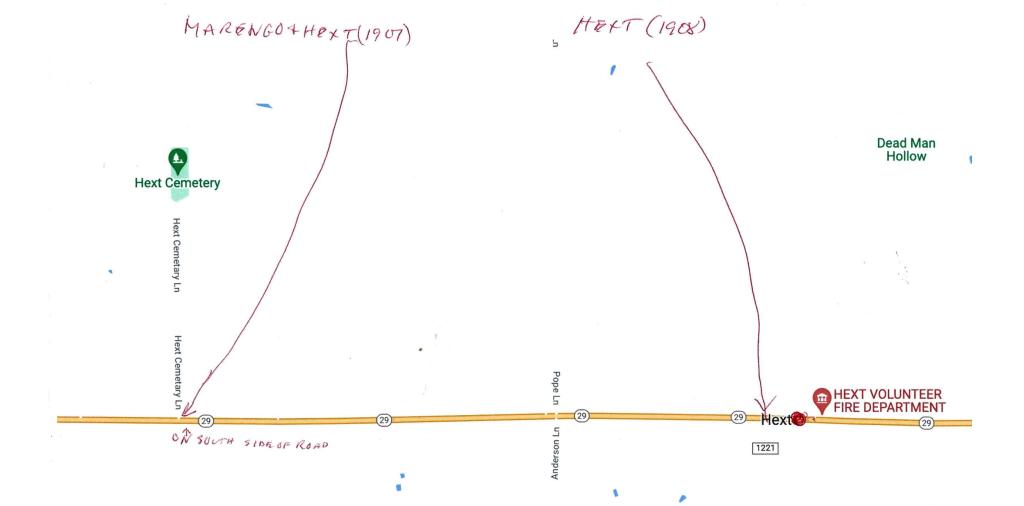
EMBREY 1900

FORT McKAVETT 1854-OP

Erna – Google Earth Topographical Map



Hext – Google Earth Road Map





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FOURTH STEP:

TAKING

THE

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THE EXPEDITION: SUGGESTIONS

BRING A PARTNER – for a navigator, back-up photographer, someone to talk to, etc. Bribe them with a free lunch or a cover or a Phillies ticket, whatever.

TAKE AN AWD/4WD? – for dirt roads, perhaps mud or tall grass, crossing low water creeks, and the like. However, I did it in a Prius several times.

TEMPER YOUR EXPECTATIONS – Communities can completely disappear surprisingly quickly, not just from the landscape but also from people's memories. Many post offices are lost to history except for what it says in postal records. If there's nothing there now but Mother Nature, revel in the fact that in some cases ONLY YOU know anything at all about that post office site.

BE ABLE TO SHRUG OFF INACCESIBLE SITES: There may be some oldies that you just can't get to. Some in Texas are now on private ranch land (e.g. former stage stop sites) and are blocked by the dreaded padlocked gate with a "No Trespassing" sign. Some, like short-lived railroad flag stations, no longer have roads that lead to them. Some are underwater, thanks to damming (we have some really nice photos of lakes, if you're ever interested). Etc.

EXPECT DELAYS – from road construction, getting lost, ETC.

STAY REASONABLY GASSED UP. The closest available gas station may be farther away than you think!

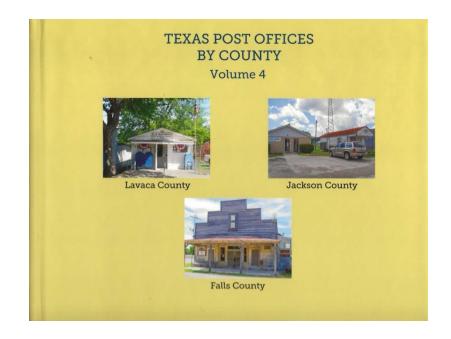
TAKE PICTURES OF *SOMETHING* AT THE SITE – e.g. church, cemetery, building/house, intersecting road signs, or even woods or pasture – to document the area where it used to be.

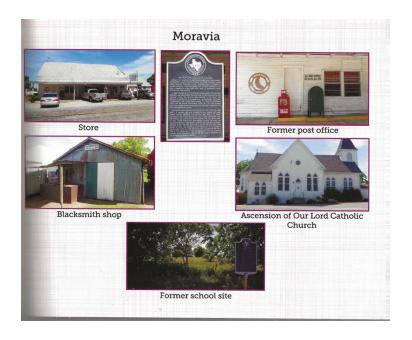
THE EXPEDITION: SOME REWARDS

THE TRIP ITSELF – just being out on the open road in the fresh air doing something that is fun and probably never done by anyone before.

THE SITES and SIGHTS - both expected and unanticipated, postal and otherwise

THE MEMORIES – a delight to look back on and relive





NOVEMBER, 2022 OLDHAM POTTER CARSON GRAY GARZA KENT EL PASO CULBERSON HUDSPETH CRANE UPTON REAGAN JEFF DAVIS CROCKETT PRESIDIO BREWSTER ZAVALA ARANSAS JIM 1800 HIDALGO CAMERON

Gillespie County



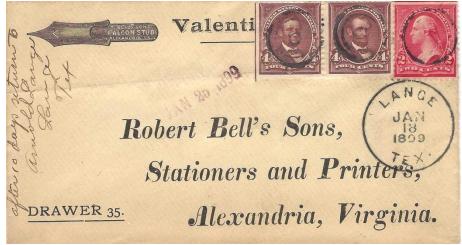
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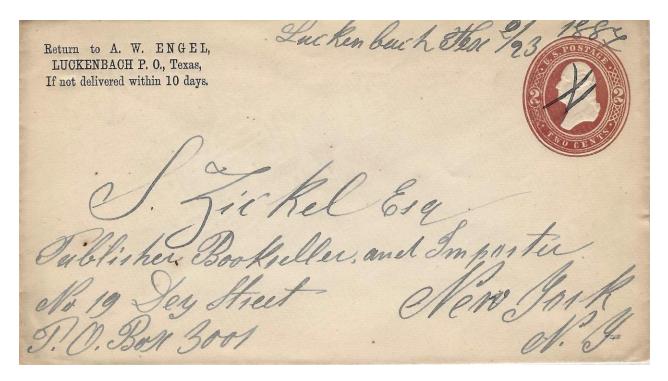
Morris Ranch



Lange

Gillespie County





Crabapple

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MORRIS RANCH

Kimble County



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Menard County





Brady Codge No. 628, A.F.&A.M

Mr. Hardin Jones,
Brady, Texas.



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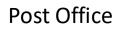




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Post Office





Store

MARENGO





CALLAN, TEXAS 1911-1919





Fort McKavett Post Office







ADDITIONAL SIGHTS ANTICIPATED

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DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

THANKS SO MUCH for inviting me to speak to your society. It was a great pleasure.



in the venerable words of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans,

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

(including Post Office Trails)

BTW: If you get a hankering to join the Houston Philatelic Society's Zoom session (the first Monday of every month, at 7:00 Central time), we would love to have you.

Just let me know (jghist@comcast.net).