

FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report

Chris Godbold,

Chairman

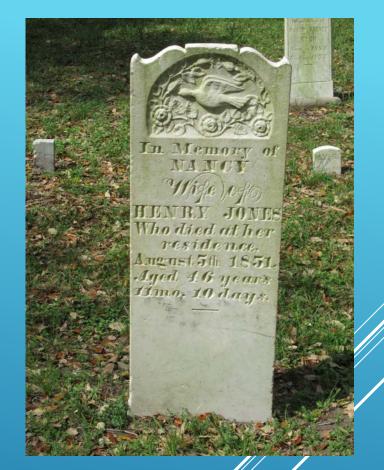
- 4 quarterly meetings, 3 of which hosted educational programs: "Fort Bend County Rail History and Lore"; "History of Morton Lodge #72 and Its Impact on Fort Bend County"; and "The Fort at the Bend – the REAL Story"
- The Commission included 57 appointees who gave approximately 2500 volunteer hours
- Two Members attended the 2022 Texas Historical Commission Real Places Conference in Austin
- Awarded 2021 Commissioner of the Year award to Clinton Drake; the 2022 award will be presented to Jeff Hoffman in May
- The 2022 Bert E. Bleil Heritage Award was presented to Michael Moore

COMMISSION-WIDE HIGHLIGHTS

- Required of each State Historic Preservation Office every 10 years; for Texas this is the THC and it covers from 2022-2032
- Approximately a two-year process to create the plan
- Commission members participated in the information gathering and feedback process
- Plan includes historic preservation goals and objectives for both the state and local level
- Plan is available at https://www.texaspreservationplan.com/.
 Click on Documents.

TEXAS STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

- Researched 5 volumes of County deed records
- Monitored 11 historic cemeteries
- Reported location of county's pauper cemetery to the THC
- Obtained one new cemetery designation
- Coordinated with Boy Scout troops to maintain historic cemeteries
- Performed GPR surveys and tests at 4 sites



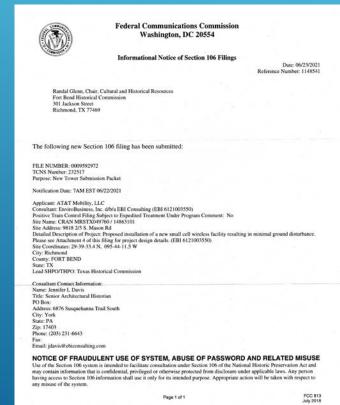
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Archeological work continues at the Mirabeau Lamar homesite

Report published by the FBAS on their work at the Thomas Barnett homesite

Responded to Section 106 requests

CULTURAL RESOURCES



- > 50 historic resource surveys were completed
- Working to furnish photos of county RTHLs for THC's heritage tourism app

HISTORIC PRESERVATION



- ▶ Placed 6 new interviews on the county website for a total of 273
- Additional interviews are in the works
- Find the interviews at https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments/countyservices/historical-commission/oral-histories

ORAL HISTORY

- History Essay Contest for 4th and 7th grades; looking forward to a county-wide contest in 2023
- Museum Crawl and History Fair, September 10, 2022
- Historic Driving Tours added to Commission's webpage; https://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments/ county-services/historical-commission/history-tours.
- ▶ Find us on Facebook!

PUBLIC AFFAIRS



- Continued photo inventory of historic markers throughout the county
- Promoting maintenance and re-blacking of existing markers
- Consulted with the THC regarding corrections to the 1936 Fort Bend historic marker
- RTHL marker approved for the Cole Theatre
- The Orchard Cemetery and the Bullhead Camp Convict Labor Camp Cemetery are in the marker text revision process
- Marker text for the replacement of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery marker has been completed
- Marker for Holy Family Catholic Church has been received by the church; plans underway for a dedication ceremony

RESEARCH AND MARKERS



- ► Thank you for your support of the Fort Bend County Historical Commission
- Questions?

THANK YOU!!