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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BORDEN COUNTY

BORDEN COUNTY IS 100 YEARS OLD! We will celebrate on JUNE 1, 1991. Come join us for a day to remember.

Mr. C. C. Nunnally, Chairman of the Borden County Historical Committee called a meeting to be held March 26th. At this meeting it was decided by the interested persons present to celebrate Borden County's 100th Birthday. We plan to have a program on the history of the County, have the Borden County Museum open, a good meal, and maybe other bits of entertainment that are still in the planning stages as this is written.

The Museum should be open by 8:30 A. M. Registration will probably begin at the Borden County School about 10:00 A. M. with the program, lunch, etc. later.

We are working to make this day a GREAT DAY. Do not miss it. Be sure to mark your calendar now and come join us on SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1991.

BORDEN COUNTY

The first Commissioners' Court Minutes read, "Be it remembered that on Tuesday the 7th day of April, A. D. 1891, there was begun and holden a called Term of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Borden County, at a house designated as the place for holding said Court, in the Town of Gail, in said County. When the following proceedings were held, to-wit...

There being no regular Court House in and for the County of Borden, it is ordered by the Court that the School House in the Town of Gail be and the same is hereby declared the Court House of said County in which all Courts of said County shall be held until further Ordered by this Court."

The next day the Court ordered that the School House door would be considered the Court House door for posting official notices or other purposes. Also on this date it was ordered that correspondance be had with the Comptroller to ascertain the amount of taxes due Borden County and draw same. Further orders on this date include instructions for the County Clerk to proceed to Big Spring, the same being the County Seat of Howard County to which this County has heretofore been attached and procure of said Clerk of Howard County all records belonging to Borden County.

On May 8th an election was had for voting on and locating the County Seat of Borden County. Section 36, Block 31, Township 5 North was duly elected the County Seat of Borden County, Texas, which is the present location.

In the Court Minutes of May 11, 1891, specifications for the Courthouse are described which was to be constructed with the bonds that had been issued in April. Also on the 12th day of May, 1891, the Court minutes read, "It is further ordered by the Court that a temporary Clerk's Office be erected in Gail for the care and preservation of the Records of Borden County and that said office shall be 10 x 12 Ft. square (??) with two windows and one door.

It was August 10, 1891 that the two story Courthouse was accepted from the contractor. Thus begin the official records of Borden County.

It must have been hard to get all the arrangements made for the petitions, elections, buildings, records, etc. together to form a County in 1891, expecially when you consider the transportation and communications in those days. But don't you wish we had it all on Video Tape?

That is interesting History. Maybe we will make some "New History" at the Birthday Party. Some day people will be saying, "Do you remember the 100th Birthday Party for Borden County".

Come see the program on the History of Borden County. Come see the Museum. Come and sit and visit. But be sure to be here on JUNE 1st, 1991.

F. C. AND ESTHER CHANDLER HART

My name is Ann Wagner and I am sending this donation for the museum in memory of my grandfather, F. C. Hart and my grandmother, Esther Chandler Hart, also my great grandparents, The Reverend and Mrs. W. C. Hart and J. W. Chandler and Sarah Petty Chandler.

You put a notice of my Grandfather, F. C. Hart's death in your last paper. There is some information that was not in the paper that I think some of the old timers might be interested in knowing.

His father, Reverend Hart, a Methodist Minister, lived in Gail quite a few years. He and my great grandmother had twelve children, only six lived. Since my grandfather died in July, his sister, my Aunt Ruth, is the only one left. She lives in Pampa, Texas. My Grandfather, besides his three daughters, had seven grandchildren, eleven greatgrand children, and nine great-great grandchildren. He was a wonderful man. He was a true gentlemen. I really miss him.

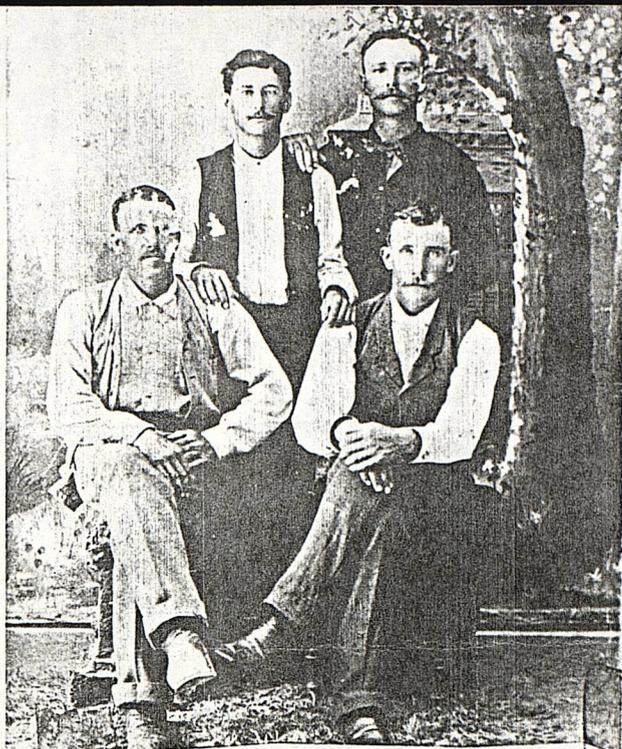
For about 30 years, my other great grand father, J. W. Chandler was in business in Gail. He owned the Blue Front Store. He and my great grandmother had three daughters, Esther, Winnie and Dovie. Grandmother Sarah Petty Chandler died in childbirth. After my grandfather Chandler married again, (He had six more children.) his three daughters lived in a house in Gail, until they married, with their Grandmother Petty that everyone called Granny Petty. Dovie is the only one of the girls still living. She lived in Carlsbad, and is so active, and so dear to all the family. So was my Aunt, Winnie Chandler Miller, who died the same month as my grandfather. She was a saint if there ever was one! A few years ago, she wrote an article for THE CITIZEN, about how Christmas used to be in Gail, when her father had The Blue Front Store. (Could you please reprint that story again sometime?)

When my grandfather died, a lot of his BORDEN CITIZEN papers were thrown out that I would have like to kept. He and I used to sit up at night when I would visit him, and I would read him all about the people he knew in Gail all those years ago. The Dorwoods, The Hollars, and Dewey Everett was his best friend in those days, and so many others. I feel like I know them too, as I have heard the stories for so many years.

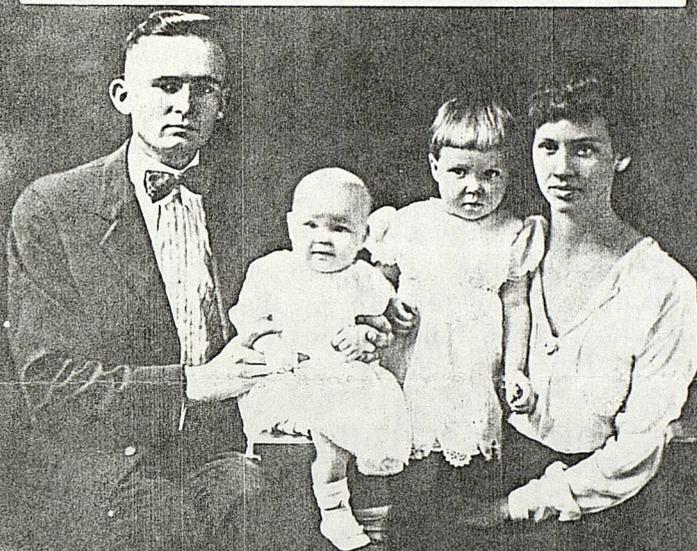
I have also been reading some of the old BORDEN CITIZENS, and was especially interested in the article from Jan Ainsworth, since we are all related through the Pettys. My Aunt Winnie talked some about Lorene Petty and Leonard. Also of interest was the article by John Johnson in 1973 about his childhood memories. His grand father, J. A. Petty, was my great-great grand-father. Do not know whether he would still be living, since he would be about 94 now. I would love to hear from Jan Ainsworth or any of the Pettys still living, or any kin of John Johnson. I think it would be nice to meet and talk with some of my kin, even though it is fourth or fifth cousins.

If there is a 100 year anniversary at Gail, it would be a good time. My Aunt Dovie Chandler Patton, her daughter Billie, also my mother and two aunts might come with me. They all remember some old timers.

ANN WAGNER



John Tiller - seated left
 Jim Chandler - standing left,
 Worth Moore - standing right
 Fred Walthers - seated right



F. C. Hart and Esther Chandler Hart and two daughters, Sarah Ann and Mavis Norma (Tommy), my mother. Taken either in Irving or O'Donnel, after they moved from Gail. My mother, Mavis, was born in Gail.

Left to Right, Aunt Kate Chandler, Aunt Dovie Chandler Patton, My mother-Esther Chandler Hart and Aunt Winnie Chandler Miller.



SCALPER JIM SMITH

by Bobbie J. Lawson

Enclosed is a picture of Jess Smith, brother of my grandfather, Scalper Jim Smith.

My Dad's folks were the Riley Jeters who lived on a homestead or ranch outside of Gail. My father was Charles Prince Jeter. Doctor Prince delivered him in 1896. My dad was named, middle name, after Dr. Prince.

Riley Jeter's brand is in the Borden County Museum there in Gail.

Gail is in my heart. My mother, Hattie Smith, always told true stories of their life in Gail: The old Dorwood Drugstore, the millinery shop, Christmases at either the schoolhouse or Church, her Dad's blacksmith shop and their picnics on Gail Mountain. She also told of the terrible typhoid epidemic of about 1910.

Love to all of you.
Bobbie J. Lawson, Springfield, Mo.

Picture at Left: JESS SMITH
Picture made in front of the Gail Schoolhouse in either 1901 or 1910. Jess was the brother of Scalper Jim Smith. He lived in Gail with his parents, Lou and Charley Smith.

FRIEND OF BORDEN CITIZEN AND MUSEUM DIES

Services for lifetime Gail resident, Vivian L. Clark, 87, were held Nov. 10, 1990 in Snyder with burial in the Gail Cemetery. Born Nov. 27, 1902 in Gail, he married Pauline Jenkins in May of 1937. Mr. Clark, along with his wife, helped to establish the Borden County Museum and get it recognized by the State Historical Society. He often wrote articles for THE BORDEN CITIZEN and worked many hours helping mail the newsletters and working in the Museum. He was a lifetime member of the Permian Basin Historical Chapter, a fiddle player and fiddle maker. He was a WW II Army Veteran, a rancher and a member of Dorwood Methodist Church. Survivors include 5 nephews, Gaylon Dickey of Moore, OK., Charles Dickey of Abilene, Norman Clark of Dallas, Weldon Clark of Kansas City, Kansas and Jerry Johnson of Fort Worth and a brother in law, Ensley Jenkins of San Antonio. He will be missed.

RODWAY KEEN (RODDIE) ROGERS, 74, of Fort Worth died Nov. 11, 1990. He was born July 21, 1916 in Gail. He was a boilermaker in the construction industry. He often visited Gail. Survivors include his wife, Doris, of Fort Worth; one son, Bob Gannon, Ft. Worth; one daughter, Gail Clark of Dallas; two sisters, Lillie Johnson and Lanetta Rogers of Midland; two brothers, Aubrey Rogers of Gail and Joe Rogers of Spring.



Vivian Clark 1902-1990



RODWAY ROGERS

EDDIE NELL SCHALK JENKINS, died January 7, 1991 in a Texas City Nursing Home. She was 89. The former Eddie Smith was born March 25, 1901 to Tom and Ruth Smith of Borden County. Among her survivors are five sons, Olin of Alexander City, Ala.; Robert J. of LaMarque, Tex.; Sidney R. of Texas City; Royce E. of Kerens, Texas and Frank D. of Morgan Hills, Calif; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

PLEASE CLIP THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

REGISTRATION FORM

I, _____ of _____, plan to come to the BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BORDEN COUNTY ON JUNE 1, 1991 AND WILL HAVE _____ IN MY GROUP.

Please help us in knowing the number of people to be served at noon for the Party. You do not have to be registered to come, but please answer if you know you will be here.

Send these to: Dorothy Browne, Box 23, Gail, Texas 79738 as soon as possible!

REV. BILL RAMSEY, 80, died Jan. 22, 1991 in Lubbock. He was born in Durwood, Okla. He was ordained as a Baptist Minister in 1949. He was a farmer in the Plains Community in Borden County. He had served churches in East Texas, West Texas and Calif. He most recently was senior minister to the elderly and ill at Elgin Avenue Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Lloyd of Lubbock; James of Chevy Chase, Md.; and Russell of Fremont, Neb.; a brother; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

OSCAR TELCHIK, 80, long time resident of Borden County died in his sleep Feb. 1, 1991 at his home in the Plains Community. Burial was in the Gail Cemetery. Oscar was born April 8, 1910 in Colorado County, the fourth son of German immigrant Rudolf Telchik. In 1912 the family moved to Palo Pinto County where he attended school and learned to farm. He moved to Borden County in 1930 and married Beulah Wellborn on Sept. 5, 1934. Among his survivors are his wife, two daughters, Daphene Minter of Lubbock and Nancy Edwards of Borden County; 3 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers, Edgar of Lubbock and Adolf of Borden County.

SUSANN TURNER, 33, of Fluvanna, passed away March 2, 1991 in the Hospital in Snyder. She was born in Snyder. She was often in attendance at events in Borden County, especially when her father was playing music. Survivors include her parents, Guy and Merle Turner of Fluvanna and a brother, Jor of Burkburnett.

JAMES RICHARD (RITCH) MILLER, 66, died on March 3, 1991 at his home in Spain. Services were held in Spain on March 7 and memorial services in Snyder on March 12. A graduate of Fluvanna High School, he attended Texas Tech and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. In 1962, "El Pintor", as he was known, moved to Spain to further his career as an artist. He settled on the island of Palma De Mallorca. He had won the Medal of Honor at Del XXIII Salon De Otono at the Circulo De Belles Gallery, the first foreign painter to ever win this award. Later he was named the top foreign artist in Spain and was among the artists invited to pay homage to Picasso on his 90th birthday. Survivors include two brothers, Ralph of Borden County and Riley of Justiceburg; one sister, Elizabeth Smith of Trinchera, Colo.; 2 nephews & 4 nieces.

MAYS JENKINS, 87, died February 24, 1991. He was a resident of Roswell, New Mex. His father, J. R. Jenkins was Sheriff of Borden County from 1923 to 1934. He often visited in Gail and enjoyed the people and places he knew as he grew up. Among his survivors are one son and three daughters; three sisters, Sadie Longbotham of Snyder, Frances Stockton of Big Spring and Mary Mitchell of Lubbock.

HELEN ASKINS, 75, passed away February 11, 1991. She was the wife of Emmett Askins. She was a resident of Snyder, Texas. For many years she and her husband, Emmett, ranched on the Askins place in Borden County. Her survivors include her husband and two daughters.

ALF BEAVER, of Fluvanna passed away in early January, 1991. He had lived near Fluvanna most of his life. He was often in Gail. Among his survivors are two daughters, Robin of Ruidoso, N.M. and Jenna of Midland; two sons, Nathan of Snyder and Frank of Fluvanna (Borden County); and two sisters, Rosa McDonald of Snyder and Polly Witson of Italy, Texas.

LETTERS: We like Midland and all that goes with it, but we do miss Gail and the people there. Think of you all often. Thanks for the BORDEN CITIZEN. I am enclosing a check.
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Lackey, Midland, Tx.

Yes, I'd be interested in a Birthday Party and would try to time one of my Gail visits to the event. Please send me the date, etc. Stephanie Brown Porterfield, New York, NY

Yes, I am interested in attending the 100 year Anniversary. Lillie M. Isaacs, Odessa, Texas

Yes, I want to celebrate Borden County's 100th Year. If I can help, please let me know
Mildred Skelton, Ira, Texas

Borden County Ex-Students are planning a reunion for the weekend of August 10th, 1991.

The Borden County Junior Rodeo will be in Gail on May 31st and June 1st, 1991. Come see the rodeo. The date for the Rodeo was set to be at the same time as the birthday party.

REMEMBER - WE ARE CELEBRATING BORDEN COUNTY'S 100TH YEAR!! If you plan to come, please let us know. If you have not told us, come anyway. **WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE!**

HELP US HAVE A WONDERFUL 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR BORDEN COUNTY!

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Gail, Texas 79738

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