

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF MOTLEY

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To All Whom These Presents May Come:

I, TOM EDWARDS, County Attorney in and for Motley County, Texas, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Texas Government Code Section 41.102, do by these presents appoint and have this day appointed, AARON RAY CLEMENTS to the office of Assistant County Attorney of Motley County, Texas, to so serve at the leave and pleasure of the undersigned, without bond, upon his taking the oath required by law.

EXECUTED this the 13th day of January, 2025.



TOM EDWARDS
Motley County Attorney

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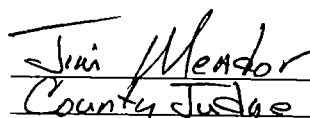
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I, AARON RAY CLEMENTS, solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge and execute the duties of the office of Assistant County Attorney of the County of Motley and the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas; and that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be. so help me God.


AARON RAY CLEMENTS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the 13th day of January, 2025, by Aaron Ray Clements, a person known to be or proved to be the same by satisfactory identification.



County Judge
Printed Name & Title

MOTLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2024 YEAR END REPORT

By Marisue Potts, Chairman

Jan. 2024

Report to County Court by Judy Cooper and Wes Campbell
Rath Trail at Ferrell Ranch near Estelline; Inventory, History and Map
Donation of Ralph Powell's Collection to Haley Museum, Midland
CAS: Bison Kill Site at Caprock Canyons State Park, by Rick Day
Museum work, filing, CPA report
Western Heritage Museum List for Dude Barton Collection
Museum Board Meeting

*Board voted to send Schweitzer's prize Matador Rodeo 1940 saddle with Barton Collection and included was history of Schweitzer and Shannon Davidson Day Celebration

Feb. 2024

Lions Club Meeting at Sr. Citizens hosted by Board Member West Campbell
Speaker: Marisue Potts about museum fund raiser 1916 Cowboy Print
Schweitzer List of Donations to Western Heritage's Cowboy Hall of Fame
Research on Saskatchewan connection to Matador Ranch (1901-1920)
Research on Schellenberg and Perrin Families in Saskatchewan.
Research on Matador's Canadian Shipping to Europe at Deptford and Liverpool

March 2024

CAS: Speaker Chris Lintz on Antelope Creek Focus People
Museum Tour for Pete Rybacki and Hamilton cousins
Research for Jim Burlison of New Mexico on A.D. Burlison branch
Read, Rewrite, and Send Research (2 days)

April 2024

Tour of Museum for Pat Groves and Courtney Hsu families (2.5 hrs)

Canadians from Saskatchewan at Museum and Matador Ranch Lodge (6 hrs)
M. Co. Museum Booth at West Texas Historical Assn. Meeting, Lubbock

Marnell Moss with Cowboy Print fund raiser (8 hrs x 2 days)

Marisue Potts with Motley County books for sale

Presentation by Marisue Potts on Matador Ranch lease in Saskatchewan (3 hrs)

Presentation by David Murrah on recent history of Matador Ranch (3 hrs)

Presentation by Ewan Pate of Dundee, Scotland, on Scottish Directors of Ranch

Reception of Canadians, Brian Baun about Sam Barton saddle's whereabouts (3 hrs)

Museum Tour for Michael Grauer, Western Heritage Museum Art Historian (4 hrs x 4)

Assembling and loading artifacts on list donated to Western Heritage Museum (1hr x4)

May 2024

Radio talk on Local History on KLSR by Marisue Potts (1 hr)

Presentation: Marisue Potts at Matador Ranch Lodge to Lubbock Women's Club (2hrs x 2)

Museum Tour for Jim Burleson from New Mexico and J.D. Burleson from Virginia (2 hrs x2)

Presentation: Marisue Potts, Scurry Co. Museum, Midland, on Ridge Greathouse (8 hrs x2)

CHC Zoom Meeting (2 hrs)

June 2024

CAS: Blackwater Draw, Clovis NM, Mammoth Kill Site (8 hrs x 6)

Sam Barton went to Canada on trail drive, died by lightning strike at Beech, Sask., and his saddle recently found by Brian Baun in Saskatchewan museum.

Presentation by Michael Grauer on Zoom (1 hr)

Museum filing and maintenance

Research on Dakota Cowboy related to Matador Land & Cattle Co.

Shared information about Quanah Parker by his distant kin

July 2024

History Day at the Ranch:

Brock & Jones families toured Fields Dugout, Mott Line Camp, Horse Drawing
(6 hrs x 20)

Museum Board Meeting Prep (2 hrs) and Meeting (2 hrs x 8)

August 2024

Tour of Museum and Research for Cheryl Carr on Harris and Higgins families
and

location at East Mound Cemetery. Erin Jones and Justín Jameson contacted
for map of burials for museum use. (20 hrs)

CHC inquiry on Whiteflat Cemetery by Lessa Ruderman of Middletown,
Maryland, who had started procedure for a medallion for "Texas Historic
Cemetery, Whiteflat, Texas." To procure the marker, \$895 was paid by Motley
Co. Museum under the CHC's line . Leesa donated three books to the
museum about the Spray Family. She and her aunt Geney Spray Stan placed
on loan to the museum the Spray Family's arrow and artifact collection of two
large frames. The provenance was Connellee's Peak (aka Conley Peak) and
the area surrounding the Jack and Rosa Spray farm on the Middle Pease River,
Motley County.

Presentation to the Motley County Lions Club by Potts about the Spray Family
Collection being removed from the bank where it had been displayed for many
years, to a new loan location at the Motley County Museum under the name of
the Antelope Creek People.

Cemetery visit to Whiteflat with Leesa Ruderman to check on where the marker might be placed at the well-kept burial grounds.

Marnell Moss cancelled the Schweitzer/Museum booth at the Old Settlers Grounds because it was 110 degrees with an expected 107 all week end.

September 2024

-Researched the Scottish Clearances prior to meeting with some Scots at the Matador Ranch Lodge.

-Interview with a Scottish documentary company's reps: Peggy May Chappel, Faye McLean, and Donald McSween. Drone footage of the Matador Ranch was being run at the same time we were filming at the Matador Ranch Lodge porch. (3 hrs x 2)

-Scheduling Oral History appointments about the Matador Tornado on June 2023.

(Limited interest in repeating the experience, evidently.)

-Library Annex for Southwest Collection's Oral History tapes: Mayor Pat Smith, Anthony Boyd, Krista Clower, Roy Hobbs, Tim and Deana Washington. (8 hrs x2)

October 2024

CAS: Bird Ranch Campsites on South Pease River. Ice age shells, Bird School investigation by Metal Detectors.

Research on Spray Family and completing documentary questionnaire.

Research on Kenneth Baldwin and George family at Flomot. His memorial brought an entourage from Sherman, Texas, for his memorial at East Mound. A memorial luncheon at Billie Dean's Restaurant. (8 hrs.)

Leesa Ruderman and her cousin Rhonda Spray joined us at the Whiteflat Cemetery to check on the family plots and for Mrs. Ruderman to place a headstone for her younger brother Mikey Roser near other family members. Leesa used her phone software to GPS locations to form a map when transferred to her computer.

Otherwise, a puzzle was presented by a gravesite that had the top of a concrete vault disturbed, torn off, and thrown aside. Family members were contacted but no one had any ideas about the desecration of that burial.

Rusty Etheredge was requested by his wife Marisue Potts to go down to the OLD Whiteflat Cemetery, established in 1894-1913, and cut down dead mesquite trees so it could be cleaned up at a later date. Information on this cemetery has been shared by the CHC to the Texas Historical Commission, but more detailed information on the Section location needs to be collected to officially preserve its 24 known burials. This OLD Whiteflat Cemetery was located on the A.B. Echols Ranch, later property of the Eiring (Irion) Ranch.

During the Foothills Festival, the Museum had a great day for guests and family members who came and stayed to visit. Sam Montandon set up his colorful tipi and flint knapping demos in the yard while inside was a dedication for the Spray Family Artifact collection, represented by Leesa Ruderman and Rhonda Spray.

November 2024

CHC Zoom Meeting on Cemeteries ; no new information.

Organizing and Cleaning out Files (100 hours)

December

Organizing and Cleaning out files

Cutting articles and historic photographs from Old Settlers' Newspapers to be filed

Oral History Interviews by Southwest Collection staff included Craig Turner, Lee Jones, Cody Cooper, Judy Cooper and Jim Cooper.

MOTLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2024 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Archeology:

Antelope Creek Focus People of Connellee Peak: Chris Lintz
Bison Kill Site at Caprock Canyons State Park: Project Director
Blackwater Draw Mammoth Kill Site
Bird Ranch School, South Pease River

Donations to other Museums

Ralph Powell Collection to Haley Library, Midland
Dude Barton Collection to Western Heritage Museum
 Schweitzer Saddle, Matador Rodeo 1940
 All Girl Rodeo Poster and History

Museum:

Dedication of Spray Family Collection of Artifacts from Connellee Peak
Booths at West Texas Historical Assn. Conference
Booths at Old Settlers for Schweitzer Saddles
Foothills Festival open house and tours
 Dedication of Spray Family artifacts on loan to museum
 Knapper Sam Montandon and father Todd brought Tipi for demos
 Many guests stayed and visited about old times
Organizing and adding Old Settlers news stories to files.

Programs Presented:

Motley Co. Lion's Club: 1916 Matador Cowboy Print Museum Fund Raiser
West Texas Historical Conference: Matador Ranch Saskatchewan Lease
KLSR Radio, Regional history
Lubbock Women's Club on "Direct Your Letters to the Matador Ranch" book
Scurry County Museum, Midland, on "Ridge Greathouse" book

Markers:

Texas Historical Commission Matador Ranch Marker replacement was ordered and paid for soon after the Tornado of 2023, but has not arrived. Application for a Historic Texas Cemetery marker for the Whiteflat Cemetery was filed by Leesa Ruderman, Middletown, Maryland. Mrs. Ruderman recorded the grave locations on her phone to provide a map. She also included county records on those buried there without grave stones or grave markers damaged or lost.

Our CHC has joined her efforts by paying \$950 for the marker out of our CHC funds.

Oral History Interviews:

Southwest Collection, Texas Tech Library.

Two archivists spent two days recording interviews with survivors of the 2023 Tornado that hit Matador. The manuscripts will be printed and preserved in the research facility on the Texas Tech University campus library.

Projects:

Trails: Rath Trail documented from Mobeetie to Ferrell Ranch near Estelline.

Next goal is to locate the trail in Fields Canyon to TeePee City and going toward Good Creek Buffalo Hunters store in Foard County.

Receptions:

Canadians including Brian Baun with information about Sam Barton's missing saddle

Leesa Roser Ruderman and Rhonda Spray for Spray Family loan of artifacts from Connellee Peak, the Middle Pease, and the Jack and Rosa Spray property.

Research:

Matador Ranch:

Saskatchewan Lease of 1901-1920 and

Perrin/Schulenberg Historic Photos
Shipping Canadian Cattle from Montreal to Glasgow and London
Dakota Cowboy by Ike Blasingame
Scottish Clearances, Scottish Directors
Interview with a Dundee documentary film crew

Family Requests:

Sam Barton, Turkey Track trail drive to Canada, struck by lightning and buried at Beechy.

George and Orr Family of Whiteflat by Mrs. Ken Baldwin

Dr. H.H. Harris, Local physician of 1900's, Harris and Higgins families for Cheryl Carr.

A.D. Burleson Family for Jim Burleson of New Mexico

Quanah Parker in Matador for distant kin

Tours:

Pat Groves and Courtney HSU families

Canadians of Saskatchewan visiting the Matador Ranch

Hamilton Cousins for Pete Rybacki

Michael Grauer, Western Heritage Museum, Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City.

Jim Burleson, New Mexico, and J.D. Burleson, Virginia

Brock and Jones Family of Levelland

Museum Checking Account Separate Line Item for **CHC Finances**

Deposits in 2024:

Motley County \$5,000

Leesa Ruderman \$200

Expenditures:

Whiteflat Cemetery Marker \$950

Knapper & Tipi \$200

New AC/Heater for upstairs \$656

Submitted by Marisue Potts, Chairman MC CHC