

PROGRAM

Presiding, Evening Session - Ernest Lee, Wichita Falls

John G. Stevens, Abilene	7:45	Welcome
James H. Day, Austin	8:00	Business Meeting of the Association
John Farmer, Albany	8:15	Address
J. W. Williams, Wichita Falls	8:30	Address
John Graves III, Fort Worth	10:15	Exploring the Middle Branches for History
John Graves III, Fort Worth	10:30	Address
John Graves III, Fort Worth	11:00	Address
John Graves III, Fort Worth	11:30	Address
John Graves III, Fort Worth	11:45	Address

May 3, 1958

LUNCHEON

College Dining Hall, 9:00

Business Meeting of the Association  
Introduction of Guests

Roberson Chapel, Bible Building

Address - Dr. J. Williams, Wichita Falls

Abilene Christian College

Presiding, Afternoon Session - Ernest Lee, Abilene

Major Robert Patterson Wilson, Frontier Soldier	1:30	Address
Andrew A. Wilson, Wichita Falls	1:45	Address
Robert S. Neighbors, San Antonio	2:00	Address
Kenneth Neighbors, Wichita Falls	2:15	Address
	2:45	Adjournment

Abilene, Texas

New members are welcomed. Dues are \$4.00 yearly, which includes the Yearbook, published late each fall. The Association address is Hardin-Stevens University, Station, Box 152, Abilene, Texas. Present members are urged to pay 1958 dues today.

F. Rank  
Hughes family -  
Amarillo

PROGRAM

Presiding, Morning Session - Ernest Lee, Wichita Falls

- 9:45 Welcome John C. Stevens, Abilene
- 9:50 Response Floyd Wring, Wichita Falls
- 9:55 Jacob de Cordova's Exploration of Northwest Texas  
James M. Day, Austin
- 10:15 Sandstone Sentinels Mrs. Joan Farmer, Albany
- 10:35 Some Mathematical Errors of West Texas Explorers  
J. W. Williams, Wichita Falls
- 11:00 Exploring the Middle Brazos for History  
John Graves III, Fort Worth
- 11:30 Adjourn Morning Session
- 11:45 Meeting of the Association's Executive Committee

LUNCHEON

College Dining Hall, Plates \$1.00

Business Meeting of the Association  
Introduction of Guests

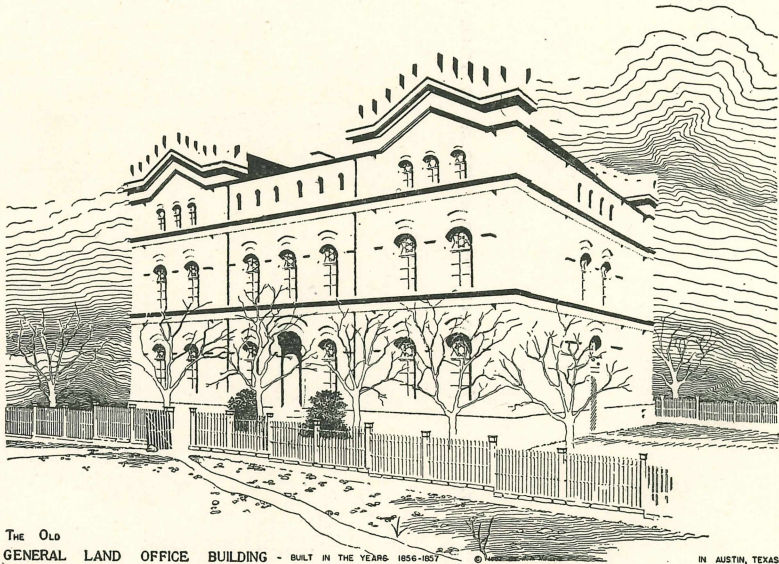
Address - A. P. Edwards, Wichita Falls

Presiding, Afternoon Session - Ernest Wallace, Lubbock

- 1:30 Major Robert Patterson Wilson, Frontier Soldier  
Aubrey A. Wilson, Wichita Falls
- 1:55 The New Mexico Military Institute  
James T. Padgett, San Antonio
- 2:20 The Assassination of Robert S. Neighbors  
Kenneth Neighbours, Wichita Falls
- 2:45 Adjournment

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THE OLD  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE BUILDING - BUILT IN THE YEARS 1856-1857 © W.S.P. IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

The Republic of Texas, entering into statehood, retained ownership of its public lands joint with the burden of its public debt, a situation unique in the nation where control of the public lands vests in the Federal Domain. In 1846 there appears the law establishing the general land office of the state, and, borne of this act, as of February 2, 1854, there was established a board consisting of the Governor, the Land Commissioner, the Treasurer, and the Comptroller of the State, charged with the erection of a fireproof building to house the department's activities at a cost not to exceed the appropriated sum of \$40,000, and to be located on block 136 at College (12th) and Brazos streets. It was completed in mid 1857.

This building is a rich repository in the history of the state and its people. It is believed to be the oldest existing public building in the capital city, and it has been designated worthy of preservation by the Historic American Building Survey. As is the Alamo, Battle-Shrine in the struggle to hold to our people the land, here stands the theater for the less sanguine contest for its control.

Here, working as a draftsman, William Sidney Porter, the luminant "O Henry," gained the atmosphere of his pungent "Bexar Script No. 2492," in which the secret staircase appears as a prop. Here, the intricacies of the Spanish Land Grants were unwoven. Here the plats, the charts, the mineral maps were prepared, many of them in a manner of draftsmanship rivaling that of the illuminated manuscripts of the mediaeval monks. Ever, the land, the magnificent wealth of the great state, and here the habitat of those charged with its administration and the scene of the manoeuvrings for its possession!

