

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tx

84th Annual Meeting
The West Texas Historical Association
Abilene, Texas
March 30 – 31, 2007

On the Cover

The many faces of Abilene, Texas, are shown featuring the Grace and Hilton Hotels, historic Texas-Pacific railroad buildings, and Hardin-Simmons University, our host site for this year's WTHA meeting.

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Local Arrangements:

Tiffany Fink, Abilene
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Thursday 6:30 PM - Early Bird Reception and Dinner at Sharon's Barbeque, 849 East Highway 80, Abilene

Saturday Afternoon and Evening Program

3:00 PM - Baseball Game and Tour at Buffalo Gap
6:00 PM - Dinner to follow – Program and location TBA

Host Hotel – Whitten Inn, Abilene, Texas, Exit 288 I20,
Call 800-588-5050 for reservations.

Additional rooms at – Days Inn, 800-375-6433 (Bobbi)

All Sessions locations are in the Elwin L. Skiles Social Sciences Building on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. Room numbers TBA.

West Texas Historical Association
84th Annual Meeting – Abilene, Texas

Friday March 30, 2007

**Registration – 12:00 PM – Hardin-Simmons University
Skiles Social Sciences Building**

**Silent Auction – Viewing and Bidding, 1 PM till 5 PM
First Floor – Skiles Building**

SESSION I: 1:00 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

**Room #1 - Military Aviation in West Texas, Tom
Alexander, Kerrville, presiding**

*The History of the Dalhart Army Air Field: The
Economic and Social Impact, 1942-1946, Randall
Montgomery, Montgomery*

*The Army Air Corps in West Texas: the Effects of
Military Base Closures on Local Communities,
Kerry Chandler, San Marcos*

*Marfa Army Air Field, William McWhorter, Texas
Historical Commission, Austin*

**Room #2 - Comancheros in the Texas Panhandle, Pat Clark,
Texas Tech University, presiding**

*Jose Piedad Tafoya: A Comancher's Life and Times,
Frances Levine, Santa Fe, NM*

*Canadian River Trails and Historical Sites, Alvin
Lynn, Amarillo*

*Environment, stereotypes, and Eco-cultural history,
Dan Scurlock, Fort Sumner, NM*

Room #3 - Young Historians of Abilene. 5th Grade, AISD,
Robert Fink, Abilene Independent School District,
presiding

**Young Historian Presenters of Abilene Independent
School District - TBA**

Refreshments on the second floor of the Skiles Building

SESSION II: 2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

Room #1 - Faith At Home and Abroad, David Marshall, Texas
Tech University, presiding

Methodists Ministers on the West Texas Frontier, David
Murrah, Rockport

Religion in West Texas, Joe Early, Cumberland College,
Tennessee

*Muddy Boots: Ulmer Bird and the Experience of World
War II Combat Chaplains,* Shannon Sturm, San
Angelo

**Room #2 – Highbrow and Lowbrow Reflections of Self &
Society Mirrored in West Texas Architecture, Art,
and Photography,** Tom Crum, Granbury, presiding

*Civic Cathedrals on the High Plains in the Trans-Pecos
and on the Edwards Plateau,* Troy Ainsworth,
Arlington

*High Art vs. Low Art Viewed from Your West Texas-
bound Automobile,* Holle Humphries, Lubbock

Mid-20th century Lubbock cityscapes, Jennifer Spurrier,
Lubbock

Room #3 - Ghosts, Indians, and Water – Jack Becker, Lubbock, presiding

Phantom Lights and Ghost Trains: A Sense of Place in West Texas Ghost Stories, Rob Fink, Abilene, Abilene Independent School District

Defined by Water: the Callahan Divide and west Central Texas, Dixie Hoover, Abilene

Wichita Historiography: Problems of Identity and Distinctiveness, 1750 to 1860, Earl Elam, Hillsboro

SESSION III: 4:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.

Room #1 - Oil, Music and Dancin’—West Texas Style, Curtis Peoples, Southwest Collections, Lubbock, presiding

Creating Company Culture: Oil Company Camps in the Southwest, Diana Davids Hinton, Midland

“Don’t Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes” – Slim Willet’s Idiosyncratic Chart-Topper...Lives On, Joe Specht, Abilene

Music, Dancing, and Freedom: The History of the Lubbock Cotton Club, Ashley Pettiet, Lubbock

Room #2 - Protectors of Our Treasures—West Texas History Groups & Associations, David Murrah, Rockport

History of Ranger, Texas, Jeane Pruett, Ranger

Spirit of the old West, Ted Knorr, Lubbock

Mallet Ranch: What was, what is, what the future can be, Christena Stephens, Sundown

Room #3 - Life On The Wild Side, Albert Camp, Lubbock,
presiding

*Booze, Brawls, and Big Business: The Importance of
Alcohol and Saloons to the Company Town of
Thurber, Texas*, Gene Tucker, Arlington

Quanah The Family Murder: Miss Winnie's Revenge,
Bill Neal, Quanah

Laura Bullion: The Unlikely Outlaw Queen, Robert
Stiles, San Angelo

**6:00 PM – President's Reception – Hardin-Simmons
University, Location TBA**

**7:00 PM – Banquet – President Cheryl Lewis, Hamlin
Presiding**

8:00 PM – Program
Speaker – Clive Siegle

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Registration – 8 AM to 11AM – Skiles Building
1st Floor Lobby by door

Silent Auction – 8 AM to 11 AM – Skiles Building
First Floor

SESSION IV: 8:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

Room #1 West Texas Feuds, Pat Parsons, Luling, Presiding

The Horrell-Higgins Feud of Lampasas County, Bill
O'Neal, Carthage

The Sutton-Taylor Feud, Chuck Parsons, Luling

Room #2 - Diversity, Immigrants and Tolerance, Charles Rodenberger, Baird, presiding

Kelton's Illegal Immigrants, Lewis Toland, Roswell, NM

Overcoming Adversity; The Eva Camunez-Tucker Story, Ashley Wallace, San Angelo

Turning Germans into Texans: The German Hysteria in Texas, 1917-1918, Matt Tippens, Lubbock

Room #3 – The Charles Goodnight House – Interdisciplinary Student Involvement in Historical Research and Preservation, Tiffany Fink, Abilene, presiding

Tim Chandler, Randy Armstrong, and Tiffany Fink, Hardin-Simmons University, will present the projects scope, how it began, and where it is going as well as insight into student involvement and how students are learning from the project.

Refreshments on the second floor of the Skiles Building.

SESSION V: 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

Room #1 - East Texas Historical Association Session, Mark Barringer, Nacogdoches

Rural Edens or Jillion Dollar Foolishness: The Woodlake and Ropesville Resettlement Projects, L. Patrick Hughes, Austin

Daniel Jesse Hines: Legendary Texas Ranger, Ranchman, and Rodeo Cowboy, Jody E. Ginn, Austin

War in East Texas, Bill O'Neal, Carthage

Room #2 - Center for Big Bend Studies: , Tom Crum, Granbury,
presiding

Graham Barnett, Shootist, Glenn Willeford, Chihuahua,
Mexico

Whiting And Poli Explore The Big Bend, Glenn Justice,
Odessa

The Flapper, The Cowboys , and The Rangers, Gerald
Raun, Alpine

**Room #3 – TOHA: West Texas or East Texas: Universal
Applications for Oral Histories**, JoAnn Pospisill,
Houston, Presiding

Tales From the Quilt, Linda L. Reynolds, Nacogdoches

Oral History as a Teaching Tool, Curtis Odom,
Nacogdoches

Me, a Playwright? Dramatic Uses of Oral History,
Bobby H. Johnson, Nacogdoches

SESSION VI: 11:00 A.M. – 12:15 P. M.

**Room #1 - ‘Choppers’, Airlines, and Cattle Drives—West
Texas Transport**, Jake Sheffield, Burleson, presiding

*U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School, Fort Wolters,
Texas, 1956-1973*, Wes Sheffield, Burleson

*Flying the El Paso to Los Angeles Run: The Social
History of An American Airways Pilot in the 1930s*,
Erik Carlson, Dallas

*They Were Throwing Rocks at Me from Every Side:
Andrew Jackson Hale’s Wild 1882 West Texas
Cattle Drive*, John Hanners, Commerce

Room #2 - Banks and Post Card Treasures and Best Student Award Winner, B. W. Aston, Abilene, presiding

The 1933 Texas & Pacific Mail Robbery in Fort Worth,
T. Lindsay Baker, Rio Vista

Trash or Treasure? A Field Guide to West Texas Postal History, 1850s-1890s, John Miller Morris, Austin

Best Student Essay

Room #3 - Free Range, Segregation, and the Klan, Gene Pruess, Houston

The Last Free-Range Ranches of Greer County, Texas,
Scott White, Lubbock

Keeping the Schools Separate: Racial Politics in the Late 1950s, Charles V. Waite, University of Texas-Pan American

Action / Reaction: West Texas' Showdown between the Klan and Its Opposition, Nick Pruitt, Plainview

Lunch and Business meeting – 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Room TBA – WTHA President, Cheryl Lewis

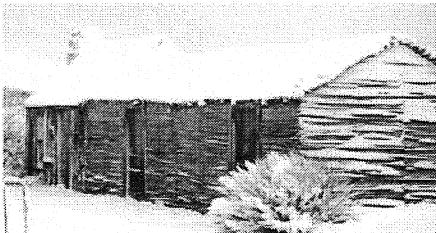
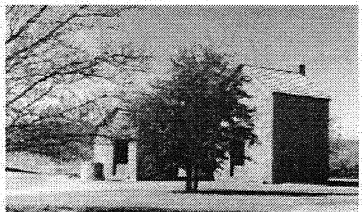
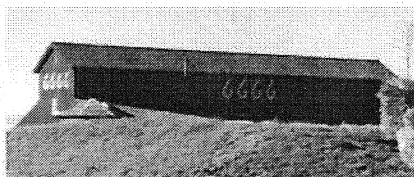
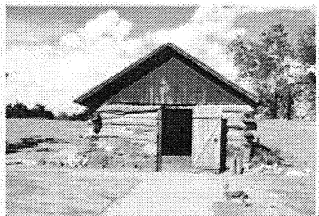
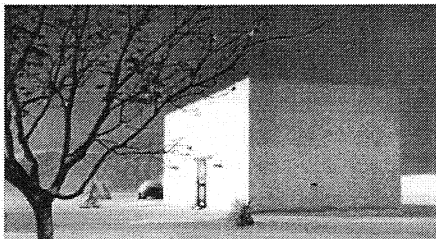
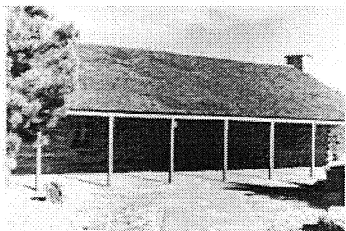
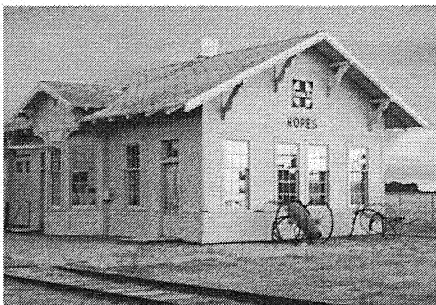
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Saturday Afternoon Program and Tour 3PM

Buffalo Gap State Park located south of Abilene for a tour of the village and a vintage baseball game, evening meal to follow – see tour sheet for addition information.



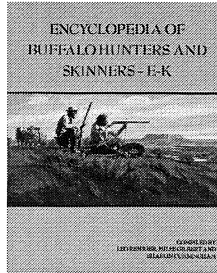
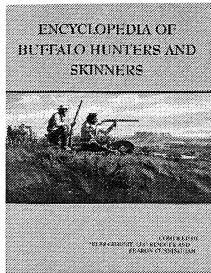
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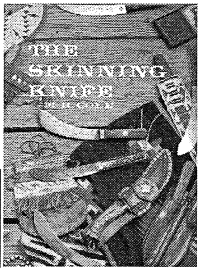
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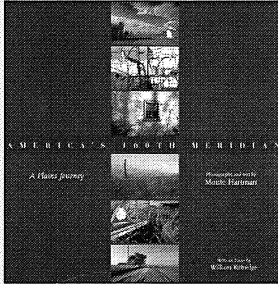
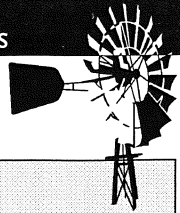
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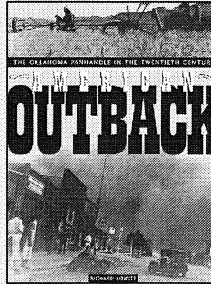
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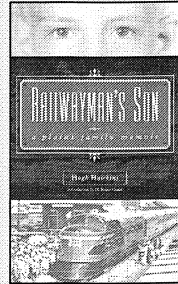
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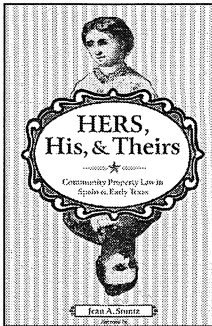
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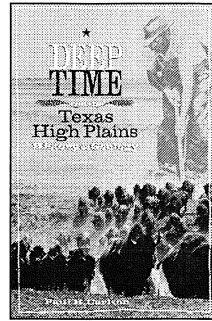
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