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The Scroll of Permian Historical Society

Permian Historical Society to Meet at Historic Fort Stockton, 22 October 1994

Permian Historical Society Will Meet For Its Fall Meeting On 22 October 1994 In Fort Stockton

A full program of papers devoted to the history of the Permian Basin is planned for the morning of Saturday, 22 October 1994, when the Society meets at Historic Fort Stockton, a museum built on the site of the 1867 United States Army fort. It is located at 300 East 3rd Street in Fort Stockton, Texas. See page 2 for a map of the museum area and a related story. The agenda for the day is printed on page 3. All who are interested in regional history are invited to attend this meeting.

Lunch will be served in Officers' Quarters #8 and reservations are recommended. The menu for lunch is found on page 4. If the menu does not conform to one's dietary needs, it is possible to eat at a restaurant in town.

A business meeting and a tour of the museum will follow lunch. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Three Widely-Known Basin Educators Received the Permian Pioneer Award at Spring 1994 Meeting

The Society honored the cultural, civic, and religious contributions of three Permian Basin educators at the spring meeting with its Permian Pioneer Award. The honorees are **Marjorie Rogers Morris, Edith Irene McNerlin Springer, and Grover Marlin Springer**. Each honoree has lived in the Permian Basin for more than fifty years and has completed a distinguished and dedicated teaching career. PHS members offer their appreciation and congratulations to the 1994 Permian Pioneer Award winners.



Reservations

Reservations are requested for lunch at the fall meeting, 22 October 1994, in Fort Stockton, Texas. Please contact the Society treasurer **by Thursday, 20 October 1994**.

The mailing address is:
Eileen Welch
PHS Treasurer
3610 S. Co. Rd. 1187
Midland TX 79706.

915/682-0839
for reservations

The cost of lunch is \$8.00.

Afterwords

"Years ago someone pointed out that Texas is hell on women and horses. He was wrong about horses, for most horses are considered to be valuable, and are treated well. He was absolutely right about women, though..."

— Larry McMurtry from
In A Narrow Grave

About Historic Fort Stockton



Camp Stockton was located in 1858 southwest of its current site by the men of the 1st and 8th Infantry, United States Army. Named for Commodore Robert Field Stockton of Mexican War fame, the post was erected near the then-prolific Comanche Springs. Many paths and roads intersected at that greatly-appreciated water source. Since one of those was called the Comanche War Trail, travelers sometimes needed protection. The purpose of Camp Stockton was to offer such security to those who passed over the roads and by the springs.

The camp operated for three years before the outbreak of the Civil War. Then, because the war effort demanded the men and supplies from frontier posts, the United States Army closed Camp Stockton. During the war Confederate troops held the installation for a time. After they abandoned the camp, it fell into ruin. By the end of the war, the outpost was gone.

In July 1867 the commander of the 9th Cavalry, Colonel Edward Hatch, established a second installation, called Fort Stockton, at the present loca-

tion. The fort operated on 985 acres of land leased from local owners and consisted of thirty-five buildings. Two structures were limestone, but the remainder were adobe. Twenty-five acres on Comanche Creek were devoted to a vegetable garden to supplement the diets of the military men.

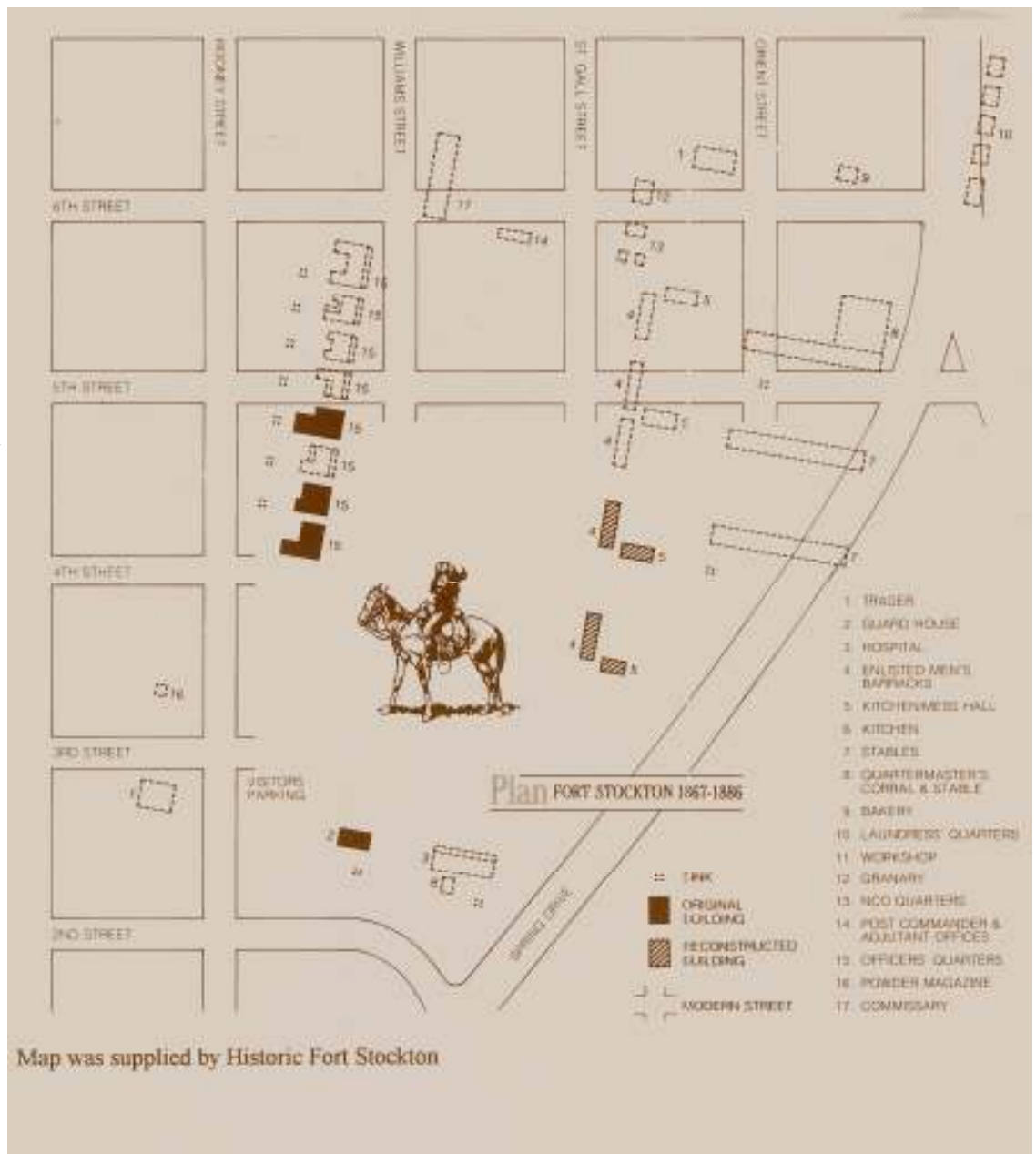
In the years 1867 to 1888, the fort was manned by four companies of the 9th Cavalry. Among those troops were African-American enlisted men who served under white officers. These newly-freed men were respected as warriors by the Native Americans who called them *buffalo soldiers*.

In the 1880s the edge of

the frontier had moved farther west and the need for a military presence to ward off Indian attacks had passed. Fort Stockton was closed and the post once again sank into the dust.

Restoration of the fort is an on-going project of the City of Fort Stockton, which plans the complete reconstruction of the old army garrison.

—J. C. Smith



Permian Historical Society Fall Meeting
Historic Fort Stockton
Fort Stockton, Texas
22 October 1994

- 9:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee, Board Meeting
Presentation of Papers to Follow Board Meeting **Louise Whelan,**
Program Chairman
- 10:00 a.m. A Cavalry Company on the Indian Frontier: A Short History of Troop L,
10th United States Cavalry **Richard Roome**
- Loss of the Sears-Roebuck Catalogue **Margarette Jacobs**
- Carmelite Priests at Marienfeld **Fr. John Benedict Weber**
- Milton Faver and the Private Forts **Julia Cauble Smith**
- 12:00 noon Lunch in Officers' Quarters #8, Historic Fort Stockton
- 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting **Angela Way,** President
- 1:30 p.m. Historic Fort Stockton Tour **Carey Behrends,** Director

Call For Papers: Spring 1995 Meeting

PHS Program Chairman Louise Whelan and the Program Committee are accepting papers for the spring meeting. Those interested in presenting papers should contact:

**Louise Whelan
1606 Harvard
Midland TX 79701**

915/682-0770

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**Evelyn Scarborough Linebery and J. Conrad
Dunagan Best Article Award**

An award was established in 1980 by Evelyn Scarborough Linebery and J. Conrad Dunagan to honor writing excellence in Permian Basin history. The prize of \$200 is given each spring for the best article published in the previous volume of *The Permian Historical Annual*.

Competition is open to all papers that were presented orally at the semi-annual meetings of the Society before their submittal for publication in *The Annual*. Consideration is given to balloting by members at the meetings, to the quality and extent of research

and documentation, to the quality of writing, and to the significance of the subject and its relationship to the Permian Basin.

The winning article for Volume 33 was "Loving Canal and Irrigation Company of Mentone, Texas," written by Julia Cauble Smith.

Any questions about submittals to *The Annual* should be directed to:

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**West Texas Writers
and Booksellers to
Display at Fall
Meeting**

PHS President Angela Way invites local writers and booksellers to display books for sale at the fall meeting. Those interested should contact her in advance of the meeting to allow for proper planning.

**Lunch Menu For
Fall Meeting**

Chicken Roll-Ups

Green Beans

Rice Salad

Buttermilk Pie

Coffee or Tea

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