



The **NORTH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NTAS)** meeting for **November** will be **on Zoom only**.

NTAS meetings are **free** and visitors are always welcome.

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President's Message

As we enter the holiday season I wish everyone happy holidays and hope you are enjoying the Fall weather. Please consider participating in the NTAS opportunities listed in the November newsletter! A special thanks to both Dr. Tim Sullivan for setting up the lab opportunity at the Richland Campus of Dallas College (Nov 19 & 20), and to Chris Meis for setting up the NTAS excavation dates at the Clovis Field Project (Dec 11 & 12). This month's newsletter has more details on the lab and excavation opportunities (and more), please sign-up!

Almost 60 folks tuned in for the October 14th monthly NTAS meeting to enjoy Allen Rutherford's program. Allen provided a wonderful overview of the Bois d'Arc Lake project with detailed information about the Caddo occupations investigated at site 41FN178. It was exciting to hear about large-scale archeological excavations on a massive project with spectacular findings and preservation right here in north Texas. The October 14th program was recorded and is available on the NTAS YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChDKM913UdiYizPyG3duohQ/featured>

On October 9th and 10th NTAS and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) hosted a tour of archeological sites at the not-yet-open Palo



Pinto Mountains State Park (PPMSP) in Stephens and Palo Pinto counties. The archeological guides were Ken Lawrence and Ashley Eyeington of SWCA Environmental Consultants, Tony Lyle of TPWD, and myself. This tour was the culmination of about ten years of archeological investigations and research in which all four of us have been involved; a unique opportunity to hear about very cool archeology. We had terrific assistance from the park staff who drove everyone around in TPWD 4WD vehicles and were a genuine pleasure. Approximately 20 NTAS members participated and provided very positive feedback on their experience (Figure 1 and Figure 2). The participants toured through very

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President's Message

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interesting historic archeological sites, diverse prehistoric sites, and a geoarcheological interpretation of the park valley.

The Texas Archeological Society's (TAS) 92nd Annual Meeting was held October 22-23, 2021 (virtually). Many NTAS members participated and a core group of NTAS folks were behind the scenes working hard to ensure success for this year's meeting. Congrats to the following NTAS members who presented (including co-presenters) excellent research and programs during the 92nd Annual Meeting: Declan Williams, Dr. Gus Costa, Dr. Charles Frederick, Dr. Kevin Hanselka, Dr. Ashley Lemke, Dr. Nadya Prociuk, Becky Shelton, and Dr. Tamra Walter. I would like to extend a sincere thanks to Linda Lang, James Everett, Tim Sullivan, Ray Wallace, Dana Ritchie, and Gen Freix for their hard work over several -months- (yes months!) in preparation for the TAS Annual Meeting. Please join me in thanking these folks for a job well done the next time you have a chance. The Annual Meeting was a great success this year thanks to all the volunteers who spent many hours preparing and to the many tremendous programs. All this preparation paid off (Figure 3)!

The NTAS Executive Committee decided to continue holding the monthly meetings via Zoom until the current COVID-19 rates have improved. We will notify the membership once we have decided to return to in-person meetings. Our November guest speaker Ms. Marybeth S. F. Tomka of the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory at UT Austin (TARL) will present via Zoom on archeological collections of documents and artifacts. Ms. Tomka is a recognized expert and leader in her field at the state and national level. This will be a great opportunity to learn what happens after field work once all the documents and artifacts become curated in a certified repository like TARL. Look forward to seeing you there on the 11th!



Figure 1. October 9th PPMSP group at ca. 1880 railroad oven (bread oven).



Figure 2. October 10th PPMSP group at ca. 1919 dam

Jimmy Barrera

Community Archaeology and Historic Preservation at Rancho Colorado, a South Texas Farm Labor Cemetery
 Christine Reiser Robbins, PhD¹; Linda Dixon¹; Gabriel Field¹, and Mark W. Robbins, PhD²
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INTRODUCTION
 Since 2013, faculty and students from Texas A&M University-Kingsville and Del Mar College, and members of the Nueces County Historical Commission, have collaborated to research and preserve Rancho Colorado Cemetery, an endangered Hispanic farm labor historic cemetery located in rural Nueces County in South Texas. Efforts have focused on stabilizing the site by clearing overgrown brush, re-discovering and documenting burial information, securing grave markers, and conducting spatial analyses. We provide an overview of some of the knowledge which has resulted from artifact analysis and GIS applications at the site, including analysis of space and landscape.

OBJECTIVES & METHODS

- Objective 1: Pinpoint the boundaries and stabilize the site by clearing brush
- Objective 2: Identify grave locations through markers and other features
- Objective 3: Precisely map and analyze the site boundaries and grave locations with GIS
- Objective 4: Survey and map evidence of recurring site visitation, as evidenced by artifacts and ecofacts
- Objective 5: Conduct oral histories with descendant communities
- Objective 6: Engage community members and stakeholders in research and preservation.

RESULTS

Deaths

Year	Deaths
1910-1914	10
1915-1919	15
1920-1924	20
1925-1929	5
1930-1934	10
1935-1939	15
1940-1944	20
1945-1949	10

The world-wide influenza pandemic from 1917-1920 may have contributed to a spike in cemetery interments during 1915-1925, including of young children. Artifacts found in the cemetery intimate community concerns for infectious disease, including anti-malaria and other medicine bottles. One bottle in particular, "Grove's Tasteless Chilled Tonic" (Quinine) was used for malaria and the flu, and was found associated with a grave, possibly as an offering.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & FUTURE DIRECTIONS
 As a collaborative endeavor by faculty, students, and community partners, this research has created a content through which many participants have reflected on their own cultural heritage and the significance of community archaeology for our region. We thank the Flinn Farm Family Trust for their continued support of the research and preservation efforts of Rancho Colorado Cemetery. We thank Sarah Roos and Stephanie Resendez for GIS analysis. This project has been generously funded by grants from the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University, the Pan-American Roundtable of Corpus Christi, Humanities Texas, and Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Figure 3: Screen shot from October 23rd 9:30-9:55am poster session

November Speaker: Marybeth S. F. Tomka

What Happens after the Dirt? The Continuing Lifecycle of Artifacts and Records in a Repository

This program will focus on rehabilitation efforts and how the storage conditions of both the documentation and artifacts affects using the artifacts for research years down the line with an emphasis on tracking what happened in between.

Ms. Tomka has 30 plus years of professional experience in the field of cultural resource management with experience in the private and public sector. Ms. Tomka has completed material analyses, contributed to archeological reports, participated as the supervisor of archeological lab and field crews, and served as a project manager. Her interests are focused primarily in the management of archeological collections within the context of state and federal laws, and



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sound archival practice. Ms. Tomka has completed training sessions (one day to six weeks) offered by Northern States Conservation Center, the Southeastern Library Network, and the Society of American Archivists; workshops sponsored by the United States Department of Interior for Non-Federal Repositories and the Partnership Conferences, the Texas Historical Commission: state and federal historic preservation law and process, and the National Register of Historic Places. In June 2012, Ms. Tomka received her Professional Certification in Collections Management from the University of Victoria (UVic).

Ms. Tomka joined the staff of the Texas Archeological Research Lab (TARL) in July 2014 as the Head of Collections. Her responsibilities include the care and management of collections from State and Federal jurisdiction totaling over 50 million objects. She is currently working on an integrated collections database to include all aspects of the necessary collections management documentation.

Working at the Center for Archaeological Research (CAR) staff from July 2000-July 2014, Ms. Tomka served in two major roles. As the laboratory director for contract projects, she supervised and trained undergraduate and graduate student employees, volunteers, and interns; coordinated artifact processing from the field through analyses to the final curation of the collections; and the maintenance of computerized catalogues and database management. As curator, Ms. Tomka developed the collections management policies and procedures, supervised the development of the Center's repatriation policy, and instituted phased rehabilitation projects to upgrade the care of the collections. As an outgrowth of work with community volunteers, she was the technical lead for public field schools at Rancho de Las Cabras in Wilson County in 2007 and 2009. In 2008 and 2010, she taught the summer five-week UTSA Field School. During the four years the site was open, volunteers were invited to work alongside professional archeologists.

In the private sector, Ms. Tomka's was a member of a national environmental consulting firm with duties including supervision of lab technicians, database management, analysis of materials, technical writing, and curation, as well as advising the senior project managers concerning artifact database design and estimation of curation costs. As the only junior project manager in the Austin office, Ms. Tomka frequently acted as a deputy project manager on large projects and served as project manager on smaller (<\$50k) projects.

Ms. Tomka advanced from a laboratory technician to the Curator of Archaeology at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, responsible for collections management and the supervision of lab technicians. Ms. Tomka worked at TARL during graduate school as the lab supervisor for field projects and as a records technician in the site files and conducting file searches as needed. Ms. Tomka performed material culture analyses, collections management for the WS Ranch as an undergraduate and graduate student. While conducting Master's thesis research, she served as a teacher's assistant and area supervisor for the UT field school (1984; 1985), providing oversight and instruction in proper archeological field and lab techniques. In 1982, Ms. Tomka was a co-recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Youth grant for work on the WS Ranch Site.

She has a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin, a Professional Specialization Certification in Collections Managements from the University of Victoria, and is a Registered Professional Archaeologist.

Update Your Calendar - NTAS Monthly Meeting Speakers

2021 Annual Christmas Party Cancelled

Mark your calendars for next year's party on December 10, 2022!

January 13th: Robert Denkhaus (Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge)

February 10th: Reid Ferring (Aubrey Clovis Site)

NTAS Executive Committee Voting Items

The NTAS Executive Committee meetings (held two Tuesdays before the monthly meetings) are open to the membership, and minutes from the meetings can be obtained from the President or Secretary. The following item passed via vote during the November 2, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting.

-Decided **not** to hold a 2021 Christmas Party. The Executive Committee has already marked December 10th, 2022 as the date for next year's party.

NTAS Opportunities

See below for several opportunities open to the NTAS membership. Please join us for one (or all!) of these events!

Artifact Collections at Dallas College

NTAS is planning an archeological lab project to work with prehistoric collections from New Mexico and Texas. The collections are held in the Anthropology Lab at Richland Campus of Dallas College. Dates for the lab work are November 19 & 20, 2021. No experience necessary! If you have interest to sign-up please contact Dr. Tim Sullivan at secretary@ntxas.org.

Clovis Field Excavations

Excavation dates are December 11th and 12th for NTAS members at the Clovis Field Project in Mills County. No experience necessary! See page 6 for details and if interested to sign-up or for more information please contact Chris Meis at lptmeis@sbcglobal.net.

NTAS Awards Ad Hoc Committee

We are seeking members to join the new NTAS Awards ad hoc committee. Please consider participating to help award the efforts of your fellow members. If interested to join this committee please contact president@ntxas.org.

NTAS Nominating Committee

Looking for folks with interest to join the Nominating Committee. This committee will select NTAS officer candidates for the Fall of 2022. If interested to join please contact president@ntxas.org

From the Archives

Linda Lang

For this month, we look back exactly thirty years to the TCAS NEWS in 1991. The November newsletter of that year provides a glimpse at organization life with references to TAS annual meeting, holiday plans, and other interesting tidbits. See what has changed and what has stayed the same. The publication includes a wonderful little piece about Plains Indians' tipis. If you wish to access this resource, let me know! Email Linda Lang at lottlang@gmail.com.

Reminder, NTAS is currently working with the University of Texas at Arlington to transfer our archive holdings to their Special Collections, which will make our collection more readily available to society members and preserve our organization's legacy. We welcome new contributions to the collection. Please contact me if you are interested in donating.



Call for NTAS Volunteers – Mills County “Clovis Field” Site

Chris Meis

We will be returning to this site in Mills County for a couple of weekends of ground-truthing the target data arising from the GPR grids established on Del Barnett’s ranch. The title for this site comes from the land-owner as he found a Clovis point and a polyhedral core on the surface of this field. The site is west of Goldthwaite, Texas, and we will be working on Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14 and December 11-12. We start at 10:00 am and work until 4:00 pm (*it is after all deer season in Texas!*). It is a little different than some excavations in that we are trying to determine what the targets actually are. We have 38 of these targets in the 40m x 40m grid we are currently working in. We know there is evidence of Archaic occupations in the upper levels of this field, but our main interest is trying to find later occupations.

Camping is available on the Barnett ranch, or there are motels available in Goldthwaite.

NTAS weekend at the Clovis Field

We are trying to make the December weekend a special NTAS excavation weekend, hopefully getting several NTAS volunteers down to help. Our ranch which is about 45 minutes east of the site will be available for overnight accommodations. We can sleep about 15 guests, so therefore those signing up first get a bed. Lots of room to camp at our place also if you prefer that. We plan on having a cookout Saturday evening at the ranch, so it will be a chance to catch up with your NTAS friends that you have missed over the last two years.

Let me know if you plan on volunteering for either weekend so we can get a headcount. I will also send out directions to the dig site and or the Meis ranch once you contact me. If you’d like to stay at our ranch for the December weekend I will try and save you a bed.

Feel free to call me or email if you have any questions.

Chris Meis lptmeis@sbcglobal.net 214-704-2328



Royce Baker (left); Kathleen Hughes and Dr. Steve Howard (right) at the Clovis Field Site.

Archeological Events & Announcements

Compiled by Molly Hall

The Archaeological Conservancy Fall Lecture Series

Fall 2021

Virtual and **Free**

<https://www.archaeologicalconservancy.org/virtual-lectures-2021-fall/>

November 18 — *The Moon's Tears Fell on Cahokia*

Past lecture series and lectures (including one from September 2021 on the Gault site) are available on the same website.

TAS Georch 201 Academy

March 6-7, 2022

Victoria, TX

See the TAS Website for details <https://www.txarch.org/Geoarcheology-Academy>

SAA 87th Annual Meeting

March 30-April 3, 2022

Chicago, IL

Submission Deadline: September 9, 2021 3pm EDT

TAS Lithics Academy

April 23-24, 2022

Austin, TX

See the TAS Website for details <https://www.txarch.org/page-18216>

NTAS Members and the Texas Master Naturalists

Bret Williamson and Molly Hall

On October 2nd, Bret Williamson assisted Michelle Villafranca (Fort Worth Parks Operations and Natural Resource Manager) on an interdisciplinary field trip for this year's Cross Timbers Master Naturalists (including NTAS member Dana Austin), to visit examples of Fort Worth Prairie and Western Cross Timbers savanna on properties not open to the public. Bret was able to speak about archeology and Native American resource exploitation during the all-day event, and passed out several NTAS brochures. Approximately 27 people participated.

October 27th, Molly Hall presented about archeology to the Indian Trails Chapter (serving Ellis and Navarro counties) of the same organization. There were 18 engaged and curious participants at the event; several took NTAS pamphlets and were interested to learn about activities where they could get hands-on experience with archaeological materials.

Alan Skinner will be presenting to the Red River group in November, as well.



The Cross Timbers Texas Master Naturalist group.

NTAS Scholarship Recipients Report on Their Experiences at TAS Field School

David Garrett Powell

My name is David Garrett Powell and I'm a newer member. This summer I was given the opportunity to attend the annual Texas Archeological Society's field school, which was great! I was working on the historical site where my team and I were able to define the perimeter of both the "tennis court" on site and the "dance hall". My goal is to become a Battlefield Archeologist and this trip solidified my desire to continue pursuing Archeology in my college studies. I met several pivotal members of TAS that I conversed with and made lasting connections. I can honestly say that Archeology Field School 2021 will be a memory I will never forget. Thank you all for the hands on experience, fellowship, and learning opportunity.



Garrett with Linda Gorski



TAS Field School Excavations

Morgan Beck

This was my first TAS Field School experience and it was everything I imagined it would be and more. This field school was my first step back into what felt like a normal world after the pandemic had changed so many of our lives so much, meeting everyone face to face and being able to share in our sense of relief at the time was such a great experience.

Whether it was reconnecting with old friends or finding new ones, the sense of community that I gained from TAS over the week at the campground and in the field was immense. I chose to sign up for survey for most of the week, along with my friend Ashley Green who introduced me to NTAS when we first met. We were placed on the team of Chris Meis who let us use our self-proclaimed mapping skills in the field and was overall an awesome crew leader to have worked with. John Forister was on our crew as well; he taught me to use a handheld GPS, and I gained so much from having met him along with the rest of the crew. One of my favorite experiences in the field was conducting my first shovel test with the help of Phillip Darcy and Ashley. There was something special about working hard with these people that made me feel proud to be a part of it all. These hands-on experiences were exactly what I needed to learn how to apply my classroom knowledge to real world situations.

I was surrounded by so many wonderful, experienced, knowledgeable people while attending this field school, my survey crew couldn't have been any better, the experiences will stick with me for a lifetime. I was so thankful to receive a scholarship through NTAS to attend; without it I might not have discovered such an amazing group of people and such a wonderful learning opportunity. I look forward to the next TAS Field School with excitement; it seems like it can't come soon enough.

Morgan on a survey crew at the TAS Field School.



Tarrant Count Historical Commission Opportunity

Bill Perdue

For those of you who have requested information on being appointed to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, the official application can be found at the end of the newsletter. I know it has been a struggle for some of you to get information, and I hope this will fix that problem. If you can fill it out and send it to me (along with what county precinct you are in) I will get it taken care of. Email or regular mail will work. My address is listed below. *Please do not mail it to my office* as it is listed on the bottom of the form; that mail sometimes gets lost. I got one letter 45 days after it was mailed. County bureaucracy at work. The commission does a lot to preserve the history of Tarrant County and all of the cities and other municipalities in the area. The work we are doing on the museum in the old Courthouse is a prime example. We also work to help save old cemeteries in the county as well. There are over 120 historic cemeteries in the area and some are in need of serious help. There are Archaeological locations that are also in danger of being "developed" over and lost.

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Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting 2022 in Tyler!

Chris Meis

The 2022 TAS Annual Meeting will be in Tyler in conjunction with the East Texas Archeological Conference on October 21-23, 2022!

The Local Arrangements Committee will consist of individuals from NTAS and UT-Tyler. This is a massive undertaking for the organization and we are looking to the members (you!) to support both NTAS and TAS.

We are in need of volunteers to fill many roles as we prepare for the conference and during the event itself. Specifically, the position of Volunteer Coordinate is vacant. This would include coordinating all the other volunteers such as paper/session monitors, book room/silent auction room monitors, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Chris Meis (iptmeis@sbcglobal.net).

Several major retailers have included NTAS in their rewards programs. **There is no cost to you**, but NTAS benefits from your shopping!

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Tom Thumb Good Neighbor

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October Donors

Allen Rutherford

Welcome, New Members!

Teresa & Bobby Carillo

Juanita Garcia

Cara Kraft

Allen Rutherford

Declan Williams

NTAS Aims & Objectives

The purposes of the Society are

- (1) the promotion of scientific archeological exploration and research,
- (2) the preservation and conservation of archeological materials and sites,
- (3) the interpretation and publication of data pertaining thereto, and
- (4) education of the public to the aims of archeology.

We Need *YOUR* Help!

There are numerous ways we would love for our members to contribute to NTAS. Just a few are noted here:

Involve NTAS in Your Field, Lab, or Reporting Project

Contact Catrina Whitley (vpofprojects@ntxas.org) if you would like to involve experienced, skilled, and knowledgeable NTAS members in your project.

Contribute Photos and Memories of NTAS Events

Photos are a great way to showcase what NTAS is all about. Please send your images and captions to president@ntxas.org. By providing these photos, please understand they can be used on the NTAS website and social media platforms such as Facebook.

Newsletter Content

Please contribute highlights from NTAS volunteer opportunities, summaries of archeological research and field projects, announcements and links to events, exhibits, media, and publications, etc. by sending them to Molly Hall (publicationseditor@ntxas.org).

Nominate a member for our member spotlight feature!



North Texas Archeological Society (NTAS) Membership Application Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

City\State\Zip _____ **Email** _____

Emergency Contact(s): Please provide the following information regarding the individual(s) from whom we can request or to whom we may provide information in the event of an emergency. Please consider listing at least one contact who does not live at your residence.

Primary Contact Name, Relationship, and Phone Number

Alternate Contact Name, Relationship, and Phone Number

Membership Type and Fees (Membership Term: January to December)

- New Family Membership - \$25
 Renewal Total Family Members _____
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 Student Membership – \$10 (18 or older student with minimum half-time course load. Those under 18 must contact NTAS in advance of applying.)

Communication Preferences: I/WE want to be added to the following lists:

- General Announcements - *For Meetings, Events, Publications, Membership Dues and NTAS Updates*
 Personal Updates - *For personal updates on NTAS members such as illnesses, and obituaries*

Digital copies of the newsletter are included with every membership. If you are interested in receiving paper copies, please contact the Publications Editor (publicationseditor@ntxas.org) or Secretary (secretary@ntxas.org) for pricing.

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Code of Ethics (signature required): I/WE PLEDGE THAT I/WE WILL NOT INTENTIONALLY VIOLATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL ANTIQUITIES STATUTES CONCERNING CULTURAL RESOURCES OR ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICES OF BUYING OR SELLING ARTIFACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES OR ENGAGE IN THE WILLFUL DESTRUCTION OR DISTORTION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA OR DISREGARD PROPER ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNIQUES. I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Thank you for renewing or joining the North Texas Archeological Society! We will send an email to confirm your membership once your payment has been processed. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

NTAS - Preserving the Past for the Future

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Newsletter Submission Deadlines

The newsletter submission deadlines are two weeks prior to the monthly meetings, and upcoming deadlines are listed below for the rest of 2021 and start of 2022.

December Newsletter: November 25

January Newsletter: December 30

February Newsletter: January 27

March Newsletter: February 24

April Newsletter: March 31

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Tarrant County Historical Commission Application for Appointment

The Tarrant County Historical Commission (TCHC) operates under the guidelines of the Texas Historical Commission and is an agency of county government by authority of Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code. This purpose is to protect and preserve the historical and cultural heritage of Tarrant County for the use, education, enjoyment, and benefit of current and future generations. This responsibility is one to be taken seriously and with dedication.

Membership on the TCHC is comprised by appointees made by the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County and consists of a two (2) year term beginning in January of odd-numbered years. Prospective appointees must be willing to comply with attendance requirements. Meetings are held six times a year in the afternoon of the 4th Wednesday of Jan. /Mar./May/Jul./Sept./Nov. and require notification of the secretary in advance of an absence. Three unexcused absences in a year may result in the loss of membership on the TCHC. Prospective appointees must express a sincere interest in the preservation of county history and be available to serve on the commission's committees and advance its programs, often on one's personal time. Prospective appointees applying for the first time are encouraged to provide a letter noting their interests, intent, and previous participation in the historical community in addition to this form.

It is the policy of the TCHC to provide equal opportunity without regard to age, race, religious affiliation, disability, gender, or national origin in all programs and services it may provide.

I request to be considered for membership on the TCHC (*Please Print*):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

County Precinct: _____

Areas of special interest (*check all that apply*): Cemeteries Military History Historical Markers

Community History Historic Buildings/ Sites Highways

Other _____

Historical interest organizations you are a member of:

Professional skills that might benefit the TCHC:

I am/am not currently a member of the TCHC (*please circle*). Original appointment date: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and return this form to the Tarrant County Historical Commission, Plaza Building, 200 Taylor Street, Fifth Floor, Fort Worth, TX 76196