



DRIFTWOOD HISTORICAL CONSERVATION SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

“Driftwood is the name of a small community located in the heart of the beautiful hill country of Hays County, Texas.” So begins the delightful book entitled *Driftwood Heritage, The History of Driftwood, Texas*, published by the Driftwood “Ladies-Aid” in 1970. The book is dedicated not only to the hard-working men and women who established this uniquely wonderful little community in the mid-nineteenth century, but also to “the generations to come, in hopes that they will be inspired to perpetuate the rich heritage that belongs to them.” It is with this mission in mind that the Driftwood Historical Conservation Society has formed. DHCS is committed to preserving the natural beauty, unique character and strong heritage of the Driftwood community, but your help is needed. We must assure that the growth of central Texas does not cause the sacrifice of our Driftwood treasures. DHCS can provide a sustained effort to guide the growth in a manner that will preserve all that we have come to love about the “Driftwood state of mind.” Please join today.

NAMES: _____
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MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Annual Dues for June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017)

Please select Membership Type on the back.

Make checks payable to Driftwood HCS
Mail payment and Information Sheet to P. O. Box 314, Driftwood, TX 78619

Membership Levels and Dues

☐ **The Cicero Rufus Perry Rangers -- \$25**

"Old Rufe" Perry carried dispatches for Sam Houston during the Texas Revolution when he was only 13. He later fought Indians as a Texas Ranger under the command of John Coffee Hays. He and his wife Margaret lived on the banks of Onion Creek near what is now Camp Ben McCulloch and had four children. He died in Johnson City in 1898 where he had practiced law.

☐ **The Ben Milam Colonists -- \$50**

Benjamin Milam, hero of the Texas Revolution, obtained five Mexican land grants in 1826. The grants required him to establish a colony of 300 industrious families in the area that included Driftwood. There were less than 100 colonists when Milam died in the Siege of Bexar, but the Driftwood colonists received their grants in 1835.

☐ **The Thomas Martin Postmasters -- \$100**

Thomas Martin was a cotton farmer who came to the Driftwood area in 1881 and built a two-story home near Onion Creek. He built the first cotton gin and grist mill. He later opened a general store and applied for a post office where he became the first postmaster of Driftwood, Texas in 1886. He died in 1901 and is buried in the Driftwood cemetery.

☐ **The William J. Cannon Boosters -- \$250**

William Cannon obtained half of the Widow Freelove Woody's grant from Milam in exchange for paying to have her land surveyed. He named the area he settled north of Driftwood - Cannonville. He was a booster for the area and led a successful effort to have it declared as the county seat of Hays County. The Civil War intervened and the county seat stayed in San Marcos.

☐ **The Widow Freelove Woody Grantees -- \$500**

The Widow Freelove Woody received one of the original land grants from Ben Milam in 1835. Her land includes much of the present day Driftwood, including the Post Office, Community Center, Church and Cemetery. She never lived on the land which was still in the territory of hostile Indians and not suitable for a widow with children. She sold a portion of the land for \$3,000.

☐ **The Col. William B. Travis Heroes -- \$1,000**

William Barrett Travis died commanding the Texas forces at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. He was one of the Milam colonists who received title to a league of land in the Driftwood area from the Mexican government in 1835. His children sold the land in 1854 with his son Charles taking payment in cypress shingles harvested from the land and delivered to Austin.