

## The Stewards Mill Store , 1869 (1964)

**Marker #: 9905**

**Marker Text:**

In settlement begun 1849 at Washington Steward's grist mill-- only one in area. Later had post office, brick plant, sawmill and county's first phone exchange.

Still owned by heirs of early partner. Doorstep is original millstone. 1964 fixtures include first counters, bins, cabinets. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, 1964

**NOTE:** There are two other historical markers near Stewards Mill: Harmony Presbyterian Church and the Bonner Cemetery. The millstone mentioned in the marker text may have been donated to the Freestone County Historical Museum. A mill stone is on exhibit at the museum from Stewards Mill, donated by Jo Olive Watson Turner Zichar. The contents of the store are also on display at the Freestone County Historical Museum, donated by Andy Bonner family. A complete history of the area is on file at the museum as well.

**Directions:** From Fairfield, take Hwy 75 north. In two miles, turn right onto FM 2547, continue for about 5.4 miles. The store (or what is left of the store, it is in very bad condition; will be at the intersection of FM 833 on the right hand side of the hwy) just past the old church and Stewards Mill Cemetery. The marker is located under the crepe myrtle tree, to the left of the store front.

**Address:** Intersection of FM 833 and FM 2547

**GPS:** N 31° 49.354 W 096° 12.268  
14R E 764607 N 3524174







Photo Sources:

Image 1: Linda Mullen 1.25.2023

Image 2: Linda Mullen 1.25.2023

Image 3: Sarah Wood 12.01.2018

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/tx/freestone/photos/buildings/smll4.jpg>

