

Echoes from the Past:

From Page 1A

has made three trips to the Mormon History Center in Salt Lake City, Nevada.

With the help of her sister and other relatives she has been able to trace both her mother's and her father's lineage back to the colonial years.

In so doing she identified one of her forefathers who was in the American Revolutionary War, (about the fourth generation back).

She had occasion to visit the Cane Creek Church of Christ near Lewisburg, Tennessee. She was taken to a locked safe which was opened and she was allowed to look through the churches' ledger with names dating as far back as 1842.

In studying the ledger she discovered her great-great-grandfather started this church. It began as a Disciples of Christ Church and later became a church of Christ. The



Hunt

building has been moved once but part of it is still original. They are still holding worship services in it at the present time.

Gerry said, "There is no easy way to do a genealogy. It is hard work. When you look something up in one source, you have to look it up in several other sources to be sure you have accurate information. And there are many variables. Names sometimes are changed, or the spelling altered." She also read in a book, that at about the time of the colonization of America, men sometimes took their wife's maiden name when they married if the wife's family was considered richer or more influential.

Gerry worked with two groups of 25 to 30 people. They used DNA testing. This testing works through the male side of the family, (from father to son). She said this sometimes finds people who are closely related and it also weeds out some who thought they were related but were not. One lady discovered she had been adopted, something she had not known.

Gerry said she doesn't do much in the way of genealogies anymore.

Because, "Genealogy is tiring," and she doesn't enjoy traveling as she once did.

Gerry came from a large family with six children. The four oldest children, two boys and two girls were separated by ten years from Gerry and her younger sister.

Her parents were both teachers and farmers. Her mother taught school for seven or eight years but not after Gerry was born. She operated one farm and her husband, while teaching school, farmed another, about 25 miles away. He taught school for 40 years in both Texas and New Mexico.

Gerry's parents homesteaded land in New Mexico, near Portales. They farmed it for five or six years before coming back to Texas.

When they decided to come back to Texas they loaded all their goods in two wagons. Her dad drove one and her mother drove the other. Along the way her mother's team ran away with her wagon and she couldn't get them stopped. A man on horseback rode up and managed to get them under control.

Upon their return to Texas,

Gerry's dad was able to get his teaching certificate again and went back to teaching school.

In those days the New Mexico schools were somewhat different from the Texas schools. Gerry's dad would get a contract at one school for three or four months or so, whatever their budget would allow, and when his contract was up he would get a contract from another school. Consequently he taught at three or four different schools in the same year.

Part of the time he was paid in a monetary system called "scrip." Scrip was a token or a slip of paper which was used by companies as pay to workers when cash was scarce. As with the coal mines, these scrips could be redeemed only at the company owned store and then at inflated rate of exchange.

After Gerry's mother's death about thirty years ago, the family found a large metal bread box full of papers which they gave to Gerry to see if there were any important papers in it. She said this was where she found out about her family's history. Her parents were not very outgoing in sharing their history with their children.

Gerry was born in Texas and spent all of her school years in Texas. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition from one college and then got a Master of Education degree from another college. She never used the degree in food and nutrition but she did use her teaching degree.

She played softball and volleyball in high school, the only two sports available for girls at the time, but they didn't allow girls to play these sports after their 15th birthday.

Gerry Hunt taught for four years before moving to Seminole where she taught for 37 years. She taught first grade and remedial reading as well as Special Ed also known as "Children with Special Needs." She later taught GED classes. She is now retired from teaching public schools.

Gerry has three children, one son and two daughters. She has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She is a longtime member of the Westside Church of Christ where she now teaches the Ladies' Bible Class. They are currently studying the book of Revelations. Gerry still loves teaching.

She said in her research while doing genealogy they found a lady whom they said could quote the whole Bible from memory.

Gerry enjoys reading. She likes to read historical novels and medical magazines. She used to like gardening but gave it up because her body couldn't handle it anymore.

Her oldest brother was an avid baseball fan. His favorite player was Ty Cobb, a Detroit Tigers outfielder who in 1936 received the most votes of any player in the inaugural hall of

fame (222 out of a possible 226). Gerry said she grew up knowing baseball language.

She likes to watch sports, especially baseball. For several years she has gone to Arizona to watch spring practices. She used to watch the Chicago Cubs who practiced in Mesa, Arizona, but doesn't like them so much anymore.

Her favorite baseball team is the Texas Rangers, and her second favorite is the Arizona Diamondbacks, and her third favorite is the St. Louis Cardinals. Her favorite baseball venue in Arizona is in Surprise, (a fast growing town about 20 miles northwest of Phoenix), where both the Rangers and Kansas City Royals share a practice field. Several other teams come and play against these two. Gerry doesn't know if she will make the trip to Phoenix in the spring of 2013 as travel is becoming more and more difficult.

Gerry granted this interview

Museum:

From Page 1A

were Tai Kreidler, Ph.D. and Holle Humphries, Ph.D. representing Texas Tech University, and both the Quannah Parker Trail and the Texas Trails Association.

By actual count, there were 89 persons in attendance, and there may have been more who came in later who were not counted.

Besides Seminole residents, there were visitors from Hobbs, New Mexico, Seagraves, Brownfield, Monahans and Lubbock.

Samplings of authentic Indian cuisine were prepared and pre-

sented by Lois Wise, Gaines County FCS Extension Agent with the help of Bea Bames. This included meat from buffalo, backstrap and hind quarter of venison, and wild goose. Vegetables featured a cactus paste dish called tomatillos, made from prickly pear pads, jalapeno and fruit. Dessert was honey coated pecans with a little cayenne pepper. Most found it all to be delicious.

Three local people attended who have ties to Quannah Parker, his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, or to the Comanche Indian Tribe. They were Barbara Gandy, Santiago

Gomez and Carlota Garcia.

Barbara Gandy says she can't prove it, but her family story passed down through her grandparents identifies her great-great-grandmother's brother as Cynthia Ann Parker's father.

Barbara gave a short talk in which she said, "We hope to honor the pioneers of the past and present an educational program from which people can learn (about our past history)." It was generally agreed this was accomplished.

Santiago Gomez who is believed to be almost full blood Comanche and a direct descendant of Quannah Parker said, "I am grateful for the presenting of my people in a favorable light."

The weather cooperated wonderfully and people were impressed by the presentations. Such superlatives as "a wonderful evening," "fantastic," "super, and "great" were words heard describing the program by the audience.

Those who were involved in putting the program on wish to thank all who contributed to its success.

A special thank you goes to Carlos (Corky) Galvan who operated the sound system. He stepped in at the last minute for Emie Salazar who was unable to be there due to the sudden, tragic death of his son, Jon.

"Our deepest sympathy goes to the Salazar family in their time of sorrow."

News Briefs

Local Halloween Events Slated

The First United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual "Trunks-2-Treat" event on the evening of Oct. 31, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the parking lot of the church in the 300 block of S.W. Ave. B.

The public is invited to this free event.

Children will be able to receive treats from church member car trunks, and free barbecue sandwiches, chips and lemonade will be available.

For more information about the event, contact the FUMC church office at (432) 758-3241.

The Seminole EMS and Seminole EMS Volunteers will be hosting their annual "Trunk or Treat" event from 6-to-8 p.m., Wednesday (Oct. 31) in the parking lot east of the Seminole EMS Station, located in the 200 block of N.W. 8th St.

The event is open to the general public.

Trunk or Treaters and their parents/guardians are being asked to park in the parking lot of the Gaines County Library grounds for safety precautions due to high traffic near the hospital area.

XABE to Host Potato Bake

Members of the Xi Alpha Beta Eta sorority will be hosting their annual Potato Bake on Friday, Nov. 9, at the Gaines County Civic Building.

The fund raising event, which will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., will cost \$8 per person.

Patrons will be able to enjoy a baked potato meal with their choice of toppings (chili, cheese, broccoli, etc.) salad, dessert and a drink.

Seminole ISD Taking GT Apps

Seminole Independent School District Gifted and Talented services will accept nominations of kindergarten through 11th grade students for the Gifted/Talented program during October.

Professional nomination forms and parent nomination forms are available in a folder at the office of each campus. The parent nomination forms are also available in Spanish or German translations.

It is extremely important that all

forms be turned in by 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1.

Following nomination, the students will enter a testing process prior to acceptance into the G/T program.

Please remember that all nominations are confidential.

For more information, contact Fay Terry, SISD's G/T Coordinator at (432) 758-9431.

Optimists to Host Annual Turkey Shoot

The Seminole Optimist Club will be hosting their annual Turkey Shoot fund raiser, on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 10, beginning at 12-noon.

The shoot will be held at the Gaines County Law Enforcement Shooting Range, located on CR 216, approximately two miles west of the Seagraves Hwy (U.S. 62/180).

The cost of the event is \$3 per round, with proceeds from the event helping fund the club's annual "Give a Child a Smile" Christmas program.

At the shoot, only .22 caliber rifles will be allowed for use.

A concessions stand is also being planned for the event.

For more information, contact James Wright of the Seminole Optimist Club at (432) 758-2798.



Registered Today!
K-6th Grade
209-0952

Girl Scouts®

Kids Eat Free

on

MALLOVEEN

Must Be in Costume



Now Is The Time To Order Those Hams and Turkeys for the Holidays!



701 N Main St
Seminole
(432) 758-1010

St. James Catholic Church

Wednesday
October 31



6-8 p.m.

Hotdogs, Popcorn & Drinks
1006 Hobbs Hwy.

Perez Construction & Concrete Work

Sidewalks - Driveways
Retaining Walls
Curbs - Fences - Foundations

Licensed & Bonded



Henry Perez
432-209-1154
432-245-2262
construct411@hotmail.com

HUGE CLEARANCE



Getting Ready for Christmas Items
Come Start Christmas Shopping Early
(not going out of business)

Clothing & Shoe's 75% Off
(some items not on sale)

Blankets & Comforter Sets 50% Off

House Items 35% Off

Crosses, Statues & More

Purses & Wallets 50% Off

Jewelry 40% Off

Luggage 50% Off

Toys 35% Off

Belts 25% Off

We also have lawaway with 25% down, pinatas (for all occasions). We also carry baby shower items (mothers & grandmothers corsages, diaper cakes, hostess pins, centerpieces, baby shower trinkets, baby shower candles & lots more.

Sale Ends 10-27-2012

L&E Mums and More

Your Party Supply Store
1120 SW 5th Andrews
432-524-9739
1107 SW Ave G Seminole
432-758-6089