



Carter Cabin circa 1845



Potter Watson Cabin circa 1850s

FREESTONE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

2017-----SUMMER-----Newsletter

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The staff and board of trustees of the museum extend a welcome to all guests and visitors to the museum for SUMMER Outings! With summer's vacations, we expect visitors will come to explore and learn about the many fascinating stories of Freestone County history. We are always delighted to have guests and have seen an upswing in the number of families with children who visit on Saturdays. The children are in awe of our newly renovated 1936 Ford fire truck and our historic cabins exhibits which portray the daily living hardships of our Freestone County pioneers.

“\$50.00 FOR 50 YEARS” FUNDING EVENT IS ON-GOING THROUGHOUT 2017

The Museum is very thankful to all of our supporters during the May 6th Anniversary Celebration!!! We are especially THANKFUL to the **HODGES FOUNDATION** at North Texas Community Foundation-from Leland and Kaye Hodges, owners of Coyote Petroleum, for donating \$5,000 to the Jail Restoration Project.

Fairfield's 1936 Ford Fire Truck

Restoration on the 1936 Ford fire truck was completed May 17, 2017 by the dedicated efforts of local citizens, Bill Green, Carroll & Sharon Embry and Steve White. These skilled auto restoration experts and mechanics **DONATED** their time and expertise to get the truck's engine back in tip-top shape. Sharon Embry restored the upholstery and lettering. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU seems highly inadequate to show our GREAT APPRECIATION to these folks!!!

Also a GREAT BIG THANKS goes to **COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK** for donating \$500 to this project and to **FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** for their \$500 donation!

The motor started up easily with an engine that now “PURRS” and the entire truck looks wonderful as well! Our visitors, especially the children, love exploring the truck and sounding the crank style siren. WHEE! Everyone who visits and sees the fire truck takes “selfies” and other pictures for their FACEBOOK pages. It's great to receive “free publicity” in the current age of social media. This free publicity spreads the word about the unique and diverse history on display at the Freestone County Historical Museum.

The fire truck was driven by Carroll Embry and Bill Green who rode up front and “manned” the siren. Others on the truck were Linda Mullen, President of the Freestone County Historical Museum Board along with Patricia Pratt, Curator, Sid Ivy, Sharon Embry and Peggy Lindloff. What a thrill it was to have the museum's historic vehicle in this fun event.

The metal building on the back of our property, which houses the Whitaker patrol car and the Emmon's Art Car and newly renovated Fairfield fire truck, was closed in the first week of May, 2017 by McLeod Construction of Fairfield .WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to Don McLeod for donating his time and completing the project at cost! THANK YOU DON!

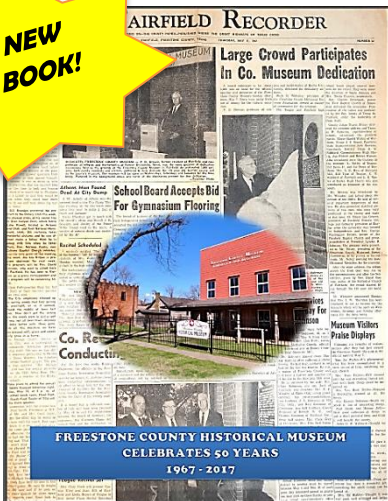


1936 Fairfield Fire Truck in the 2017 Freestone County Fair Parade

Historic Fischer House Sold



Until its recent sale, the beautiful and historic "Victorian" styled Fischer House at 222 South Hall Street Fairfield had been in the Fischer family since it was built in 1893. With its sale, there was an estate sale in June that was extended to July 1, 2017, where many unique and interesting family history items were sold. The museum was extremely fortunate to acquire the original July 20, 1919 framed marriage license of Bernhard Fischer and Grace Davis. This will be displayed next to their wedding photograph in the museum's Bass Lobby photo gallery. Also acquired at the estate sale were WWII war ration stamps still in their original leather pouch. These ration stamps were issued to Bernhard and Gracie Fischer in the war years. The war ration stamps are to be displayed in the WWII display case in the Bass Lobby. Linda Mullen donated the marriage license; and Patricia Pratt donated the WWII ration stamps and pouch.



The 50 Year Anniversary GoFundMe fundraising campaign, "Save Freestone County's 1881 Jail", is still ongoing.

We are asking all that can to give \$50 to celebrate 50 years of service. However any size donation is greatly appreciated. Every dollar counts!

Also Linda Mullen, Board President, has compiled a book to commemorate the museum's 50 years. Cost is \$25.00.

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!



SAVE Freestone County's 1881 JAIL



Show your support by going to this link
[GoFundMe.com/p/xkskm](https://www.gofundme.com/p/xkskm)

2017 MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND: Your membership is extremely important. Those of you who contribute year after year are the foundation of the museum and essential to its ongoing operation. You may email, phone or come by the museum to join.

Yearly membership rates are:

- Individual:** \$15.00- entitled to free admission
- Family:** \$25.00- entitled to free admission
- Silver:** \$100.00- " " " " " " plus book, *Two Stars in the Southern Sky*
- Gold:** \$200.00- " " " " " " plus book *History of Freestone County Vol. II*

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