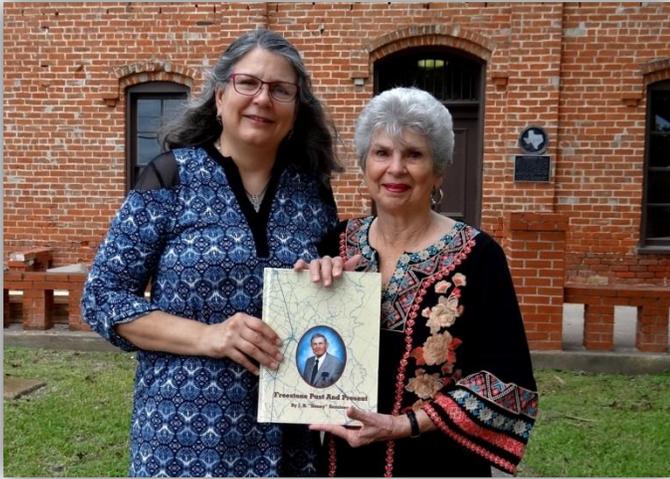


# FREESTONE COUNTY MUSEUM

## Fall - Winter 2018

### Be a FREESTONE FRIEND!



#### **Sessions Book on Sale Dec. 1st**

We are very pleased to announce our latest fundraiser, *Freestone Past And Present* by Sheriff J. R. "Sonny" Sessions, Jr. This book contains the complete historical writings from Sessions' weekly newspaper column (2003-2010).

The 456-page HARDBOUND volume will go on sale Sat., Dec. 1 for \$75 and will include a free Freestone Friends Pioneer level sponsorship. A book signing will be held from 10 am – 2pm. Hot cocoa and Christmas cookies will be served.

#### **Post Oak Piano Finds New Home**

Mrs. Lurline (Chavers) Tisdale recently donated the Post Oak Baptist Church piano to the Freestone County Historical Museum. The piano is a 1904 W. W. Kimball Company upright which graced the halls of the church for many of the church's 90 plus year existence (1878-1968). The Post Oak Community is about 4 miles southeast of Fairfield on FM 1580. For many years, locals referred to this road as the Post Oak Road.

The piano joins the podium, several church pews, and Mildred Burkhart's painting of the church already on display. The museum encourages everyone to stop by and see the Post Oak Collection.



#### **Titanic Trip Oct. 23th**

Even though our group tour to see the "TITANTIC" exhibit at the Mayborn Museum in Waco was small in number, we had a grand time. Jerri McBay, Patricia Pratt, Carolyn Fisher, & Linda Mullen (l-r) are posing in front of the Titanic backdrop at the Mayborn.



#### **Tocker Foundation Update**

Over 640 issues of the Streetman News, Teague Chronicle, and Wortham Journal can now be viewed and searched online at the Portal to Texas History website: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/FAIRL/>



### **1881 Jail Restoration Progress**

The jail restoration project continues to make progress. Steve Grecue of Home Improvements General Contractors has been giving the floor new footings and bringing it back to its original styled glory.

Hopes are to have the downstairs flooring completed in a few weeks. The next phase will be to continue working on the interior restoration as well as completing the brick restoration on the exterior.

### **Fall Activities**

Once again we participated in the Scarecrow contest on the courthouse square. Even though "Matilda" didn't win a prize, she and her companion won the hearts of many. We also participated in "Boo on the Square" handing out candy in spite of the inclement weather. Many thanks to those who braved the cold, wet and nasty to say hello!



### **Traveling Pictorial Display**

Watch for our new traveling pictorial display. First stop is the Freestone County Courthouse. Historical photos from around the county will be on exhibition. Its location will be rotated periodically.



### **Renew your FREESTONE FRIENDS Sponsorship**



It's time to renew your Freestone Friends Sponsorship for 2019. Various levels of sponsorship range from a PIONEER Individual Sponsor level of \$15 to a VAL VERDE Corporate Sponsor level of \$1,000. This program replaces our prior membership plan. Your contributions are extremely important. Those of you who contribute year after year are the foundation of the museum. New forms may be downloaded from our website: [www.freestonecomuseum.com](http://www.freestonecomuseum.com).



### **OLD HOUSE MUST GO!!!**

In order to make room for future restoration projects, the museum needs to have this old house removed. House is FREE, but ALL moving expenses are to be paid by the individual that obtains the structure. It's approximately 1026 square feet. Measurements are 38.7' x 24.25' with a 6' x 14.7' extension—would make a great cabin, she-shed, or man-cave. It needs a lot of work, but is structurally sound.

*The Museum wishes you very blessed Christmas Season!*

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