

Bear Creek

Bear Creek settled around 1870 by families mostly from Alabama. Due to the dense forest surrounding the community, bear stories proliferated and both the settlement and the nearby creek were named after them.

Big Creek

A farming community which grew around Farley's Chapel, west of Shepherd, takes its name from Big Creek, tributary of the Trinity River.

Byspot

Situated almost on the Montgomery County line and is said to have been named by Conroe Sawmill owner, J. O. H. Bennett by spelling backwards the name of his wife, Topsy. This he combined with the initial "B" from his own last name.

Coley Creek

A small farming community southeast of Shepherd on the banks of Coley Creek.

Drew's Landing

A steamboat landing in the days when the Trinity River was daily plowed by steamboats. Also an important cotton growing area.

Embryfield

Settled by people originally from Georgia. After several changes, (from Velpo to Staley) the community was named permanently after an early postmaster.

Liberty Hill

Owes its name to nearby Liberty Hill Church. Earliest settlement evidence dates back to 1884.

Maynard

A small community on Highway 150 between Evergreen and Old Waverly.

Montague

In the southwesterly part of the county, it was named after Montague County (either Ill or Texas) because of the similarity of the areas. It has a cemetery, with the first grave dating back to 1844. The church also served as a school.

New Hope

Located near Liberty County, this small community is also sometimes referred to as the Brown School Settlement.

Pine Valley

A farming community about 12 miles east of Coldspring in some of the loveliest forest of all east Texas. The name is another example of the many instances where natural surroundings influence the naming of a settlement.

Pleasant Grove

Across Winters Bayou from Bear Creek, its first settlers came from Alabama and Mississippi. Some of them were related to earlier Bear Creek settlers.

Rose Hill

Located near the original location of Fireman's Hill, this small community is yet another example of nature influencing name giving. There are said to be wild roses growing in profusion on the hill where Rose Hill developed.

Stringtown

A small farming community a few miles northeast of Shepherd.

Urbana

On Hwy 59, 4 miles north of Shepherd, this is one of the counties youngest communities. It was settled around 1910 and named after his hometown in Ohio, by a railroad employee. There is a commercial production of sand and gravel and some of the richest black farming land around Urbana.

Wescott

This is a farming community south of Shepherd on Hwy 59. It was established around 1890. It is located close to Cleveland. It has always been a community from which people commuted into Houston to work.

Willow Springs

This community too takes its name from the natural phenomena characterizing its vicinity. The first settlers here arrived around 1870.