

## Hood County Sesquicentennial Almanac - A Digest of News Items from Around the Country

**June 4, 1937** Stephenville, Texas Harold Rylee, found guilty for the third time on charges of murdering T.C. (Salty) Mitchell at Granbury on Aug. 27, 1934, was sentenced Friday to twenty-three years in prison. Rylee pleaded self-defense. He also charged that Mitchell had been paying unwelcome attentions to Mrs. Rylee. Dallas Morning News

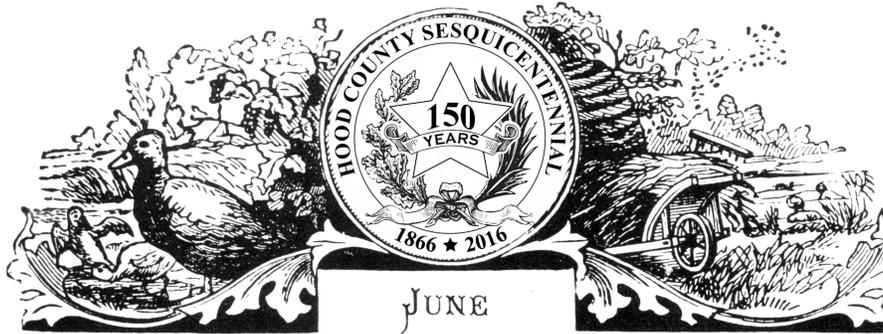
**June 4, 1942** John E. Brown died in All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth at 11 o'clock a.m., June 2. During the time Mr. Brown lived in Granbury he erected the building in which the Tablet office is now located, and which at that time housed the Hood County State Bank. Mr. Brown was president of that institution. He also built the "round house," now the home of Mrs. E.A. Lambert, and still one of the show places in Granbury. The Hood County Tablet

**June 10, 1937** One of the severest hail and wind storms in many years hit Hood County Tuesday evening, damaging crops, livestock and property in all sections. In Granbury the loss was extensive, as ninety eight window panes were broken in the high school building, roofs were blown from several buildings and in the courthouse about fifteen window panes were blown out, causing the district courtroom to be flooded with water. The switchboard of the Acton telephone system was blown from a concrete foundation. The Hood County Tablet

**June 11, 1877** Hood County, Granbury Vidette: The fossil remains of a huge mastodon were discovered by Prof. Shirley, on Monday, in the bank of the creek below the mill. By actual measurement it was fully fifteen feet from its skull to the knee joints. Below the knees, the bones had crumbled into a shapeless mass. The smooth surface of the shoulder blade seemed about four feet in diameter. Galveston Weekly News

**June 12, 1890** Granbury, Hood Co., Tex. A spirit of improvement now prevails all over Hood County. The new courthouse at Granbury is to be a modern building in every respect. The walls are of native stone, among the best limestone to be found in the state. An ice factory is now in course of erection which will not only supply the home demand but surrounding towns also. Fort Worth Gazette

**June 13, 1876** Hood County. Granbury, the county set of Hood County, is inhabited by active and go-ahead citizens. After their court-house was burned, the town property-holders alone rebuilt it. They have a fine school here, good flouring and sawmills, churches, intelligent, pleasant society, and what adds "to the good of all," a live paper, which works liberally and arduously for the welfare of its county. Three miles above Granbury is the town of Sulphur Springs {sic. Thorp Springs}, noted as a pleasant and healthy summer resort; on the east side of the river, six miles from it, is Acton, situated in the midst of a farming community whose



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countenances bespeak that they are happy—that this year's labor will be munificently rewarded in crops of cotton, corn and oats, and a fair one of wheat. Galveston Daily News

**June 14, 1890** The corner-stone of the Granbury courthouse, Hood County, will be laid with Masonic ceremonies on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. Fort Worth Daily Gazette

**June 23, 1908** Grand Barbecue and Picnic to be held in Lake Add-Ran Park, Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1908—the first regular opening of the park to the public. The Park Co. has thrown wide open the gates for the day. The autos will make hourly trips to and from Granbury. The Granbury News

**June 25, 1874** The following account of a shooting affray is from the Granbury Vidette: On Saturday last two of our oldest citizens, Dr. D.K. Turner and Mr. J.M. Bateman, in consequence of some misunderstanding, became engaged in a personal conflict, which resulted rather fatally to Mr. Bateman. After some words between the parties, each drew their weapons---Mr. Bateman a dagger and Dr. Turner a Derringer pistol. Sheriff Wright was standing rather between the parties and for a while prevented any serious injury; but, being unable to manage them alone, was at length forced to give way. As Wright gave way, Dr. Turner fired, shooting Mr. Bateman in the point of the shoulder. Dr. Turner was arrested and his preliminary examination closed on yesterday before Justice Williams. The testimony was conflicting. Some of the witnesses saw the derringer in the hands of Turner first, but do not know which first drew their weapons, Turner or Bateman. Witnesses for defendant (Sheriff Wright among the number) testify that Mr. Bateman drew his dirk first. The testimony shows that during the conflict Turner was giving back, and Bateman was rather advancing, each with their weapons in a using position. Dr. Turner was held to bail to await the action of the Grand Jury. Galveston Daily News

**June 25, 1874** The Granbury Vidette gives the following account of the escape of one of the prisoners confined in the Granbury jail on the 14<sup>th</sup>: The prisoner was one H.B. Harkey, brought here for safe-keeping by the Sheriff of Johnson County, on a charge of horse stealing. He was only about seventeen years of age. He was strongly shackled, and employed in the cookhouse, but watching his opportunity he struck off his shackles with an axe and made his escape. Galveston Daily News

**June 28, 1918** Miss Nellie Robertson will be the next county attorney of Hood County and probably the first female county attorney in the state. The women of Hood County met at the courthouse Tuesday and organized a Democratic League, the purposes of which are to induce women to register and vote in the primary election. Fort Worth Star Telegram



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