

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

September 1, 1907 An association has been formed with its purpose the preparation of a college park and recreation and athletic grounds. This will include a lake, to be formed by a dam at the juncture of Blue Branch and Stroud's Creek. These streams are constantly fed by springs of the neighboring country. Dallas Morning News

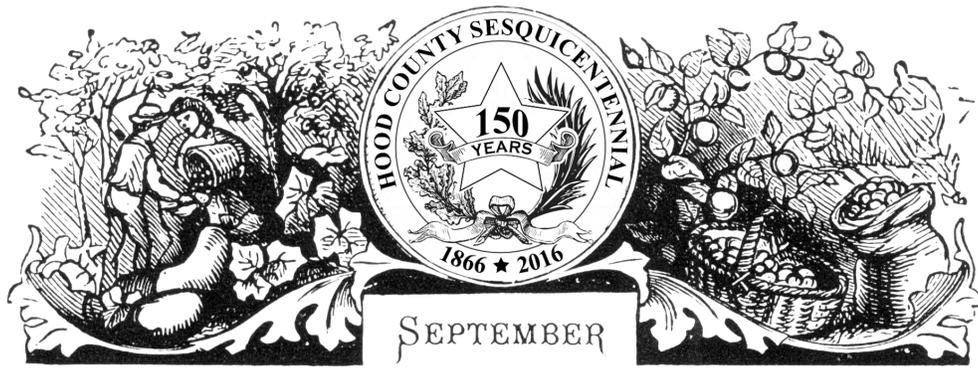
September 3, 1890 The iron work in the Granbury, Hood County, courthouse is being put in rapidly and the building is fast approaching completion. It is to be an elegant structure. Fort Worth Gazette

September 3, 1891 The contract for a fence around the court house was awarded to J.J. Shannon of Galveston, agent for Tennessee iron Fence and Machine Works. 170 feet square, four stiles and one drive gate, three feet six inches high, one half inch square pickets, three rails, posts 5 inches square, fence to be completed as per specifications for \$926.20. Judge Riddle was authorized to have the court house yard cleaned off. The Granbury News

September 3, 1953 It's good to see the "round house" being restored. Already it has a new roof, new windows and other repairs as well as a family living in it. We know it makes the landmark feel good to be rescued from the fate which seemed to be letting it go to rack and ruin. The Hood County News-Tablet

September 4, 1877 Hood County. A fine iron bridge soon to be built across the Brazos at Granbury. We were pleased to meet in our city yesterday, Mr. John H. Traylor, sheriff of Hood County. Mr. Traylor is on a visit to Georgia. He spoke of the rapid progress of his county and section, and stated that in ninety days Granbury will have completed a magnificent iron bridge across the Brazos at that point. It will be four hundred feet in length and one hundred and thirty feet span across the channel, and when completed, will invite the main thoroughfare of travel for all the counties west and northwest of Hood.

Dallas will be greatly benefitted by this enterprise. Mr. Traylor says every dollar of the funds necessary to the completion of the bridge was raised in the little town of Granbury, without inviting subscriptions from any outside source. Mr. Traylor will send to Granbury today, two prisoners confined in our jail, for cattle stealing in his section. The law is very rigid on thefts of that nature in his county. The Dallas Daily Herald



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September 4, 1947 The work on the concrete floor of the band stand (the gazebo on the north side of the courthouse) went on until 10 o'clock Tuesday night. The floor is beautiful, with the center section in red concrete and the outer sections in blue. The Hood County News-Tablet

September 5, 1931 Saturday has been designated as home-coming week at Cresson. The new school building will be dedicated on that day and all former citizens of the community and those who have attended school there are invited to come back and meet old friends. The new school building is of the mission brick structure and cost, with equipment, \$15,000. Dallas Morning News

September 6, 1906 H.L. Warlick's Barbershop advertises: a place to get an easy shave, a stylish hair cut or a first-class bath, located in the rear of Hood County State Bank. Leave your laundry and it will be done in the very best style. The Granbury News

September 6, 1906 The city council says you must quit throwing your trash on the public square. The Granbury News

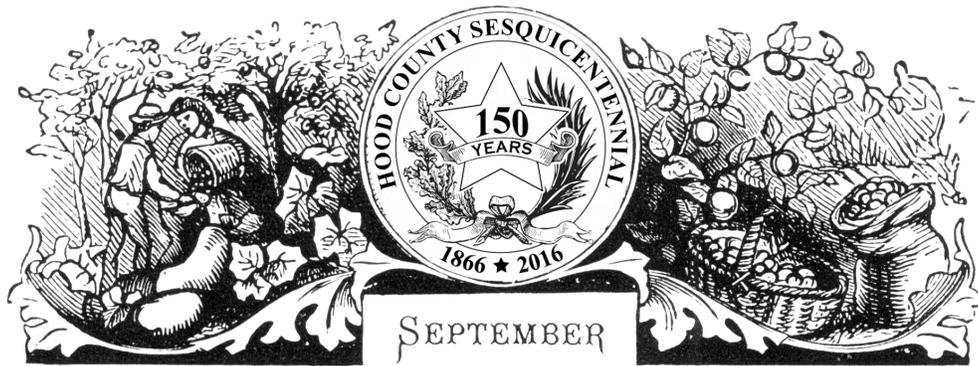
September 6, 1906 Perkins' barber shop advertises: Leave your laundry and soiled hats at Perkins' barber shop to have them properly cleaned. The Granbury News

September 10, 1891 D.L. Ensminger announces that he has moved his saloon to the building lately occupied by the county officers on the south side of the square. The Granbury News

September 11, 1869 A party of seven Indians came into Hood County - passing eastward through the southern part of the county, down Squaw Creek, stealing horses on the way. This event culminated in the Point of Timber Indian fight that resulted in the seven Indians being killed and scalped. Recounted in the Taylor County News, Abilene

September 12, 1899 Near Granbury yesterday as the 11:45 passenger train pulled into town a loud explosion was heard just as the train passed the corporate limits, which proved to have been caused by dynamite being placed on the track. Fort Worth Star Telegram

September 12, 1899 Granbury, Tex. The long distance telephone to Glen Rose is now in operation. Granbury now has connection north and south and contracts are let and construction in progress east to Cleburne and west to Tolar, Bluffdale and Stephenville. Dallas Morning News



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September 14, 1935 Escaped prisoner Max Cash voluntarily returned to the Hood County Jail. He left Wednesday night after finding an unlocked door. Awaiting trial for murder in the slaying of Thomas Holmes, Cash said he wanted to see his folks and get some watermelons and peaches. He returned to jail with Nat Tracy, his father-in-law. His brother-in-law, Bird Tracy, is under a ninety-nine year sentence for the slaying of Holmes, a Hill City filling station operator. Dallas Morning News

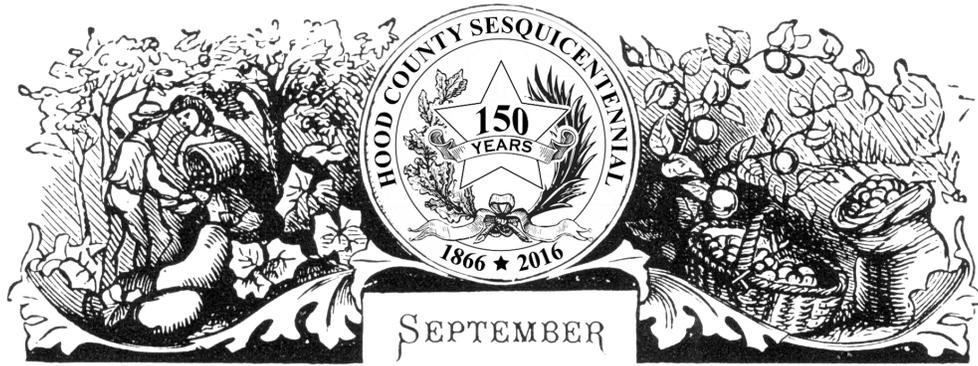
September 16, 1916 Special to the News. Granbury, Hood Co., Tex. Possibly 5,000 people, principally Confederate veterans from Hood County and other parts of the State, yesterday witnessed the unveiling of the monument erected on the courthouse square by the Daughters of the Confederacy in honor of H.B. Granbury for whom this city was named. The monument is built of gray granite, stands twenty-one feet six inches height with a seven-foot statue, the likeness of an officer in uniform. Dallas Morning News

September 18, 1874 Letter from Texas. Granbury, Hood Co., Texas, written August 20, 1874. Mr. Editor: In answer to a private letter I would say: the crop of wheat was good. about an average wheat can now be bought at \$1 (coin) per bushel. Corn- about an average per acre- may now be engaged at about fifty cents- will most probably reach a dollar by new year. Cotton looks very badly. In many places it has not rained this summer. Such a drouth has not occurred, I am informed, since 1860.

Stock-horses -i.e., wild mustang mares and colts—may be bought for about \$15 a head, taking the whole herd; but large, fine American horses command good prices, perhaps as high as with you. The upper grades are high; the lower grades are very low. Taking the herd round, cattle sell for about \$10 a head. Milk cows, with calves, from \$15 up. Sheep bring \$2 or \$3 a head. Hogs are about the same price as in Mississippi or Louisiana.

There is little or no vacant land worth having in this or perhaps in any of the adjoining counties. You would have to go considerably farther west to find much of that sort. The university lands - mostly choice lands—have been recently thrown upon the market at \$1.50 per acre, with ten years to pay it in, bearing ten percent interest. No better than this could be asked. I have not seen the bill, but I am told that this is its import.

To reach this place, come up Red River to Shreveport; there take the Texas Pacific railroad to Dallas; thence, as best you may, seventy miles to this place. Or else go to New Orleans; thence to Galveston and Houston to Dallas. Or come with your wagons and teams over-land, via



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Alexandria, Louisiana, or Shreveport. If you should choose this way, and will come prepared with tents to stand the weather, and camp out on the road, you may find it the cheapest way; and then you will need, when here, every comfort that you can bring. Whatever you may need where you are, you will find to be quite as needful here. Perhaps you may find it profitable to buy an extra wagon and team, so as to bring along some of the lightest furniture that you will have to sacrifice if you leave it, and may not be able to replace when you get here.

Hoping to see you out here soon, and that you may be well pleased when you come, I am, Your truly, S.D. Akin. The Opelousas Journal

September 19, 1876 Hood County. On Saturday night, the store and post office at Center Mills was entirely consumed by fire. Galveston Daily News

September 20, 1918 The Granbury ice, water, light and power plant was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. Manager Grundy reports that a gas engine will be placed over the wells and the town will not suffer for the want of water. The plant was valued at \$20,000.

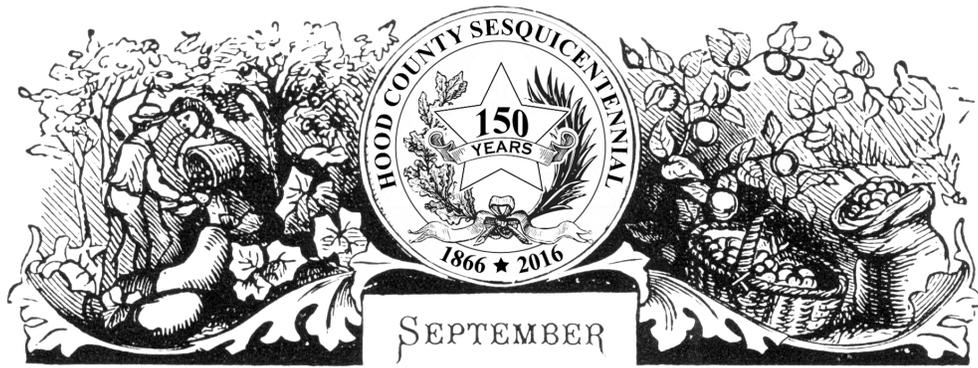
September 20, 1896 Hood County outlaw Bird Tracy arrested for assaulting Wm. Mahoney in Kelly's saloon on Market Street in Shreveport, La. The Shreveport Press

September 22, 1904 Stafford Bros. Minstrels advertised a big street parade and free band concert afternoon and night for their performance in Granbury on September 24. The Granbury News

September 24, 1891 The commissioners' court met in called session last Monday, received the court house clock, decided to change the policy of running the poor farm by leasing or renting to someone who will board the paupers, and allowed their per diem.

Commissioners say they don't propose to pay for any more Lobo wolf scalps without more conclusive proof. They will pay the \$2 for Coyote and Fox wolves, but claim that there are few Lobos in this country and that parties are simply mistaken in the class of wolves they kill. The Granbury News

September 25, 1879 There is one flowing artesian well on or near the line of this county. It is about 14 miles south of Granbury, on the river, and is on Brazos upland. It is situated on the farm of Mr. Norton, and supplies the entire place with water. Galveston Daily News



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September 25, 1915 Cresson, Hood County, Tex. Dr. A. B. McCallon and Hugh Donner were both killed about 1:40 o'clock this afternoon in a pistol duel which took place near the post office. The tragedy was witnessed by several bystanders, it is claimed the two men met as they were turning the corner of a street. If any words were spoken they were not heard by any of the several men who witnessed the tragedy. Both McCallon and Donner used pistols and fired one shot each. Galveston Daily News

September 28, 1922 The business section of the town of Lipan, in Hood County, was almost entirely destroyed by fire last night. Dallas Morning News

September 29, 1907 At a mass meeting held last night at the courthouse it was determined to build a \$25,000 park at Thorp Springs, three miles distant from this place. It is intended to dam Stroud's Creek and make a lake a mile long. Fort Worth Star Telegram

September 29, 1906 A wholesale escape from the Hood County Jail was frustrated here last night by the extraordinary presence of mind and steady nerve of the Jailer's wife. Six prisoners in the upstairs cell block overpowered Jailer Mahan after he had given them their supper. Hearing the scuffle, Mrs. Mahan ran to the scene, threw her arms around the neck of the leader and screamed for help. Help came in time to prevent the men from getting out of the building. Fort Worth Star Telegram