



CYPRESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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CHS Annual Meeting - "Memories of Your Military Service"

by Mary Bianche

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, our Annual Meeting was held in the Juergen Hall. Jim Sigmund started with a slideshow recap of CHS over the last 10 years. After sharing the financial status of the organization and hearing several committee reports, Terri Sigmund led us in "Pass the Mic" sharing of memories of our members who served their country. We appreciated the participation of the members' stories regarding veterans in their life. The era music was fantastic as we reminisced to the days of Glenn Miller and other old songs, and looked at pictures of our ancestors who served. We enjoyed sandwiches and home-made desserts for another successful get-together. Thanks for the memories!



Photo by Jerry Klumpp

Marti Owens and Jackie Devine enjoy the newly designed "Cypress Area Veterans" display boards.



Elroy Hirsch-1952



Elroy Hirsch recalls his time in the Army, serving in Japan and Korea from 1952 to 1953. A vivid memory was the temperature reaching 42 below . . . pretty cold for a Texas boy!

The Darline Roth Research Library will be closed December 22nd through January 1st. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:00am.

2019 CHS Board of Directors

At the Nov 17th meeting of the CHS Board of Directors, elections were held for 5 positions to serve in 2019. Board members serve a 2-year term, and every year, half of the 10 board positions expire. This year, Joyce Kleb, Jane Ledbetter, Jim Sigmund, and Erlene Schoenfeldt agreed to run for another term. Tammy Sherrill decided not to serve on the Board, but plans to remain active and attend the meetings. Karen Krumpholz was elected to take Tammy's position. Officers were voted on, and the current ones will continue in their positions: Jim Sigmund, President, Beverly Richardson, VP, Erlene Schoenfeldt, Secretary, and Becky Martin, Treasurer.



Photo by Jerry Klumpp

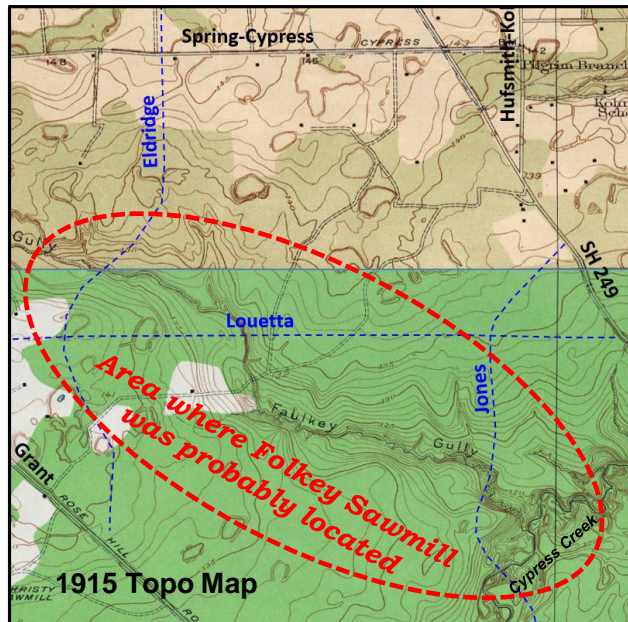
Taking care of registration and sales at the Annual Meeting was Becky Martin, Joyce Kleb, and Erlene Schoenfeldt.

Faulkey Gully

by Erika Calles and Jim Sigmund

Here at the Cypress Historical Society, we actively research and generate results to continuously provide the community of Cypress with great historical information. Like many roads, buildings, creeks, rivers here in Cypress, each has a story behind its name and it is our goal to retell the stories. The Faulkey Gully, for example, was named after a Cypress settler named John H. Folkey (Faulkey). Every new name or new project we come across is always a rewarding experience, but gathering information for the Folkey family has been the most exciting. There are times when we are very fortunate to receive information from the person's relatives, historical data, books, photographs and records, but there are other

times when we have no choice but to start from scratch. When in need of research tools, we use programs such as Newspapers.com, Ancestry.com, and FamilySearch.org. Newspapers.com is where we initially began our search on the Folkey family. Much to our surprise the first headline that appeared in our search read "Slayer of J.H. Folkey Accepted His Sentence". Naturally, the research that ensued was fast and furious as we wanted to know as much as we could about Folkey's apparent homicide. As the data collected from the newspaper articles reported, John H. Folkey was shot and killed around 1:15 PM on March 1st, 1913 by a 17 year old boy, named Alfred Bryant that worked for him. According to Bryant's confession, he murdered John Folkey simply over some chickens! Bryant said, in substance, that Folkey had threatened to call his father to tell him his son had stolen some of his chickens. To avoid any possible punishment from his father, or the law, Bryant allegedly hid behind some trees with a gun and waited for Mr. Folkey to pass by in his buggy. And then, in his reasoning, in order to prevent any further altercation,



The "Cause Of Death" listed on Death Certificates is usually some kind of medical ailment. Imagine our surprise to see "Gunshot wound by Alfred Bryant"!

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PLACE OF DEATH

Texas State Board of Health

County Harris STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 City Houston Registered No. 388

(No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
 (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

FULL NAME John H. Folkey 6199

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL PARTICULARS	
SEX <u>Male</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	MARRIED <u>Married</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>Mar 1 1913</u>
STATE OF BIRTH <u>Texas</u>	AGE <u>76</u>	WIDOWED <u>Widowed</u>	I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from _____ 1911 to _____ 1911
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Jan 3 1837</u>	TALE <u>6 ft 7 in</u>	OR DIVORCED <u>Divorced</u>	that I last saw him _____ 1911 to _____ 1911
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>	PLACE OF BIRTH <u>Germany</u>	OR DECEASED <u>Deceased</u>	The CAUSE OF DEATH was so far as I know _____
EDUCATION _____	RESIDENCE (State or country) _____	OR DECEASED <u>Deceased</u>	_____
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Bryant decided to kill Folkey. It was quite remarkable to envision in detail the last moments of Mr. Folkey, simply by his murderer's admission.

John Folkey was born in 1837 in Germany, and arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1854 with his family during the Wendish immigration. They settled in the Serbin area of Lee County, Texas. In 1863, as the Civil War broke out, we found Folkey attending Milton College in Wisconsin. Milton was founded by Joseph Goodrich, who was a staunch abolitionist from New York. Folkey joined his classmates in 1864 to serve with the Wisconsin 40th Infantry in the Union Army. He met and married Hellen Thompson from New York in 1865, and shortly afterwards, they moved to Harris County, Texas. We found the first records of John Folkey running a sawmill in Cypress in 1870. This is one of the earliest sawmills in Cypress, and it persisted through the turn of the century. The exact location is not known, but we can presume that (continued)

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Faulkey Gully *(continued)*

it lies along what was named Faulkey Gully in the vicinity of Louetta and Jones Roads. The family name is variously spelled Folke, Folkey, and Falke in genealogy records. Only the 1915 topographic map, published after John Folkey's death, changes the spelling to "Faulkey", and that is the spelling that persists today.

John and Hellen Folkey raised five children. While the Folkey sawmill stayed in continuous operation in Cypress from 1870 through 1913, the family, at times, lived in a second home near Hellen Thompson's family in Deposit, New York. A newspaper article in 1907 describes the first Thompson Family Reunion held in "the spacious dining room of the Folkey mansion"!

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE												
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES												
STATE OF TEXAS												
HARRIS COUNTY												
NAME OF INSTITUTION												
Number of Family	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								Place of Birth of each person and give the state	
			Sex	Color or race	Age	Marital status	Whether blind, deaf, or insane	Number of years in present family	Number of years in this house	Number of children		Place of Birth of this Person
37	Hoppel, Elma	Daughter	F	W	9	S						Texas
	Hoppel, Nell	Daughter	F	W	6	S						Texas
	Hoppel, Alfred	Son	M	W	4	S						Texas
	Hoppel, Emma	Daughter	F	W	2	S						Texas
38	Achenbach, John	Head	M	W	44	S						Texas
39	Folke, John H.	Head	M	W	38	M	1	0	0	0	0	German, Mendish
	Folke, Hedone	Wife	F	W	32	M	1	0	0	0	0	New York
40	Daniel, Fred	Head	M	W	38	M	1	0	0	0	0	Illinois
	Daniel, Jenny	Wife	F	W	34	M	1	0	0	0	0	Texas
	Daniel, Carl	Son	M	W	10	S						Texas
41	Hieder, Louis	Head	M	W	58	M	2	0	0	0	0	Prussia, Germany

The 1910 Federal Census shows John and Hellen Folkey living in Cypress, next door to their married daughter, Jennie Folkey Daniel.

CYPRESS [S.E.C.] Harris			
On Houston & Tex. Central R.R.—Pop. 25—Tel.—*—W. F. & Co. Ex.—† Houston, 26m.			
Chris Fred.....	Saw Mill	Z	F
Christian A. C.....	Saw Mill		
Falkey J. H.....	Saw, Planing & Shingle Mill	T	C
Juergens E. F.....	G. S. & Saloon		
Meyer H.....	Gin	Z	F
Rumpel H.....	G. S. & Saloon	Z	F

The January-1913 Bradstreet Business Directory was the last entry for the Folkey Sawmill, and the first entry for the Christen sawmills.

With the untimely death of John Folkey in 1913, the Folkey sawmill closed. This same year, the Christen family opened their sawmill. It is not known if the Christens actually purchased the Folkey sawmill, or simply opened their business to fill the void left by Folkey's demise. We will continue to research this important Cypress business owner. If you know anything about the Folkey family or their sawmill, especially the specific location, please let us know.

(Erika Calles is currently in her last year at Prairie View A&M University. She was a 2018 recipient of the CHS Gene and Delphine Zaboroski Scholarship, and has been a volunteer at Cypress Historical Society Library since 2014.)

CHS 2019 Calendars are Available! *by Terri Sigmund*

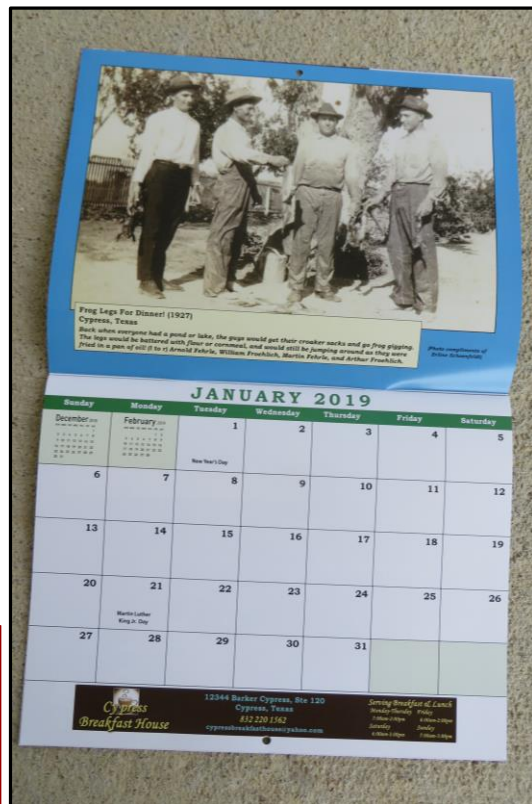
Our first calendar was published in 2010. Turns out, the annual calendars are so popular that people still buy the previous years just for the pictures! As a special feature of the 2019 calendar, back by popular demand, we decided to include some favorites from previous years, along with some new pictures.

As you know, calendar sales is our main fundraiser. We count on the sale of the calendars to help support our organization. Please consider getting one for not only yourself, but one for a friend of family member. Maybe even as a Christmas gift!

You can come into the library on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to get them. The cost is still \$15.00 each. You can also go onto the website, print out an order form and mail it and a check to us (+ \$2.50 postage) and we will mail it to you! And don't forget that we have T-Shirts and our "A Taste of Cypress Home Cookin" cookbooks that will make great Holiday gifts.

Thanks as always for your support. Merry Christmas!

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The CHS 2019 Calendar, with historic pictures of the Cypress-Fairbanks area!

CHS Members Help at Kleb Woods

by Jay Gavitt

CHS was well represented at two recent events held at Kleb Farm and Nature Preserve. The first of these annual events was the "Hummingbird Festival". CHS members manned stations including the blacksmith station and provided tours of the Kleb Farm House.

The second event was "Digging Old Stuff". Here our members again offered guide tours, manned stations, worked on an archeological dig, and Wayne Callender set up his display of vintage tools. The dig is an on-going project where Houston Archeological Society members and the public can take part. This is an actual dig and students work with the HAS members as they work trenches, map data, screen and catalog artifacts. A number of CHS members work on the digs. At "Digging Old Stuff" they uncovered a partial foundation for an outer building. The greatest find of the day was what appeared to be waste chips from the making of prehistoric tools. CHS members included Annie Hagler, Austin Smith, David Koenig, Lind Martin-Rust, Wayne and Helen Callender, Chris Fonte, Jim Pulliam, and Jay Gavitt



The highlight of the "Digging Old Stuff" day at Kleb Woods was finding chert flakes from stone tools.

Girl Scouts Earn History Badge

by Jay Gavitt

CHS presented a program for Girls Scout Troop 109087 from Cypress. It was coordinated by scout leader, Jennifer Mason. Seven scouts earned their "My History Is Texas History" badges over the two sessions held at the Cypress Historical Society and Cypress Top Historic Park. They also were able to earn credits for their "Community Service" badge. These programs, as all our programs, are free.



The enthusiastic girls from Fairfield Troop 109087!

Teacher and Youth Leader Resources

by Jay Gavitt

The new 2019 CHS Teacher Resources are available for use by teachers and youth leaders. This collection includes primary and secondary sources including pictures and articles that can be used by students exploring local Texas history. Contact Jay Gavitt if you know a school (public or private) or scout group that might want to have a program for their group.

Archeology at Kleb

CHS members continue to take part with the Houston Archeological Society's dig at Kleb Woods. This is an ongoing project to uncover outer buildings on the site. Recently they have uncovered a foundation wall as well as chippings from the making of prehistoric tools. The project involves a number of local area students and area residents. If you know of anyone who would like to be involved in future digs, have them contact Jay Gavitt.

Mark Your Calendars!

No CHS Meeting in December

Jan 19- CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)

Saturday, 9:00am at Darline Roth Library
Cypress Top Historic Park

Feb 16- CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)

Saturday, 9:00am at Darline Roth Library
Cypress Top Historic Park

Mar 16- CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)

Saturday, 9:00am at Darline Roth Library
Cypress Top Historic Park

(Save the Date)

Mar 29th - CHS Big Spring Event!

(All Members and their Guests are welcome)

Saturday, 10:00am at Juergen Hall
Cypress Top Historic Park

CHS Museum Displays

by Jay Gavitt

Our museum at CHS has undergone a recent make-over. Many artifacts have been generously donated by members and their families over the years. The make-over has allowed us to better display these artifacts. The cases have been organized around some of the local area themes and places. These themes include "Coming to the Cypress area"; dairy farming and ranching; homesteads – canning, wash day, butter making, etc.; religion and churches; education and schools; early homes and transportation; Cy-Fair HS; "Cypress in the Civil War"; Tin Hall; Hot Wells; E.F. Juergen and early merchants; H&TC railroad; Scrapbook collections; and "Area Veterans". The CHS library and museum are open during the week: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.



One of our newest display shelves has been our Ranching artifacts, including branding irons, spurs, and a de-horner.

It's time to renew your membership for 2019! Check your mailing label - If the date next to your name is 12/31/2018, then it is time to renew. If it has a later date, or "Lifetime", then you are already a member for 2019. Thanks for your continued support!

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Library News

by Jim Sigmund

Our work continues at the Cypress Historical Society Library as we research new history topics and family genealogies:

- We are in need of people to help out in our Library during our normal hours. We like to have at least two people at all times, so you can help out by just coming in. We always have work that can be done, or you can just spend time looking through our collections. One of the simplest ways to help is to look through the picture albums and help us identify folks in the photos.
- The winter break is a great time for Cy-Fair ISD high-school seniors and Cy-Fair grads in college to earn service hours towards the CHS Scholarship. Applications are due by March 1st, and service to the Cypress Historical Society, or other activities that promote Cypress history, is an important criteria for the scholarship.
- We have added "*Publisher Extra*" to our *Newspapers.com* subscription. This gives access to many more recent newspapers.
- As a courtesy of Cypress Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Elisha Roberts Chapter is now holding meetings in the library. The meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. the third Thursday of each month (except December). If you think there may be a patriot in your family tree, you are welcome to attend the meetings. For more information, call Mary Bianche (832-334-9437).



CHS members (l to r) Jim Sigmund, JoAnn and Elroy Hirsch, Wayne Callender, and Terri Sigmund pose at the 2018 CHS Annual Meeting. (Photo by Kelly Sigmund)

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