



CYPRESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The “Little Rascals” of the Fuchs School

by Jim Sigmund

Susan Lanier stopped in at Larry Hargraves Barber Shop, and saw this photo of the old Fuchs School class in 1920-21. Before the creation of the large Cy-Fair School District in 1940, the area was dotted with one or two room schools that served the children. Land was deeded to Harris County schools in 1897 by Henry Fuchs, and the Fuchs School was opened. It was located on the north side of Grant Rd, just east of Perry Rd.

In 1934, the Fuchs School was consolidated with Big Cypress School, and the building was moved to the Telge Road school site. The Fuchs School building, which was practically new and had two large classrooms and cloakrooms was to be moved to the Cypress School before school opened that Fall. However, due to poor road conditions, the move was not completed until after school had

begun. In 1936, the first four grades were in the two room Fuchs School building, while all the other grades were in the Big Cypress and Brinks buildings. The overcrowding lasted until the new Cypress Rural High School #5 was opened in 1937, and the classes could spread out. After the new Cy-Fair High school was built, the old Fuchs School building was moved to the back of the property and became the FFA farm shop.

Sondra Haltom is working on a project to collect all of the materials we have on the one-room schools, including vintage and current map locations, a timeline for each school, and any class photos, class lists, report cards or certificates we can find. If you have any information on any of the old schools, let us know.



1920-21 Fuchs School Class: (L-R) Top Row: Nealy Jackson, Archie Prunier, Teacher Erma Lieder, Henry Prunier, Archie Hargrave, 2nd Row: Bennett Prunier, Gus Franklin, Baldwin Rothe, Sam Vernon, Calvin Hargrave, Eddie Schroeder, Claude West, 3rd Row: George Hargrave, Ronnie Hargrave, Hardy Hargrave, Loys Anderson, John Rothe, Myres Williams, Tommy Hargrave, Paul West, Thomas Williams, Bubba Anderson, Bottom Row: Lillie Hargrave, Alma Hilderbrandt, Anna Benfur, Marie Hilderbrandt, Lola Hargrave, Edith Hargrave, Sam Coleman, Charles Stanolesky.
(Photo Courtesy of Larry Hargrave)

Cypress Rural High School #5

Fuchs School building



1939 Cypress High School Yearbook

After it was consolidated into the Big Cypress school in 1934, the Fuchs School building was moved to the southwest corner of Telge Rd and Cypress-North Houston Rd. (Photo looking southwest)

DAR Group Meets at the CHS *by Mary Bianche*

The Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR, is a national organization with chapters in all of the states. The Elisha Roberts Chapter is holding their monthly meeting at our CHS Library. There is a short business meeting each month, discussion of ways to contribute to schools, military, and the community. There are guest speakers, stories from the American Revolution, heroes of the war, items of the war, i.e. flags, quilts and basically anything that has to do with the war. There are discussions of women and their contributions and importance, standing with their husbands and what they suffered through the duration of the war.

However, everyone was not for the "cause", since there were those who wanted to stay with England. These were called Tories or Loyalists which led to controversies causing a division among families and friends and because of the conflict, they moved to Canada or other areas. After the war ended, their land was divided among the patriots.

Of course, something members of the DARS love doing, is engaging in conversations about their patriot or patriots which often lead to find out that they are related to each other from some generations back. If you think you may have someone who was in the American Revolution or know someone who does, please join us, as we are always willing to help with research. Our meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in the CHS Library building in the Cypress Top Historic Park



This quilt was made by Quilts of Valor for veterans, was shown during a program presented by Cynthia Chaffee at the DAR meeting.

Cypress Historical Society's

"Hands-on History" Camp

***Hosted by Cypress Top Historic Park and
Kleb Woods Nature Center/Heritage Farm***

***Join us for exploring early crafts,
blacksmithing, digging and exploring
artifacts, interviewing seniors, creating
family trees, interpreting photos, creating
museum models and exhibits, viewing
maps, discovering early schools, giving
tours and preparing museum exhibits.***

Where:

Cypress Top Historic Park and
Kleb Woods Nature Center & Heritage Farm

When:

June 24th-28th from 9:00 am- 2:30 pm

Who:

Youngsters going into Grades 4-6

Cost:

Free with CHS Family Membership – \$25

"Daisy" Scouts to visit Park and explore Cypress History *by Jay Gavitt*

"Daisy" scouts from Cypress will be visiting CHS to work on the Bullock Museum "My Story is a Texas Story" patch requirements. The girls, ages 5 and 6, will be visiting Cypress Top Historic Park on Saturday, April 27th from 1:00-3:30. They will be working on mapping Cypress Top, examining artifacts and creating a family tree. The girls and their parents will meet again on Tuesday, April 30th from 5:30-7:00 to complete a model of early Cypress.

"Bringing the Butterflies back to Cypress Top Park" *by Jay Gavitt*

Brady Howell, a Life Scout with Troop 44 is putting together a proposal for bringing the butterflies back to Cypress Top. Since the removal of bushes around the Delco House, the migrating butterflies have been forced to search other locations in the area. This problem has been compounded by increased development in the area and the loss of their favorite plants. Bradley has proposed creating raised beds around the Delco House and planting bushes that will attract the butterflies and assist them in their migration.

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2019 CHS Scholarship Recipient *by Becky Martin*

CHS is pleased to announce that this year's scholarship honoring Gene and Delphine Zaboroski will be awarded to Uyen Tong, a senior at Cypress Ranch High School.

Uyen has volunteered here since November and has plans to help Jay Gavitt with future Girl Scout presentations and this year's summer camp that CHS hosts. Along with volunteering here at CHS she manages her time with having two jobs and being active in the National Honor Society and National English and Social Studies Honor Societies; as well as several other clubs. She has also been accepted in the Emergency Medical Technician certification course at Lone Star College. The \$1000 scholarship awarded to Uyen will be used to help pay part of her expenses at the University of Houston where she plans to attend this Fall. The Society wishes Uyen continued success in furthering her education.

Annual scholarships are made available through the generous tax-deductible donations of individuals and Society members to the Cypress Historical Society's Gene and Delphine Zaboroski Scholarship Fund.



Uyen Tong, 2019 CHS Scholarship recipient, showing her finished model of the Delco House!



Using measurements from the actual building, Uyen carefully measures the sides of the scaled model.

Cy-Ranch Student adding to Cypress Top Model Collection

by Jay Gavitt

Cypress-Ranch senior Uyen Tong has created a most amazing project at CHS. She became interested in the models at the Darlene Roth Library and wondered how they were made. Uyen enjoys both art and history and wanted to learn how to make the models. She researched the buildings that are not yet in our collection and discovered that the Delco Generator/Blondie Kerr apartment (the Blue house) would be a great model to start with. Uyen and Jay Gavitt are also producing a PowerPoint presentation to document the steps in creating historic models. The PowerPoint will be used to assist scouts, day campers and seniors in constructing "Creating Historic Buildings Using Cardboard".

Uyen started first by visiting the Delco House, and taking pictures and measurements of the house. She then drew plans for the house, and from these built the sides of the house to scale, using cardboard. Uyen created the siding, doors and windows. The shingle roof was made of carefully cut cardboard. The roof shingles and sidings were painted. The shingles were placed on the roof and attached to the frame. The steps and porches were then added. The completed model is on display at CHS. A copy of the How-To video can be seen at CHS or members can request a copy emailed to them.

Mark Your Calendars!

Apr 27 – CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)

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

May 18 – CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)

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

Jun 15 – CHS Board Mtg

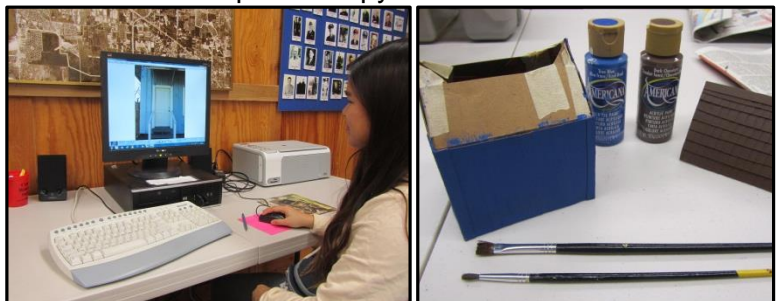
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Cypress Top Historic Park

Jun 24-28 – Hands-On History Day Camp

(Members children going into Grades 4-6)

Daily 9:00am-2:30pm at CHS Library, Kleb Woods, and the Cypress Top Historic Park



What Qualifies as Service for D.A.R. Eligibility

by Michelle Christie

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

The National Society accepts service as follows:

- **Signers of the Declaration of Independence**
- **Military Service**
 - Army and Navy of the Continental Establishment
 - State Navy
 - State and Local Militia
 - Privateers
 - Military or Naval Service performed by French nationals in the American theater of war
- **Civil Service**
 - Town Clerk
 - Selectman
 - Juror
 - Town Treasurer
 - Judge
 - Sheriff
 - Constable
 - Jailer
 - Surveyor of Highways
 - Justice of the Peace
- **Patriotic Service**
 - *Members of the Continental Congress, State Conventions, and Assemblies*
 - Membership in committees made necessary by the War, including service on committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from April 1774, such as Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, committees to care for soldier's families, etc.
 - Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance, etc.
 - Members of the Boston Tea Party
 - Signers of Petitions acknowledge the right of the new provincial and/or state government to represent the people. In addition, the content and wording of the petition must clearly demonstrate loyalty to the cause of American independence. Petitions regarding religious issues do not qualify.
 - Defenders of Forts and Stations: Individuals who lived on the frontier, from the Great Northern Lakes to Georgia, who are documented as having actively defended the western frontiers against British forces and their allies, the Indians.
 - Doctors, nurses, and others rendering aid to the wounded (other than their immediate families)
 - Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity
 - Furnishing a substitute for military service
 - Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces
 - Prisoners on the British ship Old Jersey or other prison ships
 - Service in the Spanish Troops under Galvez or the Louisiana Militia after 24 December 1776
 - Service performed by French nationals within the colonies or in Europe in support of the American cause
 - Those who rendered material aid, in Spanish America, by supplying cattle for Galvez's forces after 24 December 1776
 - Those who applied in Virginia for Certificates of Rights to land for settlement and those who were entitled to and were granted preemption rights
 - Those who took the Oath of Fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia from October 1779 to 26 November 1783
 - Those who rendered material aid and supported the cause of American Independence by furnishing supplies, with or without remuneration, loaning money and/or providing munitions.
 - Some states enacted special tax laws to raise money for supplies. Payment of these "supply" taxes is considered patriotic service.



To learn more about what qualifies as service to join D.A.R. visit: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot/revservice.htm>

This page will list by state for what qualifies as service.

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CHS Library News

by Jim Sigmund

Our volunteers are busy researching and organizing, and new historical artifacts and photos keep coming in:

- Diane and Harold Woods photographed the headstones of the graves at "The Bottoms" cemetery. Early members of the Kohrville community are buried at the site on the south side of Faulkey Gully in the Lakewood Forest Subdivision, near Jones Rd.
- Researcher Amanda Soh is working a project to identify the Civil War veterans from the Cypress-Fairbanks area. Her work is independent study for an online course through the University of Kentucky. If you have a Civil War vet in your family, let us know.
- The Cypress Historical Society is contributing a basket to be auctioned off at the Rosehill Social on May 19th, which helps families in need in the Rosehill area. If you would like to contribute to the basket, the theme is "Texas A&M" or "State of Texas". Drop off items at the Library or contact Levern Smith.
- New member Adrian Waller is helping to make a display of money that was used in Cypress over the years. He has donated some early coins for a display, and will be scanning some old bills also.
- Marvin Weiman has brought in more photos of the Weiman family.
- Celeste Haltom has brought in some photos of the Hillendahl family.
- Forrest Kruger has begun to index our historical map collection. Most of the maps are digital, but we also have some hard copies.

Send us a Caption for this Photo!

It's recess time at the Big Cypress School in the mid-20's. The line is forming at the outhouse, the boys are getting a drink at the well, and the teacher seems to be moving with some urgency!



(Photo courtesy of Joyce Kleb and the Precinct 3 Cypress Top Historic Park Collection)

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