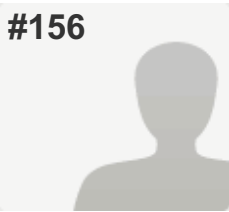


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PAGE 2: General Information

Q1: Please enter the name of your county. Gregg

Q2: Enter your primary CHC contact below as requested. List a co-chair if one exists; please do not list vice-presidents as co-chairs.

Name of 2015 CHC chair Gem Meacham
 Name of 2016 CHC chair--comment if new chair not selected to date Gem Meacham (two year appointment)

Q3: Enter information if you have an official space, room, or building; please DO NOT ENTER a personal address or phone number.

Address of CHC office 101 Methvin STE 300, Longview TX 75601
 Telephone number of CHC office 903-236-8433

Q4: We will direct inquiries about reporting answers to the person who fills out this report unless you direct us otherwise. Enter contact information as requested--name, email address, and phone number.

Contact info for person filling out report Gem Meacham, 1015 Meadow Ave., Kilgore TX 75662, 903-983-2554; gemmeacham@hotmail.com

PAGE 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

Q5: How many volunteer hours were contributed to CHC meetings, projects, and programs in 2015? Please enter numbers only for your answer; do not use punctuation, symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours 2500

Q6: Provide the number of individuals who served as CHC appointees in 2015. Please enter numbers only for your answer; do not use punctuation, symbols or text; a comma is considered a symbol.

of CHC appointees 15

Q7: Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

The total includes CHC appointees' service to Preservation Partners throughout the County.

PAGE 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

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Q8: Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2015. Indicate the number of CHC committee meetings held separate and apart from full commission meetings. Both questions must be answered using numbers only; do not use symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC was inactive in 2015 (i.e., did not provide services to the county).

CHC full commission meetings in 2015	4
CHC committee meetings in 2015	10

Q9: A majority of appointees must be present at a meeting to constitute a QUORUM. Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2015. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings made quorum

PAGE 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

Q10: Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC appointees who have completed Open Meetings training.

100% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

PAGE 6: CHC Financial Information

Q11: Which serves as the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

Q12: Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round down/up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2014:	9286
Annual county allocation for 2015 (not including money for museums):	9000
County money allotted for museums in 2015:	0
Any other money issued by county during 2015 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.):	10000
CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2015:	0
Grant money provided to CHC in 2015:	0
Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2015:	0
"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues):	0
Any other money amounts for 2015 not already included above; do not include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses, which will be requested later in the report:	0

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Q13: Provide any clarifications about above amounts; skip question if you have no comments.

The one-time special project funding in 2015 was to undertake a Historical Resource Survey. Although we will have to reapply to the County Commissioners Court each year, it is probable that some funding will be provided from the County budget until the multi-year project is completed.

Q14: If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if his/her salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

The County Budget Director serves as GCHC liaison to the County Judge, the Commissioners Court and other County departments such as the Archives, IT and Print Shop. No part of her salary is funded by CHC. The GCHC liaison serves as the communication link to County officials and provides assistance with purchases through the County Purchasing office. She advises on state and local regulations and posts our open meeting notices.

PAGE 7: CHC Financial Information (continued)

Q15: Check each of the IN-KIND DONATIONS that was given to your CHC in 2015 by your COUNTY (county government). IN-KIND donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge.

- Meeting and/or office space for CHC ,
 - Space for archive or records storage ,
 - Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above ,
 - Administrative supplies or services--postage, paper, ink, copier, etc. ,
 - Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc. ,
 - County liaison whose job description involves providing services to CHC ,
 - Professional expertise of county staff (for any subject/need) ,
 - Computer hardware or software ,
 - Web hosting on county website
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Q16: Check each of the IN-KIND DONATIONS that was given to your CHC in 2015 by individuals or organizations (other than your COUNTY). Include in-kind donations made by CHC appointees.

- Meeting and/or office space for CHC ,
 - Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above ,
 - Any other professional service or advice
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PAGE 8: CHC Financial Information (continued)

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Q17: Considering the IN-KIND answers checked in the previous questions, check the dollar range that best represents the amount of in-kind services and donations provided to your CHC. \$2,501 - \$5,000

Q18: Check the dollar range that best represents the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by your CHC appointees in 2015. \$1 - \$500

PAGE 9: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

Q19: A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated. Updated every 2 years

Q20: Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process. CHC appointees

PAGE 10: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory

Q21: Check the ONE statement/s that best reflects your county's involvement with survey work. Please reread the survey description above to ensure that you are providing an accurate answer. County-wide survey exists—Survey has not been updated in the last 10 years

Q22: If you have a historic and cultural resources survey, check the formats that apply to your survey. Paper copy

PAGE 11: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

Q23: Check the box if your CHC keeps track of the specified information. A list of ENDANGERED cultural and historic resources in your county
,
A list of cultural and historic resources DEMOLISHED in 2015

Q24: Enter your county name and the names and locations of the ENDANGERED resources in your county—A property is considered endangered if it is under threat of demolition, structurally unstable, in an area of encroachment, etc. Skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.

Gregg County:
Rocksprings School House RTHL, 2 miles south of city of Gladewater on Old Hwy 135; damaged in 2011 wildfires.

Q25: Enter your county name and the names and locations of the cultural and historic resources DEMOLISHED in your county in 2015. Skip this question if your CHC doesn't keep this information.

Gregg County:
T. G. Field Auditorium, 2nd & Whaley, Longview Texas. The last building from the 1930-50 Longview High School Campus. Demolished by vote of the LISD school board.

PAGE 12: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

Q26: Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2015.

Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS ,
 Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county
 ,
 Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county
 ,
 Provided an inventory of subject MARKERS for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)
 ,
 Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)
 ,
 Periodically assess the condition of properties DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic
 ,
 Provided an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED as historic for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)
 ,
 Compared THC's current inventory of ROSENWALD schools with your county inventory

PAGE 13: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 2: Emphasize Cultural Landscapes

Q27: Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2015.

Respondent skipped this question

Q28: Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2015.

Respondent skipped this question

Q29: Provide a list of the different landscapes that were involved in your 2015 body of work. A sample response to this request would be if Kaufman CHC noted that they pursued funding to maintain and promote interpretation of the Kaufman County Poor Farm.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 14: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

Q30: How familiar is your CHC with the following topics?

The role a CHC can have in a federal Section 106 review	Minimally
The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties	Somewhat
The Certified Local Government Program	Very
THC's review authority over publicly-owned historic property	Very

Q31: Have you used the listserv and web information provided to familiarize your CHC about the following topics?

The role a CHC can have in a federal Section 106 review	Have not used information provided by the THC
The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties	Only CHC chair accessed this information
The Certified Local Government Program	Used info to improve CHC's understanding and participation
THC's review authority over publicly-owned historic property	Shared information with CHC appointees

Q32: Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2015 body of work.

CHC participated in community planning activities to ensure historic and cultural resources were considered when development or zoning is discussed by city officials

Tell us more about your CHC's involvement in the areas checked above. Skip commenting if no boxes are checked.

Gregg County has three major incorporated municipalities: Longview, Kilgore and Gladewater. Other incorporated cities are Easton, White Oak and Clarksville City but they are mainly for police and fire protection. Each of the three major cities, as well as the Kilgore College and ISD districts hold planning activities. When it concerns historic and cultural resources, GCHC members provide information and supply resource documentation.

PAGE 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives (continued)

Q33: Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 16: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

Q34: Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2015.

Supported Main Street Program activities in a community within your county

Tell us a bit more about your CHC's involvement in the areas you have checked above. Gregg County Main Street projects in Longview, Kilgore and Gladewater are affiliated though the city governments but GCHC is supportive and GCHC appointees volunteer for Main Street activities in each of the cities. The City of Longview is CLG and has a grant for the planning stages of the Historical Resources Survey within their jurisdiction which is mostly (but not totally) within Gregg County. GCHC has researched CLG status but has not yet applied. We will work parallel to City of Longview on the Historical Resources Survey. The Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation receives a HOT grant from the City of Kilgore for preservation project within their jurisdiction.

Q35: List the public entities or private organizations that have provided grants or funding opportunities for your preservation projects. Skip this question if it does not apply to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 5: Learn and Experience History through Place

Q36: Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2015.

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history geared toward youth/schools

Coordinated a regional preservation or tourism event

CHC appointees volunteered at a historic site that is open to the public at large

Q37: List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

Historical Marker Workshop, locally led, September 2015.

Regional Historical Marker Workshop, hosted Bob Brinkman's presentation in Gladewater, June 2015.

CHC appointee's volunteer at: Gladewater Historical Museum, Gregg County Historical Museum, East Texas Oil Museum, World's Richest Acre-Kilgore,

PAGE 18: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

Q38: Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2015.

County officials, City officials,
 Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)
 ,
 Main Street managers and/or board members ,
 Tourism organizations / visitors bureau / chambers of commerce / downtown business association

PAGE 19: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

Q39: Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s ,
 CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum

Q40: Enter your county name and provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.

Respondent skipped this question

Q41: When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC.

1-25% of CHC time spent on museum related work

PAGE 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment

Q42: Check each way your CHC officially reported 2015 activities to your county officials.

Met with the county judge ,
 Submitted CHC meeting minutes,
 Submitted a CHC budget,
 Submitted CHC treasury reports,
 Submitted CHC bylaws,
 Provided suggested CHC appointments

PAGE 21: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q43: Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2015.

County judge, County commissioners,
 Mayor/s of cities in your county ,
 City council members from cities within your county ,
 State legislators

Q44: Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2015. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events.

Gregg County: County Judge Bill Stoudt; County Commissioners Gary Boyd and John Mathis; Longview Mayor Jay Dean; Kilgore Mayor Ronnie Spradlin; Gladewater Mayor Harold Wells; State Representative David Simpson.

PAGE 22: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q45: Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2015 in support of Texas history and preservation.

Issued information to the public at large--newsletters, email, press releases, etc.

,
Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets,

Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events

,
Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects

,
Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for preservation in general

PAGE 23: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

Q46: Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to improve appointee participation in 2015.

Initiated projects to diversify CHC membership,

Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees

,
Used the THC website information to educate appointees

,
Hosted a THC-affiliated workshop in 2015

Q47: If you organized a CHC regional meeting in 2015, please indicate:-- the counties that participated (including your county);-- topics or themes discussed; and -- how many times you have met formally as a group over the years. Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

The THC affiliated workshop was on applying for marker designation. Bob Brinkman presented and he kept the attendee list. Memory is faulty -- representatives from other counties were from Harrison and Van Zandt, maybe?

Q48: List workshops that your CHC hosted in 2015, including information on the educational topic. Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

Workshop led by GCHC Marker Committee to help local individuals seeking markers.

PAGE 24: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q49: Reflecting 2015 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees that attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.

THC regional workshop	0
THC marker workshop	5
THC cemetery workshop	1
THC oral history workshop	0
THC Archeology Steward training	0
Friends of the THC grant writing workshop	1
THC/Texas Archeology Month event	0
THC/Texas Association of Museums (TAM)	0
Texas Heritage Trails Program	0
Texas Main Street Program	0
Texas Association of Museums (other than THC partnered training listed above)	0
Texas Archeological Society (TAS)	0
Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)	0
American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)	0
National Trust for Historic Preservation conference	0
Preservation Texas (PT) event	1
Local/regional historical association educational opportunity	0
Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally	1

PAGE 25: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q50: Rank the degree to which select THC services have helped your CHC expand their programming.

CHC listserv weekly messages	Helped a little
General THC website information	Helped a lot
THC website information specific to CHCs	Helped a lot
Historical marker webinars	Helped a lot

Q51: Share your thoughts on THC services that have helped your CHC.

Staff is always extreme helpful and willing to assist.

Q52: Check the ways in which your CHC made concerted efforts in 2015 to improve work relative to previous years.

CHC planning, Membership and attendance,
Community outreach to young people ,
Initiated a new CHC project

PAGE 26: Project Description #1 (of 3) for CHC work from 2015

Q53: Project Description #1---Expand upon your answers to question 52 about improving your CHC during the 2015 year of service. Describe the efforts made to improve an aspect of your CHC. Include the following: -- your county name-- the specific area of improvement-- why the improvement effort was made-- what actions were taken to make improvements-- the results of those actionsIf you were not able to make improvements in 2015, document your challenges and what improvements you'd make if you had the time, manpower, or money required.

Gregg County:

Historical Resources Survey: We are making improvements in educating our appointees and County officials as to the importance of undertaking a survey. In 2015 we took baby steps toward initiating efforts to collect information for an updated Historical Resources Survey. We purchased camera equipment, gathered materials from THC staff, copied and distributed CDs and print versions of Survey Handbooks. Our County Liaison arranged for computers, printers and internet to be available in the County Law Library for this and other projects we might have. We met with the City of Longview staff and City's Historical Preservation Commission on the parallel effort within their jurisdiction falling in Gregg County. Building the "volunteer will" within our commission is an obstacle but we are working on that too.

Cemetery Recording: We made improvements to this effort by appointing a committed chairman who has recruited several other CHC appointees to actively research and document cemeteries which are in danger. This will hopefully lead to full-blown efforts to find volunteers who can generate documentation for Historic Cemetery designation applications.

PAGE 27: Project Description #2 (of 3) for CHC work from 2015

Q54: Project Description #2---Share a project, effort, or service that shows the best of how your CHC interacts with the public. Please include your county name in the answer.Project, effort, or service must adhere to the following requirements:-- its primary association is with history/preservation-- it has broad CHC appointee support (rather than the participation of only 1 or 2 people)-- is an ongoing effort or one that was completed in 2015

Gregg County:

The marker projects have broad CHC support and participation and the GCHC Marker Committee has been very active in recent years. Recognizing local history through markers is an ongoing priority for the GCHC. Appointees participate in marker dedication/unveiling ceremonies which provide extensive publicity and active interaction with the communities of Gregg County. In 2015 we dedicated Longview markers for: February Subject Marker -- Johnny Cace's Restaurant. Around 50 attended an outdoor unveiling on a cold, blustery day. There was extensive publicity in both printed and broadcast media. March Subject Marker -- Temple Emanuel attracted a regional audience, as members and former members of the synagogue came from Gregg, Harrison and Smith Counties. Mayors from Longview and Kilgore presented proclamations. A Rabbi representing the regional Jewish organization headquartered in Alabama gave keynote remarks and blessings. May RTHL Marker -- GCHC partnered with the City of Longview Historical Preservation Commission for the marker designating the Longview Train Depot. The City's restoration of the only extant depot in a town that was "railroad made" was completed and dedicated at the same time. Amtrak regional officials and City of Longview officials were involved in the ceremony. September Subject Marker -- Red Oak Baptist Church. An historically Black church which is a leader in the Longview community dedicated a marker. Their sanctuary was filled and the "roof was raised" by their musical praise celebrating their heritage in a lineage from freedman to leaders in educational and economic opportunities.

PAGE 28: Project Description #3 (of 3) for CHC work from 2015

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Q55: Project Description #3---Expand upon your CHC's contribution to heritage tourism efforts in your region. Refer to question 36 for heritage tourism examples.Highlight your most effective heritage tourism effort in 2015:-- your county name-- describe event and your role in it-- partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event (attendance, participation, profit, etc.)

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 29: CHC Comments for the THC

Q56: Please let us know more about your preservation successes and/or challenges.

Respondent skipped this question