

14" x 9" Medallion Plate  
Gregg County

DP, 7-7-65

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VICTORIAN HOME BUILT 1879  
BY EARLY SETTLER, REV. B. W.  
BROWN, METHODIST LAY MINIS-  
TER, WHO AS A MEMBER OF THE  
TEXAS LEGISLATURE HELPED TO  
CREATE GREGG COUNTY IN 1873.  
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ONLY MINOR CHANGES SUCH AS  
PORCH LATTICE. RESIDENCE OF  
MRS. LAWRENCE BIRDSONG. \*\*

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK, 1965. \*\*\*

\*\*3/8" lettering  
\*\*\*1/4" lettering

4/9/65  
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JBY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GREGG

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

Bluford Walter Crain, Sr.

to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a grandson of the later Reverend Bluford Walter Brown.

My Mother was the late Miss Lula Brown who married Mr. E. E. Crain,  
my Father. They were married in Longview, Gregg County, Texas, and  
all of their married life was spent in Longview.

My grandfather, the Reverend Bluford Walter Brown, was an early  
settler of the Gregg County area, having come here before Gregg  
County was formed and lived in the section north of the Sabine  
River which was then in Upshur County. My grandfather's home  
in what is now Longview is now occupied by Mrs. Lawrence  
Birdsong. It is at 104 W. Whaley St., and was built about  
1879. There have been only minor changes made mainly an  
addition of screen and lattice work to the front perch.

Rev. B. W. Brown was a member of the Texas Legislature from  
this district in 1873, and proposed that the county be  
named GREGG in honor of General John Gregg of the Confederate  
Army. He was also a well known and beloved <sup>lay</sup> minister of the  
Summerfield Church for more than unknown years.

There are many of his descendants now living in Longview.

## OBITUARIES

### Gary Cornelius

HENDERSON, Nev. — Services for Gary "Corny" Cornelius, 82, of Henderson will be 10 a.m. today in Palm Chapel in Henderson, Nev.

Burial will be in Palm Memorial Park in Henderson, Nev. under the direction of Palm Mortuary.

### Annie Harris

GLADEWATER — Services for Annie Mae Harris, 87, of Gladewater will be 2 p.m. Monday at Stone-Goodwin Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike McGuire officiating.

Burial will be in East Mountain Cemetery.

Mrs. Harris died Friday in a Gladewater hospital.

She was born Dec. 20, 1902, in Oklahoma. She was a housewife and a Pentecostal.

Survivors include her sons, W.L. Gammage of Shepherd, T.J. Gammage of Jacinto City, J.E. Gammage of Martinville, C.W. Gammage of DeLanco, N.J. and J.M. Gammage of Black Jack; daughters, Eva Salter of Gladewater, Ollie Karrh of DeKalb, Theresa Loden of Longview, Linda Morrison of Dallas; brother, Raymond Medlin of Oil City, La.; sister, Ruby Hill of White Oak; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

### Raymond E. Bashline

Graveside services for Raymond E. Bashline, 61, of Longview will be 11 a.m. Monday in Lakeview Memorial Gardens with Jim Weber officiating under the direction of Rader Funeral Home.

He died Friday at his residence.

A 33-year Longview resident, Mr. Bashline was an Army veteran of Korea.

Survivors include daughters, Joann O'Conner of Valley Forge, Pa., Mary Ann Warlick and Rose Marie City, both of Longview; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### Joe Bernard Harris

Graveside services for Joe Bernard Harris, 79, of Longview will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in Grace Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Robert Sjoblom officiating under the direction of Welch Funeral Home.

He died Friday in a Longview hospital.

Retired heavy machine operator

Kan.; a stepson, Raymond Britnell of Bakersfield, Calif.; a daughter, Betty Self of Longview; a stepdaughter, Peggy Tolar of Quitman, La.; a sister, Birdie Lawrence of Lubbock; half-sisters, Della Rambo of Burleson and Norma Coker of Fort Worth; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eugene.

The family will receive friends 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### Mabel Birdsong

Services for Mabel Birdsong, 95, of Longview will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at

First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Hall officiating.

Burial will be in Grace Hill Cemetery under the direction of Welch Funeral Home.

She died Saturday in a Longview hospital.

Born Oct. 8, 1894, in Gladewater, Mrs. Birdsong became organist for the First Baptist Church in 1920, a position she held for 50 years, retiring as organist emeritus. After her retirement, she served 20 years as pianist for her Sunday School class. She was also a pianist for the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and was voted Kiwanis Mother of the Year in 1983. Mrs. Birdsong was an honorary lifetime member of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs and the Longview Fine Arts Club. She was a member of the Longview Piano Club, the Longview Music Club, the Longview Forum, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a founding member of Community Concerts and a supporter of the Longview Symphony. In 1983, she was voted "Woman of the Year" by the Longview Federation of Women's Club.

Survivors include a son, Lawrence Jr. of Longview; a daughter, Blanche Birdsong of Germany; a granddaughter, Rebekka Camminady; and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, a building contractor and former Longview mayor.

The family will receive friends 4-6

p.m. today at the funeral home.

### Walter Lee Taylor

Services for Walter Lee Taylor of Longview will be 11 a.m. Monday at Sherman Chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. P.H. Jardson officiating.

Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stanmore Funeral Home.

He died Thursday.

Born in Gregg County, he was a member of Pleasant Hill Church of God in Christ and was employed by Wilson Henderson Electrical Company.

Survivors include a daughter, Ora Gee of Longview; a sister, Emma Reedmon of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 6-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### Dorothy Allen

Services for Dorothy Allen of Longview are pending with Stanmore Funeral Home.

She died Saturday.

### Willie Fountain

Services for Willie Fountain of Longview are pending with Citizens' Funeral Home.

He died Saturday in a local hospital.

### Mary Nell Holley

GLADEWATER — Graveside services for Mary Nell Holley, 52, of Gladewater will be 10 a.m. Monday in Rock Springs Cemetery with Billy Teague officiating under the direction of Stone-Goodwin Funeral Home.

She died Saturday in a Longview hospital.

Born Aug. 21, 1937, in Gladewater, she lived in Gladewater 19 years, moving from Houston. She was a housewife and a Baptist.

Survivors include sons, Darrel of Houston and J.R. Williamson of Fort Worth; her father, Earl Gregston of Gladewater; a brother, Eddie Gregston of Gladewater; and a sister, Jane Sims of Longview.

### Cecil 'Red' Agers

KILGORE — Services for Cecil 'Red' Agers, 66, of Kilgore will be 2 p.m. Monday at Rader Funeral Home in Kilgore with the Rev. Karl Doerner officiating.



Birdsong