



SACHSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MUSEUM RENOVATION UPDATE

Phase One of the Sachse Historical Museum is all but completed. There is a wide porch, with light fixtures and outlets. The copper-colored roof covers it all. The display room inside looks cool and spacious with new windows all around, as well as display lights. All that remains to be completed in Phase One is the iron fence.

Enough funds were withheld, and are still available from the primary donation, to construct the fence—once the committee contracts with a fence company from among the estimates received. Also, the Board of Directors will use the regular monthly meeting date of September 17, 2005 as a work day. The interior walls and trim will be given a new coat of paint, along with the new ceiling beam.

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The porch on the southwest side of the newly renovated Sachse Museum



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SUE'S EDITORIAL

This month I offer you not an editorial, but a correction and an apology.

The Spring 2005 issue of the Sachse Historical Society Newsletter listed the board members elected at the annual meeting in April. Eileen McConnell was described as "a former treasurer for Sachse Methodist Church." Actually, Mrs. McConnell was historian, and the congregation was the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church. We regret this error and any misunderstandings it may have caused. We are looking forward very much to working with Mrs. McConnell, as she has much experience and a willing attitude to bring to the board.

We also recognize that our other new board member is Chris Scourgie. He has served SHS in years past, and he is already contributing in exciting ways. Thanks to both of you for giving of yourselves to see that Sachse's past is preserved for the future.

*** * * *Upcoming Dates* * * ***

SEPTEMBER 17, 9:30 A.M. MUSEUM
WORKDAY

THE STREETS OF SACHSE: SACHSE STREET

This is the first of a series of articles about some of the street names in Sachse. Some are obvious, and some are not so obvious, but all are fun and interesting. It is the intent of this historical society to preserve the past for the present and future generations, and what better way than to remember the origins of street names? So we'll start at the beginning.

The first Dallas County map of Sachse dates from 1886. It was the only map in town for 60 years, and was used in all early property transactions. The map shows that originally "Railroad Street" was the name of the street alongside the railroad tracks (now Highway 78).

Sachse Street, which runs one block east and parallel to the railroad tracks, was named for William Sachse. William Sachse was born in Hereford, Prussia on December 16, 1820; he emigrated to New York in 1840, and followed a circuitous route to the Republic of Texas. He lived in Texas when it was admitted into the Union and served in the Confederate Army. Sachse's original Texas Land Grand deed, certificate 442, was signed by Governor E.M. Pease in 1854. A right of way deed from William Sachse to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company was filed in 1886, and in return, the G.C. & S.F. Railway built a depot, named the town Sachse, and gave Mr. Sachse a lifetime pass on all its lines.



THE STREETS OF SACHSE CONTINUED

William Sachse passed away in 1899 and is buried in the William Sachse Cemetery.

The road now named Sachse Road was the original highway 78, which begins in Cleburn, Texas, and goes all the way north to Paris Texas. The two-lane asphalt highway 78 that is now parallel to the railroad tracks was completed in 1953, and the current four-lane version was completed through Sachse around 2000.

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History Trivia:

*A section of William Sachse's
1845 dugout still exists.*

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Looking east toward Sachse's newly renovated museum, with the Sachse Cemetery to the left, and the railroad and Highway 78 behind it.

MUSEUM RENOVATION UPDATE CONTINUED

Yet to begin is Phase Two, which includes trimwork around the porch, a gazebo, a fire truck shelter, and landscaping. The Sachse Historical Society is moving forward and looking forward even as we look back to our interesting past

Sponsorship Levels

The Board of Directors plans to provide recognition for donors or the ancestors they choose to honor with a weatherproof outdoor plaque for:

PLATINUM SPONSORS — \$10,000 and above

GOLD SPONSORS—\$5,000-9,999

SILVER SPONSORS—\$1,000-4,999

Inside the museum will be a list of BRONZE SPONSORS for donations between \$250 and \$999. The sponsor levels will be featured at the FallFest booth, and there will be a display of future projects and needs, should a donor wish to designate a particular item.





NADA “NATE” BAILEY DAVIS

Nada Bailey Davis passed away on June 30, 2005. Mrs. Davis was born January 22, 1932 in Sachse. She was a great-great-granddaughter of William Sachse. She grew up on Bailey Road and Miles Road, and shared a lively childhood with five sisters. As part of the Sachse tradition, Mrs. Davis contributed a great deal to her community; for example, Mrs. Davis and her husband, Bill Davis, were instrumental in bringing Little League baseball to Salmon Park. She was lifetime member of the Sachse Christian Church, a longtime member of the Sachse Historical Society, a volunteer for the Sachse Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Sachse Senior Group. Mrs. Davis is survived by her sisters, her three sons, and six grandchildren. Nada was dearly loved and is greatly missed.

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