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HAYNES-BURNS-EWELL BUILDING
EARLY SITE OF THE GRANBURY POST OFFICE, THIS NATIVE STONE STRUCTURE WAS ERECTED BY JAMES C. HAYNES, POSTMASTER FROM 1872 TO 1874. HE SOLD THE EDIFICE IN 1878 TO THOMAS A. BURNS, WHO SERVED AS POSTMASTER UNTIL 1883. THE PROPERTY WAS THEN PURCHASED BY THOMAS T. EWELL, A NEWSPAPERMAN WHO PUBLISHED AN EARLY HISTORY OF HOOD COUNTY. OFFICES, STORES, AND CAFES OCCUPIED THE BUILDING UNTIL 1975, WHEN IT WAS RESTORED BY DICK AND SUNNY ALLEN FOR HOOD COUNTY TITLE CO. RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK-1976
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J. F. AND J. NUTT BUILDING

ERECTED FOR JESSE AND JACOB NUTT, BROTHERS WHO AIDED IN ESTABLISHING COUNTY SEAT AT GRANBURY. THEIR FIRST (1866) STORE HAD BEEN A 16 BY 12 LOG HOUSE, WITH A WAGON YARD IN THE REAR.

THIS STRUCTURE OF HAND-HEWN HOOD COUNTY STONE WAS BUILT IN 1893 BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR JIM WARREN. ABOUT 1919 NUTT HOTEL—FAMED FOR DINING ROOM—MOVED IN AFTER "GROCERY" WAS REMODELED.

BUILDING HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY 3 GENERATIONS OF THE NUTT FAMILY.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK — 1970
Hood County News

Successor to "Granbury Vidette", town's first newspaper, founded 1872 by Capt. W. L. Bond and later owned by an 1882 staff recruit, A. W. Crockett (1867-1933), a grandson of the Alamo hero, J. D. Ballard in 1884 started the "Granbury News", later owned by highly regarded Frank Gaston, State Senator A. B. Crawford and wife in 1937 bought from Crockett the last paper he owned, merging it in 1946 with the "Granbury News". In 1964 widowed Mrs. Crawford moved paper into this 1891 building and began to advocate historic preservation—a policy continued by later owners after she retired in 1970.

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RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1973

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HARDWARE AND TIN SHOP

A CABIN-DOTTED WOODLAND IN 1870, THIS SQUARE SOON HAD BUILDINGS OF STONE QUARRIED LESS THAN A MILE AWAY. INVESTOR JOHN D. BAKER BUILT THIS STRUCTURE IN 1882 AND IN 1890 SOLD IT TO SALOONKEEPERS ASTON & LANDERS. EXTENSIVE REPAIRS WERE MADE IN 1891, AFTER A FIRE IN THIS AND NEIGHBOR BUILDINGS. BY 1895, EX-COUNTY CLERK J. R. MORRIS HAD A HARDWARE AND TIN SHOP HERE. LON MORRIS, A WIDELY-KNOWN LAWYER AND COLLEGE BENEFACtor, HAD HIS OFFICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK – 1974

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The Glenn Brothers' Building
Erected in 1885 by town-builder James Farr, an attorney; bought in 1888 by the Glenn brothers—Clark B., Dan, John L., and James M.—civic leaders interested in many businesses besides their family grocery housed in this structure. After a fire in this store and the three to the west, contractors Elliott & Halsey made extensive repairs (1891), using heavy timbers clad in iron to support brick veneer front of upper story, with its handsome Victorian styling.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark—1973

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GRANBURY GOT ITS SECOND WIND AFTER THE NUTT HOUSE RE-OPENED AS A POPULAR EATING PLACE WITH GIFT SHOPS IN THE UPSTAIRS ROOMS
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ASTON-LANDERS BUILDING
ERECTED 1893 AS A SALOON BY ANDY ASTON AND GEORGE LANDERS; OF NATIVE STONE, WITH PATENTED IRON FRONT.
HERE OCCURRED A 1901 DUEL THAT BADLY INJURED A NON-PARTICIPATING HORSEMAN ON THE SQUARE. CRUSADER CARRIE NATION VISITED GRANBURY IN 1905, AND IN 1906 VOTERS OUTLAWED LIQUOR. AFTERWARD ASTON HAD HIS BUGGY AND HARNESS SHOP IN THE BUILDING, EMPLOYING FINE LEATHER CRAFTSMEN CHARLIE MAXWELL AND WILKES MCCUEN. LATER THE BUILDING HOUSED SHOPS OF MANY KINDS.
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK—1974

Granbury
Hood County News, Thursday, May 31, 1979

The Tree Of Knowledge
Review's Sweetheart of the Month

by Barbara Lancaster

Selected this month by the Hood County Review as Sweetheart of the Month is Mary Kate Durham. She will be rocking away in her rocking chair for the "Rock-Off" at the Bean Cook-Off, along with many others. The beneficiary of all this energy will be the Depot Restoration Fund.

She says she wasn't very interested in history when she was young. (It's hard to see how she had time to be interested in anything between feeding and caring for all the animals she and her two sisters took care of.)

Her father refused to be daunted by the fact that he had three daughters and no sons. He just turned the daughters into helpers, as good as men. He ran a dairy and sold and raised Collie puppies.

Mary Kate says, "I can remember Dad using lathing from the old Thorp Springs College to make the nicest little crates for those Collie pups. They went all over the U.S. and into Mexico and Central America."

Dad and Mother decided to move to town when the eldest daughter got old enough for elocution lessons, along with tap, and piano lessons. They lived in the beautiful Milkie Nutt home, and that was where Mary Kate's interest in local history began.

Her dad's family had been here since 1870, and her mother's family since 1907. Her husband was quite a historian, and Mary Kate has merely carried on the tradition he established. Their son, Randy, died in a car accident when he was home from college in 1976. A daughter, Kay Lee, is secretary to James C. Kay Kendall, who heads the nuclear plant.

Her mother insisted that she have a degree in teaching, and she majored in business education at North Texas State University, graduating in 1945, after only three years. She started working with Anjanette Ables in the County Clerks about four years ago, and says it was the most interesting job possible.

"The people here are so nice, and I love my work with all my heart."

Mary Kate also says, she has a lifetime of collected "junk" which leaves me with a complete museum collection; my dream for the future, is a building for a Hood County Museum, to house my collection. We Need It."
Presbyterian Church of Granbury

Years of Presbyterianism, Hood County are lost to time, with the few isolated bits and by the Civil War, the county settled, with a few. One such center was we find the earliest Presbyterian congregation shared a building near Walnut Street, Methodist, and with congregations as two Cumberland Presbyterians, Ben D. Austin and from Cleburne served the community.

Civil War, two events marked a new day. In 1866, the area created Hood County, granting “within 6 miles of a center.” Five years of political strife, the present site was chosen. Little is development of Presbyterian county seat, shared the courthouse with other denominations on a rotating basis. From the memoirs of persons who lived through these days we know there were those who adhered to two schools of Presbyterianism, the Old School and the Cumberland.

In 1879, the Rev. H.G. Martin was the minister, holding services at the courthouse on the first and third Sundays of each month, according to the Granbury Vidette, an early newspaper. The next reference is in the January 31, 1885, of the Granbury Graphic, which reports the Rev. A.S. Carver was holding services in the Baptist Church on the first Sunday of each month.

The Cumberland Presbyterians must have prospered, for on May 12, 1892, they purchased the lot on which the church now stands for $300. This was followed by the purchase of the manse, next door, on December 10, 1894, for $465. (This property was sold in 1938 for $800.)

It was into this manse that the Rev. C.C. McConnell moved on December 12, 1899. The congregation developed well in the next few years for in March 1895 the contract for the foundation for the church house was awarded to I.M. Walley, with the present building being completed in April 1896.

The new building was dedicated on Sunday, November 7, 1897, with the Rev. McConnell preaching and the Rev. W.J. Lackey leading the service.

A forward step came with the union of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (successor to the “Old School” Presbyterians in Granbury) in 1906. This brought the two groups together in Granbury.

The years 1913-20 show the congregation at the apex of its strength. The membership was in the 70s while attendance was in the 60s. During these years, a “marching orchestra” played for worship nearly every Sunday, while there was an “active” Sunday School, choir and activities for young people.

The next “peak” period was during the pastorates of the Rev. W.A. Patterson, 1924-27, with thirty members in the congregation, but life was not to be easy in the years which followed World War I. In the ensuing years, the congregation declined in numbers, being served by student pastors and laymen. Yet this was a period which showed the true mettle of a few.

During these years a group of dedicated laymen gave of their time to make certain services were held in the Presbyterian Church. One of these was the Hon. Jim Wright, then mayor of Weatherford, now Congressman from the 12th Congressional District. Another devoted couple who have given of themselves in the preservation of the Presbyterian witness in Granbury were Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Pate, Jr., of Fort Worth.

Now in the center of the new life which has been brought to Granbury and Hood County by the development of Lake Granbury, the tenacity of this small group of members has begun to bear fruit, for a new life can be seen centered in the First Presbyterian church house at 309 West Bridge.

This renewal has been seen in the congregation sharing its facilities with the Lutheran Church, who have since moved in on a meeting place of their own, and with the Roman Catholics, who use the church house. The Catholics have been built on out of Highway 208. Recently, a major restoration project was completed with the “Old church house renewed, taking its rightful place with its proud witness in the community. The stained glass window, previously in the Austin College chapel, was given by A.M. Pate, Jr., interior painting was done by Dorothy Robertson, Bill and Dee Holt, Tom and Julia Baines and Jim Bandy and Virginia Conner. Dee Hall made the curtains.

Currently, the parttime pastor is Rev. Elisha Paschal, tenant pastor (called so after the apostle Paul who was a tenant). He is a geologist for Sun Oil. The church celebrated its Centenary in 1979.