

April 7, 2009

Commissioner Lisa Birkman,
Judge Dan Gattis and
Other Commissioners

We would like to submit for consideration the name "J. B. and Hallie Jester Annex" for the new county annex building, soon to be under construction on Old Settlers Blvd., east of Sunrise Road.

The name Jester has a deep history in this area of Round Rock. The property on which the new annex will stand was owned by Joseph Bailey Jester (deceased Sept. 1967) and wife Hallie Bradley Jester (deceased Dec. 1983). This property has been in the Jester Family since the late 1800s.

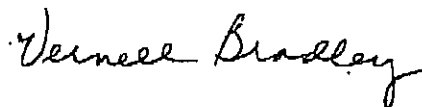
Joseph Bailey Jester, lifelong resident of Round Rock, was the grandson of Ranger Captain Nelson Merrell, who owned land from Highway 79 (then a dirt road) northward to Old Settler's Blvd. (only a property line then) encompassing over 1000 acres. Joseph Bailey Jester was born and lived his whole life on this farm. The Jester portion of that estate will be the site of the new annex.

Hallie Bradley Jester, wife of Bailey Jester, was also a lifelong resident of Round Rock. She worked at the Round Rock Cheese Factory and served as secretary and bookkeeper for Round Rock I. S. D. (under Superintendent's O. F. Perry and Noel Grisham) from which she retired in June 1971 after 16 years.

We feel it would be fitting and proper to honor their love for this land and their memory by naming this new annex after them.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,



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