

May 15, 2009

Mr. Chris Dyer, Chairman
Williamson County Historical Commission
716 S. Austin Ave.
Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Mr. Dyer:

I respectfully request to be considered for a seat on the Williamson County Historical Commission. I am interested in this position not only because I believe in the importance of preserving and protecting the history of Williamson County, but I also feel that there is an amazing story that this county has to tell, and I hate to see these stories disappear as the population grows. As an ownership partner in a local engineering and surveying firm (Steger & Bizzell Engineering, Inc.), I am exposed almost daily to the history of this county. As such, I am aware of the changes being made to once rural and historical properties throughout the county as the population skyrockets. While this growth is healthy, it is increasingly important to preserve the character of our townships and communities whose stories and forefathers were the catalyst for this growth.

Being a Registered Professional Land Surveyor, part of my professional duties require me to do extensive research into properties throughout Williamson County. Our firm, which was started and continues to be headquartered in Georgetown, has been in business since 1974. During that time, we have surveyed and/or designed thousands of projects which extend to all corners of the county. Over time, our firm has compiled thousands of files that provide research into thousands of county properties. Our firm has also had an active role in shaping many of the communities as they exist today.

Regarding my personal background, I majored in Banking and Finance at the University of Mississippi (graduate 1986). After college, I was employed in the commercial banking industry in Washington, D.C. until accepting a position with Steger Bizzell in 1997. I soon obtained my surveyor's license and became partner in the company. My wife, Holly Steger Stevens, is a native of Georgetown, and her family and relatives also have a long history in Williamson County.

I hope you will consider me an acceptable candidate for inclusion on your commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick J. Stevens, R.P.L.S.

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Commission Membership

I have been an active member of the commission for eighteen years. During that time I have contributed to the preservation and telling of the history of this county

as a commission member I had a direct involvement in the establishment of the Willmonson Museum, I was instrumental in establishing the self governance of the museum separate from the commission.

I took it upon myself to see that the "History of Willmonson County" was written in 2000. John Hepler had agreed to write the book, but nothing was being done to get it started. Note mention on page 5.

I have contributed dozens of Willmonson county artifacts to the Museum.

I wrote most of the applications
for the Historical Marker for
the museum.

I have re-framed most of
the antique pictures in the
county offices.

I have contributed to several
books covering various aspects
of LBJ's life. I am a consultant
to the Lyndon B Johnson Museum
and Library in Austin, the LBJ
Museum in San Marcos, and
the W.R. Poage Legislative
Library at Baylor.

George Meyer

1 April 2009

The Honorable Dan A. Gattis
County Judge
Williamson County, Texas
710 Main Street
Suite 101
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Dear Judge Gattis:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Williamson County Historical Commission. Although I am a new resident of Williamson County—I moved to Taylor in March 2008—I am interested in learning more about my new home and the area surrounding it. I feel that my skills and abilities would contribute to the goals of the historical commission.

My academic background is varied, but interrelated: I have an undergraduate degree and a graduate degree in fine arts, with a major in photography; I have an M. Arch. degree with an emphasis in historic preservation; and in August 2007 I defended my dissertation in landscape history and theory. I am interested in vernacular or “everyday,” ordinary buildings and landscapes as much as I am interested high-style architecture and designed gardens and parks. I also am interested in the impacts of different cultural groups on the landscape.

I am able to conduct research in archives and collections of all sizes and levels of organization, and I am interested in doing so in order to learn more about Williamson County. I hope that you will consider my interest in the commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rachel', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Rachel Leibowitz, Ph.D.

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Williamson County Commissioners Court
Dear Judge Gattis and Commissioners,

Please accept this as my application for the Williamson County Historical Commission.

My wife Lynn and I grew up in Williamson County, graduating from Round Rock Schools, Texas State University and the University of Texas. As two kids who had grown up in rural Williamson County we wanted to "see the big city!", so in 1980 we moved to the New York City area. In 1990, we moved back to Round Rock so our children could attend Round Rock High School. They both graduated from here and then Texas State University.

My grandfather, Oscar Quick, came to Williamson County in 1885. He and his brothers were sponsored by and worked for the Nelson-Avery Family. In 1892 they purchased our family farm outside of Round Rock (near the intersection of FM1460 and Old Settlers Boulevard), where we still raise hay and longhorn cattle. Also in 1892 he married his sweetheart from Smoland, Sweden, Carolina Ericson. My father, Eugene Quick, was born on the farm in 1913. He attended Round Rock Public Schools and graduated from the University of Texas as a pharmacist. He married Marjorie Beaumont, a local teacher, and in 1944 he opened Quick Pharmacy on Main Street in Round Rock, working there for the next 50 years. My mother continued to teach school and gave music lessons to many local children.

Lynn's family owned the historic Fouse Livery Stable on Main Street in Round Rock. Her grandfather, Curtis Bert Fouse, worked for the railroad; In 1911 he played on the Round Rock baseball team. Bert's brother Jeff Fouse and Aunt Suzie lived in the Merrill Plantation House on Highway 79. Lynn's great aunt, Marie Lewis, will celebrate her 100th birthday in Round Rock on May 3, 2009. Marie was a legal secretary/bookkeeper in Georgetown and has interesting memories of Governor Dan Moody when he was a young attorney there.

Education:

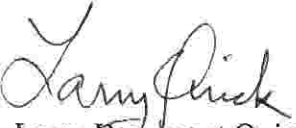
Public Education, K-12; Round Rock School District, 1964

Bachelors, 1973; Masters, 1975: University of Texas, Austin; Anthropology/Human Biology.

Currently: Masters of Science Candidate, Community Planning, University of Texas School of Architecture.

Married: Lynn Quick, Science Teacher, RRISD

Military Service: US Army, 1966-1969.


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Claire Maxwell

From: Peggy Vasquez [pvasquez@wilco.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 3:47 PM
To: Claire Maxwell
Subject: RE: Williamson County Historical Commission appointments

Thank you so much for providing me with your information and for your interest in serving. I am compiling information for the court and will provide your interest and information to each member for their consideration.

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From: Claire Maxwell [mailto:10max10@austin.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 10:20 AM
To: Peggy Vasquez
Subject: Williamson County Historical Commission appointments

Hello Peggy, Ella Jez left me a message yesterday that she had talked to you and that you needed my info for the WCHC appointments. I have been on the Commission since 1997 or 1998 (I can't remember the exact date but it was shortly after I quit working in Austin. I served as vice-chair of the commission for a time. I have been a member of the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society since 1982 and have held various offices including that of the chairman for the past nine years. I have always had an interest in history and archeology – my BA from the University of New Mexico was in archeology with minors in History and English. I worked as an archeologist for several years in Arizona and New Mexico before moving back to Texas and working in the Texas Panhandle. After moving to Taylor in 1981, I worked for what is now the Center for American History at the University of Texas as an archivist managing the Texas Newspaper Collection and for the Texas Commission for the Humanities during the state-wide inventory of historic newspapers. I am an alumna of the Winedale Museum Institute. In 1987 I began work at the Austin History Center as the photographs curator managing 750,000 historic images of Austin and Travis County. During my tenure there, I was trained at the Rochester Institute of Photography in New York and the Getty Conservation Institute in California. For a number of years I had a consulting business training museum, library staffs and individuals in preservation of photographs and archives. I was on the board of the Williamson County Historical Museum during its start-up period and I served on the Taylor Main Street board for five years, two years as board chair. I have been on the Moody Museum board for nine years, and am presently the vice-chair. I am currently the owner of the Talbot Street Bed & Breakfast in Taylor which is

in the 1889 Seiders Home and I live in the 1909 McConnell Home, so you can see that I am surrounded by local history all the time! I enjoy being on the WCHC and I believe that I am a good conduit of information from the county to the local citizens and vice versa. Bob Brinkman and Chris Dyer can tell you more about my tenure on the WCHC and the WCHM.

We really do need more representation of East Williamson County on the commission. Mary Stiba is on the museum board and she might be willing to be on the Commission – I don't know her well but she lives in Rices Crossing and Chris Dyer could give you her contact info. I have told people at the Moody Museum and at the TCHS about the need for more local representation and have encouraged several people to think about applying. I will let you know what I hear from them. Please let me know if you need any more info. My home phone is 512-365-2707. Claire Maxwell