

To: Chris Dyer
From: Diane Goodwin
Subject: Williamson County Historical Commission
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I am interested in becoming a member of the Williamson County Historical Commission. I have a very deep interest in Texas history and would like to assist the WCHC in pursuing their mission. I have a life long interest in historical research including family history.

I live in unincorporated Williamson County, approximately one mile north of RM 1431 and just west of Sam Bass Road (CR175) in Precinct 2.

I grew up in Illinois, a descendant of English farmers who turned prairie into farm land in the 1830s and 1840s. I am now returning my 5 acres of the Dick Mayfield ranch back into prairie.

I hold a B.A. in Mathematics from Kalamazoo College and an M.A. in Education from Pepperdine University.

I worked professionally in transportation for approximately twenty years. I was first employed in Washington D.C. in the Department of Transportation as a researcher, then with several consulting firms, and also as a transportation planner for the County of Orange, California, and the Southern California Association of Governments (the regional Council of Governments.)

I then joined Mattel Toys in their corporate office for ten years. I worked as an educator for five years before moving to Texas in 2002.

While in California I served on the Board of Directors of the Santa Monica Heritage Museum for six years, two as President.

Most recently I have worked four years, in a volunteer capacity, as the Historic Preservation Officer for Cedar Park. I also was President of the Cedar Park Heritage Society for three years. Cedar Park is a certified Local Government for Historic Preservation.

I researched and successfully applied for a state historical marker for Cedar Park. In March of 2009 a Texas state historical marker entitled "Granite for the State Capitol" was dedicated.

Also, during that time, I researched and wrote two city historical markers on the 19th century Austin-Lampasas stage coach line and the Austin and Northwestern railroad.