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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Responses to my last message regarding membership desires about meetings have been received in sufficient numbers to arrive at definite conclusions. Out of fourteen letters, twelve desired only one meeting a year and in conjunction with a stamp exhibition or event. Locations suggested for meetings included Austin, San Antonio, Waco and Fort Worth. Two persons wished to have the meeting held separately and be an all day affair with seminars and trading involved. Some of you indicated what you wanted in the way of articles and information in the journal as well as seminar subjects. We will attempt to schedule meetings as closely to your preferences in the future as possible. There are a few drawbacks to holding a meeting at a stamp show, however. A number of people wanted Saturday as the time but usually the host club or society and the main guest organization have that date booked for the extra meeting facilities or if not entirely booked, the availability is limited as to time. If extra meeting rooms can be obtained (usually at the larger shows) on a Saturday, then overlaps occur and the potential attendance is cut. Also, because of time and the principal show schedule, the business meeting, seminars and trading sessions cannot all take place. The only way to have a long session or split sessions in segments is to lease a space ourselves, but again, the overlapping of other events will cut the number present. I trust that our meeting in Austin will be a fruitful one and the results will appear in the next issue.

Send John Whitehead information or an article that can be published in the journal.

Nonie Green, President

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Our thanks to Jane Fohn and Fred Ekenstam for the two fine articles appearing in this copy of the Journal. Jane Fohn's contribution is an outline of the research resources and facilities available in Austin, Texas. Fred Ekenstam's piece is an update of his article on Texas County and Postmaster Cancellations which was published in the September 1984 issue of the Journal. Also in this issue is a current list of members in the Texas Postal History Society.

As always, I am in need of articles to be included in the upcoming issues of the Journal. If you have been thinking of writing something (or even if you haven't been thinking of writing something!) now is the time to sit down and do it.

RESEARCH COLLECTIONS
Austin, Texas

By Jane King Fohn

Austin, Texas has four Research Centers with Southern, Western, Southwestern, Texas, Travis County and Austin history collections. They are the Eugene C. Barker Texas History Center, Texas State Library, General Land Office and the Austin History Center. All these research facilities are of great value to the Postal Historian (and Genealogist). Each center has a staff to help with inperson research, mail requests and copy services. TEXPEX-AUSPEX 85 will be in Texas, March 1-3, 1985, hosted by the Texas Philatelic Association and Austin, Texas, Stamp Club. For those who will be coming to Austin, it would be an excellent time to visit these research collections.

EUGENE C. BARKER TEXAS HISTORY CENTER at the University of Texas at Austin, serves as the single most important resource center in existence for the study of the historical development of the state of Texas. In addition, the Center's extensive holdings in Southern, Western and Southwestern history make it one of the preeminent regional historical research repositories in the nation. Its book, map, newspaper, photographic, and archival and manuscripts resources yield copious information for anyone desiring to know more about these regions. The Barker Center consists of four units:

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¹The collection began in 1899 with acquisition of Bexar Archives, record of Spanish and Mexican colonial administration of Texas. THE TEXAS POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL, "The Bexar Archives", Vol. 3, No. 4, Pages 11 and 12.

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²The microfilm of Jim Wheat's Postmasters and Post Offices of Texas, 1846-1930, is included in the collection. THE TEXAS POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL, Vol. 1, No. 1. Page 4.

³TEXAS POST OFFICE PAPERS 1836-1839 and TEXAS POST OFFICE PAPERS 1839-1840, edited by James M. Day are available through this division of Texas State Library. THE TEXAS POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY JOURNAL, Vol. 1, No. 3, Page 15.

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TEXAS COUNTY AND POSTMASTER

CANCELLATIONS: 1856 to 1911

BY FRED EKENSTAM

(CONTINUED FROM SEPT. 1984 ISSUE)

Several new listings of co/pm cancellations have been recorded since the first article:

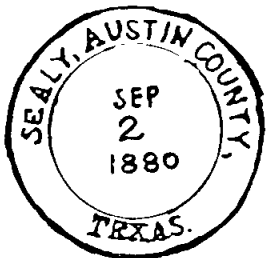
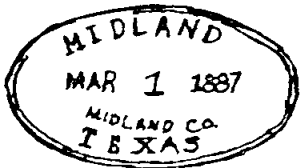
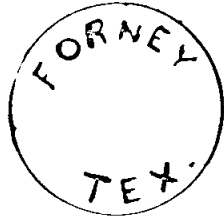
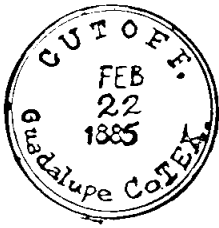
CANCELLATION	DATE	CANCEL TYPE
Brown's Mills, Lee Co.	U	SLms
CUTOFF, / Guadalupe Co., TEX.	1885	CD
FORNEY / TEX (EPC / PM)	U	INITIALS
GATESVILLE. TEX. / CORRECT / P. TURNER, JR., P.M.	1874	CP
HALESBORO, / J. E. HUGHES, P.M. / TEXAS	1884	CDF
HAMILTON / HAMILTON CO / H. R. BOYNTON, P.M. / TEXAS	1884	CFI
HUTTO, Williamson Co. / TEX.	1884	CDI
POTTSBORO / GRAYSON CO. / LAKE, P.M. / TEXAS	1881	CI
SEALY, AUSTIN COUNTY, / TEXAS	1880	CI
SMITHVILLE, BASTP. CO. / TEX.	1890	CP
WARRENSBURG TEX. / HARRIS CO.	1881	U

A tracing of the Forney / Tex (EPC / PM) cover is included in the group of tracings. EPC are the initials of Edward P. Chambless, who was the postmaster of Forney from 1886 to 1889. This is a mongrel cancel and I have described it in the cancel type as "INITIALS."

After the comment in the first article regarding the Mink, Texas cover being the only one I had seen to a destination outside the United States, the following have come to light, from several different sources:

Erskine, Concho County, Texas to Leipzig, Germany
Ingram, Kerr County, Texas to Barbodos, West Indies
Harrisburg, Harris County, Texas to Munich, Germany (2)
Haw Creek P.O., Fayette County, Texas to Berwangin, Germany
LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas to Dresden, Germany (2)
Trygillo, Oldham County, Texas to Quebec, Canada

It would be interesting to see if there are any other usages outside of the country since so far there are only eleven covers represented in the at least two hundred and thirty-five in this study.

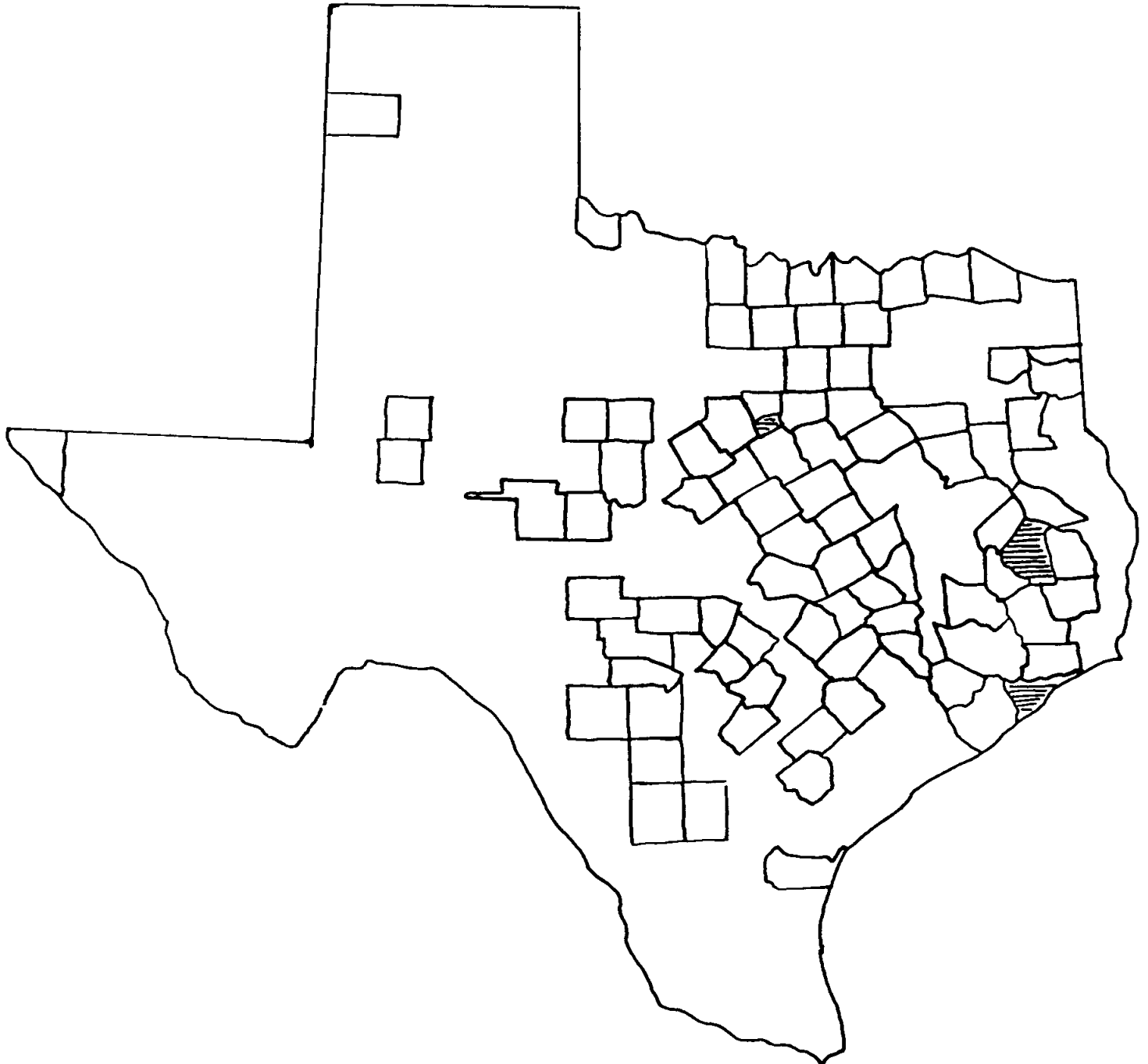


The following list is the counties represented with the number of different cancels for each so far recorded:

Anderson (2)	Angelina (1)	Austin (1)
Bandera (1)	Bastrop (2)	Bell (4)
Blanco (1)	Bosque (3)	Brazoria (1)
Brazos (3)	Burleson (2)	Callahan (1)
Chambers (1)	Cherokee (2)	Clay (2)
Coleman (1)	Collin (2)	Comal (1)
Comanche (1)	Concho (2)	Cooke (2)
Coryell (2)	Dallas (1)	Denton (3)
Dewitt (3)	Ellis (2)	El Paso (3)
Erath (1)	Falls (4)	Fannin (2)
Fayette (6)	Fort Bend (1)	Frio (2)
Gillespie (1)	Goliad (1)	Grayson (8)
Guadalupe (1)	Hamilton (1)	Hardeman (3)
Hardin (1)	Harris (4)	Harrison (1)
Hays (2)	Henderson (1)	Hill (5)
Hood (1)	Jack (1)	Johnson (1)
Kerr (1)	Kimble (1)	Lamar (4)
LaSalle (2)	Lavaca (4)	Lee (3)
Liberty (1)	Marion (2)	Martin (1)
McLennan (2)	McMullen (2)	Medina (3)
Midland (1)	Milam (3)	Mills (1)
Montague (1)	Montgomery (2)	Navarro (1)
Nueces (1)	Oldham (2)	Red River (2)
Robertson (2)	Rusk (2)	San Jacinto (1)
Tarrant (3)	Taylor (1)	Tom Green (1)
Tyler (3)	Trinity (1)	Upshur (1)
Ulvalde (1)	Washington (1)	Williamson (3)
Wilson (1)	Wise (3)	

In addition to another page of tracings, I am including a map of Texas which shows the counties represented. The counties which are shaded do not have cancels recorded, but are merely surrounded by counties which do have cancels recorded. The distribution is quite interesting and must be fairly representative of the population distribution for the state during the time period of this study. It is interesting to note that no large cities are represented in the study.

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