
HISTORIC WAXAHACHIE, INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings and welcome to spring! The Board of HWI, Inc. is looking forward to a productive year and involving all members in the interest of preservation and celebration of our historic resources in Waxahachie. Join us as we learn and share our experiences. Become involved with our programs, activities, projects, and committees. We would like to have your input as to programs you might want to enjoy, questions you have about preservation, or experiences you would like to share. Contact us at historicwaxahachie.com or 972-938-0879.

Larry Felty
2014 HWI President

January Membership Meeting



David Preziosi, Becky Kauffman, Larry Felty

HWI started the new year with the annual membership meeting at Central Presbyterian Church. Becky Kauffman introduced David Preziosi, Director of Preservation Dallas who shared many preservation successes and some losses in the city of Dallas. His presentation included the Wilson Block where the Preservation Dallas office is located. The Victorian homes on the block have been restored and are currently being used as a community of 39 non-profit agencies working collaboratively with one another in rent-free office space.

After a vote to amend the current bylaws to allow a Board member to serve a year after the term limit has been reached, the new officers for 2014 were elected. They are:

President Larry Felty
Vice-President (President elect) Nancy Post
Secretary Marilyn Howell
Treasurer David Hudgins

New Board members elected are John Wedel, Heidi Perkins, and Glinda Felty.

Awards were presented for Historic Preservation by the 2013 HWI Board:

Commercial : Klassy Klutter Antique Shop owned by Eldonna Bates located at 210 N. Monroe.

Residential: Gerry and Lisa Heine restored the house located at 300 Virginia which is now owned by Bill Gathings, a new HWI member

Presidents' Awards for Historic Preservation Leadership were presented at the December Christmas Party at the Ellis County Woman's Building. Their names are inscribed on the plaque located in the Ellis County Museum:

Shannon Simpson Curator of the Ellis County Museum

Edwin Farrar who served on the City Council and the Heritage Preservation Board

HWI Marker Presentation



Manigrasso Family

Hannah and Paul Manigrasso and their children received a Historic Waxahachie, Inc. marker for their home at 605 West Main, Waxahachie. It was presented to the family by the members of the Marker Committee, Annette Cooper, Jane Crum, Becky Kauffman, and HWI President Larry Felty. The Manigrasso family moved to Waxahachie in 2012. They have nine children, eight of whom live at home. Paul works for FTS International in Ft Worth and Hannah is a full time mother and homemaker.

Their home, built in 1896 for Joe Thompson, is known as the historical C. R. Gibson House, bought by Mr. Gibson in 1910. The architect was H. D. Timmons. The basic changes to the home are a metal roof, and it has been enlarged by one additional room.

Charles R. Gibson

Charles Reese (Uncle Charlie) Gibson was born 1842 in Alabama and died October 22, 1925 at his home. He was known as a newspaperman and political figure. He enlisted in the Confederate army and served until General Lee surrendered. After the war, he obtained a license to practice law. He moved to Waxahachie in 1867 where he served as district and county clerk for Ellis County from 1869-1873. He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1878 and was elected as Speaker during his last term in 1883.

In Waxahachie, he published the *Ellis County News* and founded the *Waxahachie Enterprise*. He returned from Austin to write for the *Waxahachie Daily Light* and the *Weekly Enterprise*. Uncle Charlie was known for his work as a writer and editor.

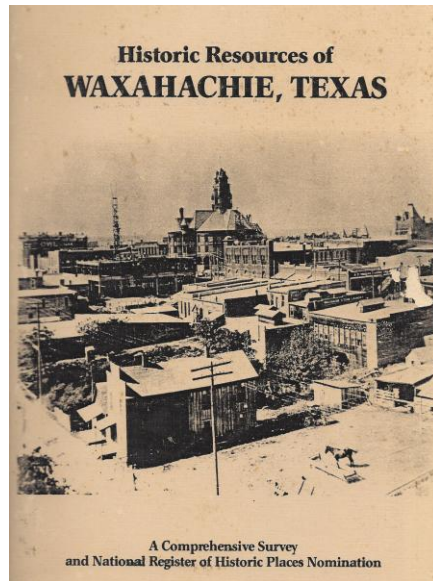
He married Sallie N. Ellis of Waxahachie who died in 1877. They had four children. He later married Emma Jane Driscoll (daughter of the builder of the Driscoll Hotel) of Austin and they had two children.

Uncle Charlie was a distinguished member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the founders of the IOOF Widows' and Orphans' Home at Corsicana.



The Odd Fellows Building on the corner of Main and College.
The building burned in November 1911

DOES YOUR HOME HAVE A HWI MARKER?
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION AVAILABLE
historicwaxahachie.com or call Annette Cooper at 972-938-0818



Historic Resources

In 1985, HWI and the City of Waxahachie contracted with Preservation Consultants, Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc. to create a survey of Historic Resources of Waxahachie. This also included the National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the City. At that time numerous structures were identified, photographed, and ranked according to preservation priority. In 2003, an Update by Hardy-Heck-Moore was produced which included a historical resources survey update and a supplemental inventory of historic properties (built prior to 1946).

Copies of these Surveys are located both in Sims Library and the Ellis County Museum and can be downloaded from the Waxahachie City website.

Since 1985, some structures have been restored, renovated, demolished, or moved. The HWI Board is looking into a new Survey to bring the information about current historic resources up to date.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Ellis County Museum Gingerbread Trail June 6-7

Volunteers needed for Courthouse Tours Contact Wayne Norcross 972-938-0048

Annual Ice Cream Social TBA

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Membership Dues

If you have not paid your 2014 membership dues or know someone who would like to become a member, please send the form with a check.

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Membership application or renewal for 2014

Please put a check mark beside the Member Level you prefer: Individual____\$25
Family____\$35 Student____\$15 Patron____\$100 Corporation____\$150
Benefactor____\$250 Lifetime____\$750

Date_____ Names_____

Address_____ City, State,
Zip_____

Phones: Home and/or cell_____

Email_____ Communication via email?
Yes or No

Please indicate any committees you would like to help:

Social_____ Downtown or other Tours_____ Courthouse Tours_____
Driving and Walk Tour Maps _____ Educational Programs _____ Historic
Markers_____ Public Relations_____ Oral Histories_____ Board
Member_____

Please return this form with you renewal or new application. For tax information, HWI is a 501
C3 corporation. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Our website is now: historicwaxahachie.com

Form: 2014



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