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Dear Fellow HWI Members,

This year has been a very productive year with several programs and events.

In January, David Preziosi, Director of Preservation Dallas shared both preservation successes and some losses in the city of Dallas. A follow-up to this meeting was a day trip to Dallas for a tour of the "Wilson Block" where the Preservation Dallas office is located. The block of restored Victorian homes are currently be used by 39 non-profit agencies.

An HWI marker was awarded to the Paul and Heather Manigrasso family for their home at 605 W. Main, which they opened for the 2014 Museum Gingerbread Trail.

The HWI downtown walking tour guide was revised. Copies are available at the Ellis County Museum and the Chamber of Commerce office.

A new recorder was purchased and used by John Wedel and Annette Cooper to record an oral history interview with Mattie Borders, one of our distinguished senior citizens who recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. The interview can be heard on the website.

HWI members assisted the City of Waxahachie with "The Crossroads of Texas" film festival.

Our Ice Cream Social was held on the court house lawn with the movie "Frozen" being shown on the outside screen after dark.

Work was continued on the red caboose with touch up painting and cleaning of the interior. Markers were placed at the location of the Bridge Store on Rogers Street and at the Wyatt Building in Singleton Plaza.

HWI members served as tour guides for the Ellis County Court House during Bob Phillips Day and the Gingerbread Trail and for special tours.

To top off the year of projects, the Baseball Legends mural painted by the Eyecon Company on the Parks and Recreational Building was completed.

The annual Christmas party held at the Felty home and was well attended by members and prospective members.

I would like to thank the Board members and who have worked so hard to make our projects come to life and be the voice of historical preservation that makes a solid presence in our city.

Thank you all for making this year one which will always be very memorable to me.

Larry Felty, 2014 President

## ANNUAL EX-PRESIDENTS AWARDS FOR PRESERVATION LEADERSHIP

Each year a group of HWI Ex-presidents meet to choose those who have or continue to contribute to the preservation of the history of Waxahachie. This year four names were added to the plaque that is kept on display at the Ellis County Museum.

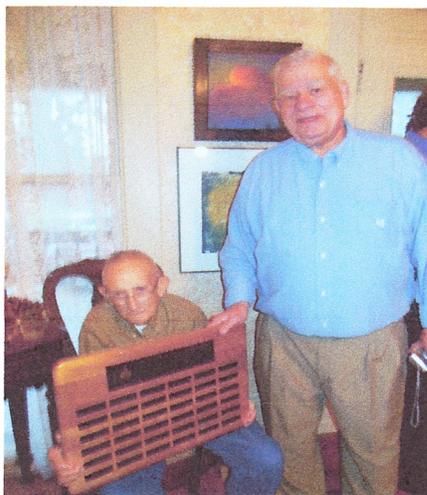
The awards were announced at the annual Christmas membership meeting on December 21 at the home of Larry and Glinda Felty.

Michael Hargrove greatly deserves this award. Michael grew up in Waxahachie and from a very early age started drawing the wonderful historic homes that make up this town. His pen and ink drawings were one of the first endeavors to make people aware of the treasures that we have. His great talent showed off the homes, our courthouse, and other public buildings. He was nominated - an honor in itself - to be state artist. His drawings of many public and state buildings were hung in courthouses, capitols, and homes everywhere. Michael passed away this year.

Since the formation of their company, Colonial Restoration, Brad and Lorinda Yeats have rescued and restored a number of structures in Waxahachie. In addition to the home where they live, they have moved another structure from College Street to E. Marvin and are in the process of saving it and restoring it to its grandeur.

Billy Hancock taught history at Waxahachie High School where he encouraged his students to research and write about local history. Their research was compiled into booklets over the years. Recently he chose to publish a number of the essays in one volume. He also wrote about Richards Park and assisted in the field receiving an historical marker from the Texas Historical Commission. His father had a store on the east side of the square when Billy was growing up. Recently he researched the buildings in that area and recorded their history. All his editions are available for purchase at the Ellis County Museum.

Billy Hancock with Larry Felty is holding the plaque with his name engraved.



## HWI BOARD AWARDS FOR LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

Also at the Christmas Membership 778 Meeting, the HWI Board recognized those who have made recent changes for preservation to local structures.

Christopher and Michael Roberts purchased the property at 802 Brown Street in 2013. They have added to the on-going preservation of the previous owners with improvements both to the exterior and interior of the home.

Sam and Laura Beth Anderson purchased the home at 301 E. Marvin and immediately began the preservation process. The home represents the period of homes built in the 1930's.



Christopher and Michael Roberts



Sam and Laura Beth Anderson

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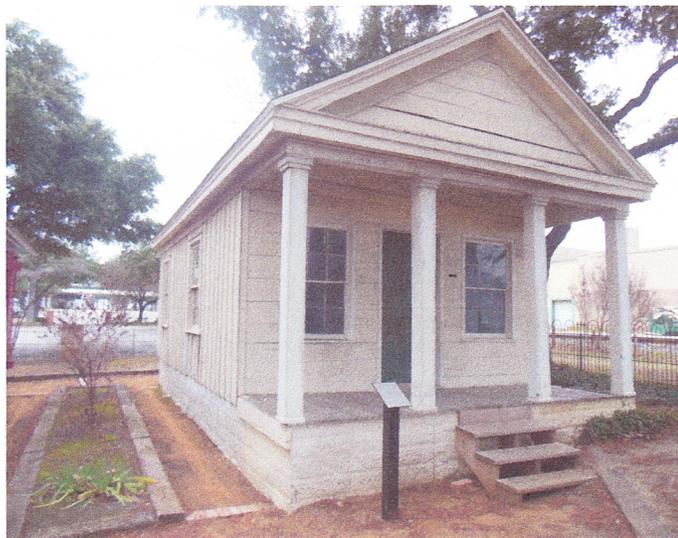
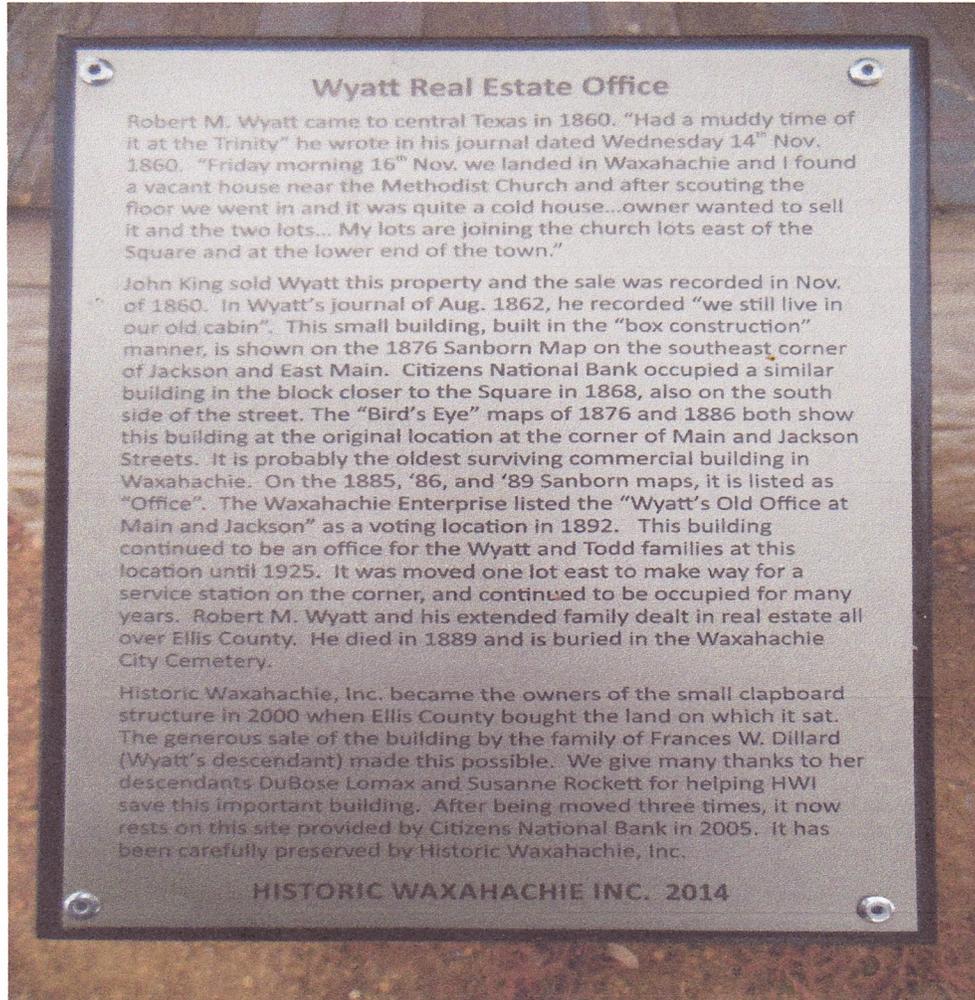
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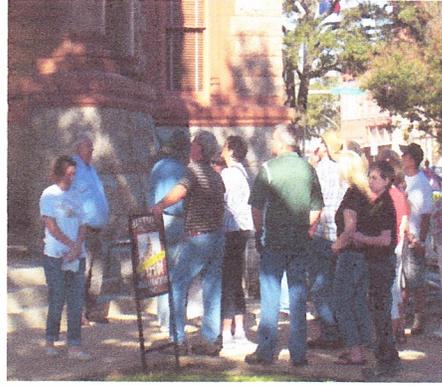
Pictured are President Nancy Post and retiring President Larry Felty with Kathleen Bowen who will be a new member of the Board.



This HWI marker has recently been placed at the front of the Wyatt Real Estate Office located in Singleton Plaza facing N. College Street. Research was done by Becky Kauffman.



October 25 Bob Phillips Day Larry Felty and Mendy Autry and Fred Harrington gave outside tour of the Ellis County Court House while Heidi Perkins, Glinda Felty, Matt Perkins, John and Mary Wedel, Jerry Chapman led guests through the interior.



The Blaze family production filmed at the Calaboose in Singleton Plaza on December 6, 2014. The title of the production is *The Front* in the last days of WWII in Europe which will be a pilot for a television mini series.



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