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PAGE 2: General Information

Q1: Please enter the name of your county.	Matagorda
Q2: Enter your primary CHC contact below as requested. List a co-chair if one exists; to clarify, we do not consider vice-presidents to be co-Chairs.	
Name of 2014 CHC chair	Ona Lea Pierce
Name of 2015 CHC chair--comment if new chair not selected to date	Ona Lea Pierce
Q3: Enter information if you have an official space, room, or building; please DO NOT ENTER a personal address or phone number.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q4: We will direct inquiries about reporting answers to the person who fills out this report unless you direct us otherwise. Enter contact information as requested--name, email address, and phone number.	
Contact info for person filling out report	Carol Sue Gibbs, carolsgibbs@yahoo.com, 979-241-1108

PAGE 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

Q5: How many volunteer hours were contributed to CHC meetings, projects, and programs in 2014? Please enter numbers only for your answer; do not use symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.	
Volunteer hours	7858
Q6: Provide the number of individuals appointed to your CHC in 2014. Please enter numbers only for your answer; do not use symbols or text; a comma is considered a symbol.	
# of CHC appointees	39
Q7: Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

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Q8: Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2014. Indicate the number of CHC committee meetings held separate and apart from full commission meetings. Both questions must be answered using numbers only; do not use symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC was inactive in 2014 (i.e., did not provide services to the county,)

CHC full commission meetings in 2014	6
CHC committee meetings in 2014	32

Q9: You must have a majority of appointees present to constitute a QUORUM. Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2014. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings had a quorum

PAGE 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

Q10: Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC members who have completed Open Meetings/Records training.

1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

PAGE 6: CHC Financial Information

Q11: Who/what is the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

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Q12: Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round down/up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2013:	3205
Annual county allocation for 2014 (not including money for museums):	7000
County money allotted for museums in 2014:	0
Any other money issued by county during 2014 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.):	0
CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2014:	105
Grant money provided to CHC in 2014:	0
Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2014:	3250
"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues):	0
Any other money amounts for 2014 not already included above; do not include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses, which will be requested later in the report:	0

Q13: Provide any comments/clarifications about the above amounts. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

Respondent skipped this question

Q14: If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if their salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

No liason

PAGE 7: CHC Financial Information (continued)

Q15: Check each of the IN-KIND DONATIONS that was given to your CHC in 2014 by your COUNTY (county government). IN-KIND donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge.

- Exterior maintenance or heavy equipment,
- Project/event supplies and/or equipment,
- Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc.
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- Professional expertise of county staff (for any subject/need)

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Q16: Check each of the IN-KIND DONATIONS that was given to your CHC in 2014 by individuals or organizations (other than your COUNTY). Include in-kind donations made by CHC appointees.

Meeting and/or office space for CHC,
Space for a CHC sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.)
,
Space for archive or records storage,
Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above
,
Project/event supplies and/or equipment,
Administrative supplies or services--postage, paper, ink, copier, etc.
,
Computer hardware or software, Internet access

PAGE 8: CHC Financial Information (continued)

Q17: Considering the IN-KIND answers checked in the previous questions, check the dollar range that best represents the amount of in-kind services and donations provided to your CHC.

\$1,000 - \$2,500

Q18: Check the dollar range that best represents the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by your CHC appointees in 2014.

\$1,000 - \$2,500

PAGE 9: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

Q19: A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated.

Updated every 2 years

Q20: Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process.

CHC chair, CHC officers, CHC appointees

PAGE 10: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory

Q21: Check the statement that best reflects your county's involvement with survey work. Please reread the survey description above to ensure that you are providing an accurate answer.

CHCs maintained/updated existing professional survey of all county historic resources

Q22: If you have a historic and cultural resources survey, check the formats that apply to your survey.

Electronic format in Excel or similar type of spreadsheet software

PAGE 11: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

Q23: Check the box if your CHC keeps track of the specified information.

A list of ENDANGERED cultural and historic resources in your county

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A list of cultural and historic resources DEMOLISHED in 2014

Q24: Enter your county name and the names and locations of the endangered resources in your county—properties under threat of demolition, that are structurally unstable, that are in areas of encroachment, etc. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.

Matagorda

Palacios African-American School - Rainbowland Daycare, Palacios

Blessing Elementary School - Blessing

Markham Elementary School - Markham

Markham Bank - Markham

Draw bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway - Sargent

Q25: Enter your county name and the names and locations of the cultural and historic resources demolished in your county in 2014. Skip this question if your CHC doesn't keep this information.

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Petersen's Motel - Bay City - 3107 7th Street (Highway 35 East)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Rectory - Bay City - 2200 block Avenue E

Serrill-Petrosky House - Matagorda - 604 Fisher Street

PAGE 12: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

Q26: Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2014.

Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS,
Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county
,
Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county
,
Provided an inventory of subject MARKERS for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)
,
Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)
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Periodically assess the condition of properties DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic
,
Provided an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED as historic for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)
,
Maintain an inventory of CEMETERIES in your county
,
Periodically assess the condition of CEMETERIES in your county
,
Cleaned or repaired objects in CEMETERIES,
Provided an inventory of CEMETERIES for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)
,
Maintain an inventory of CEMETERY ORGANIZATIONS in your county
,
Compared THC's current inventory of ROSENWALD schools with your county inventory

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Q27: Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2014.	Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county
	Identified and/or researched historic bridges and/or bridge types in your county
Q28: Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2014.	Researched or pursued repair for a historic school complex/campus
Q29: Provide a list of the different landscapes that were involved in your 2014 body of work. A sample response to this request would be if Kaufman CHC noted that they pursued funding to maintain and promote interpretation of the Kaufman County Poor Farm.	
Began process of rescuing the Palacios African-American School from demolition to repurpose it for future use. The process also includes the park associated with it.	

PAGE 14: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

Q30: How familiar is your CHC with the following topics?	
The role a CHC can have in a federal Section 106 review	Somewhat
The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties	Somewhat
The Certified Local Government Program	Very
THC's review authority over publicly-owned historic property	Very
Q31: Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2014 body of work.	<p>CHC uses the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to determine appropriate repair and new construction when reviewing and making recommendations for exemptions or incentives</p> <p>Tell us more about your CHC's involvement in the areas checked above. Skip commenting if no boxes are checked.</p> <p>Members participated in review of repairing and restoring historic properties.</p>

PAGE 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives (continued)

Q32: Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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PAGE 16: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

Q33: Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2014.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

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Supported Main Street Program activities in a community within your county

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Secured Certified Local Government grants for CHC projects/training

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Involved in local economic development plans/projects/organizations

Q34: List the public entities or private organizations that have provided grants or funding opportunities for your preservation projects. Skip this question if it does not apply to your CHC.

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PAGE 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 5: Learn and Experience History through Place

Q35: Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2014.

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

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Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history geared toward youth/schools

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CHC appointees volunteered at a historic site that is open to the public at large

Q36: List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

Presentations at Hotel Blessing and Hawley Cemetery

Preservation Month - Participated in Benjamin Wightman event with Bluebonnet Chapter #41 SAR
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmatago/hm_wightman_ben_e.htm

Matagorda Mavericks - Celebrating cattlemen and women of Matagorda County

CHC appointees volunteer at the City By the Sea Museum. Building is a National Register property.

PAGE 18: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

<p>Q37: Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2014.</p>	<p>County officials, City officials, Landmark commissions or local historic design/review boards , Local businesses, Libraries, Museums, Cemetery organizations, Main Street managers and/or board members, Tourism organizations / visitors bureau / chambers of commerce / downtown business association , Other nonprofit organizations not already listed above (societies, associations, etc.)</p>
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PAGE 19: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

<p>Q38: Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.</p>	<p>CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s, CHC appointees sit on board of a county museum</p>
<p>Q39: Enter your county name and provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q40: When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC.</p>	<p>1-25% of CHC time spent on museum related work</p>

PAGE 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment

Q41: Check each way your CHC officially reported 2014 activities to your county officials.	Presented summary of 2014 accomplishments to county commissioners court in late 2014/early 2015 , Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s , Attended county commissioners court regularly, Met with the county judge, Met with county commissioners, Submitted CHC meeting minutes, Submitted a CHC budget, Submitted CHC treasury reports, Provided suggested CHC appointments
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PAGE 21: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q42: Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2014.	County judge, County commissioners, State legislators
Q43: Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2014. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events.	
Matagorda County County Judge Nate McDonald	

PAGE 22: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

Q44: Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2014 in support of Texas history and preservation.	Issued information to the public at large-- newsletters, email, press releases, etc. , Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets, Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events , Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects
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PAGE 23: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

Q45: Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to build up appointees in 2014.	Used the THC website information to educate appointees ,
	Used the CHC Handbook to educate appointees
Q46: If you organized a CHC regional meeting in 2014, please indicate:-- the counties that participated (including your county);-- topics or themes discussed; and -- how many times you have met formally as a group over the years.Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q47: List workshops that your CHC hosted in 2014, including information on the educational topic.Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 24: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q48: Reflecting 2014 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees that attended the training or a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.	
Texas Heritage Trails Program	1
Texas Main Street Program	3
Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally	3

PAGE 25: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q49: Rank the degree to which select THC services have helped your CHC expand their programming.	
CHC listserv weekly messages	Helped a lot
General THC website information	Helped a lot
THC website information specific to CHCs	Helped a lot
Q50: Share your thoughts on THC services that have helped your CHC.	
Marker program staff	
CHC Outreach Program	

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Q51: Check the ways in which your CHC made concerted efforts in 2014 to improve work relative to previous years.

Membership and attendance, Partnerships,
Community outreach to adults,
Community outreach to young people,
Presence of CHC and/or county history on Internet
,
Initiated a new CHC project,
Improved an ongoing effort

PAGE 26: Project Description #1 (of 3) for CHC work from 2014

Q52: Project Description #1---Expand upon your answers to question 51 about improving your CHC during the 2014 year of service. Describe the efforts made to improve an aspect of your CHC. Include the following: -- your county name;-- the specific area of improvement;-- why the improvement effort was made;-- what actions were taken to make improvements; and-- the results of those actions. Successful efforts are preferred but your efforts may not have immediate or fruitful results. Regardless of degree of success, use this answer to document your ability to evaluate CHC work, explore ways to be more effective, and learn from the results. If you were not able to make improvements in 2014, document your challenges and what improvements you'd make if you had the time, manpower, or money required.

Matagorda County

Efforts were made to continue the heritage-tourism to share Matagorda County history inside and outside of the county which was begun in 2013. We have seen positive results due to the heritage-tourism work which was done the previous year. With the goal of reaching both adults and youth in the county as well as audiences outside of the county, the MCHC focused on presentations, contributions to magazines and newspapers and additions to the MCHC web site. Regular history presentations were made at the Blessing Hotel, a National Register site, for tour groups. Impromptu presentations were also made at the Hotel and Hawley Cemetery for random visitors. Continuing contributions to the Texas Now magazine reached out to an audience in the mid and lower Gulf Coast. Late in the year, the MCHC began an ongoing partnership by submitting history articles and photos for a newly-established newspaper, The Sentinel. Another history project to expand the MCHC website was to collect information on doctors who have served Matagorda County from its inception. Information, including pictures, for 80 doctors was uploaded to the site. To assist researchers who aren't able to visit the county, cemetery marker pictures for 1710 people were added. The web site has a heritage-tourism page which is updated monthly. It has a link to a heritage-tourism Facebook page as well as a new Facebook page for MCHC. The larger influx of visitors has been apparent and is growing.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmatago/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Matagorda-County-Historical-Commission/1019527968064427>

PAGE 27: Project Description #2 (of 3) for CHC work from 2014

Q53: Project Description #2---Expand upon your CHC's contribution to heritage tourism efforts in your region. Refer to question 35 for heritage tourism examples.Highlight your most effective heritage tourism effort in 2014:-- your county name;-- describe event and your role in it;-- partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation; and-- impact of the event (attendance, participation, profit, etc.)

Matagorda County

Our CHC initiated a new project for 2014, Matagorda Mavericks, which celebrated the cattlemen, cattlemen and the rich ranching heritage of the county. The effort was made to take living history to our residents and visitors, both youth and adults. An article about Matagorda County ranching and the event appeared in the Texas Now magazine. The entire CHC was active in the Saturday event on September 6, 2014. The event, which was held at the Matagorda County Museum, included the following activities: ranching exhibits throughout the entire museum, corn grinding, re-enactors, book signing by Margaret Furse (The Hawkins Family in Texas), western sculpting, roping, etc. The highlight of the event was the branding project in which participants were asked to bring their branding irons. The owner of the brand filled out an information paper and the brand was burned into a 7"x7" piece of wood. The enthusiastic owners had 80 brands which were recorded and will be displayed at the Matagorda County Museum. Partnerships included Matagorda County Cattlemen's Association, Matagorda County CattleWomen, Main Street, Lions Club, Bay City Parks and Recreations Department, Chamber of Commerce, Lady Lions, Convention and Visitor's Bureau and food vendors. The event drew approximately 300 people to the courthouse square which also benefited businesses and restaurants located on the square. It was not planned as a profit-making event, and was funded by the MCHC and donations.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmatago/matagorda_mavericks_2014.htm

PAGE 28: Project Description #3 (of 3) for CHC work from 2014

Q54: Project Description #3---Share a project, effort, or service that shows the best of how your CHC interacts with the public. Please include your county name in the answer.Project, effort, or service must adhere to the following requirements:-- its primary association is with history/preservation; -- it has broad CHC appointee support (rather than the participation of only 1 or 2 people); and-- is an ongoing effort or one that was completed in 2014.

Matagorda

The Matagorda County Historical Commission, led by Dr. Bonnie Benson, participated in an African-American project in 2014 which will be ongoing. The effort began with the possible demolition of the former African-American school in Palacios which was used until integration. It was then used as a day care and after a new day care building was constructed, discussion began to demolish the building. The rescue effort began a dialogue between several groups to save the building and associated park grounds and repurpose it for community use. Other actions as a result of the rescue effort included the collection of African-American history, photos and oral histories and the establishment of the first African-American History Day (February 22, 2014) in Palacios. The History Day program was well attended by an enthusiastic audience which by consensus agreed to make the program an annual event. The program included portions of oral history videos, live speeches and much reminiscing. Partnerships in addition to the MCHC included Palacios Community Coalition, Palacios Community HUB, Palacios Area Fund, City of Palacios, Palacios Area Historical Association, Palacios ISD and City By the Sea Museum.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmatago/pa_aa_school.htm

PAGE 29: CHC Comments for the THC

Q55: Please let us know more about your preservation successes and/or challenges.

The Matagorda Mavericks event successfully involved Matagorda County adults and youth as well as visitors from outside of the county. It made Matagorda County ranching history come to life.

The first annual African American Heritage Day brought together a cross-section of county residents and created an awareness of the importance of preserving African American history.

One endangered property, the Baytex Hotel, which was slated for demolition was purchased by an investor and will be converted into apartments.