Historic Sites Committee

April 27, 2023

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AGENDA
HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

Embassy Suites Austin Central
Agave A-B
5901 N. Interstate Hwy 35
Austin, TX 78723
April 27, 2023
1:45 p.m.

(or upon the adjournment of the 1:00 p.m. Community Heritage Development Committee meeting, whichever occurs later)

This meeting of the THC Historic Sites Committee has been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The members may discuss and/or take action on any of the items listed in the agenda.

1. **Call to Order**
   A. Committee member introductions
   B. Establish quorum
   C. Recognize and/or excuse absences

2. **Consider approval of the January 31, 2023, Historic Sites Committee meeting minutes**

3. **Consider approval of the deaccessioning of objects from the Fulton Mansion, Varner-Hogg Plantation, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Sites – (Item 13.2)**

4. **Consider approval of the Historic Sites Fee Overview and Increase – (Item 13.3)**

5. **Consider approval of Donor Naming Opportunities for the Washington-on-the-Brazos SHS Capital Campaign – (Item 13.4)**

6. **Historic Sites Facilities Report**

7. **Community Engagement Report**

8. **San Jacinto Update**

9. **National Museum of the Pacific War Update**

10. **Washington-on-the-Brazos Update**

11. **T-Diamond Ranch Report – Longhorn Herd**

12. **Deputy Executive Director of Historic Sites Update**

13. **Adjournment**

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE MINUTES

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Phoenix Ballroom South
6505 N IH 35
Austin, TX 78752
January 31, 2023
1:30 p.m.

*Note: For the full text of action items, please contact the Texas Historical Commission at P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512.463.6100. * All agenda items were discussed, although not necessarily in the order presented below.*

Commissioners in attendance: Jim Bruseth, David Gravelle, Laurie Limbacher, and Pete Peterson.

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Peterson at 2:54 pm on January 31, 2023. The meeting had been posted to the *Texas Register*, was being held in conformance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, and that notice had been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office as required.

   A. **Committee member introductions**
   Commissioner Peterson welcomed all present and conducted roll call.

   B. **Establish quorum**
   Commissioner Peterson reported that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

   C. **Recognize and/or excuse absences**
   Absences: Commissioners John Crain (Chair), Monica Zárate Burdette, and Earl Broussard were absent. Commissioner Laurie Limbacher moved to excuse the absence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gravelle. Commissioner Peterson called for a vote. The vote to approve was unanimous.

2. **Consider approval of the October 17, 2022, Historic Sites Committee meeting minutes**
Commissioner Peterson asked if anyone had any comments regarding the minutes. There being none, he called for a motion. Commissioner Gravelle moved to approve the October 17, 2022, minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Bruseth. Commissioner Peterson called for a vote. The vote to approve was unanimous.

3. **Historic Sites Facilities Report**
Bell invited Glenn Reed, Chief Architect, to provide the facilities update. Reed stated that the graph being shown on the screen detailed the progress of major architectural projects for this biennium from planning through construction. He noted that the orange portions indicate progress since the last commission meeting.

   Reed said that staff are currently tracking and managing 46 active projects of varying size and complexity, and that 15 projects are scheduled to go out for bid in the first half of the calendar year. He said that the goal was to get all the scheduled projects under contract before August 31.

   Reed said that the progress on Phase I of the Caddo Mounds Cultural Center project continues to be slow and steady. Describing the slides being shown, he said that the storefronts had been installed, the stucco was being applied to the exterior walls, and the shingles are being installed on the roof. He continued noting that in the main exhibit gallery the ceiling and floors were complete, and the walls are in the process of receiving

the extremely smooth "level 5" finish that is needed for the large wall murals that would be part of the exhibit. He stated that one of the most distinctive features of the building would be the roof, due to the conical shape and its shingles. Reed described the shingles as having been custom fabricated from self-weathering steel, a material that initially oxidizes when exposed to moisture and then stabilizes to an orange-brown patina. He described the photos showing the difference in color of the shingles taken about three weeks apart. He noted that this project was expected to reach substantial completion in March, after which the exhibit installation would commence.

Reed showed a rendering of the entire Caddo Mounds project. He noted that staff was preparing to bid out the covered pavilion that will be located between the almost complete Phase 1 Caddo Mounds Cultural Center and the Phase 2 Education and Activity Center. Reed said that this was an important component for the operation of the site as it would provide shade and shelter for visitors. He concluded by noting that Historic Sites staff was working with the Friends of THC to confirm the scope, cost, and capital campaign logistics.

At Sabine Pass Battleground, Reed stated that the seawall and sidewalk repairs are nearing completion. He detailed some of the images being shown noting that the scope included demolishing damaged sections of sidewalk and repairing some of the tie-back rods that anchor the face of the wall to the riverbank. He said that there would also be a new drainage system installed so that any water that accumulates on the surface behind the wall will have a harmless path to drain into the river. He noted that as the contractor completes the below-grade repairs, they are forming and pouring new sidewalks. The project should be completed by the end of February.

Identifying several projects that had not yet begun construction, Reed said that at Varner-Hogg Plantation staff were moving forward with the construction contract negotiations. He noted that at Fanthorp Inn the exterior preservation project was currently posted for bids and bids are due on March 2. The project will include window and siding repairs and replacement of the wood shingle roof. At Landmark Inn, staff had received the 100 percent construction documents submittal for the dam preservation project and the solicitation documents were being prepared for posting in April.

Reed stated that at Washington-on-the-Brazos, the Historic Sites Division was managing a multi-faceted project that would affect nearly every aspect of the site. He said that the Historic Sites architecture staff was mainly focused on two components of the project, the new site entry way, and the renovation of four buildings on the site. He noted that for the site entrance Gallagher & Associates took the lead in developing the design concept, and THC staff had since been collaborating with TXDOT for the engineering and implementation. Reed said that the project was currently out for bid, with bids due on February 2. Construction was scheduled for April through August.

Reed said that the second component was the renovation of four buildings. Each of these buildings will undergo extensive renovations to prepare them for new exhibits and new functions. He said that building envelope repairs had already started, and the construction should get underway in earnest this summer and last until summer of 2025.

Reed noted that at San Felipe de Austin, staff was preparing the solicitation documents for the new maintenance, archeology, and retail complex. He said that this design/build project would be posted for bids in March or April.

Lastly, at Eisenhower Birthplace, staff continued to work on a long-term project to make the site both easier to find and easier to understand. Reed said that work would include a new site vehicular entrance, a new secondary pedestrian entrance, a new statue plaza for the bronze Eisenhower statue, and a host of sidewalk,

street, and interpretive improvements. THC recently completed the legal process of accepting the donation of the streets within the site from the City of Denison, which would allow much greater flexibility in pursuing interpretive goals.

4. **Update on the Washington-on-the-Brazos feasibility process and campaign**
Bell introduced Anjali Zutshi, Executive Director of the Friends of the THC to provide the update. Zutshi said that the Friends' role was to support Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation in their capital campaign efforts to raise the additional funds needed to complete the capital projects. Since last fall, the Friends have assisted in selecting a consultant to conduct the feasibility study. She said that the study was complete, and Cyndee Smith from the Foundation would report on it at the full commission meeting. Of interest to note was that the study has already identified several interested donors and commitments. Zutshi provided information on donations received and requests that have been submitted.

5. **Report on the naming opportunities at Washington-on-the-Brazos**
Zutshi said that a list of naming opportunities was being compiled by Gallagher & Associates in conjunction with THC staff. She said that her hope was that several commissioners would be available to review the list prior to it coming before the commission for approval in April. The purpose of the list is to aid the Friends of THC and the WOB Foundation as they seek out potential donors during the capital campaign.

6. **Update on the Washington-on-the-Brazos townsite interpretation plans**
Bell described the slides being shown of the renderings including the overlays. He said that the town plat will be to highlight the archeological features that would be exposed and those, paired with digital content, will be able to bring the stories alive for the visitors. He said that the structures vary from open frame structures to building foundation outlines. He noted that there would be street markers and paths to evoke a pattern of streets. Bell stated that the buildings being considered were Independence Hall, Houston's office, the drug store, and the hotel. All were noted to have had dual functions both commercially and governmentally. Bell described the building markers, street signs, and stone marker designs being shown on the slides. He said that the townsite overlay would detail interpretive themes, the storehouses, first capital structures, transportation, town government buildings, the last Capitol, and statehood buildings. He described the three stages of development of the town: early development, the town after the recession, and the town during the state period. It is during that last period where most of the structures were constructed of brick. After a question regarding the interpretation themes of the site, Bell noted that Michael Moore had developed the approach and that he would be retained as the project manager to develop the interpretive focus of the project in conjunction with Blinn College and THC staff.

7. **Update on the San Jacinto Cultural Landscape Plan and San Jacinto Business Plan**
Bell said that the meeting with the museum association board of directors resulted in an update of the cultural landscape plan. He said that a tornado closed the site for a short period last week, noting only damage to landscape, including several trees damaged or completely uprooted, and that cleanup process was continuing. He mentioned that the deteriorating sewer line would be replaced to avoid backups into the museum. He noted that the elevator was still under repair. Bell described the slide being shown noting that staff plan to infill the ship slip and restore the Texian camp, which is an important aspect of the interpretation of the site. The amount requested from the legislature would also cover the cost of removing the reflecting pond to better interpret the site. This will also allow for better transportation through the site.

8. **Update on Casa Navarro**
Bell stated that the "red building" shown on the slide will not be demolished. This change in plans means that the THC plan to develop that land and restore Navarro's property line to the creek will not happen for the foreseeable future. He said that discussions with the City of San Antonio and UTSA resulted in THC being donated a small parcel of land in front of Casa Navarro. Historic Sites staff would work with TXDOT

on redeveloping the area into a small parking lot for the site in consultation with the City and UTSA on the design. Bell said that the county jail was now gone, and that UTSA would be building a classroom facility on that lot. He further noted that THC will work with Bexar County on the redevelopment of the "red building" in order to take advantage of any opportunities to improve pedestrian access between Casa Navarro and San Pedro Creek.

9. **Bush Family Home Operational Agreement**
Bell said that during a visit to the Bush Family Home the operating agreement was finalized with the foundation. He described the site footprint noting what each building being shown was, how it was situated on the site, and its use. He said that the first round of residential repairs had been completed and that the site manager had moved in. He noted that staff would work with Friends of THC on the acquisition of two properties next to the home. Bell then invited Anjali Zutshi to provide an update on the fundraising efforts on that front. Zutshi said that there are two lots being considered for acquisition. She noted that the appraisals are complete and that acquisitions should be complete by the end of the month. Chairman John Nau noted that Gallagher & Associates recommends that few changes be made to the exterior of the buildings keeping the feel of a neighborhood. Bell noted that the site needs classroom and maintenance facilities that could be put to the back of one of the new properties while keeping it residential in appearance.

10. **Right of Way property acceptance at Eisenhower Birthplace**
Bell stated that the City of Denison has donated the right-of-way as shown on the slide to THC. He said that the request submitted to the legislature for a new visitor center would help with the overall site interpretation.

11. **Land assessment for the Longhorn Herd**
Bell introduced Will Cradduck, Herd Manager, to provide an overview of staff efforts to locate suitable land to house the 250 head of the Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd. Cradduck noted that the University of Texas has land available near Fort Stockton. He said that the land has irrigation that could support up to 300 head of cattle. It also has infrastructure and good fencing, but he noted that this was not the best solution for the herd. It was noted during discussion that a map of Texas showing the type of land, desired location, and how many acres are needed would assist the commissioners in decision making. Chairman Nau noted that when discussing the THC Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd, many don't know we even have it and that the herd was kept in several locations. He also said that it would help the commission to be given a list of scheduled longhorn trips and where they are for the year. Cradduck noted that other costs associated with the herd maintenance would be staff and equipment. He said that the hope was to have the herd housed in one location that would facilitate exhibit of the herd and greater interpretation. He concluded noting that other ideal features of land should include some tree cover to provide shade during hot weather and shelter from winter weather; natural drainage and surface water; fencing and internal roads; and sufficient infrastructure for visitor center and equipment storage.

12. **Deputy Executive Director of Historic Sites update**
Bell stated that the first quarter was slow due to a slowing economy. Visitation was down, revenue in admission and store sales were down, average store transaction remains in the $20 range with the average sold item $7. He noted that staff are consulting with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for possible collaboration with them on programming and purchasing. Bell said that staff continue to evaluate store items, ensuring that they are appropriate and consistent throughout.

At the French Legation, Bell said that the operating agreement with Foodworks has been expanded and all improvements to the property are now owned by THC. He said that the event coordinator had started and has developed a brochure with event packages and was aggressively pursuing bookings. One of these is a large event during the annual South By Southwest Music Festival.

Bell said that an archeological survey was conducted over a 11.4-acre parcel at Fort Lancaster. The survey had 349 positive metal detecting "hits" and the analysis of the metal artifacts has been completed. He said that the final report was due in February. Oral interviews with Kickapoo Tribal representatives are in progress.

Bell said that at Port Isabel Lighthouse the lens dedication occurred on December 9. He said that it was well attended. Executive Director Wolfe and Commissioner Lilia Garcia hosted the event, and it received good media coverage. He said that the lens has enhanced the community pride and spirit. Describing the slides being shown, Bell said that the video showed a timelapse on the lens installation. The lens was crafted to simulate the historic lens that once operated in the lighthouse.

Bell noted that at Fort Griffin the local electric company proposed a new power transmission line replacement of the existing line through the historic site. These new lines would have bigger and taller power line towers that would require a larger easement to service and would severely impact the viewshed for the site. The company and staff are assessing a route around the historic site. Both plans will be presented to the Public Utility Commission for final selection. Executive Director Wolfe said that a letter has been sent to the Attorney General's Office to advocate for THC's interest.

At Levi Jordan Plantation, Bell stated that there are two properties being negotiated for sale. He invited Chris Elliott, Director of Historic Sites Operations, and the former Site Manager for Levi Jordan, to provide an update on the current state of the negotiations and the significance of each. He noted that one was the slave cemetery and the second has archeological remains to be explored. Bell said that the next meeting of the advisory committee was scheduled for February 7. That meeting would concentrate on reviewing revised exhibit story lines and a smaller scaled visitor center.

Bell said that at Caddo Mounds the grass house has been completed. He stated that the next milestone for this site would be to get the visitor center completed, noting that a ribbon cutting ceremony was being planned.

Bell introduced Anjali Zutshi to provide an update on the fundraising efforts for land acquisition at the Goodnight Ranch. Zutshi said that one of the parcels of land being sought was within the original ranch boundaries. She noted that Friends of THC staff were still in negotiations with the landowner. She also provided further information on fundraising efforts and possible grants and donors that might be available to THC.

Bell introduced Chris Elliott to provide an update on the Sabine Pass/ONEOK developments. He described the slides and the planned 220-acre marine export terminal development adjacent to the site, noting issues that could affect the site and that it would change the viewshed of Sabine Pass. Elliott noted that these large ships could cause safety issues for the site's boating visitors. Bell stated that THC has been asked to provide comments as adjacent landowners and that staff identified potential impact to the seawall and requested that if they perform any work on the seawall, that they include the site's section of the seawall as well. He also said that the staff has requested a study of traffic patterns and volume, both on land and at the boat dock, as that would also impact site visitors.

The carpet installation at Fulton Mansion is complete. Bell noted that the carpet was damaged during Hurricane Harvey. Bell briefly described the new Wilton carpets, noting that they had been fabricated using traditional 19th century methods, custom woven and sewn together in sections.

Bell stated that at the Magoffin Home collection restoration had begun after several portraits were severely damaged by vandals on August 21, 2022. The Conservation Assessment Report and Restoration costs totaled

$22,000. THC has a $1,000 insurance deductible. He also noted that in February an overall site security assessment is to be completed.

Bell then showed photos of the three newest site managers. Troy Gray, Site Manager for the Bush Family Home in Midland, brings with him extensive museum experience. Scott McMahon, Site Manager for Presidio La Bahia, comes to us from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Dr. David Shields, Museum Director for the National Museum of the Pacific War, comes to us from the Gillespie County Museum where he was the executive director.

Lastly, Bell stated that the Texas Living History Association (TLHA) Awards were selected and that the following were recognized:

- Best Event Award: Fort McKavett for "Imprisoned on the Frontier", coordinated and managed by Rhett Kerns, of the site's staff.
- Texas Star Award to Caddo Mounds, for the new Caddo grass house, Snake Woman's Garden, and museum.
- Founders Award to Michael Moore, for the Villa de Austin complex, a landmark location for living history in the state.

13. Adjournment

At 4:18 pm, Commissioner Peterson asked for any other business to be brought before the committee. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Limbacher and Commissioner Peterson stated without objection that the Historic Sites Committee meeting was adjourned.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Quarterly Report

Historic Sites Division
January–March 2023

OPERATIONS

Visitation and outreach at the sites this quarter was 171,351, a 12.9 percent increase compared to this time last year.

San Jacinto Museum staff have a contractor to replace the deteriorated sewer line that has backed up twice in the last few months.

Washington-on-the-Brazos has begun archeological work necessary to establish the Town Site as a major attraction at the site. The site's foundation board hosted a campaign luncheon during the Texas Independence Day festivities to share exhibit plans with prospective donors.

The Levi Jordan Plantation's African American Advisory Committee met February 7 to review exhibit concepts based on a reduced footprint for the new facility. An onsite visit for the committee was proposed for later this year.

Staff at Levi Jordan Plantation is working on two property acquisitions to gain additional land that may hold the remains of slave quarters and a cemetery.

Dr. David Shields returned to the National Museum of the Pacific War as museum director beginning February 1. A ribbon-cutting ceremony opened the George Bush Children's Gallery exhibit depicting World War II on the home front through the eyes of children. Visitors can reflect on the sacrifices made by children during the war and their resilience.

The Magoffin House experienced a fire at a shed behind the visitor center. Staff is soliciting arson feedback from the El Paso Police and Fire Departments. THC staff have a contracted security assessment underway since fire and security incidents are increasing in the urban neighborhood.

Staff is preparing for the Bush Family Home ribbon cutting and opening program later this spring.

Presidio La Bahía hosted its 37th Annual Goliad Massacre Living History Program on March 25. Highlights included a reenacted cavalry skirmish and recreation of the final battle that took place on Coleto Creek, about eight miles east of Goliad, and culminated with the Texian surrender and their march back into the fort as prisoners.

Staff at the Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch and the Armstrong County Museum are preparing a partnership agreement to financially benefit from the museum's annual event, Goodnight Under the Stars, held at the site in August.

Public programming at historic sites picked up in December and January. Site staff did an outstanding job hosting the annual meeting of the Texas Living History Association at San Felipe, where the THC was honored with multiple awards. Fulton Mansion hosted hard hat tours when carpet installation made visits less accessible. Sam Bell Maxey House and Casa Navarro are among the sites that hosted spring-break-week programming.

FRIENDS GROUPS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Staff continue to meet with site staff and their friends group leadership as they coordinate their annual plans, reports, and cooperative agreements. Staff continues to publish the monthly "First Friday News for Friends," highlighting nonprofit resources and historic sites events from the THC to friends groups.

The Magoffin Home and Caddo Mounds State Historic Sites each welcomed new board presidents. Staff met to orient them to the THC and explain expectations per the MOA.

The Friends Alliance Awards were presented at the Real Places Conference opening reception sponsored by the Friends of the THC. Doug Dukes and Edward Garza with the Friends of Fort McKavett, Sandy Salinas with the Friends of Casa Navarro, and David Herrera with the Magoffin Home Compañeros were recognized for their contributions to their respective sites.

Staff presented a session with a colleague from the Community Heritage Development Division entitled, "Can't We All Get Along: Communication Strategies for Passionate Boards and Staff."

Staff is working with sites that are preparing for their Interpretive Master Plan stakeholder meetings later this year. Staff is also assisting THC leadership and the chair of the Levi Jordan Advisory Committee in coordinating information for those quarterly meetings.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Caddo Mounds: The Caddo Cultural Center Phase I project is now 84 percent complete.

Fanthorp Inn: An exterior preservation project for the inn to address window, roof, and siding deterioration was posted for bids in January. Bids were received in March and are being evaluated.

Goodnight Ranch: A contract has been awarded for a new campus-wide fire detection system. We are working to find a qualified contractor for the very unusual chimney repair project.

Landmark Inn: The design phase for the preservation work at the Medina River Dam is 100 percent complete. The project will be posted for bids in April.

Levi Jordan Plantation: The architectural design work for the museum and visitor center project is currently on hold pending Commission review and confirmation of the project scope.

Sabine Pass: Repairs to the seawall began in September 2022 and were completed in March.

Starr Family Home: Preservation work on the front porch of Maplecroft has been completed.

Varner-Hogg Plantation: A contract has been executed for the plantation house stabilization project.

INTERPRETATION

Washington-on-the-Brazos planning continues at a fast pace, with multiple segments of the project in development at the same time.

Fabrication of the Caddo Mounds renewed exhibit is contractually in the hands of Dixon Studios, originally the major sub-contractor on the project, following the closure of Pacific Studios operations. Installation is anticipated to be finished by early August.

Interpretive Master Planning for the Goodnight Ranch is well underway. An initial draft is being created by the contract team.

The furnishing and interpretation of Tia Magoffin's suite of rooms in the Magoffin home is making good progress in the former staff offices of the main house.

The historic interiors at Fulton Mansion have been reinstalled following the completion of the carpet replacement using FEMA Hurricane Harvey funds.

The French Legation Site Guidebook is nearing the end of its final review phase before publication.

COLLECTIONS

Two of the four portraits vandalized at Magoffin Home have been restored by Art Conservation Services. They will be returned to the site in May.

At Fulton Mansion, all carpets have been installed and the exhibit reinstalled. This project was funded by a National Park Service Preservation Grant.

The grant cycle for Save America's Treasure Collections Services Grant for Mission Dolores is nearly complete and has yielded an enhanced knowledge of historic activity at the mission and colonial trade networks in East Texas. The grant cycle for a second SAT grant for archeological collections outreach for Fanthorp Inn, Levi Jordan, and San Felipe has begun.

Curatorial staff have attended onsite stakeholder meetings for Washington-on-the-Brazos and Goodnight Ranch interpretive and exhibit development.

Historic portraits have been selected for an upcoming exhibit at the French Legation.

HISTORIC SITES - VISITATION / OUTREACH - FY2023

	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	**TOTAL**
Bush Family Home	150	153	193	240	208	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,076
Caddo Mounds	356	570	287	181	177	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,792
Casa Navarro	810	327	235	322	182	313	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,189
Confederate Reunion Grounds	64	354	31	51	47	759	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,306
Eisenhower Birthplace	887	1,376	1,272	925	547	598	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,605
Fannin Battleground	77	124	55	95	78	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	492
Fanthorp Inn	126	206	64	69	123	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	702
Fort Griffin	606	2,769	229	12,872	347	371	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,194
Fort Lancaster	103	907	143	2,361	123	133	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,770
Fort McKavett	598	1,407	1,281	1,677	255	204	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,422
French Legation	458	69	76	486	74	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,233
Fulton Mansion	1,386	2,371	653	1,007	924	734	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,075
Goodnight Ranch	331	362	257	163	208	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,505
Landmark Inn	408	609	507	0	220	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,394
Levi Jordan	31	109	54	0	67	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	341
Magoffin Home	301	2,316	236	660	362	2,121	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,996
Mission Dolores	70	291	223	282	230	237	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,333
Kreische Brewery/Monument Hill	1,042	1,587	751	4,097	1,063	1,388	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,928
Ntl Museum of the Pacific	9,349	15,823	15,080	16,616	12,672	27,329	0	0	0	0	0	0	96,869
Port Isabel Lighthouse	3,146	4,005	0	0	4,515	9,274	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,940
Presidio La Bahía	1,101	22	1,494	1,213	1,272	1,572	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,674
Sabine Pass Battleground	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sam Bell Maxey	112	289	118	67	91	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	857
Sam Rayburn House	408	272	81	215	112	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,158
San Felipe de Austin	371	1,164	695	545	795	1,128	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,698
San Jacinto Battleground	14,690	16,655	15,356	12,198	0	13,632	0	0	0	0	0	0	72,531
San Jacinto Monument	3,894	2,422	1,637	2,320	884	2,521	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,678
Starr Family Home	102	389	61	120	71	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	805
Varner-Hogg Plantation	251	272	366	437	167	335	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,828
Washington-on-the-Brazos Complex*	4,391	7,868	6,159	4,287	4,573	12,983	0	0	0	0	0	0	40,261
Monthly totals	45,619	65,088	47,594	63,506	30,387	77,458	0	0	0	0	0	0	329,652
Quarterly totals			158,301			171,351			0			0	

* The WOB Complex consists of Washington-on-the-Brazos, Star of the Republic Museum, Independence Hall, and Barrington Plantation.

Sites not listed: Acton, Lipantitlan, Old Socorro Mission and Palmito Ranch Battlefield

Historic Sites Division
Architectural Capital Project Status

3/30/2023

PROJECT			DESIGN						CONSTRUCTION				
Site	**Project**	**Budget** (incl. design fees & construction)	**Consultant selected**	**Design contract executed**	**Consultant**	**Schematic Design**	**Design Dev.**	**Const. Docs.**	**Bidding**	**Contractor selected**	**Contractor**	**Const. contract executed**	**Construction (% complete)**
Caddo Mounds	Visitor Center - Phase 1	$2,500,000	√	√	Richter Architects	√	√	√	√	√	Garrett & Associates	√	**85%**
Sabine Pass	Seawall Repairs	$560,000	√	√	LJA Engineering	√	√	√	√	√	McInnis Construction, Inc.	√	**95%**
Varner-Hogg Plantation	Plantation House Stabilization and Exterior Preservation	$624,000	√	√	WJE Engineering	√	√	√	√	√	Phoenix I	**in progress**	
Landmark Inn	Medina River Dam Repairs	$750,000	√	√	Freese & Nichols	√	√	√					
Fanthorp Inn	Exterior Preservation	$900,000	in house	N/A	HSD	√	√	√	**in progress**				
San Felipe de Austin	Maintenance, Archeology, and Retail Support (MARS) Complex	$1,500,000	**in progress**										
Levi Jordan Plantation	New Visitor Center		√	√	Richter Architects	√	**ON HOLD**						**11%**
Palmito Ranch Battlefield	Observation Platform	$400,000	√	√	Chanin Engineering	√	√	√	**ON HOLD**				

Item 13.2
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
April 28, 2023

Consider approval of the deaccessioning of objects from the Fulton Mansion, Varner-Hogg Plantation, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Sites

Background

Deaccessioning is a tool used for defining and refining the scope and quality of collections that have grown over the years. Over the course of the last several months, Historic Sites (HS) curatorial staff have selected and prepared certain objects for deaccession from Fulton Mansion, Varner-Hogg Plantation, and Washington-on-the-Brazos. (see attached).

Collections objects from these two sites are listed on the attached spreadsheets and are proposed for deaccession due to the following circumstances:

- They are misnumbered and the incorrect number needs to be removed from the collection records.
- They are deteriorated beyond usefulness.

Suggested Motion (Committee):

Move that the committee send forward to the Commission and recommend approval to deaccession items from the Fulton Mansion, Varner-Hogg Plantation, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Sites.

Suggested Motion (Commission):

Move to approve the deaccession of items from the Fulton Mansion, Varner-Hogg Plantation, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Sites.

Proposed Deaccessions

April 2023

Fulton Mansion State Historic Site

Total Deaccessions: 1

This (1) objects are deteriorated beyond usefulness. Collections staff recommend proper disposal.

1982.14.2	Wardrobe

Varner Hogg Plantation State Historic Site

Total Deaccessions: 9

These (8) objects are deteriorated beyond usefulness. Collections staff recommend proper disposal.

1975.39.1390	MIRROR
1975.39.839.2	BENCH, GARDEN
1975.39.2087	ENGRAVING
1975.39.2028	MIRROR
1975.39.178.1	CHAIR
1975.39.1569	MIRROR
1975.39.813 dup	FRAME, PICTURE
1975.39.812	PRINT

This (1) object number was misnumbered. Collections staff recommends removing the misnumbered entry from the database and updating the inventory.

2007.157.20	PRINT, PHOTOGRAPHIC

Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site

Total Deaccessions: 1

This (1) objects are deteriorated beyond usefulness. Collections staff recommend proper disposal.

1976.1.608	Punka (frame only)

Item 13.3
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
April 28, 2023

Consider approval of the update to the Historic Sites Fee Structure

Background
Historic Sites is assessing current fee structures against market pricing at other historic sites statewide. The attached fee structure is an update to the Historic Sites' admission fees.

Suggested Motion (Committee):
Move that the committee send forward to the Commission and recommend approval of the update to the Historic Sites Fee Structure.

Suggested Motion (Commission):
Move to approve the update to the Historic Sites Fee Structure.

Historic Site	Adult Admission	Child/Student Admission (6-17)	Seniors/Veterans Admission	Family Fee (Up to 3 Members)	Per Additional Family Members	School Groups (per student)	Other Fees NOTES
Bush Family Home	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	$3.00 for active military
Caddo Mounds	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Casa Navarro	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Confederate Reunion Grounds	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	The grounds are open 7 days a week. $10 Overnight
Eisenhower Birthplace	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$12.00	$1.00	$1.00	Fees (not tour school groups) will give access to both EBP and SRH
Fort Griffin	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	$22 for full hookup; $15 for primitive camping
Fort Lancaster	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Fort McKavett	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
French Legation	$7.00	$4.00	$6.00	$14.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Fulton Mansion	$7.00	$4.00	$6.00	$14.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Goodnight Ranch	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Kreische Brewery/Monument Hill	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Landmark Inn	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	$140 - $180 for overnight rooms
Levi Jordan Plantation	$10.00	$5.00	$8.00	$22.00	$1.00	$1.00	Fees will give access to both LJP and VHP $50.00 per hour for the Classroom $100 per day per bedroom $1000 per day if entire facility is rented $200 per person per day for Public Archeology Program
Magoffin Home	$7.00	$4.00	$6.00	$14.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Mission Dolores	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	$24 per night per 2-week rental
Presidio La Bahía	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	$500 Parade Ground 9am - 10pm $75 Parade Ground each hour after 10pm $400 Barracks $150 Museum after hours Guest Quarters (tax not included): Sunday thru Thursday - $200 per night Friday thru Saturday - $230 per night
Sam Bell Maxey	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Sam Rayburn House	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$12.00	$1.00	$1.00	Fees (not tour school groups) will give access to both EBP and SRH
San Felipe de Austin	$10.00	$5.00	$8.00	$22.00	$1.00	$1.00	Local resident discount $8 fo adults and $7 for Vets
Starr Family Home	$5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$8.00	$1.00	$1.00	
Varner-Hogg Plantation	$10.00	$5.00	$8.00	$22.00	$1.00	$1.00	Fees will give access to both LJP and VHP
Washington-on-the-Brazos Complex	$8.00	$5.00	$7.00	$20.00	$1.00	$2 for single site $5 for all 3 sites	
Unique Site Operations	**Adult Admission**	**Child/Student Admission (6-17)**	**Seniors/Veterans Admission**	**Family Fee**		**School Groups (per student)**	**Other Fees NOTES**
Acton							
Fannin Battleground							
Fanthorp Inn							Suggested donation
Lipantitlan							
National Museum of the Pacific War	$25.00	$10.00	$16 / $14			Free	Group of 20 or more $12 per person WWII Vets, Special Programs, & ANF Members are free.
Old Socorro Mission							
Palmito Ranch							
Port Isabel Lighthouse	$5.00	$3.00	$4 / $2.50			$2.00	Under MOA with the City. Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) 10am-9pm. Members fee (1st Responders & Vets) $2.50
Sabine Pass Battleground	**$5 per car**						$3.00 for Vets
San Jacinto Battleground	$14.00	$6.00	$10.00			$5.00	Museum Members are Free Tour Groups – regular price unless special tour requests are made then it is “call for quote”

All children 5 and under are free.

Yellow Highlight denotes that the amount has changed from the previously approved schedule of fees.

Item 13.4
Historic Sites Committee
Quarterly Meeting
April 27—28, 2023

Consider Approval of Donor Naming Opportunities for the Washington-on-the-Brazos SHS Capital Campaign

Background

The Washington-on-the-Brazos Historical Foundation (WOBHF) is coordinating a fundraising campaign for the Capital Project at the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. The Friends of the THC is providing guidance and counsel to the WOBHF as a member of the core campaign strategy team.

As part of this fundraising campaign, and consistent with donor recognition guidelines approved by the Commission in January 2017, the Friends of the THC have developed a Donor Naming Opportunities list for this campaign (attachment A). This list will be used by the WOBHF and the Campaign Advisory Committee in its fundraising efforts.

The donor naming opportunities on this list have been curated from the 50% Schematic Design completed my Gallagher & Associates and may be subject to some changes as the design process proceeds (as specified in the list). In the event that happens, the Friends will bring an amended list to the Commission for approval.

Suggested Motion – Historic Sites Committee

Move to recommend that the Commission adopt the Washington-on-the-Brazos Donor Naming Opportunities Plan and authorize the Washington-on-the-Brazos Foundation to use this plan in their capital campaign efforts.

Suggested Motion – Commission

Move to adopt the Washington-on-the-Brazos Donor Naming Opportunities Plan, and authorize the Washington-on-the-Brazos Foundation to use this plan in their capital campaign efforts.

THE "WHERE TEXAS BECAME TEXAS" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
FOR THE
WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS STATE HISTORIC SITE CAPITAL PROJECT

ATTACHMENT A: DONOR NAMING OPPORTUNITIES
Draft March 31, 2023

The "Where Texas Became Texas" Capital Campaign Donor Naming Opportunities guidelines will be governed by two policies:

- The Texas Historical Commission's Donor Recognition Policy, specifically as it addresses the "Donor Recognition Wall", and "Capital Projects and Naming Opportunities" (attached); and
- Rule §16.11 of the Texas Administrative Code, which provides guidelines for the philanthropic naming of a property or a component of a property (attached).

Notes:

1. Naming opportunities detailed in this plan will be presented to the Texas Historical Commission for approval at the April 2023 Quarterly Commission meeting.
2. Once this comprehensive Donor Naming Opportunities list has been approved by the Commission, the WOBHF will share specific opportunities from this list with potential donors, based on the level of the ask and on the donor's interests.
3. This naming opportunities list is based on the 50% Schematic Exhibit Design details and may be subject to some changes once the 100% Schematic Design is finalized.
4. The placement of the donor naming (donor wall, plaques, wayfinding signs, etc.) will be guided by recommendations from the exhibit designers Gallagher & Associates (G&A).
5. Once this Donor Naming Opportunities list has been approved by the Commission, the exhibit designers will provide a design package for the various donor recognition and naming elements (like the donor wall, large and small plaques, waysides, etc.) for review and approval by the Commission.
6. Individual exhibit items are offered for naming at multiple levels. Items specifics will be provided once the list has been finalized.

Donor Naming Opportunities (By Gift Level)

Gift level	Location	Naming Opportunity	Recommended Naming Element	Recommended Narrative
$2,500,000	Townsite	Washington Townsite	Wayside	*The Washington Townsite Exhibit is generously underwritten by* _____
$1,000,000	Conference Center	Conference Center Building	Name on Building	*The [Donor name] Conference Center (placed per G&A recommendation)*
$1,000,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Family Gallery	Name at gallery entrance	The *Children's Gallery* is generously underwritten by ___ *(at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*
$1,000,000	Townsite	Independence Hall Reconstruction (existing)	Wayside	*[include info about the reconstruction and how and when it was constructed] The Independence Hall Reconstruction is generously underwritten by* _____
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Gallery 1: Dawn of the Republic	Name at gallery entrance	*The Dawn of the Republic gallery is generously underwritten by ___ (at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Gallery 2: Before the Republic	Name at gallery entrance	*The Before the Republic gallery is generously underwritten by ___ (at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Gallery 3: Independence	Name at gallery entrance	*The ___ gallery is generously underwritten by ___ (at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Gallery 4: Conflict and Struggle	Name at gallery entrance	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Gallery 5: Life in the Republic Gallery	Name at gallery entrance	*The Life in the Republic gallery is generously underwritten by ___ (at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Gallery 6: Annexation & Legacy of the Republic	Name at gallery entrance	*The Annexation & Legacy of the Republic Gallery is generously underwritten by ___ (at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*
$500,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Gallery 7: What Became of Washington?	Name at gallery entrance	*The What Became of Washington Gallery is generously underwritten by ___ (at the gallery entrance per G&A recommendation)*

$500,000	Townsite	Full Building Reconstructions (6)	Wayside	*[include info about the reconstructed building and its significance] The _____ Reconstruction is generously underwritten by _____*
$250,000	Conference Center	Main Conference Hall	Plaque	*The [donor name] Conference Hall (placed per G&A recommendation)*
$250,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.1 Timeline of the Revolution	Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$250,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.3 Convention of 1836	Plaque	*The Convention of 1836 exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the Independence Hall exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$250,000	SOR Museum Level 1	AV 1.0 "Dawn of the Republic" Orientation Immersive Film	Film Credit	*The "Dawn of the Republic" film was made possible by a gift/grant from ___ (donor recognition included in the film credits)*
$250,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Republic-era Lone Star Flag	Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$250,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Full Gallery Mural	Plaque	*The Life in the Republic mural is generously underwritten by ___ (at the mural per G&A recommendation)*
$250,000	Townsite	Partial Building Reconstructions (3)	Wayside	*[include info about the reconstructed shell and its significance] The _____ Reconstruction is generously underwritten by _____*
$250,000	Visitor Center	Central Media Experience	Video credit	*This media experience is generously underwritten by ___ (donor recognition included in the film credits)*
$250,000	Visitor Center	Gift Shop	Plaque	*The _____ Gift Shop (named for the donor, and placed at the gift shop entrance)*
$100,000	Conference Center	The Overlook Room	Plaque	*The [donor name] Meeting Room (placed per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	"The Long Road to Independence" Mural	Plaque	*This mural was made possible by a gift/grant from ___ (at the mural per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	2.1 The Land	Plaque	*The Land exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	2.2 Indigenous Inhabitants Exhibit	Plaque	*The Indigenous Inhabitants exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*

$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	2.3 Spanish Rule & Mexican Independence Exhibit	Plaque	*The Spanish Rule & Mexican Independence exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	2.4 Arrival of New Immigrants	Plaque	*The Arrival of New Immigrants exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.2 Causes of the Revolution	Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.4 Final Days of the Revolution	Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.1 Building a New Society	Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.2 Internal Politics	Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.3 External Relations	Plaque	*This External Relations exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.4 News of the Republic	Plaque	*This News of the Republic exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.4.1 Printing Press Interactive	Plaque	*This Printing Press Interactive exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Document Cases (multiple)	Small plaques	*Generously underwritten by _____*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.1 Home & Family	Plaque	*The Home and Family exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.2 Society & Community	Plaque	*This Society and Community exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.3 Travel & Trade	Plaque	*This Travel & Trade exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.4 Work & Economy	Plaque	*This Work & Economy exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*

$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.5 Government & Politics	Plaque	*This Government & Politics exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	6.1 Map of Texas Mural	Plaque	*This Map of Texas Mural is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	6.2 US + Texas Flag Display	Plaque	*This US & Texas Flag display is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	SOR Museum Level 2	6.3 Anson Jones Speech (Projection and Audio)	Plaque/Projection	*This Anson Jones Speech exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$100,000	Townsite	Building Cover Reconstructions (2)	Wayside	*[include info about the reconstructed structure and its significance] The _____ Reconstruction is generously underwritten by _____*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.1.1Weapons and Uniforms	Medium Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.2.1 List of Grievances	Medium Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.2.2 Signers' Painting	Medium Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.2.3 Where Were the Signers Form?	Medium Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	3.2.4 Who Were the 59 Signers?	Medium Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.1.1 New Governments & New Challenges	Medium Plaque	*The Timeline of the Revolution exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	4.2.1 Personal Stories/Diary Flipbook	Medium Plaque	*This Personal Stories/Diary Flipbook exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	AV 2.0 The Growing Tensions Map	Video Credit	*The Growing Tensions Map exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (donor recognition included in the video credits)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	AV 3.0 The Die is Cast	Film Credit	*This The Die is Cast audio-visual Presentation is generously underwritten by ___ (donor recognition included in the film credits)*

$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Family Gallery Interactive Exhibit Zones (5 total)	Medium Plaque	*This _____ interactive zone is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Printing Press (1)	Medium Plaque	*Generously underwritten by _____*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Signers Painting (1)	Medium Plaque	*Generously underwritten by _____*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.1.1 What Did People Eat?	Medium Plaque	*This What Did People Eat? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.1.2 What Were Homes Like? (case)	Medium Plaque	*This What Were Homes Like? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.1.3 How Did Each Member of the Household Help? (case)	Medium Plaque	*This How Did Each Member of the Household Help? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.3.1 What Was Bought and Sold? (case)	Medium Plaque	*This What Was Bought And Sold? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.3.2 How Did People and News Travel? (case)	Medium Plaque	*This How Did People and News Travel? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.4.1 The Role of Slavery	Medium Plaque	*This Role of Slavery exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	6.4 Portraits of Texas	Medium Plaque	*This Portraits of Texas exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$50,000	SOR Museum Level 2	AV 5.0 People of the Republic	Video Credit	*This People of the Republic AV experience is generously underwritten by ___ (video credits)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Documents (multiple)	Small plaques	*Generously underwritten by _____*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Flags, Currency (multiple)	Small plaques	*Generously underwritten by _____*

$25,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Indeginious artifacts, portraits, home goods and furniture (multiple)	Small plaques	*Generously underwritten by _____*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 1	Various Individual Exhibits - Weapons and Uniforms (multiple)	Small plaques	*Generously underwritten by _____*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.2.1 Body and Mind (case)	Small plaques	*This Body & Mind exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.2.2 Role of Religion (case)	Small plaques	*This Role of Religion exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.2.3 How did people Gather?	Small plaques	*This How Did People Gather? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.4.2 Kinds of Work – Sugar Mill Interactive (Artifact)	Small plaques	*This Kinds of Work exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	5.4.3What Was Farm Life Like? (case)	Small plaques	*This What Was Farm Life Like? exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	6.5 Add Your Portrait	Small plaques	*This Add Your Portrait exhibit is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	AV 5.1 Home and Family AR Windows	Small plaques	*This Home and Family AR Window experience is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	AV 5.2 Phrenology	Small plaques	*This Phrenology AV experience is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	AV 5.3 Market Cart Experience	Small plaques	*This Market Case Experience is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Terrace Experience 1: Independence Hall View/Bench	Small plaque on bench	*This Terrace Experience 1 (View of the Independence Hall) is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Terrace Experience 2: Townsite View/Bench	Small plaque on bench	*This Terrace Experience 2 (View of the Townsite) is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*

$25,000	SOR Museum Level 2	Terrace Experience 3: Barrington Plantation View/Bench	Small plaque on bench	*This Terrace Experience 3 (View of the Barrington Plantation) is generously underwritten by ___ (at the exhibit per G&A recommendation)*
$25,000	Townsite	Townsite Street Sign 1: Ferry Street	Small Wayside	*[include info about townsite and Ferry Street] Generously underwritten by _____ (will need stories about key buildings on this street)*
$25,000	Townsite	Townsite Street Sign 2: Main Street	Small Wayside	*[include info about townsite and Main Street] Generously underwritten by _____ (will need stories about key buildings on this street)*
$25,000	Townsite	Townsite Street Sign 3: Bonham Street	Small Wayside	*[include info about townsite and Bonham Street] Generously underwritten by _____ (will need stories about key buildings on this street)*
$25,000	Townsite	Townsite Street Sign 4: Gay Street	Small Wayside	*[include info about townsite and Gay Street] Generously underwritten by _____ (will need stories about key buildings on this street)*
$25,000	Townsite	Townsite Street Sign 5: Austin Street	Small Wayside	*[include info about townsite and Austin Street] Generously underwritten by _____ (will need stories about key buildings on this street)*
$25,000	Townsite	Townsite Street Sign 6: Water Street	Small Wayside	*[include info about townsite and Water Street] Generously underwritten by _____ (will need stories about key buildings on this street)*
$10,000	Visitor Center		Donor Wall	Donor name listed by level

Note: All donors of $10,000 and above will be listed on a Donor Recognition Wall at the site. This wall will be designed per the THC Design Guidelines for State Historic Sites Donor Recognition.

ATTACHMENT 1

TEXAS HISTORICAL CCOMMISSION DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR DONOR RECOGNITION *(Approved 1/27/2017)*

Design Guidelines for State Historic Sites Donor Recognition

(Final Approved 1-27-2017)

The design guidelines for donor recognition walls at all of the Texas Historical Commission's sites will be governed by the following administrative policies and procedures:

i. The Texas Historical Commission's Donor Recognition Policy, specifically as it addresses the "Donor Recognition Wall", and "Capital Projects and Naming Opportunities"; and
ii. Rule §16.11 of the Texas Administrative Code, which provides guidelines for the philanthropic naming of a property or a component of a property.

General Guidelines

a. Gifts of money, in-kind contributions, collections, property, or land that have a value of $10,000 or more, or those deemed worthy of the recognition as determined by the Executive Director and Commission, will be recognized with their name on a "Donor Recognition Wall".
b. The location of the Donor Recognition Wall will be determined by the THC, as part of the overall design of the facilities on the site. The wall will be placed in a prominent location and designed to enhance the overall visitor experience.
c. The Donor Recognition Wall will be architecturally and esthetically appropriate to the site, and will be designed to complement the site and meet preservation standards if the site is a historic property.
d. For new site developments, the Donor Recognition Wall will be designed as part of the overall exhibit design at the site. The size and scale of the design will be coordinated with the HSD Architectural program team, in partnership with the exhibit designers.

Specific Design Guidelines

a. The designation of the Donor on the wall, and the manner in which this designation is expressed, shall be determined by the Texas Historical Commission in a way that reflects the generosity of the Donor, and is consistent with the design of the facilities at the site.
b. The design of the Donor Recognition Wall will allow for flexibility and room for expansion, so that new donors may be added to the wall once a year (as applicable).
c. The order, placement and sequencing of names will be designed to acknowledge the importance of the gift and the scale of its significance to the property's operation and mission. The Donor's gift will be recognized based on the giving levels/steps and gift ranges established for each individual site.
d. The text design on the donor recognition wall (font/typeface) will be governed by the Texas Historical Commission Brand Identity Guidelines, or will be consistent with the font/typeface used in the exhibits on the site (if these differ from the font/typeface specified in the brand identify guidelines), and on any philanthropic naming features/plaques (as applicable).
e. The size of the text for each designation will be determined based on the sequencing, and on the space available for the donor recognition wall.
f. No logos will be included on the donor recognition wall.

Recognition of Capital Campaign/Endowment Donors at Historic Sites Facilities

a. The listing of donors contributing towards a capital campaign/Fund/endowment for a site (if and as applicable) will be separate and distinguished from annual donors contributing towards the ongoing operations and maintenance of the site.
b. Barring unique circumstances that require the removal of a donor's name from a listing, the names of donors to a capital campaign or an endowment campaign will be listed permanently on the donor recognition wall, and will be identified as donors to the capital campaign.
c. The overall design language for the donor wall will be consistent with that for any naming opportunity plaques/features at the new facility.
d. The list of capital campaign donors, with specific sequencing, will be provided by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission to the HSD Architectural/Exhibits Design team upon the completion of the campaign.
e. All donors making a gift of $10,000 or more towards a capital campaign will receive a memento commemorating their gift.

Recognition of Annual Operating Gifts at Historic Sites Facilities

a. Names of donors making a gift of $10,000 or more towards the annual operations of a historic site will be listed on an annual donor recognition design element integrated into the donor wall. This will be updated annually to recognize operational support.
b. The overall design language for the donor wall will be consistent with that for any naming opportunity plaques/features at the new facility.

ATTACHMENT 2

TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 13, PART 2, CHAPTER 16
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES §16.10 & 16.11

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Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 13	CULTURAL RESOURCES
PART 2	TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
CHAPTER 16	HISTORIC SITES
RULE §16.10	Commemorative Naming of State Historic Site Facilities

(a) Commemorative naming refers to the naming of a property or some component of a property for an individual or civic or charitable group in recognition of outstanding achievement, distinctive service, or significant community contribution, generally without financial consideration.

(b) The term "civic or charitable group" shall mean a nonprofit entity, family or group that has made a substantial contribution to the state or community, either through civic involvement, through involvement in historic events relevant to a specific State Historic Site, or through an in-kind donation to support a specific State Historic Site. For-profit entities shall not be considered civic or charitable groups for purposes of this section.

(c) Only non-historic features at State Historic Sites may be named pursuant to these rules, such as new visitor centers, meeting rooms, theaters, galleries, plazas, and other similar features designed for public use.

(d) The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Historic Sites shall have the authority to independently review and recommend commemorative naming proposals to the Commission for final approval.

(e) Any proposal for commemorative naming shall be made in writing and shall include sufficient explanation to enable the Commission to make a determination that the request is justified and complies with this policy.

(f) In reaching its decision, the Commission shall consider the proposed name, any contributions the individual or organization has made to the state of Texas, whether or not the local community supports the proposal, and, in the case of individuals, whether or not the person's surviving family supports the proposal.

(g) Commemorative naming may not reference any person not deceased for at least five years.

(h) Commemorative renaming of existing named facilities is discouraged.

(i) The Commission shall have the authority to rescind the naming of any property or component of any property if, in the Commission's opinion, the individual, civic or charitable group is found to have participated in any behavior which would have a negative impact on the site or agency or would discredit the work of the agency in any way.

Source Note: The provisions of this §16.10 adopted to be effective August 31, 2015, 40 TexReg 5457

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Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 13	CULTURAL RESOURCES
PART 2	TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
CHAPTER 16	HISTORIC SITES
RULE §16.11	Philanthropic Naming of State Historic Site Facilities

(a) Philanthropic naming refers to the naming of a property or some component of a property for an individual or civic or charitable group in exchange for financial or other consideration.

(b) The term "civic or charitable group" shall mean a nonprofit entity, family or group. For-profit entities shall not be considered civic or charitable groups for purposes of this section.

(c) Only non-historic features at State Historic Sites may be named pursuant to these rules, such as new visitor centers, meeting rooms, theaters, galleries, plazas, and other similar features designed for public use.

(d) Philanthropic naming rights may only be granted as part of a philanthropic naming rights plan developed in support of a particular project at a State Historic Site and approved by the Commission.

(e) Philanthropic naming rights plans shall establish an aggregate campaign goal, taking into consideration capital costs, annual operating and maintenance costs, desirability and marketability, and visibility and prominence of the features to be named.

(f) Subsequent to the approval of a philanthropic naming rights plan by the Commission, the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Historic Sites, working with the agency's Development Director, shall have the authority to independently review and approve naming proposals consistent with said plan. In reaching this decision, they shall consider whether the gift is from a potentially controversial source, how the donation is to be acknowledged on the site, and any other relevant factors. If, in the opinion of the staff the gift could be controversial, staff may refer the proposed gift to the Commission for final approval.

(g) All assets for which naming rights will be offered shall be valued as a function of the aggregate campaign goal within the philanthropic naming rights plan.

(h) All naming rights shall be approved for a specific term, which shall not be longer than the useful life of the property or facility, as determined by the Commission, unless otherwise established in the naming rights plan approved by the Commission.

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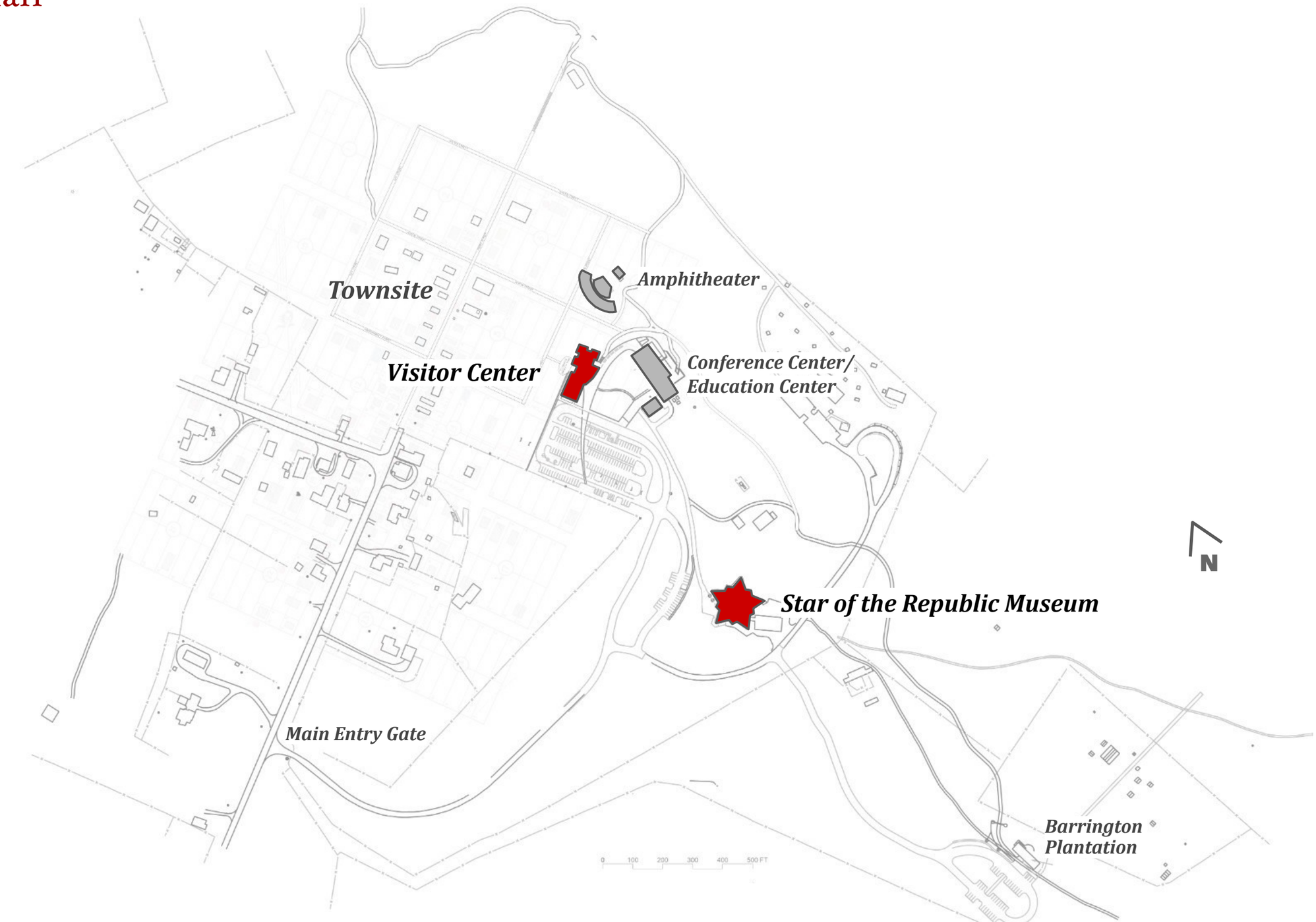
DONOR OPPORTUNITIES

Overall Site Plan



Level 1 | Floor Plan

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES LOCATIONS

#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	S.O.R.	Stairs
	S.O.R.	Lobby/Lobby
	S.O.R.	Elevator
2	S.O.R. L1	Children's Gallery
3	S.O.R. L1	Gallery 1: Dawn of the Republic
4	S.O.R. L1	Gallery 2: Before the Republic
5	S.O.R. L1	Gallery 3: Independence
6	S.O.R. L1	Gallery 4: Conflict & Struggle

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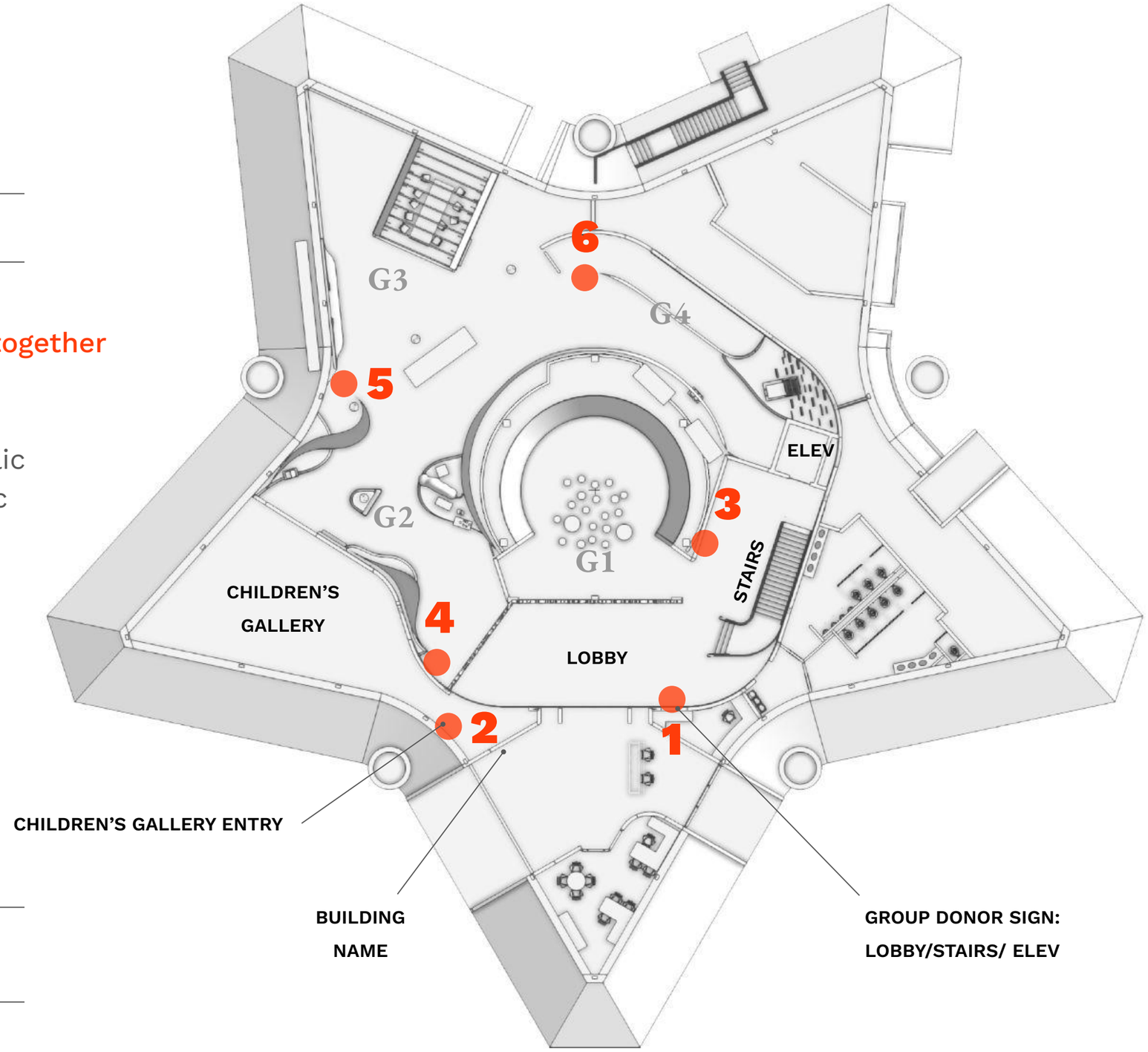

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Level 2 | Floor Plan

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES LOCATIONS

#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
7	S.O.R. L2	Gallery 5: Life in the Republic
8	S.O.R. L2	Gallery 6: Annexation & Legacy of the Rep.
9	S.O.R. L2	Gallery 7: What became of W.O.B
10	S.O.R. L2	Terrace Enhancements (exterior)

● = DONOR SIGNAGE LOCATION

Building Floor Plan

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES LOCATIONS

#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	V.C.	Gift Shop
2	V.C.	Outdoor Townsite Orientation
3	V.C.	Central Media Experience
	V.C.	Gallery 1 (Townsite)
	V.C.	Gallery 2 (Star Museum)
	V.C.	Gallery 3 (Barrington Farms)
	V.C.	Other THC Sites

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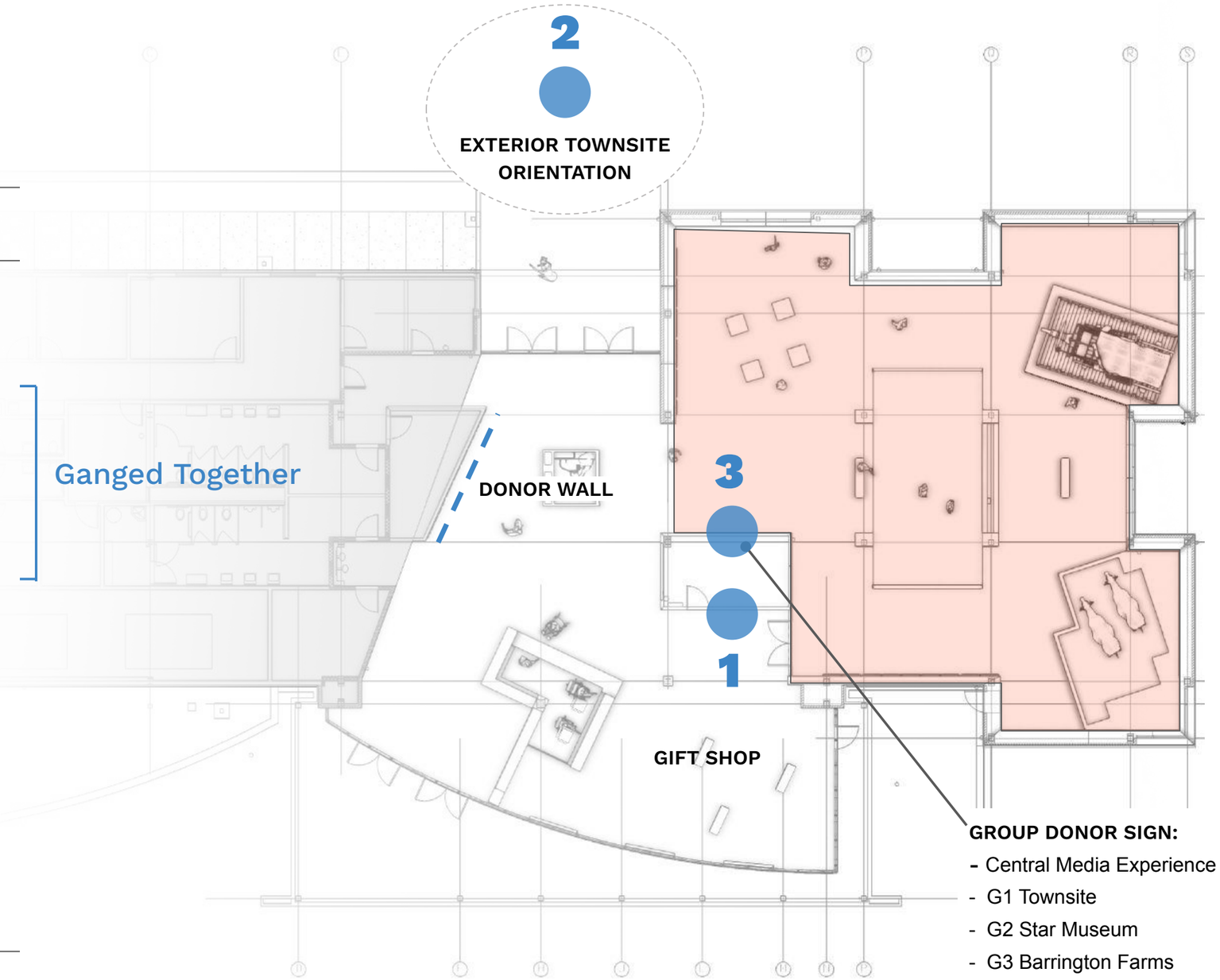


GROUP DONOR SIGN:
- Central Media Experience
- G1 Townsite
- G2 Star Museum
- G3 Barrington Farms
- Other THC Sites

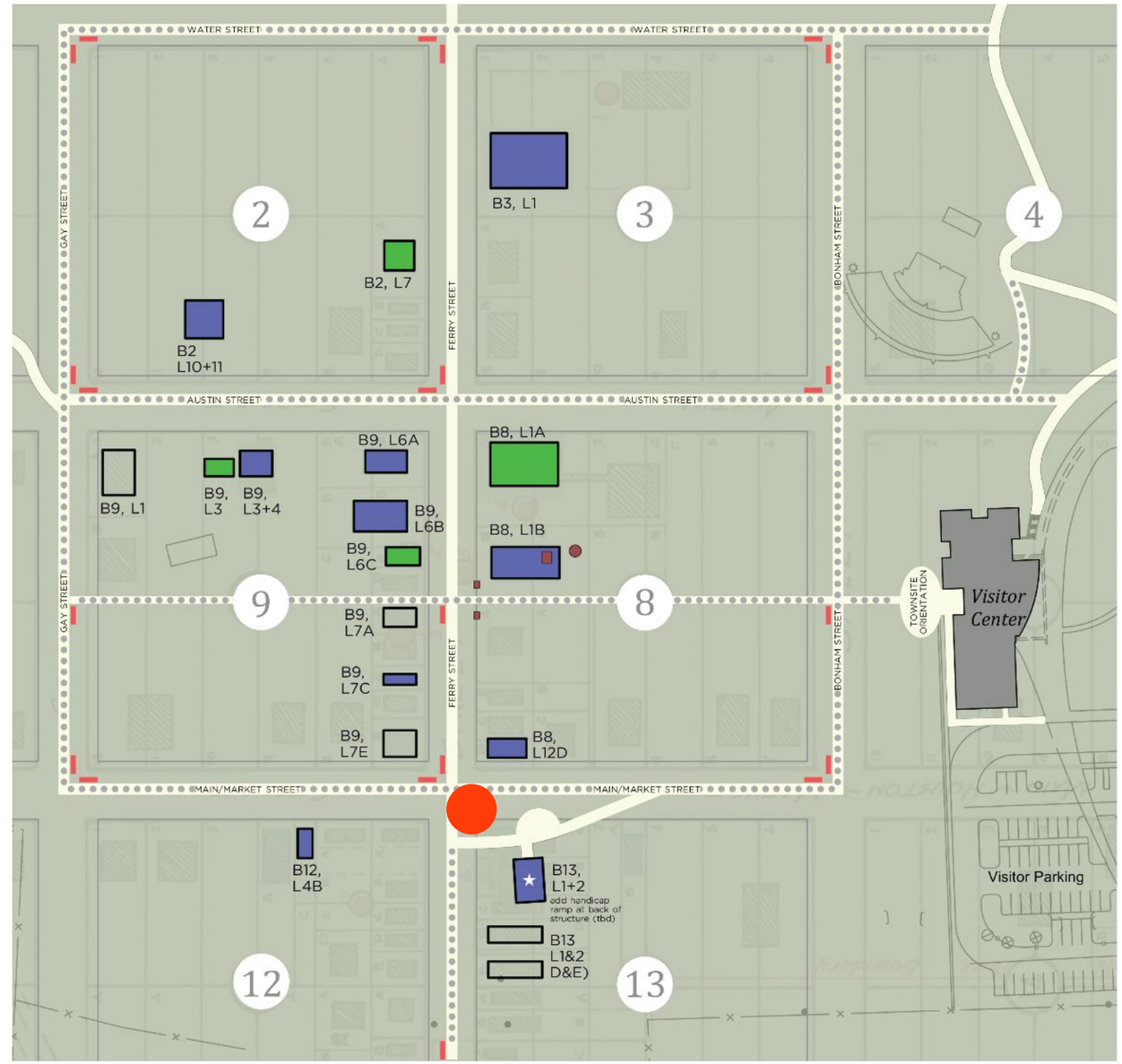
● = **DONOR SIGNAGE LOCATION**

Site Plan

DONOR OPPORTUNITIES LOCATIONS

#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	T.S.	Main Street near Ind. Hall

Note: Additional Townsite donor opportunities (example: At recreated buildings) to be determined in coordination with client



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Donor Wall

Donor Wall

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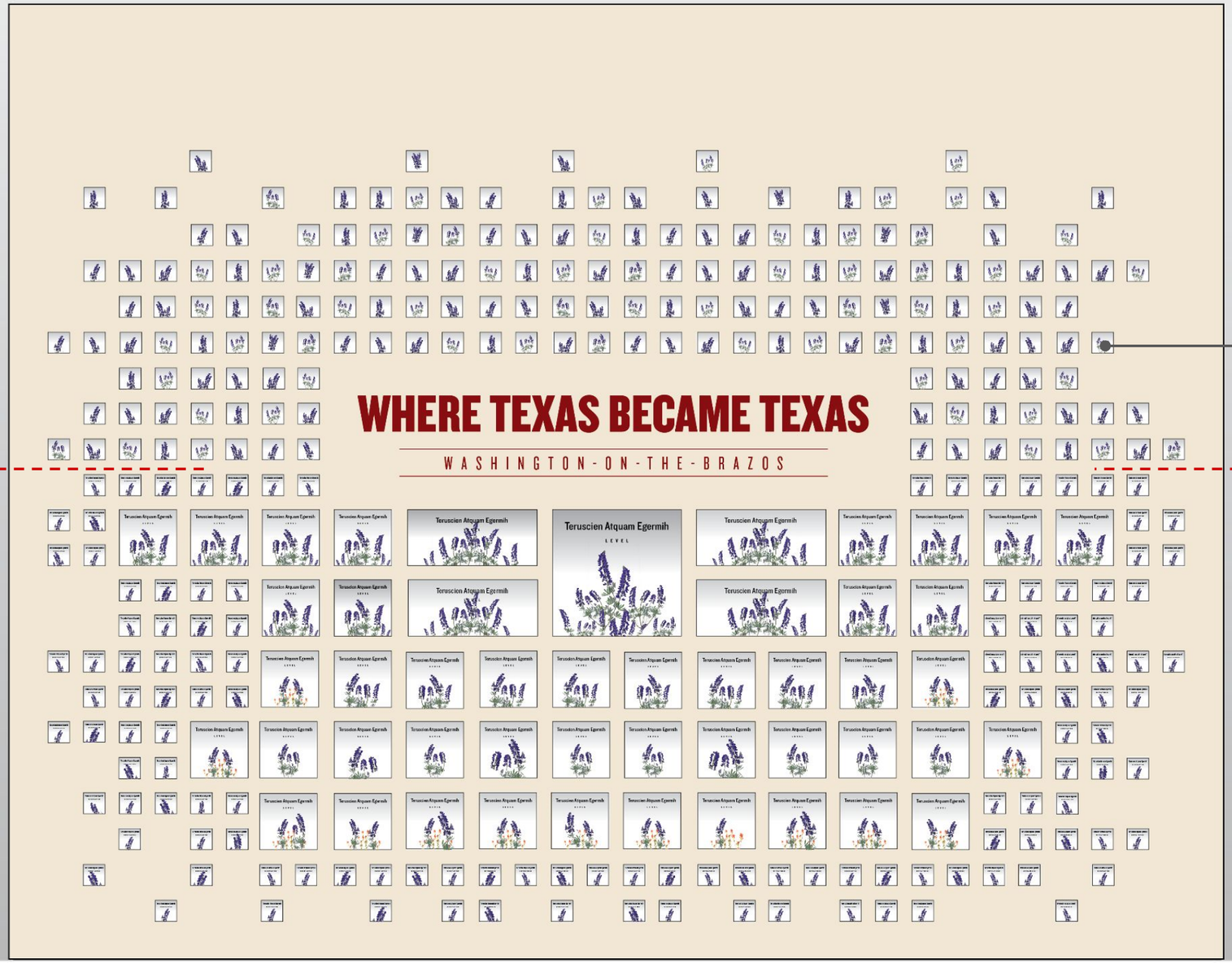

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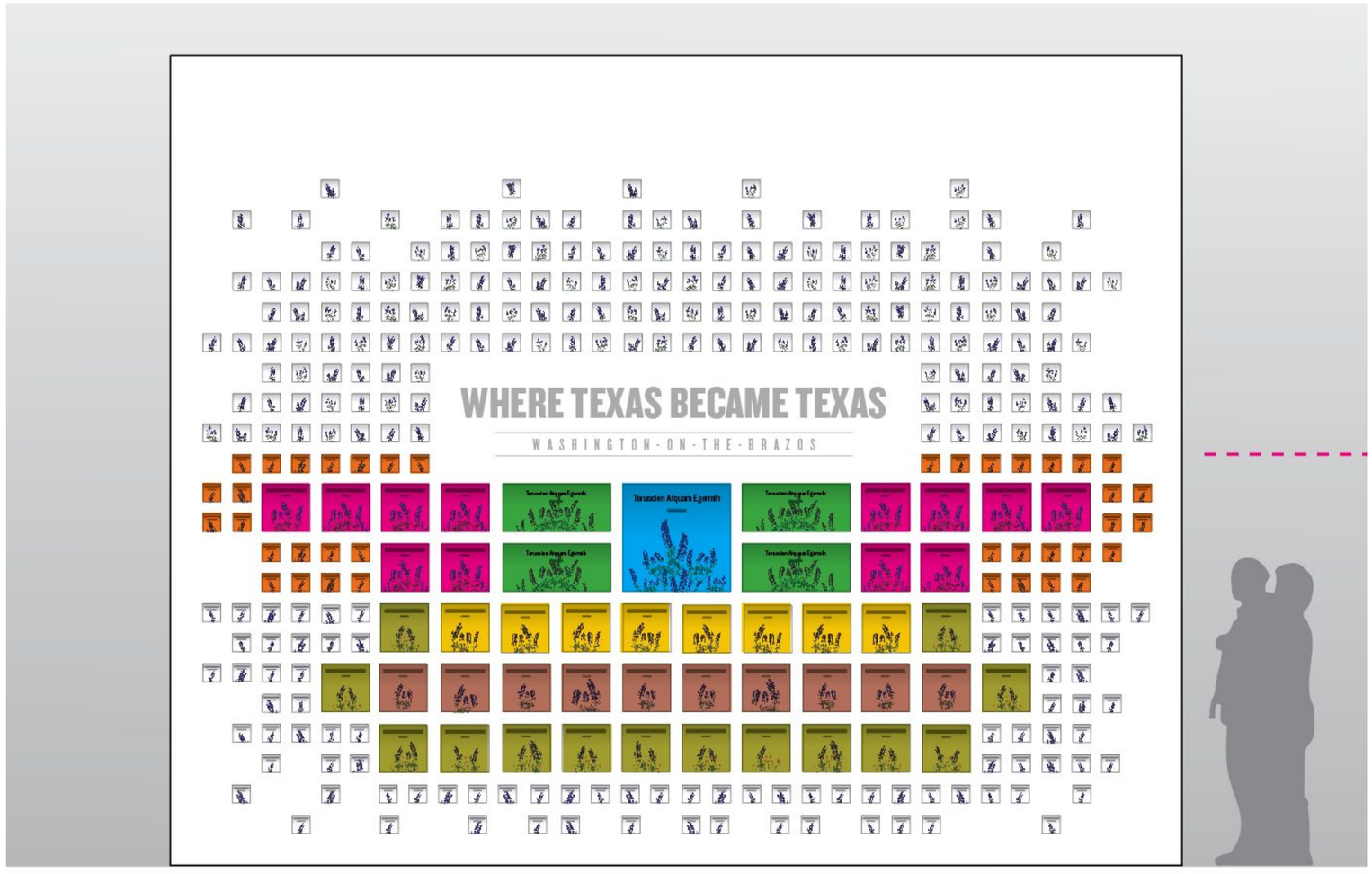
No donor names. Resin-casts only.

Below 8ft:
Multiple donor levels

Donor Wall

Distribution of Donor Levels



	SIZE	EXAMPLE LEVEL NAME	DONATION
		FOUNDER	2.5M
		STAR PATRON	1M
		PATRON	500K
		STAR BENEFACTOR	250K
		BENEFACTOR	100K
		FRIENDS	50K
		SUPPORTER	25K
		CONTRIBUTOR	10K

GALLERIES

Level 1 | Aerial View

Gallery 1: Dawn of the Republic (Orientation)

Gallery 2: Before the Republic

Gallery 3: Independence

Gallery 4: Conflict & Struggle

Aerial View

Thematic Zones

5.0 Orientation

5.1 Home & Family

5.2 Society & Community

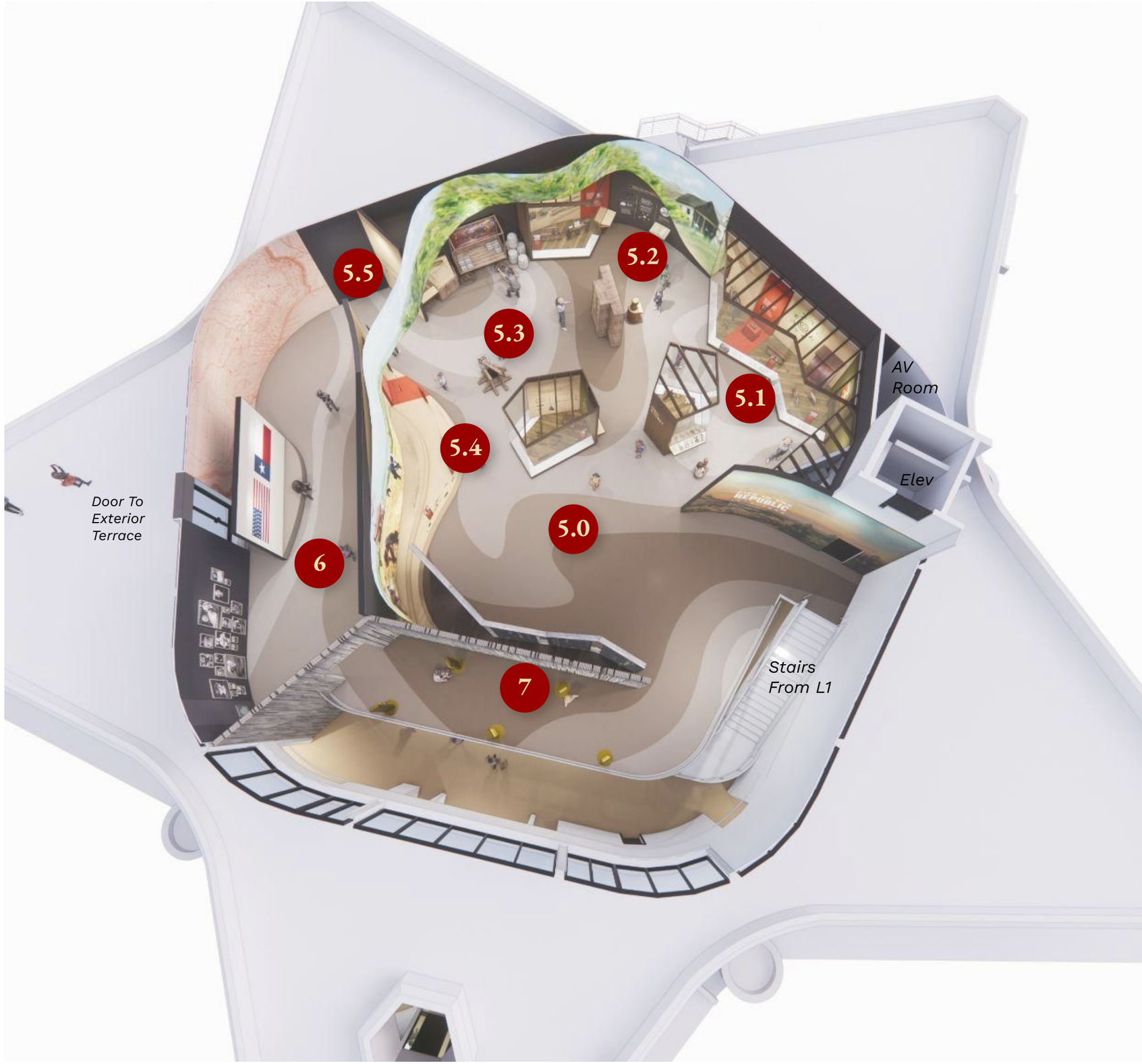
5.3 Travel & Trade

5.4 Work & Economy

5.5 Government & Politics

6.0 Annexation & Legacy of the Republic

7.0 What Became of Washington?



Historic Sites Committee

Agenda Item No. 11

T-Diamond Ranch Report – Longhorn Herd

Property for Housing and Interpreting the Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd

T-Diamond Ranch Executive Summary

Will Cradduck, Longhorn Herd Manager
Dylan McCoy, Financial Analyst

3/28/2023

Introduction

A search for a suitable property to house the Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd has commenced. The primary objectives are to identify an available property that:

1. Has the capability to be a permanent home for the entire breeding herd and part of the steer herd, totaling about 200 animal units, to allow the long-term preservation of the herd without the uncertainty and cost of short-term grazing leases.
2. Has the potential to be developed to be the primary location for interpretation of the Herd to the public, including a good visitor center location and easily accessible pastures.

This analysis of the T-Diamond Ranch property examines its suitability for these purposes for the Herd.

The T-Diamond Ranch is currently for sale but not publicly listed. It is in south-central Stonewall County and northeast Fisher County between the communities of Hamlin and Aspermont. US-83 passes through the northeast corner of the ranch for about 2.75 miles, and it borders the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos for about 1/2 mile in the northwest corner. The ranch consists of 5870 acres of deep clay loam soils, and river breaks with thin, rocky clay soils. It contains pens, a lodge, and a 3 bedroom/2 bath house. There is some oil production on the property. It can currently be purchased for about $15 million.

Location

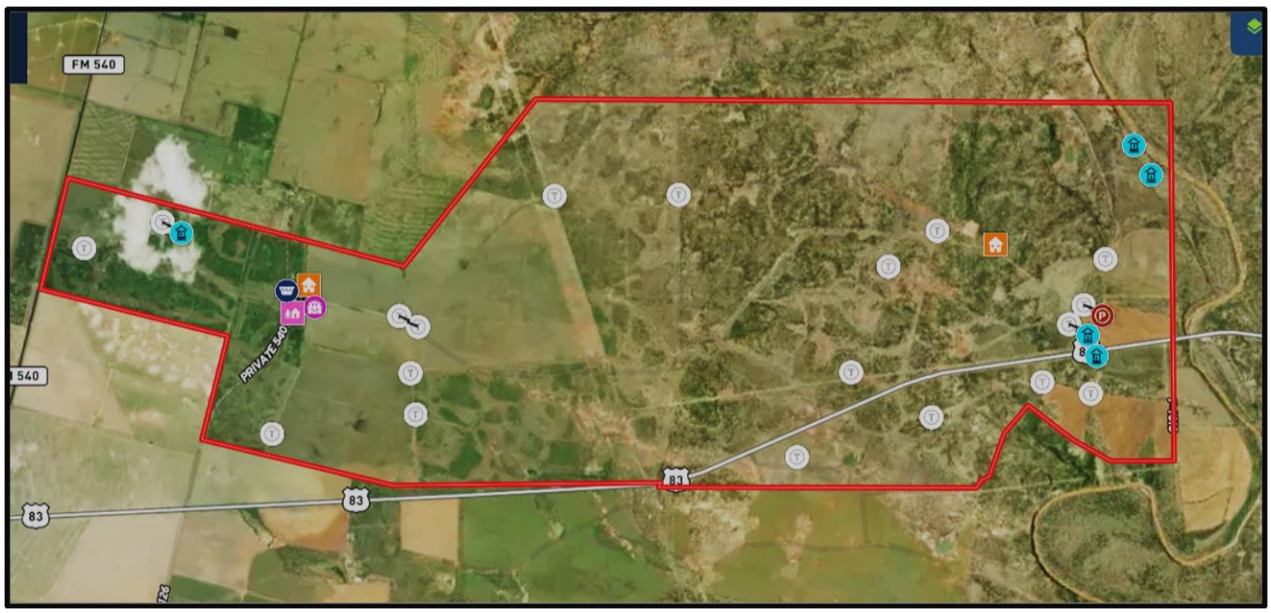
The property is within the native range of the Texas Longhorn. It allows the Herd to live and forage in an area where they are naturally adapted and would maintain many of the original selection pressures and environment that formed the Texas Longhorn breed.

The location is relatively central to Texas, being within the Texas Forts Trail Region, for convenient travel of visitors. Traffic by the ranch on US-83 in 2021 (AADT, from TxDOT) was 1188 vehicles daily, for about 433,620 vehicles per year as potential visitors to the ranch. Traffic may be down for 2022 and 2023 due to bridge construction nearby.

The ranch is known and documented as a historic cattle ranch. The ranch has been recognized by the Texas Department of Agriculture as a Family Land Heritage Property. It has been operated as a cattle ranch by the same family for over 100 years, since 1895, and was instrumental in establishing cattle ranching in the area. Current owners are Washington Bryan and William and Patricia Bryan. The property is also within about 2 miles of the historic buffalo hunter town site of Rath City to the west. The Makenzie Trail from Fort Griffin and the mail route between Fort Griffin and Rath City cross the property.

The ranch is mostly contiguous, with much of the ranch to the west of US-83 and south of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos. About 658 acres are located across US-83 to the east, and about 36 acres are located across the river to the north. These acres across the river are not fenced separately from the neighbor. The large pastures of the ranch are fenced off from the river for livestock safety and security. The property is broken up into 9 pastures over 100 acres, and 10 pastures less than 100 acres.

FM-540 borders the southern edge of the ranch for about 3/10 of a mile. There are 4 entrances from US-83 into the main part of the ranch, and two entrances to the 658 acres east of US-83. There is also an entrance from County Road 245 at the southeast corner of the ranch.



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Analysis of T-Diamond Ranch

Purchase and Lease/Purchase Options

Cash Purchase Option Offered

$/Acre	Acres	Sales Price
$2500	5870	$14,675,000

Lease Purchase Option Offered

$/Acre	Acres	Sales Price
$2810.90	5870	$16,500,000

Terms:

Down Payment
12 Year Lease Purchase
Interest charge of $100,000/yr. or $1,200,000 over life of loan
    This equals a 9.09% simple interest rate over life of loan
    For comparison the equivalent mortgage rate would be 1.46% compounding monthly
Lease charge $150,000/yr. or $1,800,000 over life of lease
    Interest and lease combined would result in an equivalent rate of 3.5%.
    Current average 15-year mortgage rate is around 5.5%

Cost Breakdown

Down Payment		$3,200,000
Principal Payment		$13,300,000
Total Interest Cost	12 years	$1,200,000
Lease Payments	12 years	$1,800,000
Total Cost		$19,500,000

Total Cost of Lease Purchase Option

$/Acre	Acres	Total Cost
$3321.98	5870	$19,500,000

Comparables – Currently advertised for sale on the internet.

$36,000,000 • 6,000 acres

$6,000 per acre turnkey - includes livestock, equipment, etc. Texas Cattle Ranch Extensive county road frontage – future development potential Seamless sale with current operation easily transferred to a new owner without interruption. Broker has prelim title and new survey done Productive East TX Location Package Sale Includes Cattle, Equipment, Staff Centrally located and accessed within the geographical triangle by and between Buffalo (Hwy 79 & Interstate 45) and the cities of Palestine and Elkhart in East Texas, the Elkhart Ranch offers multiple to/from

Elkhart, TX • Anderson County Bernard Uechtritz

$6000/Acre

7 ARROWS RANCH

Sidney : Comanche Co : Texas

Hortenstine Ranch Company

$7,631/Acre

9,400 Acres • $29,500,000

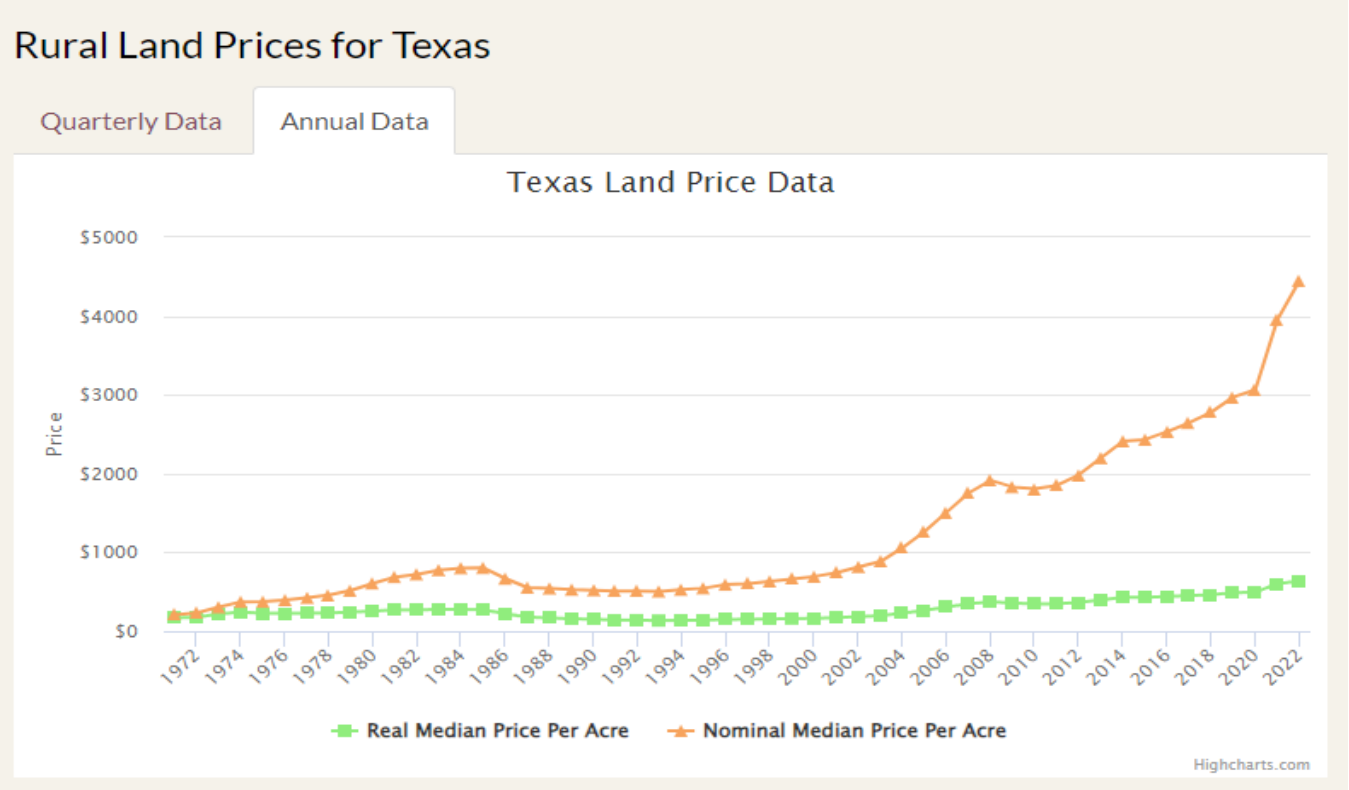
Albany, TX, 76430, Shackelford County

Sam Middleton

Chas S. Middleton and Son

$3,138/Acre

Market Data – Texas Land Appreciation
Source: Texas A&M Real Estate Research Center



Year	Tract Size (acres)	Nominal			Real		Volume of Sales
		Price Per Acre	Percentage Change (YoY)	Annual Compound 5-Year Growth Rate	Price per Acre	Percentage Change (YoY)	
2010	1,072	$1,807	-1.26%	5.56%	$346	-2.81%	2,773
2011	1,739	$1,848	2.27%	2.48%	$347	0.29%	2,653
2012	1,646	$1,986	7.47%	0.96%	$365	5.19%	3,116
2013	1,399	$2,197	10.62%	1.25%	$397	8.77%	3,998
2014	1,167	$2,409	9.65%	3.8%	$429	8.06%	4,415
2015	1,055	$2,433	1%	4.39%	$429	0%	5,067
2016	1,478	$2,531	4.03%	4.86%	$440	2.56%	5,545
2017	1,060	$2,644	4.46%	4.32%	$451	2.5%	6,272
2018	1,634	$2,779	5.11%	3.12%	$463	2.66%	6,192
2019	1,312	$2,972	6.94%	2.57%	$487	5.18%	5,960
2020	1,139	$3,064	3.1%	2.9%	$495	1.64%	7,684
2021	1,305	$3,954	29.05%	6.47%	$602	21.62%	9,055
2022	1,406	$4,446	12.44%	7.15%	$637	5.81%	6,677

Longhorn Herd Operational Costs Estimate
T-Diamond Ranch, Stonewall and Fisher Counties
Will Cradduck, Longhorn Herd Manager

Current Annual Herd Operational Budget (currently part of Fort Griffin SHS budget)

Salary and Wages		
Herd Manager		75,600
Assistant Herd Manager		38,850
Travel		2,500
Fuel/Maintenance		6,000
Utilities		10,000
Communications		3,600
Livestock Feed and Supplies		25,000
Office Supplies		500
Equipment Repairs		7,000
Facility Repairs		3,000
Veterinary/Farrier		3,000
Licenses - Training and Renewal		700
Grazing lease		60,844
Total with Grazing Lease	$	236,594
Total without Grazing Lease	$	175,750
Annual Cattle Sales	$	22,000

Proposed Annual Herd Operational Budget at the T-Diamond Ranch

Salary and Wages		
Herd Manager	75,600	
Assistant Herd Manager	38,850	
Herd Interpreter	45,150	*requested FTE*
Herd Wrangler	45,150	*requested FTE*
Office Manager	42,000	*additional FTE*
Travel	5,500	
Fuel/Maintenance	25,000	
Utilities	55,000	
Communications	7,000	
Livestock Feed and Supplies	30,000	
Office Supplies	2,500	
Equipment Repairs	15,000	
Facility Repairs	30,000	
Veterinary/Farrier	5,000	
Licenses - Training and Renewal	2,500	
Pasture Brush Control/Maint.	15,000	
Total	$439,250	
Annual Cattle Sales	$22,000	
Note - Fort Griffin SHS annual operations will decrease by about:	$150,000	

Proposed Additional Capital Expenditures to make the T-Diamond Ranch Operational for the Herd

Land Management		
replace 4 miles fence	80,000	
repair/ improve 2 sets cattle pens	10,000	
surface tank clean-out x 10	100,000	
small livestock shed x 2	10,000	
road improvement	25,000	
cattle guards, gates	15,000	
Infrastructure/Buildings		
Lodge conversion to Visitor Center	100,000	
Residence renovate/expand	200,000	
Equipment shed 30 x 80	30,000	
Feed storage (shipping) containers, x 2	15,000	
Equipment/Vehicles		
Replacement F350 4x4 for Herd Assistant	65,000	*requested*
F150 4x4 for Herd Interpreter	45,000	*additional*
F250 4X4 for Herd Wrangler	55,000	*additional*
Livestock trailer 24'	35,000	
Flatbed 25'+5' dovetail trailer	15,000	
Utility trailer 20 ft	20,000	
ATV 6 passenger, x 2	50,000	
Skid steer Bobcat T76 cab	80,000	
Skid steer attachments	40,000	
Tractor John Deere 6135E	105,000	
Tractor attachments	40,000	
Riding mower 60" zero turn	6,000	
Total	$1,141,000	

Interpretive Potential

Ranch and Local History
The T-Diamond ranch presents tremendous interpretation potential for the Longhorn Herd, local ranching history, Red River Wars history, and buffalo hunter history.

The T-Diamond has historic ranching significance as it has been owned and operated as a cattle ranch by the Bryan family since 1895. Along with the history of the longhorns and trail drives, a complete timeline of cattle ranching history in Texas can be interpreted. Interestingly, ranching in Stonewall County began with buffalo hunter John Goff in 1873. Early ranching included the Double Mountain Horseshoe T Cross Ranch, established by James and Paul Reed. They brought in 3000 head of longhorns in 1877.

The ranch has significant ties to the Indian Wars in Texas through the Mackenzie Trail and Rath City. The trail blazed in 1871 to supply Makenzie's troops in his campaigns against the Plains Indians crosses the property on its way to the supply camp on Duck Creek. The Mackenzie Trail also passes through the buffalo hunter town of Rath City (est.1876) just 2 miles to the west. Rath City played a large role in the elimination of the Plains Bison and decline of the Plains Indians.

Interpretive goals
1. Interpret the origins and importance of the longhorn cattle in Texas and interpret the trail drive and early ranching period that utilized almost exclusively longhorn cattle. Showcase the 200+ head of historic longhorn cattle in the Herd to all visitors.

2. Interpret the conflict of Plains Indians and early settlement, Red River War and associated military campaigns against the Plains Indians in the area, as well as the contribution of the buffalo hunters in the elimination of American Plains Bison and control of the Plains Indians.

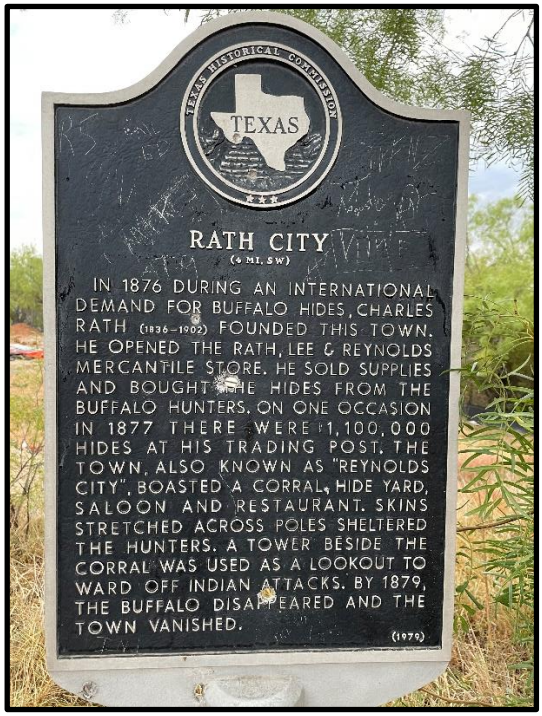
Interpretive logistics
Primary interpretation at the site would be staff-guided tours of the Herd and self-guided tours of informational displays in and around the visitor center (adapted from lodge). Tours of the herd would be based on visitor schedule, from a short walking tour to view cattle in a nearby pasture to an extensive vehicle tour of the entire herd.

Overall, the ranch would be open to the public 6 to 7 days a week, including the weekend. Potential visitation to the site, based on current visitation at Fort Griffin SHS and recent vehicle traffic counts near each site, would be about 21,520 visitors per year. This could be enhanced significantly with advertisement due to the unique nature of this attraction.

Herd staff would continue with herd interpretive programs at Fort Griffin SHS, and cooperate with the T-Diamond location on programs, events and herd management. Driving distance to Fort Griffin is about 76 miles. On-site staff needed in addition to the Herd Manager would include an office manager, an interpretive specialist, and an assistant herd manager.

Additional interpretive opportunities
The commercial kitchen and dining room at the lodge would remain in operation for special events and functions. These facilities would be scheduled to be open 1-2 days a week and serve longhorn steaks, burgers, barbecue and other dishes.

Also, in cooperation with TxDot, the nearby roadside park (across the river bridge from the north boundary, 0.1 miles) would contain updated information on the ranch, the Mackenzie Trail and Rath City. Current displays are in need of updating, and the park is currently closed due to bridge construction activity.



Vegetation

Vegetation is dominated by native grass, mesquite and redberry juniper, with about 50 acres in cultivation. Native grasses include blue grama, sideoats grama, threeawn, buffalograss, curly mesquite, white tridens, and similar mid- and shortgrasses. Draws and low areas have some little bluestem, silver bluestem and similar tall grasses. Little bluestem and sand dropseed grasses are dominant on the hilltops, with other short grasses like curly mesquite plentiful. Even though a significant area is affected by redberry juniper, grass cover is still abundant under the juniper canopy. Lowlands are abundant in grasses, and many of these areas show vegetative evidence of seeps and springs in normal weather. Alkali saltgrass provides a turf in many of these areas. Forages are exceptionally abundant on the south 1/3 of the ranch. Much of this is reclaimed farmland with exceptionally deep soils. Brush control has been ongoing in many areas on the ranch, and proper management could easily continue this and aid in maintaining a balance of good forages and brushy species.

Vegetation composition is typical of heavy clay soils in this area and reflects good rangeland management. A wide variety of forages and trees are present on the property, and will support a variety of wildlife in addition to cattle. Forages are overall in good condition, and cattle grazing the property are in good condition.

In the professional opinion of the herd manager, the soils and vegetation on 85% of the ranch will support approximately 3000 lbs per acre of forage production in a year with average rainfall and temperatures. The remaining 15% of the ranch has shallow soils on the rocky ridges and hilltops through part of the middle of the property and will only support about 1500 lbs per acre annually. Overall, this is adequate for the Herd and with the size of the ranch will provide good grazing through all years for 210 animal units, if it is properly managed. It should support one animal unit per 28 acres through all years.

Portions of the property (about 1100 acres) have recently been re-enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. They are not locked in until October of 2023. The CRP restricts agricultural production (including grazing) but offers a substantial annual cash payment. These acres will likely need to be removed from the CRP to provide adequate grazing for the herd.

The property contains significant tree cover of oaks, mesquite, and hackberry. Tree canopy affects about 50% of the acreage but is only restrictive to forage production on about 15% of the acreage. Some brush control is needed in select areas. This is adequate shade for the herd for needed body temperature regulation in the hottest parts of summer. Tree and brush cover is for the most part somewhat open and is not restrictive to viewing of the Herd. Topographical variation changes from flat on the south end to gently rolling and steep hillsides through the middle, and again gently rolling near the north end. Topography is more than sufficient to provide wind breaks for storms, especially in combination with occasional areas of thicker brush.

About 120 acres are planted in annual wheat. This would likely need to be seeded to perennial grasses for our use. The seed would be the only significant cost, as we have an ATV mounted seeder. No surface preparation would be needed after the wheat crop has been harvested or grazed.

Water

Surface drainage is excellent due to the heavy clay soils. Earthen tanks for runoff catchment are plentiful throughout the property, numbering 16-18. Many currently have water, but some of these tanks need to be cleaned out to allow for more and longer water storage, and some are currently dry due to extended drought. There is also a creek with water present and running in the west-central part of the property, and water running in the river on the north end.

Ten to 12 fiberglass and concrete water troughs are installed in the different pastures. Those troughs on the south end are plumbed to co-op water from Hamlin and to a 40 gallon per minute well powered by an electric submergible pump, and those on the north end are plumbed from storage tanks refilled by 2 large wells near the river. These two wells can supply about 200 gallons a minute and are powered by electric submergible pumps. Some of this piping from these two wells needs to be buried for aesthetic appeal. Also, there is a well with an electric submergible pump in the northeast part of the property near the north pens which supplies about 30 gallons per minute. There is an additional well in the 658 acres east of US-83 that can supply about 25 gallons a minute by electric submergible pump, as well as several earthen tanks. Overall, water is more than adequate for livestock. The lodge has both well water and coop water, and extra storage for both.

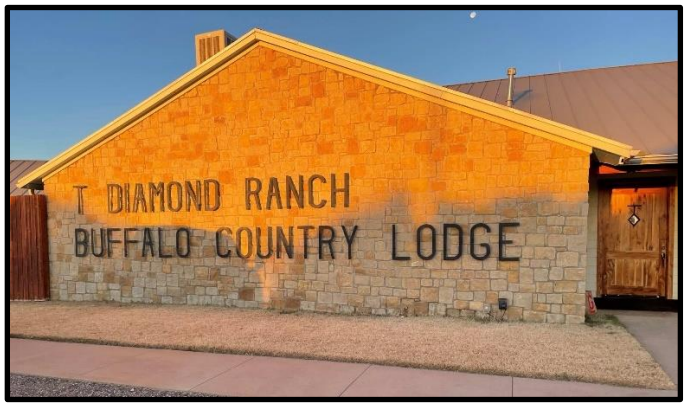
Infrastructure

Road access to the ranch is excellent, and the interior road system is extensive and generally good. An exceptionally good road from US-83 passes through the central portion of the ranch to the lodge. A private road passes through the northern end of the ranch serving oil locations on the neighboring property and is exceptionally well maintained. One main road needs to be improved with crushed limestone to allow for better all-weather travel through the ranch. Another private road passes through the southern portion of the ranch, serving the small house on the property and neighbor's house.

Electricity service is present throughout the ranch to water wells, lodge, house, and oil production locations. One larger transmission line crosses the southern part of the ranch.

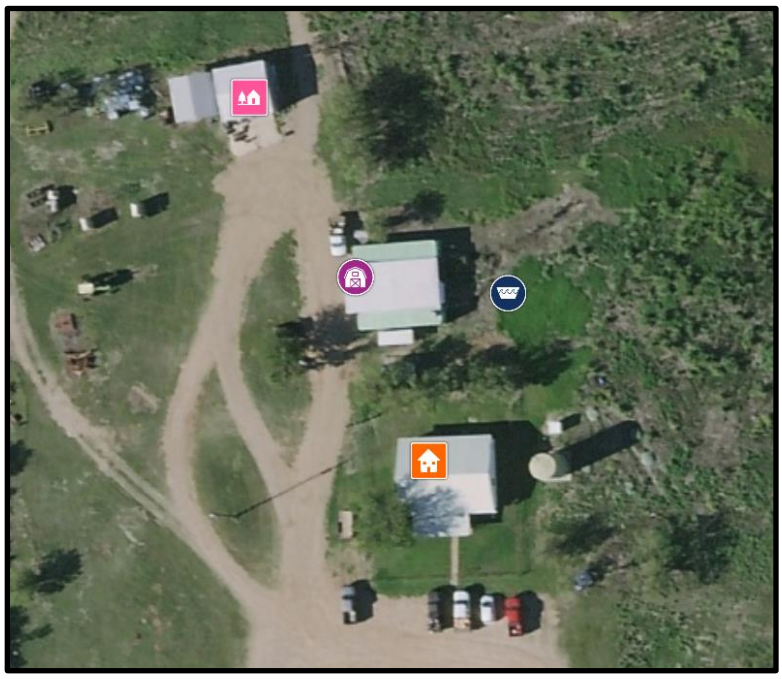
The ranch is divided up into 9 large pastures and 10 smaller traps, with three central pen locations. These pens are in good condition, one being of recent construction. Fencing is all in generally good condition and is currently holding cattle on the property. Some portions of the west fence need to be improved. Some interior fencing should be added in a few places on the north part of the ranch for ideal management. Total fencing needed in the next 5-6 years is about 3 miles.

The primary structure on the ranch is a central guest lodge on a hilltop with views to the west and north of Double Mountain. It contains a large central dining room and den, with a private dining room to one side. Included is a large commercial kitchen currently in operation for guests, and 8 guest rooms in wings on either side of the main structure. Parking is extensive, and a large game cleaning and storage barn is nearby. An excellent road connects the lodge to the main entrance on US-83.



The main room at the lodge would be ideal for conversion to a visitor center, while keeping the small dining room and kitchen functional for events or regular meals. Part of the guest rooms could be used as office spaces, while retaining the others for overnight visitors.

The other primary structure on the property is a small residence near the southern end of the ranch. It might be useable as a residence for site staff. Two small barns are nearby, as well as one of the sets of pens.



Also included on the ranch is a 1000-yard rifle range just south of the lodge, with a large, covered shooting bench area. While shooting and hunting would be tightly controlled for the safety of the Herd and public, this might be used as a range for special events and could regularly be used as a day use/pavilion/picnic area for groups or events.

A few areas of this ranch need development. A manager residence adequate for the herd manager and family is needed. A shop adequate for storage and maintenance of large equipment, vehicles, and trailers is also necessary.

Mineral Production

The ranch has active oil production in place. Three wells are in place, two producing oil and one disposal well. These are large locations of 2-3 acres each. Oilfield production is fairly visible from many locations, but it is not obtrusive. It is neat and well-maintained, and currently makes little noise, even in close proximity. The operator is Peregrine Petroleum, Ltd., dba PPP Petroleum, LP. Development at the existing sites will continue (but no more sites are planned to be developed), and there will be opportunities for the landowner to sell water for operations as development continues. Also, there is in place a 1-acre freshwater pond near the river, which is lined and fenced, for production company use for drilling and well maintenance. Several buried oil and natural gas lines that serve production in the area cross the property. They are not visible.

Summary

Overall, this ranch is well-suited for housing and interpreting the Herd. Strengths include good forage and soils, healthy mix of native vegetation, excellent water sources, good fences, pens, and pasture arrangement, scenic location, good location for visitor access, and the lodge that may be used as a visitor center. Areas needing improvement and development include a minor portion of roads and fences. Areas needing development include the lodge/visitor center, manager residence, and equipment storage.

The T-Diamond Ranch Founded in Year 1879

By W. J. Bryan

From the 50th Anniversary Edition of *The Western-Enterprise*, August 24, 1933

"This T-Diamond herd trekked west from the old ranch home in Falls County near Marlin and reached Jones County in July, 1879. They were turned loose by Colonel Wash Bryan in a field of fine mesquite grass with scattering bunches of crow-foot gramma, this naturally making it the scene of a great cattle ranch.

Some hundred saddle horses followed the remuda bell and grazed along Red Mud creek where we quartered two miles east of the present city of Anson. Colonel Wash Bryan traded for a shack built from shinnery poles and covered with a dirt roof, paying $40.00 for the same while the old adventurer threw into the trade all the land lying round it for twenty miles.

The pony that I rode out here from Falls County decided one night, while he was hobbled on the range, to return to the old ranch home; so in a few days he turned up at the old pasture gate in Falls County hobbles still intact. My father, Colonel Bryan, removed the hobbles and let him in the gate.

There was not a wire fence from the Gulf to Montana a yard long. Wild game filled the range like cattle; turkeys were abundant, and often the boys would bring a nest of eggs in and we would have scrambled eggs for breakfast.

The ranch filed on a section of land north of the city in about 1883 where a spring was found. This was the best water in the county, and often cooks from other ranches would fill their kegs with this water in order to successfully cook their favorite bean known as frijoles, for gyp water was the main refreshment found in Stonewall, Kent, Fisher, and other counties, and these beans refused to soften in alkali or gyp liquid.

The brand is an old-timer, and the first iron was made in Gonzales sometime about the 40's. It belonged to a hacienda that I think now is kept up south of Mexico City, and the brand was established in Falls County in '59. I have a card showing the brands of the ranch. The card was printed in the early '80's, and the cut was carried in the Livestock Journal as published by George Loving of Fort Worth-a novelty now.

The social side of the ranch at this time was Phantom Hill. This was a popular place. The post office was located in the magazine there, and all letters came there for the cattle men. As I recall they came over the Butterfield Trail bi-monthly. The only newspaper we received was the Waco Examiner.

The primeval picture is, of course, gone, and the round-up grounds of the old ranch now lie in the corporate limits of Anson, as well as that old store shack of Colonel Bowyer's where such

useful things as six-shooters, Holster's Bitters, dried bacon, coffee, and dried apples were sold for food.

Word, Byler, and Dawson offered in 1883, $225,000.00 for the ranches' holdings. At this time there were likely 3000 calves branded. Afterwards, I saw 6,000 head of cattle sold for $9.00 per head, with the calves thrown in. Later the ranch bought some 19,000 acres of land in Fisher, Jones, and Stonewall Counties. Its present quarters are near Hamlin.

In the organization of the Jones County, Lige Carter, one of the boys of the ranch, enjoyed and got a great deal of sport out of getting "on a tear" when he came to town. I said to him when the county was trying to organize that if he didn't vote with me to keep whiskey out of the county, I would take his mount of horses away from him. He said for me to give him a day or two to think about it, so at the round-up he rode up and said, "Say, John, I've decided to let you take my horses away, for when I dream of a 'claret punch when slightly chilled, and a lump of sugar,' I wouldn't give it up for a salary of $35.00 a month." I complimented him and raised his salary $2.50.

What fools we mortals be: I recall a race I made one time after a mustang as black as midnight with a Texas star flaming his front. He had been caught by accident, and I took him as a prize. He got loose one day, and I slipped my saddle from a good horse and set out to catch this black beauty. There was a race for ten miles, then I bid him goodbye. Getting off my horse, I found that I had skinned and ridden most of the hide from the tops of my boots extending around my bow legs. The sweat with its salty sting, left me so that I had to remove my pants and walk ten miles back to where I had left my saddle.

Some of the boys who worked for the outfit in the 80's were: R.J. Roland, Buff McGaughey, Lem Hooks, Lige Carter, Mel Chapman, Frank Hogue, M.P. Carr, Columbus Lewis, Jack Eubanks, Henry Douglas, George Yeiser, and colored boys, Bob Foster, and Keezar, the horse wrangler."

FAMILY LAND HERITAGE PROGRAM

SECTION 1: HISTORY OF THE FOUNDER OF THE LAND

1. Location of the land: Approximately 3.5 miles north of Hamlin, Texas and divided by Highway 83. The land's southern border is County Road 540 and northern boundary is approximately ¼ mile north of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River.

   Longitude 100 9' 03.1115 W Latitude 32 56' 36.3392" N
   Main entrance gate

2. Washington Carroll and Sophia Wyers Bryan

3. Where was the founder born? Williamson County, Tennessee near Big Harpeth (about 5 miles south of Franklin). His home was close to Ebney's meeting house known as the Tank neighborhood.

4. Reason for the founder coming to Texas, if known: His mother died when he was 5 years old. His father remarried but died in Batesville, Arkansas in about 1841. Washington Carroll left Tennessee in July 1846 and went first to relatives in Panole, Mississippi. He arrived in Galveston in January 1847. He walked first to Port Lavaca and then to Gonzales.

5. **Date founder acquired title to the land:**

   Fisher and Stonewall County

   1. December 19, 1899: Stonewall County, Survey No. 347, in section No. 16 on the Double Fork of the Brazos River containing "about 2,952 acres.
   2. April 23, 1898: Purchased an undivided 2/9 th interest (22.22% approximately 978 acres) in Stonewall County being in the Wm. Vardeman survey in one league (~4,400 acres) of land patented to Thomas B. Lincoln on October 17, 1856.
   3. December 8, 1898: Purchased an undivided 1/18 th interest in Section 16 of the Wm. Vardeman survey no. 347.
   4. Date missing: Purchased an undivided 1/18 th interest in Section 16 of the Wm. Vardeman survey no. 347.
   5. December 10, 1895: Purchased the J. J. Hittson and the White Ranches totaling 12,615 acres.
   6. April 24, 1898: Stonewall County, Wm. Vardeman survey No. 349, 2/9 interest in section No. 16, 142 acres.
   7. October 30, 1901: Purchased Section No. 184 Cert No. 213, BBB & C RR Co. 648.3/4 acres from L. N. and wife H. L. Dalmont.

   See appendix A for copies of the original deeds and a typed transcription.

In the late 1920's, Hamlin constructed a hopeful lake on the T-Diamond Ranch (east side of US Hwy 83) - it failed and was never used as a water source for Hamlin - it was to be called the T-Diamond Lake

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6. From whom did the founder purchase or acquire the land:

Fisher and Stonewall Counties

1. The Templeton family (J. W., Mary E., Jammie E., E. P., W. J., Claudie May, J. D., C. W. And J. M. Faukford).
2. Sam J. Hunter and Seth W. Steward of Tarrant County.
3. W. J. Simpson of Tarrant County.
4. Wallace Hendricks of Tarrant County.
5. S. M. T. Lanham & T. W. Stephens of Parker County, Texas.
6. Sam J. Hunter & Seth W. Stewart of Tarrant County
7. L.N. & H. L. Dalmont (or Delmont) of Taylor County

7. If information is available, trace land back to original grant holder who received land from the Texas or Mexican government.

This information is contained in attachment A.

8. Number of acres in founder's original farm or ranch:

When the founder passed away, T-Diamond Ranch was 20,245 acres.

9. Number of acres added by founder and when?

When the Founder decided to move from Falls County to west Texas in 1879 ("the plow was taking over from cattle"), he purchased one section of land that was located 2 miles north of present day Anson, Texas. His headquarters was located on Red Mud Creek where he took advantage of open range to graze his cattle. (Attachment B, an West Texas Historical article on the T-Diamond.)

Attachment A shows the number of acres the Founder added, the seller and when.

10. Number of acres sold by founder outside the family? None

11. Crops or livestock raised by founder: Cattle, horses and fodder

12. Historical events during founder's lifetime related to the development of the ranch:

13. Other activities of the founder and family that helped to build the community or state or activities that contributed to the agricultural progress of Texas:

The Founder assisted with the design of Abilene. He insisted that the main streets be wide enough to allow a team of horses and wagon to turn without difficulty.

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14. Name of founder's wife: Sophia Wyres Bryan

15. Full name and number of children:

William John (or Jonathan) Bryan - September 29, 1859 Falls County, Texas
Julia Jennie Bryan - October 28, 1862 Falls County, Texas
Francis Lora Bryan - February 1866 Falls County, Texas

Are there other details or stories about the founder and family that you would like to share that can be included in registry story:

One story that was passed down orally, told about a night the Colonel was riding back to the ranch house in the dark. His horse stepped into a prairie dog hole and threw him. Fortunately, the horse was not hurt, he remounted and returned to his home. He discovered that in the fall he lost his wedding ring. He rode out the next morning, went right to the spot where he had been thrown and found his ring. My grandfather was amazed by this feat. I think many of our pioneers had an ability to know where they were (a built in GPS) and we have lost that capability as civilization took away our need to know this.

File: 123 TD No of acreages Heritage App

T-Diamond Ranch Size

Seller	Date of Sale	Property Description	Size	No. Acres
Templeton Family	12/19/1899	Wm Vardeman Survey 347 in section No. 16 certificate No. 211 issued Board of Land Commissioners - Nacogdoches		**2952**
Sam J Hunter & Seth W. Stewart	4/24/1898	2/9th interest in one league of land Wm. Vardeman Survey # 347 in Bexar County (now Stonewall) (Patented to Thomas A. Lincoln, # 581, Vol.12 dated 10/17/ 1856)		**984.1**
W. J. Simpson	12/8/1898	1/18 interest in one league of land Section 16 Certificate No. 211-Wm. Vardeman survey No. 347 (Patented to Thomas A. Lincoln, # 581, Vol.12 dated 10/17/ 1856)		**246.0**
Wallace Hendricks	No Date	1/18 interest in one leaue of land Section 16 Certificate No. 211-Wm. Vardeman survey no. 347 (Patented to Thomas A. Lincoln, # 581, Vol.12 dated 10/17/ 1856)		**246.0**
Lanham & Stephens	12/10/1895	Austin & Williams survey No. 348	26 Labors	4605.5
		Austin & Williams survey # 349	1 League + 1 Labor	4605.5
		W.E. Kaye survey # 1	640	640
		"(Patented to Jessie J. Hitson, # 404 Vol. 8 dated 12/31/1883)		
		W.E. Kaye # 2	640	640
		(Patented to Jessie J. Hitson # 540 Vol 9 dated 5/26/1884		
		W.E. Kaye survey # 3	640	640
		(Patented to Jessie J. Hitson # 361 Vol 8 dated 12/22/1883		
		W.E. Kaye survey # 4	676	676
		(Patented to Jessie J. Hitson # 224 Vol 9 dated 1/11/1884		
		W.E. Kaye survey # 5	640	640
		(Patented to Jessie J. Hitson # 374 dated 9/27/1883		
		W.E. Kaye survey # 6	169.5	169.5
		(Patented to Jessie J. Hitson # 19 dated 10/30/1883		
			Total	**12616.572**
L.N. & Wife Dalmont	10/30/1901	BBB & C.R.R. Co. section 184 Purchased by M.K. Morrow 2/19/1898	648.75	**648.75**
			Total Acreage	**17464.4**

The State of Texas
County of Tarrant

Know all men by these presents that we, James W Templeton, Mary E. Faukford joined by her husband, J.M. Faukford and Frannie E. Templeton of the County of Wood, State of Texas, E.P. Templeton, Wm T Templeton, Claudie May Templeton and Joseph D. Templeton of the County of Franklin, State of Texas, P.W. Templeton of County of Hopkins, State of Texas, O.V. Templeton of the County of Sanborn, State of South Dakota; Franny A. Templeton joined by her husband O.M. Templeton of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas being all the children and heirs of Thomas W. and E.O. Templeton deceased for and in consideration of the sum of Two thousand Eight Hundred and Four and 40 cents ($2,804.40) dollars to us in hand paid by W.C. Bryan the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said W.C. Bryan of the County of Taylor, State of Texas, all our undivided interest in and to a League of land situated, lying and being in the County of Stonewall, State of Texas, on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River about 35 miles North 54 West of Fort Phantom Hill known as survey no. 347 in section no. 16 by virtue of certificate no. 211 issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Nacogdoches County, Texas to Wm Vardeman on the 8th day of February 1838. Beginning at a stake set for the Northeast corner of survey no. 348 being also the Southwest corner of survey no. 346, as originally located from which a mesquite 8 inches in diameter bears N/8 ½ E 30 varas and a cedar 3 inches in diameter bears N 44 E 25 varas, thence North 15 West 2500 varas to a stake in the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River from which a cottonwood 8 inches in diameter bears N 46 ½ E30 varas; a bunch of cottonwoods N 17 W/ 80 varas thence South 75 West 10,000 varas to a stake and mound, thence South 15 East 2500 varas to a stake and mound, thence North 75 East 10,000 varas to the place of beginning containing about 2,952 acres more or less. To have and to hold the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto, in anywise belonging unto the said W.C. Bryan and his heirs and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Witness our hands the 19th day of December AD 1899

O.M. Templeton
Franny A. Templeton
P.W. Templeton

J.W. Templeton
Mary E. Templeton
J.M. Faukford
Frannie E. Templeton
E.P. Templeton
W.T. Templeton
Claudie May Templeton
J.D. Templeton
C.W.Templeton

Wallace Hendricks Sale

The State of Texas
County of Tarrant

Know all men by these present: that I, Wallace Hendricks of the County of Tarrant , State of Texas in consideration of the sum of one hundred and eighty four & 50/100 dollars to me in hand paid by W.C. Bryan the receipt of which is hereby acknowledge, have enacted, granted, sold and conveyed and by these present do grant bargain, sell and convey unto the said W.C. Bryan of the County of Taylor in the State of Texas all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land described as follows: an undivided one eighteenth 1/18 interest in and to the following described tract of land, situated and being in Stonewall County Texas, on the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River about 35 miles 54 degrees West from Fort Phantom Hill and known as Survey No. (347) Three Hundred and Forty Seven in section 16 by virtue of certificate No. 211 issued to Wm. Vardeman. Beginning at a stake set for the S W corner of Survey No. 346, from which a mesquite bears N 8.5 Degrees E 30 varas and a small cedar bears N 44 Degrees 25 varas. Thence N 15 Degrees W 2500 varas to a stake in the bed of the Double Mountain Fork from which a Cottonwood bears N 46.5 Degrees E 30 varas . A bunch of Cottonwoods bears North 17 Degrees W 80 varas Thence S 75 Degrees W 10,000 varas to a stake and mound. Thence S15 Degrees East 2,500 varas to a stake and mound. Thence N 75 Degrees E 10,000 varas to the place of beginning. To have and to hold, he above described premises together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the anywise incident or appertaining to have and to hold all and singular the said premises unto the said W.C. Bryan and his heirs and assigns forever and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said W.C. Bryan and his heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

S.W.T. Lanham and J.W. Stephens December 10, 1895 sale of land to W.C. Bryan

Lanham & Stephens to W.C. Bryan W.D.
The State of Texas
County of Parker Know all men by these present that we S.W.T. Lanham and J.W. Stephens, residents of Parker County, Texas for and in consideration of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars to us in hand paid by W.C. Bryan, a resident of Taylor County, Texas, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted sold and conveyed, and by these present do grant sell and convey unto the said W.C. Bryan all of those certain tracts or parcels of land situated in Fisher, Stonewall and Jones Counties Texas specially described as follows:

First: Twenty six labors of land situated in Stonewall and Fisher Counties known as the Austin & Williams survey No. 348 patented to Emily M. Perry assignee by Patent No. 81 Vol. 11 dated July 5th 1854.
Second: The Austin & Williams League & Labor survey No. 349 situated in Stonewall, Jones and Fisher Counties Texas lying south and adjoining survey No. 384. This survey (No. 349) was also Patent No. 82 Vol. 11 dated July 5th 1854.
Third: A tract of 640 acres of land situated in Stonewall County Texas known as survey No. One, Patented to Jessie J. Hitson as assignee of W.E. Kaye by Patent No. 404 Vol 8 dated December 31st 1883.
Fourth: A tract of 640 acres of land situated in Fisher County, Texas (there may be a small part of this survey in Stonewall County) known as survey No. 2, patented to Jessie J. Hitson as assignee of W.E. Kaye by Patent No. 540 Vol 9 dated 26th of May 1884.
Fifth: A tract of 640 acres of land situated in Fisher County, Texas known as survey No. 3 Patented to Jessie J. Hitson as assignee of W.E. Kaye by Patent No. 361 Vol. 8 dated 22nd December 1883.
Sixth: A tract of 676 acres of land situated in Fisher County, Texas known as survey No. 4 Patented to Jessie J. Hitson as assignee of W.E. Kaye by Patent No. 224 Vol 9 dated the 11th day of January 1884.
Seventh: A tract of 640 acres of land situated in Fisher County, Texas known as survey No. 5 Patented to Jessie J. Hitson as assignee of W.E. Kaye by Patent No. 374 Vol. 6 dated 27th September 1883.
Eighth: A tract of 169 ½ acres of land in Stonewall County, Texas known as survey No. 6 Patented to Jessie J. Hitson as assignee of W.E. Kaye by Patent No. 19 Vol. 8 dated October 30th 1883.

The land and premises herein conveyed being the property heretofore know as the J.J. Hitson and White Ranches. To have and to hold the above described land and premises and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging unto the said W.C. Bryan, his heirs and assigns forever and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said W.C. Bryan, his heirs and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof and the said S.W.T. Lanham and J.W. Stephens specifically warrant to the said W.C. Bryan, his heirs and assigns that the above described tracts of land contain 12,615 acres of land, and it is expressly understood and that this Covenant of Warranty is one that runs with the land and is binding on our heirs and legal representatives and that limitation does not begin to run on this Covenant of

quantity until the discovery of the deficit if any. This Covenant of Warranty of Quantity however is not to be construed and is not intended as a limitation of the quantity conveyed, but is simply a Warranty that at least 12,615 acres of land are embraced in this conveyance.

Witness our hand this the 10th day of December 1895.

S.W.T. Lanham
J.W. Stephens

The State of Texas
County of Parker Before me, F. Applegate, a notary of public in and for Parker County, Texas on this day personally appeared S.W.T. Lanham and J.W. Stephens known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office the 10th day of December AD 1895.

F. Applegate Notary Public
Parker County, Texas

Filed for record December 12th 1895 at 12 O'clock and recorded December 12, 1895 at 4 O'clock PM D.J. Bulloch, County Clerk, Fisher County, Texas.

Acreage purchased:

First:	26 Labors of land =	4,605.536
Second:	1 League & 1 Labor =	4,605.536
Third:		640
Fourth:		640
Fifth:		640
Sixth:		676
Seventh:		640
Eighth:		169.5
	Total	12,616.572

W. John Bryan's Cattle Drive to Dodge City, Kansas
Recorded in Frank M. King's "Longhorn Trail Drivers

CHAPTER XXVI

BRYAN'S T. DIAMOND RANCH

The Bryan family of Abilene, Texas, and their T. Diamond brand, is part of the cattle history of Texas and a trail drive book would not be complete without it. The T. Diamond brand became famous on account the hosses raised on the Bryan ranch were the most expert pitchin' ponies of Texas rangeland. Hon. W. J. Bryan is at present head of the spread, but he don't ride the bad ones any more. I heard a feller ask him one time if he ever rode one of his own hosses till it quit pitchin' and he said "yes, once." He explained that one of them threw him so high that he didn't come down for some time. The hoss kept on bucking, and when W. J. finally lit he dropped into the saddle, but the hoss was all bucked out, so he rode the old pony to the finish. W. J. Bryan says he went up the Chisholm trail but once, and that was with a herd he drove to Dodge City, Kansas, in 1880.

The Abilene Reporter in an interview with W. J. Bryan, by Finis Mothershead, is of so much interest that I am going to print it here.

"Times have changed, but cattle haven't.

"It's just the men. . . . .

"They (the cattle) just have a little more style—they're more dressed up—but the beef isn't any better," in the opinion of former Senator W. J. Bryan.

That's his dictum after a backward glance to the days before there was an Abilene, a golden era which saw his father establish the T-Diamond ranch and brand so firmly that today they are associated inseparably with the name of Bryan.

It was in the summer of 1879 that Col. Wash Bryan moved westward from Falls county. With him came his wife, who courageously had saved their ranch from the disintegration which befell most others while the colonel and his neighbors saw action in the War Between the States.

"They found very little in this country," recounts the Senator, who then was a student in Texas A. & M. College. Not much later he was a member of its first graduating class.

"There wasn't much except fellows who had left their names behind them, or cattle people like themselves (his parents)."

Once the quiet modesty with which he deplores appearance in the public prints is overcome, Bryan spins yarns of that bygone period in vigorous language. Interwoven throughout the narrative is a conspicuous thread of nostalgia.

His has been a full life, and the Senator is on the sunset side of 70. A casual chronicling can only give momentary glimpses of that career and depths of the character it has molded.

John Bryan, later destined to serve more than a dozen years as a lawmaker in the Texas Senate, followed his family to these parts in the winter after their arrival.

He found the Bryan ranch—its brand so strongly established that the name is never more than the T-Diamond, without the use of the family name—he found the ranch with its headquarters built almost in the center of Jones county. Then there was no Abilene, nor Anson. Their birth was not until "a year or two or three later."

Only the next year, in 1880, young John Bryan made his only trip up the Chisholm trail to the rip-roaring Dodge City, Kans. A memento of that journey hangs today above the stairway in his home.

Near Albany the herd being driven up the trail to market stampeded. A steer broke his leg in the frenzied press.

"I gave him to a boy named Billy Broils," Senator Bryan recollects. He's not sure whether that's the right spelling.

"He saved those horns, and he must have liked me. He always said, they tell me, that if I lived longer than he, I was to have those horns. Billy told his administrators that, and today the horns are mine."

At that time, cattlemen had only two outlets. They had the choice of driving their herds up the Chisholm trail, with markets at Dodge City or in Wyoming or Montana; or they could turn east, hazing the animals to Fort Worth, whence

they went to Kansas City or Chicago. Ordinarily there were 2,500 to 3,000 in a trail herd.

Today, of course, transportation has altered the picture. It's made one of the big differences in the industry.

Transportation and other diminishing hardships. . . .

"You see that cow?" Senator Bryan will say, a nod of his head toward the horns on the wall. "Those cows went around with horns. And the country produced that kind of men, too."

He utters no scathing indictment of a modern generation. But the inference is clear:

"The race has grown soft.

"But these fellows still can be whipped into something pretty hard," the former senator will concede, with a note of hope that perhaps men haven't lost all their manhood.

In rambling fashion, the contrast takes another turn. Bryan likens state government to management of a ranch. When a capable foreman is at the helm, "people don't feel the impress of government." But let a "little fellow"—one too small for the task—take the reins, and taxes soar and there is discontent.

There's just no comparison in the college bred man and the wiry, often homely-speeched raw product of the range. And make no mistake about it. Bryan's verdict is all in favor of the raw product.

"The buggy days may look kind of little now," he muses. "It's a big step when you shift over to the Rolls Royce—but that sort of thing hasn't changed me any. I'm still a cowpuncher." This last with a pride which overflows restraint.

Once the T-Diamond ran 20,000 cattle, and every year its hands would brand and earmark 3,000 calves.

There were no fences to bound the broad acres over which the T-Diamond stock ranged. Nominally, their territory was in Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Kent counties.

It wasn't unusual, however, for T-Diamond punchers to find their stock drifted as far as 100 miles below San Angelo.

"A man might leave in March and we wouldn't see him again until July," Bryan recounts.

The brand has been one family's three generations, a dis-

tinction not possessed by all, but John Bryan thinks the "best period was in the lifetime of my father."

It is of his father, who left his Tennessee home for Texas about 1845, that Bryan likes best to talk.

The elder Bryan, after failure of the family fortune, emigrated by way of Mississippi, where he rolled logs for $10 a month. Eventually he turned up in Gonzales, the home of an uncle.

Wash Bryan's first job there was in a blacksmith shop, and there he adopted the idea for the brand he was to make famous. A rancher from a hacienda believed to be somewhere south of Mexico City placed an order for branding irons closely resembling the T-Diamond.

The design appealed to Wash Bryan and he made some mental note to use it if he ever ran cattle of his own. Within less than a decade, from that job in the smithy, he had accumulated his first $10,000.

By the close of the 50's he had met the girl who became his wife, and they were married in Falls county. Details of the story are hazy, but Wash Bryan for a time was a Texas ranger and had his ranch operating successfully by the outbreak of the War Between the States.

He left home to fight for the South, however, and all would have been lost but for John Bryan's mother. She aided her husband to bury a sizeable sum of gold, then stood guard over it and their cattle until his return.

Where the stock increased, calves became mavericks and were lost on other ranches, she saw to it that from 100 to 200 calves at a time were penned. Then she summoned in the womenfolk and they used the branding irons.

Because she'd never learned to cut an earmark with a knife, Bryan's mother used her scissors.

At the close of the war, the Bryan ranch—the Diamond-T before it was moved from Falls county—was in vastly better condition than any other roundabout.

Of his parents' staunch courage and of the stamina of men of their period Senator Bryan might talk for hours. He fills an hour's conversation entertainingly and the story is only begun. . . . How his mother drove away at gunpoint high-

waymen who might have tortured her, how she fired the shots which frightened cattle thieves from headquarters corrals. . . .

He talks, too, of life in old Fort Griffin and its hardened citizens, who frequented the town's 15 or 20 saloons; who packed six-shooters on which the notches told a bloody story; who, in the face of timidity unhesitatingly made life unbearable for a tenderfoot.

Many of those same men, for all their lawlessness, were unwaveringly loyal to their brands after giving vent to reckless spirits on infrequent visits to town.

It wasn't a question of reclaiming stolen property when they inspected other herds for their brand. The question was one of deeper significance. There was the honor of their employer and his outfit to maintain, without thought of missing property's value or personal considerations. . . .

John Bryan wishes there were more men of that type today.

Is this the Brand article you were talking about? How's the pain? John

THE T-DIAMOND BRAND

JOHN R. HUTTO

The financial panic of 1837 had a favorable effect on the destiny of Texas. Many men who were independent financially before the panic were left penniless and homeless. In the general unrest there was a disposition of many to drift westward. The new Republic of Texas and the disputed territory of Oregon offered opportunity for people to rebuild their fortunes. Of the two locations, Texas was the more desirable. Streams leading toward Texas were highways of travel rather than impediments to transportation as were many of the rivers of the northwest. Too there was less danger of Indian depredations on wagon trains on the southern route. The very name of Texas held indescribable charms to homeseekers in the east. We find that among the earliest settlers of Texas were the forbears of W. J. Bryan, the owner of the famous T-Diamond ranch in Jones, Fisher and Stonewall Counties. The T-Diamond brand has had a continuous existence of a century. The Wyres, the Shipps, and the Batemans were among the very earliest settlers among the Anglo-Americans. A great-uncle of Mr. Bryan's by the name of Bateman was one of the 18 immortals who refused to give up the Mexican cannon to the forces of Santa Anna at Gonzales, and by the act precipitated the war for Texas Independence. A great-grandmother, Harriet Wyres, greased bullet patches for Texas riflemen all night before the battle of San Jacinto.

The father of W. J. Bryan, G. W. Bryan, but better known in the Abilene country as Colonel Wash Bryan, migrated in his young manhood from Tennessee to Texas in the year of 1840. At that time Gonzales was one of the most important centers for the settlement of Anglo-Americans and toward that town young Bryan made his way. His determination to reach his goal is evidenced by the fact that he walked all the way from Indianola on the eastern border of Texas to Gonzales. It became one of the most important

towns in the Republic and many of the cattle barons of a later date laid the basis of their fortunes in the Gonzales country.

Though Texas was a land of promise, there were but few ways of making a living. Nature had done her part. The streams were liberally supplied with fish and the forests and prairies teemed with animal wild life. But, at best, the life of the frontiersman was hard. One of the most ready means of making a living was that of blacksmithing. Wagons and carts were built in blacksmith shops and not shipped in as in days later. Many household articles were made in the blacksmith shop, and farmers' tools had to be kept in order. Wash Bryan chose blacksmithing as his trade. There was little ready cash in the country and one of the most ready mediums of exchange was cattle. Often farmers were not able to pay their blacksmith bills and he had a way of saying, "Dod demit boys, just brand me a yearling and bring it in." It was in this manner the Bryans became cattle men.

The famous T-Diamond brand, made by connecting a capital T to the upper point of a diamond, is known to have been in use more than a century. It is thought to have been first used in the vicinity of Mexico City. Travelers in that part of the Republic have seen stock and cattle in recent years bearing the T-Diamond brand. It was in his blacksmith shop during the 1840's that Wash Bryan first knew about this famous brand, when a Mexican had him to make him a branding iron. Prefacing his statement with his usual byword he said, "Some day that's going to be my brand." He later bought the Mexican's herd of 300 horses, together with the brand.

On the advice of his physician Bryan quit blacksmithing and for a while served on a force of Texas Rangers under Captain Henry McCullough. In the meantime he married Sophia Wyres, daughter of Harriet and Robert Wyres, cattle people and first settlers of Texas. Gonzales county became too thickly settled for the cowman and in 1858 G. W. Bryan

treked with his family and herds of horses, sheep, and cattle, to Falls county, where his son John W. Bryan was born on September 28, 1859.

As it did to all other lines of business in the nation, the fratricidal Civil War wrought great havoc to the cattle industry of Texas. While her husband was away fighting in the Confederate army Sophia Bryan cared for the cattle. Cattle were branded and marked. Cattle thieves were numerous. Indians roamed the country to kill and steal. Cattle were kept in corrals at night to prevent them from being stolen. The close of the war brought little or no relief. Poverty prevailed throughout the South brought about by the loss of the slaves and by the disturbance of the economic order that prevailed before the war. The nearest populated centers at that time were in the east, but even there markets were almost non-existing. Cattle shipped to New Orleans and other eastern markets were often a complete loss. To the west there was the peril of the Indians; and the cattle drives that later made Texas famous had not opened up. W. J. Bryan states that an offer of two dollars a head was made on a certain herd of cattle, with the calves thrown in.

In spite of reports of crooked dealing it is doubtful if there was ever a group of men who got along more amicably than did the early cattle men. In many cases they were governed by agreements instead of by law. There were no fences from the Gulf coast to Montana. Cattle have a roaming disposition and often scattered over an area 100 miles square. Cattle men had a custom known as the granting of the "Power of Attorney" to each other whereby they were able to market each others cattle. Cattle of various brands were gathered and driven to market. At a convenient county seat the brand of every cow, earmarks, number, and name of owner were left on file. On the return from market, the driver of the herd would settle with each man on the basis of the profits made in the sale. Of course, at times, there was no profit after all overhead expenses had been paid. Mr. Bryan has a copy of

one of those certificates made by his father and others concerning cattle sold in 1869. The name of each owner is given, the number of cattle handled, the brand, and the earmarks. The earmark of every cow is drawn, representing both ears, showing the mark of every animal. The certificate reads as follows (in longhand of course):

> The State of Texas }
> Limestone County } Before me, the undersigned
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> clerk of the county court of said county, this day came W. C. Bryan, T. L. Ray, Victor Wyres, and D. Barton, who upon oath state that the foregoing list of Beef Cattle was taken from the records of Limestone county with the marks and brands thereto annexed and that the same is a true copy thereof, as shown by said Records in Book No. 1, Bill of Sale Book of Beeves.
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> Signed by,
>
> W. C. Bryan
> David Barton
> Troy Lee Ray
> Victor Wyres.
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> Sworn to and subscribed before me this March 15, 1870. J. B. Vallandingham, County Clerk, Limestone County, Texas.

Such copies were made by the sellers so as to identify sales and as a basis for consequent settlement. The medium of exchange, usually gold, was carried in the saddle pockets of the salesman and paid out to each owner of cattle. Apparently these salesmen never thought of the possibility of being robbed. Cattle men often had annual meetings in which matters of common interest were discussed. Out of these meetings grew the organization of the Texas Cattle-raisers Association which was perfected at Graham, Texas, in 1876.

By 1879 Falls county was becoming a country ruled by the plow instead of the lariat, and again we find the Bryans treking westward with their herds. By that time there had grown up in the family John Bryan, a likely young man of twenty years, who accompanied the herd. The herd passed through the site of the present city of Abilene and reached a prospective location in Jones county in July, 1879. In addition to the cattle, some 100 horses followed the remuda bell to a good grazing spot along the Red Mud creek where Colonel Wash Bryan bought from an Irishman a pole mud-covered shack for forty dollars. The old adventurer generously threw in all the land 20 miles in all directions around the hut. Later Mr. Bryan bought, near the site of the present town of Anson, 640 acres of land and received a title direct from the governor of Texas. There was a spring of excellent water near the ranch headquarters, which made the selection a wise one. In those days of free grass, the ownership of the water determined the rights of the ranchman to free pasturage within certain limits.

In 1893 Mr. Bryan bought the present ranch site of the T-Diamond brand. It comprises 22,000 acres in Jones, Fisher and Stonewall counties. The ranch headquarters is situated in Fisher county, four miles west of Hamlin. The T-Diamond has been more than just a range for a certain number of cows. It has been a serving-institution. During the early years of drouths and hard times the Bryan cattle were milked by nesters and others over a large range of territory. At one time 182 different families were milking Bryan cattle with only one requirement on the part of the owner, that the calves should receive the T-Diamond brand. This advantage, together with the collecting of buffalo bones which covered the country, enabled many families who later became leading citizens to hold on till better times came.

At an early date the Bryans began breeding up their stock of cattle. They first introduced the Rhone Durham. It was a big-boned animal and made excellent range stock.

However, if the animal were lean its weight was an impediment to the puncher. Such cattle were hard to "tail up" when they got down. The white faced Hereford soon replaced the Durham. He is a better "rustler," lives better out in all kinds of weather, and is more easily handled. During the early days the ranchman majored in numbers. Grass was free, horses were a few dollars a head, and cowboys were plentiful at a few dollars per month. Now, on the T-Diamond ranch, blooded Herefords are raised, fewer in number and the price is ten to one higher.

The greatest occasion for the cattle man during the early days was the roundup. The Bryan cattle, as well as all others in the same vicinity, ranged all the way from Haskell to San Angelo, a distance of 150 miles. A roundup boss was chosen from the many outfits that sent out wagons and punchers to look after their interests. The country was combed and all cattle were driven toward one common center. The roundup grounds was the place for the punchers and their mounts to "show off their stuff." When a trained cutter located his cow or calf it took a good rider to stay in the saddle. Calves were given the brands of the mother cows they followed.

Forty-one years ago Colonel Wash Bryan passed on and W. J. Bryan was left in full charge of the T-Diamond cattle. Now the management of the ranch is under his son, Bernard Bryan. Bernard states with a just degree of pride that there has never been a worker for the T-Diamond indicted by the management. The old Senator (as he is affectionately called since he served a term in the Texas Senate), takes pleasure in naming some of his faithful men of early days. There was R. J. Roland, Buff McGaughey, Lem Hooks, Lige Carter, Mel Chapman, Frank Hogue, M. P. Carr, Columbus Lewis, Jack Eubanks, Henry Douglass, George Yeiser, and Vic Colbert. In later years Mr. Colbert became a banker of prominence and a raiser of fine cattle.

But all human relations during frontier days were not pleasant. The bark of the sixshooter was too often the law

of the land. The man quickest on the draw survived. Not enough credit has been given to the early day cowman who was often deputized by the local sheriff and became an enforcer of the law. It often became the duty of young John Bryan to act as a deputy. He often laughs at the incident in which he pulled the cover off a man's wife when he thought he was about to capture a bad man. There had to be considerable explaining to appease the anger of the husband. Mr. Bryan was one of 12 men who served as a vigilance committee in Jones county to keep down crime and eliminate criminals. Senator Bryan has a long well-written letter from one Bud Coleman, at that time a prisoner in the Mitchell county jail, indicating that word had reached him that Bryan intended to do him personal injury on first sight. Though the letter was conciliatory, the writer assured Mr. Bryan that he was well able to take care of himself when at liberty. Mr. Bryan's letter to Coleman too was conciliatory, at the same time he warned the writer that he must keep his hands off T-Diamond cattle. C[illegible] A. J. Williams, whom George Scarborough killed in the "Whiskey, the Road to Ruin Saloon" in Haskell, had been indicted for stealing cattle.

Though an octogenarian, Senator W. J. Bryan is an outstanding figure as he is seen today on the streets of Abilene. He has always shown up well in a crowd. He was a member of the first graduating class of the first college established by Texas, the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College. Of the 182 men who attended the school at that time only four have survived the years. They are Wash Hardy of Shreveport, Louisiana, Will Malcomb of Houston, Reverend Malcomb Black of Sterling City, and Mr. Bryan himself. His big gray brick residence in Abilene has been the site of his home for nearly half a century. He has seen Abilene grow from a tent town to a city of skyscrapers and colleges. He has witnessed modern methods of transportation of cattle take the place of the large herds that were formerly driven to market over dangerous trails.

For fourteen years Senator Bryan represented the Abilene district in the Texas House of Representatives and in the Senate. He has had as his friends and companions some of the most prominent men of the state. When asked what he regarded as the most important legislation he initiated in the Texas Legislature, he replied that the "Tick Bill" stirred up the most noise. To protect the cattlemen of the West from the evils of tick fever, the bill provided that all cattle passing over a certain designated line should be dipped before being driven or carried farther. While the law protected the man of the West, it displeased the cattle men of East and South Texas who were forced to undergo the extra expense of dipping cattle before they could be driven across the line legally.

In 1892 Senator Bryan married Mattie Dashield, the daughter of a Methodist minister. They have two sons, Dr. W. J. Bryan of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Bernard D. Bryan, manager of the T-Diamond brand.

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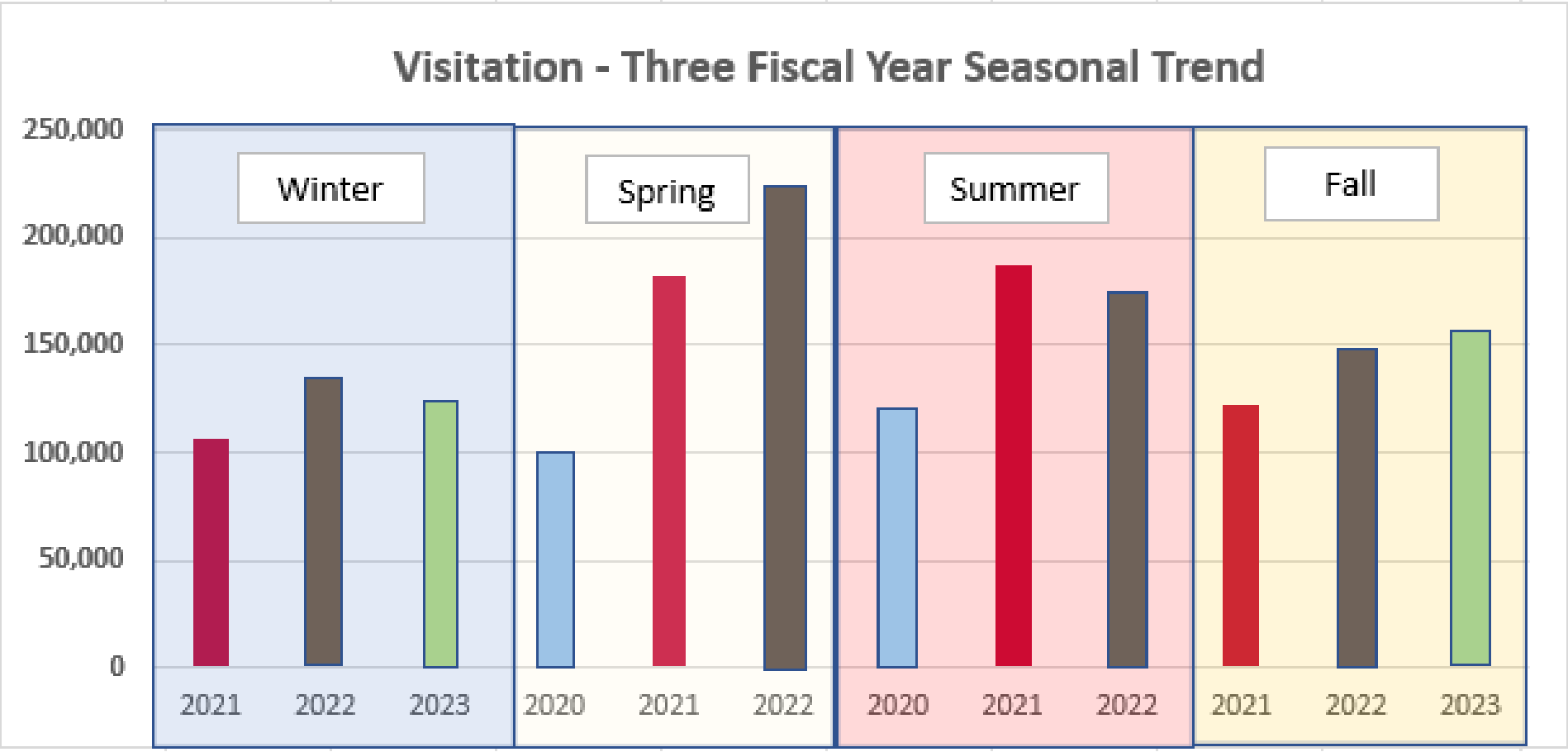

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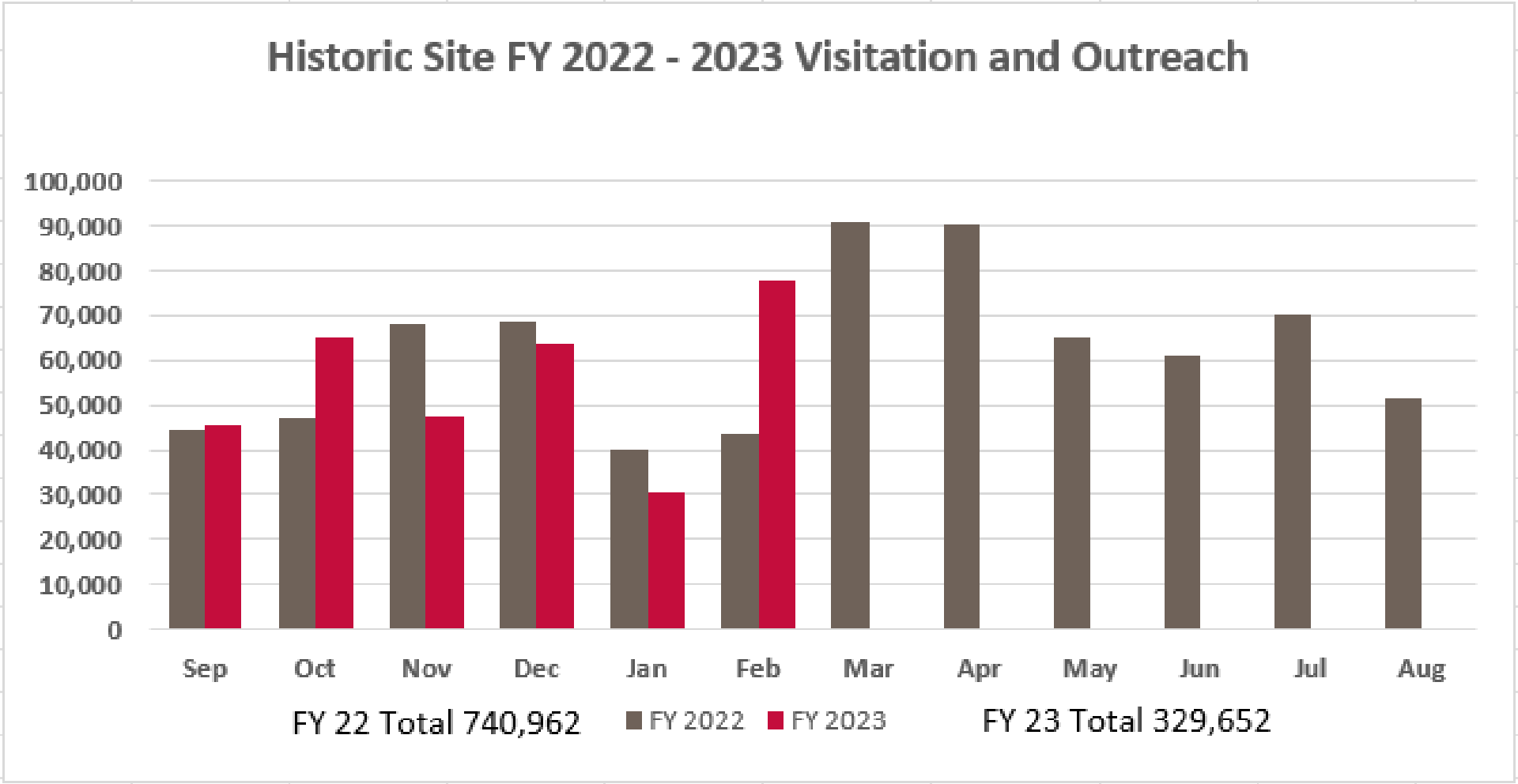

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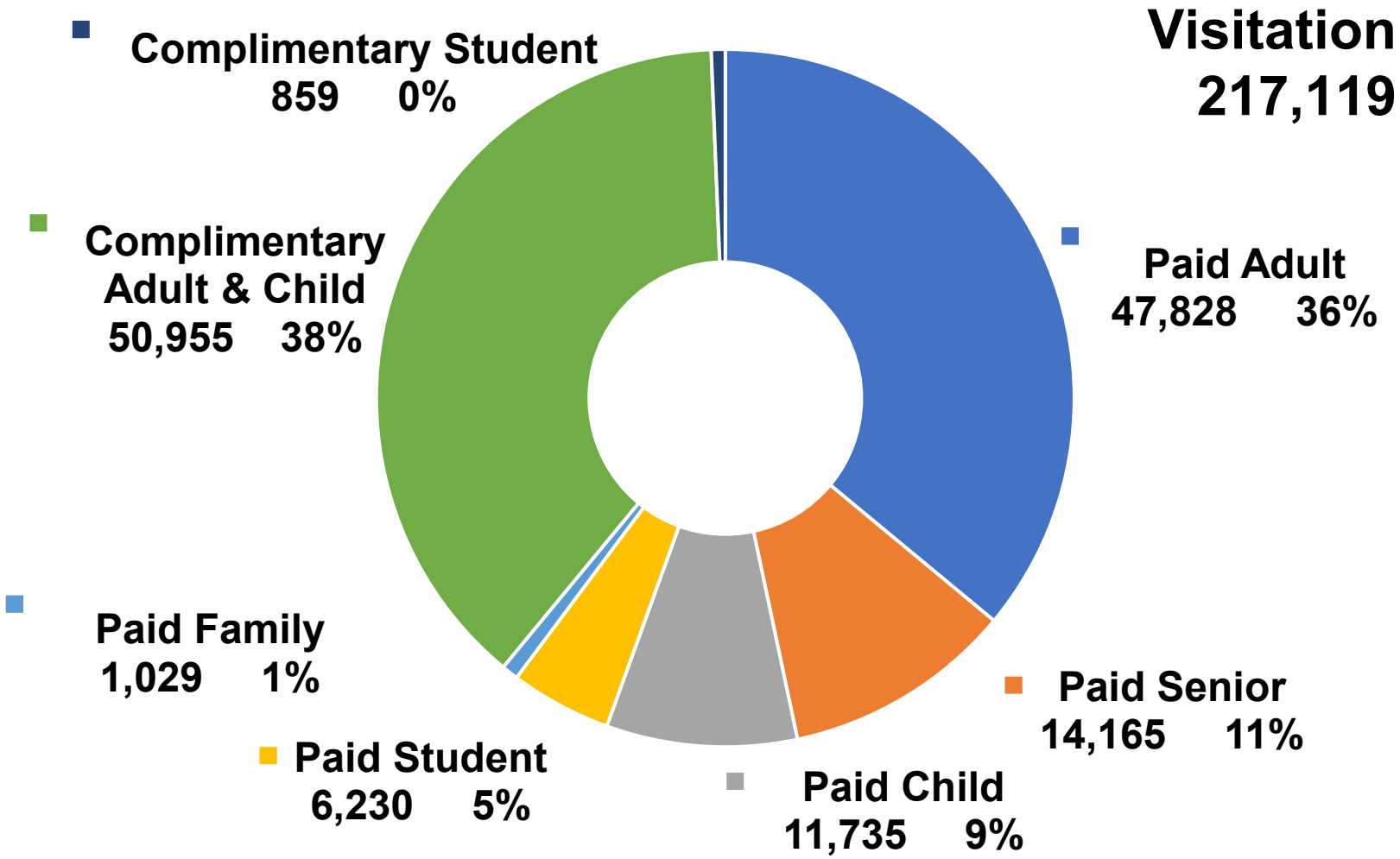

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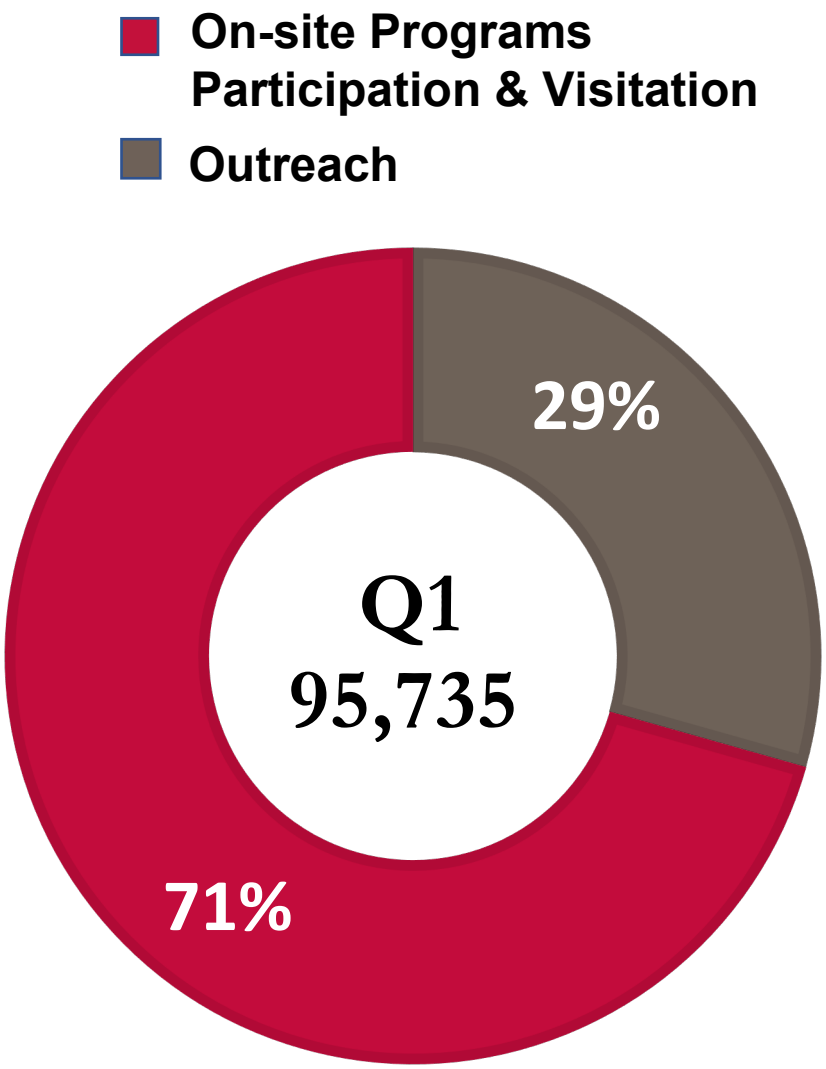

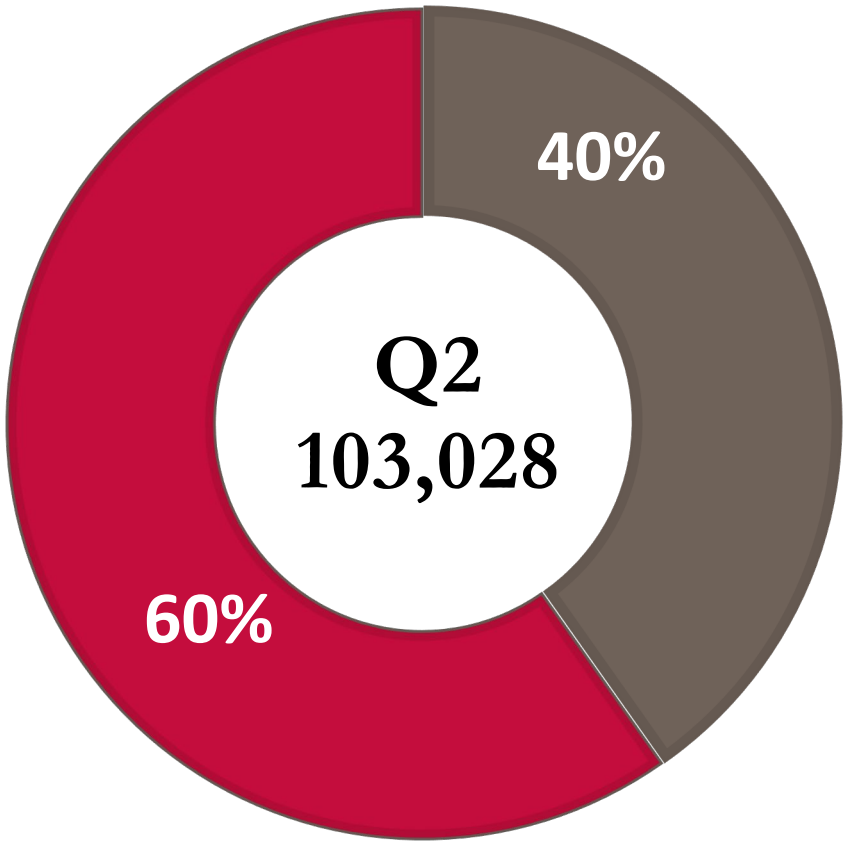

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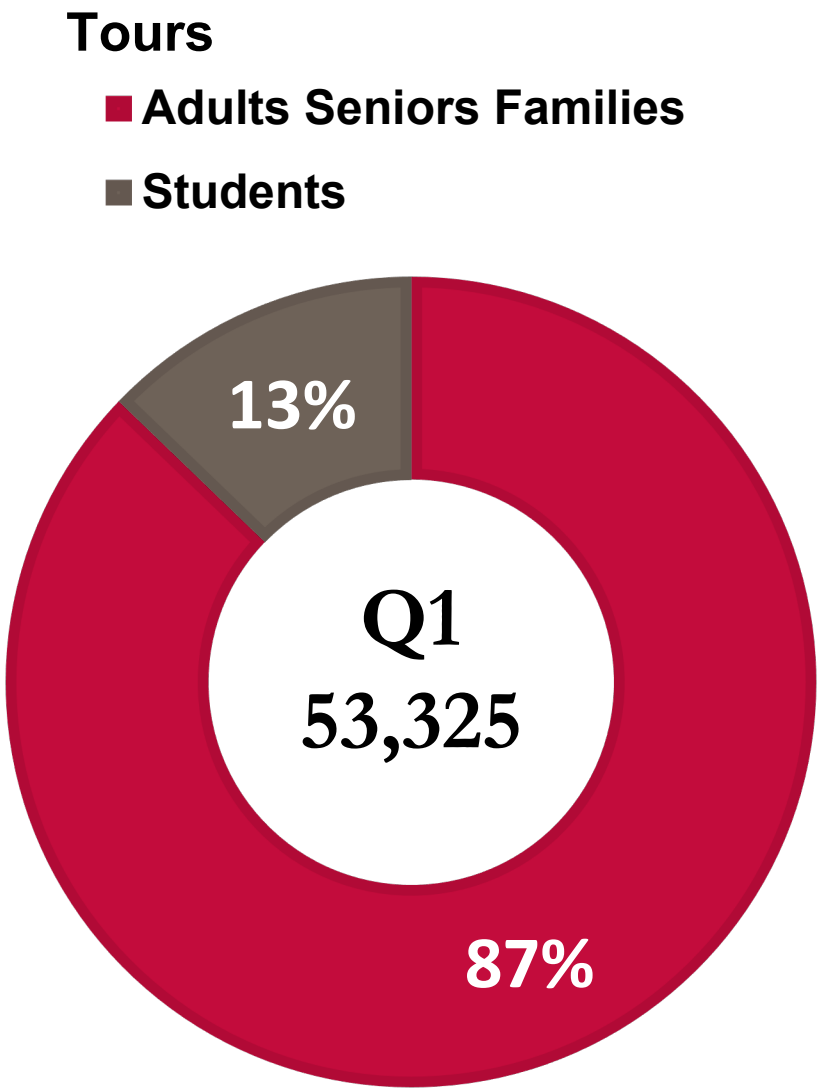

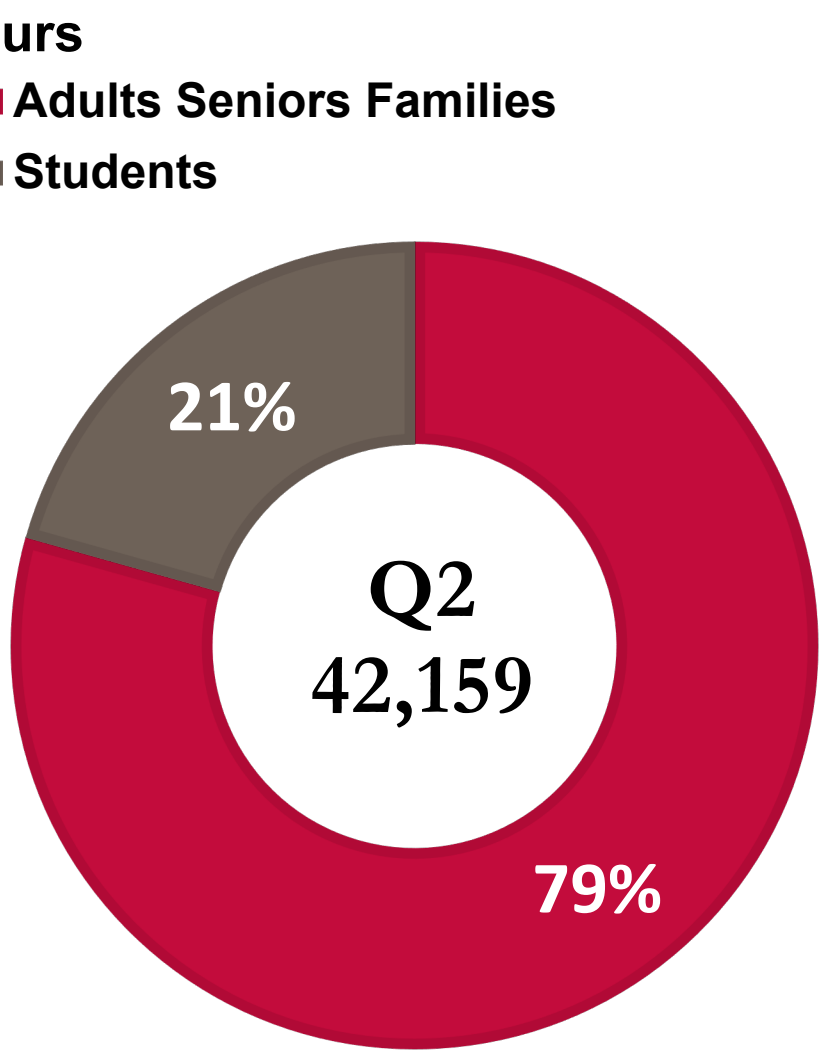

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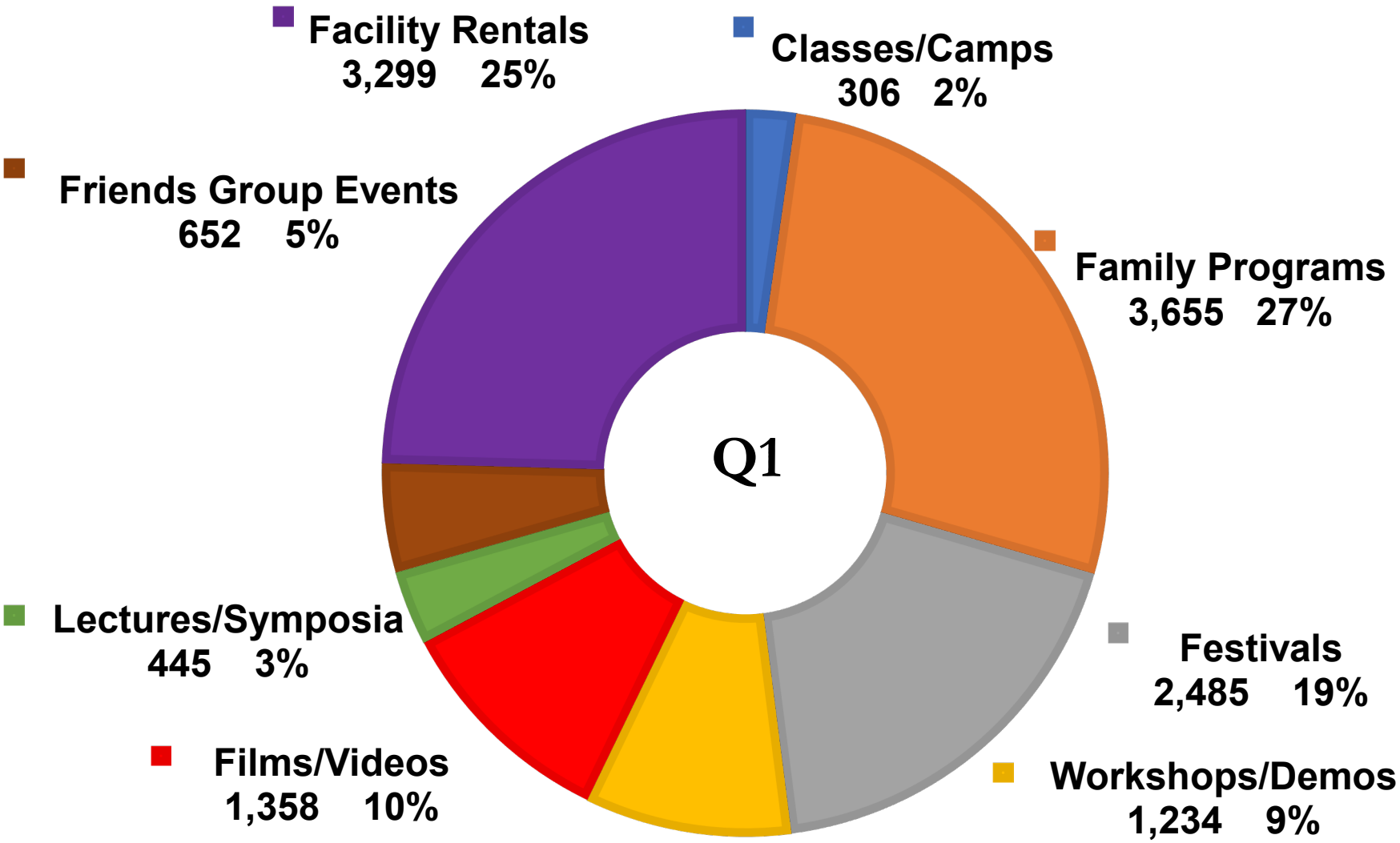

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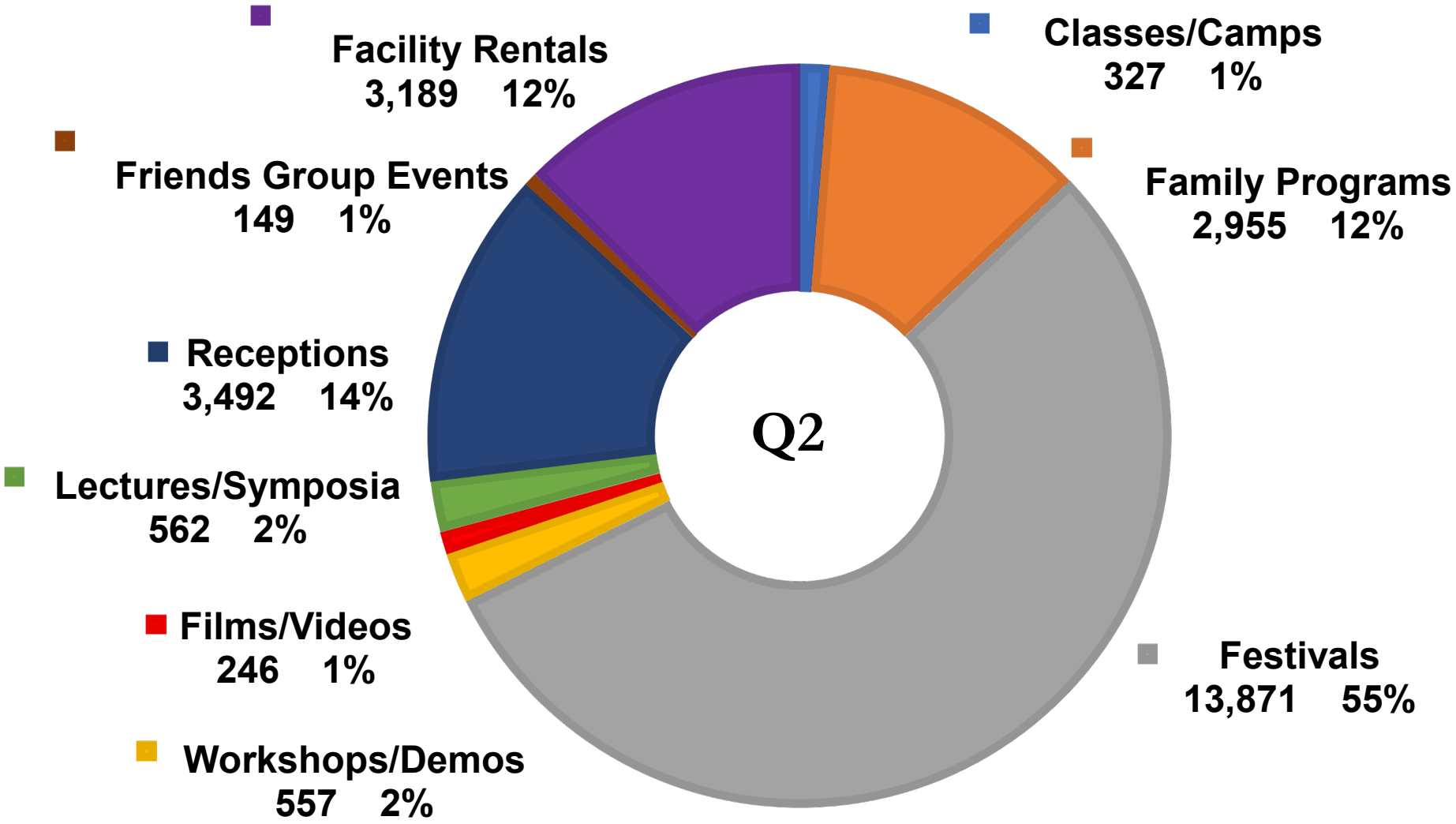

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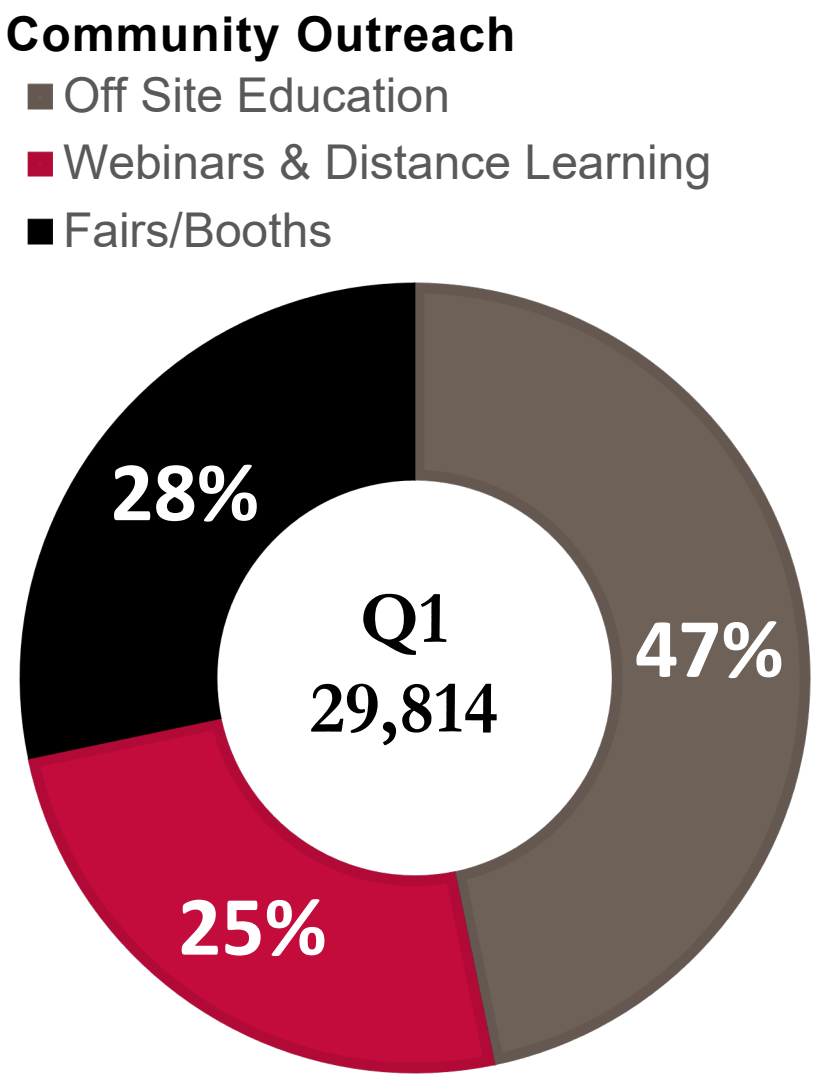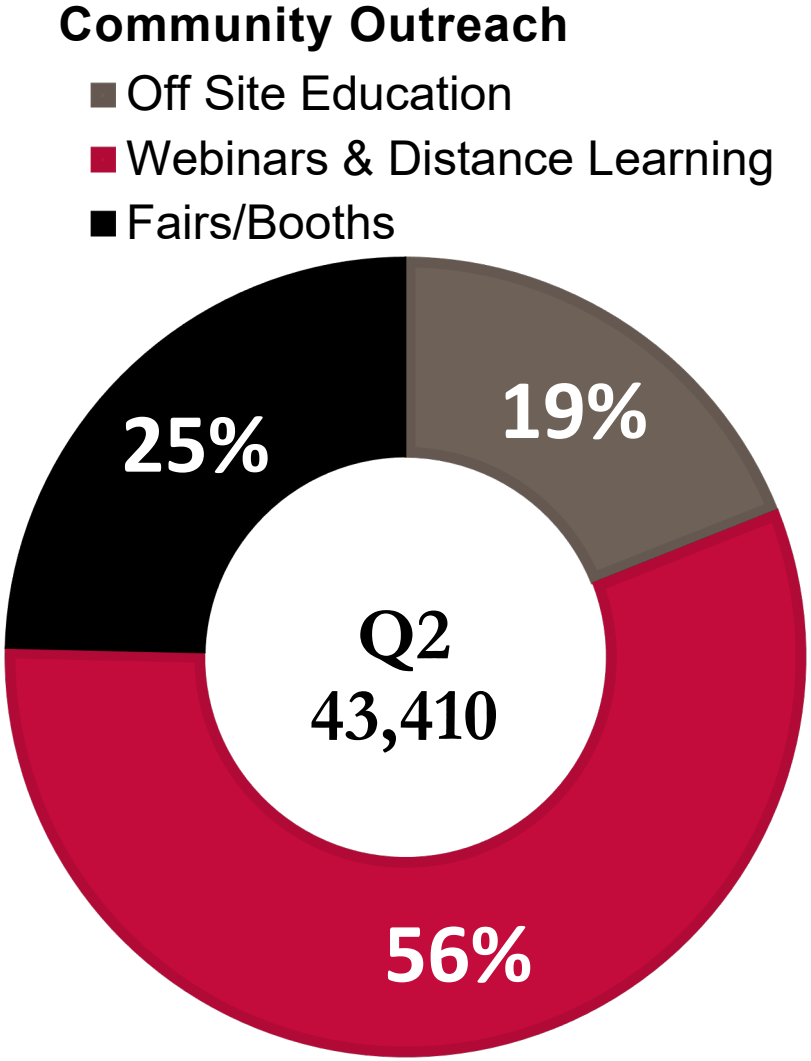
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