

HISTORY & FOLKLORE

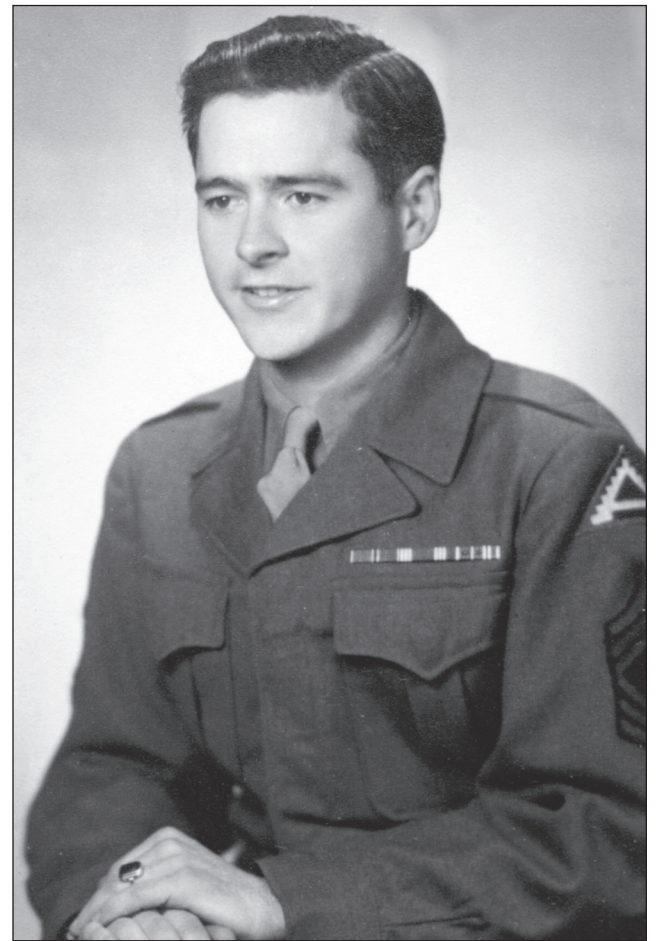


Come celebrate Southeast Texans' service to the nation as part of the Sam Houston Center's America250 events commemorating the country's 250th birthday. The event takes place Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events will include historical exhibits and tours, activities for children, refreshments and special entertainment.



William Dozier Partlow, United States Army, 1918-1919. W.D. Partlow Collection, 1988.254. SHC, TSLAC.

William Dozier Partlow, a native of Liberty, Texas, enlisted with the United States Army Transportation Corps on May 2, 1918, serving with Company H Repair Unit 309 in both France and England. On June 12, 1919, he was discharged from military service and returned to Liberty, where he would go into business raising cattle and rice. Partlow died on June 3, 1981, and was buried in Liberty City Cemetery. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at www.tsl.texas.gov/shc.



Thomas Samuel "Sam" Partlow, United States Army, 1940s. Thomas Samuel "Sam" Partlow U.S. Army Scrapbook, 2015.002. SHC, TSLAC.

Thomas Samuel Partlow attended Liberty High School, Tarleton Junior College, and Southern Methodist University in Texas. He served as a medic in the United States Army Medical Corps in World War II and was assigned to the 116th Evacuation Hospital, one of the first medical units to liberate the Dachau concentration camp. After his service in the military, he returned to Liberty, working as a rancher and farmer. On August 27, 2004, Partlow passed away and was buried in the Liberty City Cemetery. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at www.tsl.texas.gov/shc.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LIBERTY SCHOOLS LOCATED ON THE LIBERTY POST OFFICE BLOCK, 1515 SAM HOUSTON, IN THE LATE 19th and EARLY 20th CENTURIES

In 1890 this block became the site of a new two-story frame building (above) with three rooms downstairs; the upper story was used for entertainments, dances, and school plays. It was there that Miriam Partlow received her diploma in 1910; Professor H.W. Stevenson was the principal. In this school, a big wood stove heated each room in winter, and the large windows were opened in the spring for fresh air and any breeze that might be blowing. There was always a spelling match on Friday afternoons.

In 1910, a large two-story brick building (below) replaced the above frame building. It was the Liberty High School building for many years and then became the Sam Houston Elementary School in the 1920s.



From The Liberty Gazette,
Thursday, May 18, 1972 -

Ames News: Drainage Problems Noted

Water everywhere! Like many other places in the state, Ames has its share of the rains last week. The resulting minor floods had water crossing Farm Road 160 in five places. There was also flooding on some side streets. The problems ranged from home sewage systems not working, to the potential health hazard of spreading raw sewage.

Although the water was slow in draining off, observations made Friday afternoon showed approximately 390,000 gal/minute flowing in Abbott's Creek, and still had room for another 200,000 gal/minute.

The drainage ditch to the south had a flow of approximately 30,000 gal/minute and room for another 100,000 gal/minute.

Further investigation showed the water was being slowed on its way to the drainage ditches by high grass and debris in the roadside ditches ranging from beer cans to election posters.

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