

HISTORY & FOLKLORE



From Illustrated Press of Liberty County, Thursday, October 11, 1962 –
Political opponents on the Trinity Avenue side of the courthouse square in Liberty have imposing building fronts. The Cox-Connally race for governor seems to be developing into a very close affair.



From The Liberty Gazette, Thursday, April 21, 1977 –

Sam Houston Regional Library Will Open Officially May 14

Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director of Texas Library and Historical Commission, has announced that May 14, 1977, 2 p.m., has been set as official opening date for the Sam Houston regional Library and Research Center.

The Center, located in Liberty, is a regional historical depository constructed in 1976-1977 by the Texas Library and Historical Commission to serve the ten Southeast Texas counties carved from the original Atascosito District of the Republic of Mexico. The counties are Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler.

The purpose of the Texas Regional Depository program is to provide fireproof preservation and protected access to official and private records and papers of historical interest.

The Depository operated in cooperation with Lamar University has been expanded to provide teaching and research facilities and valuable library collections on Texas History, General History, Government and Religion.

Establishment of the Center was sponsored by the Atascosito Historical Society, organized in 1973. The 110-acre site, donated to the state by former Governor and Mrs. Price Daniel, is on the league of land granted by the Mexican government to B.W. Hardin in 1831. The Hardin Cemetery adjoins on the north. The site is on the original road from Atascosito to Nacogdoches. One-half mile to the south is the site of the 1756 Spanish Outpost of Atascosito, the Atascosito Springs, and the crossing of the Atascosito Road, an area which was used successively as an Indian camp, Spanish fort, Mexican fort, first Anglo village in the region and forerunner of the present city of Liberty. The name of the town and the district was changed to Liberty in 1831.

All funds for construction of the Sam Houston Center were contributed by foundations and individuals.

Lamar University will supervise the Center and use it for research and field centered courses with emphasis on Archival Sciences and Texas History.

Plans were drawn by the Texas Building Commission as requested by the State Library and Historical Commission and Lamar University for the building. It is a two-story structure of 17,600 s/f with an estimated cost of \$500,00 for the construction and \$100,000 for the furnishings and equipment.

Burial & Cremation services for all faiths

Military funerals

Preplanning

Monuments

Grief Support



Serving the families of our community for over 80 years.

Pace-Stancil

FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETERY

Family-Owned

Cleveland
(281) 592-2641
303 E. Crockett Street
Cleveland, TX 77327

Dayton
(936) 258-5300
1304 N. Cleveland - Hwy. 321
Dayton, TX 77535

Coldspring
(936) 653-2641
14250 Hwy 150 West
Coldspring, TX 77331

View online at
libertygazette.com



Dayton Electric Co., LLC

936-258-2502
daytonelectricco.com
3053 FM 1960 • Dayton



RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

Trained and certified HVAC service professionals
Installation, maintenance and repair for residential and commercial generators.

Exceptional service and quality workmanship

TACLA 105689C - TACLB 18821C - TECL 17934