

**COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
2006 Annual Report**

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Please use this form to report your 2006 county historical commission (CHC) activities to your county commissioners court as well as to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Information from these forms may be used to report county and statewide historic preservation activities to the state legislature.

**Please complete this form and return by February 28, 2007. Thank you.**

County: Williamson Name of CHC chair: Bob Brinkman

1. How many members currently serve on your commission? 27
2. How many meetings did your commission hold in 2006? 11
3. How do you inform the public about your meetings and activities? Meetings posted publicly at the county clerk's office
4. When were your CHC's bylaws last reviewed and updated? 2005  
(Please provide a current copy to the THC.)

5. How many volunteer preservation hours did your commission members work this year? 1200, including David Hollingsworth 250, Barbara Meyer 25, George Meyer 155, Wayne Ware 173.

6. Does your commission sponsor or work with young people in your county?  Yes  No

If yes, please list and describe such activities: Commission members made presentations to students in Georgetown and Round Rock.

7. Does your county provide funds in its budget for your commission?  Yes  No  
If yes, how much was your allocation in fiscal year 2006? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your county provide office space for your commission?  Yes  No

If the county provides other operating help, please list: The CHC office and Williamson County Historical Museum are both housed in the county-owned historic bank building at 716 S. Austin Avenue in Georgetown, on the courthouse square. The county also provides utilities and other costs.

8. Does your commission have other sources of funding?  Yes  No

If yes, please briefly describe sources and amounts of such income: Sale of county history books, cemetery maps, and other items at through the Williamson County Historical Museum gift shop

9. Please check all that apply to your commission:

Members attended the 2006 Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Galveston

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

- Member, Preservation Texas
- Member, Texas Historical Foundation
- Member, Texas Association of Museums
- Member, Texas Downtown Association
- Member, Texas Oral History Association
- Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Member, American Association for State and Local History
- Member, Texas State Historical Association
- Member, other historical associations(s): Texas Archeological Society, Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association

10. Please check all areas in which your CHC worked actively to promote historic preservation:

- Historical marker(s)
- Historic cemetery preservation and/or designation
- History museum(s)
- National Register of Historic Places designation
- Main Street Program – Which town(s)? Georgetown, Taylor
- Certified Local Government – Which city or county? Georgetown, Round Rock
- Visionaries in Preservation Program – Which community? \_\_\_\_\_
- Texas Heritage Trails Program – Which trail region? Brazos, Hill Country
- Heritage tourism (other than or in addition to Texas Heritage Trails Program)
- Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
- Military sites
- Advisor to commissioners court on matters related to history and preservation
- Survey/inventory of architectural resources
- Advocacy for the preservation of an endangered historic resource (see also question #12)
- Historic building rehabilitation
- Protection of archeological resources
- Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
- Oral history
- Archives
- School/educational programs
- Training workshops
- Local newspaper column
- Local history publication (CHC newsletter, county history book, brochures, etc.)
- Historical observances (check all that apply):
  - County/city birthdays
  - National Preservation Week
  - Texas Archeology Month
  - Other (please list): Historical marker dedications, museum exhibit openings
  - Women's History Month
  - Black History Month
  - Hispanic Heritage Month

11. Does your CHC maintain an inventory of historic properties in your county?  Yes  No

If yes, when was the inventory last updated? 2000

12. Please list any significant historic properties or sites (officially designated or not) in your county that are threatened or endangered, damaged or destroyed. If possible, provide photographs, address and a brief description of the threat or damage, as well as information regarding any ongoing local efforts to preserve the site(s).

The Bryson Homestead (Pioneer's House, RTHL 1970) has been encroached upon by construction of the toll road 183A. The Williamson CHC has been actively involved in negotiations to document and protect the rural homestead and landscape. The CHC is also involved with early coordination for other new construction projects in the county, including new roads, transmission power lines and wastewater treatment plants.

13. Please provide a brief narrative description of your CHC's successes over the past year, as well as its not-so-successful activities. (See also **Distinguished Service Award** information following question #16 on this form.) In particular, we would like to know about any specific plans for or programs dealing with diversity, both in terms of CHC membership and preservation activities in your county.

In the past year, the Williamson CHC has been active in helping secure state historical designations, including Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (C.B. and Lilburn Atkinson House, Farmers State Bank Building) and Official Texas Historical Markers (Dr. James Lee Dickey, Friendship Community, Judge Harry N. Graves, Post Oak Island Lodge No. 191, A.F.&A.M., Site of Stony Point School, Zion Lutheran Church). Dr. Dickey was a noted African-American doctor in Taylor. Applications for 2007 were also submitted for three subject markers (Corn Hill, Daniel Harrison, St. John Lutheran Church). The Williamson CHC has been more successful this past year than in previous years in being a consulting party for new development in the county, and is becoming known for guidance and expertise for historic resources. The CHC is compiling a list of historic schools in the county, including African American and Mexican American schools, along with photographs and documentation for existing schoolhouses.

14. Please tell us about any significant preservation projects in your county, either currently underway or planned for the coming year.

The CHC intends to designate 12 Historic Texas Cemeteries this year, doubling the total in Williamson County. The CHC is also compiling a list of historic schools in the county, including African American and Mexican American schools, along with photographs and documentation for existing schoolhouses.

15. Please tell us about your efforts to recruit a diverse membership (age, race, gender, etc.) for your commission and how you are addressing issues of diversity in historic preservation in your county.

The Williamson CHC membership is well divided by gender, and includes a member from nearly every town and city in the county. We continue to seek more diverse membership and interaction with residents of all ages and ethnicities. Even when such diversity is not reflected in the membership we strive to represent different viewpoints in local history, archives, exhibits in the county museum and other resources.

16. Please tell us how the THC can be of greater assistance to you in carrying out your local preservation activities.

The Williamson CHC continues to utilize the guidance of the THC in local history programs, especially regarding cemeteries, museums, historical markers, CLG and Main Street.



**Distinguished Service Award – PLEASE NOTE**

If you wish for your CHC to be considered for Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recognition, please check the box above and provide details about your calendar year 2006 successes and accomplishments. Enclose a brief summary/description of each project, and enclose copies of supporting documentation if applicable. Recommendations for DSA recognition will be based on an overall evaluation of each CHC's achievements in historic preservation activities and programs for the year.

DSA recipients will be notified in advance and will be recognized at the opening session of the Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Lakeway (near Austin) in April 2007.

**Deadline for submission is February 28, 2007, along with this Annual Report.**



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If the THC staff can provide you with any additional information or assistance, please call 512/463-5853 or email [history@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:history@thc.state.tx.us). Thank you.

**Please return by February 28, 2007, to:**

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Texas Historical Commission  
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