

Weldon G. Cannon History Files

In this folder donated to the City of Euless, labeled **BEDFORD PLANTERS**, are a few key documents and other materials from files donated to The University of Texas at Arlington for the Weldon Cannon Euless Collection in the Special Collections of the University Library. Following is a brief summary of materials in 1 folder under this subject that was donated to UTA.

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1. Bedford Planters—List of Planters and Farmers in 1884 with an address of Bedford, Texas, the only post office then in the present Hurst, Euless, Bedford area.

BEDFORD PLANTERS AND FARMERS, 1884

Attached is a list of "planters and farmers" who had a Bedford, Tarrant County, address in 1884, as found in the "Planters' and Farmers' Directory" of R. L. POLK'S TEXAS STATE GAZETTEER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR 1884, published by R. L. Polk & Co., Detroit, 1884. Bedford in 1884 included areas later called Euless and Hurst, which did not have post offices then. Other "planters and farmers" who lived in what today might be called the Bedford, Euless and Hurst area had post office addresses at Birdville, Smithfield, Grapevine or Estelle. This is taken from an original copy of the book in the Houston Public Library.

BEDFORD is described as follows: A post village in Tarrant county, 213 miles northeast of Austin, and 15 miles northeast of Fort Worth, the county seat, nearest railroad station and banking point. Settled in 1878, it contains a steam grist mill, a cotton gin, a church and a district school. Cotton, corn and wood are shipped. Stages daily to Fort Worth and Grapevine; fares \$1 and 25 cents respectively. Population 600. Mail, tri-weekly. J. M. Massey, postmaster.

By Weldon Cannon, November, 2002

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R. L. POLK & CO.'S
TEXAS STATE GAZETTEER
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In the following section of the work, the cities, villages and postoffices of Texas are arranged in alphabetical order, and a description is given of each place with an alphabetical list of persons doing business therein. In all the larger places the names have been procured by personal canvass, but in the smaller they have been furnished by postmasters. Great care has been taken to secure correctness as well as completeness.

PLANTERS' AND FARMERS' DIRECTORY OF TEXAS,

Giving the number of acres cultivated by each, and the taxable valuation, as taken from official lists. Unorganized or very recently organized counties are without official lists of planters. Figures after name indicate the number of acres; the letters denote value of same, as follows: A, \$1,000 to \$1,500; B, \$1,500 to \$2,000; C, \$2,000 to \$3,000; D, \$3,000 to \$4,000; E, \$4,000 to \$5,000; F, \$5,000 to \$10,000; G, \$10,000 to \$20,000; H, \$20,000 and over. Following this is the postoffice address. Where postoffice address is not given the notation at head of each county will designate to what point mail should be addressed. When sent to the county seat, letters should be addressed *in care of county tax collector*.

Allen R P, 130 C
Allen T B, 87 A
Arthur M D, 200 B
Arwine D, 928 F
Boals R F, 360 E
Bobo J H, 178 A
Bobo W W, 401 C
Boyd A H, 222 C
Boyd A H & J B, 320 B
Brown Mrs E A, 113 A
Brown M F, 120 B
Cannon W G, 273 B
Dailey J G, 130 B
Dobkins Dr W, 345 E
Dobkins W C, 405 E
Euliss E A, 351 D
Evatt W H, 130 A
Fitch Thomas, 100 A
French U M, 80 B
Fuller W N M, 274 B
Green Hosia, 173 B
Hammond J R, 104 A
Harris D H, 280 A
Harris D S, 80 A
Hensley James, 160 A
Hitch W H, 320 B
Huffman J M, 130 A
Hurst W L, 301 F
Johnson Mrs L, 200 A
Leason C A, 200 B
Lee Miss Lucy, 640 C
McKinzie H O, 130 A
Mahan J N, 192 B
Moore Milton, 148 C
Newton E, 767 F
Trigg D C, 1277 F
Trigg J H, 547 C
Trigg J W, 280 C
Trigg T E, 361 D
Trimble G B, 346 C
Valentine B J, 130 A
Valentine H C, 140 C
Valentine I P & M E, 1046 F
Valentine J G, 160 A
Valentine R T, 175 C
Weatherly Joseph, 206 C
Williams Mrs M E, 140 B
Witten S C H, 1590 F
Youngblood T P, 280 C