

Historical Markers, Monuments, and Much More in Anderson County, Texas

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Want to learn some Anderson County history? Which Kevin Costner movie shows one of our 1936 Centennial markers? What was the first Texas Historical Marker erected in the county? Want to know about Kate Hunter, Palestine's first real historian and suffragette? Where is McKnight Plaza and why does it have a marker? What San Jacinto veteran buried here was said to be "too fond of good toddy?"

The answers to these questions and many more can be found in this entertaining and informative new book on markers, monuments, cornerstones, plaques, honors, awards, and "much more."

- Along with text, 486 pictures are in this 417-page softbound 8 1/2 x 11 book. A full index lists 2,600 people, places, businesses, organizations, and a variety of other entities.
- Pictures with inscriptions of all 127 historical markers: Texas Historical, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, National Register of Historic Places, 1936 Centennial, Historic Texas Cemetery, State Archeological Landmark, Private state-approved, Centennial Civil War, and early, local markers.
- Separate page of supplemental information for each historical marker: directions to it, details of the dedication (when, who participated, etc), other information about the topic, the entity who sponsored the marker, and for some—interesting and/or little known facts. In some cases, a particular book is listed as recommended reading for that topic.
- Almost thirty pictures of miscellaneous markers and monuments with supplemental information. Why does Frank Sawyer have a monument on Spring Street—and who was he? What fallen lawmen are honored on a monument? Where is a bust of John H. Reagan? Who was Thomas Gatlin and why is there a monument to him in Slocum? What is our Natural National Landmark (one of only nineteen in Texas)? What famous person was guest speaker at the TDCJ marker dedication? Which local highway is the Blue Star Highway and what does that mean?
- 309 pictures of cornerstones and plaques on various buildings, churches, and schools from locations all over the county. Where is a time capsule to be opened in 2054? Who was on the Elkhart School Board when the elementary school was built? When was the cornerstone of the Centenary Church laid? Who were the officials when the current City Hall was built? These are only a few of the hundreds of little bits of history on these cornerstones and plaques that most people never notice.
- Palestine Landmark Commission properties with information on each. What is the connection between the director of the 1993 cult movie Dazed and Confused and a certain local house?
- Texas Land Heritage Registry Program's local properties and honorees with information on each
- Palestine High School Distinguished Alumni with information on each
- Anderson County Council of Honor recipients with information on each
- Chamber of Commerce Builder/Citizen of the Year (1969 through 2006)
- Palestine mayors (1871 through current) and Anderson County judges (1846 through current)
- Recommended Reading: A seven-page, detailed list of books, other publications, quarterlies, articles, and a wide variety of other source materials on our local history—all of which are available locally.
- Information and background on: Anderson County Historical Commission, Texas Historical Commission, 1936 Centennial, and every type of marker in the county.

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