



Grayson County, Texas
-a historical essay contest

You are cordially invited to participate in an exciting opportunity geared toward bringing attention to our local history. Recently, the GCHC voted to have an essay contest to provide an opportunity for citizens and the youth of Grayson County to take an active part in local history.

This is hoped to be an annual competition, the theme this year being, **Forgotten Towns and Communities of Grayson County, Texas**. This is done in an effort to create documentation and research on some of Grayson County's lesser-known history.

A town or community that is worthy of being considered lost or forgotten must be an establishment in which there is currently no post office or no active school serving only the community in question. The completed project should include a detailed history of the community from its beginning to its end and should also include the specific geographic location of the said establishment. **Furthermore, these histories should be centered on the community rather than the individuals who may have lived in the area.** The mentioning of an individual should be stated only as a supporting factor to the community or establishments therein.

Entry into the competition will be broken down into four groups based upon the participant's age. The four categories are: aged 9-12, 13-16, 17-20 and 21 and older. The completed essay should be typed, double-spaced, consist of a title page, which is to include the title of the essay, the official name of the community, first and last name of the participant, their phone number and their full mailing address. There is no set length that the essay is to comply with, however it should include a detailed history of the community from its beginning to its demise and whether or not there is anything remaining of it as of today.

All entries should be mailed to Teddie Ann Salmon, Chairman and participants should include one copy of their completed work. Entries may be submitted no earlier than January 1st, 2016 and no later than April 1st, 2016. Winners will be announced on a date that is yet to be determined. A winner from each category will be designated and the said winners will each receive a \$50.00 prize as well as a framed certificate.

We look forward to receiving many entries in hopes that more individuals will become familiar with the colorful local history of Grayson County, Texas.

All entries become the property of Grayson County Historical Commission.
They should be sent to:

Teddie Ann Salmon, Chairman GCHC
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Van Alstyne, TX. 75495