

The Gladewater Museum

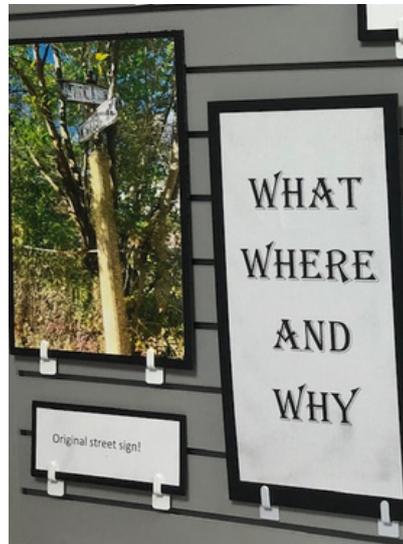
moments *From Our History*



Jessi Bozman & Annalu Phillips at the Springs, 1914

Featured Exhibit

WHAT WHERE AND WHY is the current "featured exhibit" at the museum. Visitors will be able to view documents, ledgers and photos from our early Gladewater history that will help explain the naming of many of our streets and early housing additions. Additionally, several maps on display will allow our visitors to view the WHERE or exact locations of the WHAT and WHY in the exhibit.



Research Room

Since the day our museum opened, we have strived to provide visitors with a place to research both family and local history. With the recent gift of the Shepperd collection from the Lee Public Library, the number of available reference books in the museum collection has greatly expanded. We would like to encourage the community to visit our Research Room.



Inside this Newsletter

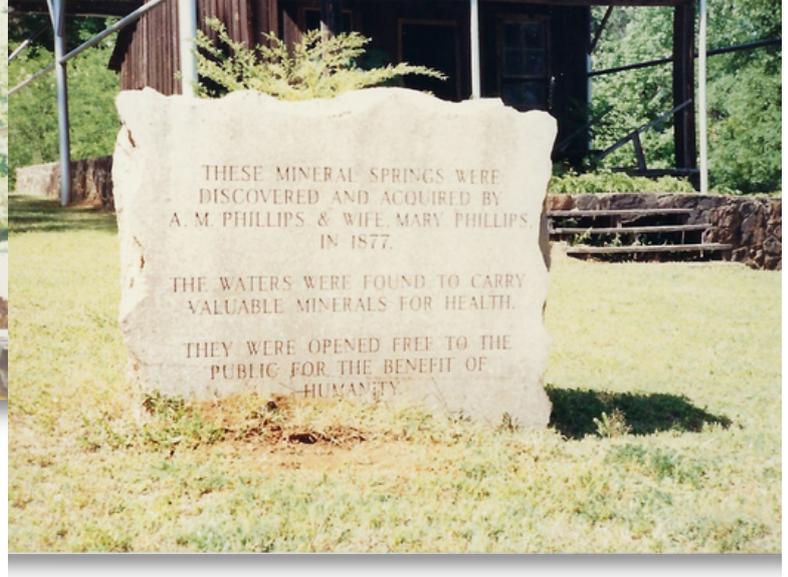
Enjoy BITS & PIECES from our Gladewater History ...

- Phillips Springs,, a place of interest.
- Carl Everett, a person of interest
- Who's Who, Volunteer Recognition
- What's Happening Next?
- AND MORE.



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Phillips Springs



**established in 1877 by
A.M. & Mary Holbert Phillips**

Phillips Springs - Thousands Make Pilgrimage to East Texas Healing Waters

In the late 1880's, a near constant stream of ill and afflicted people came to Phillips Springs. They came by wagon, on horseback and afoot seeking the medicinal comfort afforded by the natural mineral springs. These springs are near the upper part of the present Gladewater Lake.

Alfred Mason (A.M.) Phillips, born in Texas (Jonesville) in 1844 developed the springs in 1877. By the early 1890's, the grounds surrounding the springs were almost constantly blanketed with tents and wagons. Phillips was a medic in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and having served in this area, knew of the medicinal qualities of the water. Word traveled fast about the mineral springs which Phillips opened free to the public.

The people drank the mineral water and bathed at the spring's edge. Many of them scooped the orange-colored sediment from the spring's bottom and spread it on chronic sores. Interest grew to a peak in 1895 when Phillips built a hotel of clapboard near the springs. Many used the hotel but others continued to camp in tents and under trees. The hotel stood until early 1900 when it was destroyed by a heavy windstorm. No efforts were made to rebuild it since many of the visitors insisted on sleeping under the stars.

In 1950, water of the newly constructed Gladewater Lake engulfed on the springs. Two springs, one mineral and the other freestone clear water, were saved from the lake's growing shoreline. B.F. Phillips, Sr. son of the founder of the springs, built concrete retainer walls around them.

The Phillips family had a marble monument placed in front of the old house to denote the founding of the historic springs. The marker reads: "These mineral springs were discovered and acquired by A.M. Phillips and wife Mary Holbert Phillips in 1877. The waters were found to carry valuable minerals for health. They were opened free to the public for the benefit of humanity."

**Phillips Springs, established in 1877 by A.M. (Mace) & Mary E. Holbert Phillips.
One of Gregg County's first tourist attractions.**

1914. An Afternoon at Phillips Springs

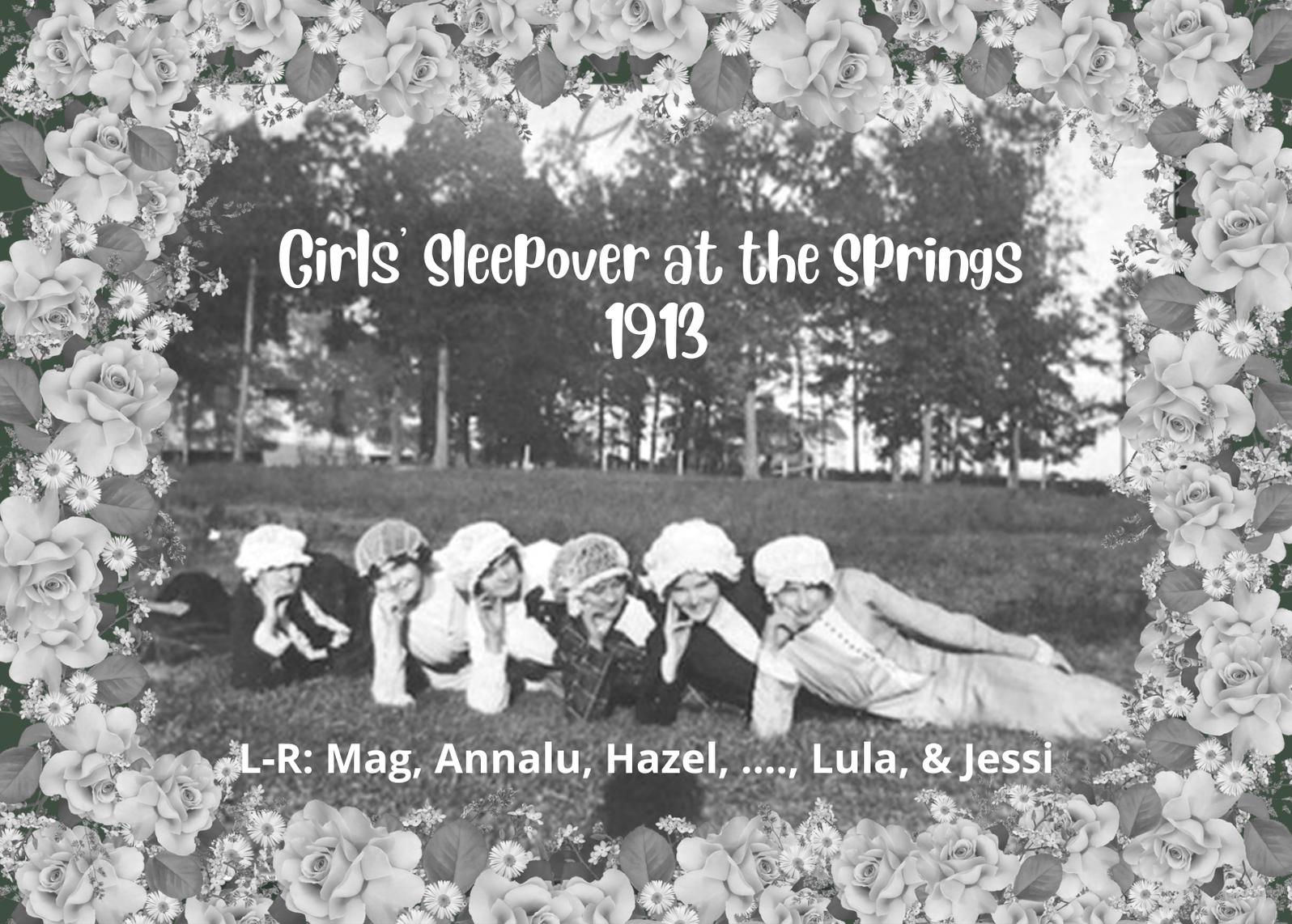


All photos made at the Springs are from an album that belonged to Annalu Phillips Gillespie (1896-1922). Album courtesy of Annalu's grandson Robert G. James, Senior United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana AND siblings Loralu James Conville and Noah James.

Annalu was the oldest daughter of John Floyd and Martha Shepperd Phillips and one of the granddaughters of A.M. & Mary Holbert Phillips, founders of Phillips Springs.



Beginning with Annalu (girl on the left and then clockwise) Henry, Jessi, Wilma, Everett, Lula, Ella and Guy. Oscar is boy in center.



Girls' Sleepover at the Springs 1913

L-R: Mag, Annalu, Hazel,, Lula, & Jessi

The Springs In the News

GILMER CLEANINGS, Fort Worth Gazette. (Fort Worth, Tex.), Vol. 18, No. 220, Ed. 1, Sunday, **July 1, 1894**, newspaper, July 1, 1894; Fort Worth, Texas.

Several families left this morning to rusticate at Phillips' Springs. They will be out of town until the first of next week.

Stephens, J. J. Upshur County Echo. (Gilmer, Tex.), Vol. 12, No. 36, Ed. 1 Thursday, **July 15, 1909**, newspaper, July 15, 1909; Gilmer, Texas.

Gilmer is almost depopulated this week by so many going away on vacation and pleasure trips. Quite a number of Gilmer folks are at Phillips Springs this week for a pleasure outing and to drink that famous mineral water.

Tucker, George. The Gilmer Mirror (Gilmer, Tex.), Vol. 6, No. 86, Ed. 1 Wednesday, **July 6, 1921**, newspaper, July 6, 1921; Gilmer, Texas.

The Fourth of July was observed safely and sanely by the citizens of Gladewater. A barbecue at Barnett Lake was largely attended and Phillips Springs, famous locally for the curative powers of its waters, was the scene of many private parties. The hard surface roads of this territory were literally covered with vehicles of all descriptions.



~ MEET ~
Carl B. Everett, Jr.
Everett
Construction

"I have the interests of Gladewater at heart," Everett told a Mirror staff member, "and watching the town grow and helping it to grow brings to one the joy of fulfillment."

After World War II had officially ended, many of our local men returned to Gladewater to restart their career. One of these men was Carl Everett, Jr. The following is a retyped copy of a "Personality Sketch" featuring Mr. Everett. The personality sketches appeared regularly in the Gladewater newspaper during the 1950's with each sketch highlighting a Gladewater personality.

Carl Bruce Everett believes in Gladewater and with other members of the Everett family is proving it today by a most concrete way. Under construction at the present time is Everett Funeral Home, a structure which would be a credit to a town many times the size of Gladewater.

The second Everett estate pending is the opening of the Woodland Addition, with the lots being worked into condition for sale. This addition is adjacent to the Hi-Land Addition formerly opened.

Everett is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Everett and the late Carl B. Everett, Sr. and the grandson of Mrs. L.J. (Mother) Everett, and the late Mr. Everett, pioneer citizen of Gladewater.

Born in Rusk, Texas, 34 years ago, Everett attended the Gladewater schools, then went to Kemper Military Academy at Booneville, MO, for the last two years of high school work and two years of junior college. He attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas, specializing in finance and banking.

While at military academy, he was Golden Gloves champion of Missouri, and captain of the Kemper boxing team.

After graduation from Kemper Military Academy he was scheduled to go to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas for officers training. After completion of this training, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Infantry Reserves. He served in the U.S. Army from March 8, 1942 until October 1, 1945 and was overseas from Feb. 19, 1944 until Sept. 27, 1945.

Among the "jobs" Everett held in the U.S. Army were in assault troops in Normandy for invasion coming through without a scratch; platoon commander to infantry platoon; commander of ...tank platoon; Hattation S-2; general 's aide; assistant G-3 division; assustabt G-3 coprs, and was a reserve officer for 14 years.

Decorations received during his military service were the Purple Heart, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster, five battle stars, and invasion arrowhead.

Everett's wife is the former Miss Jennie Lea Sloan of Breckenridge, and they were married May 30, 1941. Their three children are Julie, 11, Carl III, 7, and Jim, 3.

He considers Gladewater still his home even though his ranching interests at Breckenridge are a consuming interest. He stated that while ranching has not been a profitable business the last few years because of drought and the economic situation, he loves it just the same.

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Who's Who

David Trumbull, Volunteer

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart."

- Elizabeth Andrew

In this issue of our newsletter, the Museum Board would like to recognize longtime volunteer, David Trumbull. Although he lives in Kingwood TX and works full-time, David, like so many of our great volunteers, still found time that he "did not necessarily have" to devote to our museum. David's superior technical skills over the years have contributed significantly to the success of the museum on the internet and more.

Just so you know, David was the responsible volunteer for the following:

- Music Room, ambient/background music and sound
- QR Code Video throughout the museum
- Duplication and packaging of DVD - "What was Gladewater like in the 1950s"
- Duplication and packaging of DVD - "Films from Back to the Cozy"
- Provided DVD videos for visiting German Tour Group
- Produced a multitude of short videos for social media about Gladewater
- Maintained museum website and social media page for a number of years
- Donated copies of the 1937 and 1938 game films of Longview Lobos vs Gladewater Bears football (both filmed at Bear Stadium).

David Trumbull has been an extraordinary museum volunteer...one who not necessarily had the time but had the heart!

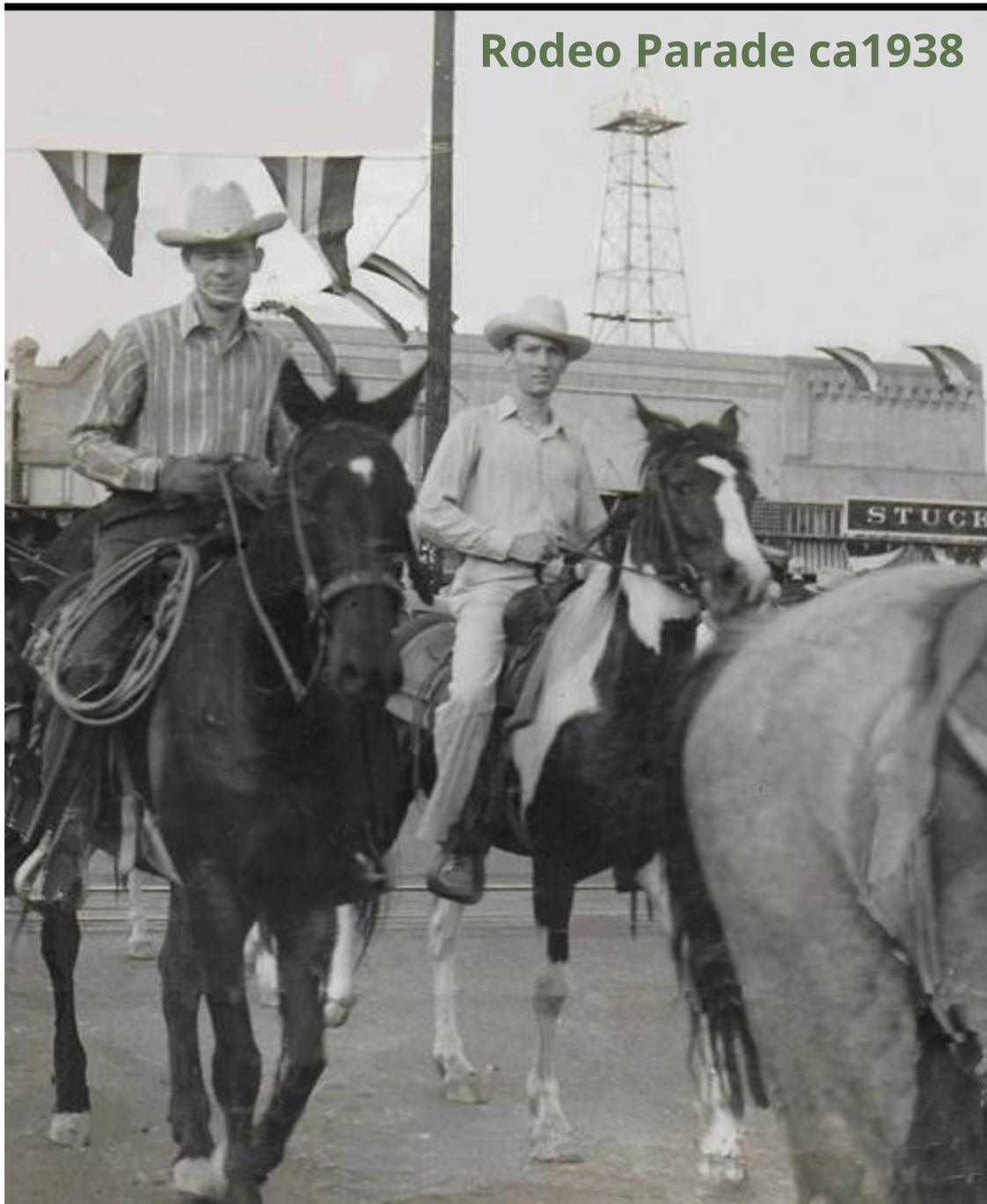
We Appreciate You, David!

The Gladewater Museum Board of Directors

What's Happening Next?

Welcome Pardner!
It's time for the Gladewater Round-UP Rodeo!
June 8-11, 8:15 Pm Nightly

Be Sure & Visit the Museum Rodeo Annex!



Rodeo Parade ca1938



Tickets & More Information
www.gladewaterrodeo.com

The Museum Rodeo Annex is a great Place to visit while you are in our area. The annex is full of Gladewater Rodeo History and Memorabilia. You don't want to miss the Rodeo Annex!



Robert Pritchett is seated astride T.W. Lee's famous black stallion "Governor". Mrs. Pritchett, a newcomer to Gladewater, is an accomplished horsewoman and loves to ride. She will be participating in Gladewater's 14th annual Rodeo Round-Up to be held June 12-15. Gladewater is a favorite place for horse fanciers. (from Gladewater News, June 10, 1951)

WELCOME VISITORS
To Gladewater's 14th Round-Up
RODEO

Dell J. Everett on his favorite parade horse, Red King.
Silver-mounted equipment by Edward H. Boling of Hollywood

Bring Friends and Meet Friends

JUNE 12-13-14-15

SEE YOU THERE . . .

EVERETT

The Gladewater Museum Rodeo Annex
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www.gladwatermuseum.org/rodeo-annex

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The Gladewater Museum Board of Directors 2022



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Pictured above are (L-R): Museum Director Elaine Roddy with Board Members Matt Byrd, Bennie Moore, Elane Osteen, Board Recording Secretary Lois Reed and Harold Wells. Not pictured are Board Members Michael Hines and Charlotte Light.

Additional volunteer staff members include Docents Judy Banner and Beth Lewis, Financial Secretary Laura Talley, Social Media Editor Karla Byrd and Website/Newsletter Editor Cathy Shipp.

We are always looking to add to our outstanding staff. Contact the museum if you would be interested in volunteering your time and talents with us.