

#2. Mrs. C. R. Gibbs.

With reference to old legal papers dated prior to 1852 and headed, State of Texas, County of Travis, I would assume that they related to matters pertaining to lands located or the business of citizens residing in that part of present Burnet County which belonged to Travis County or district at the time of their execution. Such papers, if subject to record, were probably recorded in Travis County originally and such record transcribed and transferred to Burnet County upon its creation and organization.

Hoping the above report will give you the information desired on the questions under consideration, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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May 28, 1936.

Mrs. C. R. Gibbs,  
Box 387,  
Burnet, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Gibbs:

This is in reply to your favor of the 14th instant with reference to the creation of Burnet County and the former status of the territory from which it was taken under terms of the act of February 5, 1852. Former letter from this office on this subject was written by authority of Batts Annotated Statutes, Volume 1, page 371, which states that Burnet County was created from Travis, Hays and Gillespie Counties. Upon investigation of the establishment and existence of the old land district and older county lines and their positions in 1852, I find that this territory formed at that time parts of Bexar, Travis and Milam land districts.

Williamson County was created out of the latter district March 13, 1848 and that part of Milam district lying north of Williamson County was attached to Bell County January 22, 1850.

Gillespie County was created out of Bexar district February 23, 1848 and Travis County by act of March 20, 1848. The small part of Gillespie County, as thus created, crossed the Colorado River and embraced territory on the east side of said stream lying approximately between the Abraham Large survey No. 32 and the river boundary of Arthur Luckey Survey No. 23.

The boundaries of Burnet County as set out in the Creative Act of February 5, 1852 when platted with reference to the district and older county lines, therefore, embrace portions of Travis, Gillespie, Williamson and Bell Counties.

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Burnet County from

Territory attached to Bell Co } Milam  
Williamson Co } Dist

Travis County - Bostrop Dist.

Sullespie County - Bexar Dist

Investigations indicate that present Burnet Co was wholly within the Department of Bexar, although the extreme eastern tip may possibly have been in the Department of Brazos.

See Decree no 270. Mch 18, 1834  
1st Sam. Page 355 for  
Dividing line between  
Departments of Bexar & Brazos.

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Burnet, Texas,  
May 14, 1936.

Mr. J. H. Walker,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Walker.

The "Texas Almanac" has always stated that Burnet County was created from parts of Bell, Williamson and Travis Counties. Recent information received from your office states that Burnet County was created from parts of Travis, Hays and Gillespie Counties — on Feb. 5, 1852.

The act of the 4th Legislature creating the County does not show from which Counties our County was created. We have in our possession many old legal papers, <sup>dated before 1852</sup> pertaining to what is now Burnet County, and they all begin thus: } State of Texas. }  
County of Travis } Please

explains why this was so.

Before the Texas Revolution of 1836 Texas was divided into departments and municipalities. In which department and in which municipality was present Burnet County included?

The Texas Almanac is supposed to be perfectly authentic. However we respect to abide by the information secured from your office, from which source we know the discrepancy can be cleared without further disputation.

Hoping that your information will settle the difference at your earliest convenience. I am,

Yours very respectfully,

Mrs. Alta H. Gibbs,  
Burnet, Texas.  
Box 387.