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Sept 15th, Fort Chadbourne presents
“Charlie Goodnight’s Last Night”
with Barry Corbin

Oct 13th, Fort McKavett town
reunion; BBQ lunch; Friends of Fort
McKavett annual meeting; Silent
auction; unveiling of new wayside
exhibits; Star Party hosted by Johnson
Space Center Astronomical Society

Oct 12-13, “Fort Griffin Living
History Days. *Note: This is Fort
Griffin’s first event in a couple of
years plus being their 140th
anniversary.*

Dec 7-9, “Christmas at Old Fort
Concho”, San Angelo

Mar 28 & 29 2008, Fort McKavett
Education day and West Texas
Heritage Day



In this issue

News about our upcoming Fall
Event, Col. McTaggart, THC
Transfers, Park Hosts, Ken
Pollard and more.



**Site Manager Buddy Garza hard
at work with audits, transfer
meetings and documentation,
Park business, budget requests,
and still has time to be the
secretary for the Volunteer Fire
Department at Fort McKavett
and on the board at the Presidio.**

See you in October!



Jimmy Morris Jr., Jimmy Morris Sr., Veronica Morris, Gloria Gonzales, Onaieda Wallace at Fort McKavett

Gloria Gonzales, born and raised in Fort McKavett, returned for a visit August 5th. She was accompanied by her relatives, Jimmy and Veronica Morris, their son Jimmy Jr., and Onieda Wallace. Park host Glenn Gaylord gave them a tour from the perspective of the Army Post while Gloria shared her experiences of growing up at Fort McKavett.

Speaking of Glenn and Terry

They have purchased a house north of Waco and are leaving us for a while. They said they will come back and Host again for us. Best of luck to them and their new home!

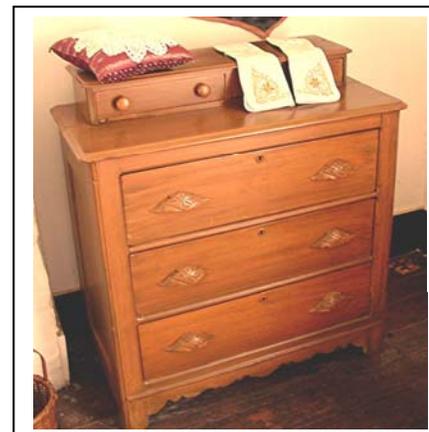


Left: Glenn mowing at the Post, Right: Terry cleaning windows in the Officers Quarters, inside and out. We are going to miss their hard work, but they have said they would be back to Host again.

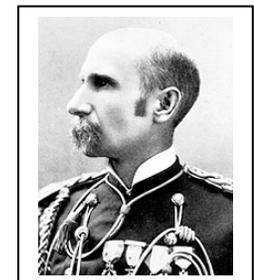
Frances M.A. Roe was married to Fayette Washington Roe of the 24th Infantry. He transferred in August, 1871 from Fort McKavett to the 3rd Infantry Regiment and married Frances on the way to his new Post at Fort Lyon in Colorado. This note about furniture and Army Carpenters is from a collection of her letters and diary from 1877 to 1888.



“Much of the furniture in this house was made by soldier carpenters here at the post, and is not only very nice, but cost General Phillips almost nothing, and, as we have to buy everything, I said at dinner last evening that we must have some precisely like it, supposing, of course, that General Phillips would feel highly gratified because his taste was admired. But instead of the smile and gracious acquiescence I had expected, there was another straightening back in the chair, and a silence that was ominous and chilling. Finally, he recovered sufficient breath to tell me that at present, there were no good carpenters in the company. Later on, however, I learned that only captains and officers of higher rank can have such things. The captains seem to have the best of everything, and the lieutenants are expected to get along with smaller houses, much less pay, and much less everything else, and at the same time perform all of the disagreeable duties.”



Left: An example of Army Carpenters work from Fort McKavett is in Officers Quarters 5. This is an original piece at the Post. Below, Lt. Roe in his later years



Annual Friends of Fort McKavett Meeting, Star Gazers Party, Fort McKavett Town Reunion, and Grand Opening of New Displays October 13th, 2007



Albert Burlerson and Jim Pullen at Fort McKavett

We will need salads, vegetable plates, and deserts for this year's event from our Friends. If you can help with any of these, contact the Fort at 325-396-2358 and let them know what you are bringing.

Also, if you have anything for the Silent Auction, let them know what you are bringing so we can decide how much room we need to put everything out.



The Johnson Space Center folks will be on the Parade Ground on Saturday night. If you haven't had a chance to see their equipment and view the stars, make plans to be there and support their efforts. It's quite a treat!

Texas Historic Commissioner Tom Alexander Visits Fort McKavett



Buddy, Gennie, Tom Alexander and Alfredo at the shop on Post

The Texas Historic Commissioner over the new Sites visited with the Staff and Friends of Fort McKavett in August on site. Tom Alexander and his wife "Capy" were on a tour of the Forts in West Texas.

He spent quite a bit of time going over the plans for the transfer of our Post with the Staff, Buddy, and John Cobb representing the Friends of Fort McKavett. He wanted everyone to know we are dedicated in making this a smooth transition from Texas Parks and Wildlife to the Historic Commission.

It looks like we are all on the same page for the site. He also said he wants our Friends Group and education programs to continue just as they have been doing.

After the meetings, he and his wife enjoyed a tour of the Fort and were shown the good as well as those areas needing improvement. It looks like he agreed with Buddy on those areas needing work.

The Alexander's live in Kerrville and have said they want to come back several times to the Fort. He has an invitation to come back during our annual Friends meeting and visiting with our membership.

