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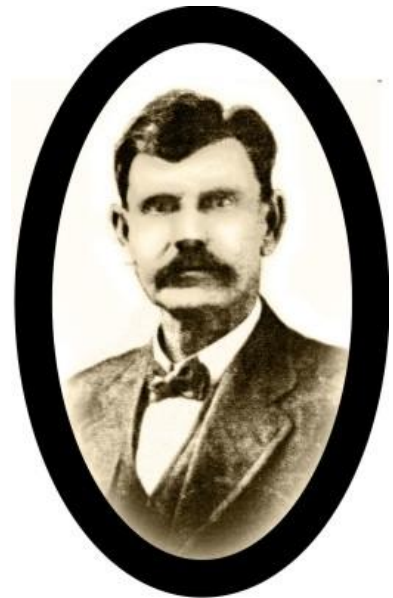
presents

Bill Warren

“The Life and Times of John Jeremiah Smith”

October 11, 2014

John Jeremiah Smith: the only ordinary aspect of his life was his surname, Smith. He was a man of many jobs, many adventures and grand boldness. He was born in 1826 in Pennsylvania and in the following 88 years—most of them in Texas -- Smith knew and associated with fur traders, Indian chiefs, smugglers, Confederate agents, empire builders and military adventurers. Smith taught himself to speak five languages – including Comanche. A man of many talents, Smith worked as a gunsmith, cabinet maker, surveyor, artist, Indian fighter, farmer, Confederate agent, teacher and Texas Ranger. He was a translator for Cynthia Ann Parker, the one-time Comanche captive, and worked with John Neely Bryan to mark off the streets and roads of Dallas. Somehow, he found time to marry two women and father 13 children. Historian Bill Warren will share details about this extraordinary Texas pioneer in a lecture on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the FWISD Archives. Don't miss it.



Join us for coffee and “nibbles”
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday morning, October 11, 2014

10:00 to 12:00

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