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# On The Vine

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## Mark Lucas Kelly presents: "RESURRECTING SOME OF GRAPEVINE'S MOST UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTERS"

Please join us for a SPOOKtacular program at our October 24 meeting! We'll enjoy a visit from some of Grapevine's "Most Unforgettable Characters" in ghostly form as they return to Grapevine to see what's going on today and to "resurrect" some stories from back in their day! Some of your favorite characters of today (Sue Franks, Helen Jean Lucas Reed, Mark Lucas Kelly, Tommy Simmons, Leon Baze and Sallie Andrews) will portray some of our favorite people from the past. Don't miss this Halloween treat!!!



### What's in the Name?

What's in the Name? Mary Virginia Wall Simmons' book "My Life and Roots in Grapevine, Texas" gives a glimpse of related family names. Here are some of the related families that built Grapevine: Dunn, Estill, Lipscomb, Yates, Thomas, Chambers, Wall, Calloway, Davis, Buckner, Simmons, Womack, George, Wright, Jenkins, Bushong, Morehead, Dorris, Almond, Hamilton, Buchanan, Farrar, Hudson, Lewis, Birdwell, Crews, Genser, French and this is just the beginning. As you look at street names, you will find the heart of the community.

### Grapevine Fire Department Home Key Safe Box Program

An important message for home owners or Guardians of people with special needs. During an emergency, most people call the Fire Department to their home. Sometimes the door is locked and the Fire Department cannot get in without damaging your door. For years, commercial property owners have installed a key safe box on the exterior of their buildings to avoid such damages...Now you can do that at your home in Grapevine through the following link. <https://www.knoxhomebox.com/>

The Fire Department has the key to open that box after installation and you can put your key in the box for their emergency use to help you. This is your choice and is not a requirement. Any questions about this program in Grapevine, please feel free to call 817-410-4420.



# Joe Ann's Scratch Pad

Exciting things are happening in October and November, don't miss out. We will be electing officers for 2017 and approving the Society's updated Bylaws. In addition,

Lifetime Members for 2016 will be announced.

Come meet some of Grapevine's early citizens.

Looking ahead it's time to get your tickets for the Awards Dinner November 28. You can't get a better deal for \$15 (dinner, recognition of special members and to top off the evening a band playing some of our favorite songs). Bring your friends and come on down to the REC.

Get a head start on 2017 and pay your dues. (No increase in dues.)

This month two of our original members have passed away, Muriel Havran and Charles Wood. This is a great loss to Society and our community.

Muriel and Ed Havran have been greater supporters of the Grapevine Historical Society as leaders and contributors. Upon retirement, they gave their dairy collection to the museum.

Charles Wood's family has been in business on Main Street since 1916. Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the Wood Automotive Building will receive a Historical Marker and

Celebrate 100 years on Main Street. Charles and his family have been leaders and supporters of the Society and community.

See you at 7:00, Monday.

## In the Museum

At last month's meeting with Rev. John Mollett speaking about the close relationship between the First United Methodist Church and the city of Grapevine, there was not enough time to mention some interesting side notes. The current Grapevine Historical Museum is located on Hudgins Street, named after Rev. E.N. (Nathan) Hudgins, who founded the Methodist Church in Grapevine. The church still stands on the ground donated by Rev. Hudgins and celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 9 this year.

According to *Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters*

(GMUC), p. 138, "One of Thomas' [Thomas Jefferson Nash] brothers, William T. Nash, born July 2, 1828, remained close to Thomas throughout their lives. By trade, William was a stonemason being credited with laying the foundation of Grapevine's First Methodist Church and carving the headstones for many in the Grapevine Cemetery as well as some of the families in the small burial ground located on the Nash Farm."

"It was often reported over the years that, on Sundays, Thomas Nash would stand on the second floor balcony of his home and watch for a cloud of dust rising from what is now College Street. He would know that this cloud was being made by four or five buggies carrying his wife, Elizabeth, along with the pastor and friends for dinner at the farmhouse after the Sunday morning services at the Grapevine Methodist Church." [GMUC, p. 138]

The Nashes were only one of the many families of farmers who contributed to the growth of Grapevine. The Nashes, according to the 1870 Agricultural Census, had on their 295 acres "several horses, cows, oxen, sheep, hogs, and other cattle. Looking at the number of livestock, much of the crop production was undoubtedly used for their consumption, certainly with some consumed by the Nash family itself. They may even have sold some locally. At this time, the farm was producing spring and winter wheat, Indian corn, oats, potatoes, butter, and molasses." [GMUC, p. 139]

In the Museum you will see a variety of tools and implements made and/or used by our pioneer farmers. In September we had 810 visitors (from 7 states outside Texas and 3 foreign countries) who stopped by to see those agricultural artifacts as well as other interesting exhibits.

Carolyn Ernst, Museum Curator

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**GVHS Annual Banquet Monday November 28,  
2016 6:00 PM**

**Entertainment/dancing by Toney Walsh & his  
band sponsored by Lucas Family Funeral Home  
and GHS**

**held at the REC of Grapevine**

**Get your tickets early.**

### GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS

TUESDAY- SATURDAY 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY 11:00 am-4:00 pm CLOSED MONDAY

**The Grapevine Historical Society normally meets the 4th Monday monthly except May and December**