

18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker (SMF)
Harrison County - 5-16-68 - 4 miles south of
Hallsville on FM 450.

1728

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1968

APPLICATION FORM
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

1728

County Harrison Town Marshall Date Sept. 6, 1967

This marker is for (Title or Subject) Noonday Holiness Camp

Marker is to be located 4 miles north of Hallsville on F.M. 450

Present Owner of Property Trustee: Board of Managers, President Mr. Wandel
(BE SPECIFIC AS TO ADDRESS, LOCATION OF SITE, MILES FROM CITY LIMITS, ETC.)

Address Barker, 1313 Dale Street, Longview, Texas

Who is responsible for Marker erection, Property maintenance? Board of Managers

Who prepared the history? Miss Winnie Ruth Miller, Vice-pres. Bd. of Mgrs.

Address 1906 Herbert Street, Marshall, Texas

Attach History with Reference Data for Authenticating this Subject (2-3 Pages) (In the case of a Building Medallion, answer questions on pages 3 & 4)

Attach the Suggested Inscription for the Marker
(Copy must meet State requirements; the Texas State Historical Survey Committee reserves the right to change the suggested inscription.)

If this is an Application for a Building Medallion, enclose current, glossy Picture of structure. (Application will NOT be approved, if picture is not included.)

Do you desire to be contacted Re Final Inscription: Yes No

Who is to be recognized as the Sponsor of this marker?

Name Noonday Holiness Camp, Board of Managers

(President's name and address given above)

Address _____

This application has been submitted by:

Name The Harrison County Historical Society & Survey Committee

Address Old Courthouse, Marshall, Texas 75670

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: (Price of Marker Includes Freight)

SHIP TO Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson
200 Riggs Circle

Marshall, Texas

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TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE, Texas

NOONDAY HOLINESS CAMP
FOUNDED OCTOBER 15, 1898
HALLSVILLE, TEXAS

Quoting from the The Handbook of Texas: "Noonday (Harrison County) was first called Shertview. In 1876, after a Baptist church was built, a meeting, called to select a new name for the community, was held at high noon; Noonday was decided upon. About 1897 the Baptist church was succeeded by the Noonday Holiness Camp, which held camp meetings under a brush arbor until a tabernacle was built in 1900."

The Baptist church, organized in 1876, which stood about fifty feet east-southeast of the tabernacle site, was used by the Baptists until 1897 and then by the Methodists until 1908, when it was razed and replaced by a new building on the south side of the tabernacle. The fifty-seven-year-old pulpit (lectern), still in use in the brick church was made by Gustavus Adolphus Miller and presented to the second church on his fiftieth birthday. The brick church which contains the pulpit, constructed in 1926, stands across the road, southwest of the second church.

The first three camp meetings were held under a brush arbor, located where the tabernacle was later built on a sloping hillside four miles north of Hallsville. The camp grounds are reached by Farm to Market Road 450. Many beautiful trees provide desirable shade and a good spring provides cool, fresh, pure water for the campers.

Land for the camp ground was donated by Mrs. Alfred Beaty, Mr. Will Schaeffer, and Mr. Will Brazzil. The plot

of ground for the cemetery was purchased from Mrs. Amanda Dellafield. Many people who still attend the annual camp meeting, reminisce happily of those early days. Mr. Joe Riley, Harrison County Tax-Assessor-collector for the past thirty-four years, recalls how his father helped skin the forty-foot pine poles used in constructing the tabernacle; Mrs. Annie Huffman remembers that while one of the poles was being erected, an on-looker remarked that the pole would fall. Brother J. M. Black, one of the founders, answered: "If it be not of the Lord, then let it fall."

Robert P. Dickard, son of Frank E. Dickard, another founder, recalls that in the early years of the Noonday Camp it was considered such an important gathering that the railroads offered excursion rates to Hallsville from Terrell, Texarkana, Waskem, and Marshall. Twice daily the trains were met and the people were transported to the camp grounds in spring wagons, driven by Claud Black and Ray Dickard. Roy recalls how on one occasion the evangelist Brother Jeffries, who was late with the ^{meeting} singing, urged him to "get some speed out of his mules". Since there were no automobiles in these early days, the crowds came in surreys, hacks, buggies, wagons or on horseback. Hearing the ^{whimpering} winning and neighing of mules and horses, hitched to the trees on the grounds, was a familiar sound.

Before the coming of electricity, the grounds and the tabernacle were lighted by kerosene torches and later by gasoline lanterns and lamps hung on tall posts.

Each service is still announced by the ringing of a

large bell. The first bell used came from the Rev. J. M. Black's plantation. Later the Rev. McCain gave the camp a large bell from Chapel Hill, an abandoned church near Harleton.

The tabernacle, large enough to seat 1,000 persons, has many wagon loads of sawdust hauled in every year and spread under it. A number of young men have found their way to the altar down the sawdust trail at Neenday and have gone out as ministers of the gospel.

Today in addition to the tabernacle, the Neenday Holiness Camp contains twelve camp houses, equipped with electricity and offered free to any wishing to camp there; two bath houses, complete with shower and lavatory, supplied with hot and cold water, and commode; and a large dining hall where three meals a day are served at reasonable prices.

The Neenday Holiness Camp is controlled by a Board of Managers, who maintain the camp, select the speakers and musicians annually, and conduct necessary business.

An evangelist and the musicians are called each year to conduct the services; and a foreign missionary is called for only one service to relate experiences in foreign fields. Many of the evangelists held advanced degrees: Dr. R. T. Williams of Kansas City, Missouri, and Dr. Andrew Johnson of Wilmore Kentucky each held B.S., A. B., D. D., and Ph. D. degrees.

Musicians, likewise, are trained and accomplished. The choir is made up of any adult who wishes to sing:

singers of all faiths are welcomed. The singing can be heard for a mile away as the choir sings such old favorites as "Living by Faith", "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", and "Amazing Grace". Always enjoyable have been such "Specialties" as coronetist, the late Perry Black; the Black Sisters Quartette: Mable, Annie, Ruby, and Grace, accompanied by their sister Lilly at the piano; the Dickard Sisters Trio: Mrs. Nina Sue Petersen, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Roy Frances Dowd, Hawkins, Texas; and Mrs. Bennie Marie Barker, Longview, Texas. Third generation daughters of Mrs. Nina Dickard and the late Roy Dickard, and granddaughters of Frank E. Dickard, one of the founders. Their father, Roy Dickard, was President of the Board of Managers from 1935 until his death. Wandel Barker, his son-in-law, is President now.

Through seventy camp meetings similar emotions have been experienced. As one approaches the grounds in the evening about dusk; a soul-searching conviction is felt when one sees and hears group prayer meetings: in the groves, on the hillside, and in the camphouses.

In 1948 the Camp held its Golden anniversary, with the Rev. C. A. Perkins delivering the commemorative sermon for the fiftieth encampment. Taking his text from Proverbs 22-28, he read "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set".

NOONDAY HOLINESS CAMP

Founded 1898

Hallsville, Texas

Following are the minutes of the first meeting of the Noonday Camp Board of Managers, Oct. 15, 1898:

The Board of Managers of the Noonday Camp Ground met Oct. 15, 1898. The following were present: J. M. Black, G. B. Richardson, T. P. Black, J. B. LaGrone, J. J. Koon and F. E. Dickard.

Bro. J. M. Black was appointed chairman pro tem., after which the meeting was called to order. The following officers were elected: J. M. Black, president; G. B. Richardson, secretary; T. P. Black, treasurer.

After which the following articles were agreed upon:

First, It will be known as Noonday Holiness Camp.

Second, The property to be deeded to Bros. J. J. Koon, J. B. LaGrone, and G. W. Croft as trustees and their successors in office.

Third, the Camp shall be interdenominational.

Fourth, The term of office shall expire and new officers be elected accordingly.

Fifth, Three of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Sixth, All workers in charge of meetings shall be in the experience of entire sanctification.

Seventh, These articles of agreement may be amended by the wishes of a full attendance of the board of managers.

Eighth, The property of the above said camp ground shall be for religious services only.

Ninth, The President shall have the power to call the board together any time for business.

Tenth, These articles of agreement shall be read at each annual meeting.

Eleventh, The following were elected a building committee to secure the land, select the site, draw up the plot of the building, and to proceed to work: Bros. J. B. LaGrone, G. B. Richardson, J. J. Koon.

Twelfth, Moved and carried that each member of the board be impovered to secure money and material for the building.

Thirteenth, Moved and carried that Bro. J. J. Koon be chairman of the building committee, and have the power to call the committee together any time he may deem proper.

Fourteenth, Moved and carried that Bro. G. B. Hines and R. S. Marshall be called to hold our meeting next year.

Fifteenth, Moved and carried that the President, Secretary and Treasurer set the time of the camp meeting.

J. M. Black, President

F. E. Dickard, Secretary

N. B.: The Minutes for the past years up to 1910 have gotten in such shape on account of no book; in fact, some entirely lost, so we will commence again.

F. E. Dickard

1948 Golden Anniversary

In Charge of Music and Singing



W. L. Poole 1948
of Columbus, Ga.

In Charge of Golden Anniversary Service

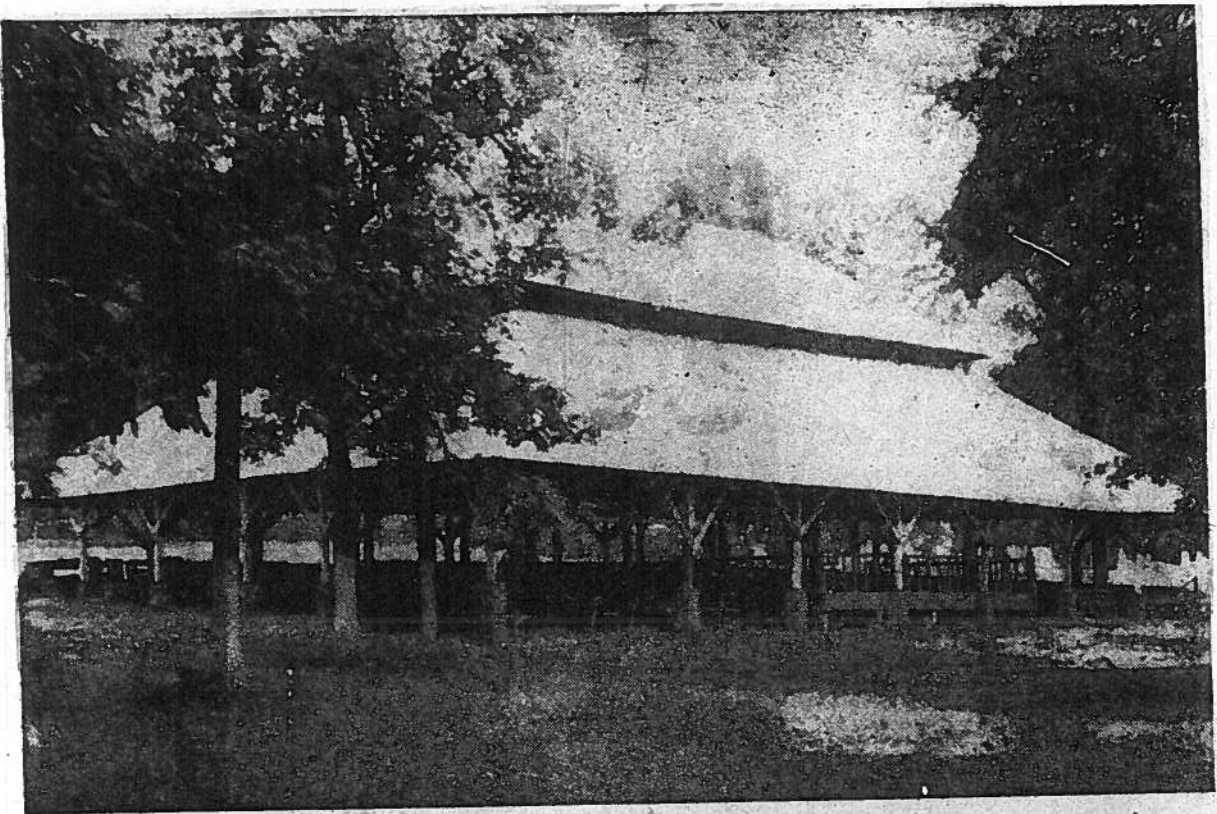


1948
Rev. C. A. Perkins
of Harleton, Texas.

PRINCIPAL REVIVALIST



1948
Rev. Geo. Blanchard
of Chattanooga, Tenn.



TABERNACLE Seating 1,000 Persons at Each Service 1948



1949
Rev. J. D. Saxon
of Springfield, Tenn
Principal Evangelist



1949
Rev. C. A. Perkins
of Longview, Texas
Evangelist and Platform Manager

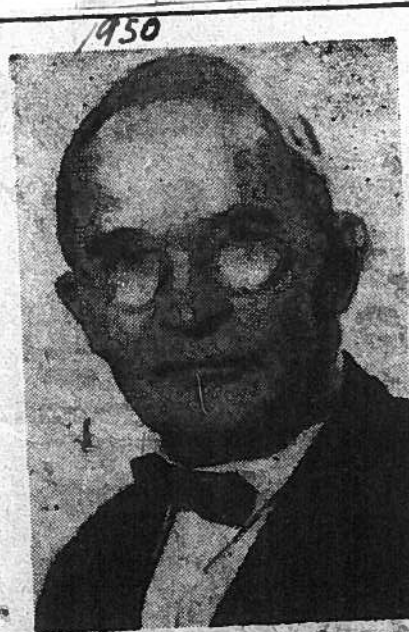


1949
Prof. A. C. Wakefield
of Nashville, Tenn Song Leader
Miss. Esther Saxon
of Springfield, Tenn
Pianist



1949
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richards-Missionaries,
at present in Michigan.

For over 20 years they were Stationed in China, but were forced to leave when war broke out.



REV. ANDREW JOHNSON,
B. S., A. B., D. D., and Ph. D.
Of Wilmore, Kentucky,
LEADING EVANGELIST,

who has conducted
940 Revivals,
preached over 22,000 times
and given 1,000 lectures on
Temperance and Prohibition
and has led more than 50,000
souls to Christ.

He ran for U. S. Congress,
for Governor of Kentucky,
and was candidate for Vice
President on the Prohibition
Ticket in 1944.

He has held the Noonday
Camp Meeting several times
years ago.



1950
**PROF. BOYCE
AND
CATHERINE PIERCE**

Of Danville, Illinois,
will have charge of music.



REV. EDWIN ROBB
Of Marshall, Texas,
Will Be Platform

1950 missionary
Mrs. Lebbey Supermonis

Two or three pages of history answering the questions:

- (1) Who founded the Camp? *Rev. J. M. Black, T. P. Black
J. J. Koon, F. E. Dickard, H. B. Richardson, J. B. La Grone*
- (2) How large a following did it have in 1897, 1900, 1967?
- (3) What were some of its distinctive features in the way of educational, musical, or other programs?
- (4) Being interdenominational, on what plan are its speakers selected? *By recommendation and "Herald" a paper published in Wilmore Ky. (called by the Board members)*
- (5) Who have been some of its outstanding speakers?
- (6) Is the camp ever used, and by what sort of arrangement? *Funerals
Singing Conventions*
(I presume this means for meeting other than the regular annual meetings)
- (7) What unusual events have taken place here?

a well-kept cemetery is maintained and use by families of the community

Resounding Camp (Hobby) Johnson



The Camp is interesting to see.

MARKER NAME Noonday Holiness Camp JOB #

1728

TOWN Marshall, Texas COUNTY Harrison DATE 9-14-67

Design "A" w/o post 18" x 28" \$175.00

MARKER SIZE PRICE

Unable to read signature

SIGNER OF CHECK

PROCEDURE FOR MARKER APPLICATION

INITIAL	DATE
<i>rkf</i>	9-14-67
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<i>T.L.</i>	10-6-67
<i>BS</i>	10/6/67
<i>B.S.</i>	10/16/67
<i>BS</i>	10/6/67
<i>BS</i>	9-9-68
<i>BS</i>	12-1-67
<i>rkf</i>	5-16-68
<i>rkf</i>	12-13-67
<i>B.B./rkf</i>	1-23-68
<i>rkf</i>	1-21-68
<i>rkf</i>	7/8/68
<i>rkf</i>	7/8/68

1. Application checked -- THF
2. Deposit check -- THF
3. Folder to TSHSC Staff for checking History, Location, and Approval
4. Letter of approval to county
5. Record in Statistical Date Book, Marker and Medallion Lists
6. Put application in Current Marker File
 - a. Inscription writer checkout
 - b. Inscription writer return
7. State Marker Committee Approval
 - a. Date Sent
 - b. Date Approved
8. Send postcard to County Chairman for approval
9. Make tabs for folder (Gold & White for M&P, Blue for Site)
10. Order to Southwell -- THF
 - a. Mimeograph inscription (type stencil)
11. Secure Highway permission if necessary
12. Rubbings: To be checked by T.L.
13. Rubbing letter to County Chairman
 - a. Recorded Texas Historical Landmark Certificate (where applicable)
14. Send news release copy to Mr. Woodburn
15. File complete folder in County Marker File

1728

NAME OF MARKER Noonday Holiness Camp

TOWN Marshall, Texas, COUNTY Harrison

DATE: 9-14-67

TO: TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

FROM: TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

On this date the Texas Historical Foundation received a donation for a Design "A" w/o post 18" x 28". We ask to be advised by your Committee if the history is sufficient, the location satisfactory, and all other requirements set forth by the State have been met.

Rose K. Burgen

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Truett Latimer: approved

T.L. 10-6-67
Initial Date

Deolece Parmelee: We need the two or three pages of history always required, and it should answer the following questions: (1) Who founded the revival camp? (2) How large a following (or how large a group of campers) did it have in 1897? in 1900? ¹⁹⁶⁷ (3) What were some of its distinctive features in the way of educational, musical or other programs? (4) Since it is inter-denominational, on what plan are its speakers selected? (5) Who have been some of its outstanding speakers? (6) Is the camp ever used (and by what sort of arrangement -- i. e., lease or what?) by ~~###~~ groups other than church people? (7) What unusual events have taken place here?

D. Parmelee, 9-15-67

P. S.: I think this is a camp which Mrs. Dan Lester showed me last July, and I believe she said that Girl Scouts, etc., leased it for parts of the year.

Evidently I was in error about this ever being used by secular groups. The history as submitted by Mrs. Patterson Oct. 4 is very satisfactory. SP

10/6/67



OLD COURTHOUSE
MUSEUM

The Harrison County Historical Society

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE HERITAGE AND RECORDED HISTORY OF MARSHALL AND HARRISON COUNTY

OLD COURTHOUSE
MARSHALL, TEXAS 75670

October 4, 1967

TO Mr. Truett Latimer, Texas State
Historical Survey Committee

RE Noonday Holiness Camp, additional information

I hope the enclosed information will cover the questions you asked. The Historical Society held its June meeting at the Camp, and the enclosed history was prepared for this occasion by Miss Winnie Ruth Miller.

Elizabeth Patterson

CHM.

Harrison County Historical
Survey Committee

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TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE

**TEXAS STATE
HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE**

TRUETT LATIMER, Executive Director
180 West 19th Street
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78771
MAILING ADDRESS
P. O. BOX 15274
CAPITOL STATION

December 1, 1967

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Chairman
Harrison County Historical
Survey Committee
200 Riggs Cl.
Marshall, Texas 75670

Re: Noonday Holiness Camp
Design "A" w/g post, 18" x 28"

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

In accordance with your request to review the final inscription as approved by the Marker Committee, we are enclosing same and ask that you let us know your approval at your earliest convenience.

We are enclosing a post card for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Truett Latimer
Executive Director

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TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

BOX 12249 • CAPITOL STATION • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 • PHONE GR 5-3288

December 13, 1967

Mr. Bill Southwell, Jr.
The Southwell Company
P.O. Drawer 299
San Antonio, Texas 78206

NO. **1728**

RE: Design A, 18" x 28", without post

Noonday Holiness Camp
Marshall
(Harrison) County

Dear Mr. Southwell:

Enclosed is an application for Design A, 18" x 28", without post, Noonday Holiness Camp, for the City of Marshall, Harrison County.

We would appreciate a rubbing of this inscription.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rose K. Bergen
Assistant Director

RKB/gaa

Enclosure

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson
200 Riggs Circle
Marshall, Texas 75670

Marshall, Texas
February 22, 1968

Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive
Director Texas State
Historical Survey Committee
P.O. Box 12276
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Latimer:

I received the NOONDAY HOLINESS CAMP marker, and I was very unhappy about the inscription. It was my understanding that the inscription that I sent you was accepted. I received a letter dated October 6, 1967. It stated that "when the inscription has been written it will be sent you for approval." I did not receive anything concerning an inscription other than the one I sent originally. You said during our telephone conversation that there was a card signed by me approving the inscription. The inscription that I sent was altogether different from the inscription placed on the marker.

There is an error on the marker you sent stating the name "NOONDAY" was selected as name for a new Baptist Church. There was only one Baptist Church called Shortview. The Baptist Church was abandoned and the six men who gathered in the abandoned church at high noon and selected the name "NOONDAY" were the founders of the Noonday Holiness Camp. Their names were J.M.Black, T. P. Black, F. E. Dickard, J.B.LaGrone, J.J.Koon, and G.B.Richardson. It is very important that their names appear on the marker. It was their sons and daughters and grandchildren who paid for the marker and they were Promised that the founders names would appear on the marker.

The only reason for this misunderstanding that I can think of, is that the inscription that you sent for approval may have been misplaced, as Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Chairman Harrison County Survey Committee, had a stroke October 10, 1967 and has been inactive since that time-she still keeps a nurse at all times and she is not responsible to handle mail. I asked her if she received an inscription for approval, and she did not remember it. The other executive members of the Society do not remember seeing the letter, neither do I. If I signed a card for approval, it was my understanding the inscription that I sent originally was accepted.

Here is the inscription the people of Noonday Community want placed on the marker=

NOONDAY HOLINESS CAMP
interdenominational

Area first called Shortview. A Baptist Church was built on site in 1876. After the Baptist gave up their Church, an 1897 gathering at high noon selected "NOONDAY" as new name and Noonday Holiness Camp was instituted. Founders were J.M.Black, T.P.Black, F.E.Dickard, J.B.LaGrone, J.J.Koon and G.B.Richardson. The first two annual camp meetings were held under a brush arbor on site given by Mr. Alfred Beaty and Messers. Will Schaffer, Will Brazzil and G. W. Croft. Tabernacle was built here 1900.

(1968)

Sincerely yours,

Winnie Ruth Miller
Winnie Ruth Miller

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HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

TRUETT LATIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

108 WEST 15TH STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

MAILING ADDRESS:
P. O. BOX 12276
CAPITOL STATION

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MAR 6 1968
TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE

February 26, 1968

Mrs. Dan Lester, Member
Texas State Historical
Survey Committee
Drawer N
Jefferson, Texas 75657

Dear Mrs. Lester:

On December 1, 1967, we sent Mrs. Patterson an approval card for the Noonday Holiness Camp Marker and the card was returned to us with the signature of Winnie Ruth Miller, approving the inscription. Last week, Mrs. Miller called and then wrote me the letter of February 22 which is attached.

Very frankly, I do not know what to do exactly, since we acted on good faith that it was Mrs. Miller's signature on the card. Can you shed any light on what is going on over in Harrison County, other than the fact that Mrs. Patterson has had a stroke and has been unable to function properly?

A copy of the inscription which was cast on the marker is enclosed, as well as a copy of the proposed inscription which was sent in with the application.

Sincerely yours,

Truett Latimer

TL:lp

cc: Mr. Charles R. Woodburn ✓

Enclosures

STATE AGENCY FOR HISTORICAL RECORDATION, APPRECIATION, MARKING, PRESERVATION, AND SURVEYS (RAMPS)

I agree with Mrs. Miller that the inscription does not say the same idea as the original inscription. The signature on the card & the signature on the letter do not match - who is Winnie Ruth Miller? Some one in Harrison county is in error - but I do not agree historically with the original inscription. The final inscription is nearly the original. I do to me like we will probably have recast it -



TEXAS STATE
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TRUETT LATIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

108 WEST 15TH STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

MAILING ADDRESS:
P. O. BOX 12276
CAPITOL STATION

March 6, 1968

Mr. Charles R. Woodburn, President
Texas State Historical
Survey Committee
P.O. Box 2011
Amarillo, Texas 79105

Re: Noonday Holiness Camp Marker

Dear Mr. Woodburn:

I wrote the inscription for the above marker. In my original inscription(attached), I did not have the wording about the name Noonday as related to the Baptist Church as it now appears, but this was inserted later at the request of a marker committee member. As you can see from the attached history, this is the way it was presented to us by the county and I felt the person had a good point and corrected the inscription as I was instructed.

I agree that Mrs. Miller has a point also. However, if we cannot rely upon the information they send us to be accurate historically, then I feel the blame is not ours. Also, the signed approval card gives full responsibility to the signer. Thank you for your attention. Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Laura Pogue
Administrative Secretary

/lp

cc: Mr. Truett Latimer

Marshall, Texas
April 25, 1968

Dear Mr. Latimer:-

Thank you for your letter concerning the Noonday Holiness Camp marker. It is agreeable with me to leave out the line about Shortview and the part about the Baptists.

About the occupation of the founders, T. P. Black was a merchant. He owned and operated a General Store in Hallsville, Texas; his brother J. M. Black was a Methodist Minister and owned and operated a large plantation in the Noonday community. F. E. Dickard was Sunday School Superintendent of Noonday Church and was owner of a large plantation. G. B. Richardson, J. B. LaGrone, and J. J. Koon were all land owners. All were old settlers and leaders in the Noonday community.

The land donors all lived in the Noonday community and owned land their names were Will Schaffer, Will Brazzil, George Croft, and Mrs. Alfred Beaty.

Thank you again for the rewrite of the inscription. Could you have it ready before August 7th as the campmeeting will convene then?.

Sincerely

Winnie Ruth Miller

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* 3/4" lettering
** 1/2" lettering
*** 1/4" lettering

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READY FOR

MAY 16, 1968

SOUTHWELL ORDER
TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

APPROVED
5-13-68
T.L.

HARRISON

COUNTY

I approve of the inscription for _____

NOONDAY HOLINESS CAMP, 18" x 28" site marker

as sent to me May 7, 1968.

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MAY 13 1968

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE

Winnie Ruth Miller

Signed

May 11, 1968

Date

HARRISON CO.

COUNTY

I approve ~~of~~ the inscription for _____

Noonday Holiness Camp

as sent to me December 1, 1967.

Winnie Ruth Miller

Signed

NOONDAY

HOLINESS CAMP

69th Annual Encampment

August 9 - 20th, 1967

Missionary Service

Sunday, Aug. 20th 2:00 P.M.

REV. WILLIAM MAYO

Rev. William Mayo returned Missionary from Burundi Africa will have charge of the Missionary Service.



SAMUEL J. POOLE

Augusta, Ga.

Evangelist and Music Director

The Camp stands for the Bible doctrine of entire sanctification and the object of the meeting is conversion of sinners, reclamation of backsliders and sanctification of believers. NOONDAY CAMP GROUND is located four miles north of Hallsville. Fine camping ground with plenty of shade and water. Ample provision has been made at the Dining Hall to take care of a goodly number at reasonable rates. The Dining Hall is under the supervision of Mrs. Odis Robinson.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Write: Wandell Barker

LONGVIEW, TEXAS, 1313 DALE STREET

SERVICES

Sunrise Service Immediately After Breakfast

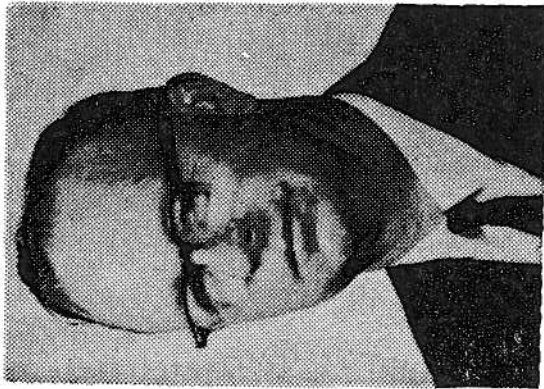
9:00 - Peoples Meeting

10:45 - Morning Preaching Service

2:45 - Afternoon Preaching Service

7:45 P.M. - Evening Preaching Service

Prayer Meeting - Immediately after Supper



REV. J. McABEE

EVANGELIST

Spartanburg, S. C.

MEALS

THROUGH THE WEEK

Breakfast 50c
Dinner 75c
Supper 65c

SUNDAY

Breakfast 50c
Dinner 85c
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Noonday Camp History Plaque To Be Erected

The Official Texas Historical Marker for Noonday Holiness Camp will be erected Aug. 7, announces Charles Woodburn of Amarillo, president of the Texas mittee.

Mrs. Elezabeth Patterson of Marshall, chairman of the Harrison County Historical Survey Committee, said the marker will be placed at four miles north of Hallsville on FM 450.

The inscription on this 18x28-inch marker reads:

"Noonday Holiness Camp Interdenominational. Founded in 1897 by J. M. Black, T. P. Black, F. E. Dickard, J. B. Lagrone, J. J. Koon and G. B. Richardson, early civic leaders who were businessmen and landowners.

"The first two annual camp meetings were held under brush arbors on site given by Mrs. Alfred Beaty and Messrs. Will Chaffer, Will Brazzil, and G. D. Croft. Tabernacle was built here in 1900.

"A plantation bell announced services. In early days, guests

came by special trains. "Camp is controlled by a board of managers who maintain the facilities, conduct business."

Dedication plans will be announced by Mrs. Patterson.

The marking of local historic sites and landmarks is part of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee's five-year RAMPS Program to Record, Appreciate, Mark, Preserve, and Survey Texas history.

More than 3,300 Official Texas historical markers have been awarded throughout Texas since the RAMPS Program was begun in 1964. The markers are of cast aluminum with Swedish style effect.

"This marker and its location will appear in the next edition of the "Guide to Official Texas Historical Markers," in tourist guides and on maps to stimulate tourists interest in this area, to provide interest on historical tours, and to acquaint the people of Harrison County with their own unique historical past," Woodburn said.

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74TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT — The Noonday Holiness Camp opened its annual encampment this week. Services continue at the Harrison County site through Sunday, Aug. 13. Participating at second-day services are three descendants of founding fathers. All held high attendance

records. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Roy Dickard of Hallsville, 54 years; Mrs. Leon A. Stone of Fort Worth and formerly of Hallsville, 73 years and Mrs. Earl McAlester of Dallas, who has attended each year since the camp was founded. (STAFF PHOTO).

74th Annual Noonday Encampment

Old-Time Religion' Order Of Day

By JIM GIAMETTA

HALLSVILLE — "If it be not of the Lord, then let it fall," were the words of the late Rev. J. M. Black, one of the founding fathers of Noonday Holiness Camp, in referring to a hand-hewn, thatched wood tabernacle.

The Rev. Black's immortal words were echoed Thursday by several senior citizens attending second day services of the 74th annual encampment, which continues through Sunday, Aug. 13.

Noonday, an interdenominational activity based on Wesleyan doctrine of sanctification as a second definite work of grace, is located four miles north of Hallsville on Farm-to-Market Road 450. The encampment is one of three "old-time" religion revival sites held under open air tabernacles in Harrison County and attracts visitors from miles around as has been customary for three-fourth of a century.

The camp was organized Oct. 15, 1898 by early Harrison County civic leaders, businessmen and land owners. The list includes the Rev. Black, T. P. Black, F. E. Dickard, J. B. Lagrone, J. J. Koon and G. B. Richardson.

"Noonday was first called Shortview. In 1876, after a Baptist Church was built, a meeting was called to select a name for the community. The meeting was at high noon, and community members decided

call their new surrounding, "Noonday," said Miss Winnie Ruth Miller of Marshall, who has detailed the history of Noonday.

Miss Miller, who is also responsible for having the state Historical Survey Committee erect a historical marker at the tabernacle site, said, "About 1897 the Baptist Church was succeeded by the Noonday Holiness Camp, which held camp meeting under a brush arbor until the tabernacle was built in 1900."

Land for the camp ground was donated by Mrs. Alfred Beaty, Will Schaeffer, Will Brazzil and G. D. Craft.

Many people who attended Thursday reminisced happily of those early days. One elderly lady, who has attended the annual worship services for more than 50 years, recalled how her father helped skin a 40-foot pine pole used in constructing the tabernacle.

Another recalled that in the early years of Noonday Camp it was considered such an important gathering that the railroads serving the area offered excursion rates to Hallsville from Terrell, Texarkana, Washkom and Marshall. "Twice daily the trains and the people

sound," an early Harrison County settler recalled.

Several in attendance remembered when the tabernacle was lighted by kerosene torches and later by gasoline lanterns hanging atop the tall posts.

"Each service is still announced by the ringing of a large bell. The first bell used came from the Rev. J. M. Black's plantation. Later the Rev. McCain gave the camp a large bell from Chapel Hill, an abandoned church near Harleton," Miss Miller continued.

The tabernacle, large enough to seat 1,000 persons, has many wagon loads of sawdust hauled in every year and spread under it. "A number of young men have found their way to the altar down the sawdust trail at Noonday and have gone out as ministers of the gospel," an old-timer remarked.

Today in addition to the tabernacle, the Noonday Camp

provides 12 camp houses equipped with electricity. They are offered free to delegates wishing to camp there. Meals are served daily at reasonable prices in a large dining hall.

Services at Noonday begin with a sunrise service following breakfast and continue throughout the day until the concluding 7:30 p.m. service.

Evangelists this year are the Rev. John Brackman of Eustis, Fla. and the Rev. F. H. (Sonny) Gossett of Greenville, S.C.

Noonday is controlled by a board of managers who maintain the camp, select the speakers and musicians. Clyde W. Barker of Longview is currently serving as president of the board.

The Rev. C. A. Perkins delivering the commemorative sermon for the 50th encampment in 1948 summed up the sentiment and loyalty of this week's participants by quoting Proverbs 22-28 which read, "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set."



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