

Southlake Historical Society News

Howdy, friends!

The Southlake Historical Society's goal is to promote the preservation, understanding and appreciation of Southlake history.

Visit our online museum, www.southlakehistory.org, to see photos, past exhibits, and learn about local buildings, historical markers and books about Southlake.

What's going on?

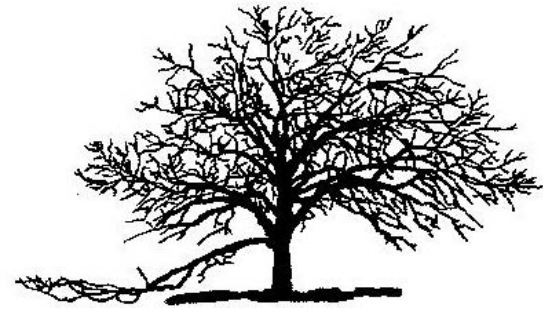
Our summer 2022 Town Hall exhibit, "Quanah Parker: One Man, Two Worlds," opens **Sat., July 9 through Aug. 20, 2022.**

Quanah, "the last great Comanche chief," and his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, are well known in Texas. Southlake's link to them is Malinda Frost Dwight Hill, who rests in Lonesome Dove Cemetery. She and her husband were kin to the Parkers and at Parker's Fort in 1836 when the Comanches attacked and carried off Cynthia Ann.



Studio photograph of Quanah Parker taken while serving as a Native American delegate to Washington, D.C., circa 1880-1899. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress

Malinda, her husband, their baby daughter and others fled the fort and "crawled and stumbled through the lacerating brush" to reach safety. (Read more in "Empire of the Summer Moon" by S.C. Gwynne, chapter 2, pages 12-22. G.E. Dwight was



This oak tree silhouette was drawn by longtime SHS member and former president Lou Ann Heath and was the society's first logo. The tree stood on member Jack Wiesman's property, now Stony Brook subdivision on W. Southlake Blvd.



Don't let the construction on White's Chapel Blvd. keep you from visiting the Southlake Log House! With colorful signs all around, take a few minutes to learn more about this replica of an 1850s house built from three log structures that stood within now-Southlake.

Malinda's husband, and Samuel and Robert Frost were her father and brother.)

Mark your calendar!

An exhibit reception 4-6 p.m., **Sunday, July 24** in Town Hall will feature Quanah's great-great grandson Lance Tahmahkera, who will share the family stories he was told about Cynthia Ann and Quanah and display family artifacts. The reception is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

And the award goes to...

At its recent Real Places conference, the Texas Historical Commission awarded us its prestigious Award of Excellence in Preserving History for our exhibit "Bob and Almeady Chisum Jones: A True Story of Resilience, Courage and Success." The exhibit shines light on Southlake's past through the accomplishments of former slaves whose lives were part of the heritage of Texas.

"The Bob Jones family has left a lasting legacy for the city that will forever define Southlake," said Southlake Mayor John Huffman. "We are grateful to the Southlake Historical Society for bringing their incredible story to life through this award-winning exhibit."

The exhibit was displayed in Southlake Town Hall in summer 2020. It can now be seen at the Bob Jones Nature Center's visitors center and also online, at www.southlakehistory.org.

In October 2021, SHS president Connie Cooley and historian Anita Robeson were honored by the Tarrant County Historical Commission for their 20-plus years of gathering, presenting and preserving Southlake history.



[Roanoke Visitors Center and Museum](#),
on the Texas Lakes Trail

Heritage Tourism

Heritage tourism is a \$7.3 billion industry in Texas. Promoting historical and cultural resources in an area anchored by the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex is the Texas Lakes Trail.

"When you visit the Lakes Trail, you will have an authentic Texas experience accompanied by hospitality that can't be beat," according to the [Lakes Trail website](#).

On June 6, the Lakes Trail board will be in Southlake to hold its quarterly board meeting, and the historical society will give a presentation about local historical resources and sites. City employees will also be in attendance.

That's it for now, friends.
Thank you for loving
Southlake history.