



Tarrant County's second courthouse built in 1876-77 and razed in 1894 for the present one to be built.



Downtown Fort Worth in the 1920's.



Florence School, a one-room schoolhouse, was erected in 1903 and closed in 1914.

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1885 plat map of
Northeast Tarrant County



Preserving the History
of Northeast Tarrant
County since 1975



Pioneers from Tennessee and Missouri came into Northeast Tarrant County in covered wagons, such as these, in the mid to late 1800's.



The Heritage Room Collection

The Heritage Room, located downstairs in the library of Tarrant County College Northeast, contains a special collection of the local history of Northeast Tarrant County and genealogical information on some of the families of that area. There is a wealth of information on what this area used to be like and the people who shaped it into what it is today.

The collection consists of books, manuscripts, photographs, artifacts, and a limited amount of census records. While the primary focus of the collection is on the history of the Northeast quadrant of the County, the room also includes information on the history of Fort Worth, as well as some general Texas history.



Heritage Scroll, painted 1975

The Heritage Scroll

The mural that is painted on the South wall of the Heritage Room portrays 17 scenes of Northeast Tarrant County history. The painting, as a whole, is done in a trompe l'oeil (French for *fool the eye*) style, whereby it appears to the viewer to be an actual paper scroll unraveled on the wall.

Like the settlers from Missouri and Tennessee who came into present Northeast Tarrant County in 1844-1845 to establish the first white settlements in that area, covered wagons emerge from the top left furled corner of the Heritage Scroll. They invite the viewer to sweep his eyes across the images, symbolizing the development of that part of the county.



Fort Worth Post Office, 1880

Did you know...

- ***Hurst** only had a population of 10 in 1930.
- ***Birdville** was the county seat of Tarrant County until 1856.
- ***Weldon Wiles Bobo**, founder of Bedford, had a home that was located equidistant between Dallas and Fort Worth, such that his house became a rest-stop, known as *Half-way House*.
- ***Jesse James'** uncle operated a chicken farm on what is now the Southwestern part of present Tarrant County College Northeast campus in the early 1900's.
- ***Minter's Chapel, Glade, Miller's School, Pleasant Glade, Spring Garden, Bransford, Muriel, Dove, Swestern and Jellico** are NE Tarrant County towns that have vanished. While some might be remembered only by a street designation or the name of a school, others remain but a legacy today.