

Money

Currency is small but holds value beyond the monetary. Money commemorates events, represents the past or heritage. Such items were included in the 1935 Time Capsule.

Texas Centennial Half Dollar

This was a commemorative coin was minted in honor of Texas's independence from Mexico in 1836. The coin depicts an eagle on a branch in front of the Lone Star. Below the eagle reads "HALF DOLLAR." On the reverse is the goddess Victory with wings spread over the Alamo. The Six Flags of Texas fly over her head. Below Victory reads "REMEMBER THE ALAMO." The coin was minted from 1934 to 1938. Size of the coins were 2" diameter.

There were three Centennial Half Dollars in the time capsule, each one with a letter or envelope identifying the donor.

At the opening of the 1905 City Hall Time Capsule on January 27, 1935, several Texas Centennial Half Dollars were auctioned off by Sheriff Louis Lowe. Some of these coins and their letters of authentication were added to the 1935 City Hall Time Capsule.

The first auctioned Texas Centennial Half Dollar was purchased by J.E. Ahlgren. The coin is accompanied by a letter of authenticity by E.H. Roach, on American Legion, Graham D. Luhn Post No. 39 letterhead and matching envelope.



Letter Front

E. H. ROACH, Commander
A. B. McMAKIN, Sr. Vice Commander
H. CARLSON, Jr. Vice Commander
E. J. MUESSE, Adjutant
DR. I. A. SHEPHERD, Finance Officer
W. A. NEEDHAM, Historian
J. W. CORNFORTH, Chaplain
D. CINNAMON, Buddy 1st Class 1934



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H. DECKER

Graham D. Luhn Post No. 39

TAYLOR, TEXAS

January 27, 1935

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that J.E. Ahlgreen
has this day purchased the 1st TEXAS CENTENNIAL COIN
sold in Taylor, Texas.

This coin was sold at the opening of the old City
Hall cornerstone by Auctioneer Sheriff Louis Lowe, of
Williamson County, under the auspices of the AMERICAN
LEGION GRAHAM D. LUHN POST NO. 39 of Taylor, Texas.

(signed) *E.H. Roach*
Post-Commander, American Legion
Post No. 39, Taylor, Texas

ATTEST:

C. G. G. G.
Mayor City of Taylor
Taylor, Texas

IN PEACE AS IN WAR, WE SERVE

Letter Back



Weir, Texas. March, 20th. 1935

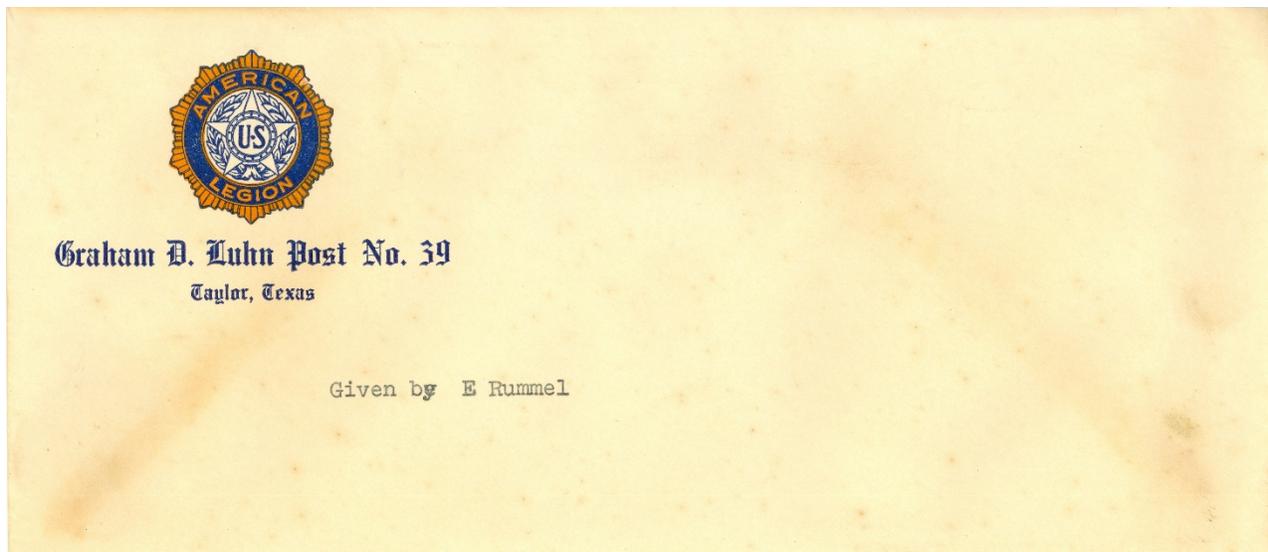
This is to certify that J.E. Ahlgren who purchased the first Texas, Independence Centennial coin sold in Taylor, Texas, at the opening of the corner stone of the old City Hall Jan. 27th. 1935, has this day transferred title of said coin to C. IRVING AHLGREN who wish to place it in the corner stone of the New City Hall which is now under construction.

Irving is now 13 years, 7 months and 5 days old.

J.E. Ahlgren

*witness
Amos Peters.*

The second Texas Centennial Half Dollar was purchased at the same auction by E.E. Rummel. Shown below are the paperwork establishing the authenticity of the purchase by E.H. Roach, on American Legion, Graham D. Luhn Post No. 39 letterhead, with a matching envelope.



Coin enlarged for emphasis

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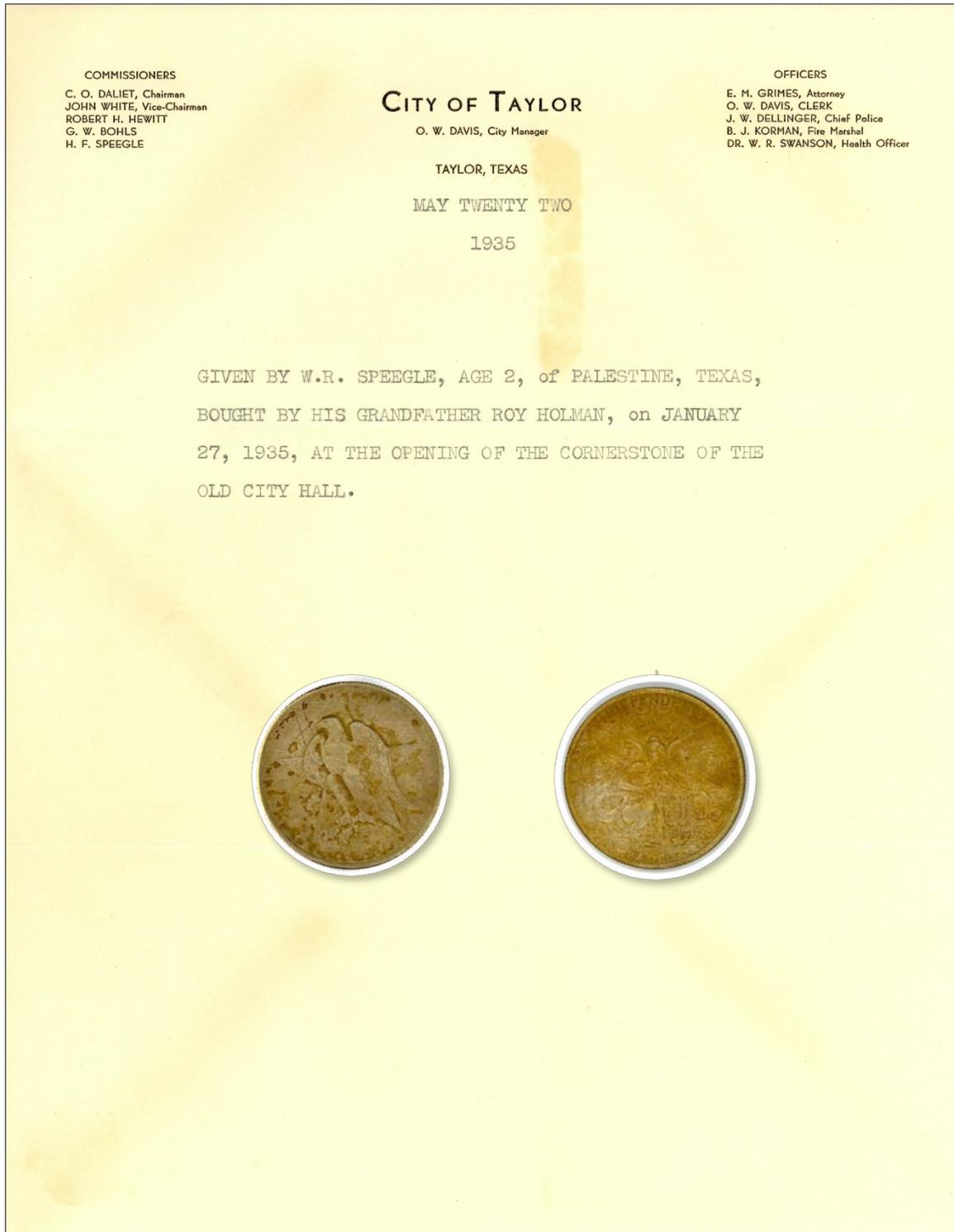
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Post-Commander, American Legion
Post No. 39, Taylor, Texas

ATTEST:

C. D. Davis
Mayor City of Taylor
Taylor, Texas

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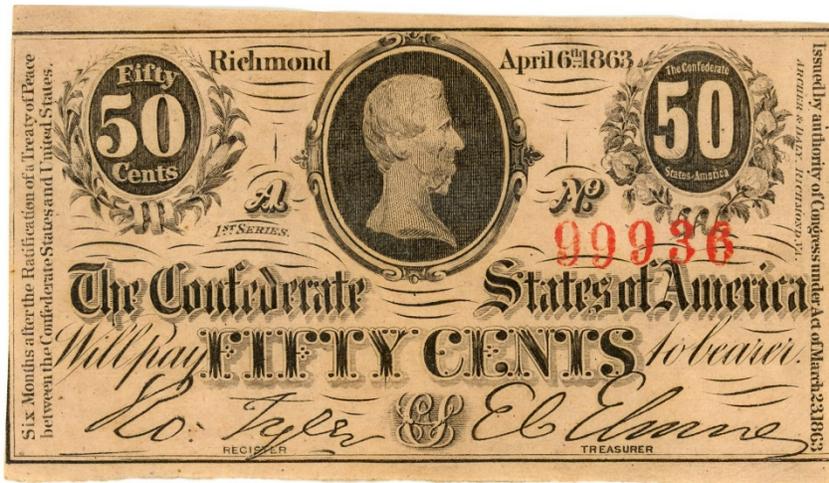
The youngest donor of a Texas Centennial Half Dollar was W.R. Speegle, 2 years old from Palestine. Young Mr. Speegle's coin was bought by his grandfather Roy Holman upon the opening of the 1905 City Hall Time Capsule.



Confederate Money

The early citizens of Taylor had responded to the call for arms and had served in the Spanish American War, the Civil War, and World War I.

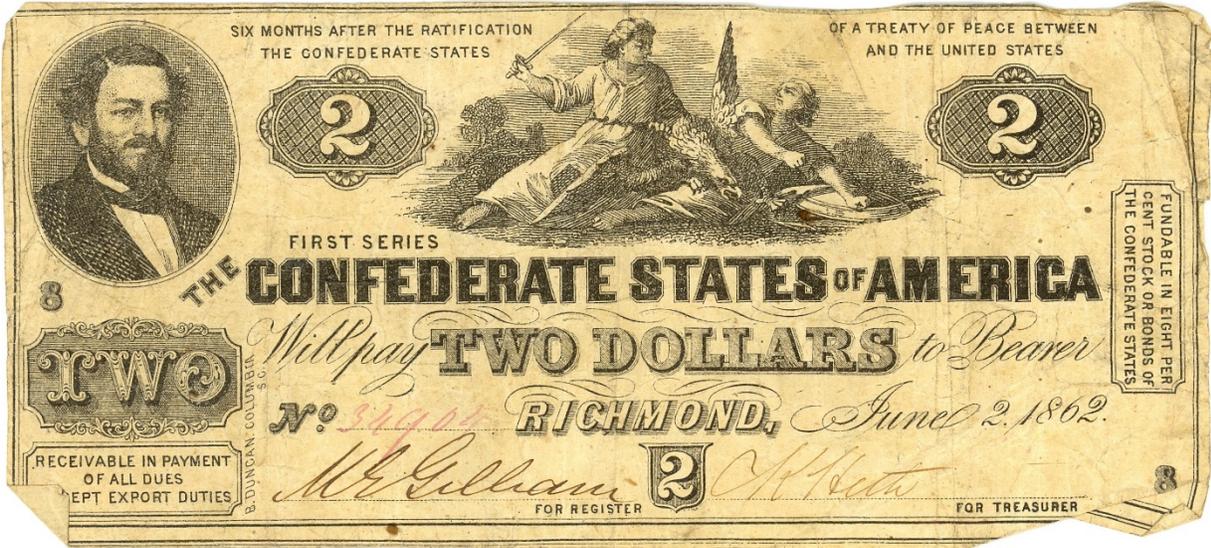
William E. Pryor, who served in the Spanish American War, Company L, 4th Texas Volunteer Infantry, donated mixed bills of Confederate currency that totaled \$188.50.

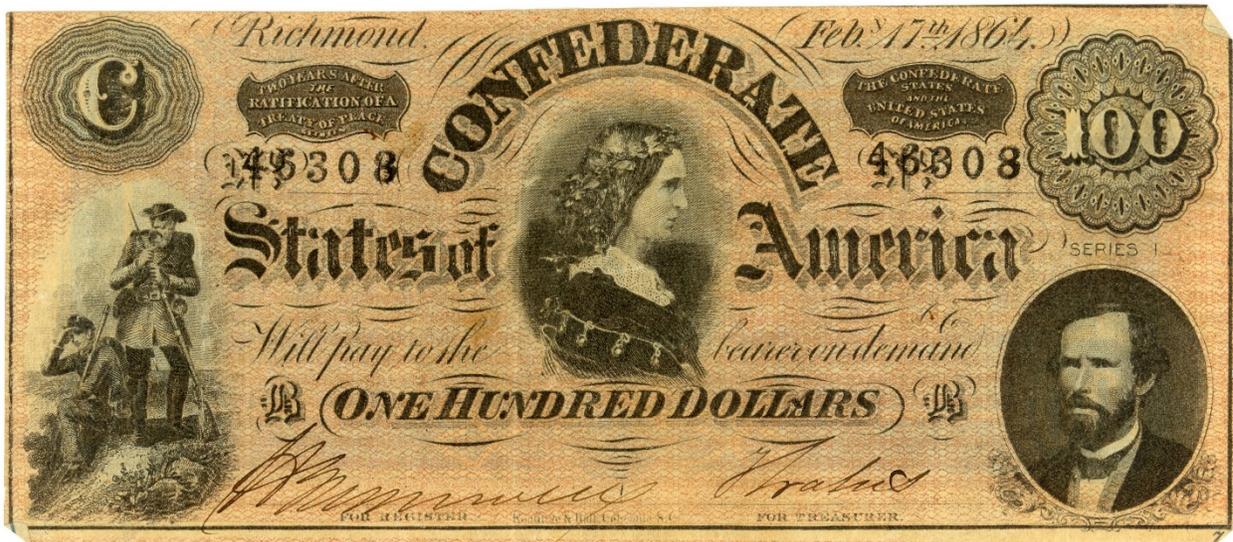
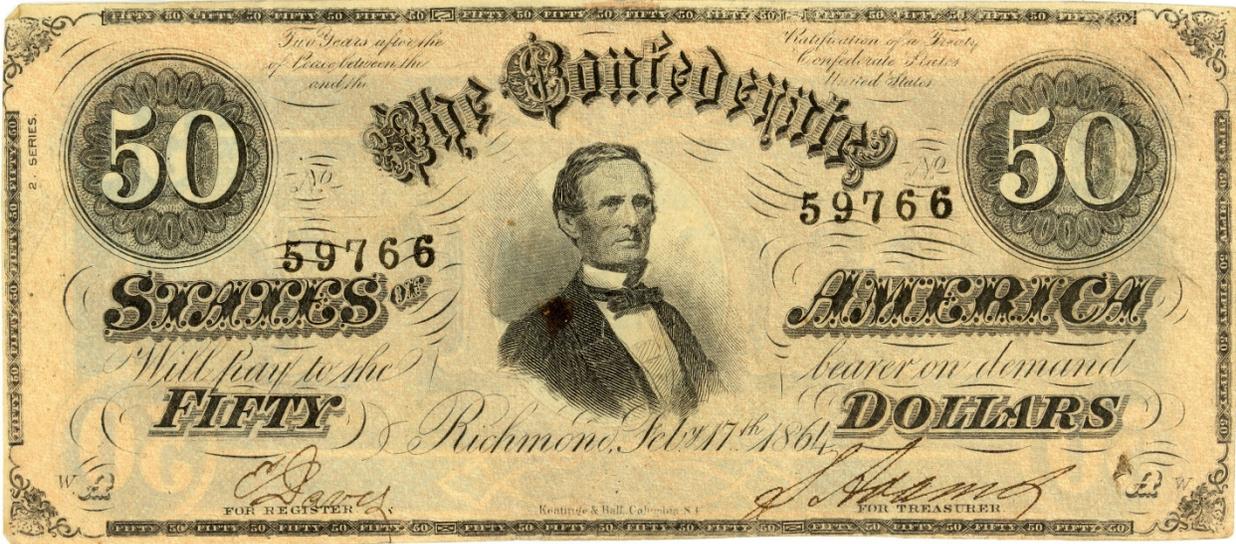


#188⁵⁰
 Confederate Money
 deposited by
 Wm E. Pryor,
 Taylor, Texas.
 Feb 7th 1935

Company L
 4th Texas
 Volunteer Infantry
 Spanish American War



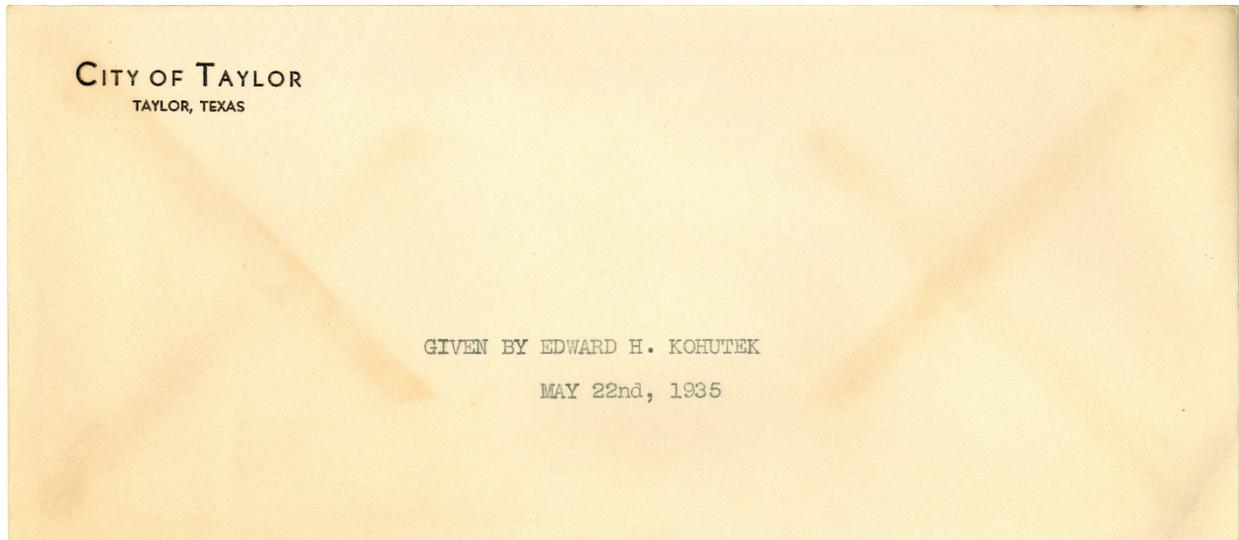




Novelty Coins

There were two novelty coins added to the time capsule, made of aluminum and stamped with the person's name with a star cut-out at the center. These coins were 1 1/8" in diameter.

The first novelty coin was donated by Edward H. Kohuttek. It came with its own envelope.

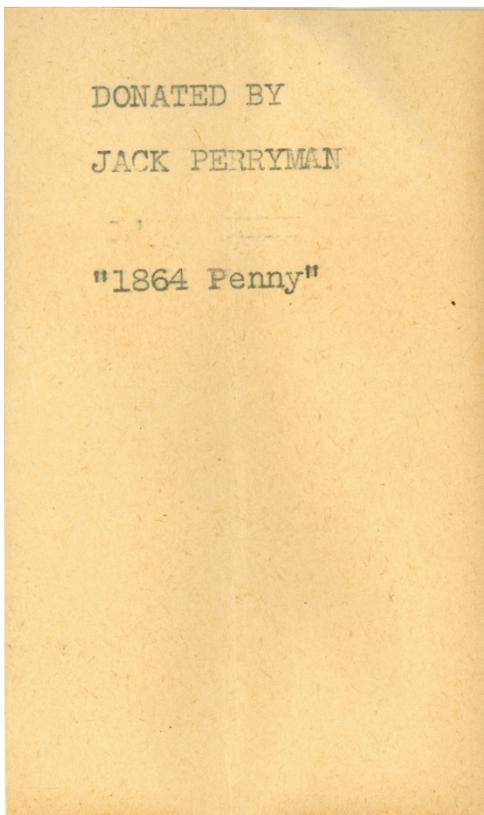


The second novelty coin was stamped with the name G.A. Houser, but had no envelope or further documentation.

General Coins

There was a wide variety of other coins included. Some were given specifically by certain individuals.

Ned Fails, City Policeman, enclosed a US Liberty 1 Cent coin, dated 1802, in very poor condition, almost completely worn smooth. The coin was 1 1/8" in diameter.



An old 1864 US Indian Head Penny was added by Jack Perryman. The coin was quite corroded and is here shown (front and reverse) enlarged for better viewing.



All members of the Buzan family made contributions to the 1935 Time Capsule. A small enveloped contained all the coins, including who was credited for which coin. Front and reverse of each coin is shown.

Tony E. Buzan, 1996 2¢ piece



Isabel Buzan, Mexican 25¢ coin, 1877



Lily Buzan, 1832 10¢ coin—with a hole in it.



Louis Buzan, 1856 Flying Eagle Penny



Tony Buzan, Jr. 1862 Indian Head Penny



Isabel Buzan, Mother, Half Dime, 1855



Tony E. Buzan - 2¢ piece
1864
Isabel Buzan - 25centavos
1877
Lily Buzan - 10¢ - 1832
Louis Buzan - .01 F.E.
1856
Grace Buzan - .05¢ 1869
Tony Buzan, Jr. .01¢
1862
Isabel Buzan - (Mother)
1/2 Dime 1855

Grace Buzan, 1859 5¢ coin



Mystery coin, same envelope,
not identified



CITY OF TAYLOR
TAYLOR, TEXAS

OLD COINS TAKEN FROM OLD CORNERSTONE
REPLACED IN NEW CORNERSTONE
MAY 22, 1935

There were also a batch of unidentified coins from the 1905 City Hall Time Capsule that were moved on to the 1935 capsule. They were enclosed in the above envelope and you can see the marks where each coin lay. There were 8 coins: 1893 German 5 Pfennig coin, 1900 German 5 Pfennig coin, 1876 German 10 Pfennig coin, US 1904 1 Cent Indian Head coin, and 2 unidentifiable coins, having been worn smooth.

1874 German 2 Pfennig coin



1901 German 1 Pfennig coin



1893 German 5 Pfennig Coin



1900 German 5 Pfennig Coin



1876 German 10 Pfennig Coin



1904 US One Cent Indian Head Penny



Two unidentified coins (no reverse shown)



Newspapers

Taylor has had a rich history of newspaper coverage. Included in the time capsule were several newspapers: full day issues, selected pages, student publications and special editions.

Issues included:

Taylor Herald (German) May 16, 1935 edition

Southern Messenger, The Official Catholic Newspaper of Texas, San Antonio, Dallas and Houston edition, May 16, 1935

The Elgin Courier and Four County News, May 16, 1935

The Semi-Weekly Campus, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. May 10, 1935.

Taylor Daily Press, January 28, 1935. Front page only, with article about the opening of the 1905 City Hall cornerstone.

Taylor Daily Press, May 20, 1935, special edition: Trade Day Edition.

Taylor Daily Press, May 20, 1935, regular edition. Articles on front page relate to contents of cornerstone and installation of the cornerstone.

Taylor Daily Press, May 22, 1935, regular edition. Article on front page about the events for the cornerstone installation that afternoon.

Advertising Sheet for the Taylor Bedding Mfg. Company, March 31, 1935

Taylor High School Cotton Boll, May 17, 1935. Two copies.

While these newspapers are too big to be properly scanned and represented in this catalog, certain articles of note are included here. These articles relate to the opening of the 1905 City Hall Time Capsule and the internment of the 1935 City Hall Time Capsule.

Opening of the 1905 City Hall Time Capsule, January 28, 1935, Taylor Daily Press

The comments about a horned frog hark to the tale about a horned lizard who survived internment in the cornerstone of the Eastland County Courthouse. The horned lizard was added to a time capsule in 1897 at that West Central Texas courthouse. When the time capsule was opened up in 1928, the creature supposedly was still alive, earning the nickname of Ol' Rip after the fictional character Rip Van Winkle.

Taylor Daily Press January 28, 1935

Historic Box Reveals Many Old Relics

"Curiosity Seekers" Disappointed when Proverbial Horned Frog Failed To Make "Debut"

The opening of the cornerstone of the old city hall was attended by a large crowd of Taylor citizens and out of town visitors yesterday who gathered eagerly to view the contents of the small box containing the articles placed there over thirty years ago. Despite the cold north wind that was blowing, heads were bared to the invocation led by the Rev. N. R. Hawkins and to the opening of the ceremonies by the song "America." True to the expectations of the pioneers of Taylor, the people gathered with curiosity, as had been foreseen in a copy of the Daily Journal taken from the cornerstone. It was printed August 19, 1905.

"When the building shall have been torn down a few centuries from now, curiosity will lead the inhabitants to examine everything and learn the sentiments held by the people who built it in 1905. Of course they will have advanced far beyond us in knowledge, conveniences, inventions and all those graces which make a perfect man or woman, but we advise them beforehand that we are all struggling along as best we can, and always looking up to a higher, nobler and every way better plane socially, intellectually and morally."

Harry Graves, representative of this district, spoke at the ceremonies. He pointed out that the building of the new on the site of the old due to the shifting of soils, was only a feature in the desire and attempt to progress.

Major E. H. Roach, master of ceremonies, stated that it was another milepost on the road of progress and the advancement of Taylor.

Sheriff Louis Lowe of Georgetown, auctioneer of the Centennial coins and another speaker, reminded the assembly that the destruction of the old and the building of the new was only the progress of time and that all things built by man must go. There was the time,

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CORNERSTONE-

(Continued from front page)

he stated, when we thought our city hall was better and larger than the capital in Austin.

E. H. Lawhon, city attorney, read articles from the minute book of the meetings of the old city council. The order of the issuance of bonds for the building of the city hall was read from the Taylor Weekly Texan, which appeared May 6, 1904.

Dan Moody was unable to attend the ceremonies.

Sheriff Louis Lowe auctioned off the first five Centennial Coins to be released in Taylor, at the ceremonies. The government has made 1,500,000 of these coins which are fifty cent pieces. Their inscription is of a different character than a regulation coin. The price is \$1.00. The coins can be bought at either of the banks in Taylor. A Centennial Memorial Monument will be built with one half of the proceeds of the sale of the coins and the other half of the proceeds will go to the government.

J. E. Ahlgren of Weir was the purchaser of the first coin which sold for \$10.00; E. Rummell of Coupland bought the second for \$8.00; Roy Holman of Taylor bought the third for his grandson, the son of W. R. Speegle, to be put in the new cornerstone. He paid \$5 for the coin. The fourth coin was bought by William Goff of Taylor for \$5.00, and the fifth by A. Ahlgren of Weir for \$5.00.

After Sheriff Lowe had sold the coins he held up a \$5.00 bill, which fluttered temptingly in the cool north breeze. Sheriff Lowe is a surprisingly good auctioneer and did not fail to get an immediate bid for the bill. Bidding continued until it was finally released for \$3.00. The purchaser came forward to claim his money only to find that it was rubber. The money received for it will be given to the American Legion. The purchaser of the bill wanted to have the sheriff arrested and put behind bars, but there was no officer there to commit him to jail and a promise was made that if he ever came to Taylor again he will be arrested and put in jail for selling phoney bills, announced O. W. Davis, city Manager.

Frank Sefcik opened the box taken from the old cornerstone and the articles were taken from it. Each article was held up for the inspection of the assembly by

Major Roach who took them from the box. The articles were; a copy of the Taylor Weekly Texan, a copy of the Taylor Daily Democrat, five copies of the Daily and Weekly Journal, a catalogue of the Taylor public schools, a catalogue of the Taylor Fair Association, a copy of constitution and by-laws of Taylor Lodge No. 240 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the first annual report of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association of Williamson County, a stone taken from the River Jordan where the Israelites crossed, a shell from the Island of Patnas, a copy of the Woodman coin test, a Saint Mary's Catholic Church calendar, a Mexican dime, a Mexican souvenir, a collection of German coins, five German pennies, silver coins, a pencil, turf and shamrocks from Ireland which are 4,000 years old, a brass Kicker check with "Neal Buchanan" scratched on the back, roster of Taylor Fire Department, an ancient Grecian picture, and four beer labels. Sheriff Lowe said the labels were all there just as they were today. He was the only one present to claim his article. The copy of the by-laws of Taylor Lodge No. 240 Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be sent to W. S. Goff of Taylor who placed the article in the cornerstone.

"The frog didn't jump" said Sheriff Lowe after the box was emptied.

**YOU'RE HAPPY
WHEN YOU'RE
FIT**



Think back over the last month. The days you enjoyed most were the days you felt in great shape. Increase these sunny days by keeping fit.

Avoid common constipation due to insufficient "bulk" in meals. It may cause headaches, loss of appetite and energy. It dulls your enthusiasm, takes the fun out of living.

Kellogg's ALL-BRAN furnishes you with "bulk" in convenient form. ALL-BRAN also provides vitamin B and iron. This gentle natural food is much better than patent medi-

Historical Information in 1905 Time Capsule, Jan 19, 1935, Taylor Daily Press

In the January 29, 1935 Taylor Daily Press, a digest of some of the stories contained in the 1905 time capsule was published. Pretty much the headlines of 1905 were described, both of national or local interest.

Cornerstone Reveals Deeds of Taylor Pioneers

Reminiscences of yester-years, happenings of interest to the forefathers of Taylor, heart appealing occurrences which bring to the oldest citizens of Taylor a moment of reflection, and quaint stories of thirty years ago, have been taken from the relics and newspapers found in the cornerstone of the old city hall. Some of them are humorous, some are serious and some are just stories, but in them is the reflection of shadows that have drifted across the epoch-making sands of time leaving a trail that has been followed for years, until we have finally arrived at their start to unearth their struggles in the yellowed newspapers written by the pioneer news writers of thirty years ago.

BULL ATTACK

There appeared in the Taylor Daily Journal, August 18, 1905, the following article. "Dan'el Moody, one of Taylor's best citizens, had a close call for his life yesterday evening. He was attacked by his Jersey bull while in the lot and received a broken rib and a number of other painful injuries. Had not help come to his assistance he might have been killed.

This incident is remembered by J. W. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bowers who were present at Mr. Moody's home when the accident occurred.

CHICKENS DEAD

Another serious incident occurred thirty years ago and was told of in the Daily Journal, August 18, 1905. "Eleven grown chickens belonging to H. I. Wilson, and eight for Charlie Gossett, died suddenly this Friday morning in a few hours."

DOAK REMODELS HOME

The Taylor Weekly Texan published May 12, 1905, carries the following story. "Dr. Edmond Doak is having his pretty little home in the west side recovered, also repainted and papered. The doctor states the recent storm necessitated the work being done, but his friends say he is going to commit matrimony."

J. W. Armstrong can remember when Dr. Doak was only an invitation for a street battle when they were boys, but now he has picked him for his doctor.

PROCLAMATION

"Elsewhere appears a proclamation signed by Mayor Black to the people of Taylor to clean up. It should be heeded at once as it is a well known fact there is room for improvement in this line. We trust that Marshal Lowe will see that the proclamation is enforced. This article requesting a general clean-up of Taylor was written in the Daily Journal, August 18, 1905.

SWEET MUSIC

August 19, 1905. The Daily Journal states that "The Taylor Cornet Band discoursed Sweet Music on the public square on Friday night, while the ladies of the Missionary Society served ice cream and cake."

In 1904 Teddy Roosevelt was President of the United States. In that year one of the largest crops of many years was gathered and it has been shown that 157,000 bales of cotton were ginned, said J. W. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong saw a picture of a building in one of the papers taken from the cornerstone and said that it was the building he jumped off of into the River Jordan and that it was the only time he was ever baptised in his life. He fell at the feet of a lady who shoved his head back under the water and told him to come up again, stated O. W. Davis, city manager.

PERSONALS

In the Daily Democrat, August 18, 1905. "M. R. Kennedy, county commissioner, went to Georgetown to attend Commissioner's court."

The Weekly Texan, May 12, 1905. "J. W. Dellinger returned yesterday from a business trip to Houston.

The Weekly Texan, May 12, 1905. "H. Wagner, Carl Grau, Ernest Groba and Joe Hurta went to Austin yesterday to attend the State Fireman's Association."

The Weekly Texan, May 12, 1905. "G. E. Worley and children, Gena and Gano, and three of the J. B. Jennings' children, attended the barbecue and picnic at Rockdale Wednesday. A large crowd was in attendance and a good time is reported."

Daily Democrat, August 18, 1905. "J. E. Matteck received a telegram Sunday morning stating that Mrs. Matteck and children arrived in Santiago, Cal., Saturday night."

Daily Journal, August 19, 1905. "P. D. (Pete) Miller presented his wife with a handsome gold watch and chain last Friday for a birthday present.

And then on August 17, 1905 in the Daily Journal appeared an article that has been reproduced as it was printed in the Journal.

"DRUNK AND NOISY

A wagon loaded with men and women left Taylor on Tuesday night for Gabriel via Kroschewsky's and returned at 3 a. m. this Wednesday morning. It was a two horse team and one of the animals was gray. The noise and laughter and loud talking and other acts not necessary to mention, simply made people living on the road ashamed for them. Who were they?"

Clem Griffith, who was present at the ceremonies thirty years ago when the cornerstone of the old city hall was unveiled, said that he was a small boy then and that in the commotion and excitement he was nearly trampled to death.

Ceremony for 1935 City Hall Time Capsule

In anticipation of the interment of the 1935 City Hall Time Capsule, there were a couple of articles run in the Taylor Daily Press.

The May 20, 1935 article was rather lengthy and is include next in two parts.

Large Crowd Will Witness Great Event

Impressive Ceremonies Will Be In Hands of Taylor Masons

Possibly one of the greatest city-wide events to occur in Taylor in years will be the unveiling of the cornerstone of the new city hall Wednesday, May 22, at 2 o'clock.

Band concerts by the Taylor High School 40 piece Band, a trade day and a special ceremony by the Masons in addition to speeches by officials and outstanding citizens of Taylor will herald one of the events that will live down through the history of Taylor as a memorial to the present generation.

Boys that are now men, girls that are now the mothers of the builders of the city and men that are now gone once graced the lawns of the city square thirty years ago and witnessed the unveiling of a cornerstone that contained cherished memories of their day.

Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, another large concourse of citizens will gather on the lawns of the city square to witness the unveiling of a cornerstone of the advancement of civilization, a cornerstone that will be filled with memories of today that will be seen again only when another generation will open it to read of their forefathers. Perhaps there will be a few, a meager few, that will stand and say, "I remember when—" An impressive ceremony such as the ceremony that will accompany the sealing of the cornerstone may again be enacted in future years, a ceremony that will be even more impressive, yet Wednesday will never come again except possibly a Wednesday cloudy with past years and dim in the eyes of those who expended their efforts unsparingly to produce a landmark of advancement, a mark of progressiveness that will live as another milepost in the passage of time.

Only two members of the building committee of the old city hall were living when the cornerstone was opened January 27. One of these, Albert Eikel, passed away in New Braunfels, Wednesday, May 8. The only surviving member of the building committee is Judge John F. Black of Taylor who was mayor in 1905 when the hall was constructed.

On the old cornerstone the following inscription was found:

CITY HALL—BUILT 1905

John F. Black, Mayor

Aldermen:

P. M. Woodall,

R. E. White,

S. F. Evens, Chairman,

Albert Eikel,

Peter Schram,

Robert J. Eckhardt,

Building Committee

The northwest corner contained the following inscription:

OFFICERS' FIRE DEPARTMENT

L. H. Goldstein, President,

Perry Hawkins, vice president,

P. C. Goebel, secretary,

H. J. Morgan, treasurer

W. A. Still, chief,

Robert J. Eckhardt, Assistant chief.

Henry Struve, Architect,

John F. McKnight, contractor.

The new cornerstone will be unveiled amid a ceremony that will rival the past only in variety, not in sentiment. Desires and aspirations, hopes and ambitions possibly have changed with passing years, but surely not sentiment which is the basis of feeling and the true understanding of memory.

Among the articles that will be placed in the new cornerstone will be; the autograph of the President of the United States, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; the autograph of vice-president, John Nance Garner; that of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, former governor; James V. Allred, present Governor of Texas; Jack Dempsey, boxing champion; Will Rogers, actor and humorist; J. P. Buchanan, representative; and \$188.50 in confederate money submitted by William Pryor. A few of the articles that were taken from the old cornerstone and that were not called for by those who placed them there will be placed in the new cornerstone. Articles from all citizens will be placed in the cornerstone if presented at the city hall. A request has been made that articles be as compact as possible as the box will be only ten inches long, eight inches wide and five inches deep.

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LARGE CROWD

(Continued from front page)

C. O. Daliet, Friday offered a coin contribution to be placed in the cornerstone at the coming ceremony. A list of the members of the Taylor Fire Department of 1905 will also be placed in the cornerstone.

Plans for the new city hall were started in May, 1934 and the work of tearing down the old city hall was begun January 2, 1935. Work of construction on the new hall was begun February 10, 1935 and will be completed about July 1.

The first Taylor city hall was a frame structure on the southwest corner of the square with a jail immediately behind it. The upper floor was used for the meeting of the city council and the lower floor was used to store the city fire cart, horse and fire hose wagon. Years of pioneer history were enacted in the old frame structure before the construction of the last city hall that was torn down in January.

Plans are underway by the city of Taylor and merchants to present one of the greatest city-wide celebrations enacted here since the sealing of the cornerstone thirty years ago. City officials and citizens are working unceasingly on making the celebration a gala occasion.

And, as the forefathers of the city stated in an article in the old cornerstone, the present generation might repeat the words of the past with a spirit of thankfulness and appreciation: "When this building shall have been torn down a few centuries from now, curiosity will lead the inhabitants to examine everything and learn the sentiments held by the people who built it in 1905. Of course they will have advanced far beyond us in knowledge, conveniences, inventions and all those graces which make a perfect man or woman, but we advise them beforehand that we are all struggling along as best we can, and always looking up to a higher nobler and every way better plane socially, intellectually and morally."

An article taken from the Taylor Daily Democrat dated August 21, 1905 follows:

"With imposing ceremony and music by Taylor's Cornet band the cornerstone of the new \$25,000 city hall building, now in course of construction, was placed in position and unveiled this morning before a large concourse of loyal citizens, many ladies being present."

"Alderman R. J. Eckhardt, who is assistant chief of the Taylor Fire Department and a member of the Council's Building Committee, was

master of ceremonies. After music by the band, the Rev. Perry Hawkins was introduced who gave utterance to an invocation of God's blessing upon the assembly.

"Next following the unveiling of the cornerstone by Alderman S. F. Evens, chairman of the Building committee.

"In the absence of Mayor John F. Black and Congressman A. S. Burleson, the latter having missed a train connection, Mr. Francis Horace Welsh, vice president of the First National Bank of Taylor, was introduced as orator of the day. Although extemporaneous, his address was fitting to the occasion; it was a masterpiece of rhetoric, logical in conclusion and of smooth delivery. He applauded the civic pride and greatness of the home people, and paid fitting tribute to the memory of the lamented Dr. A. V. Doak, whom he pictured as 'The father of Taylor.'

"Short addresses were also made by Chief W. A. Still and Assistant Chief R. J. Eckhardt of the Taylor Fire Department.

"The stone is a handsomely polished piece of granite from the granite mountains of Llano county neatly dressed in octagon shape and perfectly fitted to the northwest corner of the building. Its weight is a fraction over 800 pounds and was supplied to the city by Manager Hugh Veale of the Taylor Marble Works at the cost of \$75.00. The west side contains the inscription of the Aldermen and the northwest corner contains the officers of the Taylor Fire Department."

CORNERSTONE WAS OPENED

The opening of this cornerstone of the old city hall, once sealed by the people of a past generation, was held Sunday afternoon, January 27 at 3 o'clock before a large crowd of citizens who gathered eagerly to view the contents of the small box. Despite the cold north wind that was blowing, heads were bared to the invocation led by the Rev. N. R. Hawkins, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and to the opening of the ceremony by the song "America."

Prominent speakers and city officials attended the opening of the cornerstone. Harry Graves, representative of this district, Major E. H. Roach, master of ceremonies, Sheriff Louis Lowe of Georgetown, and E. H. Lawhon, past city attorney were the principal participants in the ceremony.

The building of the new city hall on the site of the old was stated then as only a feature in the desire to progress, that it was another milestone on the road of progress and the advancement of Taylor. Sheriff Lowe reminded the assembly that the destruction of the old and the building of the new was only the progress of time and that

all things built by man must go.

THE NEW CORNERSTONE

Again Wednesday the present generation will offer their construction to the history of the city with a ceremony that will carry with it other memories that will be added to those left by their forefathers.

The inscription on the new highly polished granite cornerstone will carry the following names through another period of city history:

(On the West side of the southwest corner)

COMMISSIONERS

—1935—

C. O. Daliet—Chairman
John White—Vice-Chairman
R. H. Hewitt
G. W. Bohls
H. F. Speegle

CITY OFFICIALS

O. W. Davis—City Manager
E. M. Grimes—City Attorney
J. W. Dellinger—Chief of Police
B. J. Korman—Fire Marshall
Dr. W. R. Swanson—Health Officer.

(on the south side of the southwest corner)

BUILDING COMMITTEE

S. G. Gernert
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J. W. Armstrong
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Ed Alford
J. F. Smith
J. L. Brunner
G. E. Brieger
Hyman Melasky
Frederick Klopp
F. T. Sefcik, Contractor

On the southeast corner of the building another smaller cornerstone carries the Fire Department officials. The following names are inscribed upon it:

TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

1935

Frederick Klopp—President
Louis Walla—Vice-president
J. F. Mikolaj, Secretary
Ben Holub—Treasurer
J. W. Dellinger, Chief
B. J. Korman—Assistant Chief
Luke Darrell—Assistant Chief

In the years to come, should another generation find it necessary to destroy this new structure to provide space for a newer one, there will be those who will gather with the same curiosity to view the articles that will be taken from the small box placed there as did the crowd that gathered Sunday, January 27, 1935.

Changes anticipated by the pioneers of the city have come to be with the passage of time and in the future there will be more changes, changes that will not only appear on the streets of the city and on the buildings and inventions, but changes in the faces of those who will witness the unveiling of a new cornerstone. Once full, happy, young and joyful faces

—those same faces will smile from sunken lips and from eyes beneath the gray locks of age, or perhaps they will not smile at all, maybe they will be gone, forgotten perhaps, or just lost.

The May 22, 1935 article from the Taylor Daily Press runs down the schedule of events for the day.

THOUSANDS TO SEE LAYING OF CORNERSTONE

In addition to the greatest Trade Day in the history of Taylor the unveiling of the cornerstone of the new city hall will be held at 2:00 o'clock.

Judge Richard Critz, Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, will be the principal speaker for the impressive occasion, and head of the Masonic ceremonies to be presented by the Solomon Lodge No. 484 of the Taylor Masons.

Judge Critz as Grand Master, will be accompanied by a program planned by the Entertainment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The program will include speeches by the leading city officials and a band concert by the Taylor High School 40-piece band that recently won a place of honor in the state for its contest performance in Waco.

Major E. H. Roach will act as master of ceremonies for the greatest event that will be witnessed in Taylor for years to come. Judge Critz will act as Grand Master of the Masonic ceremonies and as principal speaker. C. O. Daliet, chairman of the Board of City Commissioners, will give the closing speech.

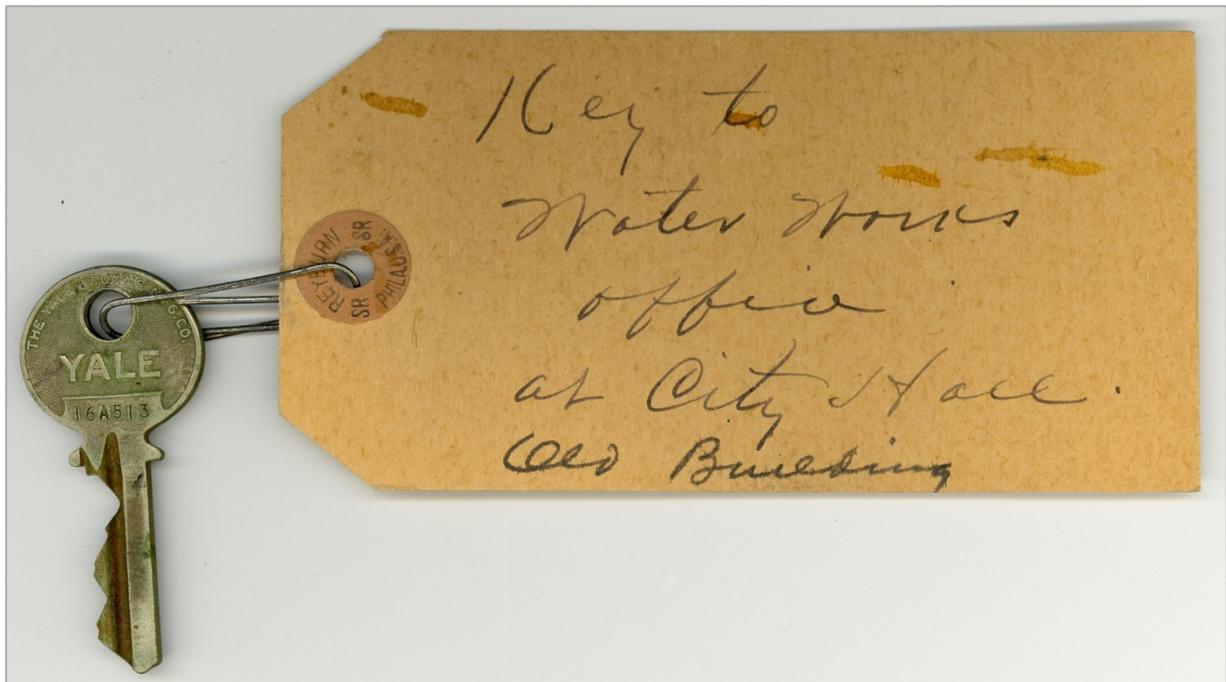
The ceremonies today will be the most historical occurrence of years and will mark the century as one that has offered a memorial to generations, a memorial that will live through the ages as a monument to the present age and generation. Such a memorial will be the foundation around which the coming generation will strive to accomplish and succeed.

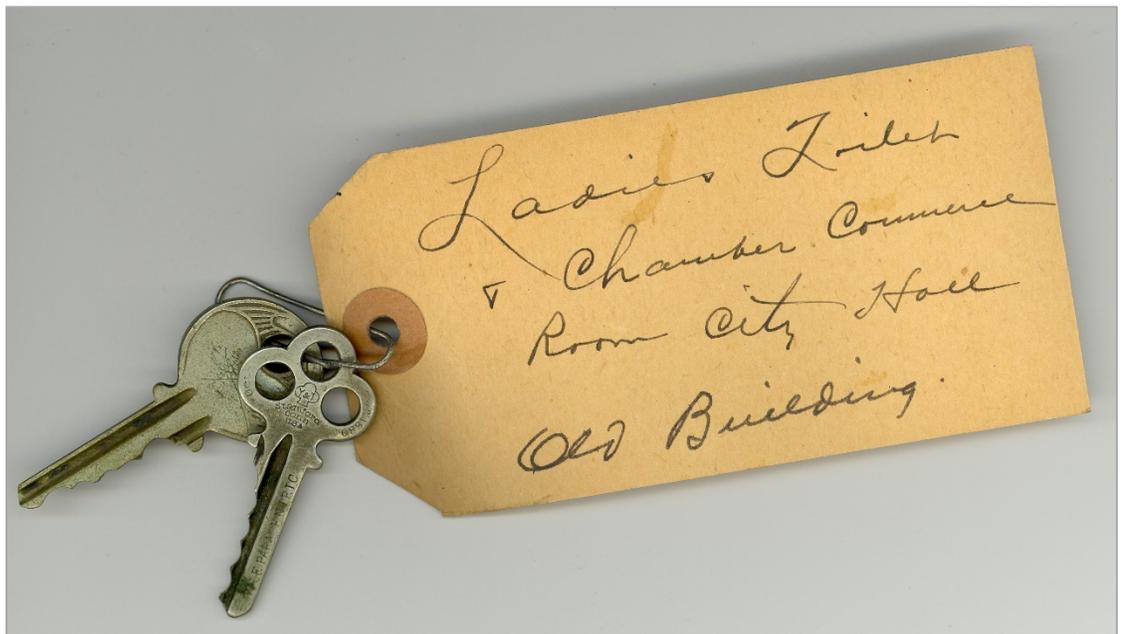
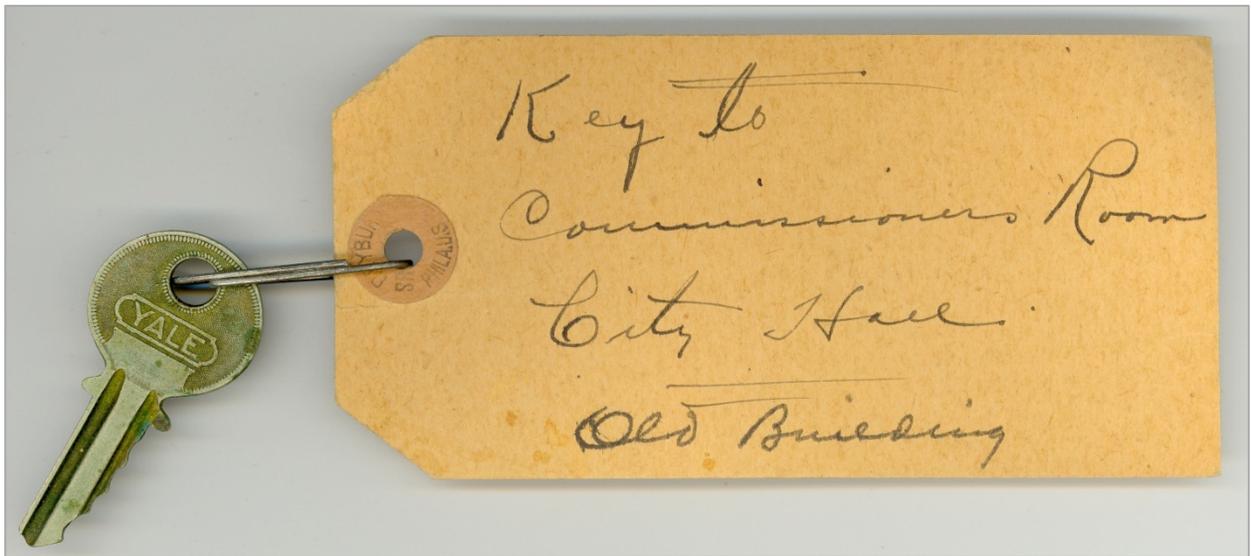
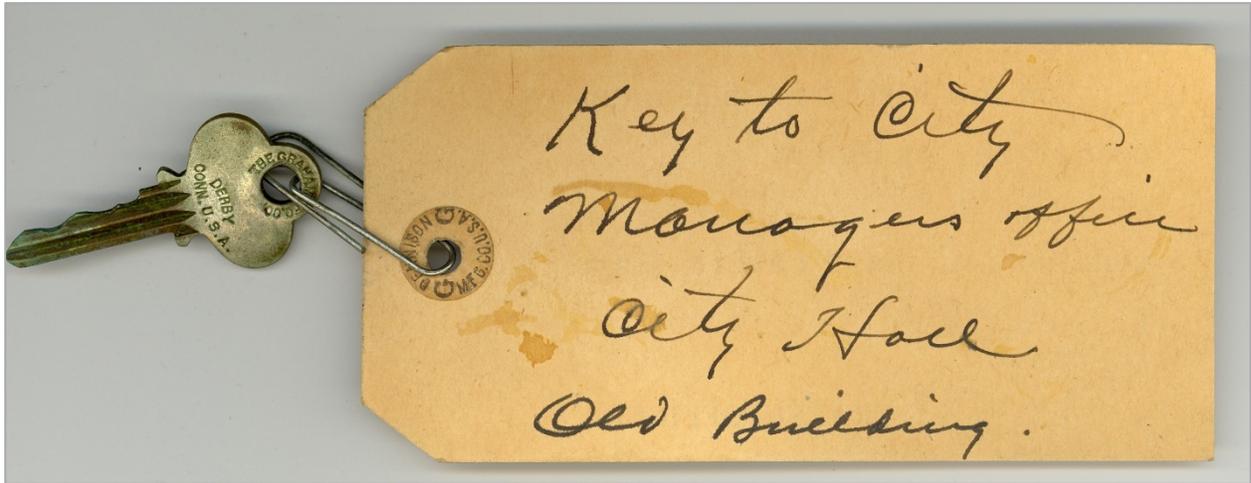
Objects

While the contents of the 1935 City Hall Time Capsule were pretty tightly packed, there were a few three-dimensional objects included. These selected items must have had a lot of significance to the contributors in 1935.

Keys

The keys to the demolished 1905 City Hall included office keys and the women's restroom keys. Each key was tagged with an inscription to which doors the key was matched to: the Water Works office, the Commissioners room, the City Manager's Office and the ladies' restroom. Despite any resizing for illustration purposes, all the tags and keys are the same size.





Ivey Foster Cigar

The Foster Laundry was a longtime business in Taylor, located at 201 East Third Street. The laundry was first run by Mr. P.J. Foster, then next by his son, Mr. Ivey R. Foster.

It is unclear if the cigar was printed with Mr. Ivey Foster's name because he ordered his cigars so inscribed or if this was a commemorative item.

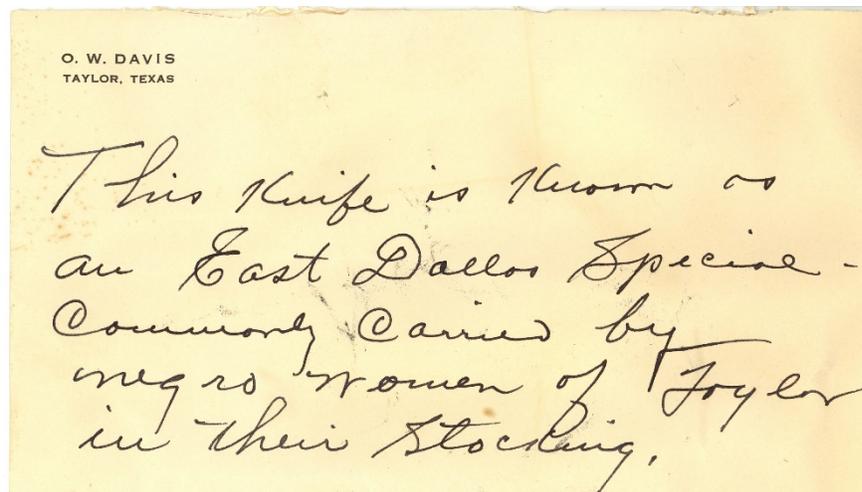
The cigar is 4 ½ inches long.



Weapons

Surprisingly, two weapons confiscated by the Taylor Police Department were also included in the time capsule collection.

The first item is a knife, with a long, thin blade. The envelope that held it described it as an "East Dallas Special, commonly carried by Negro Women of Taylor in their Stocking."

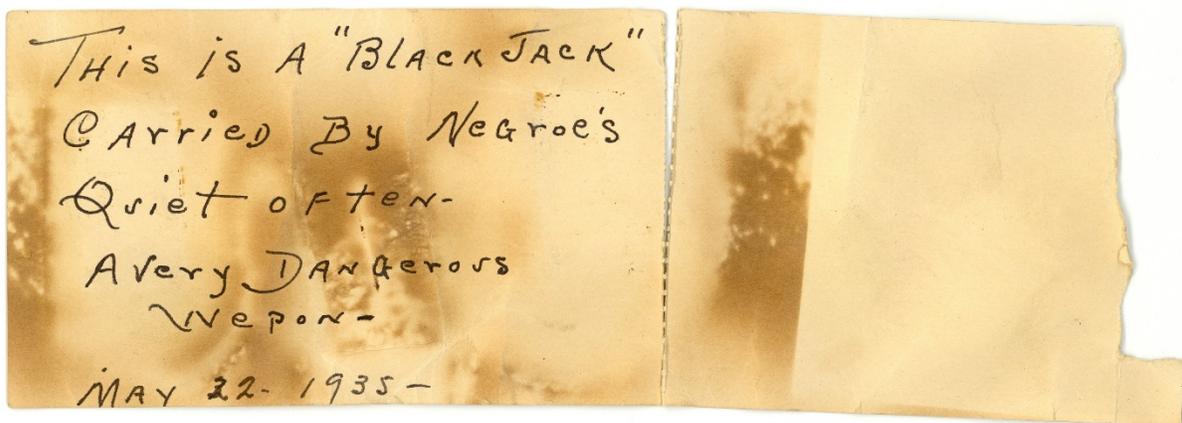




This knife has a 3 ¾" handle and a 3" blade. The blade is indeed razor sharp and would likely inflict quite a bit of damage.

The next weapon was quite heavy and formidable, consisting of a thick, black leather strap and large metal square nut. It was wrapped in an evidence tag with string. The tag included the following identification:

"This is a "Black Jack" carried by Negroes quiet [sic] often--a very dangerous weapon. May 22, 1935."



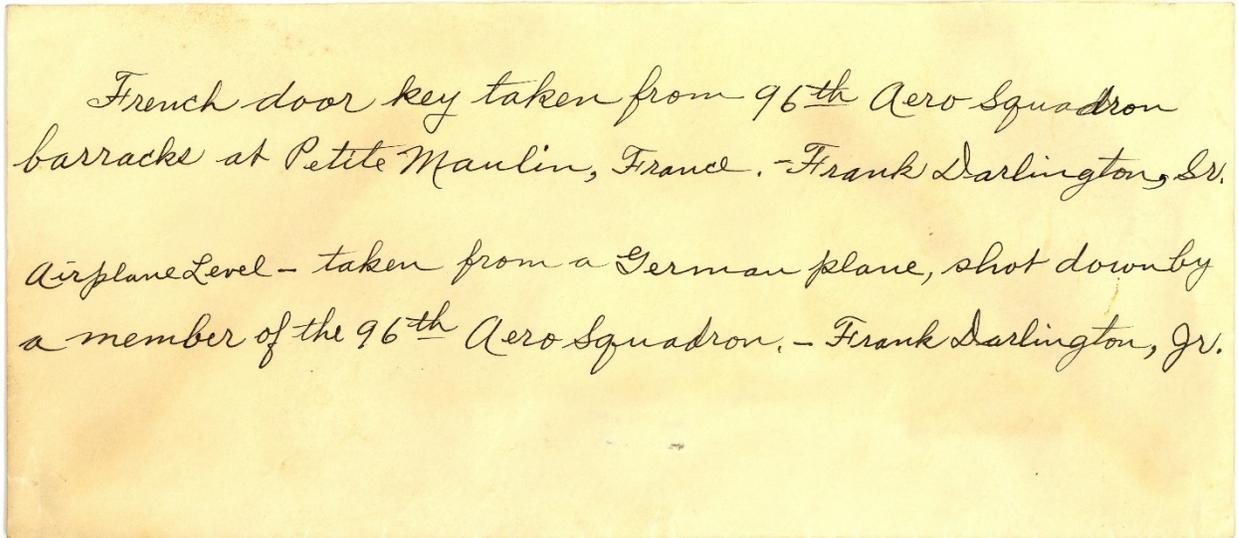
This handmade weapon was used to bludgeon a victim to render him or her unable to fend off the criminal. The leather strap was 10 ½" long, and the metal nut was 1 ½" in diameter.



Items from World War I

Two items were in an envelope, donated by Darlingsons of Taylor. One item is a heavy old key, which opened a door at the barracks of the 96th Aero Squadron at Petite Maulin in France. The key, which measures 5" long, was donated by Frank Darlington Sr.

The second item was a level from a German airplane, shot down by a member of the 96th Aero Squadron. The level still has a bubble inside and is only 1 ¼" long. This has been donated by Frank Darlington Jr.



The 96th Aero Squadron was organized in August of 1917, at Kelly Field (later known as Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio). This squadron consisted of about 80 men and became an elite group with specialized flying training and qualifications.

This Squadron was deployed in France through World War I and mostly flew bombing runs against the enemy. They were involved in some very colorful missions, raids and fights against German airplanes.



96th Aero Squadron – Group Picture. Courtesy of the National Archives, Washington, D.C.