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By Korey Thornton

Community Outreach Title Workshop



In the month of October, the Hays County Clerk's Office had volunteers attend three Homeowners Title Workshops hosted by the City of San Marcos. The goal of these workshops was to help residents understand and resolve title issues with property that had been inherited. After residents spoke to local attorneys about their situation, our clerks were able to provide insight into the recording process. Approximately 40 citizens attended the workshops, and 100% of the participants who filled out their exit survey stated that the three workshops were useful to them. This is a great example of how the Hays County Clerk's Office continues to serve the public in any way that they can.



County Clerk employees assist residents at Title Workshops organized by the City of San Marcos.



Archival Team members Charlene Carroll and Alejandra Rodriguez (front middle and right) assist during a Hays County Commissioners Court meeting.

By Alejandra Rodriguez

Section Feature: Archival Team

An essential part of the Hays County Commissioners Court

The Archival Team is a valued asset of Commissioners Court meetings. The Deputy Clerks that attend the twice-monthly meeting serve as the clerk of the Hays County Commissioners Court by posting the notice of each agenda, arriving an hour prior to the meeting start time to have all documents in order, registering public speakers by collecting and verifying all public comment forms, organizing the emailed public comments to be read at court, and setting up any presentations that may be given during the meeting.

The County Clerk also reads/opens the agenda items, proclamations, and all emailed public comments. All Commissioners Court meetings are recorded live for public viewing, but the Archival team also creates the minutes of all court actions and votes and authenticates official acts of the court with the Commissioners Court seal. Join the next Commissioners Court meeting virtually or in person to get a better understanding of how your county functions - see you there! <https://www.hayscountytexas.gov/commissioners-court-live-stream>

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How To Videos

By Jason Faulkner & Miriam Ripplinger

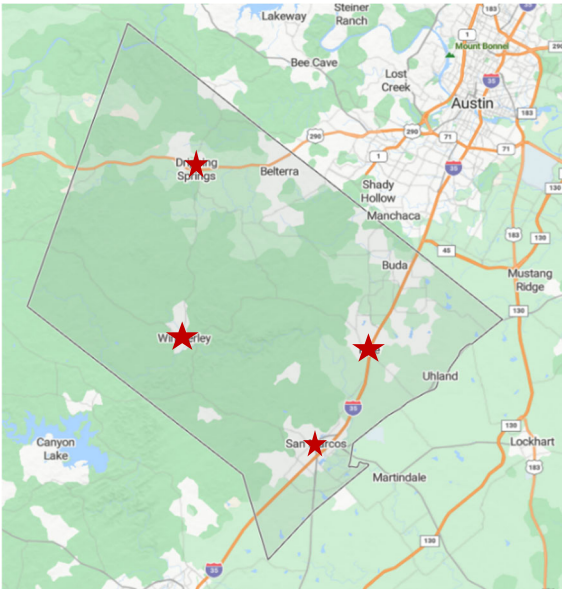


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By Emmanuel Roberson

Substations



Did you know that the Hays County Clerk’s Office has three substations? Yes, three! These substations are located in Kyle, Wimberley, and Dripping Springs. Each location has a Deputy Clerk ready and waiting to help you with recording documents

into the Official Public Record, issuing Marriage Licenses, Birth and Death Certificates, and any questions residents may have.

The Dripping Springs office is located at 195 Roger Hanks Pkwy, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. It is currently staffed part time on Mondays and Wednesdays by Jacob, but will be staffed full-time soon by Emmanuel, a newly hired employee.

The Kyle office is located at 5458 FM 2770, Kyle, TX 78640 (office located inside the Commissioner’s Office), and is staffed by Chloe.

The Wimberley office is located at 200 Stillwater, Wimberley, TX 78676, and is staffed by Pam.

All substations close for lunch from 12 - 1 p.m.

Kudos

From the Community

“Hays County should be so proud of your great office with such an amazingly awesome group of folks. I must applaud your office on the great notifications and communications which your staff routinely send out so effortlessly and professionally, and dare I say as professional if not more so than any other office with whom I have interacted. And that is saying something because I have contact with agencies from across the country. Kudos and high fives to your entire staff, individually and collectively, for consistently outstanding work!”

-Travis County DA Employee

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The State of Texas }
County of Hays } Know all men by these presents that I
J. P. Bugg, Sheriff of said County, by virtue of an execution
issued from the Court of Grand Jurors on the 31st day
of July, A.D. 1858, upon a judgment returned in said Court
on the 3rd day of August, A.D. 1857, wherein Carl Wagner is
plaintiff and Carl Wagner is defendant for the
sum of One hundred and fifty dollars for Dollars paid
together with twenty for Dollars costs of suit and interest
to the said Carl Wagner, execution having been returned by the
Sheriff of said County on the 1st day of August, A.D. 1858 upon all the
rights title interests and claims that the said Carl Wagner
has in and to the following described tract of land to-wit: Beginning

The tract of land }
known all men by these presents that Carl Wagner }
County of Hays } and the land and }
said for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars to }
us in hand paid by John W. Henderson of the same state and county, the receipt }
of which is hereby fully acknowledged and confessed, both bargained and sold }
and conveyed, and do by these presents bargain sell convey and deliver }
unto the said John W. Henderson his heirs and assigns forever, two certain tracts }
lot situated in the town of San Marcos, in Hays County and state of Texas, and }
known and designated on the map or plat of said town as lots No. eleven (11) and }
twelve (12) in Block No. nine (9), to have and to hold the same with all their }
appurtenances, appurtenances, appurtenances thereto, unto the said John W. Henderson }
his heirs and assigns, and to him and his heirs, executors and administrators, and }
his heirs, executors and administrators forever, and to his heirs, executors and }
administrators and assigns forever, against the claim or claims of all persons whom }
soever claiming or to claim the same in any part thereof. }
Witness our hands and seals, this 1st day of September, }
A.D. 1858 }
J. P. Bugg }
Ed. J. L. Green }

The documents pictured above contain the first mentions of Bugg and Green in our records. They are preserved in our San Marcos office and are available for public viewing.

By Madison Gish

The Robert Redford Connection

Did You Know?

Hays County has close ties to the Academy Award-winning director and actor Robert Redford, and the County Clerk’s Office has the documents to prove it! His mother, Martha Woodruff Redford, was born in Austin, TX and her ancestors lived in the San Marcos/Kyle area in the mid-19th century. One of Redford’s great-great grandfathers, Zachariah P. Bugg, was the 4th Sheriff of Hays County from 1858 to 1868, and another great-great grandfather, Ed J.L. Green, was the 6th Hays County Clerk from 1871 to 1882 and the

Owner of the Electric Light & Power Company, which brought electricity to San Marcos and made us one of the first towns in Texas to have power. Redford credited his summers spent in Central Texas for his passion for environmental conservation.

[San Marcos Celebrates Robert Redford’s Birthday With Sundance Kid And Others - Corridor News](#)

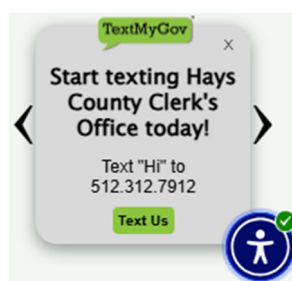
[Keeping Nature in the Picture: An Interview with Robert Redford - Orion Magazine](#)




Pictured Above: The Hays County Clerk's Office, December 2025.

County Clerk Website Updates

By Darren Jones





Fraud Guard

NEW* Sign up here for Fraud Guard Protection**

Click here to register for email notifications when documents are recorded in your name to avoid being the victim of property fraud.

TextMyGov is a service used by the County Clerk's Office to improve communication with residents. To get started, text "Hi" to 512-312-7912. You can then send one or two key words (Marriage, Probate, Copies, Fees, etc.) for quick responses with information about the topic. You can even send words in Spanish!

Another feature of TextMyGov is Groups. Groups will receive updates about when the offices may be closed, when there may be a crowded parking lot, or if there is a fire or an emergency in or around the Government Center. You will also be notified of events that might disrupt our normal business hours.

The public can sign up by texting "HCCGENERAL" to 91896, and if you are an attorney, you can sign up by texting "HCCATTORNEY" to 91896.

The Hays County Clerk offers 2 free services! Both can be found on our website:
hayscountytexas.gov/county-clerk

Fraud Guard is a complimentary service that enables you to register to receive alerts if a document matching your name is recorded. It serves as an early detection mechanism for property fraud. By registering, you will receive an email notification whenever a document bearing your name is recorded, providing an early warning of potential property fraud in your name.