



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Tom Wiederhold*

Happy Valentine's Day! Hope everyone is fully recovered from the Holidays and the cold of January! Teresa has been busy with the help of volunteers ( Robert and Lonna Baker) this past month working on displays and I hope everyone will show up for the meeting to see these changes.

Speaking of showing up, the meeting is on Valentine's Day so let's have some fun at the meeting! Let's see about some imaginative ways to dress for the day!

Some of things that have gone on; Gwen and I, and a few others took a Tour of the Sid Richardson Museum to see their great exhibit of Remington's. Several of the group went onto "Jakes" for burgers. There was the Stock Show Parade in which we also helped the Tarrant County Historical Commission with tours of the 1895 Tarrant County Courthouse. Last, Keith Bridwell and I went to the Women's Club of Fort Worth and spoke to the group about the Stock Show history.

Lastly we have started the process of a Fund Raiser; this will be a special issue "Fort Worth Heritage" 30-30 Rifle. Watch for the tickets and be prepared to help sell them. That's about it for now, see you on the 14th! - *Tom*

The "Fort Worth Heritage" Rifle



### A Love Story

This story was taken from the April 30, 1959 issue of the North Fort Worth News but it is a love story from 1863.

### Romance Dictated 1863 Swim

One of the more romantic holding his wedding clothes episodes connected with early over his head. His sweetheart, dwellers in Azle concerns W. Miss Martha Fowler of Azle, H. Rowland, wounded Confed- was waiting on the other side erate veteran who became a of the river and Rowland, un- minister there.

Impatient to reach his bride- trip, challenged the Trinity to to-be on their scheduled wed- keep him from his love that ding night, the young man September night in 1863. swam across the Trinity River He made it, historians say.



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### A Night at the Museum!

The NFWHS February meeting will be fun and challenging with a Scavenger Hunt as you take the clues that are given and try to find the items on the list.

**You might even find things you didn't know existed in the museum!**

We'll see you at 7pm on February 14th in the Livestock Exchange Building.

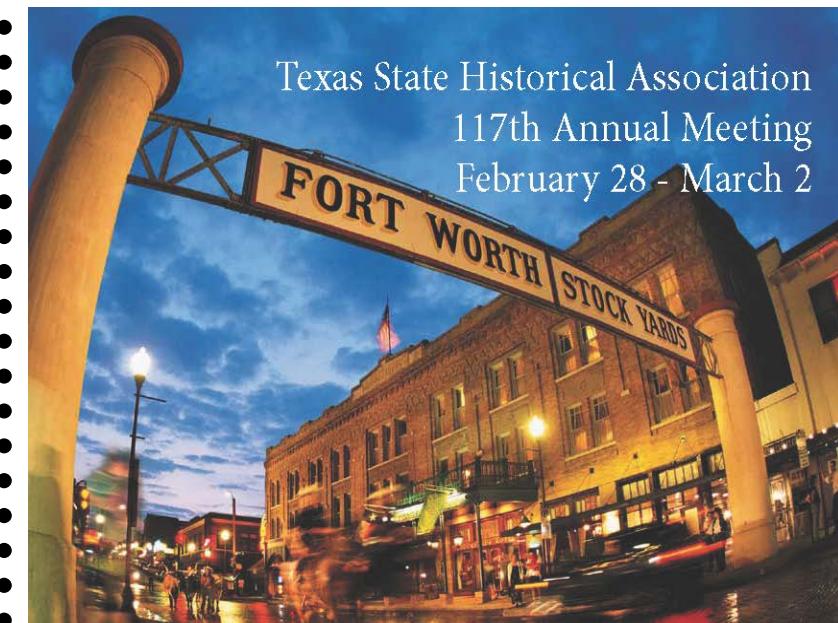
### Calendar of Events

#### **February 8. Friday. 6pm:**

Annual Reenactment of the Last Great Gunfight in Fort Worth at the White Elephant Saloon. Celebrate the Anniversary of the Legendary Luke Short – Jim Courtright Gunfight.

#### **March 16, Sat., 1pm to 4pm:**

The event in the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District will feature free activities for kids including pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, games and contests with Radio Disney, live music, gunfights, and our own special Western/Irish themed Cowtown Goes Green parade follows the 4pm cattle drive and is a green culmination of local businesses, horseback riding clubs, radio stations and more traveling down Exchange Avenue.



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February 28 - March 2, 2013

Worthington Renaissance Hotel  
200 Main Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

To make reservations call (800) 433-5677 use group code TSHTSHA

Annual Meeting Registration opens December 3, 2012

Have fun and explore the history of Texas!  
[www.TSHAonline.org](http://www.TSHAonline.org)



## A Bulls Tale

By now everyone probably knows who Bill Pickett is, but did you know that the bronze sculpture of Bill Pickett in front of the Cowtown Coliseum was put there by the NFWHS? Yes, it sure was!

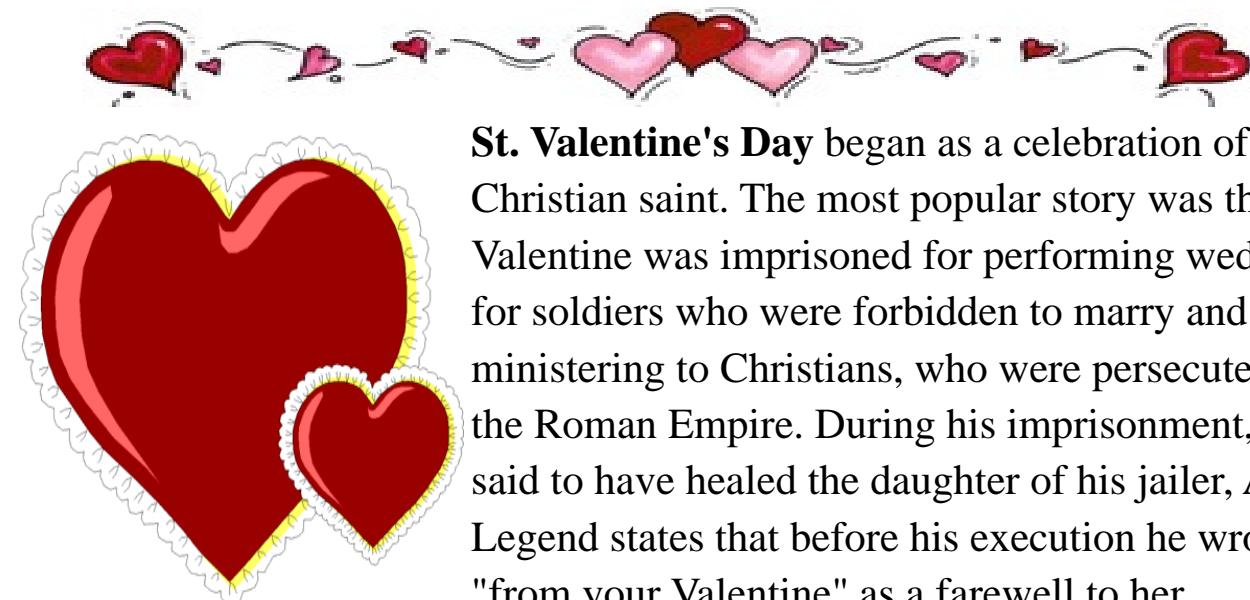
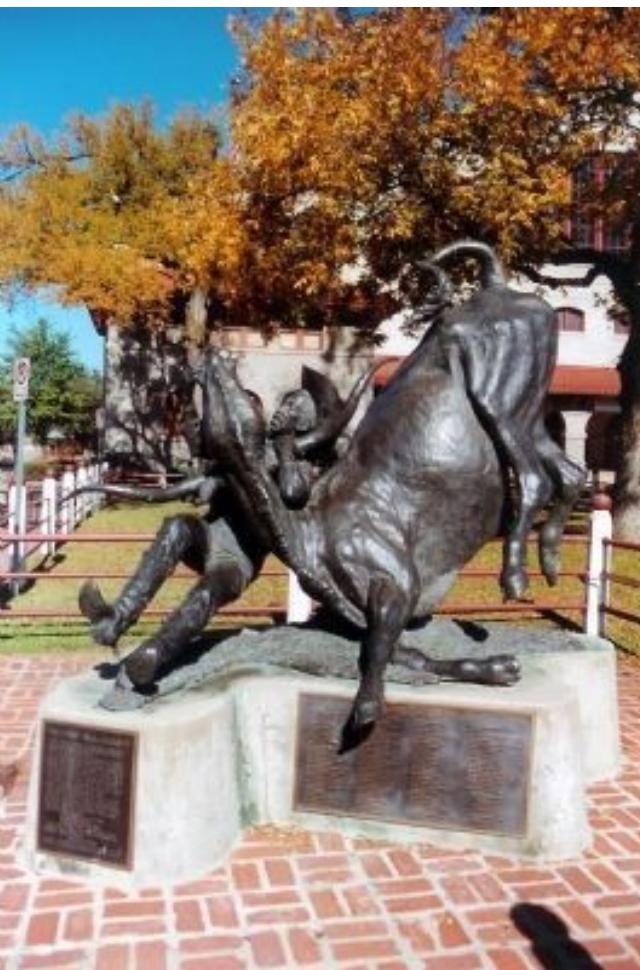
The Society commissioned artist Lisa Perry to create The Bulldogger statue of Pickett, which was completed in 1987. The NFWHS presented it to the City of Fort Worth, and it is now part of Fort Worth's Public Art collection.

Recently, someone broke the tail off Bill Pickett's bull! We speculate that an over zealous rodeo fan decided to climb the statue and take a ride, breaking off the tail.

Hub Baker, Coliseum manager, retrieved the tail, which weighs about 40 pounds, and passed it along to Teresa Burleson at the Stockyards Museum.

At that time, Jennifer Conn, of the Arts Council of Fort Worth, was contacted about repairs. Ms. Conn picked up the heavy tail and the repairs have already been made. The tail has been re-attached and the statue is whole again!

And this is NOT a lot of bull!



**St. Valentine's Day** began as a celebration of an early Christian saint. The most popular story was that Saint Valentine was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. During his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "from your Valentine" as a farewell to her.

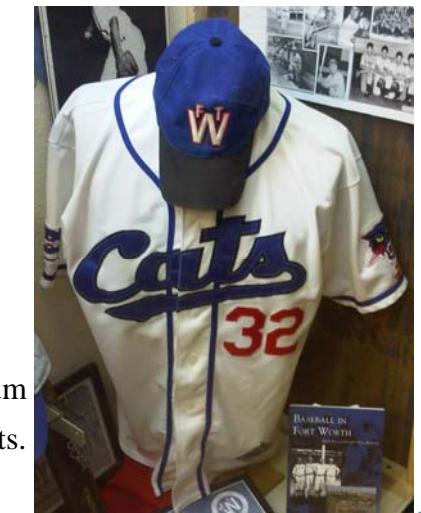
## NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



The Palace Light Bulb exhibit has been re-vamped.

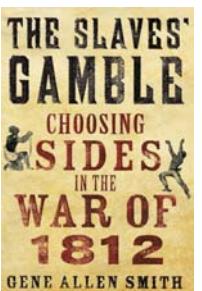
Come see what's new at the Museum!

The Stockyards Museum has a new exhibit on the Fort Worth Cats.



**Keith Olivier**, the singing NFWHS member, has accepted a position as Chaplain in Pecos, Texas at a privately-owned prison. Good luck to you Keith! We will miss you.

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**Gene Smith**, a long-time NFWHS member and past Board member, has released his new book, *The Slaves Gamble— Choosing Sides in the War of 1812*. Smith's long years of research and wide knowledge of this conflict has enabled him to focus on some of the remarkable stories of men and their families. It is available in book stores everywhere and the Stockyards Museum . Congratulations Gene!



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**A big thank you to Dan Lamb!** He has been organizing the many boxes of North Fort Worth News that date back to the 1930's. He is putting them in date order into museum quality archival boxes for preservation.

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**Do you have Irish roots with ties to the Stockyards?** Stockyards Station is looking for stories of people whose families may have came from Ireland to work in the Stockyards and packing plants. If you have an Irish family story to share please call Teresa at 817-625-5082 or email your story to [nfwhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nfwhs@sbcglobal.net).

**REMINDER!**  
**Have you paid your NFWHS Membership?**