

addition to those and the various other men and women associated with frontier forts, hundreds if not thousands more traveling the Butterfield Trail stopped at the stage station adjacent to the fort.

Established Oct. 28, 1852, by Companies A and K of the 8th U.S. Infantry, Fort Chadbourne was the midpoint of a line of U.S. military posts stretching from the Red River to the Rio Grande in pre-Civil War Texas. The fort was named for 2nd Lt. Theodore Lincoln Chadbourne, who had died in the Battle of Resaca de la Palma during the Mexican War.

Though officially closed as a military post in 1867 in favor of the newly established Fort Concho about 45 miles to the southwest, the site and buildings continued to be used by the Army in West Texas through 1873).

Three years after the Army left the site for good, T.L. Odom—Mr. Richards' great-great-grandfather—purchased the half section encompassing the fort near Oak Creek and another half section where the Army cut its timber.

Mr. Odom established the O-D Ranch headquarters at the fort site. That land and the fort have been in the family ever since. The property today is known as the Chadbourne Ranch, and it encompasses

"Back then, Fort Chadbourne didn't mean anything to them other than a place to stay, a roof to keep the rain off their heads and some place to get in out of the sun," Mr. Richards said.

The roofs on all of the fort structures are gone now. During a 1957 West Texas windstorm, the last surviving roof was blown off a barracks building that was being used as a tool and tack shed.

Today, that barracks's roofless sandstone walls, some with prickly pear growing out the top, are braced against collapse as they are being prepared for a stabilization project that should be completed by the end of the year.

FATHER WAS INSPIRATION

Mr. Richards' father, the late Conda Richards, provided both the inspiration and the grubstake for him to revive Fort Chadbourne from gradual decay and to save its legacy from historical oblivion.

"He and I talked at length about preserving the fort," Mr. Richards said. "He was excited and very supportive."

When his father died in 1998, Mr. Richards used all of the money from his inheritance to start the Fort Chadbourne Foundation, a 501 (c)3 nonprofit charitable foundation.

"It has been a learning process from the word go," he said. "I've run budgets on cattle and I've run budgets on wheat and everything else, but as far as me going in and making a seven-year projected budget on a fort and submitting it to the IRS for a 501 (c)3, I was pretty much at a loss."

Mr. Richards majored in agriculture at Angelo State University, but over the last five years, he and his wife have probably earned the equivalent of a Ph.D. in history, grant-writing and nonprofit management in their efforts to preserve the fort and its heritage.

Mrs. Richards said she has supported her husband in the project from the beginning.

"I'm not as knowledgeable a history buff as Garland is, but this is the kind of enterprise where he and I can use our strengths," she said. "I told him if he wanted to go to grant-writing classes, I'd go with him. I'm not the writer he is, but I'm a better speller. What he can't come up with, I usually can."

She has learned that the history can become fascinating.

"You never know what you are going to come up with," she said. "Today I've been

taking pictures where we uncovered some more stones with names carved on them. That is exciting, a real energizer."

The creation of the foundation opened up the possibility of grant monies to support the work that the couple had been funding out of their own pockets. It was more money than Mr. Richards cares to admit, plus "four years of our lives."

To help cover the expenses, they started writing grant proposals. Through support from the Summerlee Foundation, the Dodge-Jones Foundation and the Texas Historical Commission, they have brought in an additional \$414,000.

RESEARCH PROJECT

In addition to the stabilization project, the grants have helped fund a billboard on Highway 277 pointing to the turnoff to the ruins. A historical research project is in progress to identify documents and other primary source materials necessary to write the first history of Fort Chadbourne.

Each fall, the foundation also has a fund-raiser for the preservation efforts. The event includes reenactors, programs on the fort, and skits reflecting stories and vignettes from the fort's past. Last year, for instance, Mr. Richards included in the program a newly discovered letter from the post surgeon to the War Department stating in the most formal language that he was unable to give his monthly meteorological report in full because the Comanches had stolen his rain gauge. This year's fund-raiser is scheduled for Sept. 22.

"We've looked every way we could look trying to figure out a way for Fort Chadbourne to pay for itself," Mr. Richards said. "We've pretty much determined that Fort Chadbourne will never pay for itself or make an income. As far as the dollars Lana and I have invested in the fort, I don't think that anybody will ever recover those dollars. This is just something I wanted to do, and I convinced her that we needed to do it."

If the site can be preserved and developed, Mr. Richards said he believes it can bring in significant revenue to the area. He said studies indicate that visitors to historic sites spend an average of \$94 a day in the area.

"If we are capable of bringing in 80,000 visitors a year, which the numbers indicate to us we are capable of doing," Mr. Richards said, "theoretically, that could put another \$7.5 million into the economy of San Angelo, Abilene, Ballinger, Bronte and Winters."

Even if the economics of the fort never reach that level, Mr. Richards said he's glad he made the effort to save Fort Chadbourne.

"It has been a lot of work, but it's been a lot of fun. I've met some neat people along the way and they are what keeps us going," he said.

For example, an article on the Texas Forts Trail in the November issue of Texas Highways ran a photograph of a carved inscription in the barracks wall: Albert Haneman, Oct. 19, 1858, Co. B 2 Cav.

Two days after the magazine appeared on newsstands, Mr. Richards received a call from John and Laura Haneman of Austin, indicating that Albert Haneman was his great-grandfather. Barely weeks after the photo appeared, Haneman family members from Austin and El Paso met at Fort Chadbourne for a family reunion and the chance to see in person the graffiti of their ancestor.

"I've got a cool job," Mr. Richards said. "It doesn't pay well, but things like that are what makes what we are doing worthwhile."

HONORING LARRY HOLMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Holman on the occasion of his retirement later this summer. Mr. Holman has served 30 years as the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Superintendent for Education of the Eastern Navajo Agency. Since beginning his BIA career in 1966 as a Wingate Elementary school teacher, he has dedicated his life to bringing equal opportunity education to the Navajo youth of New Mexico.

Mr. Holman has seen many changes during his term. In the late sixties, families would bring their children to school in horse-drawn wagons. In the seventies, there was a lot of pressure to only emphasize English instruction. One of his many distinguished accomplishments was instituting a new Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel system. Through his efforts, BIA teachers' salaries were raised to equal the Department of Defense teacher's rate. This led to a superior teaching staff, and it has increased the quality of education for students.

Such dedication to our teachers and our students, the future of our world, is one of the greatest gifts that a person can give. Mr. Holman has touched many lives and affected a strong beginning for a successful education for many New Mexicans.

Today we recognize Larry Holman's distinguished career and his remarkable service to the youth of the Navajo nation. Mr. Speaker, I believe that I speak for every citizen in the State of New Mexico when I extend our congratulations and best wishes for a retirement filled with happiness.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE POLICE OFFICER LOIS MARRERO

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I joined thousands of Floridians in saying goodbye to one of Tampa's finest, Police Officer Lois Marrero, who was struck down when a bank robber opened fire on four pursuing officers. Marrero was Tampa's first female police officer killed in the line of duty, but she will be remembered in Florida for so much more.

A devoted officer, Marrero never let her diminutive stature slow her down. Today, her friends and colleagues recalled her feisty spirit, her dedication to the job and as one officer described it, her "heart that was twice as big as her physical size."

Marrero, who was just 15 months shy of retirement, impressed her superiors throughout her career for her energy and professionalism. She was praised for her crime fighting efforts in Ybor City's neighborhoods, and as head of the Tampa Police Department's community affairs bureau and gang suppression units,