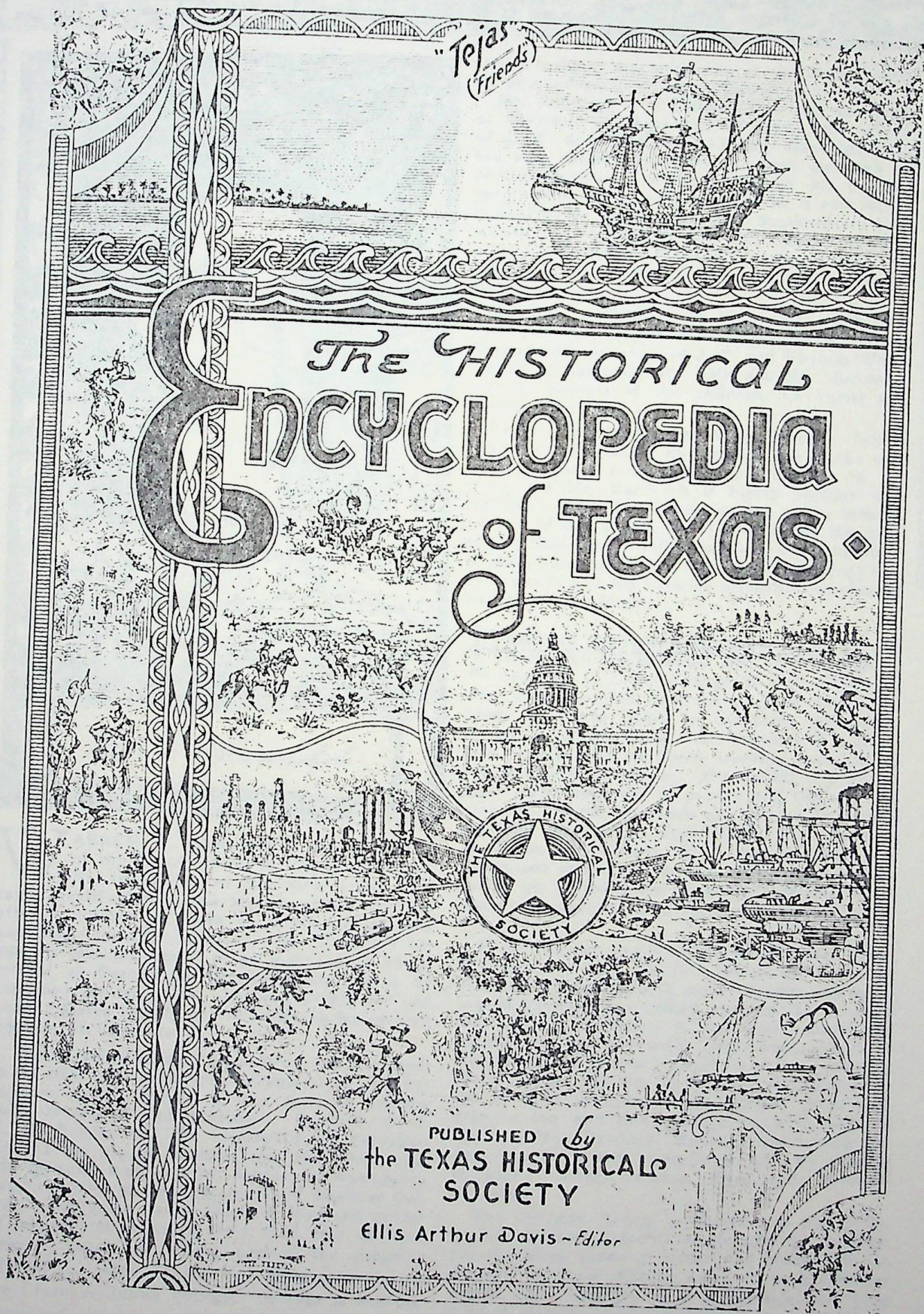
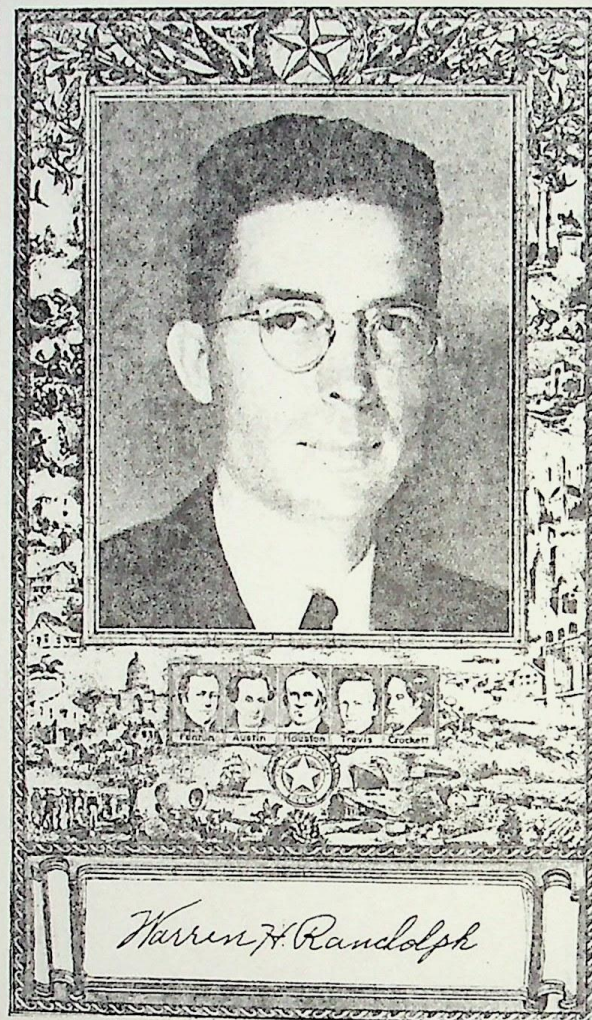


Cassiday, Francis





WARREN H. RANDOLPH, superintendent of the school system in Cherokee District No. twenty-two of San Saba County, became identified with this historic school in 1933 after a number of years of successful teaching experience in other localities. Mr. Randolph began his teaching career at an independent school located at Tuscala in Taylor County where he remained for ten years. He then taught for one year in Garza County before assuming his present position at Cherokee.

The Cherokee school system is one of the finest in the state for a community its size, being the first common school district in the state to become fully accredited and affiliated. In 1895, Prof. F. M. Behrns and the community of Cherokee erected the present building and the school was run for some time by Prof. Behrns and was known as the Southwest Texas Normal and Business College. For some years Cherokee was the center of educational activities for a wide area of West Texas. Later the school became the property of the Methodist Church and became known as the Cherokee Junior College. In 1921 it was discontinued and the physical properties were taken over by the public school system with the result

that Cherokee has today one of the finest plants of any independent school district in Texas.

Mr. Randolph is a native Texan and was born at Cherokee on the eighth of May, 1901, a son of J. W. and Mary Ann (Miller) Randolph, who are also natives of Texas and both members of pioneer families. After completing his preliminary studies in the schools where he is now superintendent, Mr. Randolph entered Southwestern University at Georgetown and also studied at Simmons University and Abilene Christian College, receiving his B. A. degree from the last named institution.

On the twenty-first of November, 1923, Mr. Randolph was married to Miss Susie Lanier, native Texan and a daughter of J. C. and Victoria White Lanier of Garza County. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph are the parents of two children, La Verne and Peggy Randolph.

Under his supervision the Cherokee School System is fast taking its place as one of the best organized and conducted school systems in the state and Mr. Randolph is highly popular with members of the board and patrons of the schools. He is a Mason, a member of Blue Lodge No. 1226 at San Saba and in religious life is a communicant of the Church of Christ. Mr. Randolph enjoys outdoor sports and his favorite recreation consists of hunting and fishing.

FRANCIS MARION CASSIDAY, successful and widely known livestock man, and a life-long resident of Llano County, is the owner of a large ranch located near the town of Llano and where for many years he has been engaged in raising cattle and sheep. Mr. Cassiday is a Hereford breeder and his sheep comprise both Delove and Ramboulette breeds. His annual clip aggregates many hundreds of pounds and the well fed beef cattle from his ranch are shipped to various livestock markets at Fort Worth, San Antonio, St. Louis and Kansas City. Mr. Cassiday is a recognized expert in matters of feeding and preparing his livestock for market and shipments are made only when the beef cattle are in prime condition.

F. M. Cassiday was born in Llano County, Texas, February 10, 1881, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cassiday, Sr., both native Texans and members of pioneer Llano County families. Mr. Cassiday obtained his education in the local schools and on the fifth of February, 1901, was married to Miss Angie Lee Stewart, daughter of D. L. Stewart, native Texan and for many years identified with the livestock interests of this section. Four children, a son and three daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cassiday, Herman, who is now engaged in the cattle business on his own account in Llano County, Emma, Faye and Hazeldell Cassiday.

The Cassiday Ranch, a modern and highly improved property, affords ample grazing facilities for the large herds of cattle and sheep with an average of about fifteen acres to each head of cattle. Mr. Cassiday is a progressive and civic minded citizen, keenly interested in every phase of the livestock industry and a member of the Southwest Cattlemen's Association.