

Historic  
Musings  
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I am uneasily looking through the prison bars of St. Josephs' that more effectually than iron, confines rebellious spirits. I note its artistic lawn carpeted with grass & studded with shrubbery. Its curving asphalt driveways over which roll luxurious cars, and its winding walks of concrete. Far as the eye can reach the face of the earth has been transformed by the hand of man.

Roofs that cover the abodes of men spread out as though a solid mass and the distance is crowned by a towering sky-line of modern condtruction, reaching upward for light & air.

And this one view of the city. - - - I strain my eyes up Main St. to catch a view of the bluff on the South Side of the Trinity, one & 1/2 miles north, and chastise memory to bring back a vision of the desolate, abandoned site of the military post of Fort Worth as it appeared in Dec. 1861.

Never very important as marked by military operations, the barracks & other structures had been built of pickets.

The government in pursuance of a policy to open up a line of trave(//) to the Pacific coast & selected the sites of Fort Chadborne & Phantom Hill as protective posts. and orders were issued for abandonment of Ft. Worth. For the last timeas the suns(//) and gun of Ft. Worth boomed the flag slowly floated down to the solemn music of The Star Spangled Banner, to be folded & reverently laid away. And silence & decay were authorized.

The historic Butterworth stage line from St. Louis to San Francisco was inaugurated in 1858(//) and Ft. Worth became a station on the line.

The operation of this line ceased with opening of the Civil War in 1861.

But another Transcontinental line - The Texas & Pacific - put Ft. Worth on the map - was it in 1875?

The spot was destined for a city.

Bu t looking through my window my spirit longs for the open spaces of the long ago. And musing I wonder are there happy Hunting Grounds in the "Great Beyond"

Jany 1929                    J. F. Evans

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