

The Historical Muddy Creek Ranch

Located in Haskell County Texas in the heart of the Rolling Plains, Muddy Creek Ranch is a property steeped in history. Lying alongside Captain Randolph Marcy's Trail, 1849-1858, and near the McKenzie Trail, a key supply route for the 4th U.S. Cavalry, the land of Muddy Creek Ranch was home to pioneers and a favorite American Indian hunting ground. An original patent deed, granted Feb. 3, 1876, from Governor Richard Coke and the State of Texas to Texas and Pacific Railway includes land alongside Muddy Creek Ranch for the purpose of expansion of the railroad. By the 1870's cattle replaced herds of buffalo, and ranching became the cornerstone of the economy.

The ranch has been tended by five generations of the same family beginning with Thomas Ballard Roberson, and has benefited from careful management and stewardship of resources. Muddy Creek is at home in the California Creek watershed, a tributary to the Brazos Clear Fork, and meanders throughout the property, as do several seasonal creeks that also feed into California Creek.

In the words of Haskell County historian R.E. Sherrill, "There was something about this country fresh from the hand of the Creator....a kind of drawing power that was irresistible." Today, as a modern agricultural region, Haskell County continues to capture the heart of its people.

