

Hutto's Historical Records

Keep Changing

by Harvey Olander

Land transactions dated November 15, 1837, which I recently found, make a significant change in what I believe was Hutto's beginning. The Republic of Texas authorized the Secretary of War, Bernard E. Bee, to reissue Patent #250, thereby transferring ownership of 800 acres of land from Wm. J. Brown to Morgan C. Hamilton, a relative. Morgan C. Hamilton sold 400 acres of land on February 1, 1856 for \$1200 cash to John H. Orgain.

My interpretation of the description of the property purchased by Orgain follows: Starting at Brushy Creek, his east property line followed FM 1660 S to the railroad, crossed the railroad and went north on Park Street to somewhere in the vicinity of East Live Oak St. It went west to FM 1660 N. FM 1660 N became Orgain's west property line south to and across the railroad tracks, to Jim Cage Lane, and continued on to Brushy Creek. Orgain's west property line was also J.E. Hutto's east property line. My 80 year old brain does not understand why the north property lines of Orgain and J. H. Hutto do not coincide on the maps. I leave that to some whippersnapper to figure out.

J. H. Orgain made numerous land record changes within the family; one being a sale of five acres of land to Adam Orgain. John H. Orgain also donated two acres of land for right of way for I & G. N. Rail-

road and one acres of land for a school. The Hutto Middle School now resides on that acre. These were noted as deductions when J. H. Orgain and family sold acreage to J. T. Magee. It appears that the Magee subdivision transaction is bounded by Park Street, east Live Oak Street and FM 1660 and includes many acres of land on the south side of the railroad. Hutto was a two-part development. J. E. Hutto sold land for the West side and J. H. Orgain sold the land for the East side.

These findings bring to mind the story titled "Ex Slave Builds First Cabin in Hutto." This was printed in the Hutto Brief school paper in February 1998. In the story Adam Orgain was a freed slave that used the Orgain family name, or were all the Orgains freed slaves? All four Orgain relatives whole names appeared on transfer deeds signed their own names. Only Adam

Orgain, who owned the five acres, signed his deed with an "X." It is probable that as a slave he took his master's name.

This trail of records was found in the abstract book that lists all transactions from the time of the Republic of Texas up to the purchase by my grandfather, P. A. Olander, of 202 Taylor Street, dated December 16, 1916. The record is found in Book 378, page 574. Recorded April 22, 1952.

Wm. J. Brown to Morgan C. Hamilton, Nov 11, 1911, Book 146, page 425

Morgan C. Hamilton to John H. Orgain, Vol. 6, page 558, Williamson Co. Deed Records

J. H. Orgain & Kate to J. T. Magee, April 5, 1894, Volume 67, Page 297

This article contradicts parts of my first story about the Orgains published in the Hutto Herald on October 12, 2000.



Photo taken in 1921 at Taylor Street Home, McGees addition; P.A. Olander, Wife Christine, Jenny Gustafson, husband Fred - the grandparents of Harvey Olander