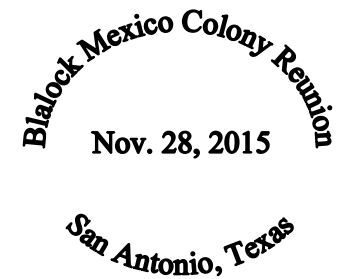
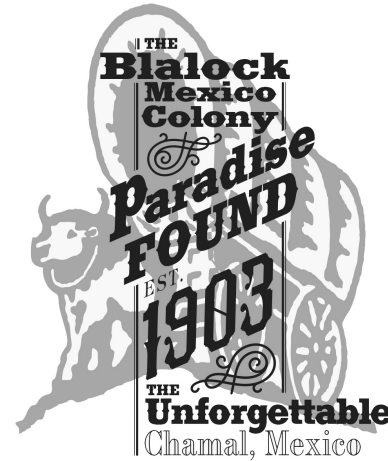


2015 BMC Reunion Agenda

- 10:30 AM Registration, Silent Auction opens
- 11:00 AM History Center & Copying/Scanning Station open
- 11:45 AM Welcome, announcements & prayer
- 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:15 PM Mariachi entertainment
- 1:45 PM Remembrance of those who have passed away, recognition of individual families, oldest person and person traveling the farthest

Blalock Hall of Fame presentation by Bill Ward
- 2:15 PM Family Group Photos under the Chamal banner
- 3:00 PM Live Auction begins, Silent Auction closes
- 3:30 PM Auction winners announced and payment & pickup of auction items begins
- 4:30 PM Business meeting
- 5:00-6:00 PM Dinner & open microphone
- 6:30-7:00 PM Closing & cleanup; Please help us by picking up any trash; Make sure you have all your items

All children must be supervised by an adult during the reunion.

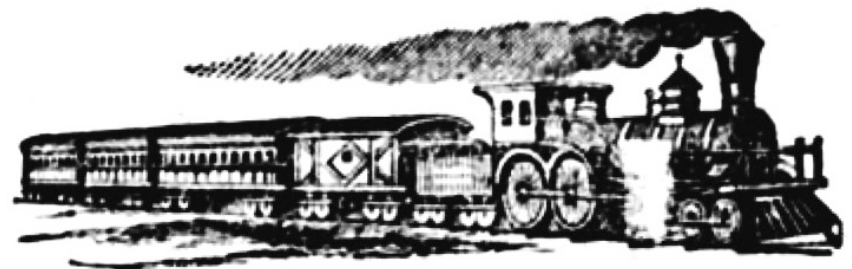


In 1902, the Blalock Mexico Colony Association formed a stock corporation, sold stock to individuals and then purchased 176,515 acres in Tamaulipas, Mexico, called Hacienda del Chamal. Many of the original investors came from Greer County, Oklahoma Territory. More than 100 American families moved to Chamal with most of their worldly goods to live as colonists in Mexico.

The 2015 Blalock Mexico Colony Reunion will honor and share information on these founding **Hall of Fame** families that made major contributions to the creation and leadership of the Blalock Mexico Colony.

Blalock	Derr	Frasier	Gorham	Ingram
Medlin	Musgrove	Ricks	Shafer	Snell
	Sweet	Taylor	Young	

The first families traveled by train from Oklahoma Territory to Escondon, Tamaulipas, Mexico. The image below was taken from an advertisement in the February 6, 1902, edition of the Mangum Star.



The Hall of Fame families sent many letters from Chamal to family and friends back in Oklahoma. Some of these letters were published in the newspapers in the states and described life in the colony. One example, excerpted below, is a letter written by Geo. E. Blalock and published in the Mangum Sun-Monitor on July 9, 1903, entitled "Fourth In Chamal." The colonists wished to share unusual aspects of their lives in Chamal. This is evident in the article "Want a Parrot?" published in the Altus Times of April 4, 1907. The colony members loved Chamal and wanted to make sure that potential investors knew of its unique characteristics. In the article "COLONISTS MUST COME," colony leaders are insisting that other shareholders make their way to Chamal.

FOURTH IN CHAMAL

Pursuant to a call a large body of the Blalock Mexico colony met June 30th, at the court house in Chamal City to devise ways and means by which the 4th of July could be celebrated in a befitting style. Geo. E. Blalock was elected chairman, J. L. Sweet, secretary. C. C. Rogers offered the following resolution: "That we do celebrate the glorious 4th." It brought out quite a lengthy discussion "Contrary Joe," with Chairman Blalock to scotch for him, argued that Chamal, the Blalock Mexico colony and the people composing it, was now a part and parcel of Mexico and the 5th of May was the only independence day we should know. This brought down a storm of opposition in speeches by Messrs. Rogers, Parmer, Grandpa Taylor and others, during it was suggested the chairman and secretary be removed and others elected. On their promising to be good this was, however, not carried out and the resolution passed.

On motion by S. H. Olds four committees were appointed as follows: On entertainment—George Ingram, Robt. Derr, Mesdames Ingram, Overton, Miller and Misses Gorham and Cameron. On barbecue, John B. Overton. Much discussion was indulged in over this selection, during which each candidate's friends endeavored to

show that his man was the chief among barbecuers. Finally it was proven that our own John had barbecued several thousand beeves in Greer county, and when Greer county was mentioned such a cheer was raised as to entirely put into obscurity all other candidates. Next came the selection of a committee to procure bread. Mesdames Joe Sweet and J. T. Young were appointed and instructed to at once notify the local bakery of the amount needed and if said bakery could not supply it to order by wire from Tampico to be delivered Friday a. m. Committee on grounds was named as follows: J. E. Jackson, Frank Martin, Louis Sweet and Earnest Bledsoe. Daddy Castillo was appointed marshal of the day. From Monday, June 30th, to July 3rd, such commotion was never seen or heard of in Chamal—the natives were simply bewildered. Saturday morning, long before the ordinary citizen in the states would think of getting out of bed, people began to arrive by wagon loads, hack loads and burro loads. A few were seen coming on foot.

A beautiful palm grove had been selected and the selection showed what wisdom had been exercised by the chair in appointing this committee. The grove is the property of Geo. T. Ingram, of Chamal City, and this with the broad veranda running around three sides of his large two-story mansion provided plenty of shade for the immense crowd.

Want a Parrot?

Bob Derr, a member of the Blalock Mexican colony, arrived Sunday from Chamal, bringing with him two dozen fine Mexican parrots which he is disposing of to Oklahomans who desire this sort of a pet. Some of them are really fine birds, with gorgeous plumage. Bob exhibited one on the street First Monday, which attracted much attention. Mr. Derr says the Mexican colony is getting along nicely, and that the members are well satisfied.

COLONISTS MUST COME

... Let us exhort you to not sacrifice your interest in Chamal, for it is the best investment you ever made. We are advertised in all parts of the United States, as evidenced by our mails, for we get letters continually from parties all over the country, enquiring how to become a member of the Blalock Mexico Colony.

Yours Fraternally,
 GEO. E. BLALOCK, } Pres.
 G. T. INGRAM, } V. Pres.
 J. L. SWEET, } Secretary.
 Y. W. GARRETT } Treasurer.

C. C. ROGERS, }
 W. R. DERR, } Board
 W. W. SNELL, } of
 G. B. PARMER, } Directors
 W. O. BYERS, }
 M. L. CHILDRESS. }

The Blalock Mexico Colony Project is a collaborative effort by Rick and Liz Newcomb and Bill and Carol Ward, to construct a detailed history of the Blalock Mexico Colony (BMC). Visit www.blalockmexicocolony.org/.

The Blalock Mexico Colony Project goals are to:

1. Reconstruct the epic saga of the Blalock Mexico Colony's formation, emigration, colonization & resettlement.
2. Pull together previously disconnected information found in archives, museums, historical societies, & private collections.
3. Document this extraordinary colonization undertaking by digitally archiving, for future generations, the information that tells this incredible story.
4. Make the story available