

1856 – The last buffalo killed at Grapevine Springs on the North end of Grapevine Prairie

a hand-sifting bolt which set off to one side and was turned with a crank like a grindstone. In 1855, Silas Christal built an ox mill on Denton Creek. He ground corn only.

The first church established here was by John A. Freeman in 1854, or rather it was the church which was organized on Holford's Prairie in 1845 moved here and named Lonesome Dove. It is an organization today. The first schoolhouse built in this settlement was a log house built on Marshall's Creek at the crossing of the Alton and Birdsville Road. Professor Comstock was the teacher. A primitive Baptist church was organized in this schoolhouse and had as pastors Revs. Fisher, John Clark, and Joe Loving.

The buffalo drifted west as the people moved in. The last buffalo killed here was in 1856 by Hall Medlin, at Grapevine Springs, on the north end of Grapevine Prairie. It was a large bull buffalo. Mr. Medlin had secreted himself in a bunch of sage grass. As the animal approached, Mr. Medlin gave it a death wound, which so infuriated the buffalo that when it discovered him, it rushed upon him, tossed him over its back with its horns, then dropped dead. It had disemboweled Mr. Medlin and so wounded him that he could not get away, and he laid there overnight before he was found and cared for.

There were different bands of wild Indians roaming over this section of the county. Sometimes they were friendly and sometimes hostile. On one occasion an Indian claimed a horse that a settler owned and about seventy-five Indians presented themselves at Mr. Medlin's house and demanded the horse and a fight was finally averted by arbitration.

The borders of this settlement were enlarged and two thriving towns are in its borders, Roanoke and Justin. Quite a number of the old pioneers and their descendants are here yet. We call the roll:

Louis Medlin, George W. Medlin, Robert Medlin, Wilson Medlin, Jack Medlin, James Medlin, John T. Medlin, Charles Medlin, Will O. Medlin, J. W. Medlin, C. C. Medlin, Hall Medlin, A. J. Allen, R. W. Allen, Taylor Stewart, Jesse Stewart, Nancy Robin-