

# Help Us Make History

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Every now and then someone new to Coppell will ask me something about our town's history. If the question is about Sam Houston's visit in 1843) or about the city's first mayor in the early 1960s, I can often answer it off the top of my head. But lately the questions have been about something from the 1980s or 1990s. Whoa! That's no history to me. That's barely yesterday!

The point is, sometimes we get so busy collecting historic photos and making oral histories, we forget that history is being made every day and needs to be recorded. After all it was some local citizen's casual snapshot from 1950 that so intrigues us today, and it will our smartphone snapshot that may intrigue members of our Historical Society in 2050. I have resolved to go out and take photos of every major intersection in Coppell at least once a year.

That's just one example of the kind of project that our Society has taken on in the last few years. There have been many, and we're starting to bust with pride from our successes. Preserving our oldest house. Filling it with antiques. Conducting tours. Creating our own historical markers. Identifying our oldest trees. Identifying our town's namesake. Influencing our city to preserve our past. Organizing our historic records. Honoring our pioneer families.

Our Historical Society is a doing group. You're invited to join us. After all, what we do today will be history tomorrow.