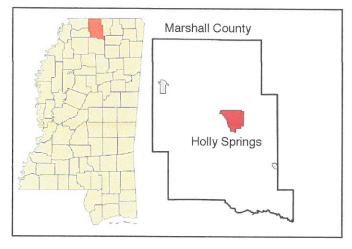
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When Euclid T. Fant's drugstore went bankrupt in 1898, he became an insurance agent and landed a lucrative commission in 1902 from the sale of a \$50,000 life insurance policy. This allowed Fant to purchase the house and lot at 510 N. Chruch Street that same year. He eventually went to work for J. Perry Burrus and was later appointed manager of a Burrus mill in Fort Worth in 1910.

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Holly Springs, Mississippi was the home town of several prominent McKinney families including names like Fant, Erwin, Anderson and Mattison. However, the most famous family to immigrate to McKinney from this town was the Abernathy family. Many Abernathys were lawyers and judges with significant land holdings in town and around the county. Holly Springs is in Marshal County, on the northern boarder of the state. In 1893, the town's population totaled about 2,200.

ABIG INSURANCE POLICY

E. T. Fant Writes One For \$50,-

ON LIFE J. PERRY BURRUS

Selected After Two Months Consideration And in Competition With Leading Companies.

The following acknowledgement has been received by E. T. Fant, a prominent life insurance agent, from J. Perry Burrus. It is a strong endorsement of Mr. Fant's policy and comes from one of the most successful young business men of Texas:

New Century Milling Co.,

Collin Co. Mill & Elevator Co., McKinney, Texas.

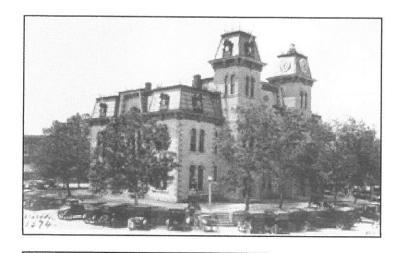
Sun Milling Company, Ltd.. Shreveport, La.

J. PERRY BURRUS, Gen'l Mg'r.

MR. E. T. FANT, City.

Dear Sir:-I take pleasure in handing you my check for the \$50,000 policy which I find just as represented in every particular. In accepting your policy, I beheve I have the best that money can buy and it was taken only after a careful investigation, covering a period of two months, and in competition with the leading companies of the world. I find the terms and conditions of your policy couched in language that is simple yet plain, easily understood by your company as well as the purchaser, and free from technical stipulations that are misleading to the unwary. Wishing you and your company! the success that you merit,

> I am, yours truly, J. PERRY BURRUS.





A WIDOW'S MIGHT

State Press In Dallas Morning News Writes of Mes. T. J. Taylor of McKinney.

The following item appeared in the Dalias Morning News, Saturday February 8, regarding Mrs. T. J. Taylor of McKinney who is a candidate for the office of District clerk of Collin county;

A Widow's Might.

In Collin county is a widow with three children. This is not unusual, but this particular widow is certainly out of the ordinary. She taught a summer school last July and August, and when the school closed she went to the cotton patch with her three children, and, together, they picked cotton until cold weather, earning \$225. She was a school teacher before she married, therefore is not a novice at teaching; and also she is unmistakably a woman of education. But her education did not forbid her to go to the cotton fields and do honorable manual work along with her children for fair compensation. She was not too self-conscious or class-conscious to make her ashamed of earning her living and supporting her little ones by turning her hands and their hands to labor in the fields—the open fields permented with God's own sunshing and toned with God's own breath in the Gulf breeze and the rain clouds. And now this lady is an announced candidate for a county office, an office her late husband once held and which her friends say is qualified to fill. State Press desen't know her, nor any one related to her. He doesn't know who else, if any one, is running for the office in question-but in any event State Press is for the lady who taught school in the summer and picked cotton in the fall. Lord bless all capable women, and make the incapable men get a move on themselves."-State Press in Dallas Morning News, Feb. 9, 1918,

In 1918, Alice Taylor was the first woman to be elected to a Collin County office. She held the position for four two-year terms before losing re-election in 1926. She worked in the Second Empire Style courthouse built in 1876 (see top left photo). A year after her failed re-election, the court house was remodeled into the Neo-Classical Style structure that now exists on the Square. The newspaper articles from the Courier-Gazette provide insight into Alice Taylor's challenges and character.

To the Voters of Collin County

On account of the press of official duties. I have been unable to personally see and solicit the support of many voters. Two terms of district court since the campaign opened, have kept me closely in the office where my first duty calls me, therefore leaving my interests as a caididate for re-election largely in the hands of my friends. Some absurd campaign statements have been circulated on me, especially one to the effect that I had inherited a fortune from my father's estate and that therefore I am independent and do not need the salary of the District Clerk's or any other office. My mother has been dead thirteen years. My father died nearly two years ago, leaving a farm of 149 acres on which he owned \$1000.00 at the time of his death. His surviving wife (my sten mother) holds a one-half downy in it for life, hence leaving only one-half of the estate after debis are paid to be divided between six of us children. Further comment is unnecessary as to the absurdity and falsety of the campaign charge against me of financial independence. I am dependent on my salary for the support of myself and three children and for their education. Still, I would not solicit your vote and influence on the ground of sympaths alone for a widow woman, I ask your support on my proven merits to fill the position efficiently and satisfactorily. I can and do perform the duties of District clerk anywhere—both in the office and in the court room. I am making this campaign only on my own merits and not on the demerits of others. If you re-elect me, I promise redoubled efforts to serve you efficiently and satisfactorily and to so fill the office that you for every word of kindly expression in my behalf. I am yours faithfully,

MRS. ALICE TAYLOR

McKinney, Tex., July 12, 1922.

Corsicana Daily Sun WOMEN WILL VOTE IN ALLEGE MAYS Investigating
Bottled "Fiekle"
To Find Tickle
NO AGREEMENT IS TRICKY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION Rough Spot on Ball Is Given as Cause of Ray Chapman's Death Size 15. Peagent pro-size investigating what years a visit in the years and the last to ling Controversy Struggle Which Began In This Country Before Colonies Declared Independence Ended Today. APPEALED TO NOT READY FOR SENATOR LODGE

Mrs. Alice Taylor, District Clerk, Arranged Flowers In Welcome Of Mrs. Curtis.

Mrs. Alice Taylor, the efficient and obliging district clerk of Collin county, very thoughtfully saw that the judge's desk in the district court room was brightened up with some pretty fragrant flowers and bouquets in readiness for the speaking by Mrs. Nannie Webb Curtis Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Taylor, also, with other local ladies, escorted the distinguished speaker from the hotel to the court house and after the speaker concluded Mrs. Taylor accompanied her to the interurban station to catch the car on her return to Dallas. After the speaker's rostrum had tidied up by the deft hand of Taylor and the flowers arranged, the reporter heard several men in the audience say, "That is why I wanted to see a woman office holder in the court house." Everything is always more neat, refined, modest and home like when fair womanhood is around and has a hand in administering public as well as home affairs.

Tennessee was the last state to ratify the 19th Amendment. Different communities in Texas responded to this event differently. The McKinney Courier-Gazette took a more ho-hum approach. While other papers were headlining the story, the McKinney paper merely posted an incidental story below the fold. Apparently, McKinney was more sympathetic to womens suffrage than other areas. The article at left appearing in the Courier-Gazette in 1919 suggests such an attitude.

INDEPENDENCE

STRAYED OR STOLEN

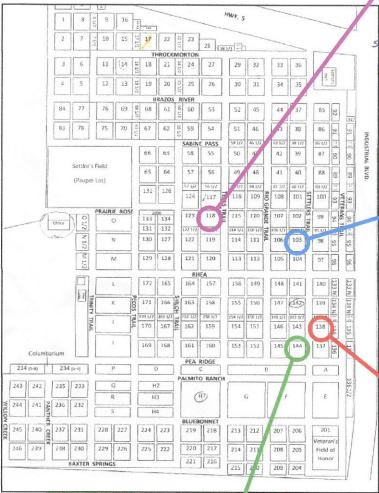
STRAYED-Jersey milch cow lot at my home, 514 North Church, Reward for information leading to recovery. MRS. ALICE TAYLOR, Phone 231 or 898.

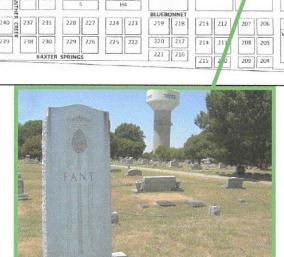
JERSEY COW-Broke into my pasture. Owner can get same by paying for ad. L. L. DAVIS (Lewisville), Mc-Kinney.

Apparently Alice Taylor kept a milk cow in her backyard at 510 Church Street One day the cow went missing. That same day about a half-mile away Lonnie L. Davis, a resident of east McKinney living on Throckmorton Street (in the Lewisville section of town) found it. Davis and Taylor placed these classified ads in the Aug. 11, 1922 edition of the Courier-Gazette. (The address in the ad refers to a previous designation).

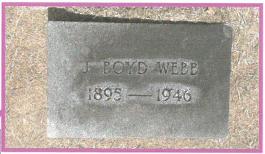
Pecan Grove Cemetery

This map of Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney shows the final resting place of some people connected with 510 North Church Street.

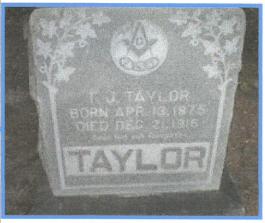




Euclid T. Fant, 1872-1937



J. Boyd Webb, 1895-1946



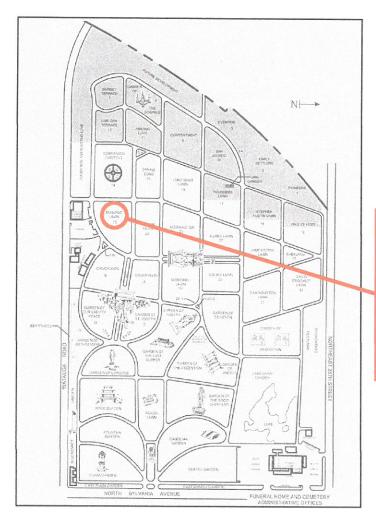
Thomas J. Taylor, 1875-1916

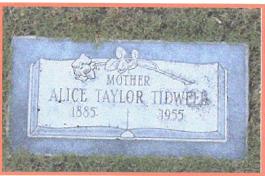


Andrew J. Martin, 1872-1930

Mount Olivet Cemetery

Alice Taylor is buried at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth in the Masonic Lawn block.





Alice (Barry) Taylor, 1885-1955