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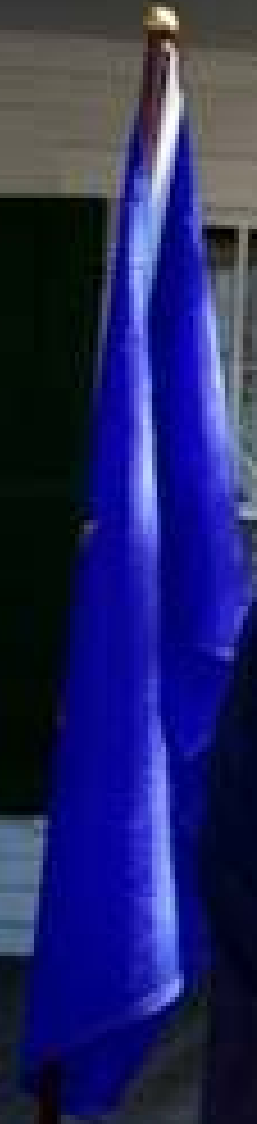
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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO BEGIN THE INTRODUCTION OF FIVE HUNDRED UNITED STATES IN 1820. SOME OF THE TRAILERS WERE LOCATED AT THE WEST FORK OF THE SAN JACINTO RIVER AND LAKE CREEK IN TODAY'S WOODCOUNTY COUNTY. THE TRAILERS WERE THE EARLIEST KNOWN AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS IN TEXAS.

DR. THOMAS SHERRILL, A COLONIST FROM NORTH CAROLINA, WAS THE FIRST TO SETTLE IN THE MOUNTAIN REGION OF TEXAS. SHERRILL OPENED A STORE ON THE TRAIL IN THE AREA. HE ALSO OPENED A COWBOY CAMP AND WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE TRAIL. SHERRILL WAS THE FIRST OF AMERICANS AT THE SITE OF HIS HOME.

SETTLERS TO LAKE CREEK AND AVAILABLE FRESH WATER AND FISHING FOR WILD FISH AND WOODS. NEARBY POPULAR TRAIL ROUTES ADDED IN THE 1820S, SERVING AS A TRADE STOP OR TRADING PLACE FOR THE CREEK SETTLEMENTS. IN THE 1840S, THE TRAIL WAS USED BY THE TEXAS REVOLUTIONARY ARMY, WHO SURVIVED ONE OF THE BARRACKS DURING THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO.

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LONG BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF SETTLERS, COCHISES INDIANS TRAVELED THROUGH THE LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT AREA. IN 1845, COLONIAL FARMERS WHO TRAVELED FROM TEXAS TO THE LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT IN THE 1840S AND 1850S FOUND THE AREA TO BE A GOOD PLACE TO SETTLE.

ON JUNE 4, 1855, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, AUTHORIZED THE STATE TO BEGIN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILROAD FROM THE GULF COAST TO THE LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT. THE RAILROAD WAS COMPLETED IN 1860 AND THE LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT BECAME A MAJOR RAILROAD STATION.

IN 1871, WILLIAM W. "THE W" BRIDGES, A CALIFORNIA, PURCHASED A TRACT OF LAND IN THE LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT. BRIDGES DEVELOPED THE TRACT INTO A RANCH AND THE RANCH BECAME THE HOME OF BRIDGES AT LAKE CREEK.

THE AREA'S PROXIMITY TO LAKE CREEK ATTRACTED SETTLERS AND PROVIDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL, MORE POPULAR, AND COMMERCIAL MARKET. BRIDGES AT LAKE CREEK SETTLEMENT BECAME A MAJOR RAILROAD STATION AND PROVIDED FOR THE SETTLEMENT'S GROWTH.

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