

THEON, TEXAS
Williamson County

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The village of Theon is in a thriving agricultural community with unique ethnical characteristics. This settlement of immigrant people came from Germany, Austria, Moravia, Bohemia and Silesia in the 1880s and 1890s. They have chosen to retain their cultural identity through their churches, schools and social activities.

I do not know of a recorded plat or map nor of a township of a corporate city government for Theon. Since it did have an established Post Office for a few years - from 1890 to 1906 - listed under various names and Post Masters, it is included on county and state maps. Theon is listed in the 1979 Texas Almanac as having a population of 20, which number is possibly out of date at this time. No businesses are recorded in this data, however the Cotton Gin has been in continuous operation for many years at Cotton harvesting time and the Possum Creek Inn has reopened in recent years.

Most of the information used in this history was taken from Land Of Good Water, A WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS HISTORY by Clara Stearns Scarbrough and from interviews with present residents of the Theon area. Mrs. Scarbrough's work was well researched and authentically documented. She is widely recognized as a journalist and historian.

There may be a weakness in tracing the ownership of the land and the following paragraphs are my effort to put it in cronological order.

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The land is in two Surveys(according to Mrs.wood).

- 1. Ben D. Jones Survey was patented October 19,1853, and filed in Williamson County Deed Records Volume 27,page 366 on March 31, 1882.
- 2. Eli W. Lawler Survey was patented August 14, 1861 and filed in Volume 152, page 54 of Williamson County Deed Records.

The village of Theon lies on both the north side and the south side of FM 1105. Eighty or ninety years ago this was surely not the fine paved thoroughfare that now divides the buildings.

- 1894 The Rosenkranz Family sold land on the North Side of the road to:
William Leubner_____including buildings--general store, post office,tavern,beef club,gas
??? station,barber shop and other shops
- 1900 Gottlieb(August)Kalmbach bought property from Leubner and continued to run all businesses
- 1912 Joseph Havelka,Sr. bought 3½ acres from Kalmbach on South side of road and all the buildings on the land
- 1923 William Kalmbach bought out other heirs of his father, Gottlieb Kalmbach
- 1923 William Kalmbach bought back the south side property from Joseph Havelka
- 1977 William Kalmbach sold 7½ acres of land and all buildings on each side of FM 1105
to
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