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John J. Hamilton log cabin to receive historical subject marker

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas - The City of Weatherford will host a Historical Subject Marker dedication for the John J. Hamilton log cabin Monday, June 19, located at 1333 Holland Lake Dr.

The dedication will begin at 11 a.m. to commemorate the designation made by the Texas Historical Commission and celebrate the cabins historical significance to the community. Bill Warren is scheduled to speak on behalf of the Parker County Historical Commission.

The property on which the log cabin initially stood is part of the original township of the City of Weatherford created by an act of the Texas Legislature in 1855. The cabin was built around 1858 making it one of the oldest log cabins in Parker County and is the only remaining example of a town dwelling from the era immediately following the founding of the City of Weatherford. It originally sat in what is now open space along Church Street near the corner of Church and South Walnut.

“Being recognized by the Texas Historical Commission is a big honor and represents Weatherford’s rich history that cannot be found anywhere else in Texas,” said City Manager Sharon Hayes. “Being recognized in such a way that memorializes our history is both humbling and momentous for our community.”

The Hamilton cabin now sits next to another double log cabin that received a Texas Centennial marker. The cabins were moved from northern and southern Parker County to Holland Lake Park in the early 1930’s. The John J. Hamilton cabin is a well-constructed contemporary representation of early housing and consists of two rooms, each with a fireplace and a dog trot between them. The well-hewn post oaks clearly show cuts from the broad axe used to give the logs their initial square or rectangular shape.

“The historical subject marker for the John J. Hamilton log cabin helps preserve an original structure of Weatherford and provide an educational opportunity for generations to come,” said Bill Warren. “It took a lot of hard work to earn this designation and I could not be more proud.”



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Although the John J. Hamilton log cabin currently sits in Holland Lake Park, future plans include moving the structure to the Doss Heritage and Culture Center. This relocation will provide a central location to preserve its history and provide a location close to one of Weatherford's largest museums. Relocation date has not yet been determined.

For more information about the dedication, contact Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director Shannon Goodman at (817) 598-4050 or sgoodman@weatherfordtx.gov.

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