

Texas Master Naturalist Gideon Linsecum Chapter

Meeting Saturday March 21st



II. THE FAMILY OF HEZEKIAH LINCECUM

Gideon Lincecum I
(b. France, killed
Amer. Rev.)

m. Miriam Bowie
(Scotch)

William Hickman
(b. England, killed
Amer. Rev.)

m. Marie Hornbeck
(Dutch)

Hezekiah Lincecum
(b. Warren Co., Ga.,
1770-?)

m. Sally Hickman
(b. America)

Gideon II
(1793-1874)

Garland
(1797-c. 1853)

Rezin Bowie
(?-1835)

Green
(?)

Grant
(?-c. 1862)

Thornton
(?)

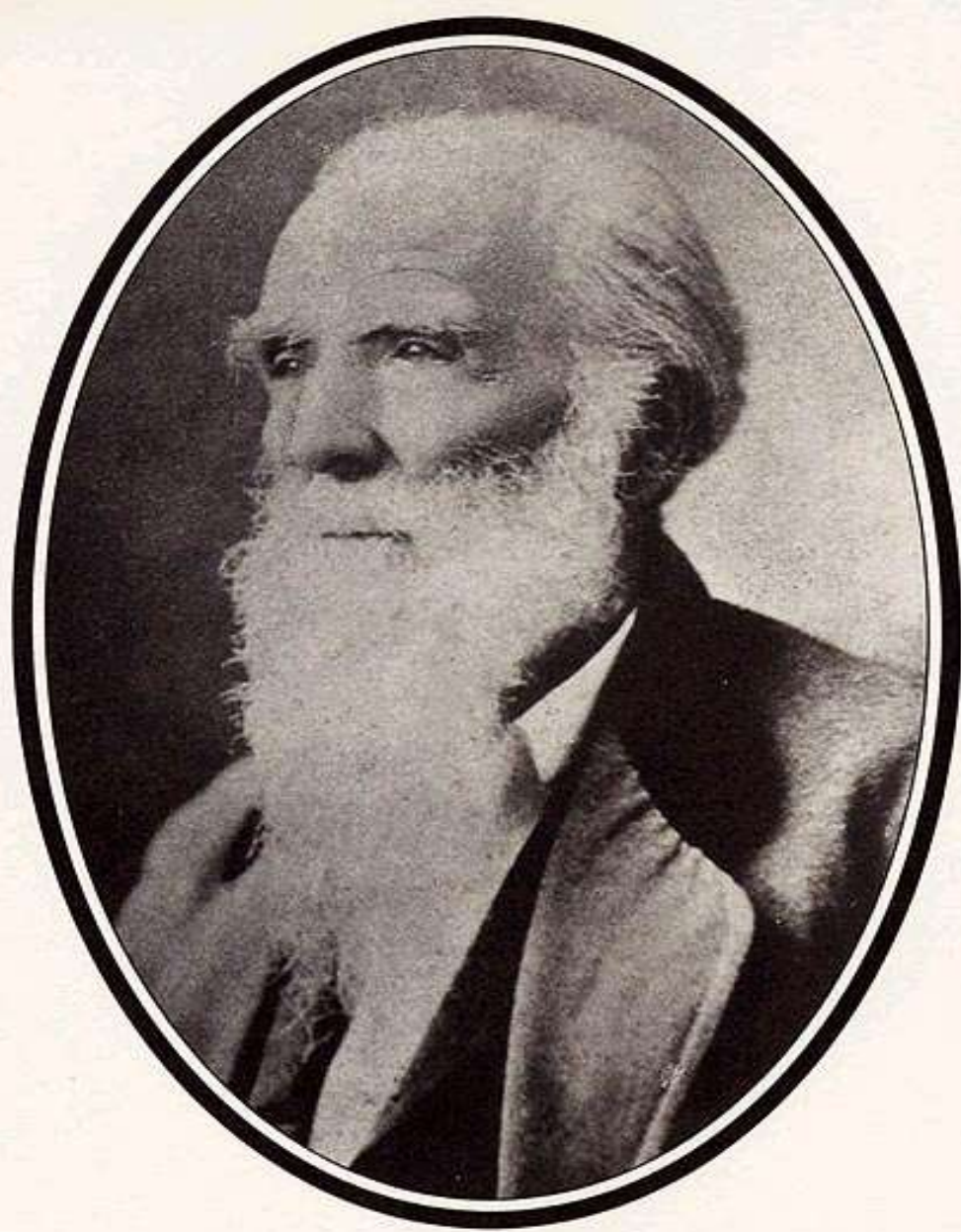
Gabriel
(?-1836)

Emily
(Moore)
(?)

Polly
(?)

Mary
(Bryan)
(?)

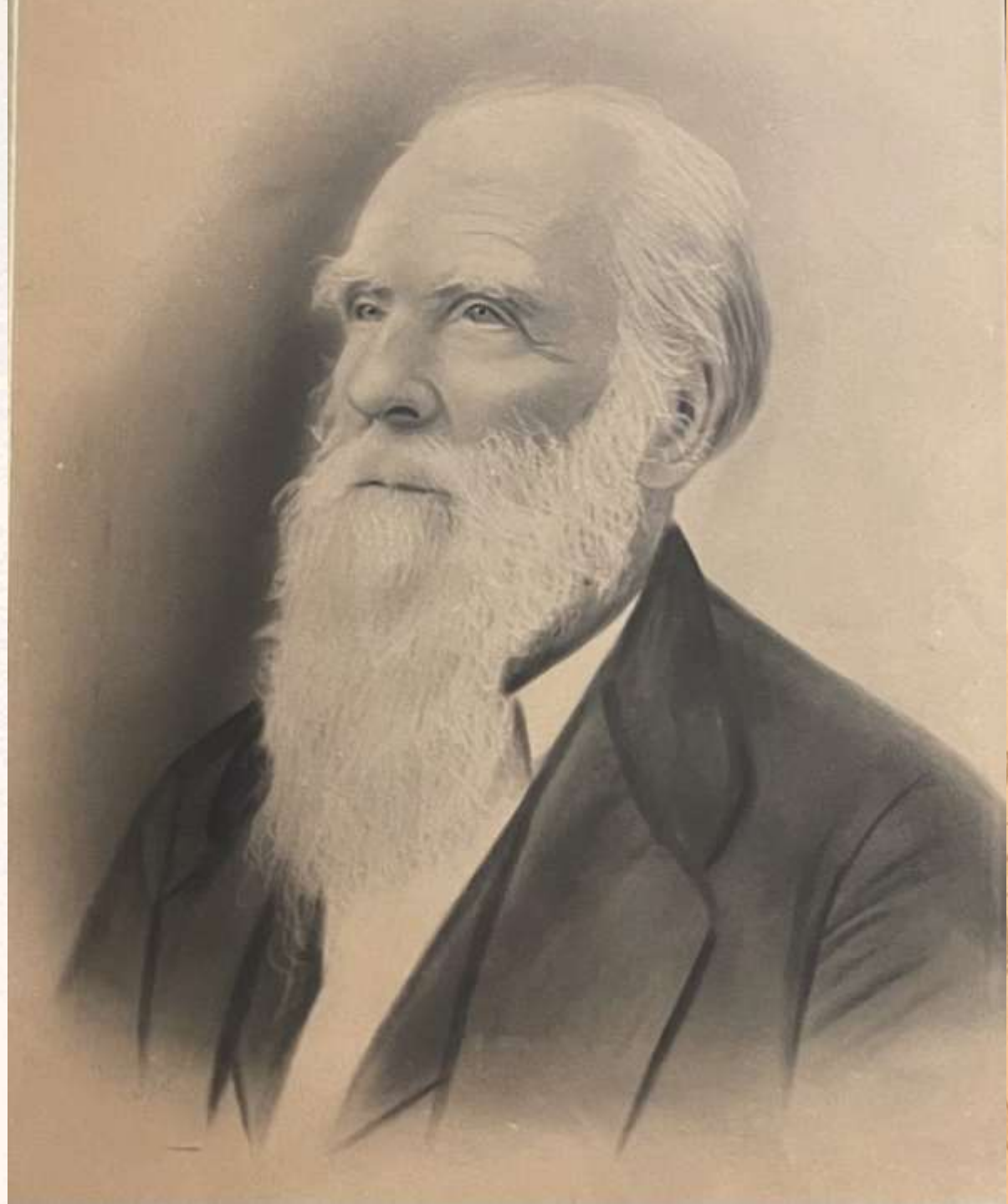
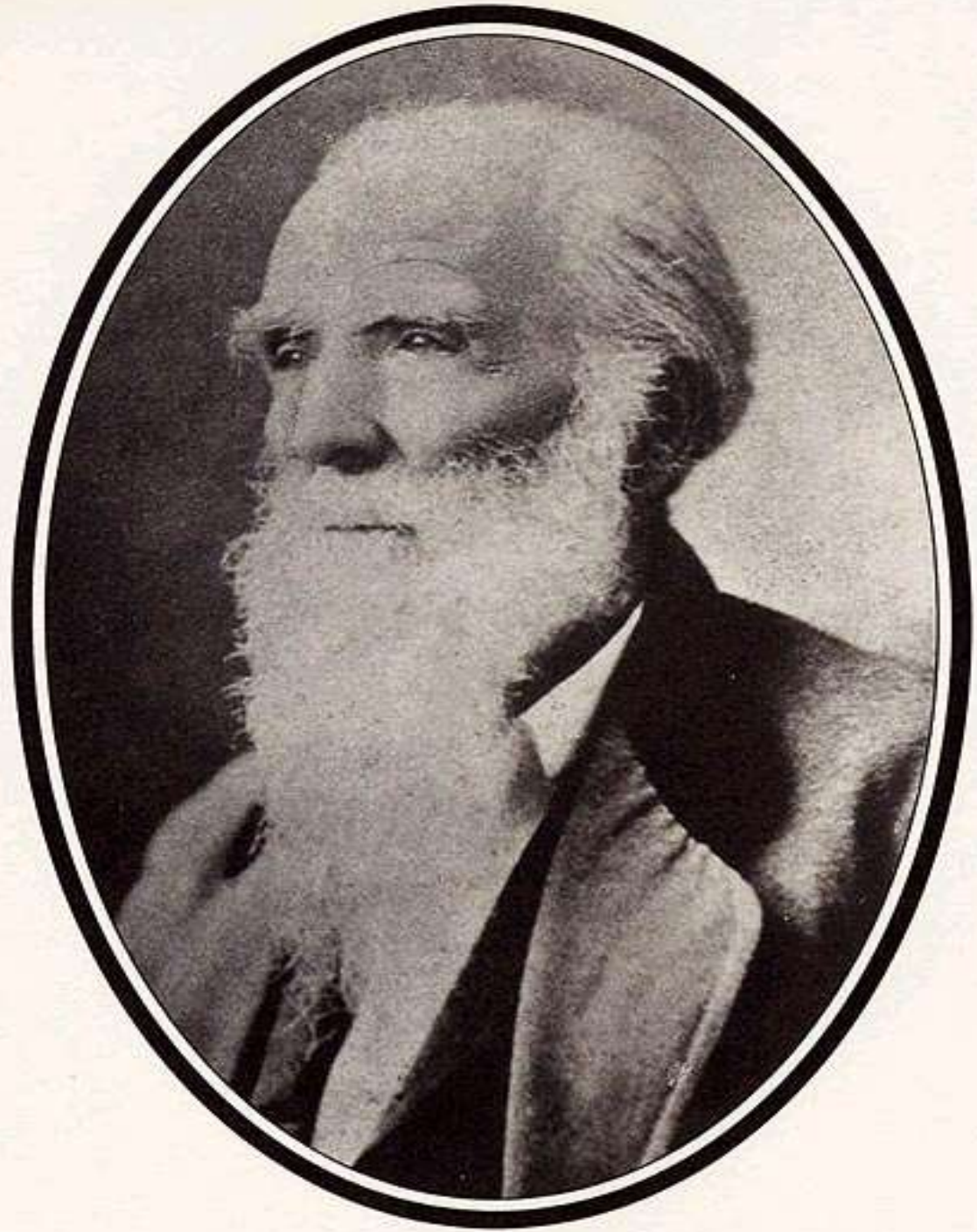


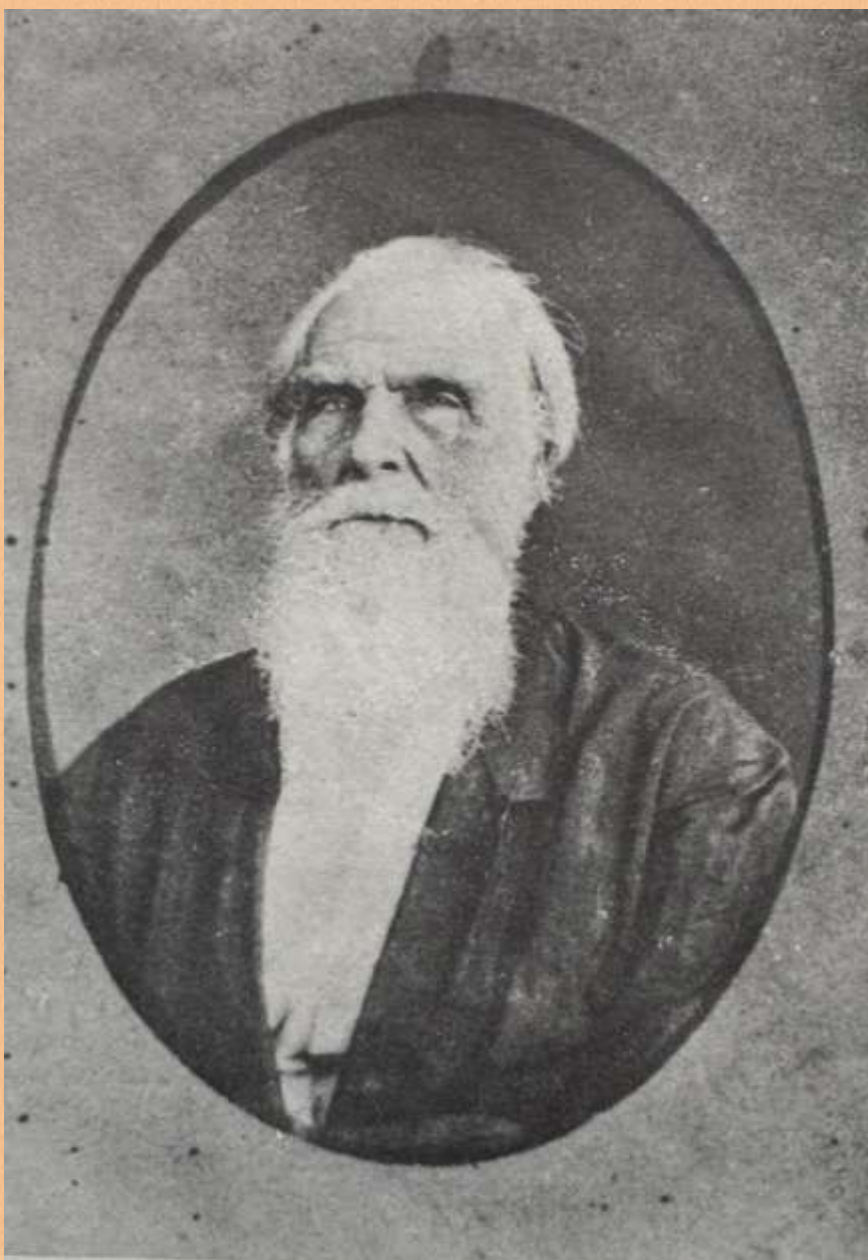


Dr. Gideon Lindecum—photograph made on his eightieth birthday
at a studio in Austin.

*Courtesy Barker Texas History Center,
University of Texas, Austin.*







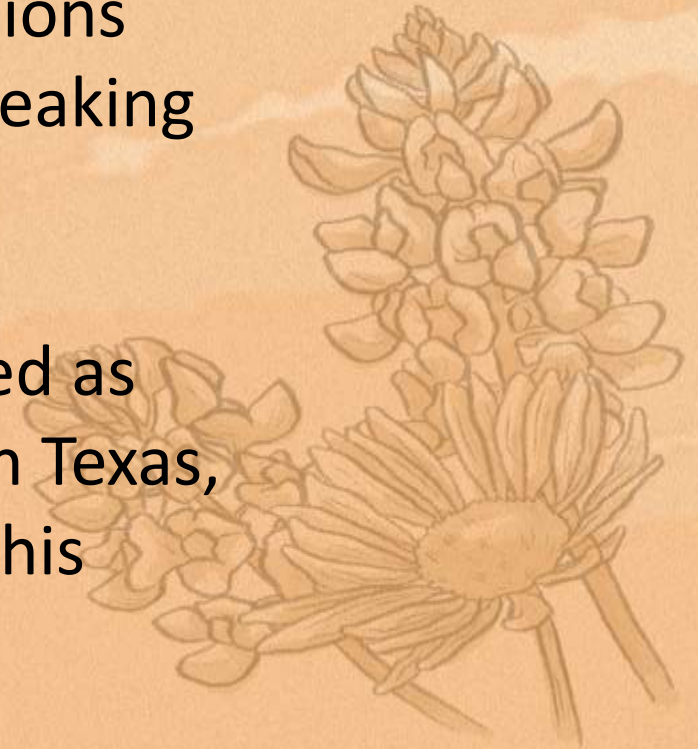
COURTESY BARKER TEXAS HISTORY CENTER
Lincecum as an Old Man



The Reason

Gideon: His children. I could not get them to set their minds on any kind of business. Parties and dancing schools, shopping and "charge it to Poppa" were all they seemed to care for. The entire community of young people were similar in their habits. To remain and let them marry their equals I could plainly see would terminate in the most abject Poverty and wretchedness. So I determined to carry them to a country where the surroundings and conditions would be more promising. This is the untold cause of my breaking up so abruptly the lucrative business in Columbus.

Lincecum liquidated all his Mississippi property and collected as many outstanding due debts as possible. He had decided on Texas, a three-year-old state of the Union, as the proper place for his family.



The Adventure

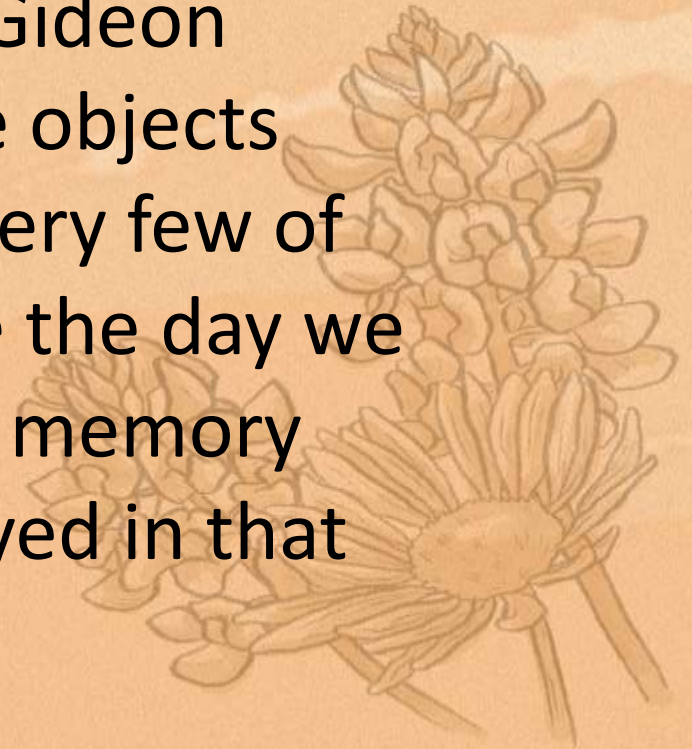
The oldest son, Lycurgus, then thirty-three, was in charge of a wagon train taking the overland route to Texas. The wagons carried the household goods, Gideon's large collection of fossils and bones, and \$6,000 worth of medical supplies. With the caravan ten extra horses; Lycurgus' wife, Martha, and their four children; and Leander, the third son. The trip was started in 1847, almost a year before Gideon's departure from Columbus.



Gideon - Going to Texas

On March 31, 1848, Gideon, his wife, Sarah, the remaining children, Gideon's mother, Sally, left Columbus on the Tombigbee River steamboat, New Era - Joseph Estes, captain - for Mobile, Alabama.

Many years after his departure from Columbus, Gideon recalled: "Memory's pictures last longer than the objects they picture. My letters from Columbus tell me very few of the good people and friends who lined the shore the day we parted are now living; and while I write, undying memory holds up in vivid colors all the lineaments portrayed in that final sad separation."



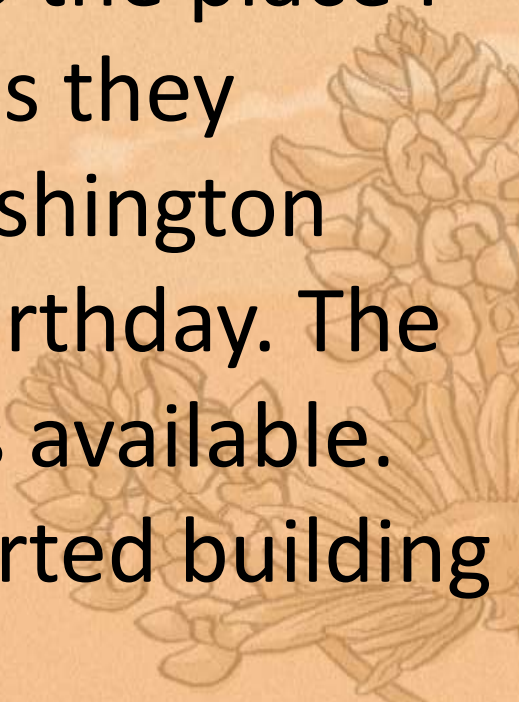
Meeting Grant

The Lincecums reached Mobile on the third day and there transferred to another steamboat for New Orleans. There they were met by Gideon's brother Grant and his nephew John who lived in Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, where Grandmother Miriam's relatives, the Bowies, had settled in 1802 after leaving Georgia.



Gideon Arrives in Texas

Gideon's family boarded the steamboat Palmetto at New Orleans for Galveston, Texas, where they arrived April 8, 1848. Three days later they were in Houston, united with Lycurgus and Leander. In his journal, Gideon wrote, "We then made ready to go through the country to the place I had selected for our new home." In six wagons they started across the prairie to Long Point, in Washington County, arriving April 22, Gideon's fifty-fifth birthday. The land he had marked thirteen years before was available. Gideon paid for it in gold and immediately started building a house.





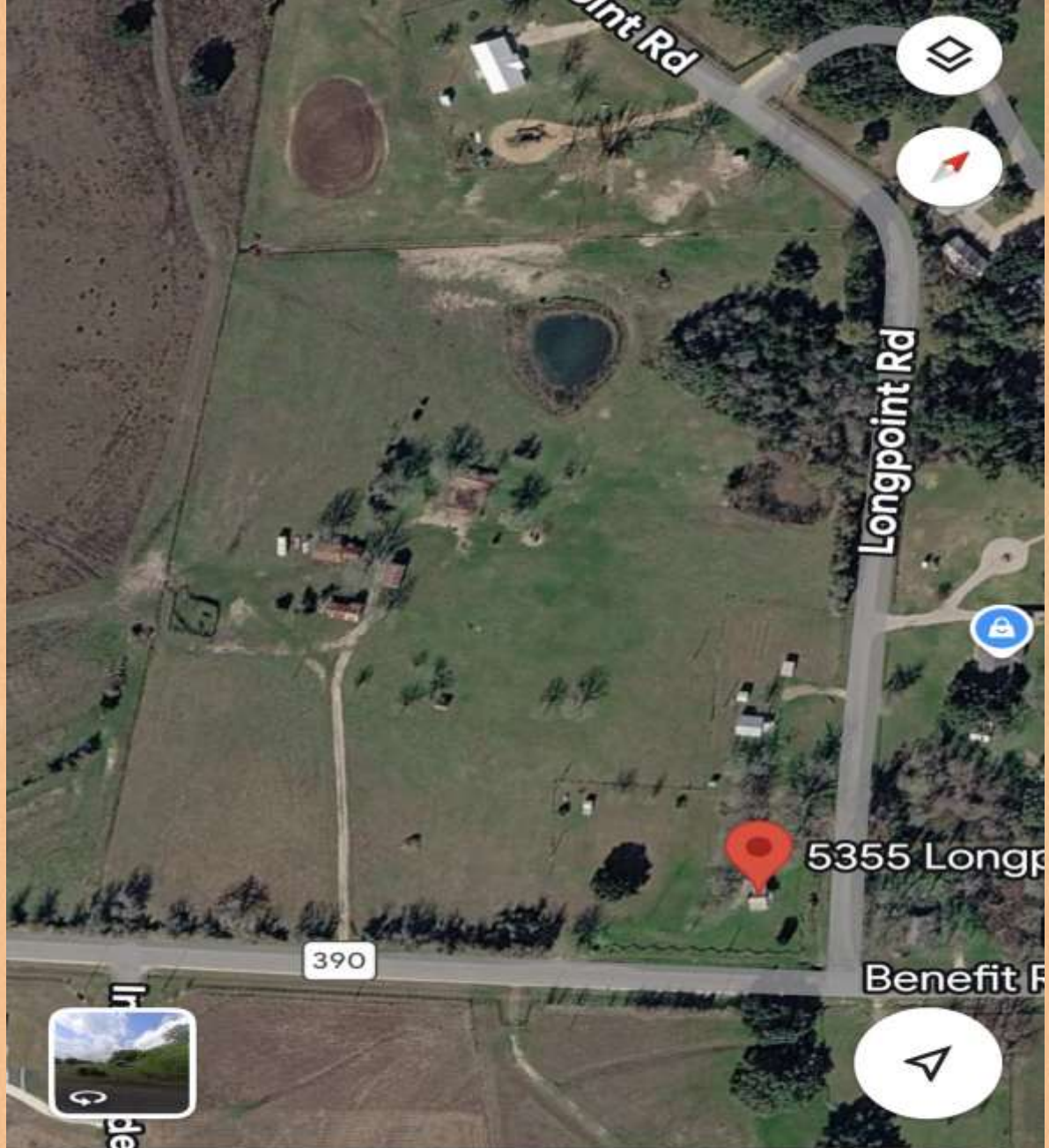
Ed's house - Long Point, Texas 1848 (11:00 AM - Oct 26)



The story of how I got the cabin?







5355 Longpoint Rd   





















Welcome
to the Family Reunion
Gideon's Birthday



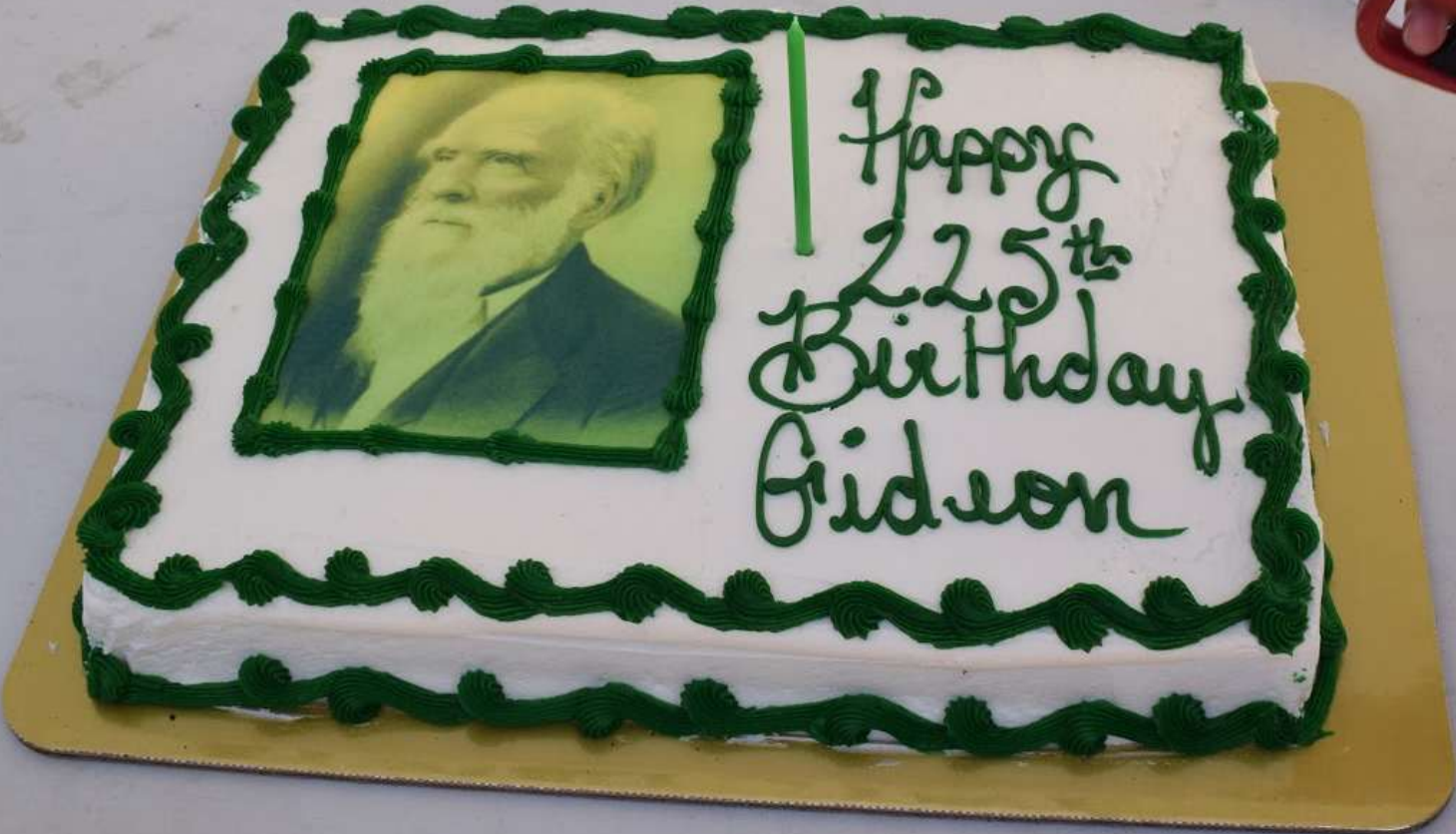
A photograph of a birthday celebration outdoors. In the foreground, a round cake with white frosting and a decorative border of white cream swirls sits on a white rectangular board. The cake is inscribed with red icing in a cursive font: "Happy Birthday Gideon" and "1793-2012" below it. To the right of the cake is a bottle of Schramberg beer with a white label and a gold foil-wrapped neck. The items are on a light-colored, textured tablecloth. In the background, there are folding chairs with blue and red seats, and a grassy area under bright sunlight.

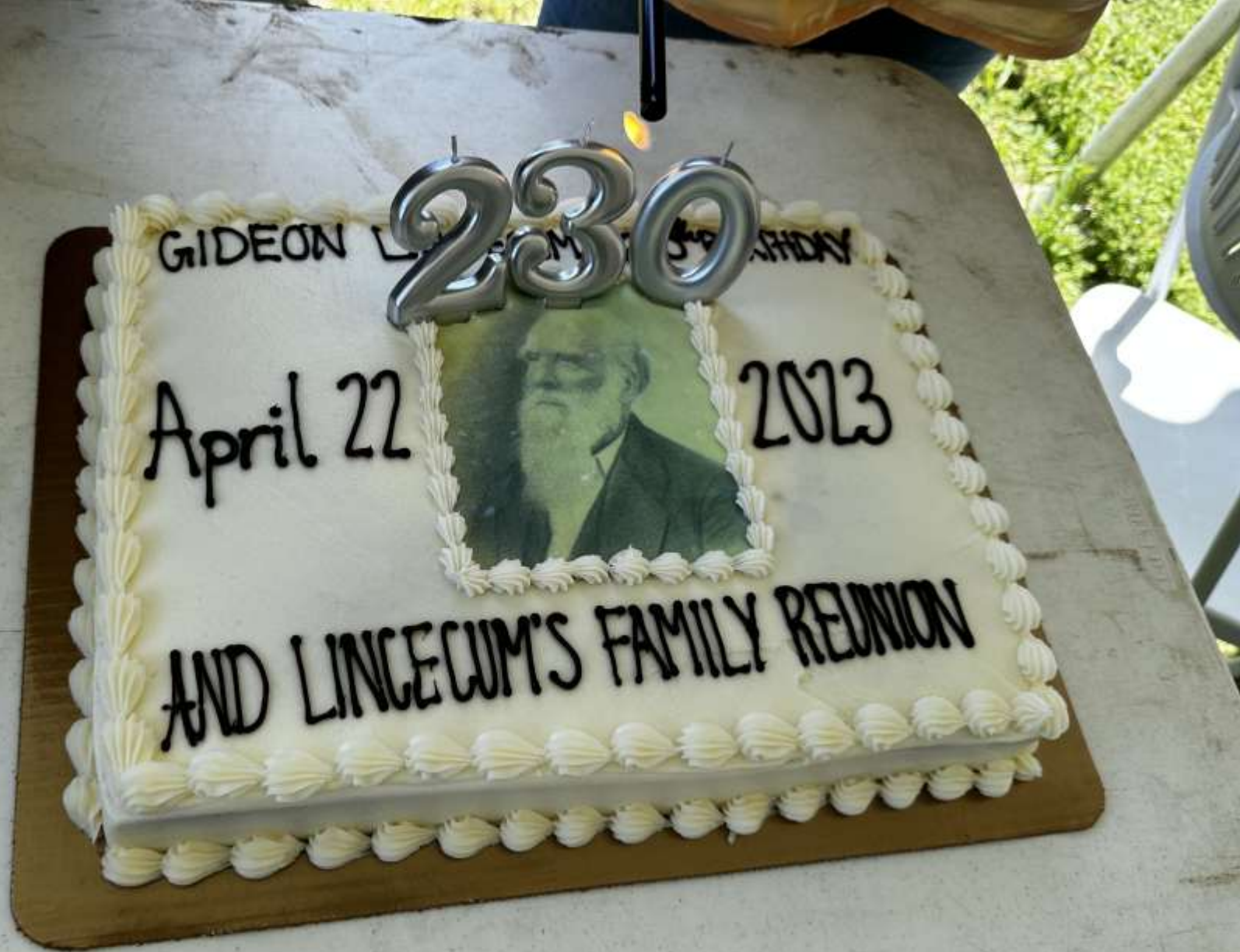
Happy
Birthday
Gideon
1793-2012

04.22.2012



Dr. Gidson (Lancaster's) life
full of adventure, discovery







04.22.2012































GIDEON LINCECUM

(1780-1874)

AS A BOY GIDEON LINCECUM MOVED WITH HIS FATHER TO VARIOUS FRONTIER SITES IN HIS NATIVE GEORGIA AND IN MISSISSIPPI. IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THAT HE DEVELOPED INSIGHTS ABOUT NATURAL HABITATS AND CULTIVATED AN UNDERSTANDING OF INDIAN CULTURE WHICH LATER CHARACTERIZED HIS VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

HE PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR OF 1812, AND IN 1814 MARRIED SARAH BRYAN. AFTER SETTLING NEAR HERE IN 1848 THE SELF-TAUGHT LINCECUM OPENED A MEDICAL PRACTICE. HE GAINED A REPUTATION FOR REJECTING COMMONLY-USED CONTEMPORARY MEDICINES AND DISPENSING HERBAL REMEDIES INSTEAD.

AS A NATURALIST LINCECUM RECORDED DETAILED OBSERVATIONS OF A VARIETY OF FLORA AND FAUNA IN TEXAS AND ACHIEVED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR A LONG-TERM STUDY OF AN AGRICULTURAL ANT COMMON TO THE STATE. HE CONDUCTED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN NUMEROUS FIELDS AND FOR MANY YEARS MAINTAINED RECORDS OF THE WEATHER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

EXCEPT FOR A 5-YEAR STAY IN MEXICO DURING RECONSTRUCTION LINCECUM LIVED AND WORKED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY WHERE HE COMPLETED HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY. INITIALLY BURIED IN NEARBY MT. ZION CEMETERY, HIS REMAINS WERE LATER REMOVED AND REINTERRED IN THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN LOT IN THE STATE CEMETERY IN AUSTIN IN 1936.

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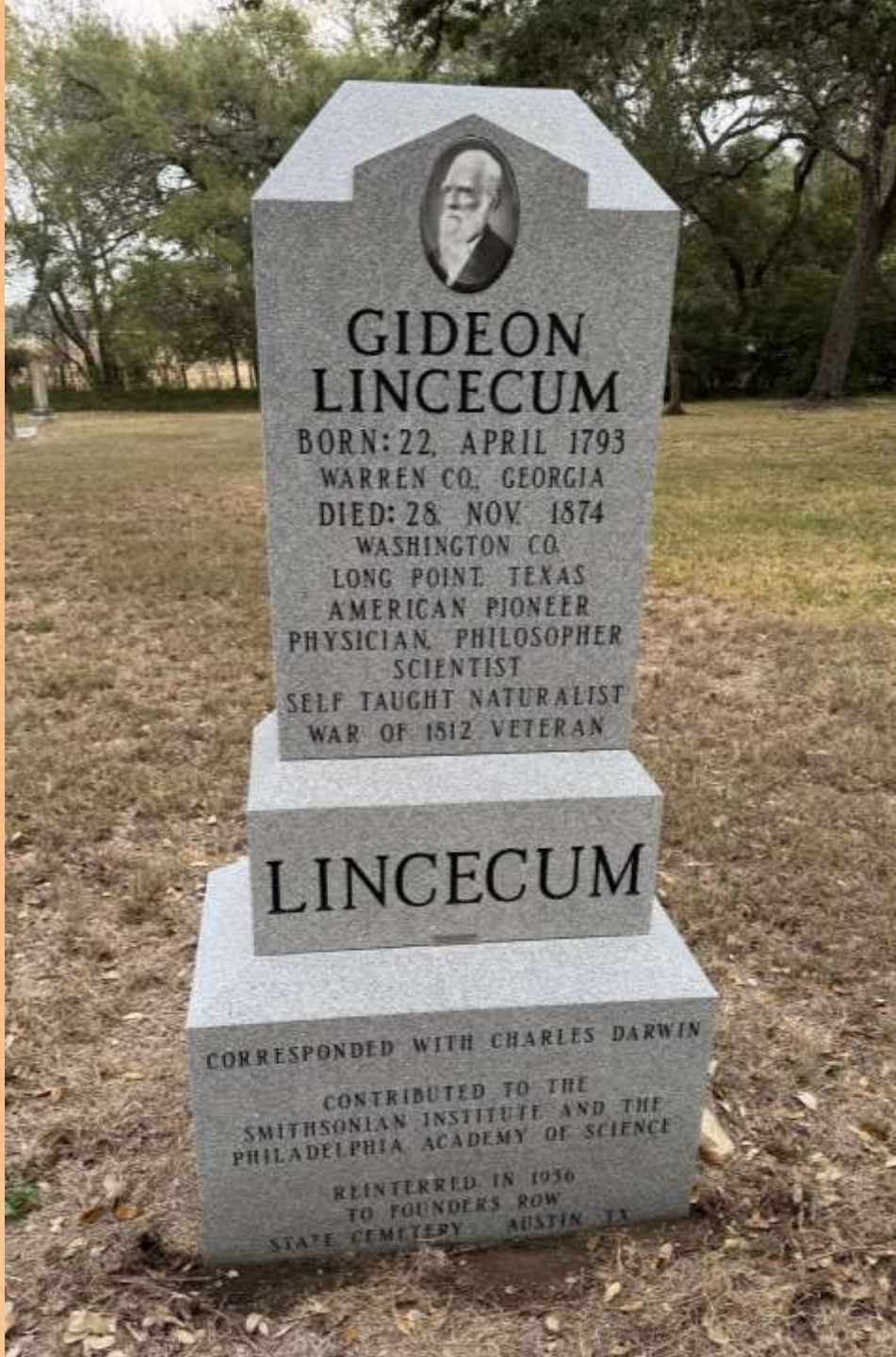


GIDEON LINDEUM ARBORETUM

THIS ARBORETUM DEDICATED TO THE SPIRIT
OF GIDEON LINDEUM (1819-1884) PIONEER
TEXAS NATURALIST, WAS ESTABLISHED
THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF MISS TMA
HOGG AND THE FRIENDS OF WIMEDALE, OF
WHOM THE FOLLOWING WERE PATRONS OF
THE ARBORETUM AT ITS INCEPTION:

- MR & MRS GEORGE BROWN
- MARTIN R. DAVIS
- MR & MRS ROBIN A. LIVERSON
- LOUIE RICE PARISH
- MRS HARRY HANSEN
- CENSUREE MRS MAURICE HANSEN
- MR & MRS LAURENCE JOHNSON
- MR & MRS JAMES J. JOSEY
- MR & MRS EUGENE R. LAW
- MR & MRS THOMAS L. LUTHERSON
- MRS GEORGE W. MILL
- MR & MRS W. H. NEASE, JR
- MR & MRS DEWEY W. RICE
- MR & MRS W. H. WRIGHT
- MRS C. E. WOODRUFF





**GIDEON
LINCECUM**

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WARREN CO. GEORGIA
DIED: 28, NOV. 1874
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LONG POINT, TEXAS
AMERICAN PIONEER
PHYSICIAN, PHILOSOPHER
SCIENTIST
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STATE CEMETERY AUSTIN TX





BURIED ON THIS SITE

WIFE:

SARAH (BRYAN) LINCECUM
1797 TO 2, FEB. 1867

CHILDREN:

LYCURGUS LINCECUM
1815 TO 1849

LEONIDAS LINCECUM
1821 TO MAY 1870

LYSANDER REZIN LINCECUM
9, MAR. 1836
7, JAN. 1875

AND OTHER FAMILY
MEMBERS UNRECORDED

LINCECUM

DEDICATED BY:
WM. MARK AND KIM LINCECUM
GREAT GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF
GIDEON
APRIL 22, 2018






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**TEXAS HISTORY HALL OF FAME
1860-1900**

INDUCTED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COLLECTIVE TEXAS HISTORY

GIDEON LINCECUM

**PIONEER NATURALIST
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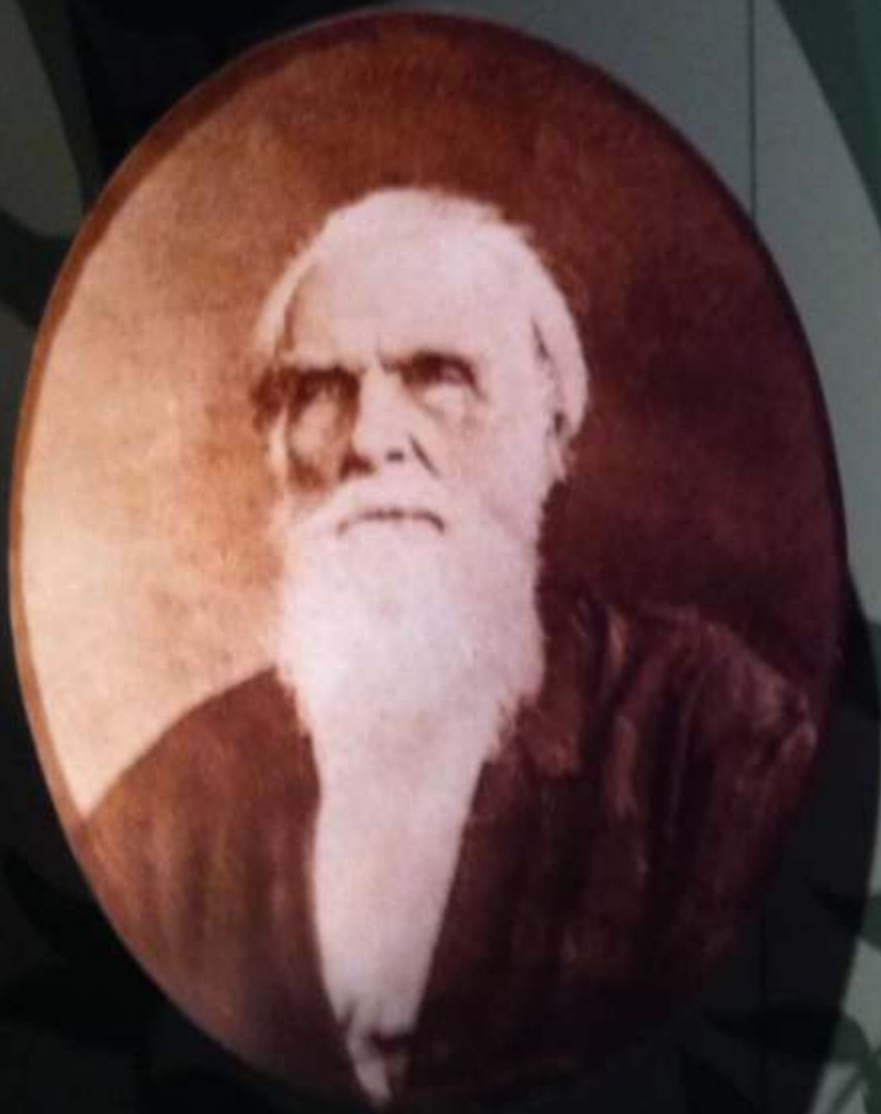
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GIDEON LINCECUM
PIONEER NATURALIST
LONGPOINT
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Gideon Lincoln, Naturalist
Gideon Lincoln (1793-1874) was an internationally recognized naturalist, physician, philosopher and scholar from Washington County. Some of his accomplishments included keeping a weather journal, assembling a plant collection of 300 species with medicinal properties, and recording daily activities of insect life.

Courtesy of the Oregon State Archives
The University of Oregon



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The University of Texas at Austin



We're having a Birthday Party!

Gideon was born on April 22nd 1793!

233 years ago.

The Party is going to be held at the Cabin

On Saturday April 25th.

You're Invited!



Wanda asked:

Are there any scholarships set up in his honor?

Working on a Scholarship in Honor of Gideon







Thank You
Texas Master Naturalist
Gideon Lincecum
Chapter

