

## Restoration Project Donation Form

I would like this charitable contribution to the Waller County Historical Society to be used toward the restoration of the Clock and the building of the Clock & Bell Tower.

Donation Amount:

\$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Levels:

\$10,000     \$5,000     \$2,500

\$1,000     \$500     \$100

Other: Please List \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to & mailed to:

Waller County Historical Society  
PO Box 438, Waller, Texas 77445

*Thank you for your contribution to the Waller  
County Historical Society*

*Clock & Bell Tower Project.*

*Saving Time*

*For the Future.....*

The Waller County Historical Society wants to return the historic clock and bell to public view. We want to put it back in front of the eyes of the community! The clock and clock-works have been restored. Our dream is to see the clock restored, running and being enjoyed by visitors to the county again. The Clock Tower is located on the front west lawn of the Waller County Courthouse.

But, we need the community's help to bring this symbol of Waller County back so the public can once again enjoy it. Soon this information and updates about the Clock Tower Project will be available on the Waller County Historical Society web site at [www.wlrctyhistsoc.org](http://www.wlrctyhistsoc.org)

I hope you will consider donating toward our Clock & Bell Restoration and Tower Project.

*Jackie H Craver*

For information or to discuss your donation, please contact:

**Clock Tower Project Chair**

**Jackie Hopkins Craver**

**832-877-5016**

Email: [jackiecraver@marykay.com](mailto:jackiecraver@marykay.com)



## The Clock & Bell Tower Restoration Project

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COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
2009

# Waller County Courthouse

## Clock & Bell Tower

### SAVING TIME ... FOR THE FUTURE

The Waller County Courthouse Clock & Bell and the building of the Tower to house them, represents not only the past, present and future of Waller County, but a way to bring together the citizens, the community, organizations, government, the business community, contractors and architects to create a lasting legacy of Waller County history.

### RESURGENCE OF INTEREST IN THE OLD COURTHOUSE CLOCK, BELL & TOWER.

The beauty of the restored clockworks is that together with the bell, school children & adults from near and far will be fascinated with the watching of the mechanical clock works, which were moved from the top of the tower to the base—where it can be displayed in a glassed in room. This will allow close observation of the workings of the 115 year old Clock. This project is a monument to our pioneer ancestors, and yet, its beauty and inspiration are a celebration of today.

The Commemorative Brick Walkway will continue. To order your bricks in memory or honor of someone, or to add your family name to the history walk, please refer to the BRICK Order Form attached.

Thank you for joining us to complete the Waller County Clock & Bell Restoration and the building of the Tower in the summer and early fall of 2009.

Your generous contributions are appreciated, and are a tax-deductible donation to the Waller County Historical Society, a 501c3 organization.

Please make checks payable to: Waller County Historical Society

For more information, contact Project Chair Jackie H Craver  
(see contact information on back)

## BRICK PAVER DONATION FORM

Print Clearly: 3 Lines of Text per Brick

11 Characters Maximum Per Line

LINE 1:

LINE 2:

LINE 3:

# of Bricks with same text \_\_\_\_\_ # Brick Ordered \_\_\_\_\_  
as above \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50 per Brick \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment

Check

Money Order

Master Card or Visa (circle)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You!

Please copy this form  
and submit a new form  
for each additional brick  
ordered, if different text.

**For additional information on ordering  
BRICKS, Contact BRICK Chairmen:  
Bill & Carol Eplen  
Phone: 979-826-8809  
Email: caroleplen@yahoo.com**

**MAIL THIS FORM TO:**

**WALLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PO BOX 438  
WALLER, TEXAS 77484**

On May 15, 1894 Waller County's Seth Thomas Clock, with 1000 pound pure bell, was purchased for \$900. With the help of the Seth Thomas Clock Company of Chicago, a clock tower, clock and pure bell were designed and installed atop the courthouse. The bell was cast in 1894 at the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, MD. On July 24, 1894, the Commissioner's Court accepted the clock and bell.

The Clock mechanism was powered by 1300 pounds of weights suspended from pulleys. In 1947, the clock was electrified and a motor was installed to drive the clock & bell.

In 1954, the Courthouse was demolished, but most of the clock & bell were saved. The bell continued to strike atop the new courthouse. By the 1970's, the mechanism controlling the bell broke and was not repaired.

Through years of effort, generous donations, and a lot of love for the historical significance of this nearly one-of-a-kind remaining Seth Thomas Clock, the Bell was restored in 1991.

The Clock works were restored in the '90's and the Tower was begun in 2004, but not finished.

We invite you to join us in completing the Clock and Bell Restoration and Tower Construction. There are many ways to help. Have your name or business name engraved forever in the Brick Walkway, help with contacting clubs and organizations, help with the fundraising.