George Holekamp’s ancestors first came to the Cypress Creek area where they farmed, ranched and made shingles. Then in 1902, his parents with other family members came to the Fall Creek area where they bought more than 8,000 acres of ranchland from Julius Real and began a ranching tradition which continues today with his children. Mary Virginia’s Stevens ancestors settled on a ranch in Gillespie County at the end of the Civil War. Even though they both attended Tivy High School, they didn’t meet until much later, when Mary Virginia was a college senior. After they married, they raised five children and ranched on the Stevens and Fall Creek ranches. They continue to be active in the business of ranching today, as well as the many community activities they became involved in over the years.

References:

German Immigration
Cypress Creek
Turtle Creek
Fall Creek
Bang’s Disease
Screwworm Infestation

Sheep & Goat Raiser’s Assoc.
Soil Conservation
Drought ’49-‘56
Rural Electrification Assoc.
Mexican Hollow
Guadalupe River Floods

Names:

Oscar Strohacker
Prince Solms Braunfels
Sue Heffernan
Mrs. Cowden
Foye Brown
Mr. Lacey
Mr. Coppock
Blanche Ridaway
Below Family
Marie Schmidt