

## **Round Mountain School**

With the departure of the Indians from Central Texas and the arrival of the railroad line through Leander in 1882, many families began to settle the area of northwestern Travis County. From 1866 until 1898, settlers could apply for a Texas Preemption Grant and get title to a 160 acres tract with the only stipulation being that they live for three years on the acreage and make improvements. Many settlers took advantage of the opportunity in this area, and they named their community Round Mountain for a nearby and prominent landmark. (1)

Established in the early 1870s, Round Mountain School began as a one-room structure made of logs, built on the area bounded by Long Hollow Creek and Big Sandy Creek. This building served the community for about twenty years. Only six teachers were employed during this period: Minnie Watson, Joshie Casis, Nonie Sullivan, Joshie Hickman (nee Joshie Casis), J.D. Stephen, Rufus Smith, and Billy Smith.(2) By 1900, the logs were sold, lumber was purchased, and a new school was built on land deeded to the Round Mountain Community for \$10.00, by J.R. and May J. Faubion. It was given in a charitable trust. Faubion named T.T. Hamilton, J. A. Smith and D. Landry, as trustees. From the Special Warranty Deed filed in the Travis County Deed Records on April 4, 1900:

I, J. A. Faubion joined by my wife Mrs. M. J. Faubion . . . . HAVE GRANTED, SOLD, and CONVEYED and by these presents do GRANT, SELL, and CONVEY . . . . unto the said T.T. Hamilton, J. A. Smith and D. Landry, trustees of the Round Mountain Community and their successors in office for the sole use and benefit of the members of said community and their successors in office for the sole use and benefit of said community, the following described tract or parcel of land:

It being a part of the Jesse T Smith survey in Travis County Texas near the head waters of Cross Creek and bounded as follows: Beginning at a mound the S.W. Corner of said Jesse T Smith survey, then S. 60° E 237 vs a st mound. Thence N 12° W. 173 vs. Then S. 84W. 150° vs a st mound In the East line of the Martha G. Morrow survey. Thence S. 30 W. 40 vs with said Morrow east line to the beginning.”(3)

Through the years, from 1888 to 1945, Round Mountain School was a one room, one teacher school for 25-30 students from grades 1-8. The school year terms were four to six months. School teachers who were women were required to be single. Both men and women could serve as teachers. They were paid \$60-\$100 per month and each could pay \$20 per month for room and board in the homes of families in the area. The teachers in the school constructed in 1900 were Daisey Dennis, Tom Barker, Bessie Lohman, Bell McPherson, Birdie Mitcherson, Julia Nelson, and Thelma Jones. Those who taught in the school built in 1929 were Mrs. Clark Faubion, Louise Thornton, Ruby Landry, Mary Ruth Chance, Easter Wade, and Nila May Gamblin. (4)

All the schools in the rural areas of Travis County were supervised by the county superintendent to whom the teachers were required to submit lesson plans. The teacher’s daily schedule was divided by grades. The teacher’s desk was on an elevated platform facing the rows of pupils’ desks and the recitation bench. There were morning and afternoon recess periods of fifteen minutes as well as an hour at noon for lunch and play. To call the pupils to assembly, there was a large brass dinner bell that the teacher would ring.(5)

The school building that was built in 1920 burned in 1927. The community once again donated money and labor to rebuild their school. They purchased windows, wood, and supplies, and by 1929 the school that stands today was completed. There was a wood-burning stove and six

windows on the side of the school for light and ventilation. On the other side were two rooms and two doors. One was a cloak room with hooks, and the other was for supplies including baseballs and bats.

In 1940, the WPA added another outhouse so the girls and boys could have separate restroom facilities. They also piped the water from the water well to drinking fountains along the west side of the school so no more pumping from the well was needed. (6)

The Travis County rural schools closed at the end of the 1945 school year, and the Round Mountain students were thereafter bused to Leander for schooling. Nevertheless, even though the school was no longer used for grade school classes, the Round Mountain community continued to enjoy the facility left to them. For many years, it was the voting location for the area. There have been dances, classes, church services, meetings, and potluck suppers held in the building.

When the building was no longer used as a school, the need for upkeep and maintenance for the structure ran into challenges. The Faubions, when giving the land in 1900, set up three trustees to manage both the land and school. That arrangement became problematic--time passed, trustees died, and new trustees grew weary of the responsibilities, expense, and maintenance.

The Trustees gave the school and land to the Leander Independent School System. In February of 1964, the LISD sold the property back to the Round Mountain Community for five dollars paid by the Trustees at that time, E.M. (Buster) Fulkes, Rosco Faubion, R. Morris Faubion, and Edd M. Fulkes, and their successors in office as such for the Round Mountain Community. (8)

Ten years later, on June 25, 1974, E. M. Fulkes, et.al, and the former trustees sued Morris Chamberlain, an unhappy property owner, et.al, and the Round Mountain Community.(9) We

don't have details of why the suit was brought, but the trial was February 11, 1974, in the District Court of Travis County, Texas in the 201st Judicial District. It was a jury trial and the 12 men and women decided to maintain the trustee management system that the Faubions had written into their gift of the land. The court insured this in a special warranty deed. "For 1\$ the court granted, sold, and conveyed unto Rosco Faubion, E.M. Fulkes, Jr., Winston Travis Hayes, Don Lucenbill, and O.K. Riley as successor trustees of the property herein conveyed, for the use and benefit of the members of the Round Mountain Community." (9) This increased the number of trustees from three to five.

In addition to increasing the number of trustees, the court also added the provisions for appointment of successor trustees. The court reformed and amended the deed of January 19, 1900, to include: "Should any office of trustee as herein provided be vacant by reason of the death, incapacity, act or resignation, the majority of the remaining trustees shall have the power at any time during the existence of this trust to fill such vacancy by the appointment of a successor, such appointment to be in writing, executed by the persons making same and acknowledged as deeds are required to be acknowledged under the laws of the State of Texas, and successor trustee so appointed shall have all the powers and authority of any of the trustees named herein and appointed her under, including the power to appoint another trustee to fill a vacancy."(10)

The court document also found "That certain deed of January 19, 1900, is hereby reformed and amended by adding the following provisions relating to the management and administration of the said charitable trust:

- a. The trustees appointed hereunder, and their successors in office, shall in connection with the management and administration of the trust have the duty to exercise the

- judgment and care under the circumstances than prevailing which men of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of their own affairs, in regard to the preservation, continuance, and improvement of the trust estate.
- b. The trustees in their sole discretion shall have the power to continue the operation and management of the trust estate in such as manner as to benefit the members of Round Mountain Community and to make the use of said trust estate available to the members of Round Mountain Community or other at convenient times and without discrimination or favoritism.
  - c. The trustees shall have the power to charge for the use of the trust estate, to levy assessments against the beneficiaries, or otherwise generate income out of the use of the said trust estate, and from the income thus made and received, the trustees shall set aside a fund to defray the expenses of administration or protection of the trust; in addition, the trustees shall set aside from such income, a reserve fund for the purpose of making improvements, repairs, modification or changes to the trust estate as determined by the trustees in their discretion to be in the best interest of the said beneficiaries.”

In spite of the court case, the care of the school by the trustees, and the transfer of responsibility for the school, has not always gone smoothly. In the late 1970s, Don and Kathleen Rowlett expressed interest in the building, and they contacted the trustees. The trustees, who had been overseeing the building for many years were ready to step down. They posted a meeting notice, held the meeting, and Don Rowlett was elected chairman and Kathleen Rowlett was selected as secretary. Three other members were also made trustees. In August, 1984, Rowlett

talked to a tax attorney, and Don was able to challenge the tax statement, got a tax-free status placed on the community center, and received for the center a refund on property taxes. (11)

A bank account in the Round Mountain Community Center's name was opened requiring two officers' signatures for transactions; through meetings, rules were established for use of the center, hours of use, purposes, and fees for a deposit, and expectations for clean-up. There was a form with information of who to contact for Center use as well as an emergency phone number. Minutes, receipts, and other records were kept and turned over to their replacement officers when the Rowletts had to move to Austin because of health reasons. Kathleen wrote, "When we left in the early 1980s, the building was in good shape, and I gave the binder with all the original receipts and documents to Peggy Creamer who was taking my place."

In 1987, in a Round Mountain Community Center Newsletter, Jean Nance, wrote, "This is our history. On January 19, 1900, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Faubion gave the community of Round Mountain a tract of land to be used as a community center. The building presently on this tract of land was built and used as a public school until it was consolidated with Leander I.S.D. This property is managed by a Board of Trustees as designated in the original deed and later by court order. This property is for the use of all the community. The present Board of Trustees started holding monthly town meetings to try to inform the residents of Sandy Creek, Great Oaks, Honeycomb Hills, Leander Hills and other subdivisions in the area of the benefits and availability of their community center."(12)

Lannie Read, an area resident since 1979, explained that the Round Mountain community had their hands full trying to get a volunteer fire department started and dealing with the lack of a good water system, so no one had the money, energy or time to devote to the old school.(13) In the late 1990s, the Sandy Creek Community Association formed to address the school's condition.

By this time, the floor was caving in, there was fire damage inside, pieces of the interior wall were falling off, and a door would not close. Lindsay Haisley, who was elected as chairman of the SCCA, stated, “It was effectively abandoned. We knew of no board of trustees, and the Sandy Creek Community Association took responsibility for the property, formed a board of trustees (not filed at the County), and tried to decide what should be done. Some may have had the impression that we were trying to take over, but it was apparent that no one was minding the store. We were trying to do the best we could by the community. There was talk of tearing the building down, salvaging what we could, and building something new.” (12)

“Word got out of this and a bunch of folks whose families had lived in the area for a century got pretty upset, came in with tools and supplies, and proceeded to fix the building up and bring it back to a useable state. All of us, old and new residents, had sweat equity in the place before the job was done,” reported Lindsay Haisley.

Dottie Brower and her family worked so hard on the project that she was asked to join the board of trustees. Personality conflicts led to other board members resigning, and the Board of Trustees now is led by Dorothy Maynard Brower. She has appointed family members as the other trustees, positions she and her family have held since 1998. The Brower family has maintained the building and paid bills that were incurred. They allowed voting to take place there for many years. There is now a church renting it for services on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. There is, however, nothing on file or of record that supports the Brower family as trustees.

The residents of Round Mountain take great pride in their history. The community was comprised of ranchers, farmers, cedar choppers, and everyone in between. There were German Lutherans and Czech Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists. The Assembly of God

got its start in this area at the nearby Nameless Schoolhouse. The makeup of school classes was quite mixed socioeconomically and culturally. (7)

The school stands as a symbol of the importance the residents have always placed on education, and the school's identity as the Round Mountain Community. Besides the educating of the young people, the school building also held community meetings and get-togethers. On Christmas and Easter, the community usually gathered to celebrate at the school. Local residents often put on plays for entertainment. At the end of the school year, a barbecue was often celebrated with goats donated by local ranchers. Box suppers were held there too with boxes decorated and filled with delicious food to be auctioned off. Dances often followed those box suppers. Many people in the area were talented musicians so music usually accompanied most gatherings: Albert, Baldy and Van Lohman, and Steve Huffington were fiddlers; Buster Fulkes played harmonica.

In the 1930s and during WWII, many local residents met at the school and made quilts to be raffled off to support local families in need and then the war effort. During this same era, residents made mattresses for those in need with materials donated by the Home Demonstration Club, a program of the US Department of Agriculture. As a project through the years, the children beautified the Round Mountain community cemetery located across the road from the school. They pulled weeds, planted flowers, and lined walkways with rocks. (6)

What began in 1888 with a vision for community and cohesiveness around a central location—school, church, dance hall, meeting center, voting precinct, gathering place—is now in jeopardy as area growth explodes around this valuable cultural and civic resource. With love and care the community is working hard to preserve this gem of the local community and looks forward to celebrating the current building's centennial in 2029.



Documentation/Resources:

- (1) Round Mountain—Texas State Historical Association; USGS ID 2034570 (attached)
- (2) Travis County Public Schools, The Defender, 1936 (attached)
- (3) Deed to Round Mountain Community Center from JA (attached)
- (4) Nameless, Its History and Its People, by Genny Kercheville, 2016
- (5) Austin History Center archives
- (6) Oral Interview, Easter Lily Wade Whitt (attached)
- (7) Cedar Choppers, Life at the End of Nowhere, by Ken Roberts
- (8) Deed from Leander ISD to Round Mountain Community, Feb 11, 1974 (attached)
- (9) Civil Suit filed June 25, 1974 (Vol 709, pp489-493)
- (10) Special Warranty Deed, July 30, 1974 (Deed Records, Travis County, Vol 4973, pages 181,182)
- (11) Oral Interview, Kathleen Rowlett 2018
- (12) Lindsay Haisley, (<https://www.sandycreekcommunity.org>)
- (13) Oral Interview, Lannie Read, August 2022

Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) <https://www.tshaonline.org>

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## Round Mountain, TX (Travis County)

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**ROUND MOUNTAIN, TX (TRAVIS COUNTY).** Round Mountain is a small rural community located about twenty-four miles northwest of Austin in northwestern Travis County near the Williamson county line. This settlement began as a school community in the 1870s and was named for a nearby geographical landmark. A log building was constructed on land donated by J. R. Faubion. Early teachers included Minnie Watson, Josie Hickman, J. D. Stephen, and Rufus Smith. Residents erected a new school in 1888, which served rural children until it was destroyed by fire in 1929. A new building was constructed, and county highway maps during the 1930s showed the school, a cemetery, and dwellings in the region. The school also functioned as the site for community gatherings. In 1940 the school consolidated with Leander. By the late 1950s school alumni launched a project to restore the old building as a community center. The area remained rural into the 1980s. In 1990 the population was fifty-nine, a figure that remained constant through 2000. By that time Round Mountain was not shown on highway maps, but numerous residential roads crisscrossed the area, and Round Mountain Road commemorated the old settlement.

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### Places:

- Communities

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### Place

Round Mountain

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Yes

### Place Type

Town

### USGS ID

2034570

### Town Fields

Has post office: No

Is Incorporated: No

### Belongs to

- Travis County

Travis County Public Schools. The Defender: Travis County Rural Schools, book, 1936; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth1283454/m1/345/?q=Round%20Mountain%20School>: accessed June 29, 2022), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, <https://texashistory.unt.edu>; crediting Travis County Historical Commission.

Round Mountain School was established in the early (18) seventies. The first building was a one room structure made of logs. This served as a school building for about twenty years. There were only six teachers employed during this period, vis. Minnie Watson, Joshie Casis, Nonie Sullivan, Joshie Hickman, J.D. Stephen, Rufus Smith and Billy Smith.

In 1888, the log building was torn down, the logs sold, and lumber purchased for a new building. This new building was erected on land donated by Mr. J.R. Faubion. This building was destroyed by fire in 1929. Some of the teachers who taught in this building were : Daisey Dennis, Tom Barker, Bill McPherson, Birdie Mitcherson, Julia Nelson, and Thelma Jones.

The present building was erected in 1929. Those who have taught in this building are Mrs. Clark Faubion, Louise Thornton, Mary Ruth Chance and Ruby Landry.

Nameless, Its History and its people, by Genny Kercheville. Morris Publishing, 3212 East Highway 30, Kearney, NE, 68847, 2016. Pg 88.

"In the 1930s Warren (Jones) bought the lumber company. (in Leander) He built a home in Leander, now next to Pioneer Appliances. In 1935 he also built the Round Mountain School to replace the building that had burned."

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Know all Men by these Presents:

County of Texas

That J. C. Faubion joined by my wife Mrs M. J. Faubion

both of the County of Texas in the and State of Texas,  
DOLLARS,

In consideration of the sum of (100) Ten

to me in hand paid by J. S. Hamilton, J. A. Smith and D. Sunday the receipt whereof  
is hereby acknowledged.

HAVE GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY unto the said J. S. Hamilton, J. A. Smith  
and D. Sunday trustees of the Round Mountain Community and their successors in office for the  
sole use and benefit of said community, the following described tract or parcel of land, it being a part of the first  
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beginning at a stone mark the S.W. corner of said first survey. Thence S. 60° 27' W.  
a stone mark. Thence N. 12° W. 175 vs. Thence S. 84° W. 150 vs. a stone mark in the East line of the first  
Marrow survey. Thence S. 34° W. 400 vs. with said Marrow East line to the beginning.  
Containing 3 1/2 acres of land more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto the  
said J. S. Hamilton, J. A. Smith and D. Sunday trustees or persons or their successors in office and their heirs and assigns forever  
And I do hereby bind myself my heirs, executors and administrators to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said  
premises unto the said J. S. Hamilton, J. A. Smith and D. Sunday and their successors or assigns and their heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

WITNESS my hand at Liberty Hill this 19 day of Jan A. D. 1900.

J. C. Faubion  
Mary J. Faubion

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Williamson

Before me, H. C. Fowler a Notary Public in and for Williamson

County Texas on this day personally appeared J. C. Faubion and Mrs M. J. Faubion

known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing  
instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed; and also that  
the said Mrs M. J. Faubion wife of the said J. C. Faubion

known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing  
instrument, and having been examined by me, privily and apart from her husband and having the same fully explained to her, she the said  
Mrs M. J. Faubion acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed  
and declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 19 day of Jan A. D. 1900

[SEAL]

Seal

H. C. Fowler Notary Public  
Williamson Co Texas

Filed for record 4th April A. D. 1900 at 2:00 o'clock P. M. Recorded 25th April A. D. 1900 at 3 o'clock P. M.

# THE ROUND MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

## Easter Wade Whitt remembers .....

I, Easter Wade Whitt, taught four years at the one-teacher Round Mountain school from 1937 to 1941. I began when I was 18. I had attended college one full year and two summers. At that time a degree was not required by all school systems. In all systems, however, a certificate was required.

The first year that I taught at Round Mountain, 1937-38, the school term lasted six months - from October to April. My salary was \$65 a month.

The schoolhouse was a white rectangular, one-room building. There was a wood heating stove - a long iron one - in the right hand front corner of the room. The one door opened on a small porch on the west side of the house - facing away from the road, a graveled country road that went all the way from Leander to Liberty Hill. On the long side of the building, that faced the road, there were six tall windows and one high, small one in the cloak room. These gave all the light that we had or needed. At the back of the building there were two small rooms with a separate door for each one opening into the main building. The one on the left was a book room. The one on the right was a cloak room. There were hooks for hanging coats and a big mirror to use for personal inspection. There was a small window high up in each of these little rooms. In these rooms, we also kept our brooms and ball and bat.



The class of 1939  
with teacher,  
Easter Wade

The school house still sits January 1997 [as of this writing], in a clearing surrounded by trees - oak and cedar. During my first year there, we got our drinking water from a well about 100 feet northwest of the building. The well was equipped with a hand pump. Mostly, the children drank from the pipe as one of the older boys worked the pump.

During this first year there was only one outside toilet. It was an unpainted wooden structure with two holes. I managed by sending the boys at one time. Then, I would send the girls at another time. It was infested with granddaddy longlegs.

There was plenty of room in the clearing around the building for a baseball field. Except in inclement weather, we all played ball at the two recesses and after we had eaten lunch at noon. During pretty weather we ate lunch under a big oak tree near the house. When the weather was bad, we ate inside the house and played such games as "I Spy" after we had eaten.

Across the road to the east of the building was a fence enclosing Mr. Bob Faubion's pasture. A little north and east of the school in this pasture was a grave yard. The soil where it was located was very rocky, but quite a few graves were there. Some of the names could not be read on the old tombstones or first slabs of rock. Two that had tombstones that could be read were Thomas Whitt and Nancy Whitt. They were the parents of Thomas Conrad Whitt, one of the trustees who lived between three and four miles northwest of the school.

There were three trustees for the school while I taught there. The same ones were there all four years. They were: Thomas Conrad Whitt, Bob Faubion, and Edd Fulkes.

The first year that I taught at Round Mountain, 1937-38 I had fifteen students. There were three first graders: George Lunsford, Edward Pearson, and Charles Smart. Freddy Lohmann was the only second grader. Rudolph Lohmann and Opal Pearson were in third grade. Luther Burdell and Ferrell Smart were in fourth grade. August Lohmann and Terrell Smart were fifth graders. Letha Burdell and Charles, Billy Bay, Lohman were in sixth grade. There were no seventh graders. Margaret Lohmann, Ruth Smart, and Bessie Whitt were in the eight grade. This information is taken from a daily grade book that I kept and still have.

During the next three school years, 1938-39, 1939-40, and 1940-41 there were other students who came and went. I do not have a record of the students that I taught in 1938-39 or 1940-41.

I still have the daily register for 1939-40. During this year the first graders were: Feliberta Moncada, Elsie Pearson, and Ina Ray Maynard. The Second Graders were: Louis Lohmann, Edward Pearson, Frankie May Maynard and Elbira Moncada. Charles Smart, George Lunsford, Jose Valasquiz, Ruthey Fay Maynard, and Dorothy Champion were third graders. Freddy Lohman was the only fourth grader. Rudolph Lohmann, Ferrell Smart, and Opal Pearson were fifth graders. August Lohmann and Terrell Smart were sixth graders. There were eighteen students in all during the year of 1939-40.

**The back of the schoolhouse  
(toward the road)  
- also from 1939**



My first two school years, 1937-38 and 1938-39 were six months long, with a salary of \$65 per month or \$390 for the term. The last two years 1939-40 and 1940-41 were eight months long, with a salary of \$80 per month or a yearly wage of \$640.

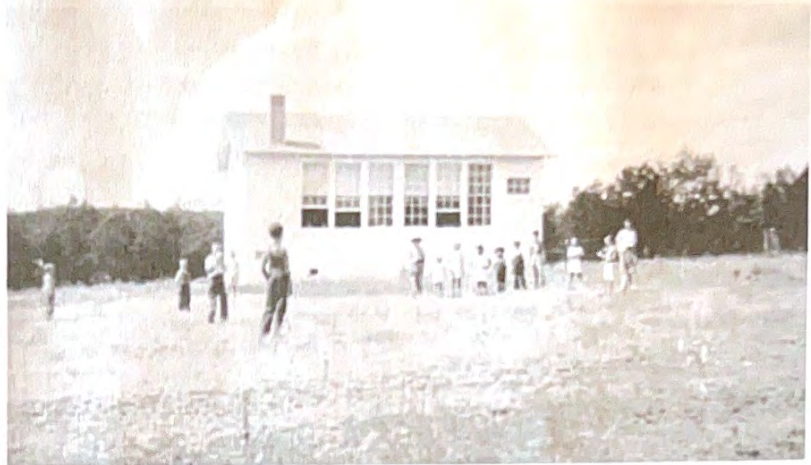
All four years that I taught at Round Mountain School I boarded with Bob and Amy Faubion. They had one son, Roscoe, who was married to Myrtle Bee (Jennings) Faubion. They had one son, Morris. He was about two or less when I first saw him. I loved and played with him when he visited his grandparents where I boarded.

I walked across Mr. Faubion's pasture - about one-half mile to get to school. The house where they lived and I boarded is still standing and occupied in January 1997. Between their house and the school house, flowed the mighty Sandy Creek. Truly, it did become might after a big rain. Mr. Faubion built a log foot crossing for me.

I loved to ride horseback, and many of us in the community took all-day Saturday horseback rides way back into the Sunset Ranch which was owned by the Rogers family. Albert and Willie Lunsford and son George lived in the main ranch house since he was the manager. Mr. Faubion very kindly let me ride his horse that he named "Old Easter" on these forays. I may leave some out, but I remember some of us who went on these rides Pauline and Mary Lunsford, Pepper and Frankie Bee Law, Millard, Tommy and Bessie Whitt, A.J. Lohman, Bill Johns, Margaret Lohman, and my sister, Johnny Wade and of course I was along.

In 1940 the WPA, a group of government workman built a second outhouse which we used for the girls and gave the boys the old granddaddy longleg one. Also, the WPA piped the water from the well to some drinking fountains along the west side of the house.

There were about three fountains in a long trough. They built a roof over these and we felt really "up-town" drinking from real water fountains - no more pulling the old



The school house was used for community gatherings of different kinds. A community Easter egg hunt entertained the children on Easter Sunday. Before Christmas vacation the students got up a program of recitations, singing, and skits to entertain their parents and others of the community who came. At the end of school the older students and some people from the community put on a play. On Saturday after the last day of school there was a barbecue and picnic on the school grounds. One or two ranchers in the community donated goats which were pit-barbecued on the school grounds. Somebody volunteered to watch the barbecuing all night long.



Community members making mattresses on a government project in early 1941. The school served as a community center then as well.

In 1940, Round Mountain community members pieced and quilted this quilt, which was then raffled off.



lever up and down to bring our water pouring out of the 2 1/2 to 3 foot pipe so that we could quench our thirst only one at a time.

Nila May Gamblin taught the next two years 1941-42 and 1942-43. After these two years the trustees consolidated with the Leander school system. That ended the school at Round Mountain forever which had been in session from ???? to 1943.



Community members gather at the school in 1941

THE STATE OF TEXAS, MAR 26 1964 125  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the Leander Independent School District of Leander, Williamson County, Texas, duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas as an independent school district, the school building and office being located in Leander, in said County and State, for and in consideration of the sum of Five and No/100 (\$5.00) Dollars to it in hand paid by E. M. (Buster) Fulkes, Jr., Rosco Faubion, R. Morris Faubion and Edd M. Fulkes, Trustees, and their successors in office for the Round Mountain Community, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey, unto the said E. M. (Buster) Fulkes, Jr., Rosco Faubion, R. Morris Faubion and Edd M. Fulkes, Trustees, and their successors in office as such for the Round Mountain Community, of the County of Travis, State of Texas, all that certain tract, lot or parcel of land described as follows:

Being a part of the Jesse T. Smith Survey in Travis County, Texas, near the head waters of Cross Creek and bounded as follows, to-wit:

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto in any manner belonging unto the said E. M. (Buster) Fulkes, Jr., Rosco Faubion, R. Morris Faubion and Edd M. Fulkes, Trustees for the Round Mountain Community, and their assigns forever, so that neither the said Leander Independent School District nor its assigns, nor any person or persons claiming under it shall, at any time hereafter, have, claim, or demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises, or appurtenances, or any part thereof.

WITNESS my hand this 11 day of February, 1964.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LEANDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: R. A. Hart  
R. A. Hart, President of Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Albert F. Bredthauer  
Albert F. Bredthauer, Secretary

DEED RECORDS  
Travis County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF *Williamson*

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared R. A. Hart, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as the act and deed of the Leander Independent School District of Leander, Texas, and as the president of the Board of Trustees thereof, and for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 11 day of February, 1964.

(NOTARY SEAL)

*Pauline L. Haunerson*  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for  
County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the date and at the time stamped hereon by me; and was duly RECORDED, in the Volume and Page of the named RECORDS of Travis County, Texas, as Stamped hereon by me, on

MAR 30 1964



*Emilie Grimberg*  
COUNTY CLERK,  
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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COUNTY CLERK  
TRAVIS COUNTY TEXAS

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DEED RECORDS  
Travis County, Texas

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Round Mountain School kids at daily flag raising ceremony

1939



Round Mountain School kids preparing for flag raising ceremony

1939



Round Mountain School Easter Egg Hunt

1940



Round Mountain School Community Picnic

circa 1940



Round Mountain students following the WPA project to bring water to outdoor drinking fountains.

1940



Mattress making at Round Mountain School

1941



Mattress making at Round Mountain School

1941



Round Mountain School – East and South Side view

4-30-2023



Round Mountain School – South Side view

4-30-2023





Round Mountain School – West and South Side View

4-30-2023



Round Mountain School – North Side view

4-30-2023

**GENERAL INFO**

**ACCOUNT**

Property ID: 354237  
 Geographic ID: 0517670528  
 Type: R  
 Zoning:  
 Agent:  
 Legal Description: ABS 716 SUR 42 SMITH J T ACR 5.0097

**OWNER**

Name: ROUND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY  
 Secondary Name: % DOROTHY BROWER  
 Mailing Address: 14003 ROCK CLIFF DR LEANDER TX 78641-8231  
 Owner ID: 313625  
 % Ownership: 100.00  
 Exemptions:

Property Use:

**LOCATION**

Address: ROUND MOUNTAIN RD TX 78641

Market Area:  
 Market Area CD: T2550  
 Map ID: 051767

**PROTEST**

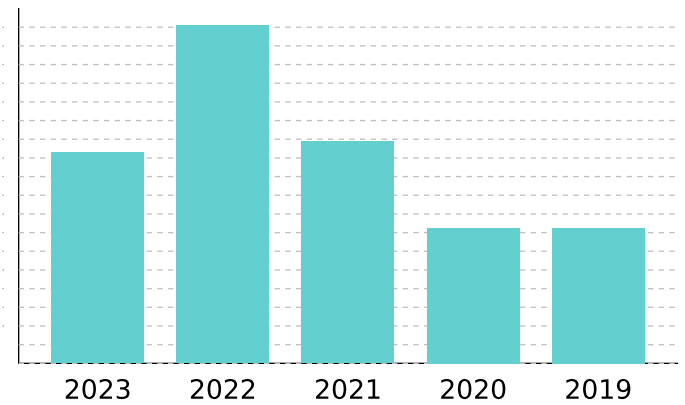
Protest Status:  
 Informal Date:  
 Formal Date:

**VALUES**

**CURRENT VALUES**

Land Homesite: \$0  
 Land Non-Homesite: \$4,005  
 Special Use Land Market: \$0  
 Total Land: \$4,005  
  
 Improvement Homesite: \$0  
 Improvement Non-Homesite: \$5,039  
 Total Improvement: \$5,039  
  
 Market: \$9,044  
 Special Use Exclusion (-): \$0  
 Appraised: \$9,044  
 Value Limitation Adjustment (-): \$0  
  
 Net Appraised: \$9,044

**VALUE HISTORY**



Values for the current year are preliminary and are subject to change.

**VALUE HISTORY**

Year	Land Market	Improvement	Special Use Exclusion	Appraised	Value Limitation Adj (-)	Net Appraised
2023	\$4,005	\$1,636	\$0	\$5,641	\$0	\$5,641
2022	\$4,005	\$5,039	\$0	\$9,044	\$0	\$9,044
2021	\$898	\$5,039	\$0	\$5,937	\$0	\$5,937
2020	\$898	\$2,723	\$0	\$3,621	\$0	\$3,621
2019	\$898	\$2,723	\$0	\$3,621	\$0	\$3,621

## TAXING UNITS

Unit	Description	Tax Rate	Net Appraised	Taxable Value
03	TRAVIS COUNTY	0.318239	\$9,044	\$9,044
0A	TRAVIS CENTRAL APP DIST	0.000000	\$9,044	\$9,044
2J	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTR	0.098684	\$9,044	\$9,044
41	TRAVIS CO ESD NO 1	0.100000	\$9,044	\$9,044
68	AUSTIN COMM COLL DIST	0.098700	\$9,044	\$9,044
69	LEANDER ISD	1.274600	\$9,044	\$9,044
1B	TRAVIS CO ESD NO 7	0.078400	\$9,044	\$9,044

DO NOT PAY FROM THIS ESTIMATE. This is only an estimate provided for informational purposes and may not include any special assessments that may also be collected. Please contact the tax office for actual amounts.

## IMPROVEMENT

Improvement #1: **SPECIAL (NODEPR)** Improvement Value: **\$5,039** Main Area: **0**  
 State Code: **A1** Gross Building Area: **1,224**

Type	Description	Class CD	Exterior Wall	Number of Units	EFF Year Built	Year	SQFT
MISC	Miscellaneous			0	1930	1930	1,224

### Improvement Features

## LAND

Land	Description	Acres	SQFT	Cost per SQFT	Market Value	Special Use Value
LAND	Land	5.0097	218,222.5	\$0.02	\$4,005	\$0

## DEED HISTORY

Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor/Seller	Grantee/Buyer	Book ID	Volume	Page	Instrument
7/27/74	WD	WARRANTY DEED	ROUND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY	ROUND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY		04973	00181	
2/11/64	WD	WARRANTY DEED		ROUND MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY		02749	00001	

Windy Valley Road

Round Mountain Road

ROUND MOUNTAIN RD

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ROUND MOUNTAIN ROAD

14405  
1/2

Travis  
County  
ESD  
1 Fire  
Station  
104

354071

Round  
354064  
Cemetery

14343

354237

140

14347

14338

14339

354072

22905

229017

22909

354217

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