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March 4, 1992

Mrs. Bessie Owen
Rt. 2, Box 30
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RE: MONTGOMERY TRADING POST

Dear Mrs. Owen:

Mr. Tharp delivered the package of information gathered by Mr. Daves on the Montgomery Trading Post and Shannon family history. As you and I discussed on the telephone, I think at this point the application has become too disjointed and confusing to make any sense of it for the State Marker Review Board.

For that reason, I am returning to you under separate cover all the application materials so that you can start over and rewrite the narrative history. Please try to write the reference notes in such a way that you will not need to send all the copies of various records and documents back to us. The State Marker Review Board wants to read as concise a history as possible, but one which is properly documented with reference notes and bibliography.

For now, we will put this application on hold. I will place it in our pending files until the history is rewritten and resubmitted. Thank you for your help with this; I really appreciate all the effort that has gone into this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman

Cynthia J. Beeman, Historian
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August 14, 1992

Mrs. Bessie Owen
Rt. 2, Box 30
Montgomery, TX 77356

Dear Mrs. Owen:

Thank you for submitting the revised narrative history for the Montgomery Trading Post. After reading through the new narrative, I still have some questions.

While you have certainly researched and proven the existence of both Shannon's Trading Post and Montgomery Trading Post, there still is little actual history here regarding the activities. Please try to address the following points:

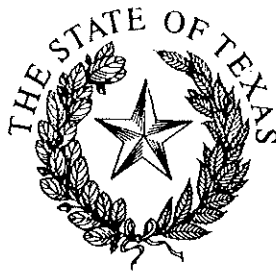
1. Can you provide more information on the Lake Creek Settlement and the trading activities at the two posts? Why was there a need for two separate operations in the community, for instance? How large an area/population did the two trading posts serve? What sorts of goods and services were provided?
2. Did Jacob Shannon merge the two businesses after the death of his father? If so, under what name did the business operate, and for how long?
3. After reading this new material, I am somewhat confused as to what focus this application should take. Do you want the marker specifically for the Montgomery Trading Post, for both trading posts, or for the Lake Creek Settlement? I'm not sure there is enough information to focus exclusively on one of these topics; perhaps we should combine them into one marker for the settlement?

I will return this file to pending until I hear further from you. Please let me know if you have questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

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June 24, 1993

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Re: *Montgomery Trading Post*
Montgomery County, Job #26491

Dear Mrs. Owen:

The State Marker Review Board has completed its evaluation of the above-referenced historical marker application. I am sorry to inform you that the Board has voted not to approve this application for a marker. In making their decision, the Board members took into consideration the relative lack of concrete information on the Montgomery and Shannon trading posts and their locations, as well as the lack of documented historical significance. One member suggested that he might be willing to consider a new application with a wider focus on the history of the entire Lake Creek Settlement.

I am returning the application materials to you under separate cover. While this effort did not ultimately result in the approval of an Official Texas Historical Marker, your research could prove valuable on the local level, and I encourage you to make the materials available through your county historical commission or local library.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
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Harry G. Daves, Jr.