

## Clarabelle Barton Snodgrass

In this story, 85-year-old Clarabelle Snodgrass recounts her life as a young girl growing up on her father's ranch out on Medina Road with no electricity or running water, her trips into Kerrville with her family, their first automobile, her courtship and marriage to Ross Snodgrass and then life as a young bride who married into a ranching family out on the Divide. Her first home there was a little two-room house which she and Ross furnished with hand-me-downs—and her piano. She recalls the hardships and joys of ranching, the struggle to survive in the aftermath of the Depression years, community life with its “chicken fries” and dances, the first telephone and electric lines and finally, more prosperous times. Though the years, she and Ross have always been involved in music, in a band of their own, as well as playing with other groups. When her children had to come into town for schooling, Clarabelle began dividing her time between town and country living, thus beginning her involvement in numerous community projects in Kerrville. She recounts the struggle to save the old Tivy High School, producing the Kerr County Album and a host of other volunteer activities over the years. She became president of the Kerr County Historical Commission, was named “Citizen of the Year,” and “Woman of the Year,” just to name a few of the numerous awards and honors she has garnered over the years. At 85, Clarabelle remains a force in the community and just recently took up clogging.

### Cross References:

Early Kerr County History  
The Divide  
Floods of 1919 & 1932  
Turtle Creek School  
Early Kerrville  
Dixie & Arcadia Theaters

Aimee Real Ranch  
The Depression – Ranch Life  
Medina Road  
Tivy High School  
Schreiner Institute  
Kerr County Album

### Names:

Peggy Crenshaw  
Bobby Partain  
Richleau Saunders  
Sanger Family  
Dodo Parker  
Gloria Dizier  
Bill Dozier

Hazel Holekamp  
Mrs. Wurtz  
Henke Family  
Alois “Punk” Remschel  
Ethyl Fawcett  
Peggy Crenshaw

Bobby Rector  
Minnie Dietert  
Garrett Family  
Nowlin Family  
Ida Rose Moore  
Charlene Toudman