

## Geraldine (Jerrie) Goss Meeker

In this history, Jerrie Meeker, who has lived in Kerrville all her life, worked in the County Clerk's office for more than 30 years under 6 County Clerks. She recalls the days when documents were typed on manual typewriters, copy machines were in the distant future, and deeds cost \$2 to record. In her department, she processed passport applications and helped run county elections, in addition to her regular duties.

Jerrie, whose ancestors were Kerr County pioneers, also tells stories she heard while growing up about her Great-grandmother Anne Lowrance Denton who was a "herb doctor" and would "go wherever they needed her" to take care of the sick. This tradition continued when her grandmother, Ella Denton Williams, took in a young man named Starr Bryden suffering from tuberculosis and nursed him back to health. He later became a well-known photographer in the area taking numerous photographs of the Hill County. This history contains some of the family photos taken by and of Starr Bryden. The main Bryden collection is now in the Kerrville Public Library, a generous donation by Geraldine Meeker to the citizens of Kerr County.

### Cross References:

Early Kerr County History  
Camp Bowie  
Tuberculosis  
Kerrville National Guard  
Turtle Creek  
Legion Hospital

### Names:

Daphne Agnes Williams	Henrietta Eckstein
Franklin Meeker	Jeanette Pifier
Starr Bryden	Joe Burkett
Earl Garrett	John Goss
Anne Lowrance Denton	Vera Nichols
Ella Denton Williams	Lawrence Stephens
Charles J. Rees	Leoma Heffernan
Dr. McClellan	Lois Hudson
Emmie Muenker	Mr. Patchek
Rowland Nichols	Pat Dye