

We need your Help!!!

**The Whitehead Memorial Museum Trustees
to re-publish local history book.**

The Board of Trustees at the Whitehead Memorial Museum is pushing forward in 2009 with the production of an updated version of the La Hacienda (a 550-page book published by the Museum in 1976) that focused on county history, organizations, historical events, and featured the family histories of some of Del Rio's founding families. La Hacienda included more than 300 historic photos of early Del Rio and its citizens.

The purpose of this project is to revise, update, and refine the original 1976 publication and include new research, articles, and newly discovered historic photos. The goal is to have the new publication ready by Christmas 2009.

An important focus of the new publication will be the family histories of the earliest residents in Val Verde County, Texas. The publication committee is actively soliciting and accepting copies of local family histories who had family members living in Del Rio or surrounding communities in the late 1800's and early 1900's up until World War II.

At this time we are looking for persons who have had family that would fall into the category of early residents of Val Verde, or if you may have historic photos, you might want to consider submitting a copy of your family history (or photos) to this project. Not all submissions can be published. Those family histories that are published will reflect the early business, cultural and social dynamics of a Texas/Mexico borderlands community that, to this day, remains unique and firmly rooted to its historical past.

Please send all inquiries or submissions to either:

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Thank you for your assistance and support!