

Background of Thirsty Hill

This house and 6 acres was once part of a 50-acre tract of land owned by Gerald York. Mr. York was a graduate of Texas A&M University and upon graduation served as a County Agent for the Extension Service. After a few years he went into Banking in Corsicana as an Ag Lender. In 1972 they purchased this 50-acre property. Mr. York began putting his green thumb to use planting all the trees around the homestead and kept a detailed record of species and date of planting. They also began construction on the barn located 300-yards north of the house.

As a mid-aged couple in their 30's/early 40's, Mr. York and his wife began construction on this well-built custom home for them and their 3 children. I believe construction was completed in 1976 on an area known to the family as "Thirsty Hill." Around the time the home was under construction, their oldest son Sammy planted the live oak tree that is in the middle of the back deck. Sammy was a student of Texas A&M and this tree was transplanted from the Drill Field at Texas A&M where his father once stood.

Later in life, this property became too large for Mr. York to manage. In 2006, he sold all but 6 acres to Clyde Hargrove of WP Legacy in Red Oak, TX. Today, Clyde owns approximately 3,000 acres north of this house. His son manages these 3,000 acres and it is known as Corsicana Cattle Company.

We feel blessed to be able to carry on the stewardship of this great property that the York Family built. Just prior to purchasing this home, Mr. York and his wife were committed to a nursing home and a couple of months after moving, Mr. York passed away. My wife and I purchased this property in Spring of 2016 with the intentions of this being our forever home in Corsicana. My wife and I are not from Corsicana but have lived here for the past eight years. It has become home for us after giving birth to and raising our four kids.

Since moving onto this property, I was able to lease the 45 acres north of the house from Corsicana Cattle Company for my own livestock grazing use. In the evenings we enjoy checking cows and catching catfish in the tank that I stocked just west of our house. I have also used temporary electric fence to graze periodically on my 6 acres to build our Ag use history. I am currently on year 4 of 5 on building my Ag History. One more year of Ag Use will qualify it for an Agricultural Tax Exemption.

We thought we would never leave this property, but this past fall, I found an opportunity with my job to move my family to my hometown which is about 4 ½ hours south of here. We see this as an opportunity to raise our kids around family and spend more time with their grandparents.

Our intentions were to update this home slowly over time, so we apologize that we have not completed everything prior to this unexpected move. We hope you see the potential in this property. You will enjoy being minutes from town and perhaps your school and church. You will certainly enjoy the seclusion of "Thirsty Hill" and the feel of being on a large ranch. We hope to find someone to carry on the legacy of stewardship to this great property.