

Visitor Handbook

for ages 10 to 100



Wunderlich Farm Interactive History Park and Klein, TX Museum

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How to Use this Booklet

Use this book to write your connection to the things you see or what they mean to you as you tour the Wunderlich Farm Interactive History Park. The pictures and stories in this book will help you better understand your visit.



What do you expect?

Below, write what you expect to learn and see during your visit at the Wunderlich Farm Interactive History Park and Klein, TX Museum.

Can you find Gus-Gus Pig??

As you explore Wunderlich Farm and the Klein, TX Museum, keep an eye out for Gus-Gus Pig! Remember to look for Gus-Gus every time you visit Wunderlich Farm. He doesn't stay in one spot for long!



Where is Gus-Gus Pig? _____

How Many Livestock Animals Can You Find?

Many different types of Livestock live here at Wunderlich Farm among the structures. The most popular are the chickens! Count how many Chickens you see and keep count below! Also, we don't want to scare them away so please don't chase them!



Keep Count Here

A large, empty rectangular box with a dotted border, intended for the user to write their count.

Peter Wunderlich Homestead

Peter's House was built in 1891, as you see it here, to keep the family cooler in the summer. What do you notice about this house that would help keep the family cool in the summer months?

What language is "Wunderlich"? What does it mean?

Can you tell what part of the house was added at a later date? What makes you say that?

Every Room in this house has pictures relating to God and Religion. What does this tell you about Peter and his Family? Where did they go to Church? _____

The boy's bedroom has been converted to a hallway that now contains pictures of some of the founding families. Write down 2 family names and give one fact for each. _____

How did Peter's first wife, Sophie Krimmel, die? Did ay others die during the same time? _____

If you woke up at night where would you use the restroom? _____

Chickens

How many hours of daylight does a chicken need to lay an egg? _____

Does a chicken lay an egg every day? _____

Does a chicken need a rooster to lay an egg? _____

What do chickens eat? _____

Write 1 fact about chickens that you didn't know before? _____

Peter Wunderlich Carriage House

The Carriage House was used as a place to store buggies, livestock and tack. What part of your house do you think a carriage house compares to?

What form of transportation did you use to get to the Wunderlich Farm? _____

Name three other forms of transportation (past or present):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Peter Wunderlich Smokehouse

The smokehouse shows how settlers preserved their food. What do you use to preserve your food today?

Read the sign and explain how the smokehouse preserved meat.

How were milk, eggs and butter preserved? _____

Corn is the most valuable crop grown on the farm. Not because it makes lots of money, but because it has a lot of uses. Find out 4 uses for corn on the farm? _____

Maria Katherine Hofius Wunderlich Homestead

Read the following journal entry as you stand on the porch of the Maria Katherine Homestead, then answer the questions below. The date is October 1880.

My hands ache tonight from peeling "apfels" all day. Some will be dried and stored for the months ahead and baked into our favorite "apfelkuchen." Others, I will boil and mash for applesauce, so good warmed and spooned over waffles. The fruit and vegetables harvest was generous, and I am feeling something akin to the little animals I see scurrying around, putting away nuts and seeds for the winter ahead. Cold here is not like winter in Deustschland, though. This milder weather brings snow and ice rarely. Tonight I will write little for it is hard to grip the quill and put the words on paper. But I am smiling, nonetheless, for tomorrow. I will delight the family with a special treat—an apple pie, fragrant and good, hidden away in my beautiful pie safe. Johann gave it to me when we were young, and I treasure it. While my son William was in town today, he bought a book that was written in 1851 by Herman Melville about "Moby Dick," a white whale the size of a barn. Who would name a whale? And there's no such thing as a white one! I laugh about it still.

1. The word "apfels" means apple in another language. What language do you think it is?

2. Why did the writer feel akin to the little animals putting nuts away for the winter ahead?

3. What member of the family do you think wrote this journal? (circle one)

Father Mother Son Daughter

4. How many rooms dos Maria Katherina's house have? _____

What room is missing? _____

Why? _____

5. In the eating room, what do you see at reflects the Wunderlich Families German Heritage? _____

Theiss Homestead

Read the following journal entry as you stand in front of the Theiss house, then answer the questions below.
The date is 1930's

During the depression years, all through the 1930s, stealing was a common thing throughout the Klein Community. We had things stolen a number of times. We had tires stripped of a 4-wheel trailer and chickens stolen, People would go into the field at night and steal vegetables. All of the stealing at the time was because people were hungry and needed money and food to survive during the time of this great depression.

In 1932, Dad bought a brand ne 1932 Ford probably before the depression was getting really severe. One night, in the early morning hours, around 2 a.m., Dad woke up and looked out the front window. It was light enough to see the road in front of our house. He saw a car going past and still somewhat drowsy he lay back down. After several minutes, he rose up when he realized there were no lights burning on the car. He immediately got up, grabbed his shotgun ad went to the garage, but the car was gone.

This was a terrible blow to Mom and Dad, having just bought a new car and ten getting it stolen and destroyed.

1. Why was there so much stealing going on in the 1930s in the Klein Community?

How would you feel if your new car was stolen and destroyed? _____

2. Why were chickens stolen and not bigger animals like cows or pigs?

3. On laundry day, after washing clothes, how were the clothes dried? What day is usually wash day? _____

4. Look around the Theiss House. Write down your observations? What are some items that seem strange to have in a house?

Goats

Read the adaptation sign to discover some interesting facts about goats.

Why do goats have horizontal pupils? _____

What does it mean when we say goats are rudiment animals? _____

List another adaptation that goats have that help them hide from predators? _____

Pigs

What are the pigs names? _____

Where does bacon come from on the pig? _____

What part of a pigs body is used to dig holes? _____

Did you know that pigs have the intelligence of a 5 year old child? Pigs are also very clean animals in the fact that they will not use the restroom inside their sleeping area. Pigs have the worst eye sight of any farm animal, pigs don't sweat, and pigs learn their name.

Write down a question you want to know about pigs and ask one of our staff members. _____

Kohrville Schoolhouse

The Kohrville Schoolhouse is a two-room schoolhouse. Grades 1-4 were taught on one side and grades 5-8 on the other side. The Kohrville School was an all-black school starting in the late 1890s. A school was often the center of a community. Most students went to a one room schoolhouse until the early twentieth century, and most only went to the 8th grade.

Describe what you think school would be like if all ages were taught by one teacher in the same room.

How is this school different from your school?

Solve the Arithmetic problem that is on the board. Use the margins for your work?

What purpose does the large iron stove in the back of the school serve?

Read the historical marker in front of the school. Who first settled the area that this school served?

Have You Seen Me?

In which structures did you see the artifacts below?



Lunch Pails: _____



Sewing Machine: _____



Saddle: _____



Cash Register: _____

Hildebrandt/Kreinhop House

Read the following as you stand in front of the Hildebrandt House, then answer the questions below. This is the start of World War II.

This house was built in 1882. In 1917, Ed Hildebrandt bought the house for \$6,000. He married Lydia Theiss in 1920 and raised 3 kids here. This house is unique when compared to the other houses. This is the first house with an indoor bathroom.

Yesterday, December 7, 1941, "a date that will live in infamy" will be recorded in history because the Japanese Empire willingly and deliberately attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. Then on December 11th Germany and Italy declared war on the United States.

In Trinity Lutheran Church there was a plaque on the wall in front of the church with a star for each young man who was in the service. Only one was killed, his name was Paul Hassler. He was killed at Iwo Jima.

Things started having to be rationed and with this came black marketing for tires, gasoline, some food items such as sugar, coffee, knives, bread and other items such as tools. People were given ration stamps for food and gasoline.

Farmers were allowed more gasoline stamps than the public because of raising food, and also were allowed to get tires for trucks and tractors.

1. Is it fair that farmers were given more gas stamps? _____
Why?

2. Look at the information on the nook table:
Why were the women now in charge of planting many of the crops?
What happens if you run out of ration stamps?

3. What is the major source of entertainment in this house? Compare it to today's standards.

4. What 2 rooms do you think were added later to this house? How can you tell? _____

Mittelstaedt Blacksmith Shop

Before barbed wire fences were built around ranches, the cattle roamed freely. To keep track of them, the ranchers branded the cattle. Every ranch put different symbols on its cattle to identify who owned what.

Look at the different examples of brands in the Mittelstaedt Blacksmith shop and create your own brand below!

What does your brand mean?

Ulrich Barn

View the exhibition on Tractors inside the Ulrich Barn. Why were tractors an improvement to using horses or mules

How did the invention of the tractor improve farming? _____

Were there any negative aspects to tractors? _____
If so, explain.

Klein Museum (Located inside the Kohrville School)

Look around the main gallery and write about what you see.

What are some of the exhibits? _____

Exhibits tell a story. Write a summary of the story of one of the exhibits is telling.

What is your favorite part of the exhibit? _____

Why? _____

Reflection

1. Name your favorite structure at the Wunderlich Farm. _____

2. Why is it your favorite structure? _____

3. Would you like to live in this structure? _____

Why or why not? _____
