

# Twin Sisters Dance Hall

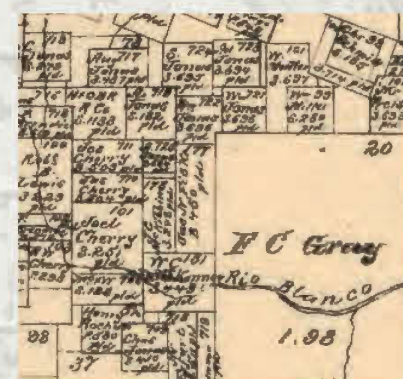
& the Twin Sisters Community in Blanco County, Texas



**1150's**  
Native Americans may have encamped in the Blanco County area as early as the 12th century according to archaeological evidence.



**1721**  
The Blanco River was named by the Marques de San Miguel de Aguayo.



**1854**  
Joel Cherry, originally from Tennessee, established the Twin Sisters community.



**1862**  
During the Civil War, Confederate forces massacred a group of men (loyal to the Union) who attempted to cross into Mexico. Most of them were German Hill Country residents. A monument dedicated to them was built in Comfort, Texas.



**Late 1870's**  
Opening of the Twin Sisters Hall.



**1889**  
St. Mary's Help of Christians Catholic Church was built on land that had been purchased in 1887.

**1894-1896**  
A drought pushed many ranchers and farmers into bankruptcy.



**1913**  
When he was about 5 years old, future U.S. President Lyndon Baines Johnson moved to Johnson City in Blanco County from Stonewall in Gillespie County.



**ca. Early 1900's**  
Bindseil's Store.



**1913-1914**  
Twin Sisters School class photograph with teacher Will T. Buchner.



**1924**  
Texas Ranger Jerome "Geronimo" Preiss was born in Twin Sisters, TX.



**1952**  
By the early 1950's the former Bindseil Store had been remodeled into a one-story building.

**1951**  
The Twin Sisters Post Office closed.



**ca. 1990**  
Women were allowed to serve as board members and have a vote within the Twin Sisters Hall Club.



**2016**  
Country music artist Jon Pardi filmed a music video for the song "Head Over Boots" at the Twin Sisters Dance Hall.



**1500's**  
Native Americans descended from Lipan Apaches may have been present during the 16th century.



**1749**  
European explorers had traveled through much of present-day Blanco County.



**Mid 1830's**  
1835-36 The Texas Revolution took place. It began at the battle of Gonzales & ended with the battle of San Jacinto.



**1836**  
Comanche Native Americans had claimed ownership of present-day Blanco County.

**Late 1850's**  
The first post office opened in Blanco in 1856. The Twin Sisters Community became the center of a German settlement in the late 1850's.



**1882**  
Opening of the Twin Sisters School.



**1890**  
Max Krueger owned one of three general merchandise stores located in Twin Sisters as well as a gristmill and a cotton gin. The Krueger Gin is photographed below.



**1901**  
Will T. Buchner began teaching at the Twin Sisters School at age 19. He taught until 1902, and would return to the school to teach from 1912-1914 & from 1916-1921.



**1915**  
Henry Bruemmer Jr. sold the dance hall to the Twin Sisters Hall Club for five dollars.

**1920**  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was built and dedicated, now demolished.



**1930-1940**  
Willy Krueger worked as a postmaster and merchant until the 1940's. He is pictured below with Clara Krueger at the W.W. Krueger Store and Home (ca. 1930's).



**1946**  
Mrs. Ida Mae Tunnell became the first female teacher at the Twin Sisters School.

**1967**  
The Twin Sisters Bowling Alley burned down. In the photo below (dated June 8, 1913), a portion of the bowling alley is visible to the right. The dance hall is visible beyond the trees on the left.



**ca. 2015**  
The Twin Sisters Hall Club elected its first long-term female president.

