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Description

The file contains a booklet entitled "Birdville, Texas, Frontier Wilderness, County Seat, and Beyond." The book was produced by the Birdville Historical Society. It was written by Evyonne Andrews Eddins, Betty Porter, and David Voorhees. There were 250 copies printed. Fort Bird, or Bird's Fort, was established in 1841 in what would later be northeast Tarrant County. Within two years the troops had abandoned the fort and the settlers near the fort moved to surrounding areas. When Tarrant County was formed in 1849, it was stipulated that the county seat be located within five miles of the center of the county and be called "Birdville" in honor of Major Jonathan Bird, who had established Fort Bird. The town of Birdville was founded and named the county seat, but a few year later, voters of the county chose to move the county seat to Fort Worth.