

**Cartwheel Prairie**  
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Cartwheel Prairie was located in central Brazos County, near the community of Harvey. It was not so much a community as just a place name used to indicate where settlers lived. Based on the names of persons living there, it may have been near the small community of Coleview. The source of its name is not known. Early Brazos County contained numerous prairies amidst scattered patches of woodland, as well as various trails, creeks and the occasional hill.

The gin house of Bob Turk, a Negro, living near Cartwheel Prairie, Brazos County, was destroyed by fire last week. Two Negro boys, aged respectively 11 and 13, were arrested for setting it on fire; they plead guilty and say that a gentleman living on the prairie hired them to burn it. Brenham Daily Banner, 2 September 1883, page 2

On 8 August 1887, Brazos County commissioners appointed W.T. Roberts, A. Hill, A. Royder, Wm. Holland and J.H. Royder as a jury of view to locate a road from Welborne to Cartwheel Prairie. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book D, page 148).

On 14 December 1887, Brazos County commissioners rejected the report from the jury of view concerning the proposed location of the road from Welborne to Cart Wheel Prairie. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book D, page 164)

On 12 November 1888, Brazos County commissioners listed men assigned to work on the New Cartwheel Prairie and Rock Prairie Road. They were Stephen Greer, W.R. Going, J.D. Going, Will Kincannon, W.D. Sellers, N.H. Carr, W.R. Pate, Bud Williams, Moody A. Ellington, L.S. Williams, Green Higgins, John Davis, Perkins A. Williams, A.J. Swearingen, Tom Kincaid, Dave Ford Jr., Jerry Ford, W.E. Graham, H.C. Wyatt, J.T. Wyatt, Steve Myers, R.B. Allcorn, Richard Jackson, P.L. Barron, J.M. Barron, Major Robinson, Louis Armstrong, S.J. Lee, and T.B. Martin. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book D, page 245)

On 17 December 1888, Brazos County commissioners ordered J.D. Going, overseer on the New Cartwheel & Rock Prairie Road, to open said road and remove any obstacles. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book D, page 260)

On 11 February 1889, Brazos County commissioners rejected a petition asking for the discontinuance of the New Cartwheel and Rock Prairie Road. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book D, page 262).

On 12 August 1889, Brazos County commissioners let a contract to John Berger to build a bridge over Carter Creek on the New Cartwheel and Rock Prairie Road. (Brazos County Commissioners Minutes, Book D, page 308).

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., Aug. 1 – A Negro named Dave Ford was brained with a club by

another Negro, whose name could not be learned, at Cartwheel, nine miles from Bryan last night. Galveston Daily News, 2 August 1895, page 6, col.5

A Negro named Dave Ford is reported to have been killed by another Negro at Cartwheel, nine miles east of Bryan, Wednesday night of last week. Ford was brained with a club. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 8 August 1895, page 7, col.1

We are informed that emancipation celebrations will be held today at the following places: Bryan, Boonville, Walker settlement, Benchley, Canaan church on the Little Brazos, Millican, Peach Creek, Salem Church near Mudville, near Myers and Tunis and at Cartwheel and on Wickson. Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 June 1896, page 4, col.1

Mr. Dave Gilbert died at the home of his brother, George Gilbert, on Cartwheel Prairie Tuesday and was buried Wednesday at Bright Light graveyard, Rev. W.T. Wood conducting the service. He was raised in this county and was probably twenty one or two years old. He leaves a wife and one child. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 July 1898, page 3, col.2

Harvey ... David Gilbert, of Bethel, died on last Tuesday a week ago. This brother's death seemed unusually sad, as he died in early manhood, leaving a wife and infant child. The burial took place on Wednesday following at Brightlight burial ground, Rev. W.T. Wood conducting the service. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 July 1898, page 3, col.2

Green's Prairie ... Miss Bernice Goodyear spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Evie Grew of Cartwheel Prairie. Mr. G.T. Williams and family, Mr. George Arrington and Miss Zaddie Williams were visitors on Cartwheel Prairie last week. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 April 1899, page 3

From Green's Prairie ... Quite a number of Greens Prairie people attended preaching at Peach Creek on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in this month, Rev. S.C. Martin, the pastor of that church, preached a very interesting sermon to a large audience. Among the visitors to that church from other communities we noticed Messrs. A.B. McSwain and W.E. Graham of Rock Prairie, Tom Ellington, Charlie Cobb and Jim Gilbert of Carthweel Prairie, and W.W. Cothran and wife of Allenfarm. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 20 April 1899, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Some of our people are visiting friends and relatives on Cartwheel Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 April 1899, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Miss Daisie Kincannon of Cartwheel is visiting Miss Zaddie Williams. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 June 1899, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Mr. G.R. Dixon was water bound in the Cartwheel neighborhood from Wednesday until Saturday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 July 1899, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Mr. Will Sillers and family of Cartwheel, were visiting in our neighborhood Saturday and Sunday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 August 1899, page 3

Charlie Kincannon died at 12 o'clock Monday night, at the home of his brother-in-law, Emmett Brunson, on Cartwheel Prairie. He will be buried at Bethel cemetery Wednesday morning. Deceased was 22 years old. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 5 October 1899, page 2, col.5

Harvey ... Mr. Charlie Kincannon, of this community, died last Monday night at 11 o'clock. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 5 October 1899, page 3, col.4

Green's Prairie ... Mr. W.D. Sellars of Cartwheel Prairie was in our community Sunday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 19 April 1900, page 1

Holligan School House ... Mrs. Dollie McCulloch of Cartwheel Prairie was visiting here Monday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 May 1900, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Masters Lawrence McCulloch and John Kincannon of Cart Wheel were here Sunday visiting relatives. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 May 1900, page 7

Harvey ... Miss Malinda Dyess is visiting on Cart Wheel Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 19 July 1900, page 3

Green Prairie ... Miss Zaddie Williams of this community is visiting friends at Cartwheel. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 30 August 1900, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Mrs. Dollie McCulloch of Cartwheel spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Arrington of this community. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 4 October 1900, page 3

Mr. Dick Blanton and family have moved to their new home on Cartwheel Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 7 November 1900, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Mr. Emmett Brunson of Cart Wheel Prairie, has moved ot his own place in this community. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 December 1900, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Miss Birdie McCullough has returned home to Cartwheel after spending several days with relatives in this community. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 January 1901, page 7

Benson School House ... Mr. Fred Cargill and family, of Cartwheel Prairie, visited relatives here Friday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 April 1901, page 3

Green's Prairie ... Mrs. Jeff Goens and children of Cartwheel visited Mrs. Sam Williams last Sunday. Messrs. J.M. Hugh and John Kincannon, Kan Kelly and Lawrence McCullough of Cartwheel were in our community Sunday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 May 1901, page 3

George Williams was here today from Harvey. He reports the crops around Cart Wheel prairie as very sorry. Brazos Pilot, 31 August 1905, page 5

Mr. George Williams and sisters Misses Mary and Josephine, were in the city today from Cartwheel prairie. Brazos Pilot, 28 June 1906, page 5

Mr. Luke Hensarling of Cartwheel Prairie was in the city Saturday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 31 December 1908, page 5

Mrs. Rose Eden was in the city from her home on Cartwheel Prairie Friday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 January 1909, page 5

Mr. Amon Williams of Cartwheel was a business visitor fo the city Thursday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 January 1909, page 3

George Williams was in the city today from his home on Cartwheel prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 April 1909, page 7

George Williams was in town today from his home on Cartwheel Prairie. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 August 1909, page 5

Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Williams of Cart Wheel Prairie were visitors to the city today. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 August 1909, page 2

George Williams was in the city today from Cart Wheel Prairie. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 31 August 1911, page 5