

## **A Grand Celebration at Grapevine Springs**

Carolyn Frank was a resident of Grapevine, but made a small cameo in the story of Coppell. In 1937, Carolyn was in sixth grade. She would later become a dance instructor, as well as an employee of the Grapevine School District, but on June 15 she played a starring role in the dedication of Grapevine Springs Park. The celebration was attended by hundreds of locals.

According to a local newspaper, businesses in neighboring Grapevine closed for the event. Descendants of pioneer families came to the park in a covered wagon. Many wore period dress from the 1840s. Carolyn, along with fellow student Ruth Walker, dressed as an Indian and performed a dance. Mrs. Madeleine Hemley sang an "Indian Love Call" and a group of 40 students performed a dramatic reenactment of the treaty negotiated by Sam Houston and local Indian tribes on the park grounds in 1843.

It was such a spectacular event that it seems a pity to point out that the treaty was actually signed at Bird's Fort, six miles north of Arlington.

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