

The late Ben F. Gearhart and his mother came to Texas in 1867 and lived at Plano, Texas a short time. Mr. Gearharts mother came near Old Celina, Texas and stayed with her son-in-law, Uncle Billy Burruss, and family a year or two while Ben was in the vicinity of Howe, Grayson County. Mr. Gearhart made two trips back to Tennessee on the same horse after coming to Texas. He moved his mother onto the old home place a few miles southeast of Celina, Texas a short time before he was married to Miss Alice O'Brien in 1879. Mr. & Mrs. Gearhart built the house on the home place in 1881 and lived there until Mr. Gearhart died March 4, 1925...Mr. Gearhart bought and sold cattle and horses when he first came here and continued to do some trading as long as he was able to work at anything. He will be remembered riding around Celina, Texas on a big black horse. He was one of the founders of the Church of Christ and the Gearharts have been some of its most dependable members throughout its existence.

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