



## WELCOME TO HISTORIC LEE COUNTY, TEXAS

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**Texas Wendish Heritage Museum**

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*Located in historic **Serbin, Texas**. Visit the only Wendish Museum outside of Germany to experience the heritage, history and tasty homemade noodles of the unique Wendish culture. Call 979-366-2441 or go online to schedule your visit to the **Texas Wendish Heritage Museum** and **St. Paul Lutheran Church ca 1871**, one of the **Painted Churches of Texas**. Tour groups are welcome with the option to enjoy a traditional Wendish lunch while visiting the museum. Bus & Senior Friendly..*



Stay around **Lee County** awhile to visit a host of museums, stately structures,

a wide variety of rural heritage venues, and the hospitality of Rural Texas. Let us arrange an Itinerary for you including lodging, dining, shopping, enjoying and experiencing **Lee County Texas History!**

### **Arnold Smith Arrowhead Collection**

Items from this early American collection date from the Paleo-Indian period 10,000 years ago to the historic period of approximately 300 years ago. Items range from projectile point fragments which were part of weapons used to hunt larger animals such as Ice Age mammoths and bison. Other items include pottery from the late-historic period. This display is truly a lesson in history.



Completed in 1899, this **Lee County Courthouse** replaced the original built in 1878 which was lost to fire. The architecture is Richardsonian Romanesque. It is said to be octagonal in shape with the four sides facing the four points of the compass. The Courthouse is at 200 S. Main Street.

The **First Presbyterian Church of Giddings**, Texas was organized in 1876. This sanctuary was constructed in 1886 and has been in continuous use since that time - the oldest church building in continuous use in Giddings.



The refurbished 1879 **Schubert-Fletcher home** in downtown Giddings, houses the Lee County Heritage Center. It tells the rich and varied story of Lee County from the Native Americans to present day inhabitants. A collection of displays, along with the beautiful workmanship of the house itself, make this a memorable experience for all who attend.





Restored and enjoyed by many this ca **1900 carousel** is one of a few of its kind still in existence. It was left at Firemans Park by a traveling carnival as collateral on a debt in the 1940's. Folks can enjoy a nostalgic carousel ride with a bowl of Blue Bell ice cream!



**"Cowboys Receiving the Mail"** by Otis Dozier (1939) painting which is part of 109 works of art painted during the Great Depression for display in Texas post offices & federal buildings, is located in the Giddings Post Office at 279 E Austin Street. It is a piece of living history, a reminder of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's efforts to give work to artists during that time of poverty.

**Gravesite** of notorious gunslinger Bill Longley, cattle rustler, horse thief and murderer. He boasted he killed 42 men and it took three hangings to bring him to justice.

### Lexington, Texas

**The Lexington Log Cabins and Heritage Center** collects, preserves, and interprets the history of northern Lee County, Texas, from the arrival of the first Native American in the region to present day.



### Dime Box, Texas

There's an **"Old"** and a **"New" Dime Box**, named from the practice of leaving a dime in a box at Brown's Mill to get a letter delivered prior to the Dime Box Post Office opening in 1877. Old Dime Box is the second oldest town in Lee County. New Dime Box opened the 1944 March of Dimes Campaign. The town was featured in Life magazine with a photograph of the Postmaster General on the front porch of the Dime Box Store with an oversized mailbox which was sent to the White House. An oversized vintage dime stands in a transparent case in downtown "New" Dime Box.



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