

Exhibit A

The Sharrock Story

While a Republic shortly before becoming a state around 176 years ago, Texas began an effort to attract settlers by means of offering free land to anyone willing to settle and live on the land for five years after which clear title was granted to the new residents. Texas granted enormous tracks of land the size of six or more counties to colony investors, like Peter's Colony, willing and able to subsidize would be settlers, many of very limited means, coming from the northeast part of the country attracted by the prospects of free land opportunities in this area. Colony Organizers and Investors were likewise rewarded too with land provided from these state land grants in exchange for their abilities to meet the state's requirements for colonization.

The Sharrock Family signed on with Peter's Colony, the first of its kind, to shepherd them to the free land opportunity arriving from Illinois shortly after Texas became a state in 1847. They built a one room log cabin, dug a well in solid white rock that still flows today with a root cellar only a few yards away (the only example of its type known to exist in the state) along with a barn exhibiting a blend of northern European construction techniques. This is the oldest site on its original location in Northeast Texas predating even the city of Ft. Worth for reference.

Through the efforts of local residents, the Sharrock Farmstead and 34 acres were saved and donated in 2005 to the Dallas Park Department which over more than a decade has spent in the area of a million and a half dollars restoring the log cabin, root cellar, barn, and preserving the well. The continuing efforts of area residents in collaboration with other supporters led to the Site being bestowed with Dallas Landmark Status in 2012 follow by recognition in late 2015 with both the Texas Historic Commission Marker Status and by the Department of the Interior National Park Division placement of the Site in the National Registry of Historic Places in the Library of Congress.

These distinctions are ample justification for supporting the replacement of east Grady Niblo Road, which actually has nothing to do with the historic site between Patriot Ridge Service Road and Kiwanis Road, with Sharrock Road in commemoration of the significance this Site represents to this area's history.