

Blue Gap Post Office and Stage Depot a part of the Z. I. Hale Museum Complex

From it's original construction site 16 miles to the Northeast of Winters to it's reconstructed site on North Main St.



Oldest Portrait on Record



Condition Donated



Laying New Foundation



Starting the Roof



Blocking the Wind

Re-



dedication in 2014

The Blue Gap Post Office /Stage Depot was originally located in Coleman County. Shortly after Runnels County was organized in February 1880, a survey was made and the results determined it to be located within the boundary lines of Runnels County. The 136 year old log cabin was the second post office in Runnels County, established February 14, 1878, and closed on March 2, 1881.

It was located a little over 16 miles east of Winters, Texas. The name described the area where it was located – a scenic pass through the mountains about one and one-half miles away. It served as the stagecoach stop for the Round Rock to Buffalo Gap Stage Line. The Stage Line came by every two weeks to bring mail and supplies.

The post office had been restored several decades ago, but eventually over the years, the elements took its toll.

The property owner donated the partially collapsed structure to the Z. I. Hale Museum, Inc. in 2000. It had been stored in a weather proof building until 2013 when a construction crew of retired builders began the reconstruction of the log cabin at 120 N. Main St according to the Department of the Interior's recommendations for Restoring Log Cabins. The post office received the distinguished Medallion from the Texas Historical Commission in 1966 for being a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Building.

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