

FROM TIME TO TIME

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Fort Worth Stuart and Scott Gentling have chosen to depict the Isaac Parker cabin now situated at Log Cabin Village in Fort Worth's Forest Park. This wonderful survivor of early pioneer days was already standing at nearby Birdville when Major Ripley Arnold established the small fort on bluffs above the Trinity River that became our city.

It was here that Cynthia Ann Parker, the white mother of Quanah Parker, was brought after being re-captured from the Comanches who had kidnapped her and later adopted her into their tribe. Her son Quanah remained with his Comanche family, became the last great war chief of the Comanches and was later honored by the white world as a statesman for his people,

As half white and half native american he had come to be respected in both worlds. The Parker cabin also stands in two worlds, a poignant reminder of the sacrifices our ancestors endured for our sakes. That we still preserve and care for such reminders speaks well for us as we ponder their meaning from time to time. We thank Mr. and Mrs. John Roach for sharing their painting with Fort Worth and Motherwell Printing Company for contributing its exceptional skills in faithfully reproducing our work.

Scott and Stuart Gentling
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