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HOOVER CART HISTORY

By Dan Brinson

A "Genuine Hoover Cart" has been offered to the Grady County Historical Society by a generous local patron.

I was flabbergasted by the number of persons on the Board who had no idea what a Hoover Cart was. President Herbert Hoover received the bulk of the blame for the collapse of Wall Street in 1929, poverty of the Great Depression during the decade that followed.

When cars broke down, owners had no money to repair them properly. So they merely converted all (or part) of the vehicle into a cart or wagon that could be moved by beasts of burden. Traditionally, carts are two wheeled vehicles. Buggies and wagons are 4 wheeled vehicles.

Some of you may recall that the children in the "Our Gang" comedy episodes had an old car with a mule harnessed to push it. That was one variation of the Hoover cart, or Bennett Buggy as it was called in some areas. I know neither who Bennett was, or where he was. Regardless, that is beyond the scope of this article.

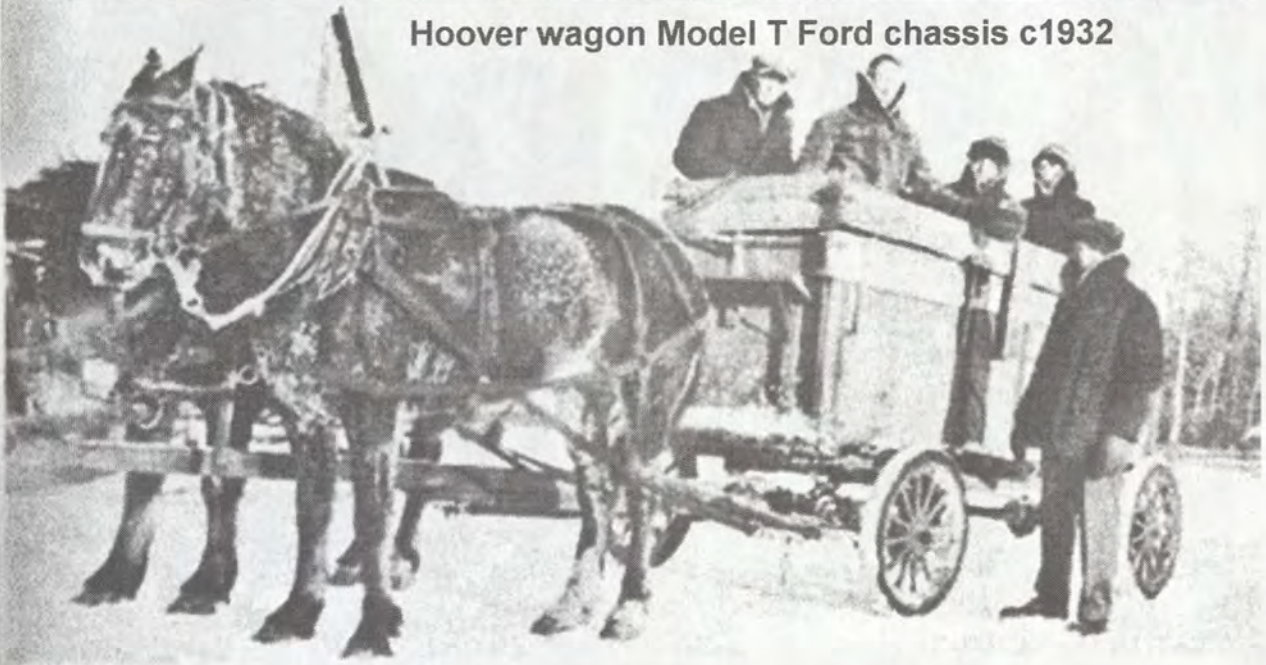
I hope the following photographs will be enlightening as well as informative.



Hoover cart of family too poor to buy tires c1932



Hoover wagon Model T Ford chassis c1932



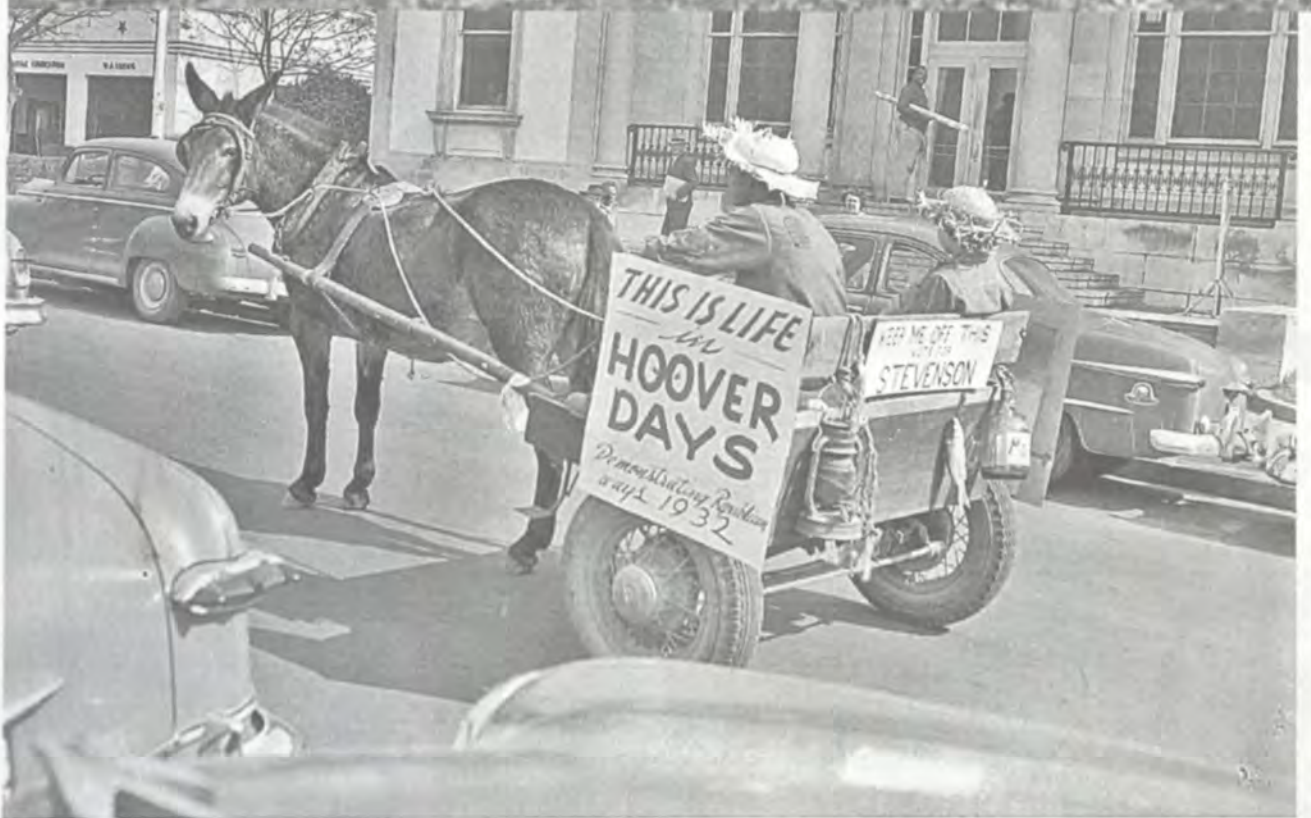
Pat's Hoover Cart built on front axle of 1937 Chevy receiving 1937 police lights

Genuine hoover cart using only back portion of the body 1932



Bennett Buggy aka Hoover Wagon with an Auburn Boat Tail Racer body ©1935

Hoover truck c1937



Parade Hoover Cart built on front axle
of c1929 Chevy recalling 1932 politics c1954