



John Faires was born on October 23, 1801. In 1851, John packed up his seven children and moved them by himself to McKinney, Texas. He built his house in 1854 and opened a blacksmith shop nearby. He was also a wonderfully talented woodworker. His hand-chiseled front door still waits to welcome you into the Faires House. John also helped build one of the first bridges across Wilson Creek. He was an important citizen of McKinney. He died at the age of 77 on November 24, 1878.

## **Pocket John Faires**

**Color John and cut him out. Take pictures with him around the house and around town having splendid adventures. Have your parents post your pictures to Instagram and Facebook be sure to tag Chestnut Square. Include #mckinneystrong, #chestnutsquare, #pocketprairiepeopleofchestnutsquare. Also, bring John to Chestnut Square and visit the Faires House on a tour. You will receive one free ticket for a village tour.**