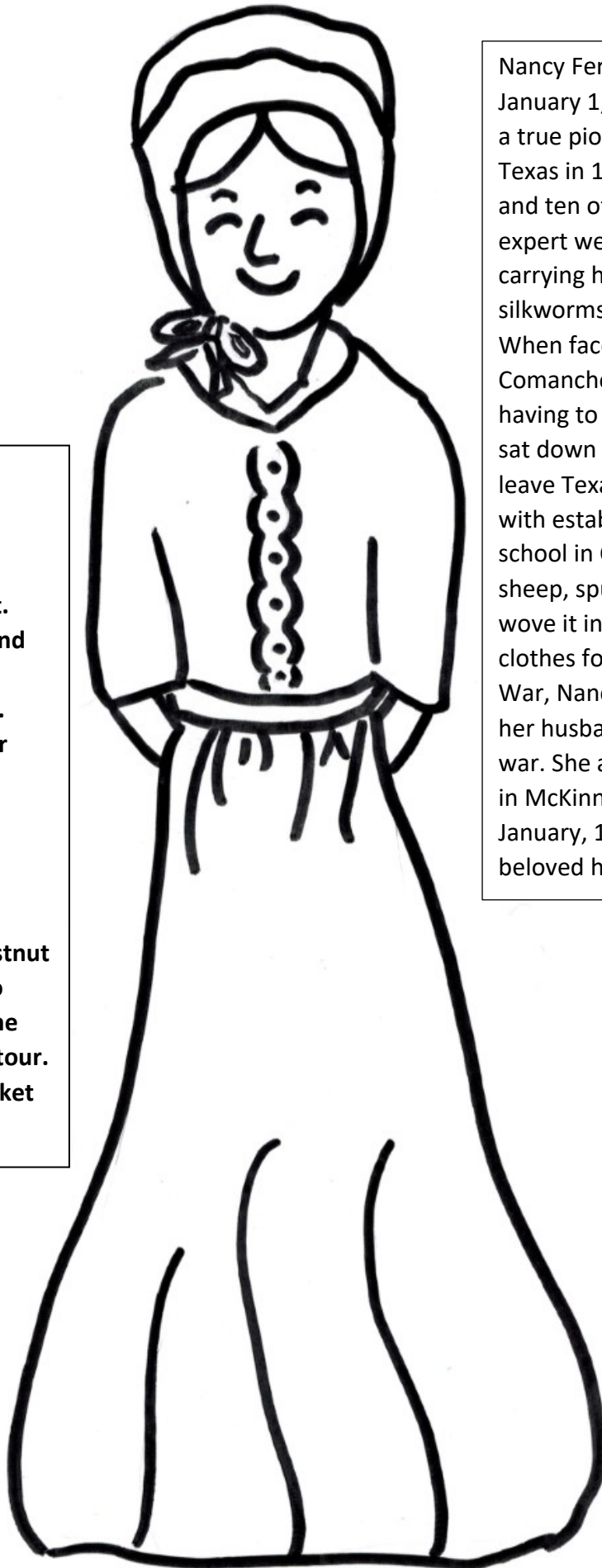


## Pocket Nancy Wilmeth

Color Nancy and cut her out. Take pictures with her 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, #pocketprairiepeopleofchestnut square, Also, bring Nancy to Chestnut Square and visit the Wilmeth Schoolhouse on a tour. You will receive one free ticket for a village tour.



Nancy Ferguson Wilmeth was born on January 1, 1807 in Tennessee. She was a true pioneer woman. She came to Texas in 1845 with her husband, JB, and ten of her children. Nancy was an expert weaver and drove a wagon carrying her spinning wheel, loom, silkworms, and mulberry saplings. When faced with the threat of a Comanche raid and the prospect of having to return to Tennessee, Nancy sat down on a fallen log and refused to leave Texas. She assisted her husband with establishing the first free public school in Collin County. She raised sheep, spun their wool into thread, wove it into material, and sewed clothes for her family. During the Civil War, Nancy ran the family farm while her husband and sons were away at war. She and JB lived a long, happy life in McKinney. She passed away on January, 14, 1892 one day before her beloved husband.