

The State of Texas,

County of Gregg

BEFORE ME,

the undersigned authority

Gregg

G. H. Lasater

County, Texas, on this day personally

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instr and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerat herein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 2nd day of Sept. A. D. 19 27.

(L. S.)

Notary Public, Gregg County, Texas

The State of Texas,

County of Gregg

BEFORE ME,

the undersigned authority

Gregg

County, Texas, on this day personally appo ed

Mary L. Lasater

wife of

G. H. Lasater

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and hav examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to she, the said Mary L. Lasater acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willing gned the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to act it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 2nd day of Sept. 1927

(L. S.)

Notary Public, Gregg County Texas

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF Gregg

I, Dush Shaw

County

Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing dated on the 2 day of Sept A. D. 1927 with its Certificate of Authentication, was filed for record in my office on the 2 day of Sept A. D. 1927 at 4 o'clock P M. and duly recorded this 2 day of Sept A. D. 1927 at 10 o'clock A M. in the Deed Records of said County, in Volume 55, on pages 348-9

Witness my hand and seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Longview

the day and year last above written

Dush Shaw

County Clerk

County, Texas

(L. S.)

By

Deputy

WARRANTY DEED

With Single and Wife's Separate Acknowledgments

G. H. Lasater, et ux

TO

Longview Independent School

District

FILED FOR RECORD

This 2 day of Sept A. D. 1927

at 4 o'clock M.

Dush Shaw

County Clerk.

By

Deputy.

RECORDED

September 3 A.D. 1927

In Gregg County Record

of Deeds Book 55

Page

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Dush Shaw

County Clerk.

Recording Fee \$

Deputy.

This instrument should be filed immediately with the County Clerk for record.

Martin Stationery Co., Dallas, Texas.

Shaw

The State of Texas,

COUNTY OF **Gregg**

} Know All Men By These Presents:

That we, **G. H. Lasater, et ux., Mary L. Lasater,**

of the County of **Gregg** State of **Texas** for and in consideration of the sum of **One Thousand (\$1,000.00)**

DOLLARS

to us in hand paid by **Longview Independent School District**

as follows:

Cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey unto the said **Longview Independent School District** of the County of **Gregg** State of **Texas** all that certain

tract or parcels of land within corporate limits of the City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas and being described as Lots Nos. 27 and 28 and all of no. 24 lying north of line extending east from southeast corner of Lot No. 27 of the J. A. Boring Addition to said city; said property being described on official map of said city as Lots 27, 28 and Tract No. 29 in New City Block No. 148 of said city.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular, the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said

Longview Independent School District, his heirs and assigns forever; and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, to Warrant and Forever Defend all and singular the said premises unto the said **Longview Independent School District** and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

WITNESS our hands at **Longview, Texas**

this **2nd** day of **September** A. D. 19 **27**

Witnesses at Request of Grantor:

G. H. Lasater
Mrs. Mary L. Lasater

Copied 3-15-91
G.C. Court House
County Clerk & O.A.C.

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State of Texas

County of Gregg

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Mrs. E.R. Boring, a feme sole, of Gregg County, Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand And No/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars, to me cash in hand paid by the Trustees of the Longview Independent School District, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, have granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said present Board of Trustees of the Longview Independent School District, consisting at thistime of H.S. Turner, A.L. Connor, L.H. Bivins, H.A. Ross, E.S. Wilson, J.M. Wood and B.D. Marshall, and their successors in office, all of those certain lots or tracts of land situated in Longview, Gregg County, Texas, and described as follows:

Lot or Tract No. 23, and Lots Nos. 25, 26 and 30, in New City Block 148, in said City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, and the right, privilege and authority is also granted to close the west end of Courtland Street, immediately south of the original school house lot, being Block 147, and immediately north of Lots 23, 28 and 29, in said Block 148.

To Have And To Hold the above described premises and rights, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Longview Independent School District and its Trustees and their successors and assigns, forever; and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs Executors and Administrators, to warrant and forever defend, all and singular, the said premises unto the said grantees herein, their successors and assigns, against every person, whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

Witness my hand at Longview, Texas, this the 9th day of May, A.D. 1929.

Mrs. E.R. Boring.

State of Texas

County of Gregg

Before me, a Notary Public in and for Gregg County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Mrs. E.R. Boring, a feme sole, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 9th day of May A.D. 1929.

(L.S.)

T.B. Stinchcomb

Notary Public, Gregg County, Texas.

Filed for record May 10, 1929 at 10 A.M., and Recorded May 10, 1929 at 11 A.M.

[Signature]
County Clerk, Gregg County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS ↓

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF GREGG ↓

THAT I, MRS. E. R. BORING, a feme sole, of Gregg County, Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS, to me cash in hand paid by the Trustees of the Longview Independent School District, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, have granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said present Board of Trustees of the Longview Independent School District, consisting at this time of H. S. Turner, A. L. Connor, M. M. Bivins, H. A. Ross, E. S. Wilson, J. M. Wood, and B. E. Marshall, and their successors in office, all of those certain lots or tracts of land situated in Longview, Gregg County, Texas, and described as follows:

Lot or Tract No. 23, and Lots Nos. 25, 26 and 30, in New City Block 148, in said City of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, and the right, privilege and authority is also granted to close the west end of Courtland Street, immediately south of the original schoolhouse lot, being block 147, and immediately north of Lots 23, 28 and 29, in said Block 148.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises and rights, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said Longview Independent School District and its Trustees and their successors and assigns, forever; and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and Administrators, to warrant and forever defend, all and singular, the said premises unto the said grantees herein, their successors and assigns, against every person, whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

Witness my hand at Longview, Texas, this the 9th day of May, A.D. 1922.

Mrs. E. R. Boring

STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF GREGG (

Before me, a Notary Public in and for Gregg County, Texas, on this day personally appeared MRS. E. R. BORING, sole, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This the 10th day of May, A.D. 1929.

J. B. Hubbard

Notary Public, Gregg County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

COUNTY OF GREGG)

I hereby certify that the foregoing deed or instrument writing was filed in my Office for record at 12 o'clock A.M. on the 10 day of May 1929 and that the same together with Certificate of Authentication was on this day, correctly recorded on 67 in volume 58 record of DEEDS of Gregg County, Texas.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office in Gregg County, Texas, this 10 day of May 1929

By _____ Deputy. *Dush Shaw*

COUNTY

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Foster Middle School

The town of Longview, Texas was founded in 1870, when O. H. Methvin deeded to the Southern Pacific Railroad one hundred acres of land.

The earliest board minutes on file for Longview Public Schools begin with the year 1903. The Longview Independent School District was created by a special act of the 31st Texas Legislature in March, 1909. The original field notes of the district show that it embraced approximately sixteen square miles. In 1910, Longview District had 1,250 pupils and seventeen teachers. The school tax was twenty-five cents on \$100 valuation.

On September 2, 1927, the Longview Independent School District executed a deed with Mary and G. H. Lasater purchasing property for the erection of a brick building to house Longview High School, replacing a frame structure built in 1884, in the vicinity of Green and College Streets.

The main building housing Foster Middle School today was begun in 1927, and completed in 1929. At that time it was Longview Senior High School and represented an investment of \$130,000. The dedication read "to the cause of education" and this has certainly proven to be true as it has been in use continuously as a school since its erection.

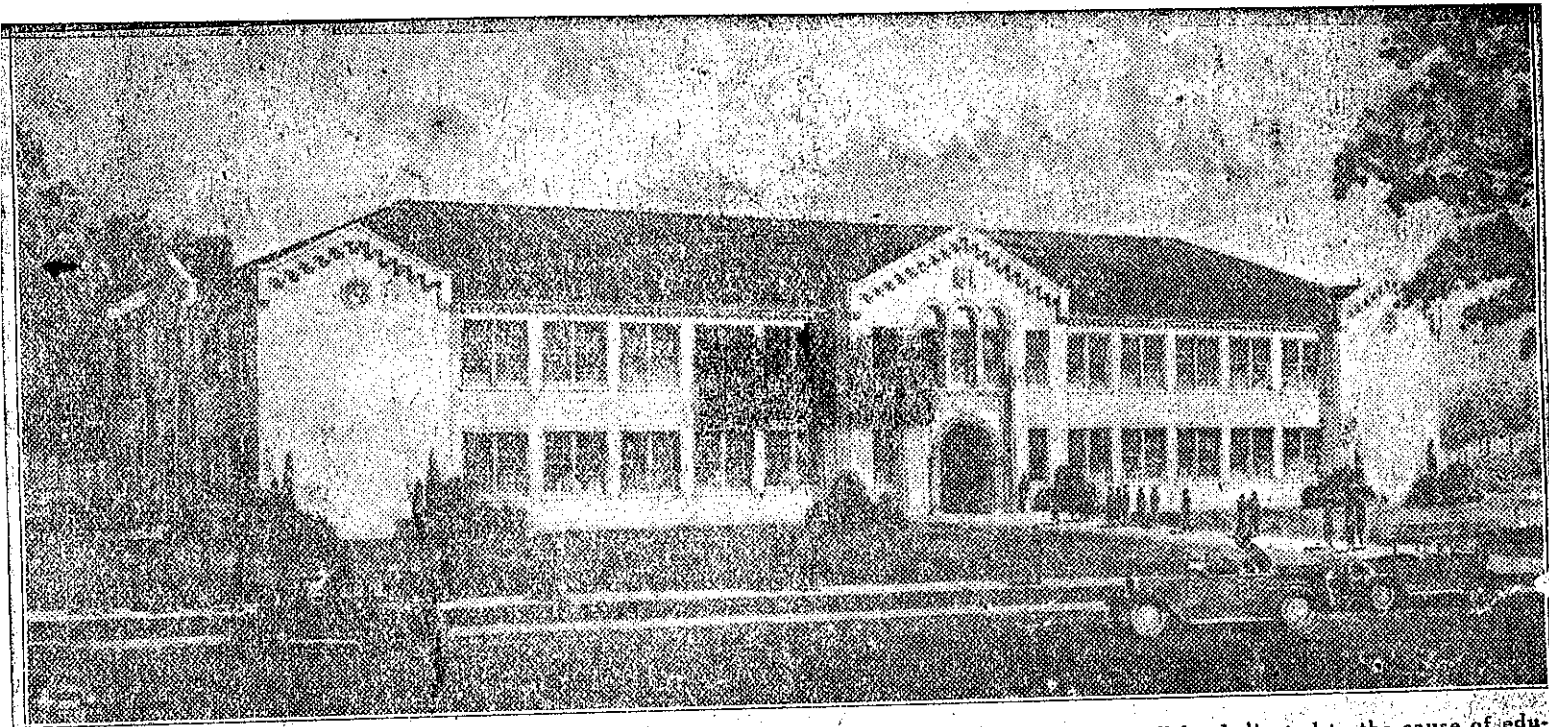
The architect of this project was Elmer J. Withers of Fort Worth, Texas. The architectural firm was Christy-Dolph Construction Co. of Dallas. Located on 6.3 acres on the

corner of College and Green Streets, the original building had 16 classrooms, a homemaking room, library, clinic, office, and auditorium. It was built of multi-colored brick, wood frame windows, and a red clay tile roof. It was used four years as a high school then converted to a junior high school when a new high school was built on Whaley Street in 1932.

Today it is the main building in a middle school complex serving 750 students in grades six through eight. This complex consists of a separate annex, a library built in 1974, band hall, and an attached gymnasium. In 1987, the building that housed Nicholson Public Library reverted to the Longview Independent School System when a new Longview Public Library was built in downtown Longview. This new addition to Foster's complex is now being used as a magnet school for gifted/talented students from the entire district.

From 1932 to 1957, this school was known only as Longview Junior High since it was the only junior high school in town. When population growth required another junior high to be built in the north part of the city in 1957, the building was named Henry L. Foster Jr. High School after a former educator and superintendent of schools, Henry L. Foster.

This school building has been in continuous use as a center of education for sixty-one years and continues today to serve as a monument to education for thousands of present and former students.



Longview's new high school building (above), which represents an investment of \$130,000, will be dedicated to the cause of education in its spacious auditorium tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The citizenry of both the city, as well as the county, is urged to attend the ceremonies by Superintendent H. L. Foster. 1929

APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

**Texas Historical Commission
History Division
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711**

Title of Marker (subject to revision by THC staff) ▶ Henry E. Foster Middle School	County ▶ Gregg
Marker Location (from nearest town on state map) ▶ 410 South Green Longview, TX 75601	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site ▶	If not on post, type of surface to which marker will be attached (wood, stone, etc.) ▶ Brick
Owner of Marker Site ▶ Longview ISD	Address: 515 N. Court City, Zip: Longview, TX 75601
Sponsor of Marker ▶ Longview ISD	Address: 515 N. Court City, Zip: Longview, TX 75601
Signature of County Chairman ▶ Dr. Norman Black	Address: 417 S. Mobberly City, Zip: Longview, TX 75602
Person to whom marker is to be shipped* ▶ Beth Dodson	Address: 117 W. Edgefield City, Zip: Longview, TX 75602

**NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.*

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee. Sales tax of 6 1/4% must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization. Applicants may order a marker with a socket to attach to their own post; however, the cost is the same as a marker furnished with a foundry post.

SUBJECT MARKERS

- 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) ... \$225 ^{With tax} \$238.78
- 27" x 42" subject marker with post \$650 ^{With tax} \$689.81
- 27" x 42" subject marker without post \$600 \$636.75
- 18" x 28" subject marker with post \$375 ^{With tax} \$397.97
- 18" x 28" subject marker without post \$300 ^{With tax} \$318.38
- I(We) request that RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

BUILDING MARKERS

- 16" x 12" building marker with post \$350 ^{With tax} \$371.45
 - 16" x 12" building marker without post \$300 ^{With tax} \$318.38
- Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 13 through 18, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

Signature of owner _____

PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired:

- ___ 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker \$90 ^{With tax} \$95.51
Allow two months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.
- ___ Medallion paperweight \$40 ^{With tax} \$42.45
Allow two months from completion of marker for receipt of medallion.

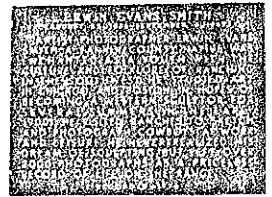
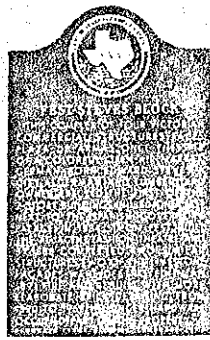
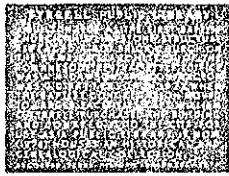
DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:

- 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign \$80 ^{With tax} \$84.90
These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.
- ___ Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
- ___ Green and White (for interstate highways)
- 18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign \$80 ^{With tax} \$84.90
In black and white only. For city and county roads.
- ___ Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement.
- ___ With arrow pointing straight ahead
- ___ With arrow pointing left
- ___ With arrow pointing right

OTHER

- National Register plaque \$ 50 ^{With tax} \$ 53.06
- 12" x 6" supplemental plate \$110 ^{With tax} \$116.74
- 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy #15) \$190 ^{With tax} \$201.64
- Bronze medallion (see policy #15) \$110 ^{With tax} \$116.74
- Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$ 25 ^{With tax} \$ 27.14
- Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$ 25 ^{With tax} \$ 27.14
- Bronze seals (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$ 65 ^{With tax} \$ 68.98
- Bronze plates (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$185 ^{With tax} \$196.33



SUBJECT MARKER
(27" x 42")

BUILDING MARKER

SUBJECT MARKER
(18" x 28")

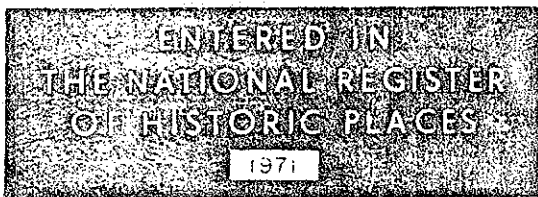
GRAVE MARKER

SUBJECT MARKER (27" x 42") allows up to 24 lines of text using 1/2" lettering. Specify marker with or without post.

SUBJECT MARKER (18" x 28") allows up to 18 lines of text using 1/2" lettering. Specify marker with or without post.

BUILDING MARKER (medallion and 16" x 12" plate) allows up to 14 lines of text using 3/8" lettering. Specify marker with or without post.

GRAVE MARKER (small medallion and 16" x 12" plate) allows up to 14 lines of text using 3/8" lettering. Marker includes mounting bar.

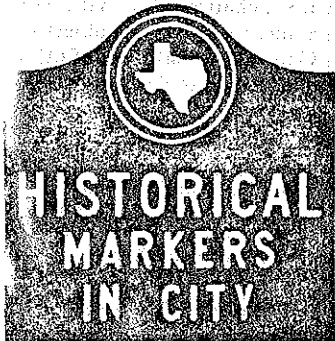


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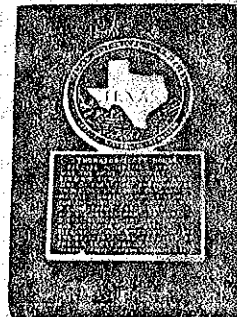


DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
NUECES COUNTY
1980

MEDALLION PAPERWEIGHT



HISTORICAL MARKER DIRECTIONAL SIGNS



PLASTIC PAPERWEIGHT

NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE is available for structures that are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or that are contributing members of a National Register Historic District.

MEDALLION PAPERWEIGHT cast in aluminum, the medallion measures 4" in diameter with a 3/4" x 1/4" plate, allowing four lines of engraving.

HISTORICAL MARKERS IN CITY (24" x 24") to be placed on city streets and county roads. Specify marker with or without post. Obtain approval from the State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation.

PLASTIC PAPERWEIGHT, a miniature replica of your marker mounted on a 3" x 4 3/8" x 1/2" black acrylic base. Allow two months after completion of the marker for delivery.

HISTORICAL MARKER (18" x 22") with directional arrow placed on city streets and county roads. Specify marker with or without post.



DEDICATION
of an
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Former Site of

LONGVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
410 South Green Street
Longview, Texas

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1993
10:00 am

Sponsored by

THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE GREGG COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
THE LONGVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Foster Middle School Faculty and Staff
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Longview High School ROTC
Dr. Ellie Caston, Director, Gregg County Historical Museum
City of Longview Police Department
Welch Funeral Home
Carol Holloway
Doris McQueen
Troy Rapp
Gregg Williams

Program

Master of Ceremonies..... Dr. Norman W. Black, Chairman,
Gregg County Historical Commission

Invocation Mr. Clifford E. Stewart,
Vice Principal, Foster Middle School

Posting of Colors Longview High School ROTC

Welcome and Introduction of Gregg County
Historical Commission and Guests Dr. Black

Remarks..... Kenneth Walker
Gregg County Judge

Address Dr. R.L. McMichael, Superintendent,
Longview Independent School District

Dedication of Marker Dr. Black

Unveiling..... Mrs. Beth Dodson,
Gregg County Historical Commission
Librarian, Foster Middle School

Reading of Marker..... Dr. Black

Benediction Dr. Troy Simmons, President,
Longview Independent
School District Board