

Report From

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To:

Gregg County Historical & Genealogical Society

Through the help of Mr. Gilbert Bass, formerly with the State Highway Department the Gregg County marker, formerly placed at the East entrance into the city limits on Highway 80, the marker was found at the State Highway storage yard on the Kilgore road.

The marker made of Texas granite and possibly weighing 1500 pounds is 24 inches by 32 inches.

The 17 inch brass plate on it states "Texas Highway Department" date given as 1936. A brass plate 18X24 inches on another side shows the County made from Rusk and Upsher Counties: created April 12, 1873. Organized June 28, 1873.

Through Mr Kutzer, chief engineer here for the Highway Department I asked that the district office be contacted at Tyler and see if the Department furnished the marker. A few days later he advised me the Tyler office had no record of furnishing it.

I contacted Mr. Koch of the Longview Chamber of Commerce and he got in touch with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and neither of these had any record of any connection in having obtained it.

From this we might be, if the Society is satisfied with the endeavor of finding those responsible for getting the marker, able to replace it.

Mr. Kutzer advised me it would not be the proper place to put the marker at the East edge of Gregg County, where it was formerly, due to traffic conditions on Highway 80 and the possibility of transients stopping to read it. He did say the Highway Department would move the marker to some point we decided on and replace it. This is a fine gesture on his part and will be costly to the Department.

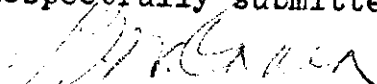
Mr. Harry Mosley, our City Manager, has offered us a location on Highway 80 at the entrance to our city water towers opposite the marker now erected showing how Longview received its name.

On the decision of our Society, if this is their thinking the marker will be placed there by the State Highway Department.

The City of Longview own this roadway from Highway 80 to their tanks.

Respectfully submitted,

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Front of Marker-

Gen. Star

1936

Texas Highway Dept.

Gregg Co. founded Apr - 12 - 1873

from Rusk and Upshur Cos.

Organized June 28 - 1873 -

Named in honor of Gen. John Gregg

1828 - 1864

Made of Texas Granite.

Gregg

JWM

*Intersection of U. S.
80 and North High St.*

GREGG COUNTY
FORMED FROM RUSK AND UPSHUR
COUNTIES
CREATED APRIL 12, 1873 ORGANIZED JUNE 28, 1873
NAMED IN HONOR OF
GENERAL JOHN GREGG
1828-1864
DELEGATE TO SECESSION CONVENTION
AND TO THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS
OF THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY
A CONFEDERATE OFFICER
LONGVIEW, THE COUNTY SEAT
[1.2 mi. E Longview, US Hy 80]

Longview

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