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MINUTES OF A RECESSED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LONGVIEW GREGG COUNTY TEXAS HELD ON SATURDAY JUNE 22nd at 1.P.M.

Pursuant to adjournment of a regular meeting of the City Commission held on June 14th, the Commission met in recessed session on June 22nd at the City Hall with the following being present: City Manager, City Secretary and Commissioners: L. Birdsong, Chairman, J.W. Booth, T.L.N. Rawlinson, Martin Hays and H.G. Glover. None Absent.

The Chairman called the Commission to order and the following Committee from the First Baptist Church composed of W.O. Avery, John L. Whorton, Grover C. Finch, G.A. McCreight, O.T. Welch came before the Commission requesting the City to cause the removal of a Gulf Filling Station on the Lawrence property on Fradonia Street. The Manager was instructed to notify parties interested to remove said filling station.

On motion of H.G. Glover and seconded by Martin Hays, the City Manager was instructed to take option on a Fire Station site in Idlewood addition of the City.

The Commission ~~was~~ authorized H.G. Glover and the City Manager to purchase lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in Block 75, section 2 from the J.C. Turner Estate for consideration of \$ 3,250/00 for a Fire Station and play grounds site.

No further business coming up, the Commission adjourned to meet


Chairman City Commission

Attest:


City Secretary

Martin Hays made motion to purchase lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, in New City Block 170 for a Fire Station and play grounds. Motion seconded by Mr. T.L.N Rawlinson and approved.

City Manager, Commissioners Glover and Rawlinson, were appointed a committee to meet with the Air port Committee to work out plans for the purpose of perfecting an air-port for Longview .

O.H.Grissom and H. L. Foster came before the Commission requesting the City to aid in supporting a High School Band, insofar as buying uniforms and large horns and drums for the Band. H. G. Glover made motion to appropriate \$ 1500.00 for this purpose, seconded by Martin Hays and approved.

No further business coming up, the meeting adjourned to meet on July 15, at 1 P.M.

Chairman City Commission

Attest:


City Secretary

ORDER AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF GREGG }

On this the ¹²~~15~~ day of July, 1935, the City Commission of the City of Longview, in Gregg County, Texas, convened in Regular session at the regular meeting place in the City Hall, the following members being present, to-wit: L. Birdsong Chairman; Martin Hays, J. W. Booth, H. G. Glover, E. L. W. Rawlinson, Witt Nelson, City Secretary; and among other proceedings had by the City Commission was the following:

It was moved by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Commissioner Hays that there be submitted to the qualified voters of said City who are property taxpayers therein, the propositions for the issuance of the bonds of said city in the following amounts and for the following purposes, to-wit:

Proposition No. I: Being for the issuance of \$115,000.00 of City Hall Bonds of the City of Longview.

Proposition No. II: Being for the issuance of \$50,000.00 of Fire Station Bonds of the City of Longview.

Proposition No. III: Being for the issuance of \$25,000.00 of Air Port Bonds of the City of Longview.

Proposition No. IV: Being for the issuance of \$25,000.00 of Street Improvement Bonds of the City of Longview.

It appearing that the City of Longview is in need of the improvements specified above, that the City Commission of the said City deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the said purpose and in the amounts hereinafter set out.

The motion was carried by the following votes: AYES:

Hays, Booth, Glover,
Rawlinson, NOES: None.

The following order was accordingly adopted:

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Longview deems it advisable to issue bonds of the said city for the purposes hereinafter mentioned:

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS:

I.

That an election be held on the 27th day of August, 1935
at which election the following propositions shall be submitted to the
resident qualified property taxpaying voters of the said city for their
action thereon:

PROPOSITION I.

Shall the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Longview, Texas, in the sum of \$115,000.00, maturing serially within fifteen years from their date, bearing interest not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund with which to pay the principal at maturity for the purpose of constructing and equipping a City Hall and Fire Station in and for said City of Longview, Texas, and purchase site therefor, as authorized by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas?

PROPOSITION II.

Shall the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Longview, Texas, in the sum of \$50,000.00 maturing serially within fifteen years from their date, bearing interest not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund with which to pay the principal at maturity for the purpose of constructing and equipping two fire stations in and for said City of Longview, Texas, and purchase site therefor, as authorized by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas?

PROPOSITION III.

Shall the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Longview, Texas in the sum of \$25,000.00, maturing serially within fifteen years from their date, bearing interest not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund with which to pay the principal at maturity for the purpose of constructing and equipping an Air Port for the City of Longview, Texas, and purchase site therefor, as authorized by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas?

PROPOSITION IV.

Shall the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Longview, Texas in the sum of \$25,000.00, maturing serially within fifteen years from their date, bearing interest not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund with which to pay the principal at maturity for the purpose of street improvements, including curbs and gutters, for the City of Longview, Texas, as authorized by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.

MINUTES OF A RECESSED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION HELD ON AUGUST 28th at 1:30 P.M.

Pursuant to adjournment of a regular meeting of the Commission held on August 13th, the Commission met in recessed session on August 28th at the City Hall at 1:30 P.M. with the following being present: City Manager, City Secretary, and Commissioners, L. Birdsong, Chairman, H.G.Glover, T.L.N.Rawlinson, Martin Hays, and J.W.Booth being absent.

The Chairman called the Board to order and the election of August 27th was canvassed with the following results.

ELECTION RETURNS

STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF GREGG |

To the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of LONGVIEW, TEXAS:

We, the undersigned officers holding an election on the 27th day of August, 1935, at the City Hall in the City of Longview to determine if said City shall issue One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) of bonds for the purpose of constructing and equipping a City Hall and Fire Station in and for said City of Longview; Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of bonds for the purpose of constructing and equipping two fire stations in and for said City of Longview; Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) of bonds for the purpose of constructing and equipping an Air Port for the City of Longview; and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) of bonds for the purpose of street improvements, including curbs and gutters, for the City of Longview, hereby CERTIFY that at said election there were _____ votes cast, of which number there were cast:

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR: _____ 141 _____ votes

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR: _____ 63 _____ votes

Majority for the issuance of City Hall and Fire Station Bonds: _____ 78 _____ votes

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING FIRE STATIONS AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR: _____ 127 _____ VOTES

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING FIRE STATIONS AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR: _____ 40 _____ votes

Majority for the issuance of Fire Station Bonds: _____ 127 _____ votes

An ordinance authorizing the City Commission to issued \$115,000.00 City Hall Bonds follows:

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF GREGG)
CITY OF LONGVIEW)

On this, the 10day of September, 1935, the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas convened in regular session at its regular meeting place in the City Hall, all members thereof, to-wit: L.Birdsong, Chairman, and Commissioners, J.W.Booth, H.G.Glover, T.L.N.Rawlinson, Martin Hays, being present, Witt Nelson, City Secretary, also present, the following members absent; None constituting a quorum of the City Commission, at which time the following ordinance was passed.

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 115,000 00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPING A CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION IN AND FOR THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A TAX OF CENTS ON THE \$ 100 VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND PROVIDE A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF: PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BOND AND INTEREST COUPONS: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Commissioner Rawlinson moved that the ordinance be placed on its first reading; seconded by Commissioner Booth, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: H.G.Glover, T.L.N.Rawlinson, Martin Hays, L.Birdsong, J.W.Booth

No: None

Carried; placed on first reading;

Commissioner Rawlinson moved that the ordinance pass first reading; seconded by Commissioner Booth, and carried by the following vote;

Aye. H.G.Glover, T.L.N.Rawlinson, L.Birdsong, Martin Hays, J.W.Booth

No: None

Carried; ordinance passed first reading.

Commissioner Rawlinson moved that the rules be suspended and that the ordinance be placed on second reading; seconded by Commissioners Booth, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: H.G.Glover, T.L.N.Rawlinson, L. Birdson, Martin Hays, J.W.Booth.

No: None

Carried, Ordinance placed on second reading.

Commissioners Rawlinson moved that the ordinance pass second reading; seconded by Commissioner Booth, and carried by the following vote:

Aye; H.G.Glover, T.L.N. Rawlinson, L.Birdson, Martin Hays, J.W.Booth

No. None.

Carried; ordinance passed second reading.

Commissioner Rawlinson moved that the ordinance pass third and final reading; seconded by Commissioner Booth, and carried by the following vote:

Aye: H.G.Glover, T.L.N.Rawlinson, L. Birdsong, Martin Hays, J.W.Booth,

No: None

Chairman L. Birdsong then declared the ordinance finally passed.

The ordinance follows:

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AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$115,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION IN AND FOR THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A TAX OF CENTS ON THE \$ 100.00 valuation OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND PROVIDE A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF: PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BOND AND INTEREST COUPONS: AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas has determined that for the best interest and general welfare of said City the construction of a city hall is a necessity, creating an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, demanding that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on more than one day before final passage be suspended and this ordinance adopted as an emergency measure to take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval; and

WHEREAS, at an election held in the City of Longview on the 27th day of August, 1935, a majority of the qualified voters who are property taxpayers of the City or Longview, voting at said election, sustained the proposition to issue the bonds hereinafter described for the principal sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00) by a vote of 141 affirmative votes, and which carried by a majority vote of 78 in favor thereof, being "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR:"

THEREFORE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS:

I.

That thenegotiable coupon bonds of said City to be called "CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION BONDS" be issued under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Title 22, Chapters 1 and 7, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, and the provisions of the City Charter, for the purpose of constructing and equipping a City Hall and Fire Station and purchase site therefor in and for the City of Longview, Texas, in the principal sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$ 115,000.00).

II.

That said bonds shall be numbered consecutively from One (1) to One Hundred Fifteen(115) inclusive, of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars(1,000) each, aggregating the sume of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$ 115,000.00).

III.

That they shall be dated September 15, 1935, and shall become due and payable as follows:

<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>
1 to 5	5,000.00	March 15, 1939
6 to 10	5,000.00	March 15, 1940
11 to 15	5,000.00	March 15, 1941
16 to 20	5,000.00	March 15, 1942
21 to 25	5,000.00	march 15, 1943
26 to 30	5,000.00	march 15 1944
31 to 35	5,000.00	March 15, 1945
36 to 45	10,000.00	March 15, 1946
46 to 60	15,000.00	March 15, 1947
61 to 75	15,000.00	March 15, 1948
76 to 95	20,000.00	March 15, 1949
96 to 115	20,000.00	March 15, 1950

THIS BOND is one of a series of One Hundred Fifteen(115) bonds, numbered from One (1) to One Hundred Fifteen(115) both inclusive, of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, aggregating the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$ 115,000.00) issued for the purpose of constructing and equipping a City Hall and Fire Station and purchase site therefor, for the City of Longview, Texas, under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Title 22, Chapters 1a and 7 Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, and the provisions of the City Charter, and in pursuance of an ordinance passed by the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, which ordinance is of record in the minutes of said Commission.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that the issuance of this bond, and the series of which it is a part, is duly authorized by law and by a vote of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the City of Longview, Texas, voting at an election held for the purpose within said city on the 27th day of August, 1935; that all sets, conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuances of this series of bond , and of this bond have been properly done and performed, and have happened in regular and due time, form and Manner as required by law; that sufficient and proper provision for the levy and collection of taxes has been made, which when collected shall be appropriated exclusively to the payment of this bond and of the series of which it is part, and to the payment of the interest coupons hereto annexed as the same shall become due; and that the total indebtedness of said City of Longview, including the entire series of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Longview, by its City Commission has caused its corporate seal to be affixed hereto and this bond to be signed by its Chairman, countersigned by its City Secretary and the interest coupons hereto attached to be executed by the lithographed signatures of the Chairman and City Secretary. The date of this bond in conformity with the ordinance above referred to, being the 15th day of September, 1935.

L. Biresong
Chairman of City Commission, City of Longview,
Texas.

Countersigned:

Witt Nelson
City Secretary, City of Longview, Texas.

XI.

It is further Ordained by the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, that to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, a tax of ____ cents on each One Hundred Dollars' valuation of taxable property in the said City of Longview shall be annually levied on said property and annually assessed and collected or so much thereof or in addition thereto as may be required until said bonds with interest thereon have been fully paid, and the said tax of _____ cents is here now levied for the current year 1935 and so much thereof as shall be necessary or in addition thereto as may be required is hereby levied for each succeeding year while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, and same shall be annually assessed and collected and applied to the purpose named. That for the year 1936 and each succeeding year while any of said bonds or interest thereon are outstanding and unpaid, and at the time that other city taxes are determined, a tax rate based upon the latest approved tax rolls of the City shall be calculated and said rate, requisite and sufficient to fully make, raise and produce in each of the said years, a sum of money necessary to pay the interest and principal maturing in said years, shall be levied, assessed, and collected and said tax so found to be necessary is hereby ordered to be levied and is hereby levied and shall be assessed and collected and applied to the purpose named.

XII .

It is further ordained that L. Birdsong, the Chairman of the City Commission of the City of Longview shall be authorized to take and have charge of all necessary records pending investigation by the Attorney General, and shall take and have charge and control of the bond herein authorized pending their approval by the Attorney General and registration by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

XIII.

The fact that the City of Longview, Texas, is badly in need of the City Hall and Fire Station contemplated in this ordinance which is a necessity and will be to the best interest and general welfare of said City creates an emergency for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health and safety, demanding that the rule requiring ordinances to be read on more than one day before final passage be suspended and such rule is hereby suspended, and it is ordained that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 10th day of September, A. D. 1935.

Approved.

L. Birdsong
Chairman City Commission of
City of Longview, Texas.

Attest:

Witt Nelson
City Secretary
City of Longview, Texas.

and final reading; seconded by Commissioner Booth and carried by the following vote:

Ayes: T.L.N. Rawlinson, H.G. Glover, Martin Hays, J.W. Booth, L. Birdsong.

Noes. None.

Chairman Birdsong then declared the ordinance finally passed.

The ordinance follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF FIFTY ~~FIVE~~ THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$ 50,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING TWO FIRE STATIONS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR LEVY ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A TAX OF _____ CENTS ON THE \$ 1 00 VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND PROVIDE A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF: PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BOND AND INTEREST COUPONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Longview, Texas, has determined that for the best interest and general welfare of said City, the construction and equipment of two fire stations is a necessity, creating an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety, demanding that the rule requiring ordinance to be read on more than one date before final passage be suspended and this ordinance adopted as an emergency measure to take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval; and

WHEREAS, at an election held in the City of Longview on the 27th day of August, 1935, a majority of the qualified voters who are property taxpayers of the City of Longview, voting at said election, sustained the proposition to issue the bonds hereinafter described for the principal sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00) by a vote of 167 affirmative votes, and which carried by a majority vote of 127 in favor thereof, being " FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING FIRE STATIONS AND PURCHASE SITE THEREFOR";

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS:

I.

That the negotiable coupon bonds of said City to be called "CITY OF LONGVIEW TEXAS. FIRE STATION BONDS " be issued under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Title 22, Chapters 1 and 7, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, and the provisions of the City Charter, for the purpose of constructing and equipping two fire stations and purchase site therefor ~~in~~ in and for the City of Longview, Texas, in the principal sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00).

II.

That said bonds shall be numbered consecutively from One (1) to Fifty (50) inclusive, of the denomination of One Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,000.) each, aggregating the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 50,000.00).

III.

That they shall be dated September 15th, 1935, and shall become due and payable as follows:

<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>
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The State of Texas,

Know all Men by These Presents:

COUNTY OF GREGG

That Mrs. Sharlie L. Dalston, joined by her husband, J. W. Dalston, Lorraine Dalston Sweet, joined by her husband, Harold L. Sweet, Elizabeth Dalston James, a feme sole, and Turley Dalston, a single man,

of the County of Gregg State of Texas for and in consideration

of the sum of

Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$25,000.00) - - - - - DOLLARS

cash to us/ in hand paid by Lawrence Birdsong, Chairman of the City Commission of the City of Longview, for the use and benefit of said City, same being a municipal corporation located in Gregg County, Texas; as follows:

have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey, unto the said Lawrence Birdsong, Chairman of the City Commission of the City of Longview and to his successors in office for the use and benefit of said City,

of the County of Gregg State of Texas all that certain

Tract or parcel of land in Gregg County, Texas, being Lots Nos. Eight (8), Seven (7) and Six (6) in Block One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138) of the City of Longview, as designated on the official map of said City, said property having a frontage of one hundred and fifty (150) feet on East Cotton Street, beginning with the northwest corner of said Lot Eight (8) going east said distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet, and said property extends south to the alley dividing said Block One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138);



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 Lawrence Birdsong, said Chairman, and to his successors in office for the uses stated,

heirs and assigns forever and do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, to Warrant and Forever Defend, all and singular the said premises unto the said Lawrence Birdsong, said Chairman, and to his successors in office for the uses stated

heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

WITNESS our hands at Longview,

this 31st day of October 19 35

Witness at request of Grantors:

Elizabeth Dalston James Mrs. Sharlie L. Dalston
Lorraine Dalston Sweet J. W. Dalston
Harold L. Sweet Turley Dalston

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Gregg

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared man Elizabeth Dalston James, a feme sole and Turley Dalston, a single / known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 31st day of October A. D. 19 35

(L. S.)

Nellie Landry
Notary Public in and for Gregg County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GREGG

JOINT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Harold L. Sweet

Lorraine Dalston Sweet

and Lorraine Dalston Sweet, his wife, both known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and the said Lorraine Dalston Sweet

wife of the said Harold L. Sweet, having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said Lorraine Dalston Sweet

acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 31st day of October, A. D. 19 35

(L. S.)

Nellie Landry
Notary Public in and for Gregg County, Texas.

TOREY PTC. CO. LONGVIEW

wish to retract it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 31st day of October A. D. 19 35

(L. S.)

Nellie Landry
Notary Public in and for Gregg County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Gregg

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing instrument of writing, with its certificate of authentication, was filed for record in my office on the 1 day of November, A. D. 1935, at 4.00 o'clock P M. and was duly recorded by me on the 8 day of November, A. D. 1935, in Vol. 189 page 450-457, in the Records of said County.

WITNESS MY HAND and the Seal of the County Court of said County, at my office in Longview Texas the day and year last above written.

(L. S.)

Dwight Shaw
County Clerk Gregg County, Texas.
By Jessie Matt Deputy.

City Hall
11490
1935

Warranty Deed

FROM

Charlie L. Dalston, et. al.

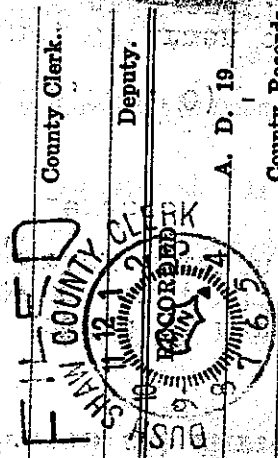
TO

Lawrence Birdsong, Chairman of City Commission of City of Longview.

FILED FOR RECORD

This 1 day of November A. D. 19 35

at 4.00 o'clock P M.



By Dwight Shaw County Clerk.

Deputy.

In 1 A. D. 19 35

In Book 189 on Page 450-457

By Jessie Matt Deputy.

Recording Fee \$ 1.00

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

City of Longview
The Oil Company, Publishers, Dallas

Vol. 3625000
DPT 115
36,365.00

Lot E of City Hall

3635.00

32,615.00

32,727.00

The Odor Company, Publishers, Dallas

the within Note, together with the Vendor's Lien and Deed of Trust Lien on the property securing same, without recourse on

hereby sell, transfer and assign to

FOR VALUE RECEIVED

Vendor's Lien Note

\$ 36,250.00 Longview, Texas, February 14th, 1949.
 On or before three (3) years after date, I, we, or either of us, the undersigned,
 promise to pay to Longview National Bank - - - - - or order, the
 sum of Thirty-six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 - - - - - DOLLARS,
 with interest thereon from date until maturity at the rate of two (2) per cent. per annum, the interest
 payable as it accrues, both principal and interest payable at Longview, Texas.
 for value received. This note is given in part payment for a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Gregg County,
 Texas, to - wit:

Lots Nos. 4 and 5, Block No. 138 of the City of Longview,
 Gregg County, Texas, according to map of said city as is
 recorded in the deed records of Gregg County, Texas,

Handwritten:
 Paid
 4/11/49

this day conveyed to City of Longview
 by Joseph B. Bramlette,
 and to secure the payment of same, according to the tenor hereof, a Vendor's Lien is retained in said conveyance, and
 is hereby acknowledged; and as further security for the payment hereof, a Deed of Trust is this day given to

W. Bruner Smith, Trustee, for the benefit of the holder hereof.

All past due principal and interest on this Note shall bear interest from the maturity thereof until paid at the rate of ten per centum per annum.

This Note is this day given by the undersigned as part of the purchase price for said mentioned property; and it is understood and agreed that failure to pay this Note, as above promised or any interest hereon, when due, shall, at the option of the holder of said Note, mature said Note, and it shall at once become due and payable and the Vendor's Lien or Deed of Trust Lien herein mentioned, either or both, shall become subject to foreclosure proceedings at the option of the holder.

And it is hereby specially agreed that if this Note is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if collected by suit, or through Probate or Bankruptcy proceedings, the undersigned agrees to pay ten per cent additional on the principal and interest then due hereon as attorney's fees.

ATTEST:

Handwritten Signature 21631

 City Secretary

CITY OF LONGVIEW

 By *Handwritten Signature*
 Mayor

Address _____

TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev. 8-82)

County Gregg 5. USGS Quad No. _____ Site No. L-17
 City/Rural Longview UTM Sector Z15 E336450 N3596200
 Name Longview Municipal Building 6. Date: Factual _____ Est. ca. 1933
 Address 124 West Cotton 7. Architect/Builder _____
Longview, TX Contractor _____
 Owner _____ 8. Style/Type Mediterranean
 Address _____ 9. Original Use City Hall
 Block/Lot Block 138, Lot 6,7,8 Present Use City offices, Fire Station at rear
 Description One story rectangular plan; limestone veneer w/quoining at doors, windows, building corners; gable roof w/red spanish tile; central entry flanked by projecting bays w/gable tiled roofs; molded cornice and simple frieze w/MUNICIPAL BUILDING incised; lintel with scroll brackets over entry; decorative etched glass transom over double metal (continued
 Present Condition Good
 Significance Until 1932+, site of the Magnolia Hotel; good example of architectural style and stone craft;

Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site (describe) _____

Bibliography _____ 15. Informant _____
 16. Recorder Dorothy Victor Date 8/25/85

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

NRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____ B&W 4x5s _____ Slides _____
 RTHL HABS (no.) TEX- _____ 35mm Negs. _____
 NR: Individual Historic District
 Thematic Multiple-Resource
 NR File Name _____

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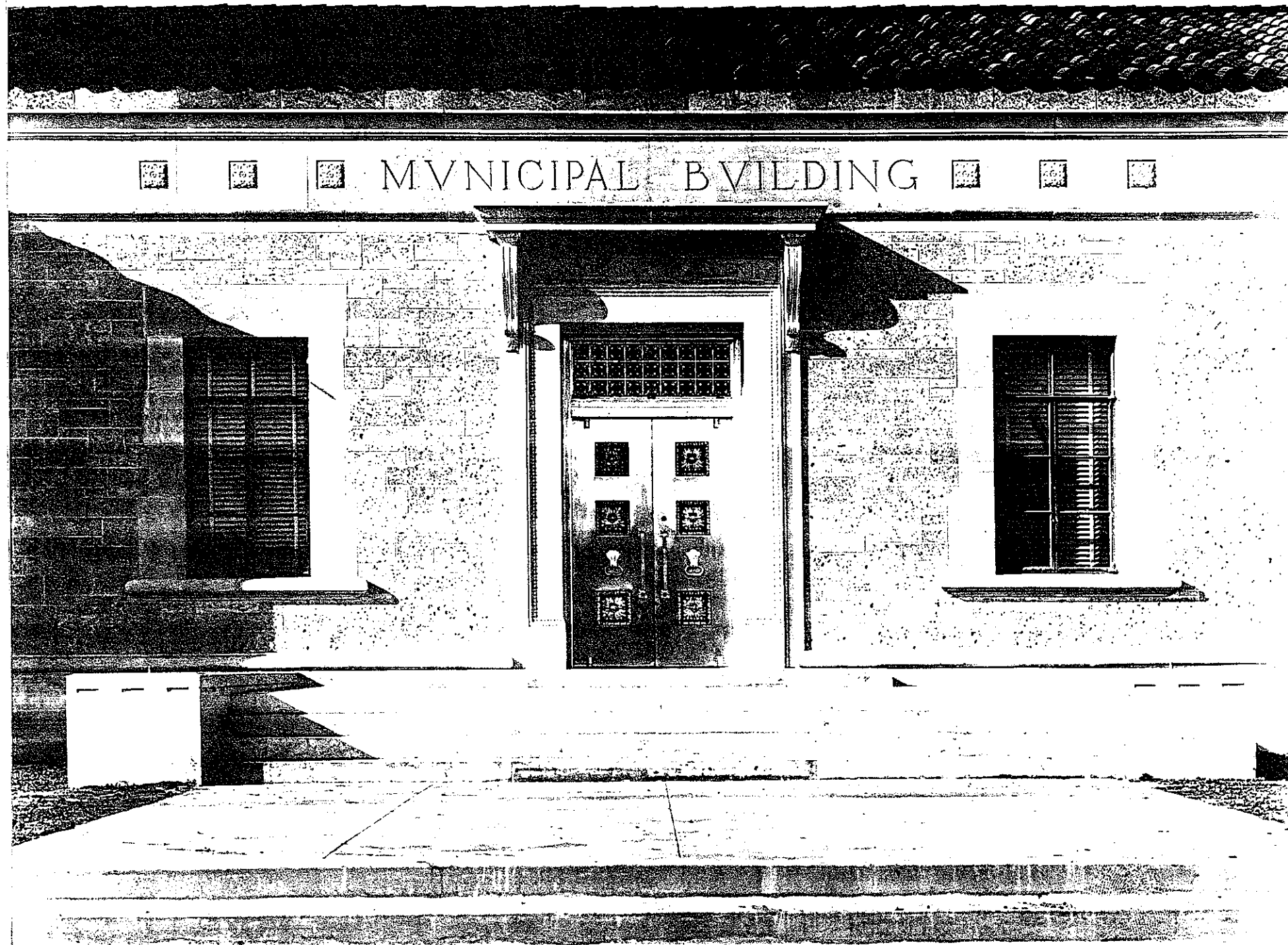
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 City/Rural Longview
 Name Longview Municipal Building

entry doors w/quatre foils embossed in squares; raised first floor w/limestone skirt and concrete steps; painted steel casement windows w/molded limestone cornice above; grass lawn on north and west sides w/flagpole and plantings.

Two story fire station at rear - massed plan red tile hip roof, brick, 2nd story 2/2 horizontal aluminum double hung windows, arched openings over doors to equipment room; limestone quoining, brick exterior chimney at north.

LONGVIEW

O. H. Methvin sold 100 acres to the Southern Pacific Railroad April 7, 1870. Recorded July 15, 1872 in Upshur County Deed Records, Vol. O. p. 672. Later recorded in Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 59, p. 302. (This may be found in *History of Gregg County*, R. B. Levy, p. 17.)



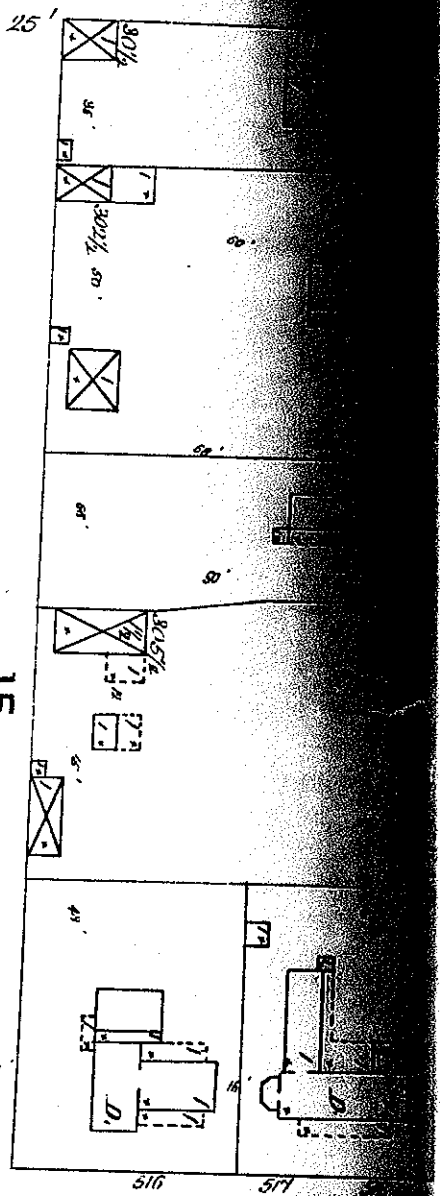
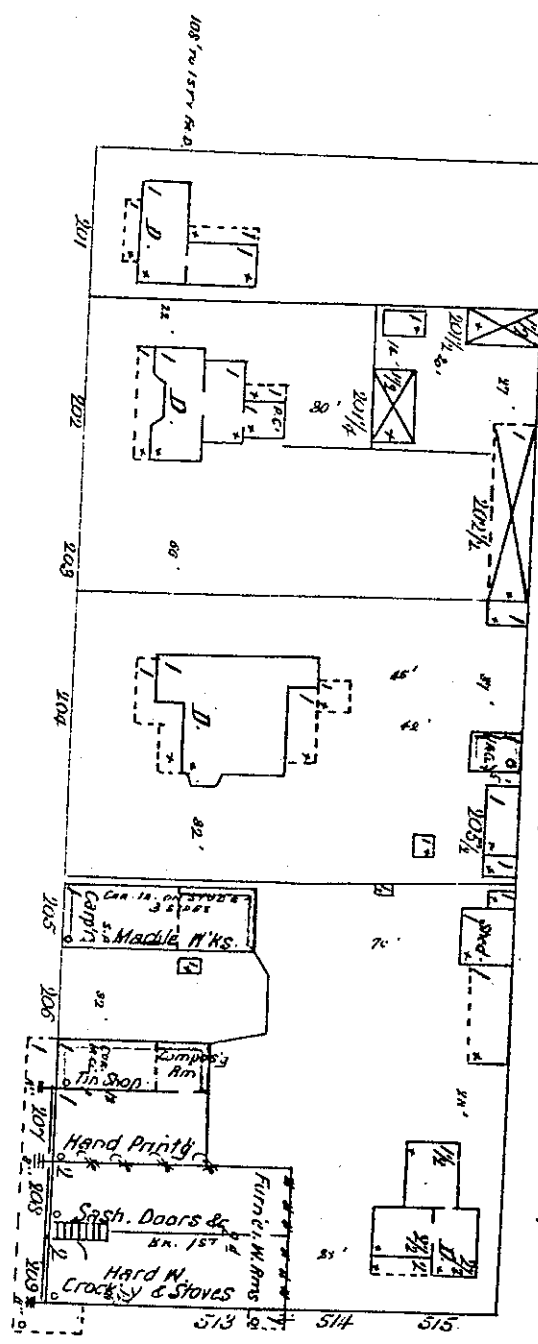
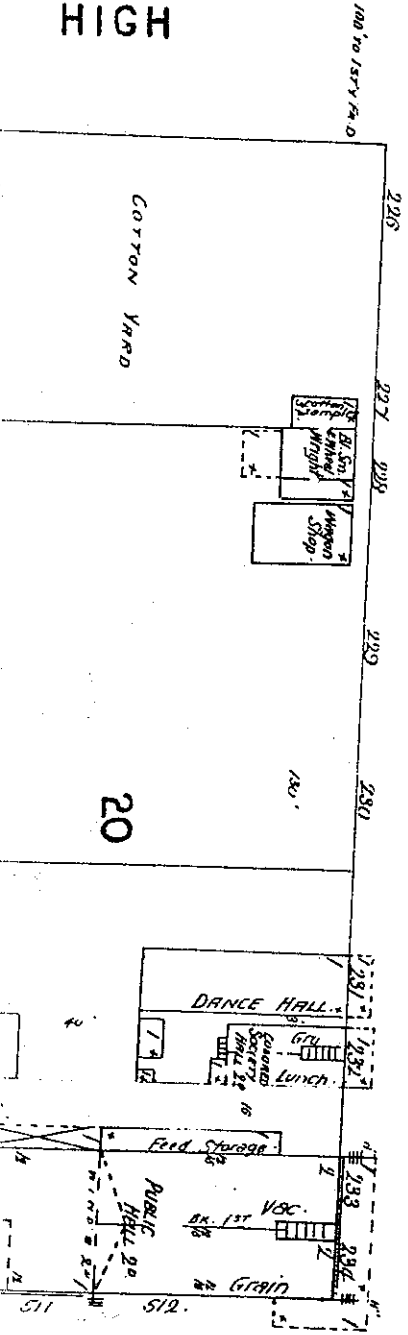
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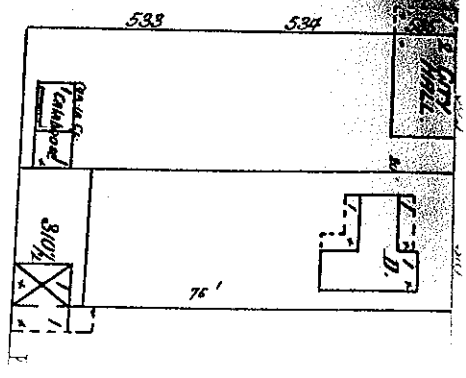
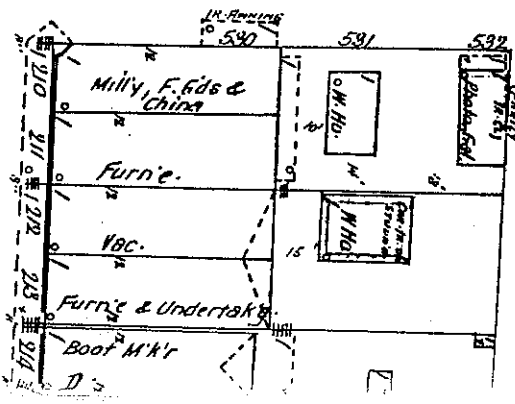
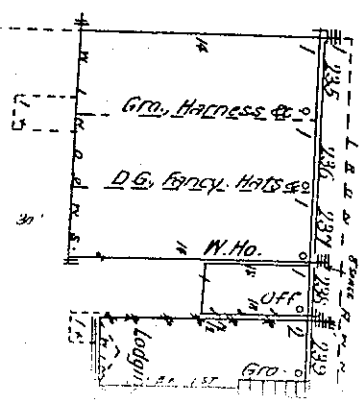
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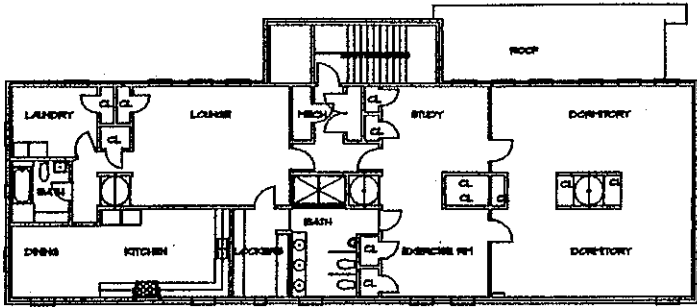


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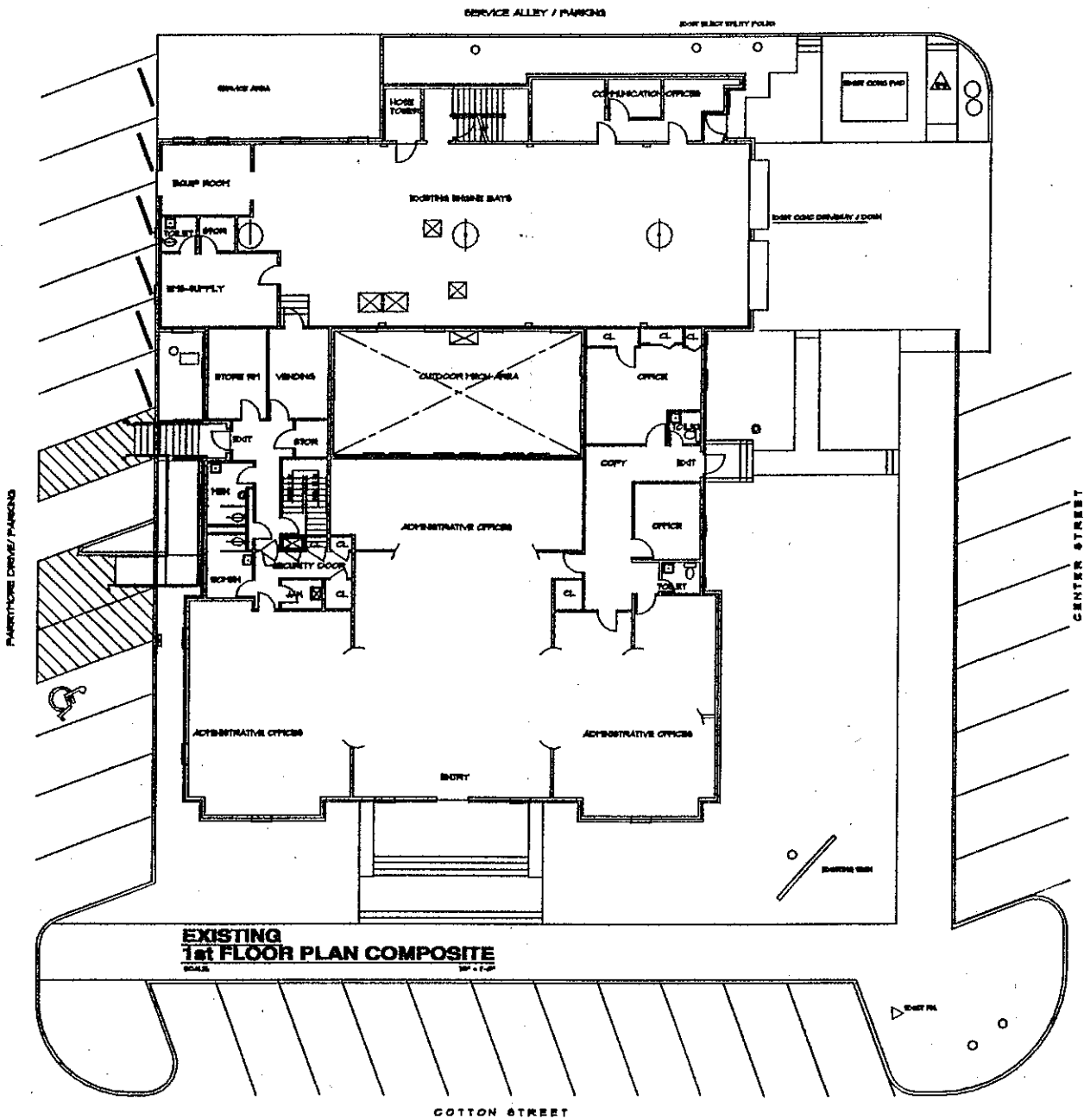


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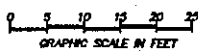


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2nd FLOOR PLAN COMPOSITE**
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



**EXISTING
1st FLOOR PLAN COMPOSITE**
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

SITE PLAN



NORTH

<p>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p>	<p>EXISTING</p>	<p>FIRE ADMINISTRATION & FIRE ENGINE CO. NO. 1</p> <p>CITY OF LONGVIEW</p> <p>FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>CONTR. & OFFICE BLDG., LONGVIEW, TEXAS 75087-1212</p>		<p>J.J. MAY & ASSOCIATES</p> <p>ARCHITECT & ENGINEERING ARCHITECTS</p> <p>2000 20th Street, Suite 200 • Longview, Texas</p> <p>409-282-1234</p> <p>409-282-1235</p> <p>409-282-1236</p>									
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Gregg County Historical Commission

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.
Chairman

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

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Fax # 903-753-5337

January 29, 2001

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
Official Texas Historical Marker Program
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Application for an OTHM for the OLD LONGVIEW ADMINISTRATION AND
CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

Dear Cynthia:

Enclosed is the application and packet for the above OTHM. I listed it as a Subject Marker when it probably should have been an OTHL. It has been suggested as a candidate for the National Register. In some of the enclosed papers I have called it by the local name of Old City Hall.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Preservation Conference.

Sincerely,


Norman W. Black, D.D.S.

Enc.

2001

~~1999~~ Application Form

Official Texas Historical Marker

(Please complete both sides of form.)

This marker is for (title or subject): Old Longview Administration and Central Fire Station Building
(Title subject to change by THC staff and/or State Marker Review Board.)

County: GREGG

Marker location (street address and city, or specific directions from nearest town on state highway map):
100 East Cotton Street
Longview, Texas 75601

Distance and direction of marker topic from marker site (if applicable): Lawn, North side (front) of building
symmetrical with pedestal with railroad steam engine bell on right side of lawn.

Approval of County Historical Commission

The application and narrative history must be approved by the county historical commission before forwarding to the Texas Historical Commission.

Signature of CHC chair or Marker Committee chair: Dr. Norman F. Black Date: 1-28-2001
Address: 417 Mobberly Ave., Longview, Texas 75602
Phone: 903-757-2261 FAX: 903-753-5337 email: norman.black@co.gregg.tx.us

The CHC chair or Marker Committee chair automatically will receive all copies of correspondence regarding this marker project.

Permission of owner for marker placement

Permission for placement of a marker must be obtained from the property owner. Please provide the name of a contact person if the owner is an institution, organization, or public entity. This section need not be completed if the marker is to be placed on right-of-way maintained by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Name: Karen Daly, Assistant City Manager of Longview
Contact person (if applicable): _____
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1952, Longview, Texas 75606
Phone: 903-237-1021 FAX: 903-237-1024 email: kdaly@cilongview.tx.us
Owner's Signature: Karen Daly, Assistant City Manager

Do you wish to receive copies of all correspondence concerning this marker application? Yes No

To whom should the request for payment be addressed?

Name: City of Longview
Contact person (if applicable): Karen Daly
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1952, Longview, Texas 75606
Phone: 903-237-1021 FAX: 903-237-1024 email: kdaly@xilongview.tx.us

Does this person wish to receive copies of all other correspondence concerning this application? Yes No

Is there anyone else to whom all correspondence concerning this marker application should be addressed? (One additional name and address only, please.)

Name: _____
Mailing address: _____
Phone: _____ FAX: _____ email: _____

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OLD CITY HALL AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS

The town of Longview in Upshur County was founded in 1870, when O. H. Methvin deeded to the Southern Pacific Railroad one hundred acres of land.¹ A surveyor, laying out the town, observed the exceedingly long view of the surrounding area from Methvin's homesite on Rock Hill, and thus, the name of Longview was adopted.²

The town was incorporated May 17, 1871.³ The names of the first officers of the City of Longview are not known nor is an early meeting place known.*

The earliest record found of a volunteer fire department is in John B. Dickson's *History of Gregg County*⁴ who quotes an article in the *Longview News* about a woman who came to Longview as a young girl in 1887: "The city had a volunteer fire department, composed of the finest young men of the town; and the only means of conveyance in the city was a one-mule car or street car, which ran from Longview Junction to the uptown depot." Dickson excerpted another article appearing in the *Longview News* during the 1880s:

"Strange as it may seem the first social club centered around the Volunteer Fire Department....They fought the fires, but along with the fire fighting there were born

*There are no City Of Longview City Council Minute books from the beginning of the city until 1905. This has been a puzzle to all concerned. The very capable City Secretaries, Joann Metcalf, September 14, 1977 through September 30, 1991 and Lois McCaleb, October 1, 1991 through the present, have never seen these records, according to personal communications with the author in July and August, 2000. There is no record of a fire that might have destroyed the books.

¹ Gregg County Historical Commission files.

² Ibid.

³ Gammel's *Laws of Texas*, p. 389.

⁴ Dickson, John B., *History of Gregg County*, unpub. Masters thesis, University of Texas, Jan. 1957, p. 152 (from *Longview News*, April 16, 1939).

social flames, and society centered about them, and the social functioning of the Volunteer Fire Boys were exclusive and elite. Each year they elected one of the belles of the town as their sponsor, and an invitation to the Volunteer Fireman's Ball was the most coveted invitation of the day. These balls were held in the Mobberly Hotel... It was the finest and most beautifully furnished hotel in Texas.”⁵

There is a photograph in a book published by the Longview Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1957, entitled, *Gregg County History* (no page numbers) that is labeled: “First Longview Fire Station”. Another picture of the same building is captioned: “Firemen in 1885”, with the members of the Longview Volunteer Fire Department standing in front of the building. The location of this fire station cannot be determined but in an interview with Turley Dalston, by Pauline Cox in 1985, he stated that the fire station was located “about where our stable was”.⁶ The Dalstons lived in the Magnolia Hotel on which site the subject City Hall and Central Fire Station now stand. If this is true it is quite a coincidence.

At the Regular Meeting of the City Council, June 24, 1905, Mayor G. A. Bodenheim appointed a committee composed of Ras Young, W. M. Mosley and T. A. Bramlette to act with his honor to [study the feasibility of] securing grounds on the public square* on which to build a Central Fire Station and City Hall.⁷

*There is no evidence of a “city square” on Sanborn Maps. It is not likely that it was on Block 9, the site of the Gregg County Courthouse. Probably, it was on the site on which Bodie Park was later created. This was the property that, until 1936, adjoined the fire station, at the corner of North Fredonia and East Tyler Streets.

⁵ Ibid., p. 153.

⁶ Gregg County Historical Commission files.

⁷ Minutes, Longview City Commission, Book 1, p. 22.

Then, a few weeks later, on August 7, 1905, the City Council voted to issue bonds in the amount of \$3,300 for a Central Fire Station and City Hall.⁸

The October 1896 Sanborn map indicates a two-story, frame City Hall at the southeast corner of E. Methvin and Central [Center] Streets. This lot was about twenty-five feet wide and extended to the alley on the south. A calaboose was located on the southeast corner of the lot. The 1906 Sanborn map has the City Hall at Block 44, Lot 4. At that time Lots 1 through 5 were owned by the Texas and Pacific Railway Company and at least Lot 4 was leased to the City of Longview. This location is 112 E. Tyler St. and houses a portion of Texas Furniture Company. Charlie Hineman, long-time Longview fireman recalls the City Hall contained only two rooms, "...most of the time unoccupied. It was next door to our place [the fire department] and I drove the fire truck from the old fire station to the new one in 1936."

It is reasonable to assume that fire protection and city offices were provided for. That there was a meeting place, before the known city hall in use until 1936, is evidenced by a record in the City Council Minute Book No. 1 in the Regular Meeting on February 5, 1906 where the following is recorded:

On Motion the Mayor was authorized to dispose of the City property now being used as City Hall, Calaboose and Pound Lot as in his judgement best for the interest of the City.⁹

⁸ Ibid., p. 38.

⁹ Minutes, Book 1, p. 114.

This apparently refers to the above noted City Hall and calaboose. The vacant area between the structures was probably used for the pound lot. The pound lot was obviously fenced in some manner because in the summer of 1905 cattle were allowed to run free for sixty days due to the hot weather.¹⁰

The Longview Chamber of Commerce had offered a prize of \$10,000 to the person who completed the first oil well within the Longview trade area.¹¹ On Oct. 3, 1930, Columbus Marion "Dad" Joiner completed the Daisy Bradford No. 3 oil well in Rusk County.¹² This was soon followed by the Lou Della Crim oil well near Kilgore. On Jan. 26, 1931, when the drilling of the Lathrop No. 1 oil well five miles northwest of Longview resulting in a "gusher" producing hundreds of barrels per day, the near extreme north – south boundaries of what became the world's largest oilfield were established. The local newspaper reported a crowd of ten thousand was on the nearby hillside awaiting the anticipated event. The crowd cheered wildly as a rush of black liquid shot high in the air covering thousands of people with oil.¹³ The prize was awarded to drillers Foster and Jeffries.¹⁴

The overnight population explosion overwhelmed the tiny space occupied by the City of Longview administration offices. A new courthouse had already been built for Gregg County in 1932 but it was not until 1936 that a new and larger city hall was completed for Longview.

¹⁰ Ibid., p. 29.

¹¹ Dickson, John B., *History of Gregg County*, masters thesis, Jan. 1957, unpub., p. 185,

¹² Ibid.

The need for more fire protection and modern city administration quarters was addressed at the Recessed Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Longview, June 22, 1935. In addition to other business the commission instructed the City Manager to take option on a fire station in the Idylwood Addition [south side] and to purchase lot 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 75, Section 2, from the J. C. Turner Estate for consideration of \$3,500.00, for a fire station and play grounds site [Nuggett Hill].¹⁵

At the Recessed Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Longview, on July 12, 1935, the City Commission submitted a four part bond issue which included the issuance of bonds for \$115,000.00 a City Hall and Central Fire Station. Also, for the issuance of bonds for \$50,000.00 for two fire stations. This was signed by City Commission Chairman, L. (Lawrence) Birdsong.¹⁶

An election was held on August 27, 1935 and the next day the City Commission reported the City Hall and Central Fire Station proposition passed with 141 votes for and 63 votes against; a majority of 72 votes.¹⁷ This was considered an emergency measure and on September 10, 1935, the bonds to build and equip a City Hall and Central Fire Station were issued. The entire process took only about two and one-half months.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Dickson, p. 185, from *Texas Parade*, vol. XVI, no. 4, Sept. 1955, p. 17.

¹⁵ Minutes, Longview City Commission, vol. 11, p. 47.

¹⁶ Ibid., p. 103.

¹⁷ Ibid., p. 140.

The site the city chose for the new city hall was occupied for over fifty years by a locally famous hotel, the Magnolia. It was a beautiful two-story frame structure fronting on Cotton Street. The stable was where the fire station is now located. When the militia was called to Longview to quell the 1919 race riot¹⁸ the officers were housed in the hotel while the enlisted men were in tents on the courthouse lawn. Many colorful stories have been told of the family who owned and lived in the hotel.

The City of Longview purchased this property October 31, 1935 from the J. W. Dalston family for \$25,000.00 and the deed was recorded November 1, 1935 in Vol. 189, page 450 of the Deed Records of Gregg County.

The City Hall and Central Fire Station are on Lot Numbers 8,7 and 6 of Block Number 238 in the City of Longview.¹⁹ Later, lots 5 and 4, Block 138, were purchased by the City of Longview for city offices and a city jail.²⁰

The contract for the building was let to A. M. Campbell at the cost of \$86,016.00 and was completed in 1936.²¹

The style of the structure is Mediterranean in a one-story rectangular plan with limestone veneer with quoining at the doors, windows and building corners. It has a gable roof with red Spanish tile. The central entry is flanked by projecting bays with

¹⁸ Dickson, p. 172, from *Dallas Morning News*, July 14, 1919.

¹⁹ *Deed Records, Gregg County*, Vol. 189, p.450.

²⁰ *Vendor's Lien*, Feb. 14, 1949.

gabled tiled roofs; molded cornice and simple frieze with *MUNICIPAL BUILDING* INCISED and a lintel with scroll brackets over the entry. A decorative etched glass transom is over double entry doors with quatre foils embossed in squares. The first floor is raised with a limestone skirt and concrete steps. The windows are painted steel casement windows with molded limestone cornices above them. The lot has a well-maintained grass lawn with plantings on the north and west sides. A flagpole is on the lawn.

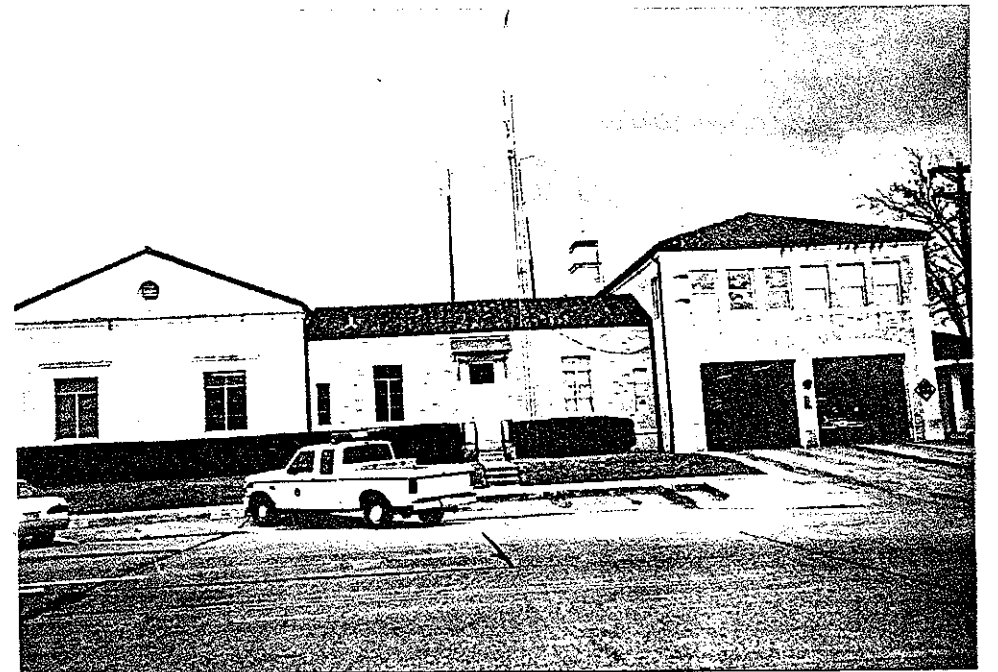
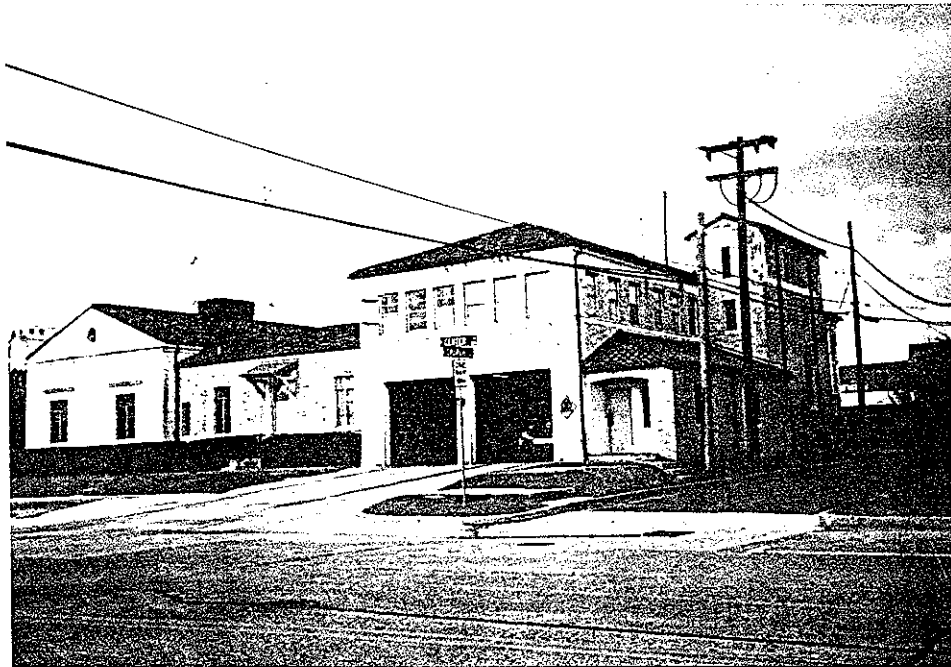
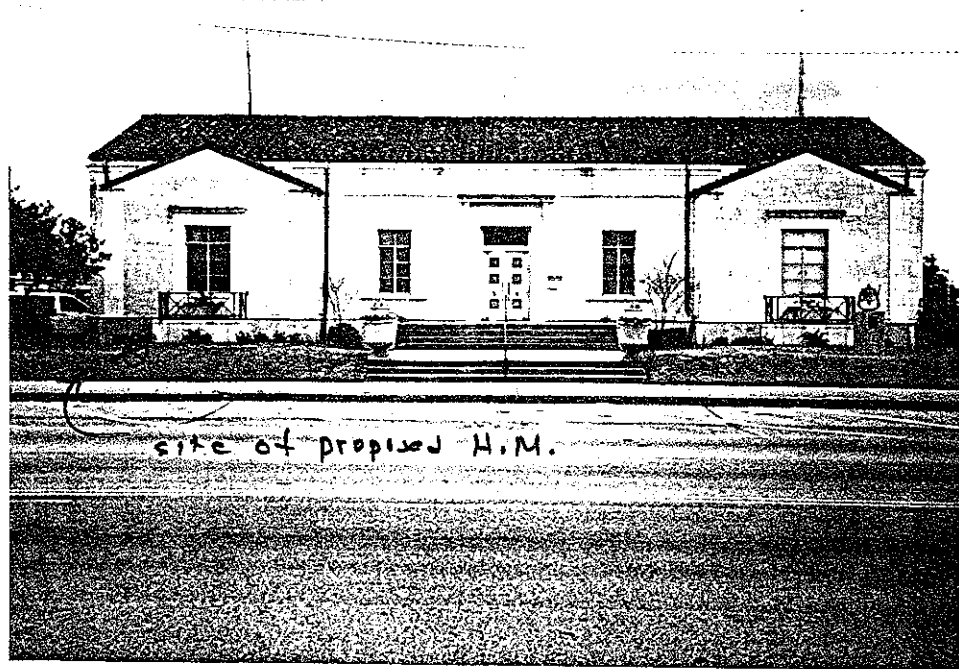
At the rear of the building is a two-story fire station. It is a massed plan with a red tile hip roof. The walls are brick. The second story living quarters has 2/2 horizontal, double-hung aluminum windows. There are arched openings over the doors to the equipment room, limestone quoining with a brick exterior chimney at the north side.²²

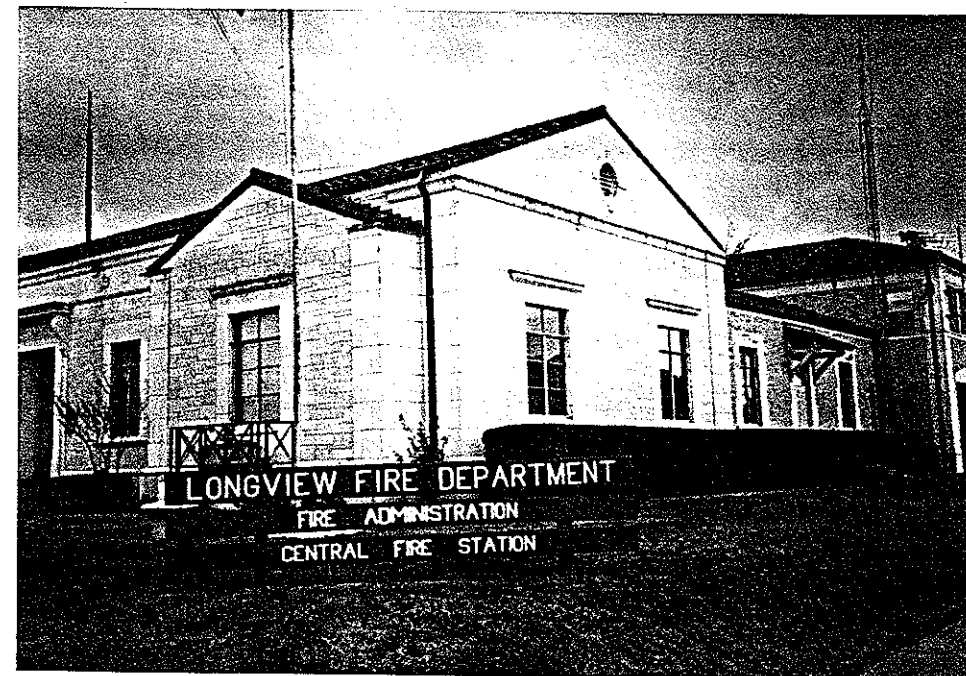
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December 31, 2000

²¹ McMaster, Tommy, Chief of Fire Services, letter to Joann Metcalf, Longview City Secretary, March 12, 1987.

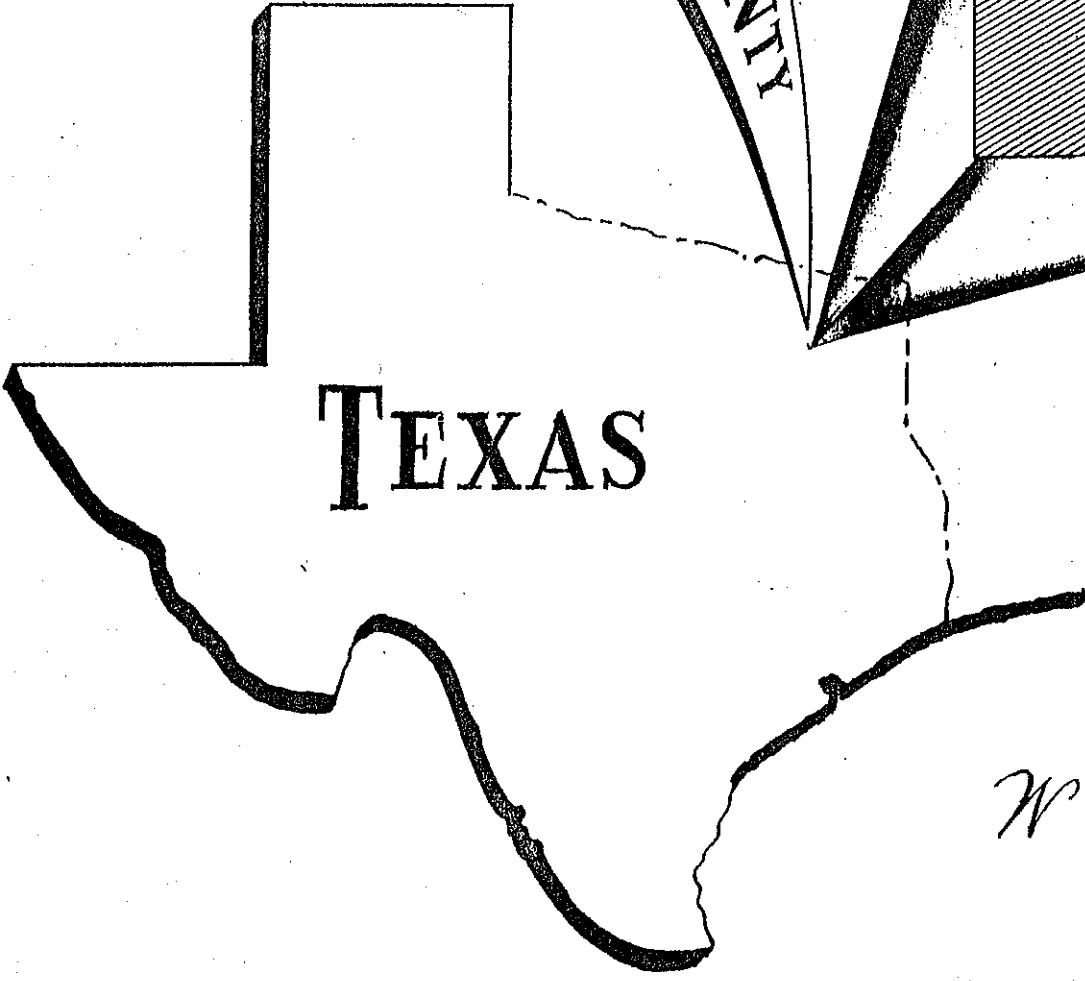
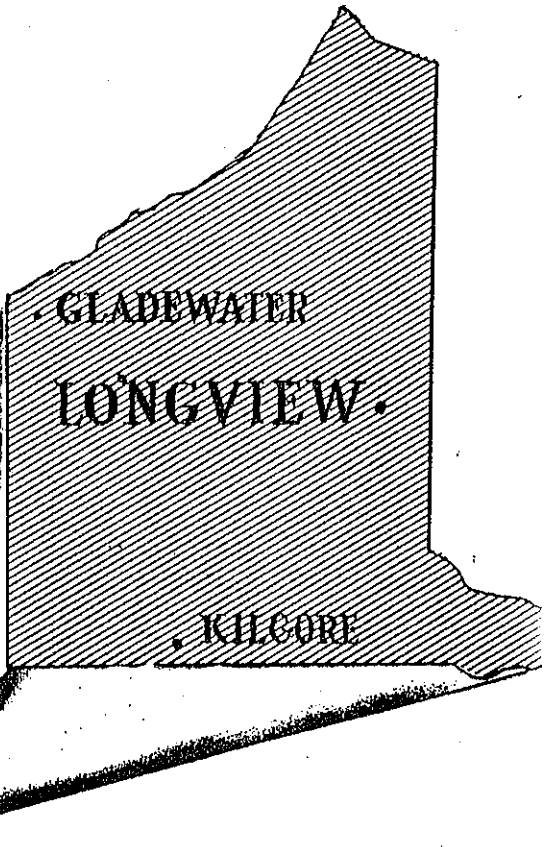
²² Victor and Victor, *Historical Site Survey of Gregg County*, 1986.



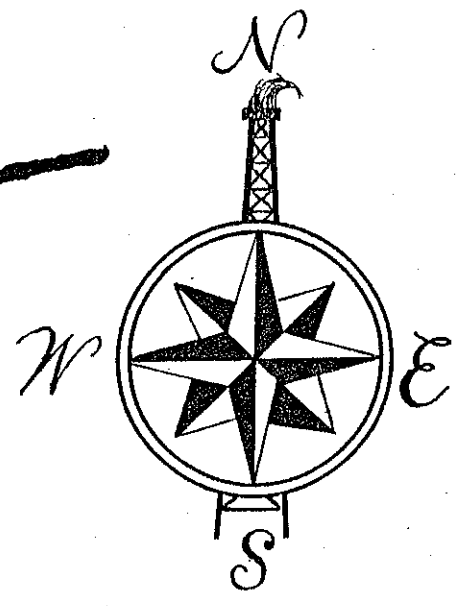


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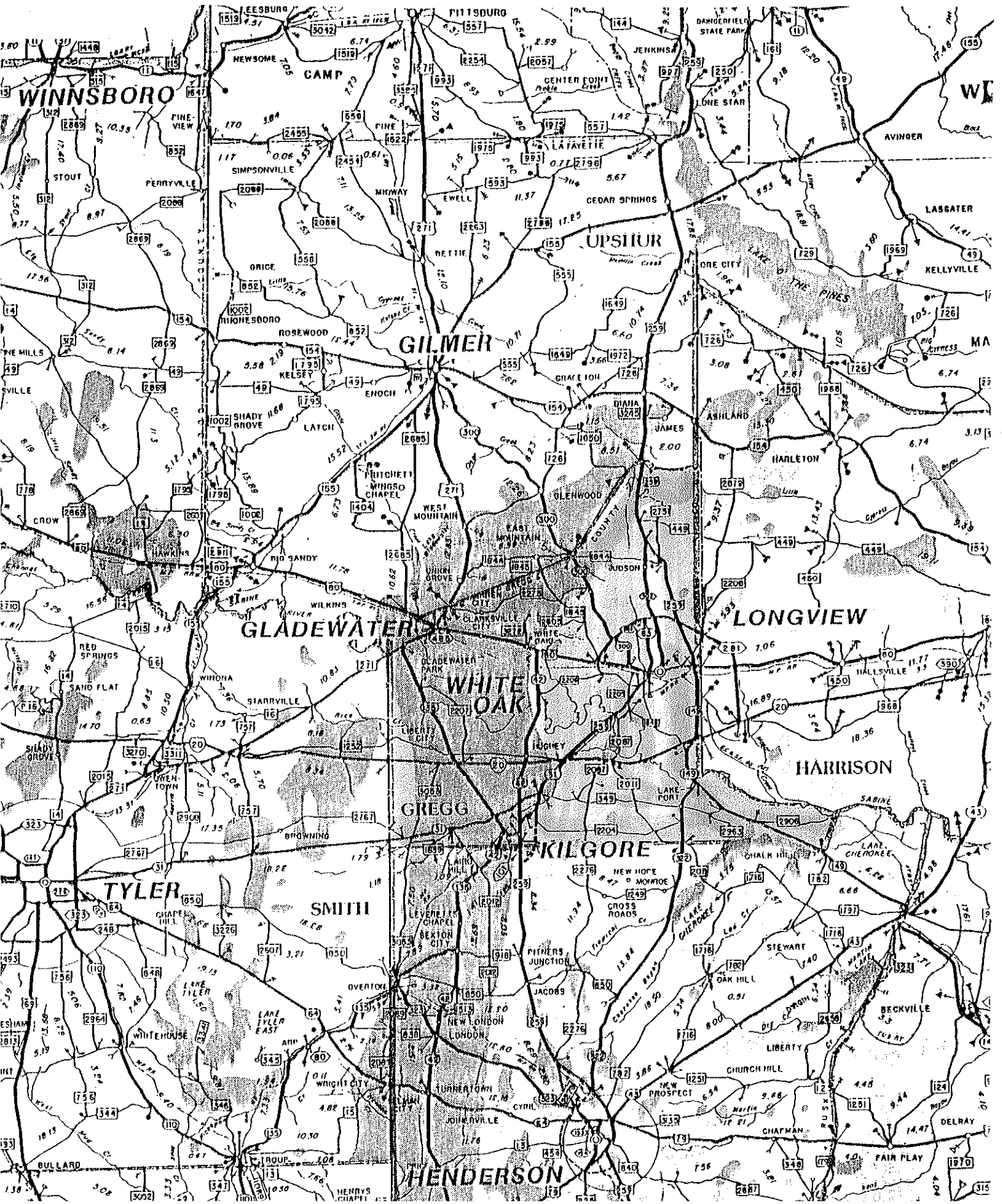
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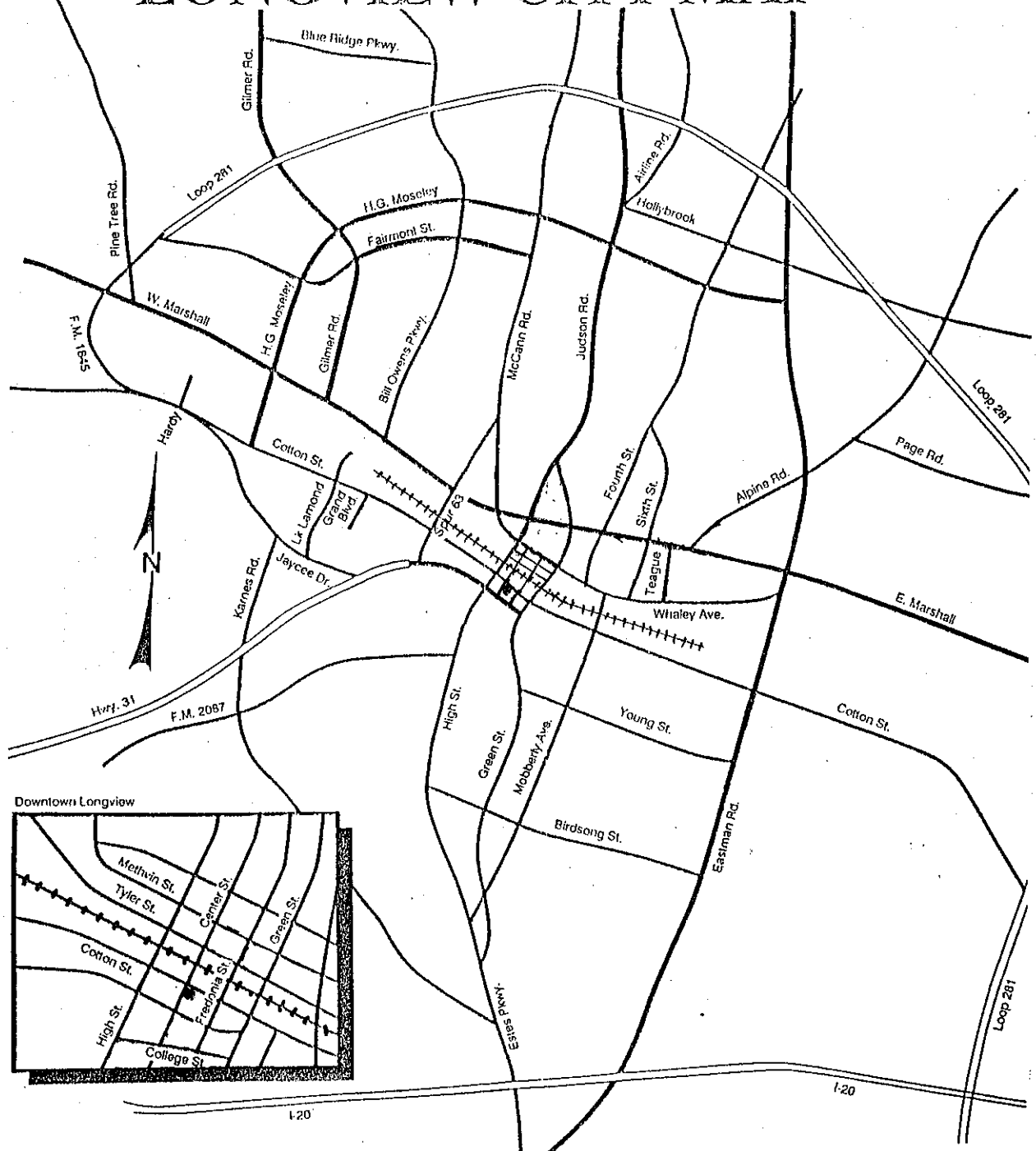
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LONGVIEW CITY MAP



OLD LONGVIEW ADMINISTRATION AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION BUILDING
 100 EAST COTTON STREET (Corner of E. Cotton and S. Center Sts.)



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October 11, 2001

Karen Daly
City of Longview
P O Box 1952
Longview, TX 75606

RE: LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION
100 East Cotton Street 18" x 28" marker w/ post Job # 08401, Gregg County

Dear Ms. Daly:

I am pleased to notify you that the Texas Historical Commission has approved the above-referenced structure for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation. This special status, awarded to properties deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations, conveys a measure of legal protection to the building. Notification of any modifications to the exterior of this structure should be made to the Texas Historical Commission at least 60 days prior to the commencement of work.

Payment for the marker, in the amount of \$750.00, is now due. Please complete and return the enclosed payment form at your earliest convenience. Once payment for the marker is received, the application will be placed in line to have the marker inscription written. The inscription will not be written until after funds have been received. When the text is prepared, a copy will be sent to you and any parties listed below for review and approval.

The Texas Historical Commission congratulates you on the preservation of this fine structure and appreciates your effort to record Texas history in this manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan K. Utley".

Dan K. Utley
Historical Marker Program Coordinator
History Programs Division
dan.utley@thc.state.tx.us

pc: Dr. Norman Black, Gregg CHC



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January 25, 2002

Dr. Norman Black, Chair
Gregg CHC
417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, TX 75602

RE: LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION
18" x 28" marker w/ post
Gregg County; Job # 08401

Dear Dr. Black:

Enclosed is the proposed inscription for the above-referenced marker. (Please note that this is a working copy, including filing and foundry instructions. The right-hand margin, which is uneven in this copy, will be justified on the finished marker.)

Please review and verify the information contained in the inscription. In particular, be sure to check all names and dates, and make certain we have noted the correct marker location. Please contact other sponsors of this application to discuss the wording of this marker. If you approve the inscription, sign where indicated and return it to me. You also may want to make a copy of the inscription for your files.

If you have corrections to make or suggested changes, please do so on the enclosed copy of the inscription and return it to me with the marked corrections. To ensure that I catch all your suggested changes, I ask that you not type a new version of the inscription. The revised wording will need to meet style and spacing requirements; suggestions for new information not documented in your narrative history must be sent with appropriate reference notes.

The marker will not be ordered for casting until the county historical commission and other persons or groups listed below have approved the inscription. For that reason, we will expect to receive signed copies of the inscription from each person; in order to avoid possible delays, you may want to consult with each other and discuss approvals or possible revisions and coordinate the return of all of the copies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Rickard".

Frances Rickard, Historian
History Programs Division
frances.rickard@thc.state.tx.us

pc: Karen Daly

Texas Historical Commission staff (FR), 1/23/02
18" x 28" Official Texas Historical Marker with post
Gregg County (Job #08401)

Location: 100 E. Cotton St., Longview

Subject codes: BG, NC

UTM ref.: 15 336493E 3596274N

**LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION**

THE CITY OF LONGVIEW WAS INCORPORATED IN 1871, AND THERE IS EVIDENCE OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS EARLY AS 1887. A NEW CITY HALL COMPLEX WITH FIRE STATION WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1905, BUT THE 1930s EAST TEXAS OIL BOOM AND SUBSEQUENT POPULATION EXPLOSION IN LONGVIEW RENDERED THE OFFICES FAR TOO SMALL. IN 1935, VOTERS APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION. CONTRACTOR A. M. CAMPBELL COMPLETED THIS BUILDING IN 1936. COMBINING NEOCLASSICAL AND MEDITERRANEAN ARCHITECTURAL INFLUENCES POPULAR AT THE TIME, THE STRUCTURE FEATURES A RED TILE ROOF AND FOSSILIZED LIMESTONE VENEER.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 2001

Please check one and sign:

I approve this text as written.
 Please consider the revisions
as noted on this copy.

Signed: *Kenneth L. Kuch, D.A.L.*



Gregg County Historical Commission

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ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION

October 10, 2002

The Longview Municipal Building & Central Fire Station (Old City Hall) has been recently awarded an Official Texas Historical Marker. The building is located at 100 E. Cotton Street and was built in 1936. It is one of the few buildings in Gregg County combining Neo-classical and Mediterranean architecture. Its beautiful fossilized shell limestone facing and red Spanish tile roof make it a visible landmark in Longview. Originally it housed the office of the mayor, city manager and all other city offices. At present the north portion of the structure houses the administrative offices of the Longview Fire Department. The south part houses the Longview Central Fire Station with an upstairs dormitory. The original brass pole from the second story to the ground level fire truck garage is still in use. In fact, other than some interior changes for efficient office space the building is much the same as it was when completed in 1936.

Another landmark once stood on the site, the Magnolia Hotel. This well-known two-story frame hotel was owned and operated by Turley Dalston and family who lived in the hotel. The few magnolia trees remaining in downtown Longview date from this period.

The oil boom of the early 1930s and the massive increase in business required more space for the City of Longview to conduct its business. Also, there was an urgent need for more fire protection. On July 12, 1935, the City Commission submitted a bond

issue which included the issuance of bonds for \$115,000.00 for a city hall and central fire station. At the same time there was an issuance of bonds totaling \$50,000.00 for two other fire stations. This was signed by City Commission Chairman L. Birdsong. Mr. Charlie Hineman, a fireman from this time remembers driving the fire truck from the old station house where the Glover-Crim building now stands to its new location facing S. Center Street in the new Central Fire Station.

The historical marker dedication will be at noon, Friday, November 1st at 100 East Cotton Street. Everyone is invited to attend this brief ceremony..

SECTION **B**

Central Fire Station to unveil historical marker on Friday

By **MELISSA TRESNER**
Staff writer

The Central Fire Station on Cotton Street has been awarded a State Historical Marker, making it the first city building in Longview to receive the honor.

A ceremony will be held for the unveiling of the marker at noon Friday at the station, 100 E. Cotton St.

Dr. Norman Black, chairman of the Gregg County Historical Commission, said the station, which was built in 1936, is one of the few buildings in Gregg County combining Neo-classical and Mediterranean architecture.

"Its beautiful fossilized shell limestone facing and red Spanish tile roof make it a visible landmark in Longview," Black said in a news release.

The building was originally used as the Longview City Hall, with offices for the mayor, city manager and other city

officials, but the city needed more space to conduct business after the oil boom of the early 1930s and the increase in business.

Also, there was an urgent need for more fire protection, Black said.

Today, the north portion of the structure houses the administrative offices of the Longview Fire Department, and the south portion houses the Longview Central Fire Station with an upstairs dormitory.

Black said the original brass pole from the second story to the ground level garage is still in use.

Other than some interior changes, the building is much the same as it was when it was completed in 1936, he said.

Black said about 110 historical markers have been placed in Gregg County.

Mayor Earl Roberts, City Manager Rickey Childers and Fire Chief Richard Lazarus will participate in Friday's ceremony. The public is invited.



Gregg County Historical Commission

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone 903-757-2261
Fax # 903-753-5337

October 12, 2002

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.
Chairman

Dear Earl,

This information was excerpted from a paper I wrote for the application for the historical marker. The reading time is about three minutes and 15 seconds. You probably have more information to add and, of course, feel free to say anything you wish.

The dedication will be at noon, Friday, Nov. 1st. in front of the building at 100 E. Cotton St. This short program has not yet been completed and when it is I will send you a copy of it. In the unlikely event we have rain I was told we could ask the fire trucks to be moved out and we could have the program in the garage.

Let me know if you need more information or have any questions or suggestions. I really do appreciate your help in this special event.

Yours truly,

NOTES ABOUT THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING & CENTRAL FIRE STATION

“Strange as it may seem the first social club {in Longview} centered around the Volunteer Fire Department....They fought the fires, but along with the fire fighting there were born social flames, and society centered around them, and the social functioning of the Volunteer Fire Boys were exclusive and elite. Each year they elected one of the belles of the town as their sponsor, and an invitation to the Volunteer Fireman’s Ball was the most coveted invitation of the day.” The foregoing statement is a direct quote from an 1880s article in the *Longview News*. The earliest record of a fire department in Longview comes from an 1887 article in the *Longview News* quoting a young girl who had just moved to Longview. She said, “The city had a volunteer fire department composed of the finest young men of the town.” It is believed, coincidentally, that the first fire station was right where the fire trucks are housed in this Central Fire Station. Sometime later the fire station was where the Glover Crim building now stands. The small office space of two rooms in which to conduct the business of Longview was next door to this fire station.

The oil boom, which began in late 1930 and gave rise to the Great East Texas Oil Field, the largest in the world at that time, resulted in a massive increase in population in Longview. It soon became apparent that much more space was needed for the city to conduct its business. Also, there was an urgent need for more fire protection. On July 12, 1935, the City Commission submitted a bond issue which included the issuance of bonds for \$115,000.00 for a city hall and central fire station. City Commission Chairman Lawrence Birdsong signed this order. An election was held on August 27, 1935 and the

next day the Longview City Commission reported that the City Hall and Central Fire Station Proposition passed with 141 votes for and 63 votes against; a majority of 72 votes.

The site the city chose for the new city hall was occupied for over fifty years by a locally famous hotel, the Magnolia. It was a beautiful two-story frame structure fronting on Cotton Street. The stable for the hotel was where the fire station now stands. The City of Longview purchased this property October 31, 1935 from the J. W. Dalston Family for \$25,000.00 and contracted with A.M. Campbell to construct the new building for \$86,016.00. It stands today almost exactly as it did when completed in 1936.

Norman Black

From: "Egina Reyes" <egina.reyes@thc.state.tx.us>
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MARKER****CONTACT**

POSTONED CHURCH UNTIL Hopkins Street FURTHER NOTICE	CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN Jeff Kester San Marcos, Hays County	516 West San Marcos, 78666 512/389-8369 jeffrey.kester@tpwd.sta
10/19/02 HOUSE 3:00 p.m. Box 70	LUDWIG AND CAROLINE GIESE Leerie R. Giese Round Top, Fayette County	P O La Grange, 78945 979/968-8902 or 966-
2901		
10/22/02 Braudaway 6:30 p.m. County	CITY OF DEL RIO Del Rio, Val Verde	Willie 105 Kim Drive Del Rio, 78840 830/775-1803 williebraudaway@hotmail.com
10/26/02 10:00 a.m.	PILLOT CEMETERY Tomball, Harris County	Teri Little 14806

10/16/02

James River Lane

Houston, 77084
281/856-9399
tlittle840@aol.com

10/27/02 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Williams

12:15 p.m. Kerrville, Kerr County

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Andrews Loop

Kerrville, 78028
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williams@ktc.com10/29/02 ISHAM AND TEXANA TUBBS
HOUSE

Julia R. Ramonez

4:30 p.m. Lubbock, Lubbock County

2821

Erskine Street

Lubbock, 79415
806/765-0209
julieandjuan@aol.com11/1/02 LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND
CENTRAL

Dr. Norman Black

12:00 p.m. FIRE STATION

417

Mobberly Avenue

Longview, Gregg County

Longview,

75602

903/757-2261
norman.black@co.gregg

11/9/02 SITE OF ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE

and

James D. Patton

12:00 p.m. SITE OF CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

P O Box 210

Huntsville, Walker

County

Huntsville, 77342

10/16/02

936/436-4922

11/10/02 REFUGE CEMETERY Eliza
 Bishop
 2:00 p.m. Historic Texas Cemetery Designation 629
 North 4th
 Grapeland, Houston County Crockett,
 75835

936/544-3269

11/10/02 SAMUEL JOHAN Robin Evans
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 3:00 p.m. Waco, McLennan County 3717
 Parrott
 Waco, 76707
 254/752-8990 or 749-
 3014
 revans1857@yahoo.com

11/12/02 UNION GROVE Frances Hester
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 10:00 a.m. Gladewater, Upshur County P O
 Box 1447
 Gladewater, 75647
 903/845-5500
 fhester@ungr.sprnet.org

11/14/02 JAMES HOGAN DOYLE AND MARY KATE
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 Bluff Street
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 76048 817/573-8810
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11/14/02 LITTLFIELD BUILDING & SCARBROUGH
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 5:00 p.m. Austin, Travis County 512/444-
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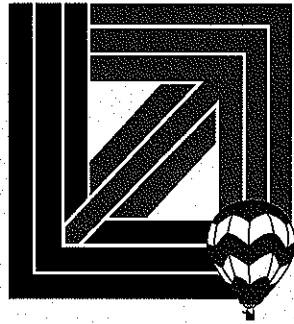
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CHURCH	James or Edna Baethge	
3:00 p.m.	Doss, Gillespie County	3419
Maner Road		
		Harper, 78631
		830/669-2438
11/30/02	CEDAR BRANCH COMMUNITY	
SCHOOL	Eliza Bishop	
1:00 p.m.	Grapeland, Houston County	629
North 4 th		
		Crockett, 75835
		936/544-3269
4/26/03	UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS	Ross
J. Cox, Sr.		
1:00 p.m.	WILLIAM P. ROGERS CAMP NO.	
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	San Saba, San Saba County	San Saba,
76877		
		915/372-4190
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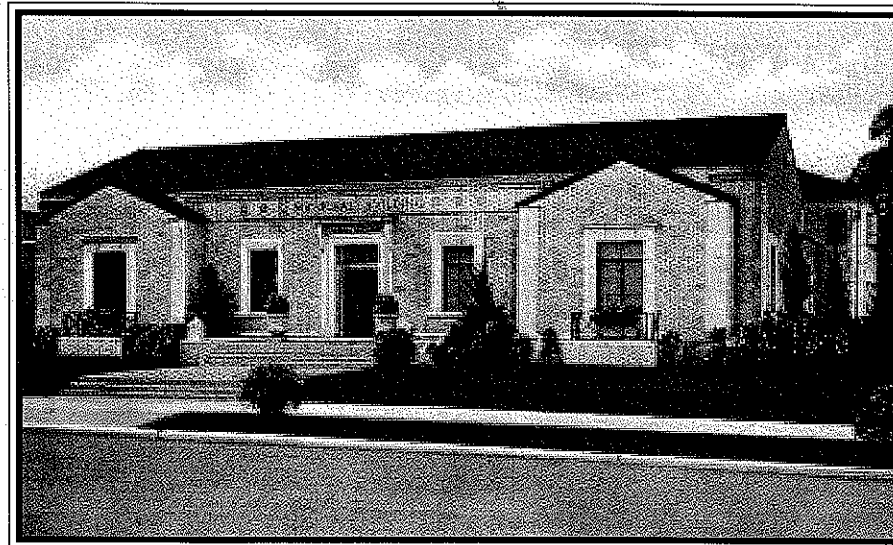


DEDICATION
of an
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

***The Longview Municipal Building
& Central Fire Station***

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2002
12:00 NOON
100 East Cotton Street

Sponsored by
The Texas Historical Commission
and
The Gregg County Historical Commission
and
The City of Longview



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Historical Marker Dedication

**LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION
Friday, November 1, 2002 • 12:00 Noon
100 East Cotton Street**

- Master of Ceremonies **Norman Black, D.D.S.**
Chairman, Gregg County
Historical Commission
- Invocation **Dr. Laney Johnson, Pastor**
Mobberly Baptist Church
- Welcome and Introduction of Guests..... **Norman Black**
- Address **Hon. Earl Roberts, Jr.**
Mayor, City of Longview
- Dedication of Marker..... **Norman Black**
- Unveiling of Marker **Captain Richard Lazarus, Fire Chief**
and **Lois McCaleb, City Secretary,**
City of Longview
- Reading of Text of Marker **Mr. Ricky Childers**
City Manager, City of Longview
- Dedicatory Remarks **Norman Black**

End of Ceremony

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LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND CENTRAL FIRE STATION
HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2002, 12:00 NOON
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Dedicatory Remarks	Norman Black

End of Ceremony

SECTION **B**



Ricardo B. Braziell/News-Journal Photos

Above, Longview Fire Chief Richard Lazarus unveils an historical land marker at Central Fire Station on Friday. Right, at top, is Lazarus' office as it appears today. Below right, the same office as it appeared in the 1930s. Lazarus has tried to maintain the office's historical integrity, right down to the ash tray stand, which appears in both photos.

SECTION **B**

Practical history

Central Fire Station first city building to be designated historical structure

By **JO LEE FERGUSON**
Staff writer

In 1936, the city of Longview built something that was designed to be "functional."

It was a home for city government, a place where people would work, a building where the city's business would be conducted. Sixty-six years later the building on Cotton Street still has a purpose.

On Friday, just as probably happened 66 years ago, a fire truck thundered out of the Central Fire Station, sirens blaring. The commotion caused a slight pause in a ceremony commemorating the fire station's history. City Manager Rickey Childers paused as he prepared to read from a new Texas Historical Marker placed in front of the building.

Then, he continued, saying, "This building is a building the voters took a risk on in 1935." And almost 70 years later, it still is in use, he said.

Childers, Gregg County Historical Commission Chairman Dr. Norman Black and others celebrated the historical marker Friday at what is now home to the Central Fire Station and fire department administration. The marker is the first to be placed at a city building, Black said.

When the building was completed in 1936, it first was Longview's city hall and central fire station.

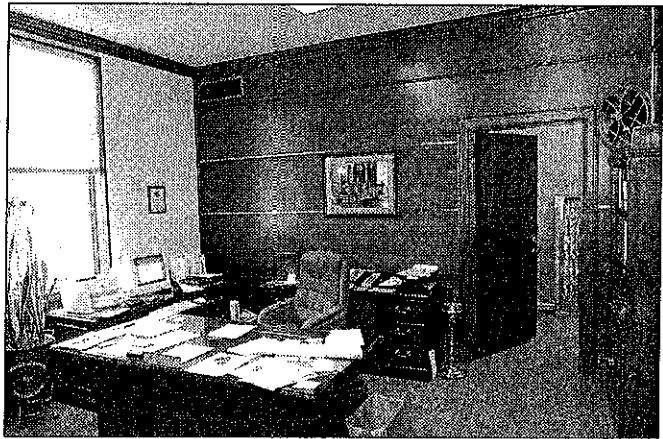
City hall has been relocated down the street, but the building still pays homage to its beginnings. Inscriptions above the front door say, "Wisdom in Government," and "Municipal Building" — with the U's written so they look like V's.

Mayor Earl Roberts noted that the building was finished the year he was born, joking as he said he takes exception to designating a historical marker for something that came

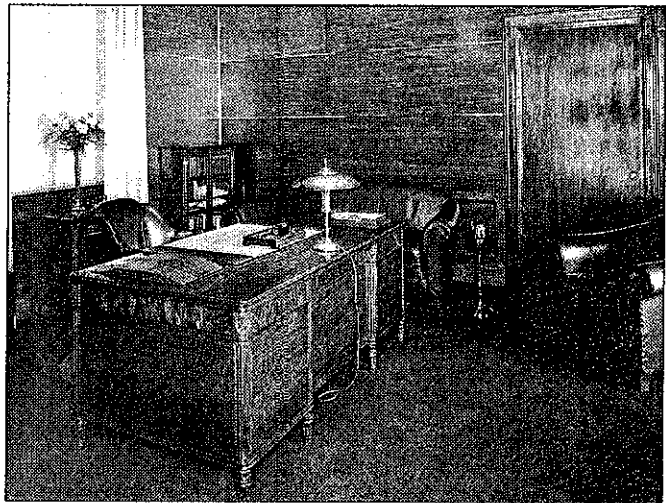
"I was really proud to have this office and be in this old building because of the sense of history. The past is important."

Richard Lazarus
Longview fire chief

NOW



& THEN



into being in 1936. Roberts was city attorney 1962 and 1963.

"This is where we came and this is where we had our meetings," Roberts said, referring to the council meetings that once were held in the facility. Inside the building, an old, silver plaque that says "council chambers" still hangs above a now unused door.

Roberts said the building is not a "grand structure."

"I think it was built that way purposefully," he said. "It was here to function. ... It was important that this be a functional structure, and that's exactly what it is."

Longview's first municipal building was constructed in 1905, but the city outgrew it during the East Texas oil boom of the 1930s. Voters approved a bond issue to build a new one in 1935, the marker says.

Former Assistant Fire Chief Bill Parrymore attended Friday's ceremony honoring the building he worked in for many years.

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SECTION **B**

Fire station

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"The first thing that grabs you is you look up there and see 'Municipal Building' with a 'V,'" he said.

The structure has undergone some remodeling through the years. He remembered that a couple of years ago, workers found

coins from the late 1800s inside a wall.

"These walls, if they could talk, they could tell you a lot more stories than I could," Parrymore said.

Fire Chief Richard Lazarus makes his office in what once was the city manager's office. He

has tried to make it look much like it did in pictures he has found from the building's early days.

Most of the original mahogany walls are still in place, along with a couple of the original chairs and a corner book shelf. He found a brass-finished cigarette ash tray

stand in the fire station's basement, cleaned it and placed it in the office.

"I've always been interested in history," he said. "I was really proud to have this office and be in this old building because of the sense of history. The past is important."

Editorial

Booms & Busts

Catching up with other news

▲ We like the new historical marker at Longview's Central Fire Station. It's a wonderful example of the architecture of the 1930s that has served the city well. It deserves its recognition.

More money needed for history book

Album being printed described as a family scrapbook of the Longview Fire Department

By **JO LEE FERGUSON**
Staff writer

More financial support is needed to help set the ink on a new book commemorating the Longview Fire Department's past and present.

The 128-page "commemorative album" is at the printer, being prepared for publication, but Fire Chief Richard Lazarus said about \$5,000 more is needed toward the total \$20,000 cost of printing the book. The fire department will continue accepting ads and page sponsorships to help pay for the book until December. The books should be ready for distribution sometime next year.

Firefighter/Paramedic Nancy Lee is coordinating the project for the

fire department. It is the fire department's second such book, but it has been more than 10 years since the first one was published in 1989 to celebrate the department's first 100 years. Lee helped organize the first book and signed on to organize this album as well.

"It's kind of like having a family scrapbook," Lee said. "It's just memories, keeping the memories alive."

This album will be more extensive and in-depth than the first, with historical photos and current action photos, information and history on the department. The fire department's current personnel also will be pictured in their dress uniforms.

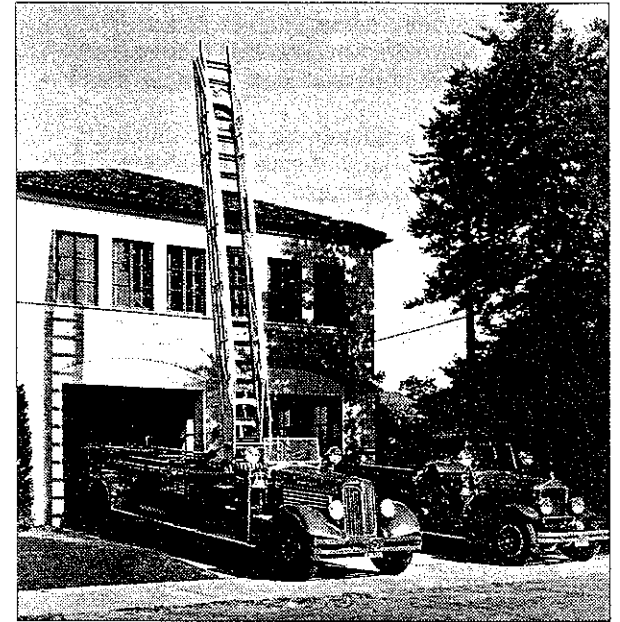
"This's one's going to be all color," with the exception of the black and

white pictures from the past, Lee said.

"It's going to have some stories instead of just the pictures."

Lee has been working on this project for more than a year. She said many of the old photos in the album were provided by former Fire Chief Lee Fort, who died almost a year ago, and his family. She also called on other firefighters for historical photos and newspaper articles and encouraged them to carry their cameras with them as they worked. Lee also did a great deal of research on the department's history.

The \$40 books will include information about the department's
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This photo shows the Central Fire Station in 1937 with a 1936 Seagraves 65-foot ladder truck and a 1936 American LaFrance 600-gallons-per-minute pumper truck.

Book

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beginnings as a volunteer operation in the late 1800s.

"Most of the firemen were doctors, lawyers and store owners," Lee said, ticking off well-known names, such as Northcutt, Jameson and Pinkham, as members of the early department.

"It was just interesting that they were firefighters, who were proud to be firemen, yet they were the dignitaries of Longview."

The book also will include information from interviews with Matt Tuel, an 82-year-old man who was a member of the Greggton Volunteer Fire Department before western Longview was annexed into the city.

Fires that have become a part of the city's history also will be featured, such as the 1918 fire at what was the 10-story First National Bank Building downtown, Lee said;

the 1965 fire that destroyed the Mobberly Hotel; and in more recent years, the large fires at the Loop 281 Lumber Co. in 1992 and Gorman McCracken Volkswagen Mazda and Rex International Inc. in 2000.

Lazarus said the album will be a "good book," that traces the fire department as it grew and developed.

"The growth of the fire department is reflective of the city itself," he said.

Some firefighters already have placed their book orders, and the approximately 100 books that already have been sold are help-

ing offset printing costs, Lee said. Books also will be available to the public.

Full-page color ads in the book cost \$300 while half-page color ads are \$175. Page sponsorships cost \$50. Those interested in participating may call 237-1226.



Firefighter Nancy Lee
Coordinating book project