

Dedication Ceremony

April 21, 1994



COLLEGE STATION RAILROAD DEPOTS

IN 1871 TEXAS GOVERNOR EDMUND DAVIS APPOINTED THREE COMMISSIONERS TO SELECT A SITE FOR THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OF TEXAS (TEXAS A&M COLLEGE). THE COMMISSIONERS CHOSE THIS LOCATION IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF A HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL (H&TC) RAILROAD LINE WHICH BEGAN IN SOUTH-EAST TEXAS AND EXTENDED THROUGH THIS AREA TO ITS TERMINUS IN BRYAN (5 MI. NORTH).

ALTHOUGH NO RAILROAD DEPOT EXISTED HERE AT THE TIME OF TEXAS A&M'S FORMAL OPENING IN 1876, H&TC MADE REGULAR STOPS HERE FOR INCOMING AND OUTGOING COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY. H&TC RAILROAD CONDUCTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS REFERRING TO THIS STOP AS COLLEGE STATION GAVE RISE TO THE NAME OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

H&TC CONSTRUCTED A DEPOT AT THIS SITE IN 1883 WHICH IT REPLACED WITH A NEW DEPOT ABOUT 1900. THE H&TC DEPOTS AND ANOTHER BUILT BY THE INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN (IGN) RAILROAD JUST EAST OF THIS SITE IN 1900 WERE FOR MANY STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED TEXAS A&M THE FIRST REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE.

RAILROAD DEPOTS OWNED BY THE H&TC (LATER SOUTHERN PACIFIC) AND IGN (LATER MISSOURI PACIFIC) MAINTAINED PASSENGER SERVICE AT THIS LOCATION UNTIL 1959. IN 1966 THE LAST OF THE DEPOT STRUCTURES WAS RAZED.



The Brazos County Historical Commission
cordially invites you to the

College Station
Railroad Depots

Marker Dedication
on

Thursday, April 21, 1994
9:00 am

Texas A&M University
Next to the
Albritton Tower
on old Main Drive

Program

Welcome Dr. Charles Schultz,
Chairman, Brazos County
Historical Commission

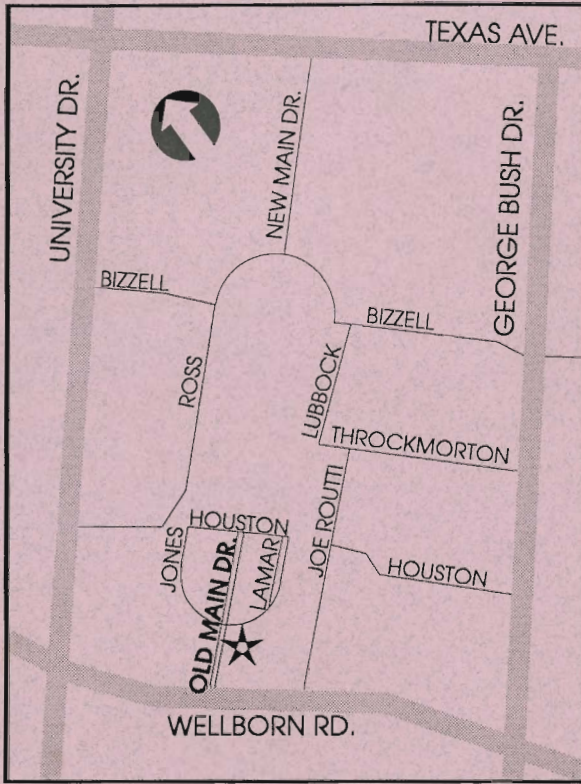
Recognition of Guests Dr. Gary Halter,
Chairman, College Station
Historic Preservation
Committee

Remarks Mayor Larry Ringer,
City of College Station
Dr. E. Dean Gage,
Interim President of
Texas A&M University

Presentation Dr. Charles Schultz,
Chairman, Brazos County
Historical Commission

Acceptance Mayor Ringer
Dr. Gage

Thank you for your participation



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