



Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, February 8, 1997, 3:00 pm

AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION IN COLLEGE STATION

FORMAL EDUCATION FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN BRAZOS COUNTY BEGAN AS A RESULT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACT OF 1871. CLASSES WERE HELD IN MANY SMALL COMMUNITY AND CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOLS, AND BY 1923 THERE WERE 127 AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS IN THE A&M-CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT. BUILDINGS ACCOMMODATED ONLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS UNTIL AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO BUS PUPILS TO THE KEMP HIGH SCHOOL IN BRYAN. THE A&M SCHOOL DISTRICT PAID THE EXPENSES. IN THE 1930s THE NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS GREW STEADILY. RISING COSTS OF TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION PROMPTED THE A&M DISTRICT TO APPROVE AND BUILD A HIGH SCHOOL IN COLLEGE STATION. THE A&M CONSOLIDATED NEGRO SCHOOL OPENED IN 1941. AN ATHLETIC FIELD WAS ADDED IN 1946 AND THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL CHANGED TO LINCOLN SCHOOL. THE BUILDING WAS EXPANDED IN 1948. A FIRE IN 1966 DESTROYED ONE OF THREE CLASSROOM BUILDINGS DISPLACING 100 STUDENTS. THE BURNED FACILITIES WERE NOT REBUILT. THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION LEASED THE LAND AND THE REMAINING FIVE BUILDINGS IN THE LATE 1960s, AND RESTORED THE SITE IN 1972. THE CITY BOUGHT THE LAND IN 1978 AND DEDICATED THE LINCOLN CENTER IN 1980. THE FORMER SCHOOL IS NOW THE HOME OF MANY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN COLLEGE STATION.



The Brazos County Historical Commission
cordially invites you to the
Dedication Ceremony of the State Marker Commemorating

African American Education
in College Station

on

Saturday, February 8, 1997

3:00 pm

Lincoln Center
1000 Eleanor
College Station, Texas

Program

Welcome &
Recognition of Guests Dr. Charles Schultz,
Chairman, Brazos County
Historical commission

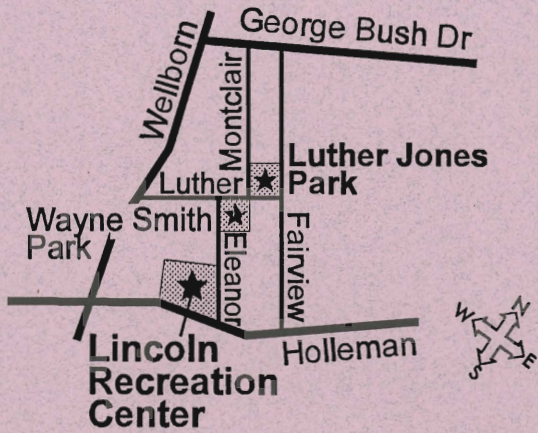
Introduction
of the Speaker Ms. Kimmie Davis,
Lincoln Center Supervisor

Speaker Larry Johnson,
Former Student of Lincoln School

Presentation Lynn McIlhaney,
College Station Mayor

Acceptance Brazos County

Thank you for your participation



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