



*Dedication Ceremony*

*Saturday, July 4, 1998*

**Rev. James Wilson  
(1821-1904)**

Ireland native James Wilson immigrated to the United States in 1842. He graduated in 1847 from Lafayette College in Boston, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1850, the year he was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. Wilson was sent to Texas in 1856 as a missionary to Brazos County. During his 53-year ministry, he served as a circuit preacher and organizer of many Brazos Valley Presbyterian congregations, including those at Wheelock, Bryan, and Centerville. He married Laura Barnes, a published poet, in 1866. They are buried near the site of a church he founded. (1997)



*The Brazos County Historical Commission  
& The Wilson Descendants*

*Cordially invite you to the  
Dedication Ceremony of the State Marker Commemorating*

*Reverend James Wilson,  
His Life and Christian Witness*

*On  
Saturday, July 4, 1998  
3:00 p. m.*

*New Church Cemetery, Macey Road,  
Edge Community, Brazos County, Texas*

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# Program

**Welcome and**

**Recognition of Guests....Dr. Charles Schultz, Chair,  
Brazos County Historical  
Commission**

**Invocation.....*Harvey Watson*  
Rev. Bob Leslie, Pastor,  
First Presbyterian Church,  
Bryan, Texas**

**Scripture & Remarks.....Rev. Clinton Watson, Nephew  
& Retired Southern Baptist  
Pastor, Mineral Wells, Texas**

**Remarks about  
Uncle James.....Dowe Mayfield, Nephew  
Lubbock, Texas**

**Presentation.....David Wilson, Nephew**

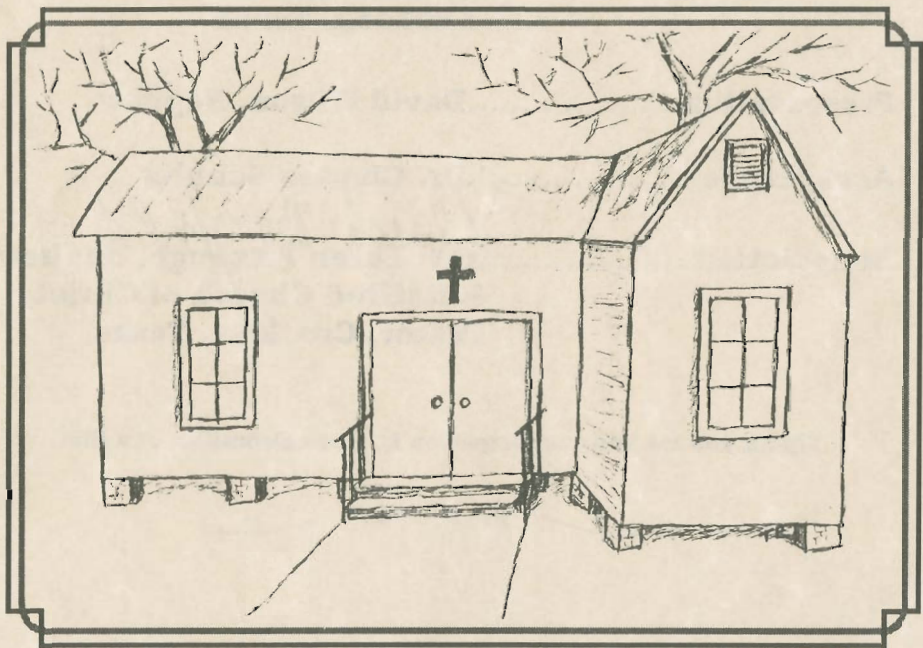
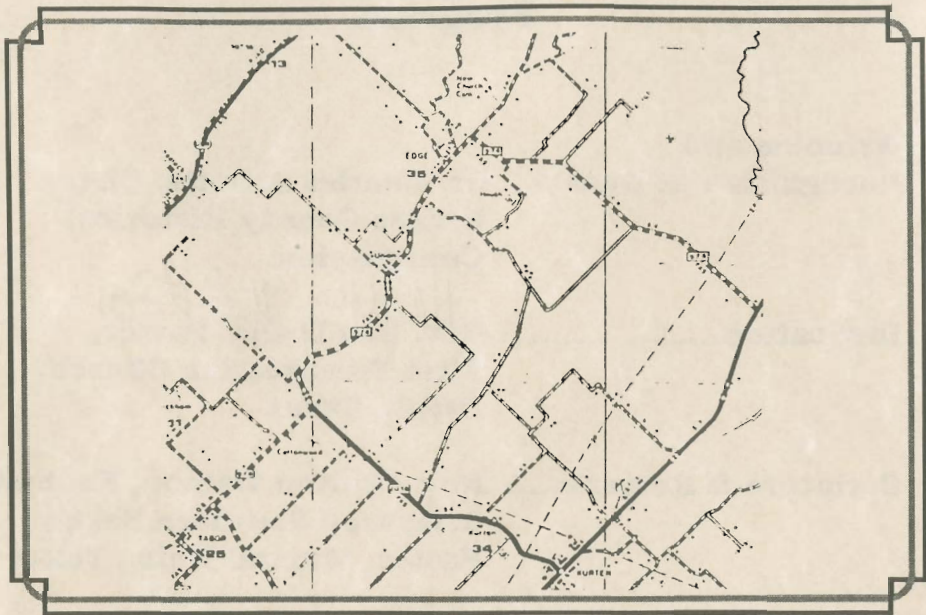
**Acceptance.....Dr. Charles Schultz**

**Benediction.....*Chuck Mayfield*  
Rev. Loren Fitzhugh, Nephew,  
& Retired Church of Christ  
Pastor, Crockett, Texas**

**Thank you for your participation in this celebration of a life!!**







Artist's rendition of a country church, Circa 1860-1920