

## Gayle Mapes

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**From:** Heather Nick  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 27, 2011 12:55 PM  
**To:** 'Faithful Care Learnin Center'  
**Cc:** Gayle Mapes  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Butler College Subject Marker Language  
**Attachments:** Draft Program.pdf

Dr. Brown,

The ceremony is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.  
After we confirm the subject marker language this week we will place the order.

Next steps include:

- Locate a site to place the marker. Typically the site will allow the public to view the marker from the road or sidewalk.
- Finalizing the program. I've attached a draft copy of the program. Please confirm who will speak on behalf of Butler College.
  - Normally we ask the nominating committee if they have a musician or vocalist that would like to perform during the ceremony. If not, this does not have to be part of the program.
  - If you would like to offer refreshments following the unveiling let me know. It is usually part of the program.
  - Once the marker is installed - just prior to the ceremony, we ask the nominating committee if they would cover the marker with fabric for the official unveiling.

We look forward to working with you as we prepare for the ceremony.

Thank you so much for your help,

**Heather Nick**  
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**From:** Faithful Care Learnin Center [mailto:[dcbrown1910@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcbrown1910@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:13 AM  
**To:** Heather Nick  
**Cc:** Gayle Mapes  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Butler College Subject Marker Language

Ms Nick,

I am sorry to take so long to respond to this important request. However I would like for this to be handled in a timely manner and I will follow up with you on any and all of your future request. Please if possible, I would like for the last paragraph to read;

In 1992 The East Texas District Baptist Association under the leadership of Reverend D. C. Brown serving as Moderator, erected the Heritage Building so that the legacy of Butler College could continue by providing the opportunity for christian education and the

spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

It would please me very much if this paragraph could be added . The possible suggested dates for the ceremony are April 19, 21, 26 or 28. Please let me know your choice so other association officers and alumni can be present for the ceremony. Thank you very much for your help and consideration in thi matter.

Sincerely

Dr D. C. Brown

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**To:** "dcbrown1910@sbcglobal.net" <dcbrown1910@sbcglobal.net>  
**Cc:** Gayle Mapes <gmapes@tylertexas.com>  
**Sent:** Mon, March 14, 2011 4:32:04 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Butler College Subject Marker Language

Reverend Brown,

I really need your help. Have you an opportunity to review the marker language (attached)? Please let me know if you have another historical picture you would like to utilize. We need to set a date for a ceremony in **April**. We need at least three weeks to order the marker and prepare for installation.

Thank you,  
Heather

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**Sent:** Friday, January 21, 2011 1:06 PM  
**To:** 'dcbrown1910@sbcglobal.net'  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Butler College Subject Marker Language  
**Importance:** High

Reverend Brown,

Please see the attached subject marker language. Please let me know if you have another historical picture you would like to utilize. Could we try to set a date for a ceremony in late February?

Thank you,  
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**Sent:** Saturday, January 15, 2011 8:17 PM  
**To:** dcb0049@att.net  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Butler College Subject Marker Language  
**Importance:** High

Please let me know if you receive this email. You can respond to this email or call me at 903-531-1174. I wanted to make sure I haven't missed your email because of our spam blocker.

Thanks,  
Heather

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**From:** Heather Nick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 2:49 PM  
**To:** 'dcb0049@att.net'  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Butler College Subject Marker Language

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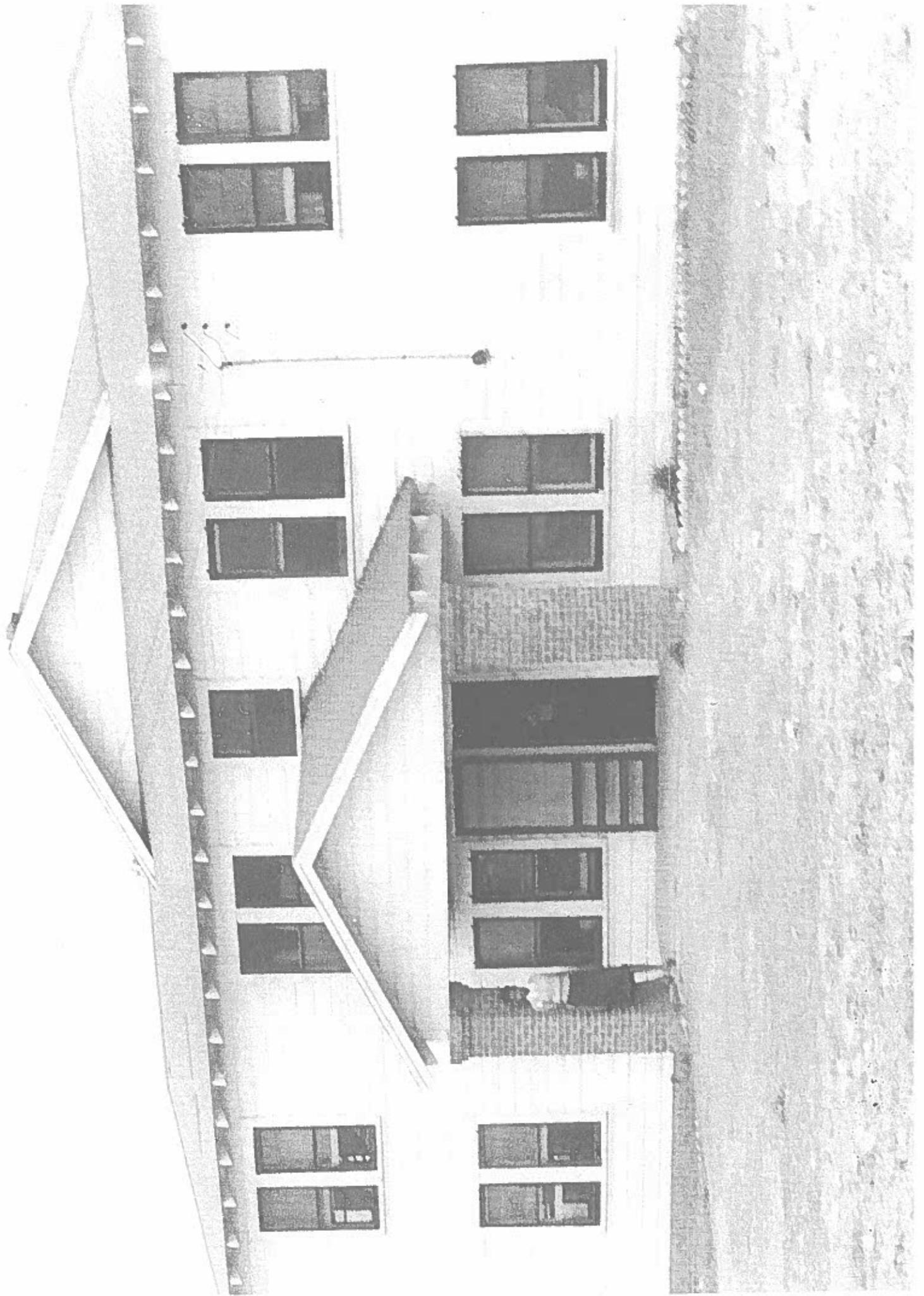
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Called Rev. Brown 520-3269

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He will send language next week. 2/13/11 →

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Subj Marker  
April 26  
11:00am

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75701

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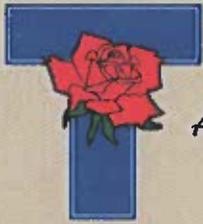
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## *Butler College*

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## HISTORY OF BUTLER COLLEGE

In 1905, at a time when educational opportunities for African Americans were limited, Reverend Cornelius M. Butler led the East Baptist Association to establish an institution of learning in the name of East Texas Baptist Academy, where he served as the first principal. The first Trustees were Reverends R. B. Francis, H. C. Alexander, T. L. Lockhart, C. G. Strong, R. B. White, G. H. McKinney, T. B. Johnson, W. H. Johnson and Prof. W. M. Butler.

In 1924, the Academy concentrated its curriculum in High School, Liberal Arts Junior College and School of Theology Butler College and was renamed in honor of Rev. Butler. In 1949, the College was approved for accreditation by the State of Texas.

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**From:** Heather Nick  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 2:22 PM  
**To:** Jerome Milton (rjmilton@tkgorman.net)  
**Subject:** Bulter College Subject Marker  
**Attachments:** Butler College caption.doc

Reverend Milton,

I admire your enthusiasm for our community's history and I've really enjoyed working with you on Historical Preservation projects.

That said, I was wondering if you might be able to help me with the Butler College Subject Marker.

I found a caption for Butler College that Brandon Montgomery had drafted as part of the Reflections Program unveiling.

The Historical Preservation Board wanted me to ensure that any captions that we use on the Subject Markers are not duplicative of any existing Subject Markers, e.g., State Historical Markers.

Are you aware of any other Subject Markers for Butler College? Also, would you mind reviewing this caption and make any needed revisions (see attached)?

Note: The caption is too long, as it is 134 words long. We will have to eliminate some words. I welcome any suggestions, even if it is to completely re-write the caption.

Could you help me with this Subject Marker?

Once we can finalize the caption, I will take it back to the Historical Preservation Board for their review. My goal is to take it to the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and then schedule a ceremony for the summer.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
 Heather

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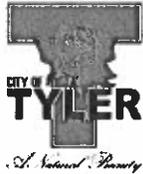
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Butler College Alumni Assoc. - Sept 29<sup>th</sup>?  
 - Donald Sanders - get date -

(Rev. Milton said I should call you)

Florence Children's  
 7pm

6/4/2010



## City of Tyler Historical Subject Marker Application Form



This form constitutes a public request to the City of Tyler to consider approval of an Official City of Tyler Historical Subject Marker. The City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board will review the request and make the final determination of eligibility and therefore may approve the Subject Marker designation. Filing of the application is for the purpose of providing basic information to be used in the evaluation process. This form is to be used for subject marker requests only. Please see separate forms for either City of Tyler Landmark or Half-Mile of History Programs.

### **Subject Marker Definition**

Subject markers are educational in nature and reveal aspects of local history important to a community or region. These markers honor topics such as church congregations, schools, communities, businesses, events and individuals. Subject markers are placed at sites that have historical associations with the topics, but no legal restriction is placed on the use of the property or site, although the Historical Preservation Board must be notified if the marker is ever to be relocated. **The Historical Preservation Board will only consider topics which do not have an existing State or National Subject Marker.**

### **Application Requirements**

Any individual or group may apply to the City of Tyler to request a City of Tyler Historical Subject Marker for what it deems a worthy topic. Only complete marker applications that contain all the required elements can be accepted or processed by the Historical Preservation Board.

The required elements are:

- Application Form
- Narrative History
- Supporting documentation, including photographs

Photographs are required. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

- Narrative histories must include separate sections on:
  - a. **Background** which represents a broader set of facts that explain why the event, site or structure should be considered historic and the enduring contributions to the area.
  - b. **Overview** of the key facts in chronological order with clearly documented historic connections to the area.

## Historical Subject Marker

### Criteria

1. **Age:** Most topics marked with subject markers must date back at least 50 years, although historic events may be marked after 30 years, and historic individuals may be marked, or may be mentioned in a historical marker text, after they have been deceased 10 years. The Historical Preservation Board may waive age requirements for topics of overwhelming local, state or national importance, although exceptions are rarely granted and the burden of proof for all claims and documentation is the responsibility of the narrative author.

#### **Subject age or event date:**

Butler College was founded 1905 by Reverend Cornelius Moses Butler and Trustees of the East Texas Baptist Association

2. **Historical significance:** A topic is considered to have historical significance if it had influence, effect or impact on the course of history or cultural development; age alone does not determine significance. It is expected that most historical markers will deal with local history and a local level of significance; however state and national importance can be considered.

#### **Provide summary of historical significance:**

As summarized on the State Historical Marker: Reverend Cornelius Moses Butler and Trustees of the East Texas Baptist Association founded East Texas Baptist Academy in 1905. The academy was created to improve educational opportunities for African American youth in and around the City of Tyler. Reverend Butler served as the Academy's first president until his death in 1924. At which time the institution's name was changed to Butler College. The School transitioned to a junior college and then a four year liberal arts college before reverting back to a junior college in 1960. The association voted to close the College in 1971 because of rising costs. A Heritage Building was built on the Butler College site in 1992.

(attach additional sheets if necessary)

#### **Proposed Marker Topic** (Official title will be determined by the Historical Preservation Board):

Butler College

**Street Address of Marker Site:** 1900 Bellwood Road

**Will the marker be placed at the actual site of the topic being marked?**  Yes  No

If the answer is no, provide the distance and directions to the actual location from the marker (i.e. 100 yards east).

N/A

#### **Marker Placement:**

Include a map that indicates where the subject marker is to be placed with a precise verbal description of marker placement (e.g. northwest corner of 3rd and Elm, or FM 1411, 2.6 miles east of McWhorter Creek): Near main building entrance (Need confirmation)

Historical Subject Marker

**TYPE AND SIZE OF SUBJECT MARKER**

As part of its review process, the Historical Preservation Board will determine the appropriate size of the marker and provide options, if any, for the approved topic based on its own review criteria, including, but not exclusive of, historical significance, replication of information in other markers, and the amount of available documented information provided in the application narrative.

\*For markers without posts, the applicant must receive special approval from the Historic Preservation Board. Such approval shall be based upon the following:

- Submittal of a detailed plan for where the marker will be mounted, including the surface to which it will be placed (masonry, metal, wood); and
- A statement of why a marker with a post is not feasible or preferred.

**Nominator's Information**

Name of person making nomination: *(Prepared by City of Tyler - Historic Preservation Officer)* Property Owner: Reverend D.C. Brown

Address: 1900 Bellwood Road

City: Tyler

State: TX Zip: 75702

Daytime telephone: (903) 593-6507

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit application to:

Mail to:

City of Tyler  
 Planning and Zoning  
 Department  
 Attention: Subject Marker  
 P.O. Box 2039  
 Tyler, Texas 75710

OR

Hand Deliver to:

City of Tyler  
 Planning and Zoning  
 Department  
 Attention: Subject Marker  
 Tyler Development Center  
 423 W. Ferguson  
 Tyler, Texas

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Case Number: SM12-09-002

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Preservation Board Date: 12-2-09

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

City Council Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BUTLER COLLEGE.** Butler College, a coeducational school for blacks in Tyler, was established as the Texas Baptist Academy in 1905 by the East Texas Baptist Association. In 1924 the name was changed to Butler College in honor of its president, C. M. Butler, and the institution became a junior college. In 1932 the Texas Baptist Convention agreed to assist in operation of the college. After World War II the school added such vocational courses as tailoring, photography, and secretarial science, particularly to benefit veterans. In 1949 the plant had a thirty-three-acre campus, eleven buildings, and a 103-acre farm on the Tyler-Kilgore highway. The enrollment in 1948-49 was 361. In 1951 Butler became a senior college and added a program in teacher preparation. The physical plant had fourteen buildings. The college, however, never achieved four-year accreditation. Throughout the 1960s the enrollment declined, and in 1968 only fifty-eight students were enrolled. Although students were bussed to the campus from Kilgore Junior College, Butler closed in the summer of 1972.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Linda Brown Cross and Robert W. Glover, *History of Tyler Junior College, 1926-1986* (Tyler, Texas: Tyler Junior College, 1985). Robert W. Glover, ed., *Tyler and Smith County, Texas* (n.p.: Walsworth, 1976). Michael R. Heintze, A History of the Black Private Colleges in Texas, 1865-1954 (Ph.D. dissertation, Texas Tech University, 1981; published as *Private Black Colleges in Texas, 1865-1954* [College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1985]). Donald W. Whisenhunt, *The Encyclopedia of Texas Colleges and Universities* (Austin: Eakin, 1986).

*Martin Behnke*

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Butler College



Tyler, Texas

## The History of Butler College

Butler College was founded by Rev. Cornelius Moses Butler, who served as its first President. Rev. Butler was an ordinary man, who had an extraordinary vision to do something about the education of Black youths. Before the turn of the 20th Century, educational opportunities for Blacks in and around the city of Tyler were virtually non-existent. Rev. Butler had a real yearning to improve the situation. In an attempt to improve or upgrade the condition, he organized the East Texas Baptist Association and served as its moderator for 46 years.<sup>1</sup>

On November 1, 1905, Rev. Butler, along with the trustees of the East Texas Baptist Association, purchased a plot of land on Bellwood Road in southwestern Tyler, Texas from Mrs. M. S. Carter, the widow of J. V. Carter

and heirs for \$5,500.00, \$2,000.00 of that sum paid in cash and the other \$3,500.00 would be paid in four promissory notes. The trustees of the East Texas Baptist Association who entered into the purchase agreement were Rev. H. C. Alexander, Rev. A. P. Young, Rev. J. P. Swann, Rev. R. B. Francis, Rev. T. B. Johnson, Rev. G. T. Brown, Rev. F. R. Rabb and Rev. I. S. Stephens.

The land purchased was for the site of East Texas Baptist Academy, which would later become Butler College.<sup>2</sup> The primary mission of the East Texas Baptist Academy was to provide a Christian education for Black youths.

Rev. Butler served as the President of the East Texas Baptist Academy until his death in 1924, at which time the name of the institution was changed to Butler College in his honor. The need for providing opportunities in other areas became evident with the passing years, which

resulted in the academy being elevated to a junior college.

Records were not made available to us, but from the information we were able to attain, Presidents that succeeded Rev. Butler, not necessarily in the correct order were: Mr. T. C. Bledsoe, Mr. J. V. McClellan, Mr. Isaiah Jackson, Mr. Wm. Butler (son of Rev. Butler), Mr. Claud Meals, Dr. Millard J. Smith, Rev. M. K. Curry, Mr. R. W. Puryear, Dr. L. F. Hardee, Rev. John H. Williams and Mr. E. R. Williams.

Former Deans of Religion were Dr. A. T. Stewart, Rev. E. O. Sweet. Rev. Levi Stanmore, Rev. William M. Singleton and Rev. John H. Williams.<sup>3</sup>

Former Deans of Instruction were Mr. T. J. Malone, Mr. C. Price, Mr. Tolson, Mr. Jodie C. Sanford (grandson of Rev. Butler) and others.

In 1932, the Texas Baptist Convention became a co-partner with the East Texas Baptist Association in the ownership and operation of Butler College.

In September of 1947, the college added senior college work to its curriculum and by February of 1949, the college had been approved by the State of Texas as an accredited four year Liberal Arts college.

On January 26, 1951, Butler was chartered. The college was incorporated to establish, control, maintain and operate an institution for religious education in the Arts, Sciences, Vocations and Christian Religion, with authority to acquire and receive lands, funds or other property by gift, devise, purchase or in any other lawful manner.<sup>4</sup>

The decade of the 1950's was the glory years for the four-year college. Butler College fielded outstanding teams for both men's and women's basketball, men's

football and had a superlative a cappella choir. Some of the campus activities included the Business Education Club, the Lettermen's Club, the Minister's Union, the A Cappella Choir, the Cheerleaders, the Library Club, the Future Teachers of America, the United Nations Club, the Science Club and the Gamma Phi Rho Fraternity.

The football and basketball teams competed with Bishop College, which was located in Marshall, Texas, but was later moved to Dallas, Texas; Arkansas Baptist College, Shorter College and Philander Smith College, all three located in Little Rock, Arkansas; Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas; Paul Quinn College which was initially located in Waco, Texas, but was later moved to Dallas, Texas; Mary Allen College in Crockett, Texas; St. Phillips College in San Antonio, Texas and Leland College from

Louisiana.

Butler College's mascot was "The Bear." School colors were maroon and white. Students from all across the nation matriculated to 'The Hill' on Bellwood Road.<sup>5</sup>

Then came the '60's. In 1960, Butler College lost its senior accreditation and reverted to junior college status. In 1968, the Texas Baptist Convention discontinued its support, leaving Butler to the East Texas Baptist Association.

"This was the beginning of the financial decline," Rev. W. A. McDonald said.

Unable to continue support alone, because of rising costs, the East Texas Baptist Association on November 16, 1971, finally voted to close the college's doors.<sup>6</sup>

In October of 1992, East Texas Baptist Association completed the construction of the Heritage Building on the

Butler College site. This building was constructed to keep the Butler College Heritage alive.<sup>7</sup>

**Butler College Hymn**

*To you we'll be true alma mater*

*Your praises forever we'll sing*

*With reverence to God, Our Father*

*As our voices in harmony ring*

*Beneath the radiant blue*

*Where the moon cast a golden hue*

*Maroon and white, O purity and right*

*Dear Butler, your children love you.*

**By: J. P. Goss and J. J. Lakey (Both were former  
instructors at Butler College)**

**My Days as a Student at Butler College**

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## **OVERVIEW**

### **BUTLER COLLEGE**

Butler College was established in 1905 primarily for Baptist students. Names in honor of Reverend C.M. Butler of Overton, Texas, and the college thrived as part of the Tyler community. At a time when educational opportunities for African Americans were limited, founder Reverend C.M. Butler took his vision, combined with a deep desire for students to learn, and created East Texas Baptist Academy. It was through this academy that Butler College was created.

The college sparked success for many students, but due to financial difficulties the religious based institution closed 1974. The East Texas Baptist Association, along with local churches and organizations, erected a \$1 million facility in honor of Butler College. The Heritage Building is a 51,466 square foot building that provides Christian education, programs for youth, adult education and counseling for teens.

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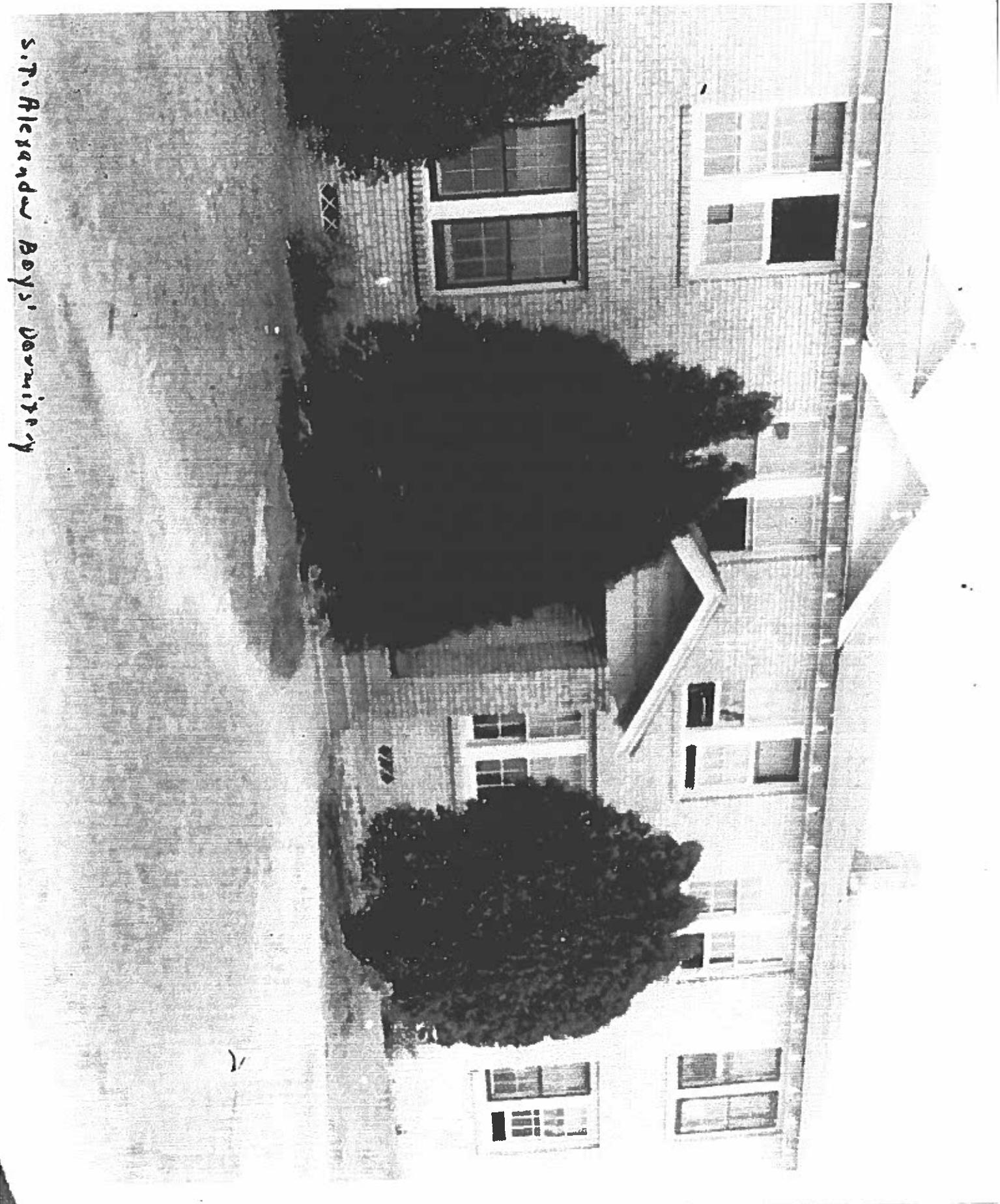
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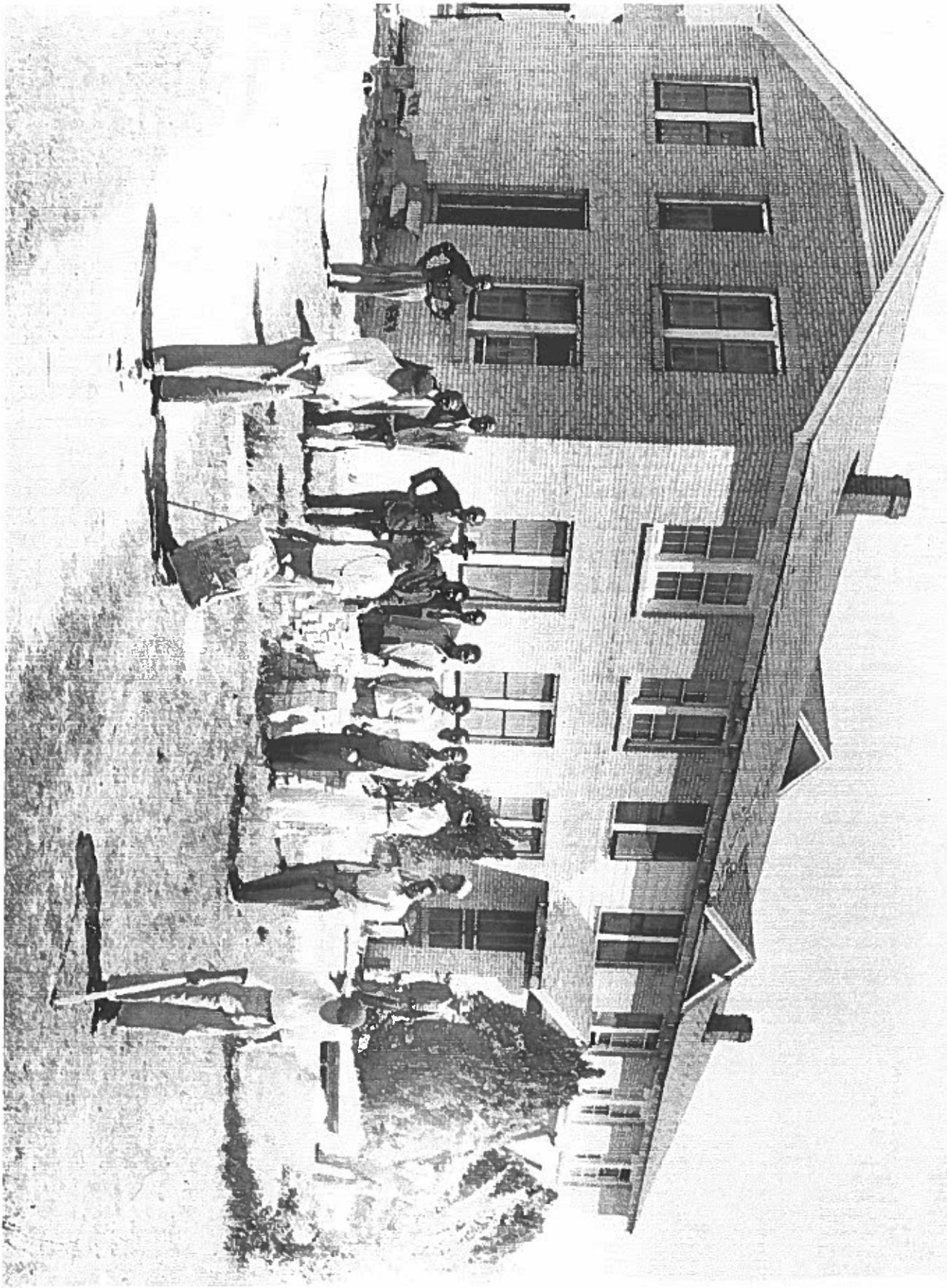
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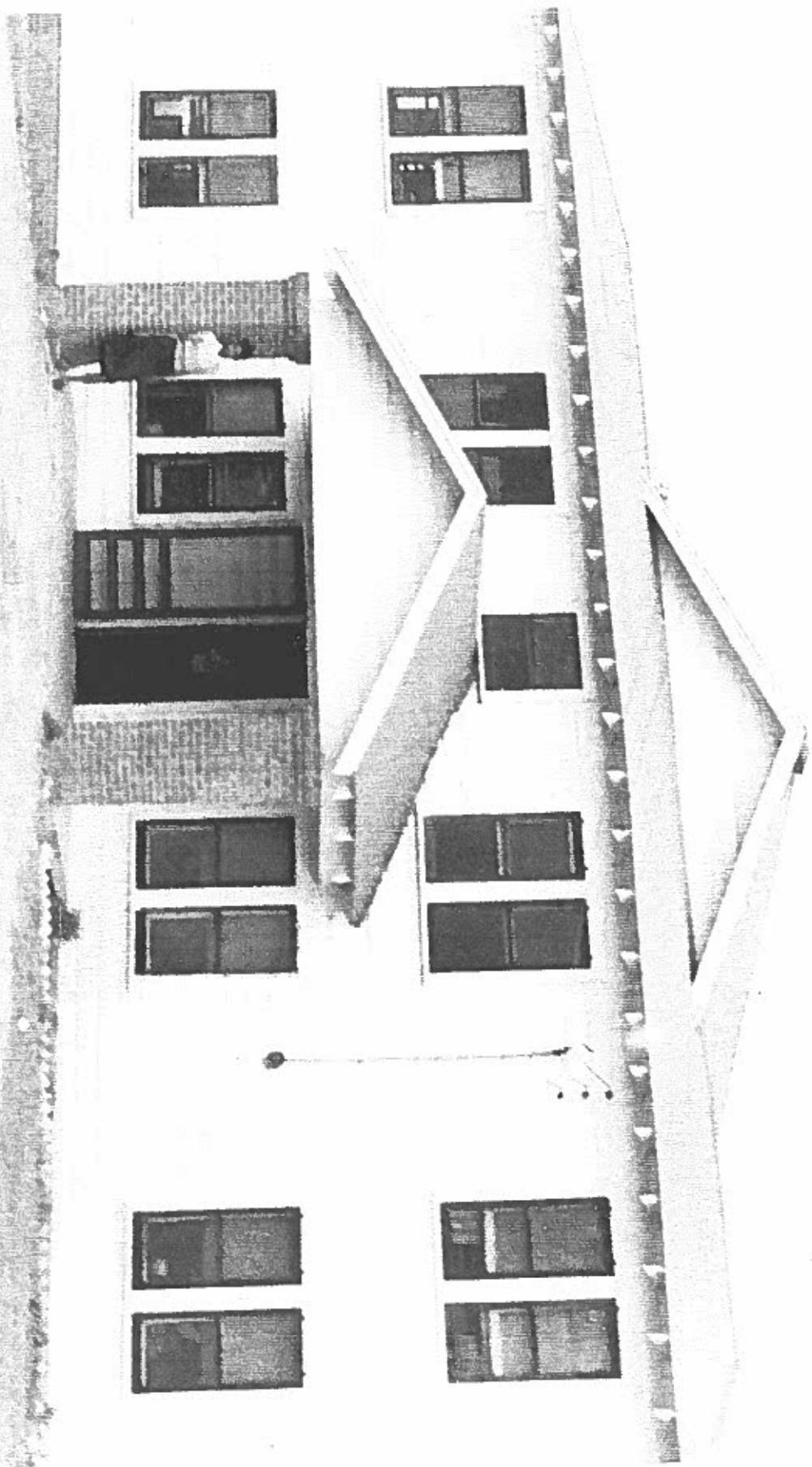
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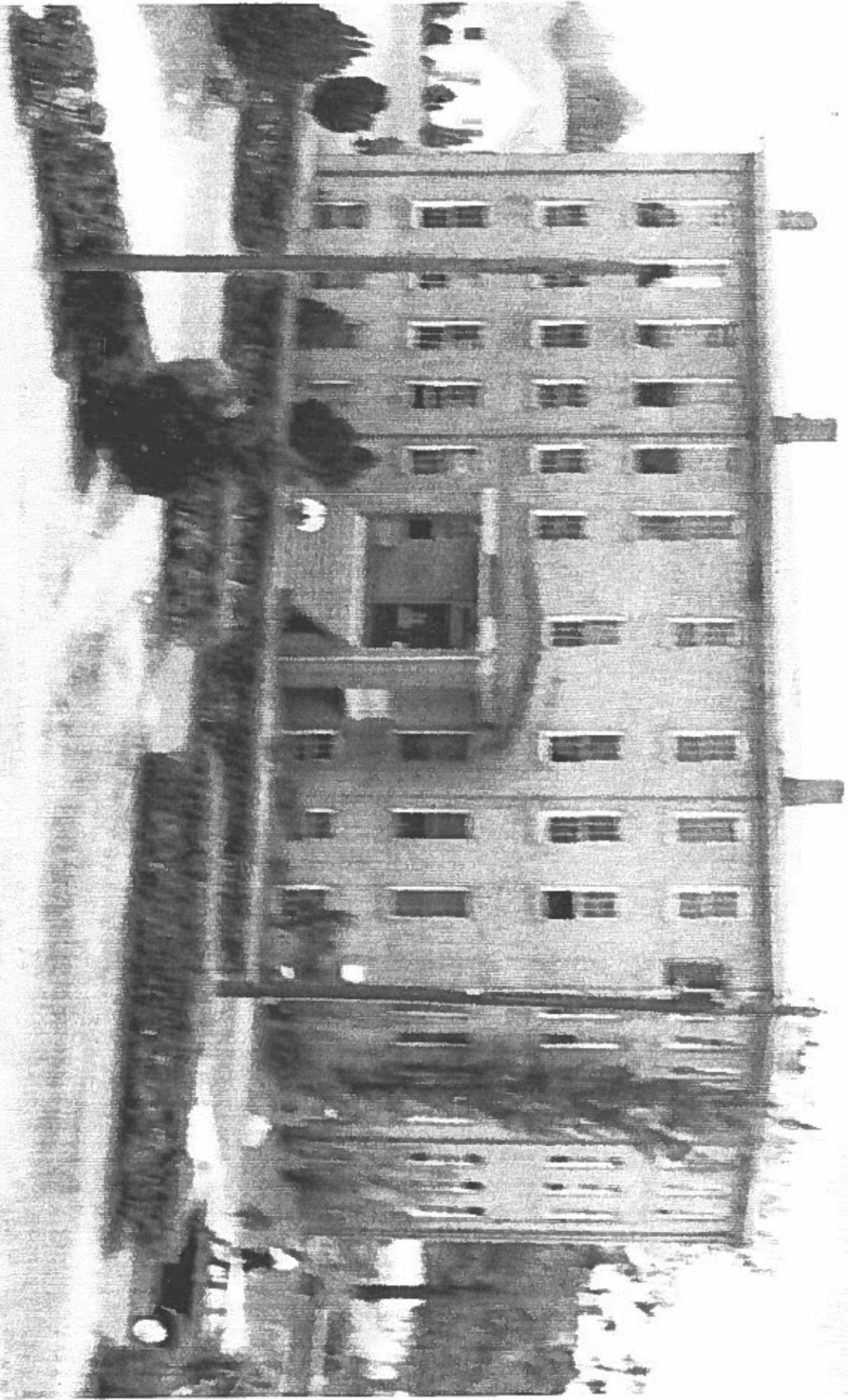




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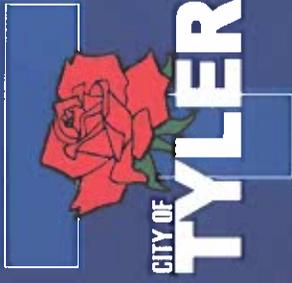


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REV. CHARLES FAULKES

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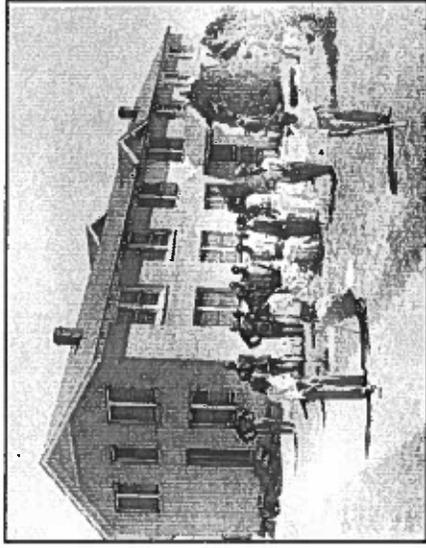
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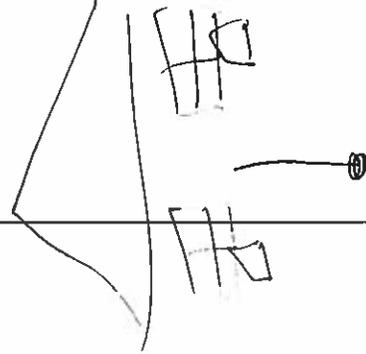


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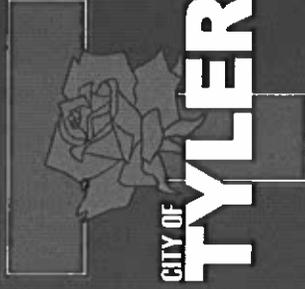


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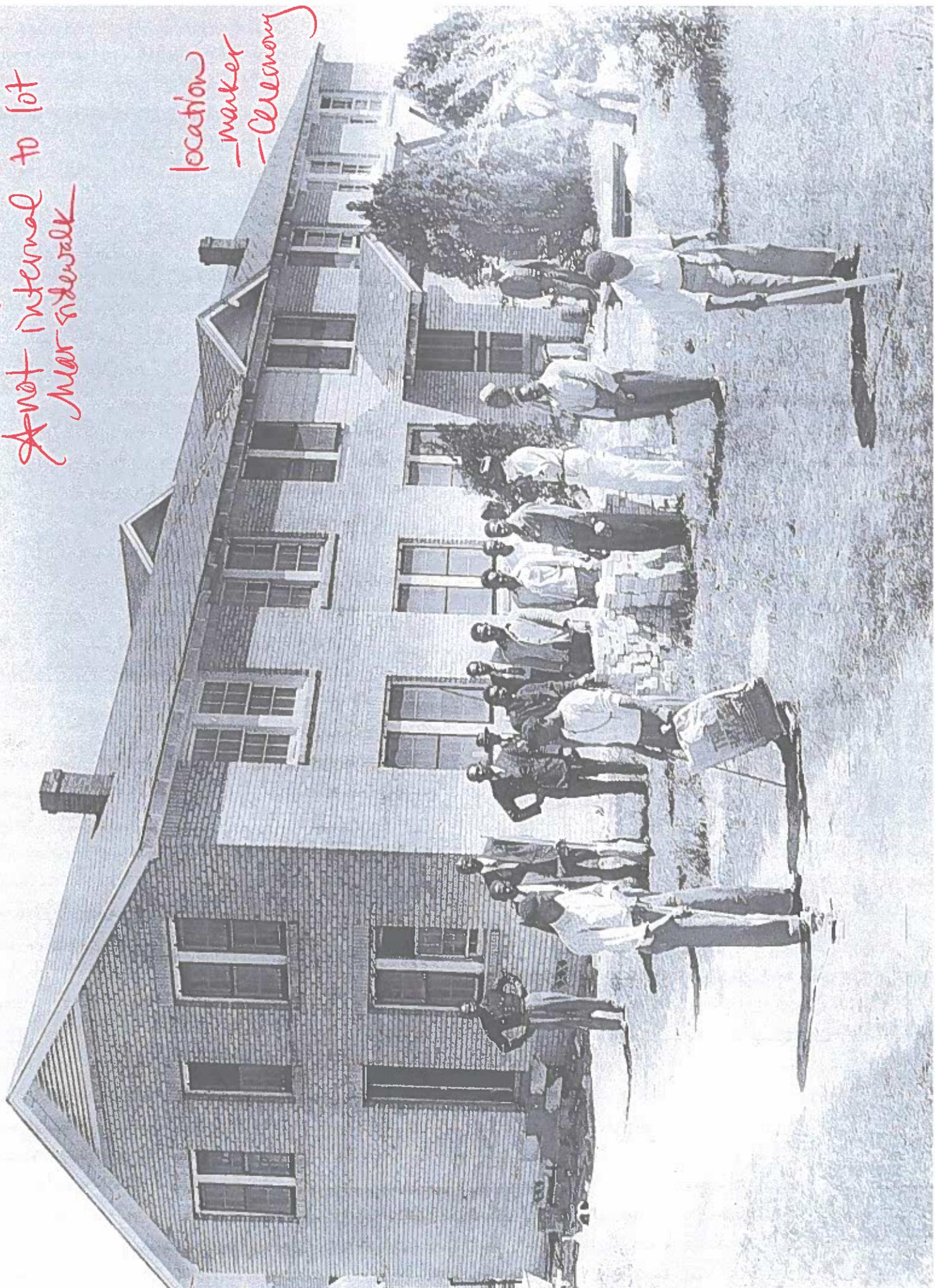
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### HISTORICAL SUBJECT MARKER UNVEILING

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- marker  
- Ceremony





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