

16" x 12" Official Texas Historical Building Medallion and Plate - SMF - Harrison County - 8-10-71 - on main road, town of Scottsville L

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MAR 29 1963

APPLICATION

THE TEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING MEDALLION

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE

County Harrison Town Marshall Date of Application: March 28, 1963

Address: (If the Building is not in town indicate number of miles and direction from center of town and number or name of highway or road.)

8 miles east on old
Shreveport Road

Present Owner: Betty Scott
Youree Park Foundation

General Designation: Residence

Date Built: 1870

Present Condition: excellent

Interest: typical raised cottage, exact
Architectural replica of Beauvoir Jefferson Davis
home in Biloxi

Historical W.T. Scott, original owner, founded
Scottsville, oldest town in county 1834

Organization or Individual Assuming Responsibility of Building: _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

Date Received: _____

Date Approved, Rejected: _____

Committee Ruling:
4/9/63. OK JRR
4/10/63 OK RNR ORH

Area Representatives: _____

Committee Members: _____

No. Assigned 678

Date Mailed 4-19-63

Additional Remarks: a Texas Centennaire Marker stands on highway
in front of house noting the townsite of Scottville &
W.T. Scotts home youree Park contains Scott home, family
cemetery & memorial chapel

Sources of Information: Deed records & information from Scott's living descendants

William Scott Youree Lancaster Signature — Owner or Authorized Representative
P.O. Box 649 Address
Marshall, Texas

UNLESS THE FOLLOWING IS SUPPLIED, THE BUILDING MEDALLION COMMITTEE CANNOT ACT UPON THIS APPLICATION:

1. Complete information asked for above
2. Kodak picture of building attached to application
3. Check for \$14.75 made payable to TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I hereby certify the above application has been approved by the Harrison County Historical Survey Committee:

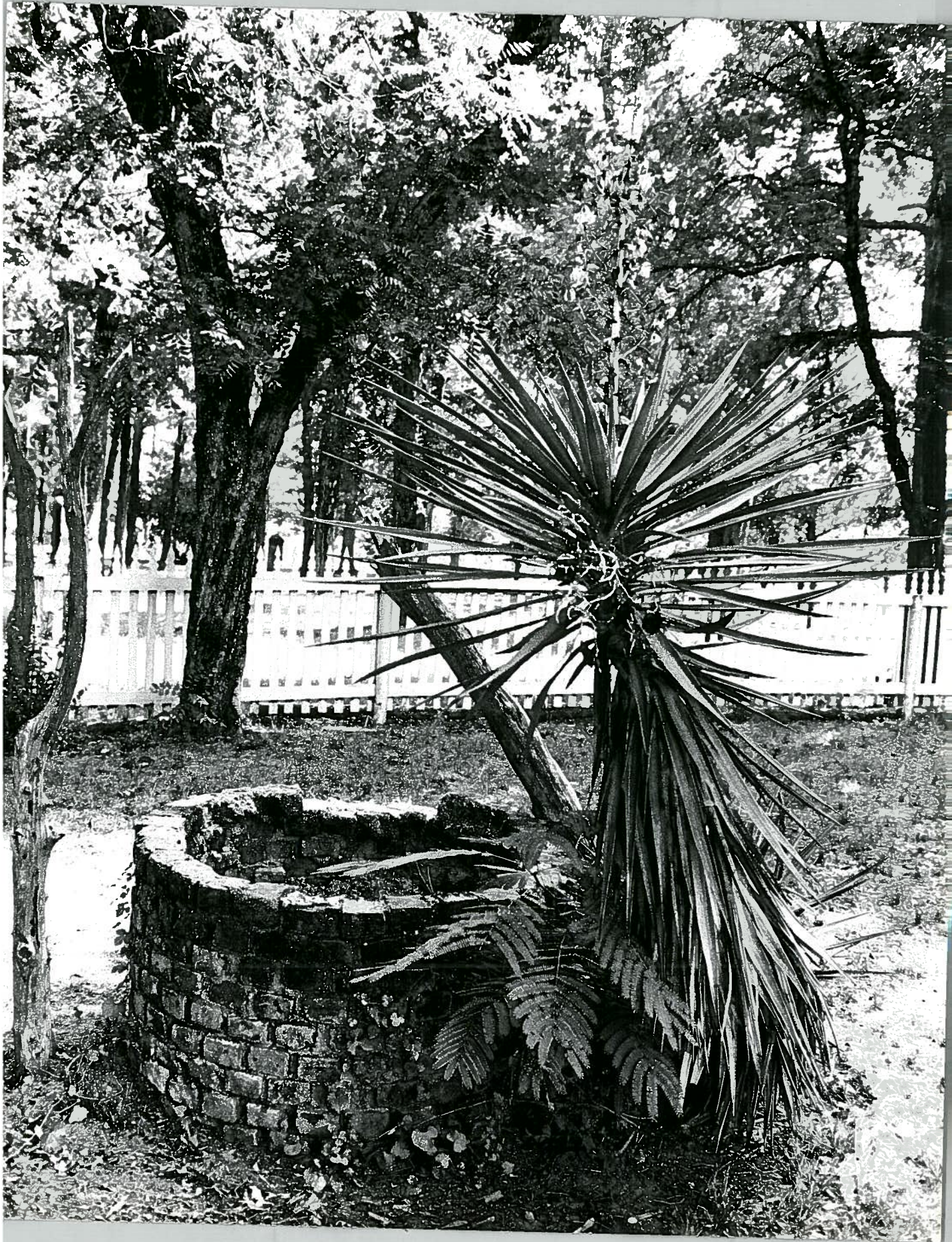
Mrs Elizabeth Patterson
County Chairman
200 Riggs Circle
Address

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE
George W. Hill, Executive Director
112 East 18th Street
Austin, Texas











MARKER NAME The W. T. Scott ^{House} SIZE 16"x 12" COUNTY Harrison
 TOWN Scottsville DATE Jan. 1970

PROCEDURE FOR STATE MATCHING FUND MARKER APPLICATION

INITIAL	DATE	
DP	12/16/1969	1. Folder labeled, blue sheet inserted, and procedure sheet affixed to folder
DP	12-30	2. County notified of award
TL	12-30-70	3. History requested
DP	1-24-70	4. Folder checked by Research Department
DP	1-15-70	5. County Committee recording (designate SMF), filed in Current Marker Work
		6. a. Inscription writer checkout b. Inscription writer submit for approval
DP	7-22-70	7. Sent for State Committee Approval
DP	7-24	a. Date sent b. Date approved
CT	8-5-70	8. County approval letter sent, recorded for Marker Directory
S		9. Highway permission secured (if necessary)
DP	12-3-70	10. Order to Southwell
DP	8-10-71	11. Rubbing checked
		12. Stencil cut
DP	8-10-71	13. Rubbing letter sent, certificate if necessary
ll	8-27-71	14. News Release sent, sending copy to TSHSC Pres.
DP	8-27-71	15. Extraneous material deleted, given to Architectural Historian
KP	9-13-71	16. Folder filed in Completed Marker Work
DP	9-28	

June 8, 1970

Mrs. Will Y. Lancaster
200 Whaley
Marshall, Texas 75670

Dear Mary:

I am returning the forms that you gave to me in Marshall on the 13th of May. I have searched through most of the family memorabilia that is now in my possession or that of Susie Rose. I have also discussed certain points of interest with Susie Rose and my mother. Of course Mother is only an in-law, but the years that she spent at Scottsville listening to the family anecdotes that my grandmother and Aunt Betty loved so to tell, made her somewhat an authority. My father took the greatest interest in all of the family lore and I spent many an evening and many a Sunday, wide-eyed at the tales told about things that were still fresh in their memory, if not from having been on the scene, certainly from having heard first hand from those who were.

We have several published versions of the history that surrounded the Scott family. The historical marker at Scottsville shows the date of its founding as 1834. See enclosed copy of published picture of monument. Our great grandfather Scott had come to Texas and acquired property before he moved his family from Mississippi. The house as it stands today was completed about 1840, having taken approximately two years in construction. The length of time required was due to the fact that the mullioned windows, the panelled doors and the cypress shingles and shutters all had to be brought by river boat from New Orleans up Caddo Lake to Port Caddo and then by ox cart to Scottsville. The bricks were made and kiln-dried on the plantation; the pine was milled and the oak beams were hand-hewn from timber on the property. Cason Scott, a first cousin of William Thomas Scott, although no architect, was an experienced builder and an accomplished craftsman, who supervised the unskilled slave labor that was utilized for construction of the old home. See more detailed description attached.

*Letter to Mrs. Mary Lancaster, cont'd.
Page 2.*

In the letter and forms requesting information from Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee, the space is not adequate to give complete information requested. But I have attempted to answer as briefly as possible and make corrections, that I felt were necessary. These answers and the questionnaire are enclosed.

Also enclosed are copies of pages from a genealogical study with biographical notes compiled by Susie Rose. Also enclosed are copies of pages from The Encyclopedia of the New West. These pertain to our great grandfather Scott and should be of interest to the Historical Survey Committee.

I am also enclosing a xeroxed copy of those pages relating the "Terrible death of Robert Potter", published under the title of American Notes and the Uncommercial Traveler. by Charles Dickens. An incident relating to Robert Potter, recalled by Rev. Jno. H. McLean, A.M., D.D. is also enclosed. The versions do not agree and whether Robert Potter's call at Scottsville was actually a visit is debateable. Whether he was a famous or an infamous person is certainly a matter of conjecture. In a recent biographical novel, Love is a Wild Assault, he was hardly painted as a paragon of propriety. He had been Secretary of the Navy of the Republic of Texas, so I listed him along with Sam Houston as famous people who had visited Scottsville.

If this is not all the information you need, please write me regarding facts necessary and I will be happy to furnish copies of family letters and references to other published works.

Most sincerely,



WILLIAM S. KRETZ

William Thomas Scott, Sr. Home

W.T. Scott Home
Name of Structure
Marshall Scottsville
Address
Harrison
County

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I/we hereby certify that I/we will assume the responsibility of placing the above named historical building, interpretive plate upon the structure designated by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee no later than 30 days from the day it is received.

7-2-70
Date

[Signature]
Signature of:
County Committee Chairman,
Owner of Structure, or
Custodian of Structure

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS:

The above interpretive plate is to be shipped to:

V.H. HACKBERRY
46 The Marshall National Bank
Name
P.O. Box 968
Address
Marshall Texas 75670
City Zip Code

Can't you ship these to local highway department?
NO!

THE MARSHALL NATIONAL BANK

MARSHALL, TEXAS 75670

July 14, 1970

Mrs. D. M. Parmelee, Dir. of Research
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

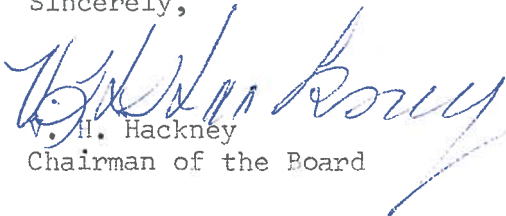
Dear Mrs. Parmelee:

Thank you for your letter and if you will send the interpretive plate to me, I will work with the owners in seeing that the historical marker is properly placed.

You will recall that I did not send pictures of the Scott home at the time the application was submitted and so enclosed are four pictures that should be of interest. One of the pictures shows a small fenced-in area. At the time I was out there I asked the caretaker if it was not a graveyard and he said it was where Sam Houston stood at the time he visited the Scott home. The photographs were made by Mr. Arnold of the Marshall News Messenger and he certainly does a fine job.

If there is anything else you need in order to process the application, please advise.

Sincerely,



V. H. Hackney
Chairman of the Board

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Enclosures

THE MARSHALL NATIONAL BANK

MARSHALL, TEXAS 75670

August 10, 1970

Mr. Truett Latimer, Exec. Director
Texas State Historical Survey Committee
P. O. Box 12276
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Latimer:

Today's mail brought your letter of August 7, stating that an application for a marker has been approved. You did not show the name to be placed on the marker. I assume that this is Dr. George Perry Rains' application and if this is so, you do not need to confirm my assumption. Otherwise, I would like to know what application you have accepted. *- it was e.s.*

Approval

The proposed inscription on the interpretive plate for the W. T. Scott House is fine and has been approved by the Marker Committee.

The approval of the inscription for the Ginnochio Hotel is being held up until the principle owner returns from Mississippi. After talking with him, the Marker Committee will be in a position to notify your office.

If there is any other business that has not been taken care of, please let me know.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

V. H. Hackney
V. H. Hackney
Chairman of the Board

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Historical Building Medallion issued 1963
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**3/8" lettering
***1/4" lettering

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APPROVED
Truett Latimer
by Bob Waker
8-12-70

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY COMMITTEE
STATE OF TEXAS MEMORIAL MARKERS
APPROVAL OF CHANGE

CHANGE MODIFICATION NO. 2

TO: THE SOUTHWELL COMPANY
P.O. DRAWER 299
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78206

GENTLEMEN:

In accordance with the provisions of your contract for "STATE OF TEXAS MEMORIAL MARKERS", Project No. 0-072-808, you are requested to add the following markers at their respective unit costs:

<u>MARKER TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
SLAUGHTER RANCHOSE HEADQUARTERS	Cochran County	16"x12" Interpretive Pl.	\$ 55.00
ANDREW NEILL CHURCH HOUSE	Guadalupe County	16"x12" Interpretive Pl.	55.00
ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Gillespie County	16"x12" Interpretive Pl.	55.00
✓ Home of WILLIAM THOMAS SCOTT	Harrison County	16"x12" Interpretive Pl.	55.00
OLD FORT BELKNAP POWDER MAGAZINE	Young County	16"x12" Interpretive Pl.	55.00

TOTAL this modification \$ 275.00

Marker inscriptions and information
on location and shipping instructions
are attached.

APPROVED:

RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT

STATE BUILDING COMMISSION

FROM: Appropriation

Date: _____

0-18020

H.R. Nieman, Jr., Executive Director

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL
SURVEY COMMITTEE

DATE: _____

Truett Latimer, Executive Director

cc: State Building Commission
Each Marker File



ANCIENT OLD TREES FRAME THE W. T. SCOTT PLANTATION HOME WHICH WILL BE THE SITE OF A TEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING INTERPRETIVE PLATE

The colorful saga of the Scott Plantation, which began in 1834, is soon to be the focus of much attention in the Seventies.

V. H. Hackney, chairman of the Harrison County Historical Survey Committee, has announced that the state committee is working on a 16" x 12" official Texas Historical Building interpretive plate for the W. T. Scott home at Scottsville.

A spokesman in the Austin office stated Friday the dedication will probably take place within six months. The plaque and narrative is being prepared in recognition of Mr. Scott's pre-eminence and his far-reaching contributions to the industrial, cultural and financial development of Texas.

William Thomas Scott, a native of Wilkinson County, Miss., came to Texas in the early 1830's, acquiring a large acreage of land which he developed into a productive cotton plantation. He became one of the largest planters and slave owners in Texas. His property touched and included parts of Scottsville,

Elysian Fields, Marshalltown and Jonesboro.

Scott was a member of the last Congress of the Republic of Texas, and after the state was admitted to the Union, he represented Harrison County in the Legislature. Beginning with the first session in 1846, he served as representative and senator for eight terms in all between then and 1882. He was a member of the Secession Convention in 1861, the result of which culminated in the War Between the States, the near destruction of his state and dimension of his wealth.

He secured the original charter for the Texas Western Transcontinental line, which later became a part of the Southern Pacific and is now known as the Texas and Pacific Railroad. He was the road's first president.

Col. Scott and his wife, Mary Rose Scott, first resided in a log cabin across the way from the spacious plantation home at Scottsville, where they reared 12 children. A historical marker commemorating his founding of Scottsville in 1834 stands beside the

road in front of the ancestral place, said to be exactly like Jefferson Davis' home, Beauvoir, in Mississippi. Giant oaks, crape myrtles and catalpas spread a canopy over

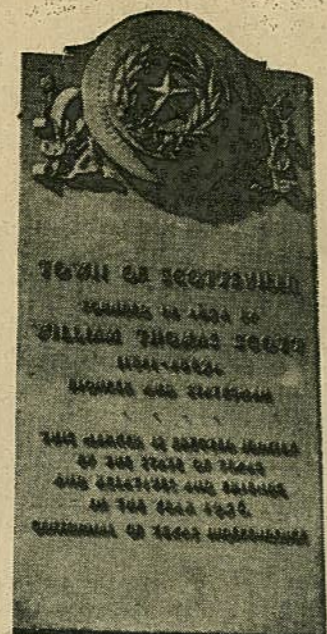
these trees were brought from Mississippi in a gourd by Mrs. Scott. A jungle of bamboo forms a shield of privacy between the house and the nearby Bettie Scott Youree Park and Scottsville Cemetery.

The Scott home is much the same as it was in the plantation days, with only a few necessary improvements. There are four bedrooms, living, dining room and kitchen which was joined to the house from its original location a few feet away.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Umphress, caretakers for the park and cemetery, are present occupants. "They just don't build houses this sturdy anymore," Mrs. Umphress remarked.

A silver-painted iron fence near the screened veranda marks the spot where Sam Houston stood when he visited the home in 1849, hoping to mend political fences with Col. Scott.

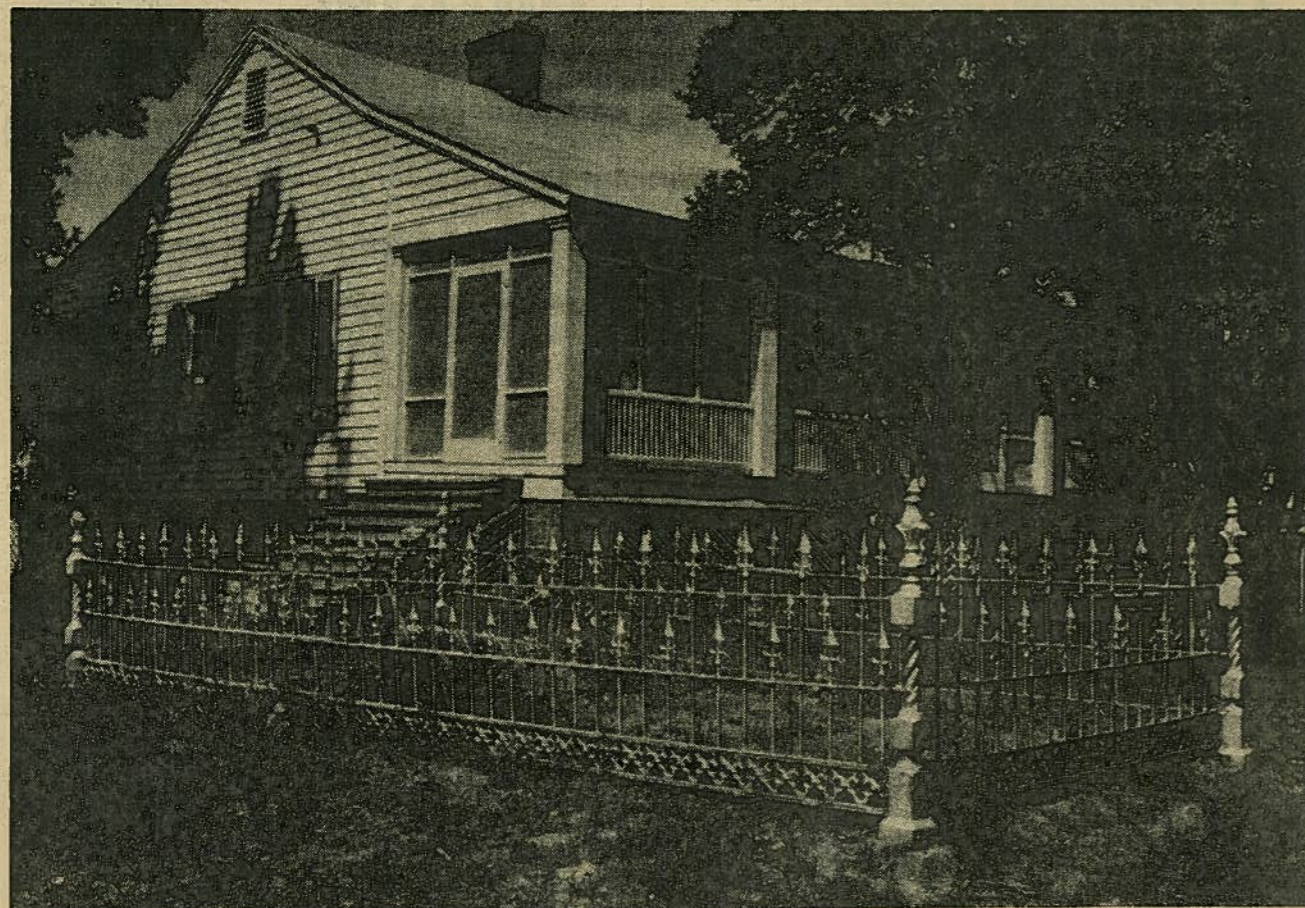
A hushed serenity far removed from the space age hovers over the historic area, which will again be thrust into the limelight for the coming dedication of the interpretive marker.



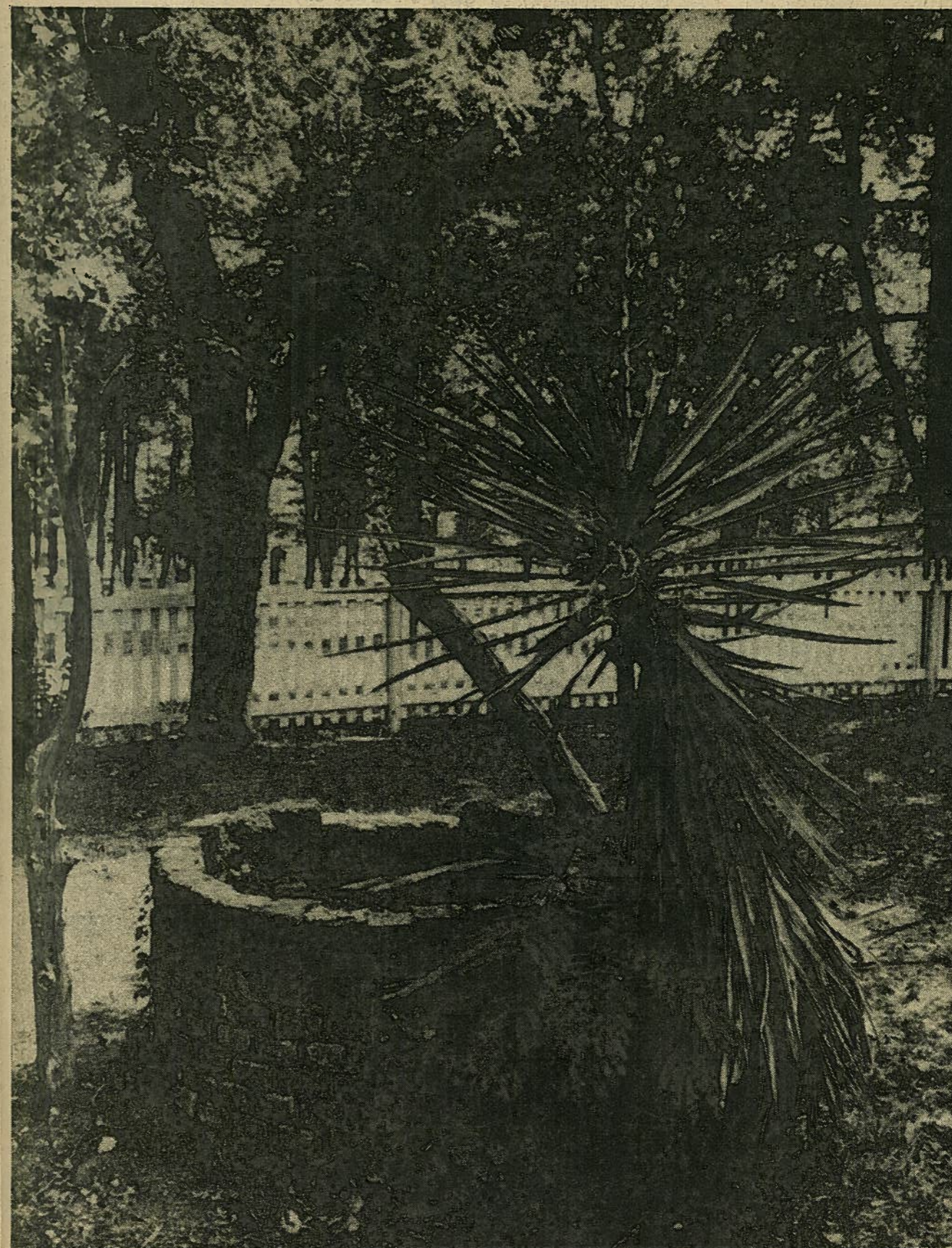
the expansive yard. Two massive cedars guard the gate opening into the wide, hedge-linked walk leading to the front entrance. Seeds for

Text by Wanda Walker

Photos by Jerry Arnold



IRON FENCE MARKS SPOT WHERE SAM HOUSTON STOOD



YUCCA ADDS PICTURESQUE BEAUTY TO SCENE AT WELL

Texas Today

Vote Needs Cited

HOUSTON (AP) — If Texas is going to increase the number of persons voting, it should extend voter registration periods and move party primaries to the fall, witnesses have told a Texas House committee. The testimony was heard by the House Election Law Study Committee headed by Rep. Jim Stroud of Dallas.

Bush Seeks Park

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. George Bush, R-Tex., has asked the Interior Department to help him draft a bill to create a Big Thicket National Park of from 100,000 to 150,000 southeast Texas acres on the "string of pearls" concept. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., has proposed a 100,000-acre park, and others have suggested a smaller park.

Gas Wells Drilled

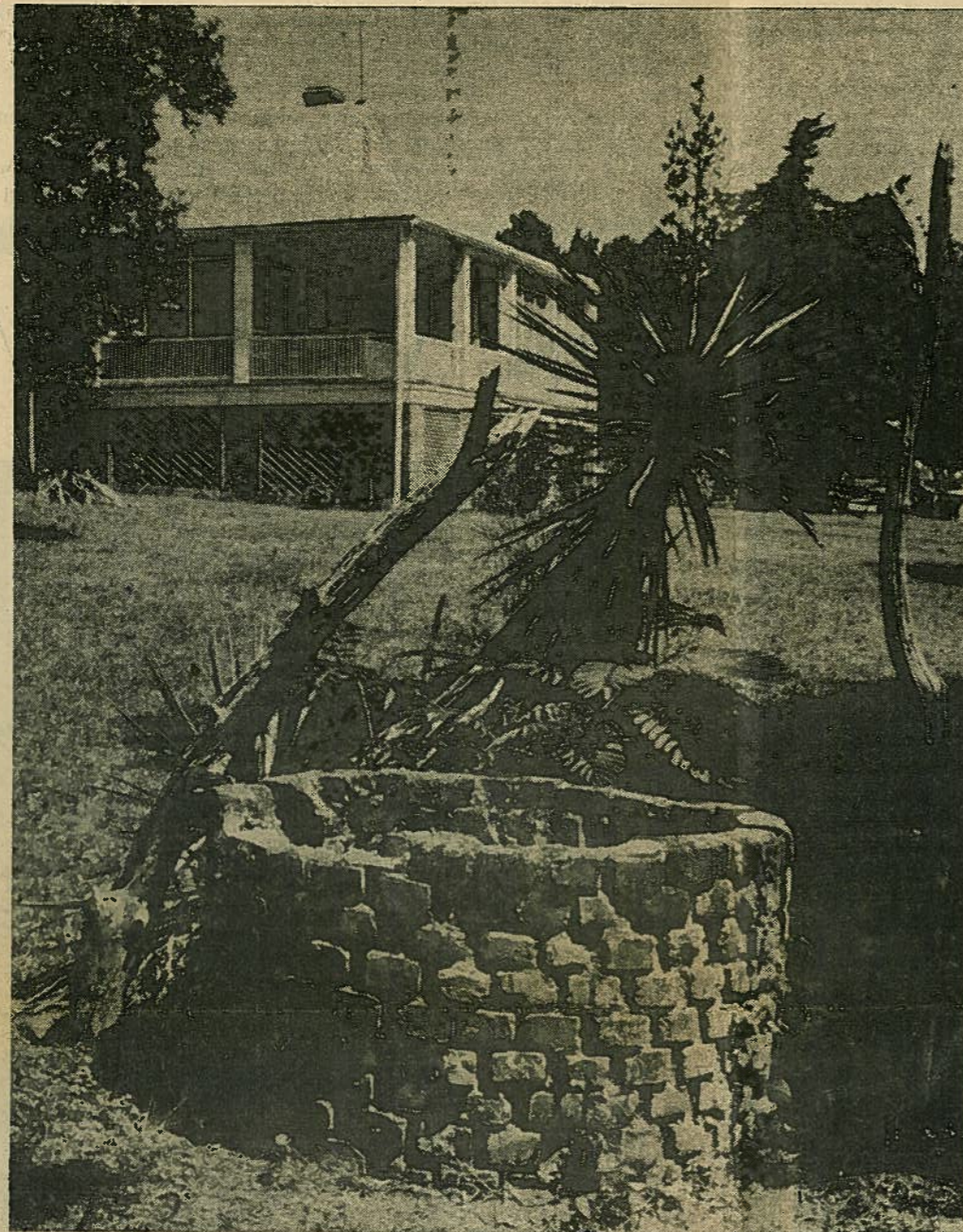
AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Fifteen wildcat gas wells were drilled in Texas during the past week to raise the total for the year to 328, one short of last year's drilling pace, the Railroad Commission says. The commission said nine of the 15 gas wells were in the Corpus Christi District, three were in the Houston District, two in the Midland District and one in San Antonio Dist. No. 1.

Painter Is Rescued

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A painter, plunging down the face of a television station tower toward almost certain death, was saved when his leg jammed into an opening in the structure. His partner fell to his death. The surviving painter, hanging head down 120 to 150 feet from the ground, grabbed the tower and clung to it, crying for aid.

Balloon Returns

PALESTINE, Tex. (AP) — A balloon has descended with its package of scientific instruments Saturday 28 miles north by northeast



SCOTT PLANTATION SOON TO BE FOCUS OF ATTENTION
... Marker Dedication Expected, See Story Page 1C

Fulbright Named Agnew Accuses Senate Claque

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Spiro T. Agnew has accused "the Fulbright claue in the Senate" of comforting North Vietnam and the Viet Cong by challenging President Nixon's policy in Southeast Asia.

He charged that political concerns inspired "a lot of the machinations of the Senate over the Vietnam war."

In an interview aboard Air Force 2, a transport plane, flying from Denver to Washington, Agnew said he does not at present foresee the day when he might run for president — and suggested that after leaving public office, he might want to become a television commentator or a newspaper columnist.

Here is a partial transcript of the interview:

Q. Mr. Vice President, there has been speculation lately that the White House has asked you to soften your language, ease your rhetoric, change your style. Is there any substance to those stories?

A. There isn't any substance at all to those stories. There's

been no contact at all, either direct or indirect, from the White House in that respect.

Q: Sen. J. W. Fulbright has referred to you as "an upstart man of no standing whatsoever." How do you feel about that?

A: That's pretty bad rhetoric, isn't it?

Q. Does such a thing upset you, or have you become used to this kind of criticism?

A: Well, of course, no one likes to be called an upstart, certainly no one who holds a national office, and I don't like it, but I think sometimes we must realize that these opinions come out of the heat of anger and probably would not have been uttered had there not been some irritation of the moment that brought them out. . . I just think that he's a little upset because his opinions seem to be held in great respect only by a very few people who are going down that same path of despair that he apparently is devoted to.

Q: You spent a lot of time at the Senate early in your term. As an institution, in the way it is

functioning now, how do you feel about the Senate?

A: Well, I haven't really been pleased with the Senate's preoccupation in certain areas where it can be less than helpful and productive. Certain writers have said that much time was wasted in the exploration of the role of the Senate in foreign policy and possible curtailment of presidential power in that area, but in the final analysis no number of resolutions or amendments can change the President's constitutional responsibilities, that would take a constitutional amendment. I think a lot of the machinations of the Senate over the Vietnam war have been for local political consumption more than for benefit to the country as a whole and they could have been spending their time a lot more profitably getting through the programs of crime control and other programs that are languishing in their committees.

Q: What you referred to as the Fulbright claue includes a number of Republicans, too, doesn't it?

A: In some cases, yes.

South Viets Claim 36 Killed in Action

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese forces clashed three times with enemy units in Cambodia Saturday and claimed they killed 36 of the enemy without suffering any fatalities of their own.

divides North and South Vietnam.

The 86 men were taken in a South Vietnamese navy vessel to a point six miles off North Vietnam and delivered to two waiting motorized junks. The

them by the South Vietnamese.

The 62 POWs were all sick and disabled. The fishermen had been picked up when their boats strayed into South Vietnamese waters.

South Vietnam has been

groups had been returned at the "Freedom Bridge" crossing the Ben-Hai River at the 17th Parallel.

In the Cambodia fighting, South Vietnamese troops reported killing 11 of the enemy in two small clashes southeast of the

attack, the spokesman said. He said 25 of the enemy were killed and South Vietnamese losses were 12 wounded but no dead.

In Vietnam, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. Army chief of staff, flew to Saigon for the first time in two years to visit

Vietnamese students staged an antigovernment peace demonstration in Saigon that was quickly broken up by police using tear gas.

Three American newsmen and at least seven students were arrested. The newsmen were re-

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News-Messenger
Marshall, Texas

APR 23 1972

Scottsville Plantation Gets Medallion

SCOTTSVILLE — The Texas State Historical Survey Committee will be represented by F. Lawrence Lee of Tyler, a past president of the Texas Historical Foundation, at the dedication services of a Texas State Historical Survey Committee architectural landmark medallion for the antebellum W. T. Scott plantation home here at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 3.

Arrangements for the marker dedication have been made through the Harrison County Historical Society and the Bettie Scott Youree Foundation.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

A short history of the architectural landmark and brief program will be a part of the dedication.

Miss Laura Powell, vice president of the foundation, will read a poem written by the late blind poet-musician, Ernest Powell, entitled "the Scott Rose." Mrs. Robert Youree Lloyd of Dallas is president of the Bettie Youree Scott Foundation.

Built of hand-hewn lumber from the plantation, the windows, doors and other material were shipped by river from New Orleans. The Col. W. T. Scott Home was completed in 1840. The handsome old raised cottage was the first frame house built in Harrison County. The only room in which brick was used was the

dining room and there, the brick was used only on the lower part of the structural frame.

When originally built, the house consisted of six rooms. Fireplaces were in each room and all fireplaces were built double so that there were three chimneys. The detached kitchen was built just back of the dining room with a grape arbor covering the passageway between the house and kitchen.

During the absence of Col. W. T. Scott, while he was serving six separate terms in the Senate, his wife, Mary Rose Scott, added two more rooms to the house. These rooms were later removed when 22 acres and the

plantation house were acquired by Bettie Youree, so as to restore the house as originally built.

The L-shaped porch is enhanced with beautiful lattice work centered by steps to the front entrance of the house.

Following the death of Mrs. W. T. Scott, one of their sons, Ripley Rose Scott, moved into the house with his father to help in the management of the plantation. Later, he bought the house and plantation from his other brothers and sisters in the settlement of the estate.

Mrs. Flossie Scott Hamilton, daughter of Ripley Rose Scott and Florence Tuttle Scott is the

last remaining grandchild in Harrison County who was born in the plantation house built by her grandfather, W. T. Scott Sr.

Other descendants of William T. and Mary Rose Scott who have lived in the old home place, other than the Ripley Rose Scott family, are the Susie Scott Kretz family and her son, Scott Kretz and his sons, Scott Jr. and William T. Kretz; Mr. and Mrs. George Prendergast Sr., and their son and daughter, Nancy Prendergast Chevallier and George Prendergast Jr.

A large number of descendant great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are still living in Harrison County.

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terms in the Senate. The additional rooms were later removed when the plantation house was acquired by Bettie Youree who restored the house as originally built.

Fireplaces were in each room, with all fireplaces being built back to back so there were only three chimneys. One feature of the old house was the beautiful lattice work centered by steps to the front entrance of the house and added to attractiveness of the L-shaped porch.

SCOTT PLANTATION MARKER DEDICATED. The Texas State Historical Survey Committee and the Harrison County Historical Society combined to formally dedicate the architectural landmark medallion at the antebellum W. T. Scott plantation home near Scottsville.

The Col. W. T. Scott Home was completed in 1840 and was built of hand-hewn lumber from the plantation. The windows, doors and other material was shipped by river from New Orleans. The handsome old raised cottage was the first frame house built in Harrison County. The only room in which brick was used was the dining room and there the brick was used only on the lower part of the frame.

The house originally consisted of six rooms, with the detached kitchen built just back of the dining room with a grape arbor covering the passageway between the kitchen and the house.

Two rooms were later added while Col. Scott served six

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Longview News-Journal
Longview, Texas

MAY 27 1971

Unveiling Of Historical Marker In Old Concord Is Scheduled Saturday

MARSHALL — An official Texas historical marker will be unveiled May 29 at Concord Road, east off Farm - Market Road 134 northwest of Waskom and north of Jonesville for the old Concord Methodist Church and Cemetery and Concord Masonic Lodge No. 77, it was announced by Benjamin F. Akin of Longview, secretary of the Concord Cemetery Association. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds.

The church, cemetery and lodge were on a nine-acre site donated on April 28, 1853 by Spencer C. Wadlington (1790-1857), the owner of the original Republic of Texas grant, to trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South: S. F. Allston, T. C. Bentley, W. C. Crawford, W. D. Jefferson, B. H. Martin, J. S. Powell, A. B. Stone and Oliver Thompson.

Spencer C. Wadlington was the son of Edward Wadlington, born in 1761, who was the son of Thomas Wadlington Sr., one of the original settlers of Newberry county, South Carolina and settled on the Enoree river in 1767 and was a large land proprietor. One of his sons, William, records show, was an officer in the Continental Army.

A son of Spencer C. Wadlington, William Spencer Wadlington, married Ellen Cellum, the daughter of James Cellum, who participated in the Battle of San Jacinto.

The Concord Lodge No. 77, AF&AM, was organized in 1850, receiving dispensation on Nov. 5 of that year. It was chartered Jan. 22, 1851 with 14 members: E. A. Geeter, N. M. Goode, N. Jones, J. B. Long, V. H. Luckie, J. R. McCarty,

Neal McLane, S. S. Morris, W. C. Moseley, J. H. Price, R. E. Rhodes, J. L. Smith, G. W. Whitmore and A. B. Wright. The lodge met at first in the home of McCarty.

A two - story building was erected on the site and used for many years by the church and the lodge. The adjacent land became the community cemetery, with the oldest stone marking the grave of Ophelia Polk Swanson, who died March 15, 1850.

Akin said records stated the lodge was demised in 1880 and later the Concord church disbanded. The building remained, however, until the 1930s.

The site was deeded in 1970 by the Texas Conference of the Methodist Church to the Concord Cemetery Assn., which was chartered Nov. 6, 1970, by the state as a non-profit organization and to establish a trust fund for perpetual care.

Officers for the past year have been Will W. Coleman, president; Lang C. Winston, vice president; Benjamin F. Akin, secretary; and Miss Lela May Currie, treasurer with the grounds committee consisting of Thomas A. Coleman II, Lang C. Winston, Benjamin F. Akin and Robert Edmonds.

Akin last year announced he intended to write a history of the cemetery, and including names of those buried there and have it completed by this May 29 with proceeds going to the association. However, he said, response to a letter requesting information on the history of those buried in the cemetery was so great he has been unable to complete the project but it will be available next year.

Akin also noted that Concord had a post office from 1850 to 1855. James R. McCarty was appointed Dec. 16, 1850; Miles G. Jennings, Nov. 29, 1854; and Samuel Graves, Jan. 22, 1855. The office was discontinued June 22, 1855.

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Historical Marker Unveiling Saturday

JONESVILLE — A Texas Historical Marker will be unveiled near here at the site of the Concord Cemetery, about two miles north of Waskom, at ceremonies scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday.

Benjamin F. Akin, the great-grandson of Spencer C. Wadlington (1790-1857) who donated the nine-acre site for the Concord Methodist Church and Concord Masonic Lodge, will unveil the marker.

Akin serves as secretary of the Concord Cemetery Association, an organization chartered by the state of Texas this past year to provide perpetual care for the cemetery.

Presently, he is engaged in collecting historical data for a "History of The People Buried in Concord Cemetery," a work he

had intended to issue in time for the unveiling ceremony. He now plans to have the history completed for Memorial Day, 1972.

The Concord community in Harrison County was once peopled sufficiently to warrant a post office, Akin notes. The post office, according to federal records, was located a mile north of Jonesville and remained open from 1850 to 1855.

For the ceremonies Saturday at Concord Cemetery, participants have been invited to bring picnic lunches.

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Scottsville Birthplace Becomes Historical Landmark In State

by JIM STEVENS
 News Messenger Writer
SCOTTVILLE — The W. T. Scott Plantation, birthplace of Scottsville, was officially designated a state historical architectural landmark Wednesday at dedication services held on the old plantation house steps here.

F. Lee Lawrence of Tyler, a past president of the Texas Historical Foundation, represented the State Historical Survey Committee in presenting a certificate commemorating the house to Miss Laura Powell of Marshall, vice president of the Bettie Scott Youree Foundation.

The dedication was held following the foundation's annual meeting. Both the foundation and the Harrison County Chapter of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee were instrumental in obtaining the architectural marker for the plantation house.

Miss Powell presented a brief history of the plantation and its builder, William Thomas Scott, and read "Roses," a poem by the late poet-musician Ernest Powell. The poem was read in commemoration of the famous Scott Rose planted when the house was built in 1840 and still blooming today.

The Scott Plantation house was the first

frame house built in Harrison County. Construction material included slave-made bricks and hand-hewn lumber from the plantation.

The house stands as it was built, with six rooms. Two rooms that were added by Scott's wife, Mary Rose Scott, were later removed to restore the house as originally built.

The plantation was designated a

Historical State Landmark in 1963 and is one of about 5,000 such sites marked since the beginning of the marker program 10 years ago.

Max Dale, chairman of the Harrison County Chapter of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, was master of ceremonies for the dedication service. He cited members of the Bettie Scott Youree Foundation and county historical survey committee for their efforts in obtaining the marker for the Scott Plantation.

Officers of the Bettie Scott Youree Foundation are: Mrs. Rose Youree Lloyd of Dallas, president, Miss Powell, vice president and James Van Hook of Shreveport, secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Bill Dretz of Dallas, and Mrs. Will Youree, Marion Bradshaw, Mrs. Mary Rosborough, Mrs. Bill Clemmons and Jack Verhalen, all of Marshall.

Members of the Harrison County Chapter of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee cited for their work in obtaining the architectural marker are: Miss Selma Brotze, Miss Emma Mae Brotze, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Hackney, Mrs. Solon Hughes, Gaines Baldwin and Mrs. James K. Abney, all of Marshall.

The Scott Plantation will be one of several historical houses on the May 21 Conservation Society Plantation Tour.

Vote For Governor Smith.
 He Deserves Another Term. (Pol. Adv.)

Pilgrimage Edition Set

As a salute to the 25th Annual Jefferson Historical Pilgrimage to be held Friday through Sunday, the Marshall News Messenger Friday will publish a 12-page supplement on the event.

Included in the special edition will be stories and pictures on the history of Jefferson, tours of historical homes, "The Diamond Bessie Murder Trial," Cypress Queen riverboat, the Excelsior House Hotel, Jefferson Historical Museum, special Pilgrimage attractions and activities, Jefferson Playhouse and the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club, the founder of the Pilgrimage.



Scottsville Landmark Dedicated

Miss Laura Powell, vice president of the Bettie Scott Foundation, receives a certificate commemorating the Scott Plantation as a historical architectural landmark. Lee Lawrence, a representative of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee. (Inset) A Texas State Historical Committee marker is located on the screened porch of plantation house.

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Texas Historic Building Medallion To Be Unveiled

MARSHALL — A Texas Historic Building Medallion, noting historic significance in Texas development, will be unveiled at 11 a.m. Monday at the William Thomas Scott plantation home at Scottsville.

A narrative on the plaque has been prepared in recognition of Scott's pre-eminence and his extensive contributions to industrial, financial and cultural development of Texas.

Announcement of the unveiling was by the Harrison County Historical Society, the Harrison County State Historical Survey Committee and the board of trustees of the Scottsville Cemetery Association.

The full program has not been announced but plaque presenta-

tion will be by Lea Lawrence and Miss Laura Powell.

Miss Powell, a descendant, will read a poem written to Scott by the late Ernest Powell, a blind poet and musician of Marshall, another of Scott's descendants.

Scott was a native of Wilkinson County, Miss., and came to Texas in the early 1830s. He acquired extensive farm acreage and developed it into a productive cotton plantation. At one time he owned more than 25,000 acres. The property touched and included parts of Scottsville, Jonesboro (now Jonesville) and Elysian Fields.

He was a member of the last Congress of the Republic of Texas and after Texas was admitted to the Union, represented Harrison County in the State

Legislature, beginning in 1846. He served as representative or senator for eight terms between then and 1882. He was a member of the Secession Convention in 1861.

Col. and Mrs. Scott reared 12 children and many of their descendants live in this Etexas area. A historical marker commemorating his founding of Scottsville in 1834 has been erected beside the highway in front of the ancestral home, which is said to be patterned after Jefferson Davis' home, Beauvoir near Biloxi on the Mississippi-Gulf coast.

Giant oaks, crepe myrtles and catalpas spread a canopy over other trees brought from Mississippi in a gourd by Mrs. Scott. There also is a rose bush planted more than a hundred years ago that blooms annually.

The house is a raised cottage with broad steps and deep porches. The ground floor has a single room which was originally the dining room.

The upper structure is frame with clapboards while doors and mantles are hand hewn oak. The house, grounds, and a park adjoining the historic cemetery are largely maintained by the Bettie Scott Youree Park Foundation.

Mrs. Youree, the wife of Peter Youree of Shreveport, La., was a daughter of Col. and Mrs. Scott.

The home is now the property of Mrs. Susie Rose Lloyd, of Dallas, a daughter of the

Yourees. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Umphress currently live in the home, acting as caretakers for the park and cemetery.

The Scott home is much the same as it was in earlier years — four bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen, which was joined to the house from its original location several feet away.

There also is a silver-pointed iron fence near the screen veranda which marks the site where Gen. Sam Houston stopped when he visited the home in 1849.

A granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. Scott living in Marshall is Mrs. W. P. Hamilton. She is the daughter of one of their sons, Ripley Rose Scott and Mrs. Scott.

HOME OF WILLIAM THOMAS SCOTT
(1811-1887), AN 1834 TEXAS SETTLER,
AND FOUNDER OF SCOTTSVILLE.
THROUGH FATHER OF HIS WIFE, MARY
ROSE, HE WAS EMBROILED IN LOCAL
1840s REGULATOR-MODERATOR FEUD.
CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR IN THE
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, HE JOINED IN
CHARTERING VICKSBURG & EL PASO
RAILROAD (1852), A FORERUNNER OF
TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY, TO BUILD
A MAJOR TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE
THROUGH THIS STATE. HE SERVED
EIGHT TERMS IN STATE LEGISLATURE.

HOME, BUILT 1838-1840, HAS HAND-
HEWN TIMBERS, HANDMADE BRICK.

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