



**REPORT**  
on the

**Walking Tour  
of “Old Town”  
Conroe, Texas.**

**An event that took place on  
March 16, 2019  
in  
downtown Conroe Texas,  
located within  
Montgomery County Texas**

Date: March 17, 2019

To: Mr. Larry Foerster, Chairman, Montgomery County Texas Historical Commission  
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Subject: Report on Walking Tour of old town Conroe event

## REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide:

- a narrative, based on my perspective, of the Walking Tour of Old Town Conroe event.
- a written documentation of the event for historical purposes.

The event took place on Saturday, March 16, 2019, hosted by Mr. Larry Foerster, Chair of the Montgomery County Historical Commission. An original group of eight people mustered at the Crighton Theater at 11:00 am for an introduction to Conroe history. The tour then commenced for a one-hour slow pace walking tour of "old town" Conroe, with three people dropping off. The tour began and ended at the Crighton theater.

A Brochure was passed out to attendees describing the structures we stood in front of and a brief history of each. Copy attached.

As we walked the tour, Larry showed pictures of many long time Conroe structures that are still existing and or now gone. Examples included the Grand Leader department store, Liberty Theater, Crighton Theater, Tally Domino Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank, Conroe Hotel, Train Station, Everett's Hardware, Shepherds Barber Shop, J Hicks building.

An example of the new Montgomery County Historical Commission issued Historical Marker was viewed and discussed. Larry stated this is something new that has been sanctioned and authorized by the Texas Historical Commission.

While many buildings are gone and all that remains is a picture, there are many still existing. Standing in front of a building built more than 100 years ago and looking at it as it exists today was fascinating. It is a testament to the durability of construction materials, techniques and skills of master craftsmen from yesteryear.

The tour was part of an annual "Rising Stars and Legends" weeklong event that featured activities of many nonprofit organizations. The venue also provides an avenue for new and upcoming audio and visual artists to demonstrate their talents.

This 3rd annual event was produced by the Greater Conroe Arts Alliance, of which the Montgomery County Historical Commission is a member and supporter of its activities.

Report Concluded



For more information about Conroe's history, be sure to visit the Heritage Museum of Montgomery County.

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# WALKING TOUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CONROE



## BUILDINGS OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CONROE

1. Crighton Theatre (1935)
2. Grand Leader Dept. Store-Community Club (circa 1918)
3. Koonce-Gentry Building (1911)
4. Madeley Meat Market (1911)
5. Talley's Domino Hall (1930)
6. J. L. Hicks Building (1911)
7. Collier-Harris Building (1911)
8. First State Bank of Conroe (1911)
9. Everett's Hardware Store (1911)
10. Shepard's Barber Shop (1911)
11. West Building (1911)
12. Capitol Drug and Masonic Buildings (1912)
13. H.C. Addison-Carter Building (1913)
14. Wahrenberger Store (1913)
15. Old First National Bank (circa 1901)
16. Foster Building (1910)
17. Montgomery County Courthouse (1936)

For more information, photos throughout history, and stories about these buildings, check out visitconroe.com.



Conroe has a deep-rooted history. Isaac Conroe, formerly a Civil War Union Cavalry captain, started his nearby lumbermill in 1881. Soon "Conroe's Switch" developed along the railroad from Houston and a post office was established by 1885. Sawmills and later oil production brought prosperity to the little town. Despite several epidemics and two disastrous fires, Conroe--known as "the Miracle City"--has grown into a thriving hub of business and government.