



J.K. Ayers, who had purchased the land west of the I&GN railroad and north of the Santa Fe, deeded the land to the county for \$1.00 for the courthouse and jail site. Each site consisted of one city block.

The present courthouse is located on the courthouse block and the county library and First National Bank Building are located **on the jail block**.

A new red brick courthouse and jail was completed in 1891. The brick were manufactured in Conroe.

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In 1909 the courthouse was plastered on the outside, and thus it stood until it was torn down to make way for our present courthouse.

During the Spring of 1935 there was considerable talk among the citizens of Montgomery County as to advisability of building a new courthouse to replace the old building built in 1890. The old courthouse was inadequate to carry on the business of Montgomery County.

On August 7, 1935 a mass meeting was held in the old courthouse and it was the census of opinion of the citizens assembled that something should be done about a new courthouse. This mass meeting appointed the following citizen committee to work with the Commissioners' Court:

W. N. Hooper, was elected chairman of the committee, and the others were,

Charles Harriett, Jr., W.P. McComb, and R.D. Simonton, Conroe, Texas;

J.E. Scott, Roy Watson, L.Q. Goff, of Willis, Texas;

J.G. Buckalew, W.T. Brautigam, T.H. Yon, of Magnolia, Texas; and

F.L. Wilcox, R.A. Powell, and W.N. Weisinger, Montgomery, Texas.

The Commissioners' Court on the advice of the citizens committee advertised for bids to be submitted August 19, 1935. These bids were rejected and new bids were advertised to be submitted September 12, 1935.

The construction for the courthouse was awarded to the lowest bidder on that date. On September 25, 1935 contractor started taking down the old courthouse. On October 20, 1935, the old courthouse was completely demolished and on the next day excavation was started for the new courthouse. On November 4, 1936, the courthouse was completed and was accepted by the Commissioners Court, and the last dime on the courthouse was paid February 18, 1938. Montgomery County citizens need not be afraid that they will have to pay as suggested by some in the years to come for this courthouse.



Courthouse completed in 1936

There have been numerous additions to this courthouse, as Montgomery County has grown.