

Marker #: 12320

Title: Conroe Telephone Exchange

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Address: 125 1/2 Simonton St.

City: Conroe

County: Montgomery, County ID: 170

UTM Zone: 15

UTM Zone East: 263754

UTM Zone North: 3355826

Code: communications

Year: 2000

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark: False

Local Description:

Size of Marker: 18" x 28"

Marker Text: A long distance telephone line ran from Houston to Gilbert's Drug Store in Conroe before Mr. Gilbert and Albert Madeley began a local telephone exchange in the store in 1899. Soon after, George Madeley purchased the exchange, naming it Conroe

Communication Company. He operated the company from the Madeley Building on this site. In 1929 George Madeley sold the company to the owners of the Lufkin Telephone Exchange. At that time the Conroe exchange consisted of a six-position switchboard with two toll operators, one rural operator and three local operators. By the late 1940s the office was too small for the outdated equipment it housed. In 1954 a dial system was

installed in a new exchange building. The system was reorganized into the Lufkin-Conroe Telephone Exchange, Inc., in 1985. (2000)

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