

Marker #: 7910

Title: Willis Male and Female College

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Address: Rodgers and Thomason St.

City: Willis

County: Montgomery, County ID: 170

UTM Zone: 15

UTM Zone East: 261582

UTM Zone North: 3368461

Code: educational topics; women

Year: 1973

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark: False

Local Description:

Size of Marker: 18" x 28"

Marker Text: Founded 1888, when coeducation was rare. Willis citizens raised funds for 2-1/2 story building put up by contractor Sidney L. Inglet.

Taxes funded three of the six months of school; monthly tuition for rest of year ranged from \$1.50 (first grade) to \$4.00.

First directors -- M. H. and S. N. Barker and N. A. Cravens -- sold out (1890) to C. H. Stovall and F. P. Crow, who in turn sold (1894) to Cyril M. Jansky and Marion Kline.

College drew boarding students from wide area, and at least two diplomas were awarded. The plant was sold (1901) to city of Willis for public school purposes.

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