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# HISTORIC CAMPUS HOMES



*Manning Smith House - 1004 Ashburn Ave - 1941*

When established in 1876, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas sat on a mostly bare prairie several miles from Bryan, the nearest town. Transportation was difficult over primitive roads, so it was a matter of convenience – if not a necessity -- for faculty and staff to live on campus. Thus the college began to build houses, situated mostly on the west side of the original campus between Guion Hall and the railroad tracks. According to research by David Woodcock, Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Texas A&M, 109 houses were on campus in 1938. They ranged in size and style from large Queen Annes to small bungalows and cottages, and even five two-story brick homes. Housing was assigned by the college administration, with the larger, nicer homes going to ranking faculty.

Gradually, a small community – which would eventually become the town of College Station – grew up around the campus. The first residential developments were launched in the 1920s, starting with College Park and Oakwood south of the campus, and later College Hills to the east. Many of the faculty and staff bought lots and built homes there.

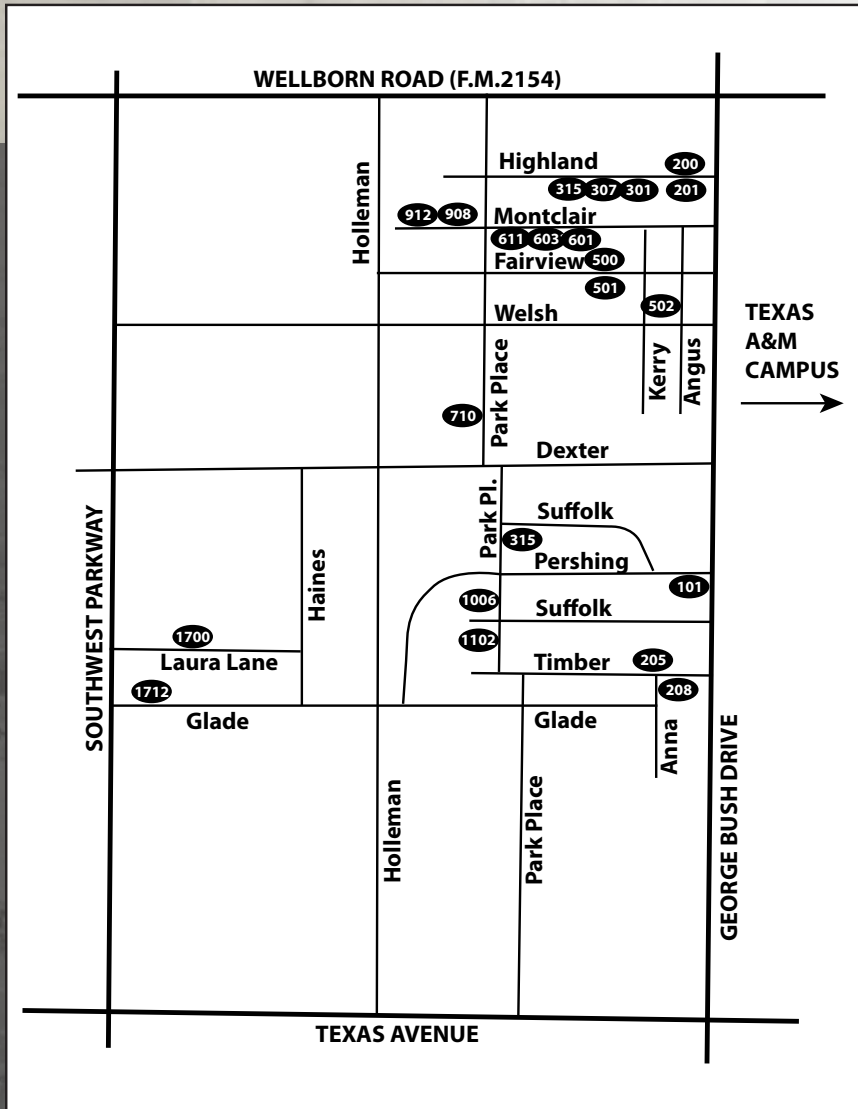
In 1939, A&M's board of directors passed a resolution that the campus houses were to be vacated. The maintenance expense had become a burden, transportation had improved, and the new neighborhoods had alleviated the problem of living off campus. Many of the campus houses were burned or demolished, but over the years others were sold and moved to surrounding areas. The first sales occurred in 1941 and the last in 1972. Over the years, a number of those houses also disappeared, either burned or torn down to accommodate new development. Those remaining are scattered through the community.

On campus, the houses were numbered. They were renumbered in 1919. For those interested in further research, the 1919 campus locations are listed below the current addresses. Records in the campus archives are incomplete and sometimes conflicting. Much of this information was gleaned from interviews conducted in the 1980s with former residents. The years in parentheses are when a house was assigned to a particular resident.

*Today, these homes are privately owned, and many are rented to university students. If you choose to take the driving tour, please respect the occupants' privacy.*



## SOUTHSIDE



## 200 HIGHLANDS ST.

Old Campus Location: 226 Lamar  
(View historic map on page 29)



This medium-sized Queen Anne was erected on campus in 1897 at the southeast corner of Clark (now Gene Stallings Boulevard) and Lamar Street. It is identifiable from old photographs as one of five houses facing the drill field. In 1942, it was sold and moved to 200 Highlands St. Campus residents included E. J. Fermier, mechanical engineering (1927); and F. W. Hensel, landscape arts (1935).

## 201 HIGHLANDS ST.

Old Campus Location: 207 Houston  
(View historic map on page 29)



The bungalow at 201 Highlands St. originally sat on Houston Street near the intersection of Lubbock Street (now Joe Routt Boulevard) just west of Guion Hall. It was built in 1916, sold, then moved in 1942. On-campus residents included E. P. Humbert, genetics (1916); R. L. Pou, dairy science (1920); S. W. Bilsing, entomology (1922); and D. H. Reid, poultry science (1930s).

## 301 HIGHLANDS ST.

Old Campus Location: 209 Houston  
(View historic map on page 29)



The bungalow was originally located on the northeast corner of Houston and Lubbock (now Joe Routt). There is no record of when it was built, but it was first assigned in 1914. It was probably sold and moved at the same time as a twin, which was moved to 300 Highlands in 1941 but no longer exists. On-campus residents included C. A. Felkner (1914); F. B. Paddock, entomology (1916); E. B. LaRoche, architecture (1924); and W. L. Hughes, rural education (1925).



## 307 HIGHLANDS ST.

Old Campus Location: 230 Lamar  
(View historic map on page 29)



The house was the residence of Richard J. Dunn, bandmaster at Texas A&M in the 1920s and 30s. It was a middle-sized Queen Anne with some Victorian features sitting at the southwest corner of Clark (now Gene Stallings) and Lamar. Erected in 1901, it was one of the five houses in a row facing the campus drill field. It was sold in 1943, and the roof peak was cut off when it was moved.

## 315 HIGHLANDS ST.

Old Campus Location: 114 Houston  
(View historic map on page 29)



Erected in 1910, the small Queen Anne has been considerably modified since being moved off campus in 1941. It originally sat at the intersection of Houston and Sulphur Springs Road (now University Drive). At some point, it was moved west on Sulphur Springs to a site closer to the intersection with what is now Wellborn Road. Residents on campus included A. E. Wood (1918) and R. Flagg (1926).



## 601 MONTCLAIR AVE.

Old Campus Location: Undocumented  
(View historic map on page 29)



According to “A Guide to Historic Brazos County” published by the Brazos Heritage Society, the small Queen Anne with neo-classical features was probably built for faculty by members of the Corp of Cadets in 1910 or 1911 on the corner of Lubbock (now Joe Routt) and Clark (now Gene Stallings). It is similar in design to several houses known to be built on campus at that time. It was sold for \$330 in 1948 to Irby Adams and moved to its present site. Campus residents included H. H. Jobson (1915); F. W. Ball (1916), W. H. Broyers (1917); R. L. Pou, dairy science (1920); A. B. Cox (1921); H. H. Williamson, director of the Agriculture Experiment Station (1924); and C. N. Shepardson, dairy science (1937).



## 603 MONTCLAIR AVE.

Old Campus Location: 417 Throckmorton  
(View historic map on page 29)



Records say the small Queen Anne was built in 1920, but it was first assigned in 1916. It sat on the east side of Throckmorton Street, now the site of the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center. It was sold and moved in 1947 and was remodeled into a duplex. Residents on campus included W. F. Proctor, state director of farm demonstration (1916); J. C. Burns, animal husbandry (1917); G. S. Templeton, head of animal husbandry (1922); A. B. Connor, director of the Agriculture Extension Service (1925); and W. H. Holzmann, comptroller (1928).



## 611 MONTCLAIR AVE.

Old Campus Location: 222 Lamar  
(View historic map on page 29)



Erected in 1890 on Lamar, this is probably the oldest house in College Station. A medium-sized Queen Anne with neo-classical features, it is easily identifiable as one of five houses facing the drill field on campus. Widely known as the home of Mark F. Francis, founding dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, it was sold and moved off campus in 1942.

## 908 & 912 MONTCLAIR AVE.

Old Campus Location: 339 & 343 Ireland  
(View historic map on page 29)



The small cottages are twins built in 1911 on the east side of Ireland Street near Sulphur Springs Road (now University). The cottage at 908 Montclair was sold in 1967 and the one at 912 Montclair in 1972. Records show an on-campus resident of 908 was V. C. Mousner, power plant (1937). On-campus residents of 912 were Spiller (1912); Sgt. J. C. Hyland; military science (1914); B. E. Anderson, assistant to the commandant (1916); and Lloyd D. Smith, buildings and utilities (1939).



## 502 KERRY ST.



Erected in 1923, the cottage's location on campus is uncertain. It was sold and moved in 1948.

## 500 FAIRVIEW AVE.

Old Campus Location: 252 Clark  
(View historic map on page 29)



This beautifully restored cottage was erected on the west side of Clark (now Gene Stallings) in 1899. It burned in 1924 and was rebuilt in 1925 before being sold and moved off campus in 1942. A previous resident was D. W. Williams, animal husbandry (1935), who was acting president of Texas A&M College in 1956-1957.



## 501 FAIRVIEW AVE.

Old Campus Location: 281 Ferguson  
(View historic map on page 29)



A medium-sized Queen Anne built in 1911, the house sat on Old Highway 6 (now Wellborn Road) at the intersection with Ferguson Street. It was sold and moved off campus in 1941. Campus residents included R. Treichler, state chemist (1935); N. M. McGinnis, who became College Station city secretary 1946-1960 (1937); C. O. Watkins, janitorial foreman; and Frank G. Anderson, former commandant of the Cadet Corps, coach, and later mayor of College Station.



## 710 PARK PLACE

Old Campus Location: 250 Clark  
(View historic map on page 29)



Built in 1918, the bungalow sat on the west side of Clark (now Gene Stallings) near Ferguson. It was assigned to J. J. Taubenhau, plant pathology and physiology (1918). After a fire in 1924, it was rebuilt in 1925. The house was purchased for \$506 and moved off campus in 1942 by Mrs. Esther Taubenhau, who was head of the college herbarium.



## 315 SUFFOLK AVE.

Old Campus Location: 232 Ferguson  
(View historic map on page 29)



The bungalow was built in 1917 on Ferguson Street. It was assigned to C. B. Campbell, modern languages (1917), who bought the house and moved it off campus in 1941. His daughter, Margaret (Peggy), was born in the house on campus and continued to live in it after it was moved. When she died in 1989, she may have been the only “campus kid” to live her entire life in a campus house.

## 1006 PARK PLACE

Old Campus Location: 220 Lamar  
(View historic map on page 29)



An American four-square, the house has been beautifully restored and maintained. It was probably erected in 1916, the first year it was assigned. It is easily identifiable in old photos as one of the five houses facing the campus drill field and sat at the southwest corner of Lamar and Houston. Known as the home of the commandant of the Corps of Cadets, it was sold and moved off campus in 1948. Previous residents on campus include F. H. Blodgett, plant pathology (1916); F. B. Clark, Agriculture Extension Service (1916); Maj. Ike Ashburn, commandant and later director of the Association of Former Students (1922); E. E. McQuillen, director of the Association of Former Students and development.



## 1102 PARK PLACE

Old Campus Location: 224 Lamar  
(View historic map on page 29)



Erected in 1891, the house was the campus residence of F. E. Giesecke, professor of architecture and university architect for many years before and after World War I. It was one of the five houses in line along the campus drill field and is easily identifiable in photographs. A middle-sized Queen Anne, it originally had a large front porch and neo-classical pillars and was moved off campus in 1942. Before occupancy by Giesecke (1938), the house was the residence of J. O. Morgan (1933). Giesecke designed many of the major buildings still on campus.

## 101 PERSHING AVE.

Old Campus Location: 420 Throckmorton  
(View historic map on page 29)



This large Queen Anne with neo-classical features has been well-maintained in its original form. Erected in 1899 on Throckmorton, it burned in the 1990s but has been restored. Residents on campus included C. E. Friley, dean of liberal arts (1918); D. Scoates, head of agricultural engineering (1920); and S. W. Bilsing, head of entomology. The Bilsings bought the house in 1941 and had it moved across campus on two railroad tracks to its current location.



## 205 TIMBER ST.

Old Campus Location: 146 Henderson  
(View historic map on page 29)



This American four-square was home for the Cashion family. Mason Cashion was director of the YMCA on campus. His son, M. L. "Red" Cashion, was a "campus kid" who became one of the most well-known officials in professional football history. The house was located on the west side of Henderson Street next to the surgeon's house. Built in 1917, it was modified somewhat after being moved in 1941. It was bought by Homer B. Adams, who lived there until his death in 2016. It has since been extensively remodeled again, but the house's original shape remains visible.

## 208 TIMBER ST.

Old Campus Location: 254 Clark  
(View historic map on page 29)



This cottage was the third house from Lubbock (now Joe Routt) on the west side of Clark (now Gene Stallings), next to the house currently at 500 Fairview Ave. Built in 1918, it was bought in 1941 by Rev. Norman Anderson of the A&M Presbyterian Church and moved to Timber Street, where he and his wife lived for many years. Campus residents included Capt. M. C. Funston, military science (1918); O. B. Wooten, head of military training during World War I (1918); and Dan Russell, rural sociology (1935).



## 1712 GLADE ST.

Old Campus Location: 418 Throckmorton  
(View historic map on page 29)



Records say the American four-square was built in 1919, but it was first assigned in 1914. It sat west of Throckmorton in the area of the current Spence Park. It was bought in 1965 by William D. Fitch and moved to its current location, where it was remodeled. Campus residents included W. Newell, entomology (1914); L. B. Burke (1915); E. B. La Roche, architecture and architecture engineering (1918); W. A. Orth, system architect (1935); E. O. Siecke, head of the Texas Forest Service (1935); and R. Henderson Shuffler, A&M System director of information.

## 1700 LAURA LANE

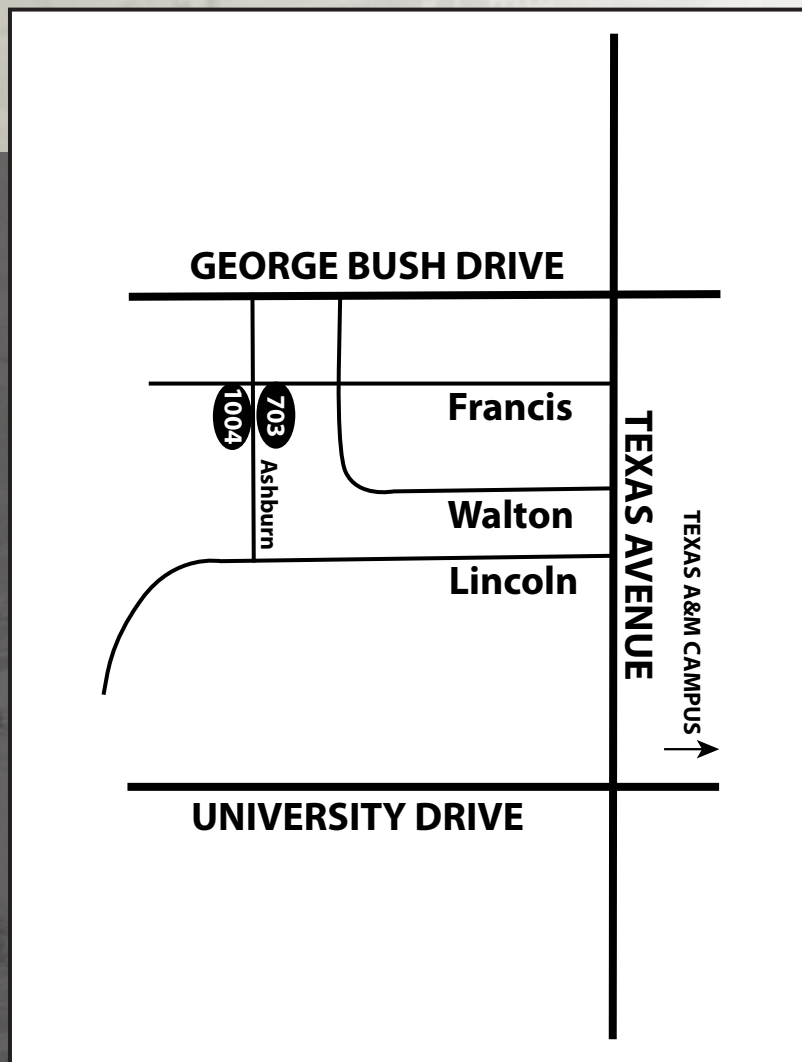
Old Campus Location: 410 Throckmorton  
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A Queen Anne with neo-classical features, the house was built in 1905 at the southwest corner of Throckmorton and Lubbock (Joe Routt). It was bought and moved in 1965 by English professor Richard Ballinger. During a wet, cold winter, it was cut in two and loaded on flatbed trailers, one of which bogged down in mud and sat for several days. Mrs. Ballinger, worried that the hardwood floors would be ruined, sent Dr. Ballinger with a broom to sweep out the snow. Little harm was done, and the Ballingers beautifully restored the house. Previous residents on campus included D. W. Spence, dean of engineering (1916); O. F. Chastain, professor of history (1917); and Francis C. Bolton, head of electrical engineering, dean of engineering, Texas A&M vice president, and A&M president (1948-50).



## COLLEGE HILLS

1004 ASHBURN AVE.

Old Campus Location: 289 Lubbock  
(View historic map on page 29)



One of the “newer” homes erected on campus, the craftsman bungalow was built in 1923 at the northeast corner of Lubbock and Old Highway 6 (now Wellborn Road). Campus residents included Homer Norton, the football coach when the Aggies won their only national championship in 1939, and S. A. McMillan, physical education. It was moved off campus in 1941 by newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Manning Smith, who bought the house for \$750 and paid another \$450 to have it moved. The Smiths enlarged and remodeled the house three times and lived in it for 67 years. Their daughter and her husband are the current owners and residents.





## COLLEGE HILLS

### 703 FRANCIS DR.

Old Campus Location: 265 HWY 6  
(View historic map on page 29)



Erected in 1915, the bungalow has been considerably modified since its move in 1941. Its location on campus was described as “third house from Lubbock on Old Hwy 6.” Campus residents included Blackwell (1916); F. W. Hensel, landscape arts (1917); Gibb Gilchrist, dean of engineering, president of Texas A&M from 1944-1948, and chancellor from 1948-1953 (1937); L. P. Gabbard, Agriculture Experiment Station (1935); and G. B. Winstead (1939).

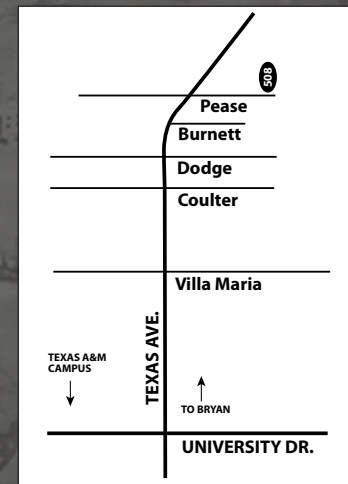
## BRYAN

### 508 PEASE ST.

Old Campus Location: 413 Throckmorton  
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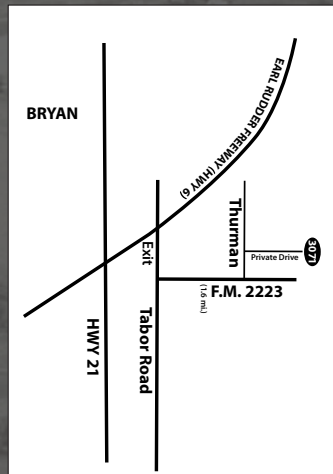
An American four-square built in 1911, the home was beautifully restored. On campus, it was located on the east side of Throckmorton, just north of the current Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center. It was the home of Charles Puryear, who was dean of the college and acting president in 1914. He was one of the few authorized by the college board of directors to build his own house. It was given to the university in 1940 and sold in 1948.





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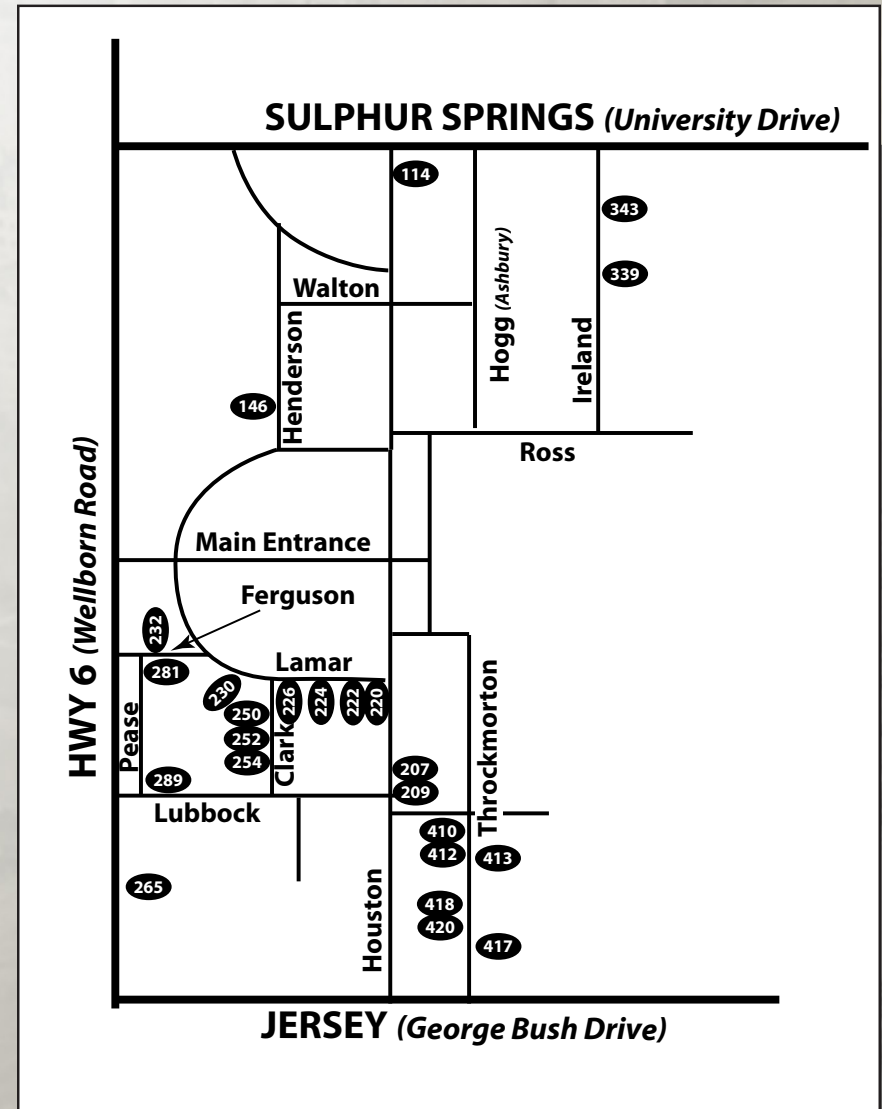
Old Campus Location: 412 Throckmorton  
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The large Queen Anne with neo-classical features was built in 1898 or 1899. On campus, it sat on the west side of Throckmorton Street and has since been moved twice. The date of sale is uncertain, but it was moved some time in the 1950s to a site on Jersey Street (now George Bush Drive). In 1959, it was moved to its current location. Campus residents included R. D. Lewis, director of the Agriculture Extension Service (1946); a previous director of the Agriculture Extension Service (1921); A. B. Connor, director of the Agriculture Experiment Station; and Youngblood.

*Please view this house from Thurman Road. Do not enter the private drive.*

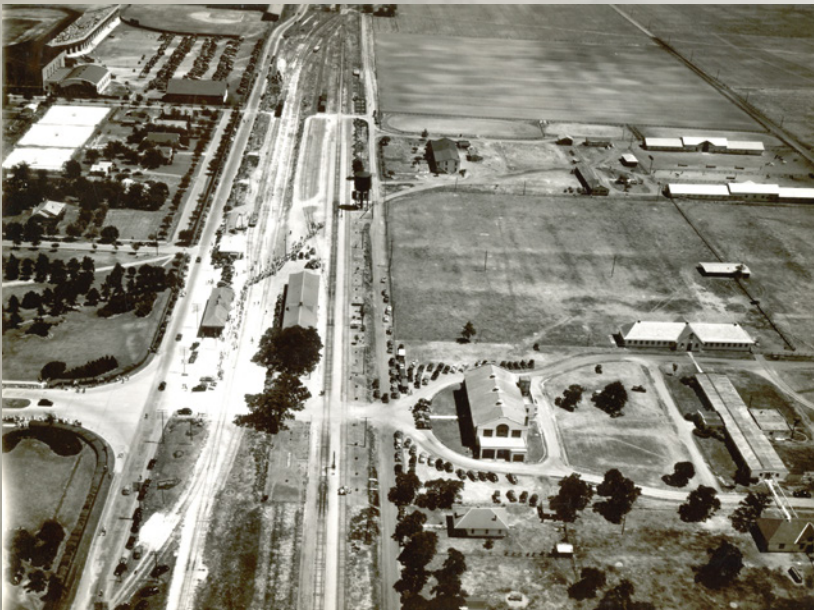
## CAMPUS MAP CIRCA 1930





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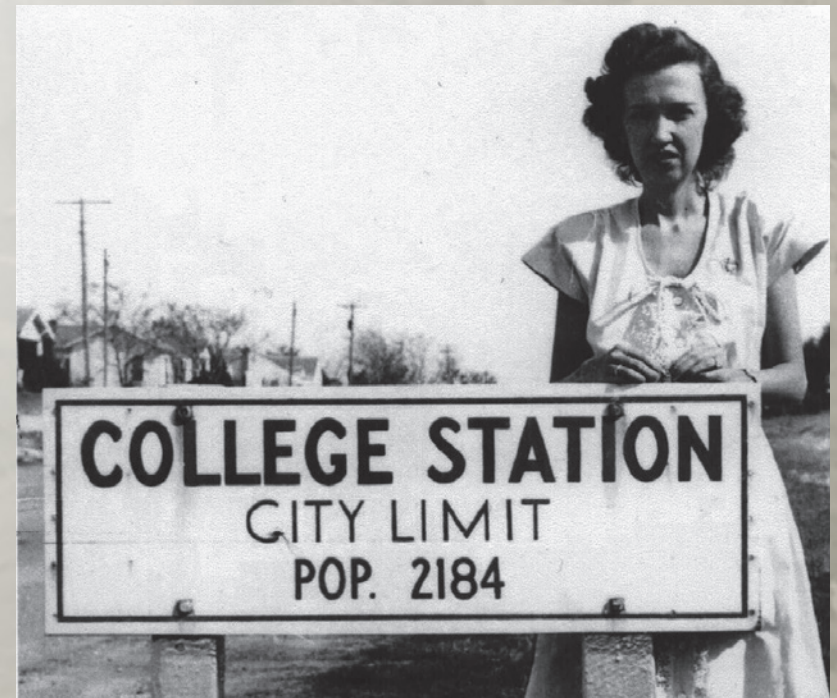


1932 College Station Aerial Map

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Since Drs. Woodcock and VanRiper completed their research, these houses have disappeared: 400 Boyett St., 402 Boyett St., 100 Grove St., 300 Highlands St., 304 Highlands St., 300 Fidelity St., 318 1st St., 201 Montclair Ave., 400 Montclair Ave., 710 Montclair Ave., 415 Tauber St., 3231 Texas Ave. South, 107 Williamson Dr. (Bryan).

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