

Footnotes

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N O T E

The marker sponsor, Round Rock PTA would like to emphasize the following information, and hope it can be included on the marker:

1848 first school built by Jacob Harrell. Log cabin was 1st school in county.

1867 through 1888 Masonic Order and Presbyterian Church operated colleges. (A 1936 marker in Round Rock has information about these colleges.)

1904 - 1929 Trinity Lutheran College (Also mentioned on another marker)

1894 - First graduating class of Round Rock Public High School. (maybe list graduates?)

1913 Old school burning. Election of incorporation of school district and list first RRISD Trustees.

1914 New school built. (1914-1959 three story school served all students)

First RRISD Superintendent Prof. M. G. York (about 1907-15)

O. F. Perry 1939-1957

Noel Grisham 1957 - 1979

Would like to list all 15 Supt. if room allows, and the number of students listed in 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1981.

Also: The marker dedication date has been set for May 16, 1981.

EDUCATION IN ROUND ROCK

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- 1848 - Jacob Harrell built log cabin school at Moss's Spring on Lake creek; it is believed to be the first school in Williamson County. County was founded in 1848.
First students were Henry Bratton, R. M. Harrell, Azalee Harrell and several Moss children.
- 1867 - Greenwood Masonic Institute opened in "old town".
- 1878 - September 1, the first public school opened.
- 1881 - Masonic order turned operation of college over to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and it became known as the Round Rock Institute or sometimes called Round Rock College.
- 1883 - Greenwood Institute/Round Rock Institute building burned and a new building was built "with the aid of the town of New Round Rock".
- 1887 - Cumberland Church turned over operation of school to Southern Presbyterian Church.
- 1888 - May 28, the State of Texas and local school officials took complete responsibility of college as Southern Presbyterian Church turned the school back to the town.
- 1894 - The first graduating class of the Round Rock Public High School were: Elmer Rowe, Lura Halley, Blanche Wiess, May Hope, John Hall Grace Crutcher, Joe Walker, Hilda Engstrand, Sam Kemp, Jeff Palm, Hallie Holloway, Susie McDonald, and Henry Palm. Supt. was Professor Hale.
- 1904 - 1929 Trinity Lutheran College.
- 1899 - School catalogue states that Round Rock High School is second to none in this "section" of the country.
- 1912 - Dec. 7, citizens voted 67 "for" & 46 "no" to incorporate town of Round Rock.
- 1913 - The two story Round Rock Institute building burned.
- 1914 - A new three story school was built (where C.D. Fulkes School is now). This school was torn down in 1959.
- 1913 - May 17, voters voted 55 "for" and 2 "no" to incorporate Common School District # 19 into Round Rock Independent School District.
(Same date also elected first Trustees of RRISD: (Sect.)
(Pres.) Mr. A. K. Anderson, Mr. W. A. Gantt, Mr. E. M. Black, Mr. G. W. Johns, Mr. S. L. Landrum, Dr. W. G. Weber, and Mr. J. N. Wright.
- 1913 - May 20, newly elected Trustees elected Professor M. G. York first Superintendent. Was actually re-election since Prof. York had first come in 1907.
- 1918 - January the Round Rock PTA was founded and Mrs. O. M. Bloom elected first President.
- 1940 - one level limestone building built next to high school.
- 1959 - Three story school torn down, and Berkman built.
- 1961 - Old Jr. High bldg. built.
- 1964 - High school addition built.

- 1969 - Pond Springs School District consolidated with RRISD.
- 1971 - Additional building added to Pond Springs.
- 1972 - New Round Rock High School built.
- 1974 - Spicewood Elem. built on west side of district.
- 1975- Xenia Voigt Elem. built.
- 1976 - Noel Grisham Middle School built.
- 1977 - Anderson Mill Elem., Deep Wood Elem., and Forest North Elem. schools built.
- 1978 - North Oaks Elem. School built.
- 1979 - Vic Robertson Elem. built.
- 1981 - Westwood High School, Chisholm Trail Middle School, Brushy Creek Elem., and Purple Sage Elem. schools to open.

Students:

- 1950 - 654 pupils
- 1960 - 1,052
- 1970 - 1,817
- 1981 - 10,000

Superintendents since becoming RRISD:

1. Prof. M. G. York re-elected in 1913 (first came in 1907)
2. T. A. Ferguson ? (some confusion about his ever serving)
3. L. J. Waggoner 1915
4. W. H. Emert
5. J. E. Cook/ Prof. B. T. Russel
6. J. T. Shaver 1917
7. W. E. Cantrill elected in 1919 at salary of \$ 1,000.00 per year.
8. W. R. Woolsey
9. C. E. Brown
10. George B. Hatley
11. E. A. Gay
12. P. E. Dickinson
13. C. O. Britt 1932-1939
14. O. F. Perry 1939 to 1957 (18 yrs.)
15. Noel Grisham 1957 - 1979 (22 yrs.)
16. Dr. Norman Hall 1979 - present