

7. Yanch House 1854

Built by Marcus P. Munyan, contractor for Julius and Mary Yanch at a cost of \$175. Originally 17' x 34', two rooms with chimneys front and back. Built of cedar; original roof hand-split cedar shakes. Limestone cistern in the rear. Addition in 1930's.

8. Wallis House c1853

Moved from plantation west of Chappell Hill. Built by B.W. Goodson on land purchased from the Travis family. John C. Wallis married Goodson's daughter Anna and purchased the house and land from her brother's widow. Wallis, who was related to Davy Crockett, was a merchant and successful planter in Chappell Hill; Captain in 20th Texas Infantry in the CSA; then moved to Galveston where he became a merchant and one of the founders of the Santa Fe Railroad. (Wallis's sister, Elmina Caroline, was the first wife of Dr. John W. Lockhart).

9. Witteborg House 1853

Caspar Witteborg, born in Prussia, bought a lot from Mary Haller and built his own home. Many of the original footings were cutoff tree trunks. Witteborg was a member of the Methodist Church and the first cabinet maker in Washington County. Three of his finest pieces are in The Stagecoach Inn. One hutch made by him is in the museum.

10. Keese House 1870's

Parts of this house date from the 1870's. It was a girl's school (Mrs. Keese and daughter) around the turn of the century. Sold by Mrs. Keese to the Lesser family in 1904.

11. Lesser & Son General Store 1880

Clapboard siding with brick addition at the rear (c 1889). This building was always used for general merchandising. Judge Harry Lesser was born in back of the store in 1894.

12. Farmers State Bank (now Chappell Hill Bank) 1907

First President J. J. Shaver. A cast iron store front (Beaumier Ironworks, Brenham) with original double front entry doors. Inside: original oak and brass tellers' cages and vault with ornate door and architrave.

13. Reinstein's Store (Rebuilt in 1878) 1852

In 1857 it was known as "Sterling Hall", the Knights of Pythias meeting place and a saloon. Rebuilt; at one time the Baptist church, then located north of Chappell Hill, met here. In 1878, William Reinstein established a general store.

14. Schaer's Store 1911

Built by Henry Schaer as a store. Cast iron storefront, pressed metal ceiling inside, Box skylight.

14A. Buster's Drug Store 1854

Built by Marcus P. Munyan, contractor. Originally Buster's Drug Store; Henry Schaer had a bakery here. Converted to a garage.

14B. Firehouse 1974

Replaced earlier structure, keeping exact form of earlier building.

15. Masonic Lodge 1851

Brick lower story has always been a commercial establishment, upper story of masonry and plaster added to house Hubert Lodge #67 (AD & AM) which was chartered in 1850.

16. The Rock Store 1869

Built by merchant John E. Glass. 1-1/2 feet- thick sandstone walls, connected by massive hand-hewn and pegged pine timbers. Doors and window shutters cedar with square nails. Restored and occupied by Chappell Hill Historical Society. Wall hangings depict early Chappell Hill in stitchery.

17. S&B Drugstore 1911

Replaced an earlier building. (Now LaReina de Cuero)

18. Perkins Drugstore c1863

Dr. J.P. Perkins operated a drugstore. After his death in 1867, his wife and sons continued the business. (Now Kipper's Kountry Store)

19. Various 1912

Masonry construction. Built as a commercial building. (Now Chupacabra Leather Co.)

20. Burton Post Office 1875

Moved from Burton, Tx. Side porch added. (Now Carol's Ice House)

21. Winfield Store 1913

Built on the site of an earlier store which was burned by firecrackers. Jake Winfield operated a general store. Now a residence. (Now Grapevine on Main)

22. Various c1852

Built by John W. Middleton. Slave-made brick paving stones are still in place under the porch. Store account books of J. C. Justice are in the Chappell Hill Museum. In 1900 S. F. Thornhill had a general store and confectionery here. (Now DLS Interiors)

23. McDermott's Saloon 1860

Two buildings joined together as they have always been. Note different siding and front facades. Originally occupied by merchants, these buildings were saloons after 1900. (Now The Brazos Star and Bluebonnet House)

24. The Toland House 1912

Built by Mary H. Toland after the death of Dr. A. W. Toland, upon the site of his office, which burned. Operated as a residential hotel.

25. The Shaver House 1914

Built by J. J. Shaver, first President of Farmers State Bank.

26. Bever's Kitchen 1912

A typical Eastlake Victorian residential structure of the period.

27. Original Parsonage for Providence Baptist Church 1853

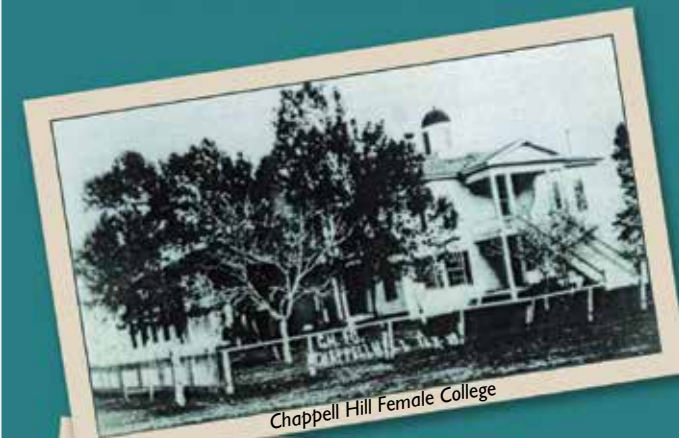
28. Providence Baptist Church 1873

Organized in 1842 by Hosea Garrett, one of the founders and for 42 years a trustee of Baylor University; Wm. M. Tryon, missionary and preacher who came to Texas in 1841; R. E. B. Baylor, lawyer and minister, for whom Baylor University was named; and others. A building was erected in 1844 about 2 1/2 miles NW of Chappell Hill. (The cemetery remains at the site.) By 1859 services were held alternately in the original building and in various rented rooms in the town of Chappell Hill. In 1866 a windstorm destroyed the church; the Presbyterian congregation offered the use of their church until, in 1873, this church was erected on the site formerly occupied by St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

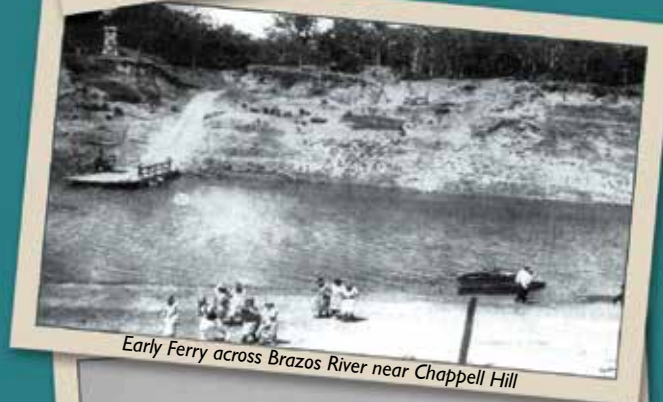
29. & 30. Soundwalk Stories

These two sites have no current buildings but contain interesting audio tales from years gone by.

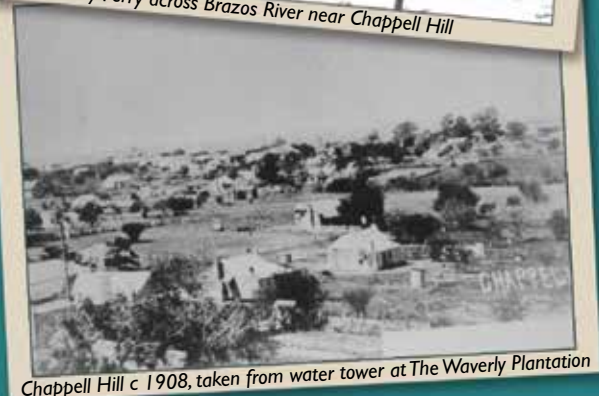
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Chappell Hill Female College



Early Ferry across Brazos River near Chappell Hill



Chappell Hill c 1908, taken from water tower at The Waverly Plantation

Welcome to Chappell Hill, Texas

Chappell Hill is situated in the southeastern portion of Washington County. The town was named for Robert Wooding Chappell, who came to Texas with his family in 1838. His granddaughter, Mary Hargrove Haller, purchased the 100-acre townsite on February 2, 1847 and a post office was established in November of that same year. The town tract was divided into blocks, with streets and alleys laid off in a regular pattern, and sale of lots began in the fall of 1849.

Settlers from the cotton states of the Old South were drawn to the fertile land of the Brazos river with its abundant stand of native cedar. Chappell Hill became an agricultural community with cotton being the principal crop.

By the mid-nineteenth century, the town boasted sawmills, a railroad line, a Masonic Lodge, a Methodist Church, and an institute of higher learning. The Chappell Hill Institute became the Chappell Hill Female College after the establishment of Soule University for boys in 1856.

As with many towns of that era, Chappell Hill never fully recovered from the Civil War and the yellow fever epidemic in 1867.

Present-day Chappell Hill is a small village that has survived its colorful history and offers visitors year round hospitality.

Enjoy your visit!

1. Bell House **c1859**
Home of Abram Lee Wilson Bell (builder of Chappell Hill Female College) who lived here in 1866.

2. Harvey House **c1857**
Built by Jacob S. Harvey from Massachusetts, alderman. Mason who owned dry-goods store in Chappell Hill 1855-56. Note: Tester bed and dresser at Winedale are from this house.

3. Hanie House **1853**
Northern Boundary of lot was original town boundary. Built by John A. and Permelia Hargrove Haynie (sister of Mary Haller). Her husband, John, was mayor of Chappell Hill 1858. Originally a "dog-run", the house framework is of hand-hewn native cedar with square nails and wooden pegs. Gable, bay, kitchen and Victorian trim were added after 1900.

4. Haller House **1853(4)**
Built by Jacob and Mary H. Haller, founders of Chappell Hill. Late home of Dr. W. R. Cambell. Framework of hand-hewn native cedar; cypress clapboard siding. Additions around 1900.

5. The Stagecoach Inn **1850**
Built by Jacob and Mary Haller and Mary's mother, Lottie Chappell Hargrove. After Jacob's death from yellow fever in 1853, Mary remarried and moved to Galveston. Her mother operated the Inn until 1859. A favorite stopping place for travelers from Houston to Austin or Waco over two stagecoach lines from 1851 to 1871. Built of stone and cedar, entire framework mortised & tenoned and pegged (nails used only for finish work). 14 rooms (6 bedrooms upstairs). Downspout heads bear the Lone Star of Texas and the date they were added: 1851.

6. Weems House **c1866**
Moved from Church St. in Chappell Hill. Built by Mrs. Asenath Weems, wife of Dr. Mason Locks Weems, who was the son of Parson Mason Locke Weems, biographer of George Washington and author of the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. Mrs. Weems is buried in the Masonic Cemetery. Built of rough-hewn pine and cedar, cypress clapboard, put together with wooden pegs and square nails.



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