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"Roots"



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Flowers

Grown and Photographed by Carly Diaz



The History of Lubbock Hall

By Aiden Nathaniel Diaz & Kimberlee Anderson-Diaz

Though founded in 1902, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary did not move to its current location until 1906. This brought the seminary closer to the University of Texas, allowing the two institutions to share faculty in Biblical languages and providing additional opportunities for students at both institutions.

In those early years, Lubbock Hall stood just North of where Shelton Chapel stands today, still marked by a large weathered stone plaque, which once hung on the building itself and now lays amidst the grassy lawn. When it was built, Lubbock Hall served as the refectory and was one of the first buildings on the seminary's new campus. It was followed by Sampson Hall and five faculty homes.

Native Texans are likely familiar with the Lubbock name, though we're likely most familiar with Lubbock County, which was named after Thomas Saltus Lubbock, known for fighting in the Confederate Army. However, Lubbock Hall gained its name through a bequest of the former Governor of Texas, Thomas' brother, Francis Richard Lubbock.

Francis Richard Lubbock became governor in 1861 and served for only one term. Lubbock not only supported the Confederacy during the Civil War, but he also worked to strengthen its army through the Texas military. At the time, a draftee could hire a substitute to serve in his place: this meant that wealthy able-bodied men could send someone else, typically poorer men or men ineligible for the draft, in their stead. Lubbock believed that no able bodied man should be able to dodge serving for the Confederate army. Lubbock also encouraged the use of enslaved persons and "aliens" to add girth to the army.



Photo of Dinner in Lubbock Hall courtesy of the APTS Archives.



Photo of Lubbock and McCord courtesy of the APTS Archives. Photo taken 1996.



Photo of Lubbock Hall courtesy of the APTS Archives.

Lubbock left only one exception to his hardline stance on military service: he believed counties on the frontier should retain enough men so they could defend the state from indigenous peoples. After his term as Governor, Lubbock joined the military himself, fighting for the Confederacy he so believed in.

When the Civil War ended, Lubbock landed in the Houston area as a tax collector. He returned to Austin where he served as the state treasurer from 1878 to 1891. He remained in Austin until his death in 1905.

By 1996, Lubbock Hall, Sampson Hall, and five faculty homes were bulldozed to make room for other facilities on campus, transitioning the seminary campus closer to how we know it today.

Grandmother's Roots

By Ashley Brown

That tree and ee are connected
The tree in question, was a worn oak tree
Producing tired leaves
Limply hanging on its limbs
Shaken to the ground by the gentles breeze.
It's a happy day-we said
As we looked at the tree
And the woman
Tied to an oxygen tank,
Struggling to breathe
Like the tree itself.
When that tree goes, it's my time
She said
Her hand on mine
Resting on an antique wooden table
Carved by my grandfather
A Wooden reminder of our lives
Of the death of the trees
And how after they fall
We still pull strength
Resting on their timbered legacies.



Trunk or Treat Photos

by Frank Vasquez



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