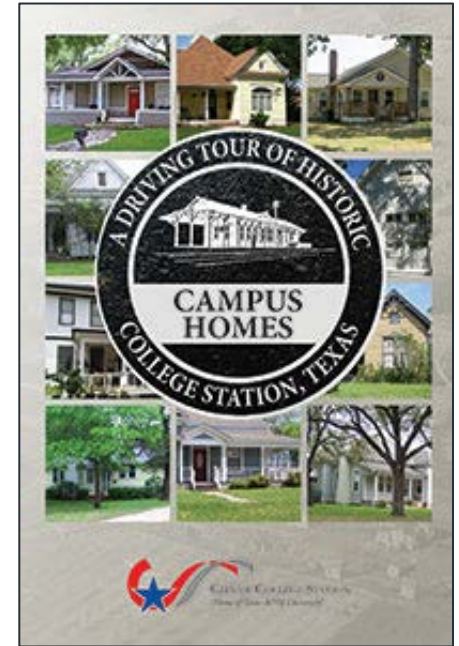


Presentation of Local Historic Markers

Historic Preservation Committee
City of College Station
July 22, 2021



Mission



Historic Preservation Committee (HPC)

“Aid in the collection and preservation of history related to the City of College Station, and to promote the education of the citizens on the history of this city.”



Local Historic Marker Program

“Document the history of our area..so that it can be shared with future generations, students, and historians.”

Purpose



Overview



First marker awarded in 1991

Awarded to structures over 50 years old

Awarded to businesses over 20 years old

Markers awarded to date:

106 Residential

13 Business

Overview



Step I: Submit application packet

Step II: Reviewed by the HPC

Step III: Present commemorative plaque



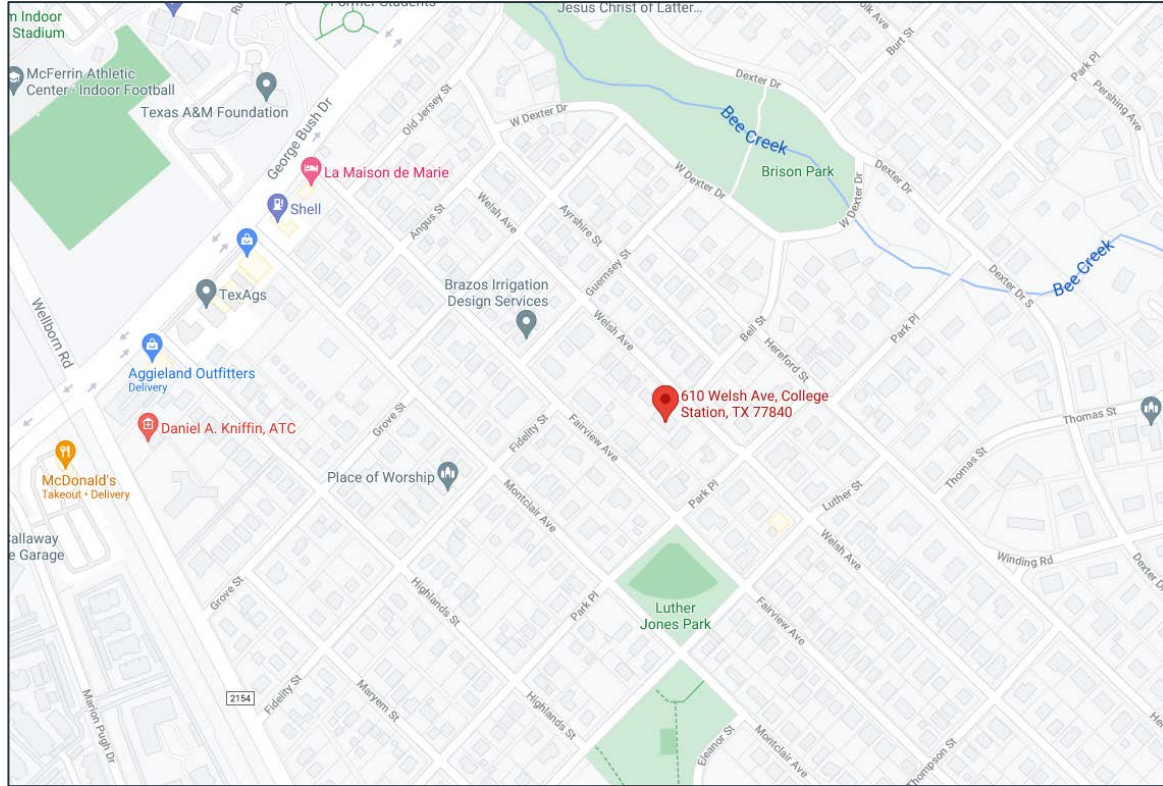
Residential Historic Marker

Historic Marker #107

Mrza House



610 Welsh Avenue



Location

Historic Marker #107

Mrza House



Year Structure Built:
ca. 1947

Historical Significance:

Located in Southside Historic District
Rollin Lafayette (Satch) Elkins

- WW II veteran
- Second Lieutenant of Troop D Cavalry
- Lieutenant in 1st Armored Division of the Cavalry at Fort Knox
- Instrumental in development of mechanized war maneuvers (vs. traditional horse maneuvers)
- Taught economics at TAMU
- Administrative Assistant to President Thomas Walton

ELKINS, R. L.
LA

“SATCH”
Palestine

Age 20; 2nd Lt. Tr. D Cav.; Band;
Guion Hall Orchestra '31, '32; Pales-
tine Club '29, '33; Press Club; Gath-
right Bucket Brigade; Intramural
Athletic Mgr. '32, '33; Star Boarder
College Hospital '31, '32; Walker's
Cohorts; Four Bucket Club; Roomed
with Harrison.



Austin. Dr. and Mrs. Kuchne and
daughter spent four months in Ja-

Cavalry Tactics, Past and Future, ROA Meet Topic

COLLEGE STATION, April 23
Cavalry, its past operations and
its future as a military organiza-
tion will be discussed tonight by
two reserve officers of that branch
at a troop school meeting of the
Brazos County Chapter, Reserve
Officers Association. The meeting
will be held in Room 110, Aca-
demic building, at Texas A. and
M. College, beginning at 7:30
o'clock.

Lt. J. E. Miller will discuss the
problem of the cavalry horse vs.
mechanization programs, one of
the most interesting questions in
army circles today. Lt. R. L. El-
kins will describe tactics of a
French cavalry unit in a raid at
the Marne during the World war.

The Brazos County Chapter will
sponsor only two more troop
school meetings during the re-
mainder of the school year. These
are scheduled for the nights of
May 14 and 28. In addition, the
Texas Department, Reserve Offi-
cers Association, will sponsor a
dinner here the night of May 18
in honor of graduating R. O. T.
C. students of the college, who
will receive reserve commissions
as second lieutenants the after-
noon of May 31.

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THE BRYAN DAILY EAGLE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1944



AGGIES STAGE MUSTER AT ANZIO—Above is pictured a group of former Aggies, all graduates of Texas A. & M. College, who are with the United States forces on the Anzio beachhead. Third from the left is Major R. H. (Satch) Elkins, former member of the faculty, and second from the right, in the foreground, with the old familiar pipe, is Major E. H. (Skinny) Holmgreen, of the AMG, who landed on the beach not far behind the first invading force. They held the traditional muster on San Jacinto Day, April 21, managed a barbecue and, rumor has it, something with which to wash down food.

Bronze Star Is Awarded Elkins Formerly Of A-M

The Bronze Star medal has been awarded Major Rollins L. (Satch) Elkins, former professor at Texas A. & M. College and now with the First Armored Regiment in Italy.

The order for the award made by command of Major General Harmon, according to Lt. Col. W. L. Schmidt, AGD, adjutant general, stated:

"For his courageous actions on 14 February 1943 near Sidi Bou Zd, Tunisia. During a cross country move his vehicle was partially disabled by enemy tank fire and stalled frequently due to water being in the gasoline. He assisted cleaning the fuel sediment bowl seven times while under heavy enemy fire. One hit knocked one of the crew members out of the vehicle. Major Elkins stopped the vehicle and went back under enemy fire, picked up the soldier and carried him to the vehicle. When the vehicle was finally rendered inoperative, Major Elkins directed his men to cover and while doing so was captured by the enemy, but subsequently escaped. Under cover of darkness he walked 20 miles cross country and rejoined his organization in the morning. The courage, perseverance and concern for the welfare of his men with complete disregard for his own, displayed by Major Elkins reflect great credit on himself and his organization and are highly commendable."

Legion Meeting

Life after the Military





THANK You!

Historic Preservation Committee

Gerald S. Burgner, MLA, Ph.D
Chair