

Donibory Markey's Serrinary  
Flambersville, Grimes County, Texas

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MARKEY'S SEMINARY (OLD COLLEGE DORMITORY)  
Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas.

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Owner Miss Betty Markey

Date of Erection 1857

Architect Unknown

Builder James Markey

Present Condition Fair

Number of Stories One

Materials of Construction Frame

Other Existing Records Unknown

Additional Data The only existing part of the old Markey's Seminary is two rooms of the dormitory occupied by Miss Betty Markey, a daughter of James Markey, the founder of the school. This was one of the first schools to be established in the county. Built in 1857 the school was first operated as a boys school but after the Civil war both boys and girls attended. The school continued in operation until 1875.

Markey came to Texas from Ireland in 1844 and settled on a league of land near Plantersville which he purchased from Joel Greenwood. In the latter part of 1844 he joined the Texas Rangers serving under Jack Hayes until the annexation of Texas to the U. S. after which he became a school teacher. He taught privately until he built his school in 1857. At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Confederate cause and served two years in their army. On returning to his home he reopened his school, this time for both boys and girls, but when the school closed in 1875 it was being operated as a girls school only.

Information: Miss Betty Markey.

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