A History of Douglass Academy
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Sources:

The information in this document are from a number of sources, mostly photos and documents on the walls of the school as well as the trophy cabinets. They have been scanned and compiled in order to preserve them in an electronic format and make them available to others in the hopes that they will be of interest and a source of pride for the community.

Of particular help have been the following individuals: Jerelyne Castleberry Williams, a 1949 Douglass Junior High, and author of “The Brackenridge Colored School: A Legacy of Empowerment through Agency and Cultural Capital Inside An African American Community”, Erna Baker, long-time community liaison for Douglass and preserver of many photographs and other artifacts, and members of the Class of 1933 and 1931 for donating items to the school for display.
The plaque reads:

“Site of Rincon/Douglass School”  Following the Civil War and the Emancipation of American Slave, the United State Congress established the Freedmen’s Bureau to oversee programs aimed at educating and assisting Blacks with their newly granted citizenship. One of the most visible of the Bureau’s programs was the building of schools.

The first free public school for blacks in San Antonio was built on this site in the late 1860’s. Operated by the local office of the Freedmen’s Bureau, the school was a two-story stone structure, similar to the one in the photograph below. Called Rincon School because of its location on Rincón (now St. Mary’s Street) the school provided instruction to students of all ages.

Operation of the school was assumed by the City of San Antonio in 1871, and it was made a part of the city’s school district. The name was changed to Riverside School in 1890, and to Frederick Douglass School in 1904. Ten years later, the school was relocated to a two-story brick building at what is now 318 Martin Luther King Drive.

An important part of the city’s history, Rincon/Douglass School has been integral to the education of a large portion of San Antonio’s population.”
For ease of reading, the words in the previous photo above reads:

**Rincon School  Rincon & St. Mary's**

Erected shortly after the Civil War, this was the first public school for Blacks in San Antonio. A far-reaching law was passed by the State Legislature in 1873 setting aside one-half of the public domain for the support of schools and authorizing any incorporated city to provide for the gratuitous education of all children of school age within its limits – thus permitting the establishment of independent school districts.

In 1875, the San Antonio schools were placed under the supervision of C. Plagge and 14 teachers were assigned to the following five schools:

1st Ward – South Flores and Guilbeau Streets across from the MK&T Station.
2nd Ward – Soledad Street.
3rd Ward – Martin Street – a building rented from St. Mary’s Hall.
4th Ward – Lavaca and Matagorda Streets.
Colored School – Rincon Street (now St. Mary’s), and the [San Antonio] River, near the Ursuline Convent. [near Convent Street]

**The First High School**

By 1800, the system included ten schools:

1. Central High School, Acequia St (now Main Street); now L. W. Fox Vocational and Technical High School, and these grammar schools:
   2. Marshal Street: now S. F. Austin
   3. Avenue E and Fourth Street; when KENS-TV is [was] located.
   4. Mason and Hackberry; moved to Austin Street, now Milam School.
   5. Lafitte and Matagorda Streets; now Burnet School.
   6. Lavaca and Matagorda Streets; now present Administration Headquarters of Schools; School moved to Parland Place, now Lamar School.
   7. S. Flores and Guilbeau; moved to South Laredo Street, now Frank Johnson School.
   8. Pecos and San Fernando; now J. A. Navarro School.
   9. Riverside Negro School, Rincon Street;
   10. [missing]
The original building, according to SAISD records, indicates funded with $4,000 from the proceeds of the sale of an abandoned Confederate tannery, a facility that processed animal hides into leather. The Texas State Historical Association, on their website, says that the Freedmen’s School “provided a formal curriculum of arithmetic, reading, writing, history, and geography. In addition, a practical curriculum of civics, politics, home economics, and vocational training was provided.”

The history of Douglass mirrors the history of African Americans in Texas. The school was built a few years after the Civil War ended. In the 1870's and early 1880's, it was called the Rincon Street School after the street it faced and was the first free public school for Blacks in San Antonio. In 1871, the Freedmen's Bureau transferred the school to the City of San Antonio. In 1873, the Texas Legislature passed a far-reaching law that set aside one-half of the public domain for the support of schools and authorizing any incorporated city to provide for the free education of all children in their limits, which permitted the establishment of Independent School Districts. The City of San Antonio it's schools in the care of the newly created San Antonio Independent School District around 1875, under the supervision of C. Plagge and 14 teachers. There were five schools at this time; the Rincon Street "Colored School" was one of them. Instruction was provided to students of all ages. This reiterates the document printed above.

In 1884, the SAISD Board changed the name of the #9 school on Rincón Street to Riverside Negro School. It was changed again in 1902 to honor Frederick Douglass, the name the school carries to this day. With the increasing population and push by members of the African-American community to provide an education to black children, a new, much larger school was built on Nebraska Street and completed by 1913; the Douglass High School on the San Antonio River was sold to help pay for the new school.
The ‘new’ Douglass High School grew as well, adding the first Junior High School in 1920’s. The senior high students were transferred in the fall of 1933 to the new Phyllis Wheatley High School for Black built on what is now Gabriel Street. Following you will find photos of classes in the ‘heyday’ of Frederick Douglass High School:

Booker T Washington(above) visited Douglass at the Rincón Street location, as documented in this photo to the left. The gentleman marked Dr. Ball is believed to be Dr. David Ball, President of Guadalupe College for African Americans in Seguin.

Class of 1921 (below)
Douglass Class of 1926

Douglass Class of 1927
Douglass Class of 1929 (above) Seventh grade of 1929 (below)
Frederick Douglass School Class of 1931
COMMENCEMENT DAY EXERCISES

OF

DOUGLASS SENIOR SCHOOL

AT

DOUGLASS AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1931

10:30 O’CLOCK A. M.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
Order of Exercises

Processional
Prayer
Music “I’m So Glad” Dett
Introduction of Class and Parents Principal
Music “My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice” —C. Saint Saens
Address to Graduates Rev. C. Harold Stepteau,
Pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church
Music “Where My Caravan has rested” Lohr
Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates —Mrs. J. E. King
Pres.of School Board
Awarding of Scholarships
Benediction Rev. R. H. Mason
Candidates for Diplomas

Barr, Judge
Bell, Ruth Hettie
Berry, Gemeral Ernest
Bilton, Marguerite Ruth
Bland, Lillian
Burleson, William
Brown, Cleola Birdie Lee
Callis, Erma Johnie Lee
Caviness, Catherine Bonita
Christen, Joseph Paul
Clark, Etta O'Neil
Clark, Frederick Douglass
Clark, Shelburn Melvin
Craft, Beulah Lorita
Cole, Irene
Cunningham, Anna Bell
Dilworth, Lillian Mabel
Dixon, Joseph Lee
Davis, Sarah Corine
Edwards, Velma Vivian
Evans Ora Lee
Evans, Robert Lee
Fennell, Eugene Willis
Franklin, Horace Lee
Green, Lettie Mae
Griggs, Mildred
Hayes, Katherine Eugenia
Handson, Corine
Harrison, Amanda Luvenia
Harrison, Justa Joetta
Hightower, Lillian Eddie
Hodges, Frankie Beatrice
Holmes, Oliver Wendell
Hughes, Julia
Jackson, Dorothy Mae
Jefferson, Timothy

Johns, Elridge
Johnson, Duncan Wilson
Johnson, Odesa
Johnson, Oliver William
Jones, Algeva Elizabeth
Jones, Louise Burdett
McClain, Willie Catherine
McKinney, Jesse George
McKinney, Odell Townsend
McVeil, Artelia
Mayo, Bernice Othella
Miller, Arthur Benjamin
Mitchell, Georgia
Mitchell, Lurline Eugenia
Moore, Delois Sylvester
Pallemon, Hazel Marie
Peoples, Elizabeth Eola
Plummer, Agnes Louise
Polk, Willistina Elizabeth
Roberts, Henrietta Eugene
Robinson, Zola Myra
Rogers, Jewel Teresa
Sanford, Ruth Elma
Smith, Lillie Jewell
Spears, Emma Lee
Taylor, Evelyn Lucille
Taylor, Nora Lee
Tennal, Lemon Inez
Terrell, Inez Delois
Tippins, Helen Marguerite
Walker, Charline Elizabeth
West, Lucille Estelle
Williams, Otho
Wittenberg, Marguerite Nellie
Woods, Reuben Henry

Honor Roll

Paul Christian
Melvin Clark
Beulah Craft
Velma Edwards
Horace Franklin
Julia Hughes
Jesse McKinney

Georgia Mitchell
Delois Moore
Hazel Pallemon
Henrietta Roberts
Jewel Rogers
Lillie Smith
Inez Terrell
Candidates for Certificates

Toilet Science

Brown, Ernestine Armenia  Green, Lettie Mae
Ellis, Dovie Louise        Irving, Mona Alice
Ellis, Marguerite         Kelley, Lucille Maudras
Worley, Edwina Willie

Domestic Art

Bland, Lillian            Moore, Delois Sylvester
Durham, Lucille Tommie  Scott, Mary Ellen
Harrison, Amanda Luvenia Terrell, Inez Delois

Domestic Science

Anthony, Frances          Plummer, Agnes Louise
Bell, Ruth Hettie         Roberts, Henrietta Eugene
Caviness, Catherine Bonita Robinson, Zola Myra
Evans, Ora Lee            Rogers, Jewel Tereasa
Handson, Corine           Smith, Lillie Jewell
Hughes, Julia             Spears, Emma Lee
Jones, Louise Burdett     Wittenberg, Marguerite Nellie
McVea, Artelia

Vocational

Givens, Henry—Auto Mechanics
Leath, Joe White—Auto Mechanics
Williams, Thelbert—Carpentry
Frederick Douglass School Class of 1932
Commencement Day Exercises

of

Douglass Senior School

at

Douglass Auditorium

Friday, June third

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two

ten thirty o’clock A. M.

San Antonio, Texas
Order of the Exercise

Processional

Prayer

Music  "Little Mother of Mine"  Burleigh

Introduction of Class and Parents

Music  "Sweet Mystery of Life"  Herbert

Address to Graduates  Miss M. E. Branch  President Tillotson College  Austin, Texas

Music  "I'm so Glad Trouble Don't Last Always"  Dett

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates  —Hon. Koger Stokes  Pres. School Board

Awarding Scholarships

Benediction
Douglass Senior School, Season 1931-1932

Allen, Alreda
Allston, Ima Jewell
Bailey, Ernest Allen
Beary, Bernice Viola
Black, Ralston Newton
Bland, Verna Dell
Brown, Juanita
Brown, Thelma
Bruce, Winifred
Byars, Cora Mae
Cabiness, Millie Lee
Cantu, Ruby Mae
Cantu, Thomas
Chase, Kellar
Chatman, Leona
Clark, George Henry
Clayton, Celestine Mildred
Conway, Annie Dell
Coruthere, Robert Bernard
Crawford, Billie Marie
Crawford John W.
Crisp, Anne E.
Daniels, Margaret Havel
Davis, Lillie Mae
Elliott, Mary Dell
Euson, Wilbur Thirkfield
Floyd, William Howard
Fuery, Audrey Herman
Gammage, Lillian Earline
Green, Idella
Grundy, Ethel Eloise Patricia
Hall, Lucille Wilbur
Harris, Leslie Wakefield
Harris, Samuel Maxwell
Haywood, Evelyn
Hicks, Annie Bell
Hill, Willie Beatrice
Hodges, Jason A. Jr.
Holloway, Mary Frances
Hood, Hannah Mae
Jackson, Blanche Hazel
Johnson, Emmett Leroy
Johnson, Hazel Wyvonia
Johnson, Joseph W.
Johnson, Lois Elizabeth
Johnson, Lorenzo Vernon
Johnson, Myrtle Frances
Johnson, Samuel Morris
Johnston, Teresa
Jones, Jim Ella
Jones, Mildred Ben
Jones, Samuel
Jones, Van S.
Landry, Lelia Elvira
Lang, Eloise Margaret
Langham, Fonce De Leon
Larimore, Vernon Eugene
Leavison, Grace Valrie
Lewis, Imanogene
Lott, Aizo William
Lott, Dessaline Elizabeth
McMurray, Joyce Lee
Majors, Hattie Mae
Mathis, Annie Mae
Morgan, Prince Claxton
Mouton, Eva Vernel
Murray, Jefferson
Myers, William Bunting Jr.
Osborne, Julius Ferdinand
Pierson, Lucille Josephine
Porter, Rosa Lee
Tristley, Lillie Josephine
Kendle, Annie Mae
Shannon, Monroe Abram
Sheffield, August
Simmons, Arthur Lee
Smith, Burton Ivy
Sneed, Emanuel Joseph
Stain, Margaret Katherine
Stevens, Thelma Laula
Stinson, Bernice Myrtle
Strait, Effie Jewell
Strait, Cuneva
Street, Mayme Lee
Summers, Estelleen Gerald
Sutton, Oliver Carter
Sykes, Marion
Taylor, Thelma Louise
Taylor, Vernice Lola
Terrel, Charles
Tennal, Zona Gale
Thomass, Lillie Dell
Thomas, Lucius Theodosia
Threadingill, Reginald Kindred
Tobin, Mary Teresa
Waiters, Clarence
Warren, Armenta Ann
Warren, Cara Gladys
Warren, Samuel Arvan
White, Charity
Williams, Sophia Grace
Wilson, Lillian L.
Wrenn, Ruth Grace

Honor Roll

Hood, Hannah Mae
* Thomas, Lucius Theodosia
Taylor, Thelma Louise
Jackson, Blanche Hazel

Lott, Aizo Williams
Beverly, Bernice Viola
Warren, Cara Gladys
Candidates for Certificates

Toilet Science

- Dessaline Elizabeth Lott
- Hattie Mae Majors
- Jessie Earline Powell
- Annie Mae Randle
- Lillie Mae Richardson
- Eula Lee Robinson
- Dorothy Williams
- Geraldine Williams

Domestic Art

- Crunk, Zeline
- Crisp, Anne E.
- Haywood, Evelyn
- Hall, Lucille
- Jones, Mildred Ben
- Stevens, Thelma Laula
- Street, Mayme Lee
- Warren, Armenta Ann
- Warren, Cara Gladys
- Williams, Geraldine

Domestic Science

- Allston, Ima Jewell
- Cantu, Ruby Mae
- Conway, Annie Dell
- Clark, George Henry
- Sykes, Marion
- Thomas, Lillie Dell
- Johnson, Myrtle Frances
- Johnson, Lois Elizabeth
- Napier, Dorothy Fay
- Woods, Elridge
- Green, Gertrude
- Green, Girda

Varitional

- Fredrick D. Ferrell
- Ernest John Joshua
- Daniel Elton Smith
Douglass School Class of 1933

This was the very last class that graduated from Douglass High School. A larger more modern school for Black students was completed, and students began going to Phyllis Wheatley High School, which was renamed
Commencement Day Exercises

of

Douglass High School

at

Douglass Auditorium

Friday, June second

Nineteen hundred and thirty-three

ten o’clock A. M.

San Antonio, Texas
Order of Exercise

Processional

Prayer

Music "Hail and Farewell" - Powers

Address to Graduates

Music "Since You Went Away" Johnson & Johnson

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates

Hon. R. S. Menefee,
Pres. School Board.

Music Song dedicated to the Principal Class

Benediction
Gradsuates
Douglass Senior School, Session 1932-1933

Adamson, Virgil Moore, Jr.
Bacon, Lillie Audrey
Beasley, Geraldine Frances
Beasley, Giraud Willard
Bell, Eugene
Black, Claude William, Jr.
Blevins, Elizabeth Genevie
Blocker, Hattie Lee
Booker, Othello Claude, Jr.
Brooks, Laura Frances
Brown, Hazel Maudell
Brown, Inez Lucile
Brown, James Manuel
Burleson, Robert Bernard
Burlon, Eva Yvonne
Canada, Hershel Allen
Carter, Mary Elizabeth
Coleman, Bessie Mae
Cooper, Lucile Pleasant

Cox, Aline
Davis, Lizzie Fulton
Davis, Hermie Janice
Davis, James Eddie, Jr.
Dawson, Glennie Mae
Dawson, Harry Daniel, Jr.
Drummer, Bessie Lee
Durham, Willie Mae
Eckford, Oscar Lee
Edmonds, Edwin Richardson
Floyd, Bernice Janita
Franklin, Inez
Gilder, Frances Elizabeth
Gleason, Alonzo Calvin
Handson, Catherine
Hatch, Everett C. L.
Hayes, Joseph Harold
Haywood, Laurence
Henry, Jesse Ray
Herring, Hose Vivian
Hill, Alma Marie
Hillmon, Saletta
Hodges, Eloise Elizabeth
Hodge, Loretta Henry
Holley, Irene Truelove
Jackson, Emmett Scott
James, Aubrey
Jarmon, Melvin John Wesley
Jefferson, Leslie Ulysses
Johnson, Elenia Cornelia
Johns, Willie Mae
Jones, Catherine
Jones, Charles William Bruce
Jones, Nellie Arnett
Kirven, Lazar
Lane, Harry Badger, Jr.
Lankford, Sarah Annie
Lewis, Athene Gerard
Long, Clemmie Holloway, Jr.
Lowery, Thomasine Louise
Marshall, Nancy Geneva
Martindale, Vera Pauline
McAdams, Dorothy Mae
Mooney, Julia Anita
Morris, Muriel Lee
Moss, Mabel Gladys
Newton, Herbert Eldridge
Owens, Adelle Vivian
Phillips, Helen Pauline
Polk, Phillip, Jr.
Rainey, George Greeley
Ray, Eunice Augusta
Reed, Doris Johnnie Mae
Richardson, Naomi
Sanders, Leo Ivan
Shannon, Ethel Mae
Smith, Celestus Marcus
Stevenson, Charley Houston
Stewart, George Laurence
Summerville, Vivian Elizabeth
Sutton, Essie Matilda
Taylor, Herbert Julius
Teese, William Eckford
Thompson, Lillian Gladys Mae
Walker, Rolin
Wallace, Andrew Robert
Warner, Maude Eleanor
Watson, Anna Grace
Williams, Charles Henry
Williams, Maggie Belle
Wilson, Marena Belle
Winchell, Mickey Joseph
Young, Maxine Dolores

Honor Roll

Booker, Othello Claude, Jr.
Brooks, Laura Frances
Edmonds, Edwin Richardson
Gilder, Frances Elizabeth
Handson, Catherine
Hillmon, Saletta
Holley, Irene Truelove
Young, Maxine Dolores

Jones, Nellie Arnett
Kirven, Lazar
Lowery, Thomasine Louise
Martindale, Vera Pauline
Newton, Herbert Eldridge
Richardson, Naomi
Stevenson, Charles Houston
Candidates for Certificates

Toilet Science

Anglin, Charlie
Houston, Florentine
Lee, Sallie

X Reed, Doris
Johnnie Mae
Williams, Geraldine

X Wilson, Marena Belle

Domestic Art

Anglin, Birdie Mae
Elliott, Mary Dell
Jones, Catherine
Phillips, Helen Pauline

X Richardson, Naomi
Stain, Marguerite Catherine
Thomas, Eliza Mae

X Warner, Maude Eleanor

Domestic Science

Bacon, Lillie Audrey
Burton, Eva Yvonne
Glosson, Alonzo Calvin
Holley, Irene Truelove
Jones, Nellie Arnett

X Lankford, Sarah Annie
Marshall, Nancy Geneva
Mooney, Julia Anita
Owens, Addie Vivian
Ray, Violet Augusta
Walker, Charlotte Eleanor

Auto Mechanic

Durham, James Hall

Vocational-Carpentry

Johnson, George L.

Wesley, James
Willrich, Rogers
Douglass remained a Junior High School for 42 years until 1970, when the Civil Rights Movement and Legislation forced schools to integrate.
Frederick Douglass Junior Class of 1953

SECOND ROW: (?), Maude Jackson, Melinda Whitley, Katherine Jones, Jean Adams, Marion Rector, Barbara Brown, Gwendolyn Chatman, Tyrone Littlejohn, Mary Johnson, Hazel LeBrown.
THIRD ROW: Barbara McVeal, Cornelia Wilson, Barbara Nichols, Eleanor Jackson, Eloise Green, Algerine Eddington, Carolyn Louise Philips, Margie Ruth Johnson, Josephine Marshall, David Ramsey, Lena Jewell Sledge, Barbara Sneed, Virgie Jones, Francis White, Helen Doris Wilson, Louise Carolyn Philips, John Green, Betty Moore, Ernestine Daniels.

THIRD ROW: Vieta Smith, Ima Jewel Freeman, Otis Lee Martin, (?), Clara Lewis, Winona Ollerson, Jessie Lee William, Dorothy Liggens, Mamie Hunt, Imogene Richie, Doris Dorn, Helen Margaret Wilson, (?) Martha Lee Brooke, (Eason?) Savannah Hobbs, Norma Jean Jones, Joyce Ann Jones, Willie Mae Hilliard, Dorothy Curry, Rosolyn Ann Tanner, (?).
MISSING OR UNIDENTIFIED: Webster Cavanaugh, Marvin Davis, Loree Hartfield, Barbara Hurd, Lowell Hurd, Dorothy Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Rosa Keys, Billie McClure, Elisabeth Moore.
In 1970, Douglass became an intermediate school to complement Herff Elementary School who served kindergarten through 2nd grade two blocks away from Douglass.

In 1983, the final high school class held a 50-Year Reunion at Douglass:

FIRST ROW, from left to right: Bessie Lee Drummer, Catherine Handson, Lucinda Pleasant Cooper, Naomi Richardson, Hermie Janice Davis, Hattie Lee Blocker, Laura Francis Brooks, Thomasine Louise Lowery, Lillian Gladys Mae Thompson.


THIRD ROW, from left to right: Mickie Joseph Winchell, Clemmie Holloway Long, James Eddie Davis, Anna Grace Watson, Marena Belle Wilson, Charles Houston Stevenson, Celestus Marcus Smith, Lazar Kirven.
In 1999, an historical marker was placed outside the front of the school.
In 2002 Douglass began serving pre-kindergarteners through the fifth grade, as the primary-intermediate split was not as efficient with increasing testing standards, such as the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). TAKS testing begins in third grade and having students for the five prior years in one school allowed faculty make any needed adjustments early on to meet the increasing standards rather than have testing begin with brand new students to the school. Douglass became an ‘Academy’ in 2004 to add the sixth grade, to mirror the District’s interest in removing the need to change schools as much as possible (many elementary schools added up to the 8th grade).

In addition to the internal changes being made to the age and grade of students served, there was a major change to the building itself. The citizens of the San Antonio Independent School District passed a historic and, at the time, record bond issue in 1997 to revitalize and modernize the many older building in the District, including Douglass. During a lengthy planning period with much community input, and with revised architectural plans, the campus moved to the vacant Burnet Elementary on Barrera Street, as the bulldozers began demolition in 2002. Students were bussed from their neighborhoods morning and night for the four years it took to complete the project. During that time, in 2004, Douglass became an Academy with the addition of the sixth grade. Construction was completed in May of 2006 with the newly refurbished facility dedicated in September of 2006.
The changes wrought during construction included a new wing with classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria and two courtyards. A central tower was also added to house an elevator and stairwell to connect the old with the new and accommodate handicapped students and citizens. The historic main classroom building, auditorium, and gymnasium were gutted and completely redone. The vocational shop, also used as a band room, was transformed from four walls to a modern library.

The historic Douglass Auditorium now boasts a new stage surface, a modern lighting and sound system, and curtains, but retains the original floor, seating, and mezzanine. This photo is from the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Dedication on September 26th, 2006.

From Left to right: Melanie Zepeda, Principal, Liz Melson, Assoc. Supt., Dr. Robert Durón, Supt., Jon Christopher Pope, student, John Howard, School Board Member (and former Douglass Student),

The $9.3 million project encloses 73,692 square feet.
# Douglass Academy

## School Principals

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Virgil W. Walker</td>
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