

TRANSCRIPT OF 1873 RICHARDSON, TEXAS DEDICATION DEED

A. Groesbeck et al } State of Texas }
to} Dedication to town of Richardson } County of Harris }
Houston & Texas Central R.W.

Know all men by these presents that we Abraham Groesbeck, W. J. Hutchins, T. A. Rice, and W. R. Baker of said county and state, Trustees, in whom the legal title is vested to that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Dallas, State of Texas which we gave caused to be laid off into lots and blocks and streets and alleys under the name of Richardson in accordance with the map or plan drawn by Thos. Kosse and made a part hereof and herewith filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court for the County of Dallas. In consideration that the Houston and Texas Central Rail Way Company make their depot and station on the land designated for their use on said map have granted given and dedicated and by these presents grant give and dedicate unto the said Houston and Texas Central Rail way company all that certain piece or parcel of land named known and designated on said map as "Rail Road Reservation" and being a strip of land running through said tract according to said Map along the line of the railroad track and on each side thereof To have and to hold the same unto the said Houston and Texas Central Railway Company for ever to be held occupied and enjoyed by said Railway company in such manner and for such purposes not inconsistent with its business as its officers and agents may see proper The strip or parcel of land to designated on said Map as Rail Road reservation shall be a continuous strip or piece not intersected by any street or way. All other streets and ways laid off and designated on said map by names and running at right angles with said "Rail Road Reservation" shall not cross but shall abut upon and terminate at said Rail Road Reservation on both sides thereof the said Rail Road Reservation may be used as a public highway only so long as the same remains open and unenclosed upon the express condition however, that the rights of the Railway company in the use and occupation thereof shall be paramount. Nothing in this deed shall be so construed as to prevent the proper municipal authorities from grading ditching paving or otherwise improving said land as a street so long as the same remains open and unenclosed may erect and maintain a convenient number of crossings and bridges over the Railroad at such places only however as shall best suit the convenience of said Railway company and be designated by its officers and agents. That the said Railway company in their use and occupation of said strip of land or for the improvement thereof shall not in any manner be subject to the ordinances or regulations of the municipal authorities of said town but the said land or Rail

Road Reservation shall by such municipal authorities be regarded as the private property of the said Railway company over which the rights and dominion of said company shall be paramount. The said Railway company shall have the right to erect warehouses or any other buildings whatever upon said land designated as Rail Road Reservation and at any time hereafter to fence in and enclose said land or any part thereof and hold the same to the exclusion of the public and we do hereby give grant and dedicate to the public use as highway such portions of each of said streets and alleys other than the Rail Road Reservation laid off and designated on said map as may be contiguous to or adjoining any lots or blocks of land so laid off on said map which has been or may hereafter be conveyed by said Trustees to any other person all other streets and alleys designated on said plan or map or portions of them not contiguous to lots conveyed by said trustees to be remain the private property of said Trustees or their successors or assigns and may be replotted or closed up at their option. Witness our hands this ___day of Eighteen Hundred and Seventy three

A. Groesbeck Trustee
W. J. Hutchins Trustee
F. A, Rice Trustee
W. R. Baker Trustee

State of Texas }
County of Harris }

Before me E. Simmler a notary Public in and for Harris County duly qualified and commissioned personally appeared A. Groesbeck W. J. Hutchins F.A. Rice and W. R. Baker all of this county and to me well known and acknowledged to have executed the foregoing dedication deed for the town of Richardson for the purposes and the conditions therein set forth and contained In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and notarial seal at my office at the City of Houston on this the 23rd day of June A.D. 1873.

E. Simmler
Notary Public Harris County

Filed for Record & Recorded June 26th A.D. 1873

J. M. Laws clk By Jno. Jackson Dy——

From Dallas County, Texas Deed Book U, pp. 216-217



This map, from Dallas County, Texas Map Book 3, p. 521, filed for record on June 26, 1873, shows a rectangular, 121-acre town of Richardson with both correct and incorrect east and west boundary measurements, as well as streets and blocks that don't appear on subsequent maps.