

# State Historical Marker tells history of Rusk Public School No. 2

Many people are not aware that the little green house located on State Highway 84 West in Rusk is the site of what was once known by the people of Rusk as Rusk Colored School. Many prominent Rusk citizens who attended this school went on to make a lasting mark on Rusk history. Among them was Irvin Caldwell Conley who petitioned the RISD and Texas Historical Commission to place the marker there. The marker reads as follows:

**Rusk Public School No. 2 For African Americans**

By 1884 the Rusk Public School District maintained 2 schools No. 1 for it's Anglo Students and No. 2 for its African American students. A yearly average of 50 students met in a small house built about 1895 to house Rusk Public School No. 2. In 1939 the RISD erected a new school building southeast of downtown Rusk for its African American students . Named after lont-time principal G. W. Bradford, the facility was used until Rusk intergrated its schools in the 1960's. Many graduates of this school became highly known and respected professionals.



Rusk Colored School students taken in the early 1900s.

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