

## Early Courthouse

On November 6, 1838, Nancy Tevis deeded to Jefferson County the land described in the plat of the Town of Beaumont as Square 9, further described in the deed recorded in Volume B, Page 225, of the Deed Records in the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, as " ... a certain lot or square of ground situated lying and being in the town of Beaumont, County aforesaid, bounded as follows on the North west by Milam Street, on the South west by Pearl Street, on the Southeast by Franklin Street, and on the Northeast by Main Street..."

The Texas Historical Marker for the courthouse reads, in part, "The first county building constructed at this site was a jailhouse completed in 1838, two years after the organization of Jefferson County. Located on land acquired from Nancy Tevis, a pioneer settler of the area, it also housed county offices and courts. When the Commissioner's Court outgrew the facility, sessions were held in private homes...."



Photo of early Jefferson County Courthouse, date unknown

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