

2411 Whitney St.  
Houston, Texas  
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Dear Florence: *(under)*

I have decided to sign just after Mrs. McDonald the quit claim deed which states that any misuse or failure of the County authorities to protect and keep up the Civic Center in the town of Montgomery will cause that fine building and its grounds (always known as Court House Square) to revert to the control and ownership of the "Town of Montgomery". My change of mind has come through reading the minutes of the meeting which elected a group of women to replace the ~~the~~ original Trustees. These ~~are~~ all present and active residents of your township, taxpayers and voters. Therefore I feel that my earnest wish to help Montgomery to the full enjoyment of the Civic Center is so now indicated.

A series of untold <sup>oward</sup> occurrences have prevented a second visit to Montgomery. The first, which, you made such a happy occasion, enabled me to see the advances made under T. J. Peel as Commissioner and to realize how my long years ago dreams of a dignified Center for the dear old town have been developed under younger personalities. May it continue to thrive and blossom into beauty and provide pleasure and incentive for the coming generations. My grandchildren are descendants of Zachariah Landrum, soldier of The American Revolution, early signer of Stephan Austin's colony and owners of a Spanich grant previous to Texas Republic. The family records tell of Katherine Landrum Worsham, Narcissa Worsham Willis, Short Adam Willis, Olive Willis Martin and six Martins in the 6th generation from a pioneer settler with a 7th growing group of youngsters to carry his blood. These vital statistics are of value to me and call for my blessing on the future development of Civic Pride in the land. I learned to love while living on a portion called by my husband Short Adam Willis, Williston Farms.

Mary W. Willis.