

Fact #15

### **Harris County Training School for Girls (1914 – 1952)**



When the Harris County Training School for Girls opened in September 1914, it was considered to be the finest school of its kind in the country. The first building was built to house 28 girls. By 1916 60 girls were living there. In 1917 a second cottage named for Ennis Cargill was constructed in 1917. By 1924 four cottages had been built and the school had an enrollment of over 200 girls. The school was known by various names including the Mary Burnett Home, the Harris County School for Girls, and the Bellaire Girls School.

After a small fire in 1951 at the Harris County School for Boys (Clear Lake) which required moving the boys to the Girls School, the HCJPD realized the benefits of a co-ed home in keeping siblings together. The two homes were merged to create the Burnett-Bayland Home in 1952.

For further information about the Juvenile Records in the Harris County Archives, please consult the finding aid <http://www.hctx.net/CmpDocuments/20/Finding%20Aids/FA-JuvenileCR43.pdf> or the archives at 713-368-7640.