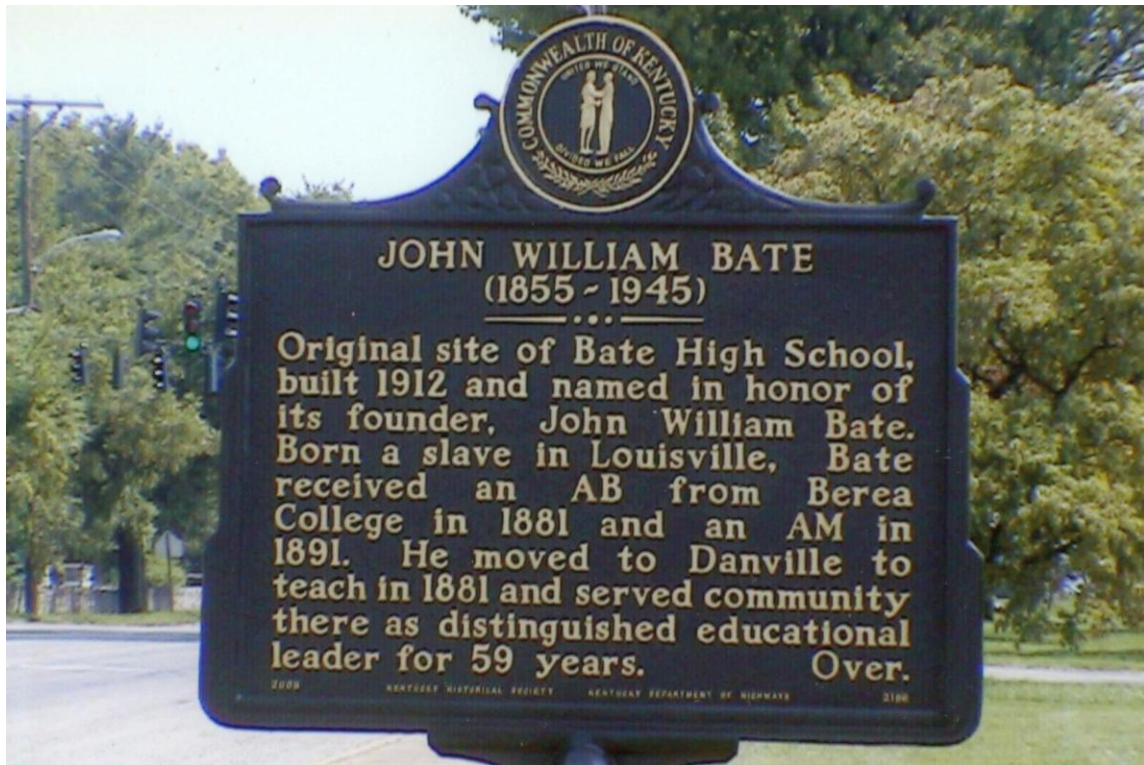


**Dedication of Historical Marker  
For John William Bate  
Saturday, September 10, 2005, 2:00 P.M.**



Danville Advocate-Messenger coverage at  
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**Charles D. Grey, Historian and Emma R. Shannon, President of Bate Alumni Association**





Your  
thoughtfulness  
is appreciated.

THANKS TO YOU AND ALL  
FOR YOUR CONTINUING EFFORTS  
WITH THE HISTORY OF  
JOHN W. BATE.

THE EVENT ON SAT. WAS  
TRULY A WONDERFUL TIME!

GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND TO  
MEET OTHERS. SINCERELY M. PEELER

Emma R. Shannon, President of Bate Alumni Association and Charles D. Grey, Historian



**Portrait of Professor John William Bate**



**Bate School Building**





You are cordially invited to attend the unveiling of a state historic marker  
on the original site of Bate High School  
built in 1912 and named in honor of its founder

### **John William Bate**

Saturday, September 10, 2005  
2:00 p.m.

Bate Middle School  
460 Stanford Avenue  
Danville, Kentucky

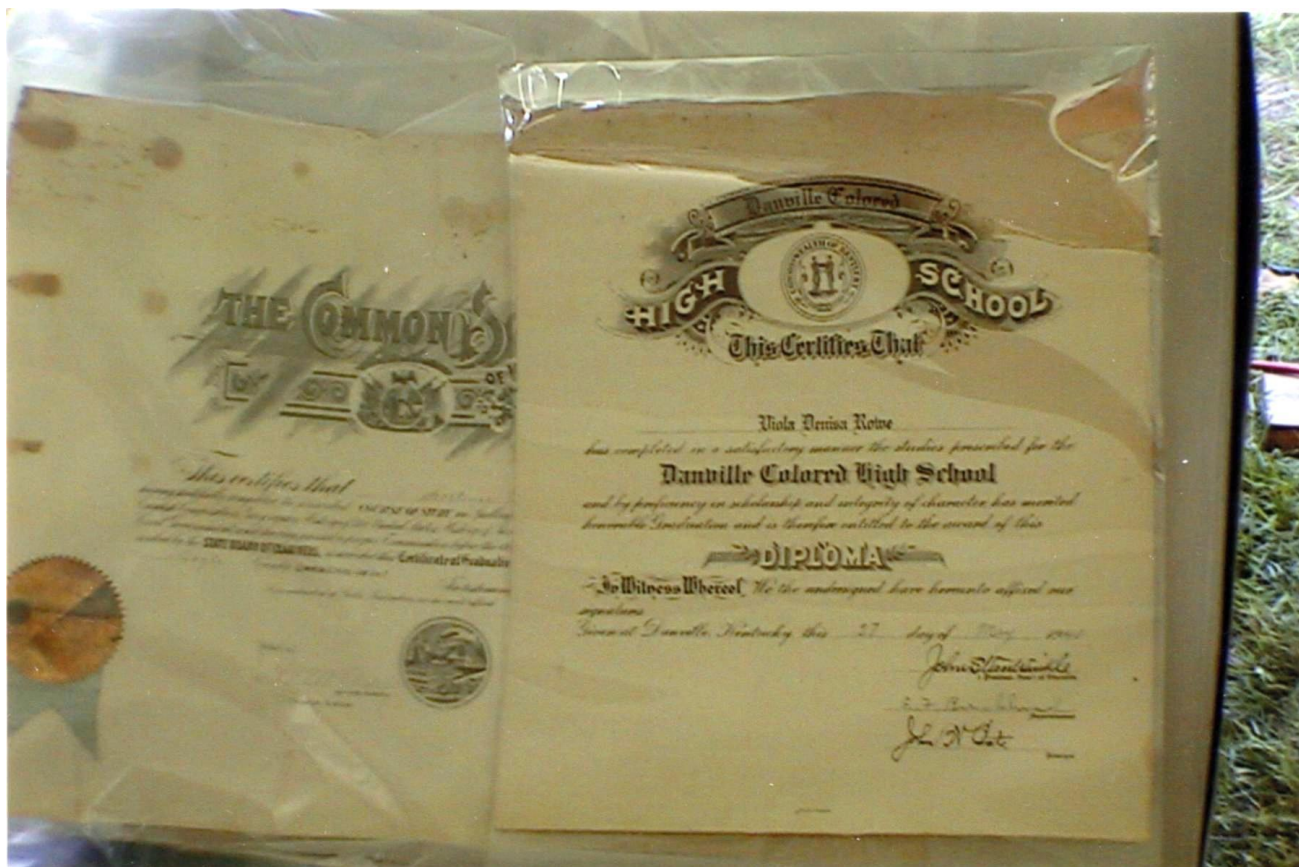
*"I found a one-room school and I left a building of twenty rooms.  
I was the one teacher and now there are 15. I found 6 students and left a school with 600."*  
John William Bate

### **Invitation for the Event**



**Historical documents about Prof. Bate**





Bate High School Diplomas



Portrait of the Building





**Historical Marker 2186 - Original site of Bate High School, built 1912 and named in honor of its founder, John William Bate. Born a slave in Louisville, Bate received an AB from Berea College in 1881 and an AM in 1891. He moved to Danville to teach in 1881 and served community there as distinguished educational leader for 59 years. Over.**



**Historical Marker 2186 - Retiring at age 85, Bate noted: "I found a one-room school and I left a building of twenty rooms. I was the one teacher and now there are 15. I found 6 students and left a school with 600." His foresight and dedication provided opportunities for African American children to achieve. Over. Given by Danville Bd. of Ed./Bate Alumni Assoc.**





**Charles D Grey, Emma Shannon, Monroe Peeler**



**Emma Shannon, Monroe Peeler**





Historical Marker 2186



Historical Marker 2186





**Richard Brown, Stuart Sanders and others in attendance**



**Ms. Amelia Burton**





**Stuart Sanders**



**Amos Hubbard**



**Jean Crowley, Chairperson**



**Robert E. Rowland, Superintendent**





**Ronnie McCowan. Seated: Helen Guest, Norman and Joan Barleston**



**Dr. Larry Shinn, President, Berea College**



**Emma Shannon, President of Bate Alumni Association**



**Monroe Peeler, Grandson of Prof. Bate**





**Monroe Peeler**



**Persons in attendance at the Marker dedication**





**Emma Shannon and Steve Becker unveiling Historical Marker**



**Emma Shannon viewing Marker**





**Emma Shannon**



**Historical Marker and Palm Beach building in background**



**S. T. Roach, speaking**



**S. T. Roach and James Atkins**





**Ms. Helen Fisher Frye**



**Ms. Helen Frye and Mr. John Frye**



**Emma Rose Shannon, Monroe Peeler and Dr. Shinn**



**Dr. Betty Sue Griffith**





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**Standing, Emma Shannon. Seated, Ruth Robinson and Viola Gross**



**First Baptist Church Male Chorus: Gary Johnson, Wayne Hawkins, Jeff Townsend, Johnny Lofton, Jerry Jones, Norman Barleston, Ivory Yocum, Elis Tillman, Calvin Bedinger, Raymond Houston**





**First Baptist Church Male Chorus**



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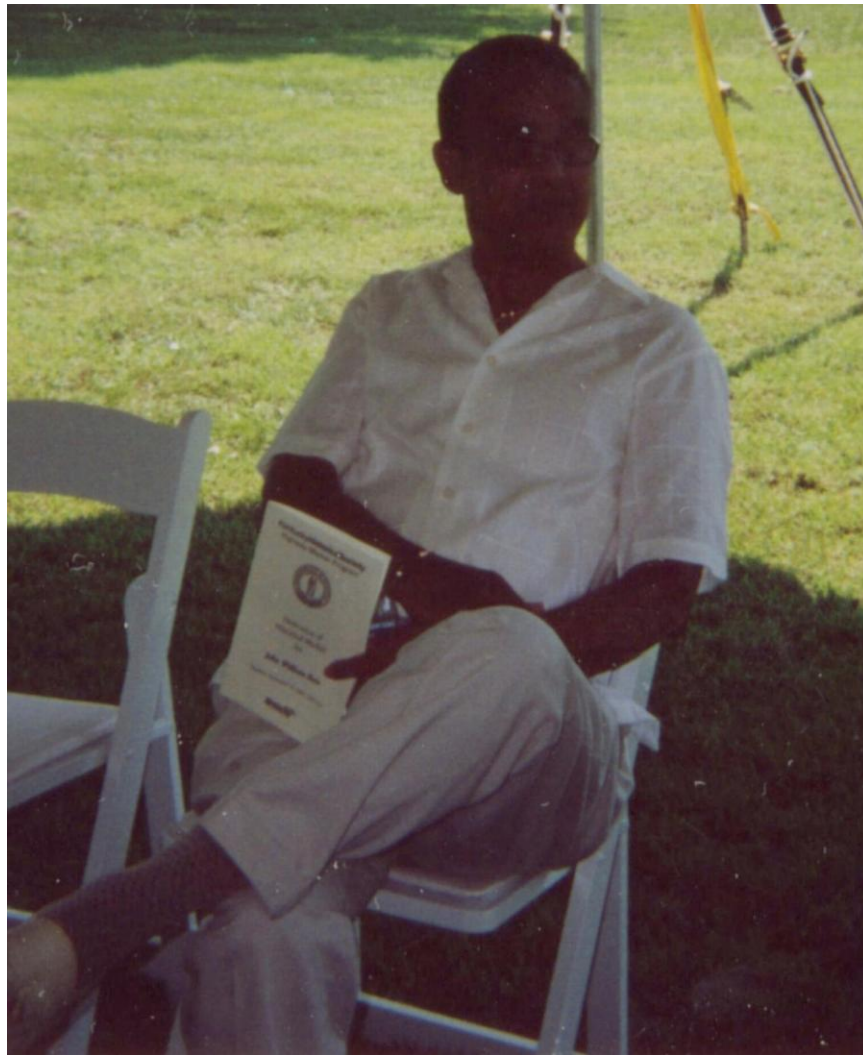


**Thomas Revely and others in attendance**



**Helen Guest, Joan Barleston and Norman Barleston**





**Charles Farley**



**Persons in attendance**





**Michael Godbey, Principal, Bate Middle School**



**Bate Middle School Sign**





**Ms. Lillian Davis**



**People in attendance**





**Dr. Griffith and Bill Nighbert**



**Alumni and others in attendance**





**Ruth Rowe Robinson**



**Viola Gross**





**Loudetta Robinson**



**Bob Rowland and Amos Hubbard**





**Florine Gray McPherson**



**Mamie Davis and Florine Gray McPherson**





**People in attendance**



**People in attendance**





**Francis Cooper Whitley, Betty Sue Griffith, and Monroe Peeler**



**Betty Sue Griffith, unidentified and Monroe Peeler**





**Ruth Rowe Robinson and Viola Gross**



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**Tillie Stallworth and Carolyn Prince**



**Mae Guest and Helen Guest**





**Paul Smith and Monroe Peeler**

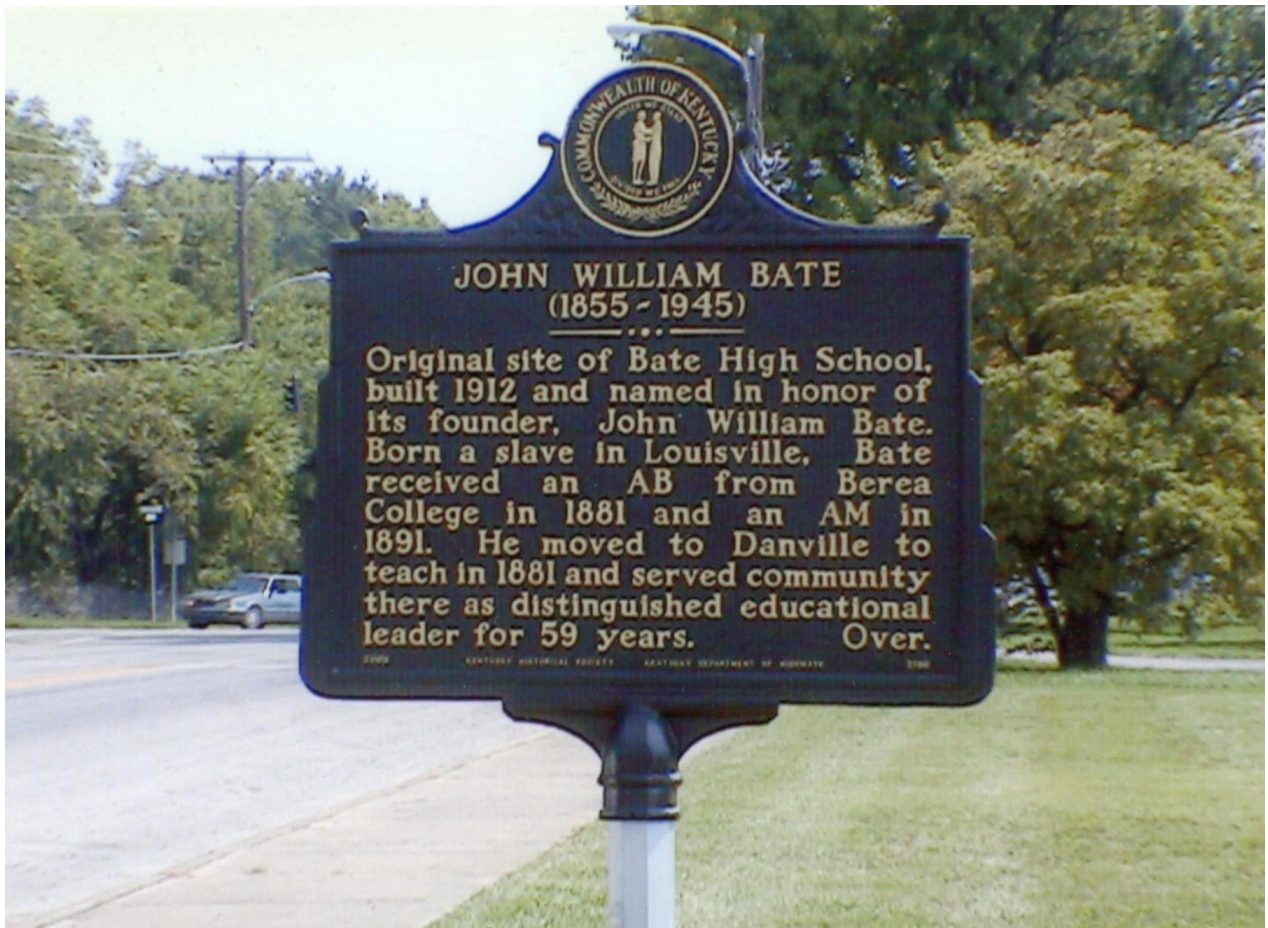


**Jerry Jones and Francis Whitley**





**Johnny Lofton, Cecile Napier and Richard Brown**



**Highway marker**





**Lillian Davis and Mae Guest viewing Highway Marker**