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POLAROID

Began to work - porch torn down
Dr. R. H. Smith House

The way it looks today - facing Main St.



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 475-3092

August 20, 1984

Duane Gage
TCJC NE Campus
828 Harwood
Hurst, Texas 76054

Dear Duane:

Our staff has made a preliminary review of the Dr. Robert Smith House marker application. Before we can complete our evaluation, however, our architectural advisors need to see an historic photo of the structure. It is evident that several changes have been made and the best way to document the changes would be with an early photograph.

Also, how far was the home moved during the 1920s street expansion?

Any documents you can provide regarding the original style of the home will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

DKU/cy



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P.O. BOX 12276

May 31, 1984

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 475-3092

Duane Gage
828 Harwood
Hurst, Texas 76054

RE: DR. ROBERT H. SMITH HOUSE
16" x 12" Building marker without post

Dear Mr. Gage:

This letter is to notify you that we have received the above referenced marker application.

The application first will be reviewed and evaluated by the Texas Historical Commission staff. Should additional information be needed, you will be contacted. After any deficiencies have been corrected, copies of the application will be sent to the members of the State Marker Committee, who will make the final determination of the topic's acceptability for marking.

You will be notified as soon as the committee makes its decision. If the topic is approved for marking we will request payment at the time of notification. If not approved, the application will be returned along with a letter of explanation.

Because of the variables involved in the marker process and because we must coordinate our orders with the schedule of a contracting foundry, we would ask that the dedication dates not be set until you have received notice that the marker has been shipped.

We appreciate your interest in preserving the history of Texas.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

DKU/cy
cc: Ronnie Feemster



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512) 475-3092

October 25, 1985

Duane Gage
TCJC NE Campus
828 Harwood
Hurst, Texas 76054

Dear Duane:

The State Marker Committee has completed its review of the Dr. Robert H. Smith House marker application. Because of changes to the structure, some of which were made by previous owners over the years, and because the home's architectural style is not unlike that of many homes across the state, the committee has determined the home is not eligible for a state marker.

Although the committee's decision is final, it is in no way intended to detract from the owner's pride in their home. They have worked very hard to save the old home and the committee appreciates their efforts. The committee feels, however, that the home does not meet the state standards of architectural or historical significance.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

DKU/lm
cc: Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie F. Feemster

TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev. 8-82)

A13NW

1. County Tarrant 5. USGS Quad No. _____ Site No. A2
 City/Rural Ashe UTM Sector _____
 2. Name Dr. Bob Smith 6. Date: Factual _____ Est. 1900
 Address 173 S. Main Street, Ashe 7. Architect/Builder _____ Contractor _____

3. Owner Ronnie and Carol Freeman 8. Style/Type _____
 Address _____ 9. Original Use house
 4. Block/Lot _____ Present Use house (to be C.P.A. Office)

10. Description A 2-story L-plan wood frame house clad in narrow wood siding with interlocking hip roofs flared at the ends. Windows are simply framed double hung windows. Two chimneys. One story addition in rear.

11. Present Condition good; in process of being restored.
 12. Significance _____

13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site (describe) On Main Street near old commercial area of Ashe.

14. Bibliography _____ 15. Informant _____
 16. Recorder JHD Date 3/30/83

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____ B&W 4x5's _____ Slides _____

RTHL HABS (no.) TEX- 35 mm Negs.

NR: Individual Historic District
 Thematic Multiple-Resource

YEAR DRWR ROLL FRME ROLL FRME

NR File Name _____

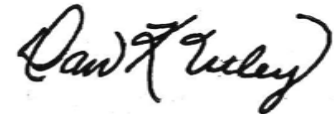
				to		
				to		
				to		

Other _____

Dr. Robert Smith House

The Research Department staff has completed their review of the above marker application and forwarded their findings on to the State Marker Committee. You will be notified of the Committee's decision within the next few weeks. After that, the application will be placed with others waiting to be written.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan K. Utley".

Dan K. Utley
Director of Research

Perhaps you can use this
after you apply your
magical touch -

Ruth

J. R. Walker — sold Block 3 to
Dr. R. H. Smith — He built this house
J. B. Sessions — next owner
W. E. Selden — He died — his wife
married again — her
name Johnnie Lee Woodard
Mrs Woodard sold this house to
Ronnie Teemster & Carolyn, his wife —
They are present owners.

I didn't know if I should send all
these copies or if this ~~would~~
story would be alright —

B. Carter

Mr. Gage -

Am sending the pictures of The Dr. R.H. Smith house - I couldn't get a picture in black + white of how it looked before, and I couldn't give an architectural description - I would say it was "siding" on the outside - does that help?

The only change - The porch + upstairs porch also were not extended to the South side of house - In the 1920's when Azle began to grow and began to talk about a highway through Azle - They had to make the street wider. They moved all the houses on the West side of Main St. back - The Sessions lived there then and decided that it was too much trouble to move that porch around the corner on the South side - So porch only extends across front.

I'm sure Mr. McCon and Mr. Pat Rogers built the house - they were all only Carpenters. Dr. Bob's father was Dr. Hugh Gatewood Smith a

Station - updates front - left the back pad off

TO Gage
 DATE _____ TIME _____
WHILE YOU WERE OUT
 M Bea Carter
 OF Ayle 444-3512
 PHONE 444-3512
 AREA NUMBER EXTENSION
 TELEPHONED PLEASE CALL
 CALLED TO SEE YOU WILL CALL AGAIN
 WANTS TO SEE YOU URGENT
 RETURNED YOUR CALL
 MESSAGE Urgent

when 1920s -
Hiboy - Linden Street
 SIGNED _____ Set it Back

ReWrite
HEWLETT-PACKARD - DALLAS, TX 75201

◆Scribbletext◆

74210-WHITE
74200-PINK

TO Gage
 DATE 5-22 TIME _____
WHILE YOU WERE OUT
 M Freemster
 OF _____
 PHONE 444-2500
 AREA NUMBER EXTENSION
 TELEPHONED PLEASE CALL
 CALLED TO SEE YOU WILL CALL AGAIN
 WANTS TO SEE YOU URGENT
 RETURNED YOUR CALL
 MESSAGE re: Dr. Robert H. Ayle - 173 W. Main
is correct
address.
 SIGNED _____

◆Scribbletext◆

THE ROBERT H. SMITH HOME
"THIS OLD HOUSE"

BY BEATRICE CARTER
604 Hwy 199 E
AZLE, TEXAS

The Robert H. Smith Home, a tall graceful two-story frame residential structure at 173 South Main Street Azle, ~~This is the story of a house, a house that has been lived in for many years. It has been painted many times, the inside papered with wall paper and renovated over and over, but the old house at 173 West Main Street in Azle, Texas has weathered many storms and is still the most beautiful house in Azle.~~

^{considered} ^{early day} The Robert H. Smith Home commands a prominent place on the ^{most prominent} Back in 1894, some of the most influential men in Azle, ^{the community} decided ^{organize their community.} that they needed to do something about the place where they lived.

^{the settlement} At first ~~it~~ was known simply as Fowler's store, but a Baptist church had been built in 1871, and ^{under P} a post office was established September 5, 1881, it was first named O-Bar¹, but ^{on} November 6, 1883, the name was changed to Azle, after Dr. Azle Stewart, one of the first ^{physicians} ~~doctors~~ in this area. In 1894 the

^{community fathers} ~~These same men~~ hired a group of surveyors, Goodfellow and Williams,² Civil Engineers of Fort Worth, to make a map or plat of the village of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas. Those listed as owning real estate in this area, accepted and adopted the map or plat drawn up by the surveyors. Those who signed ^{the plat} ~~this~~ were: Joseph Fowler, J. T. Jamison, Jno. H. Snodgrass, J.R. Walker, W. F. Gordon, W.W. Gregg, M.H. Grigsby, Mary E. Stewart, and J. A. Cozby.³

^{document was} This ~~was~~ notarized by D. B. Winstead, a J.P. and ex-officio Notary Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas. It was dated ~~the 8th day~~ ^{8,} February, 1894. It was filed for record February 27, 1894 ~~at~~ ~~AM~~ and recorded March 9, 1894 ~~at 8 AM~~ by John P. King, County Clerk, Tarrant County Recorder.⁴

1894 Plat map

The map that was made of Azle contains three streets, Main, Church, and Stewart. On the East side of Main street were blocks 1-4-5-7 and on the West side of Main street were blocks 2-3-6.

^{Smith} The house we are writing about ^{would be built} is on the West side of Main Street, lot ^{three} ~~one~~ ^{is} Block three.⁶

of a tract owned by Mr and Mrs J. R. Walker, who sold it to Dr. R. H. Smith. ~~J. R. Walker and wife, Ida Walker for~~ ^{on April 5, 1904, for \$300.00.}⁷

three hundred dollars (\$300.00) paid by R. H. Smith, County of Tarrant, State of Texas. Bargain and first claim release unto the said R.H.Smith, subject to interest and estate in and to the following tract block three(3) of the original town plat of the town of Azle, as shown by the plat thereof in the records of Tarrant County Texas. To have and to hold the above described premises unto the said R.H.Smith, his heirs and assigns forever. Grantor holds such land under tax deeds of date, April 5, 1904 and quit claims, said rights and interests and claims - There is no other one. Witness our hands at Azle, Texas."

J.R.Walker
Ida Walker

This was notarized by D.B.Winstead, November 24, 1905
Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas.

at the time when Dr. "Bob" Smith purchased the lot from Walker, when Dr. "Bob" Smith bought the house April 5, 1904, he and his family lived just across the street on ~~East~~ ^{the east} side of Main Street and he immediately began to plan his home on his ^{new} lot on the West side Main Street. On this lot there was an old house that had to be torn down and the site cleared before he could build. The year 1905 was spent clearing the land and building his home. It wasn't until 1906 that he moved into his new house.⁸

This two-story house is still standing today. There were four rooms upstairs and four rooms downstairs. A double fireplace that heated two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs. A beautiful stairway

~~HOME IN AZLE~~

The physical appearance of the Robert H. Smith house in the old commercial section of Azle is most pleasing. It has ~~This tall and graceful two story house on Main Street in Azle, Texas has~~ the look of an important house of ~~the late nineteenth century gentry.~~ ^{early twentieth}

← It is a clap-board frame dwelling with a hipped roof and wide overhanging eaves. The house reposes in a natural setting of trees. There is a look of early East Texas with its wide verandas, ^{somewhat} atypical for North Central Texas. ~~The porches denote the strong influence of southern architecture.~~ ^{The flaring hip roofs are typical of the period, but the two-story L-plan is not.} The generous porches give an air of opulence and are more than just decorative, as they have a practicibility in the warm climates of the ante-bellum south. →

← There is a refinement in the balustrades ^{because of} the extra amount of detailed work in the turnings of the spindles. This ~~has mostly been reserved for interiors of houses in this period and locality.~~ ^{feature usually was} The balustrades on both stories of this structure are supported by square pillars. →

← The recessed porch extends two-thirds across the front. There are brick chimneys to each side of the hipped roof. The wide sash windows and doors upstairs are identical to the downstairs placement of windows and doors, giving it a formal plan.

As the porch wraps around to the southside, the window placement remains symmetrical. There is an open outside stairway leading to a wood door upstairs that has a sunburst pattern of glass. ~~At an earlier period the double porches extended along the south giving it a more pleasing appearance.~~

The lower floor juts out at the back ^{on} of the southside and continues across the back forming another porch downstairs, supported by four square pillars. This porch has a shed roof. The window placement remains symmetrical, although there is no upstairs porch.

The north side is plain, simple, and symmetrical with the jut-out at the back of the house. Originally the structure contained four rooms upstairs and four downstairs, with double fireplaces heating two rooms upstairs and two downstairs. a beautiful stairway led from the center of the house to the upstairs.?

~~from the center of the house led to the upstairs.~~

Dr. Smith's
His purpose in building such a large house was so they ^{family} could board the school teachers who didn't ^{not} live in Azle. Doctors in that day didn't ^{not} make much money, many people paid ^{Dr. Smith} him with produce or something they grew in the garden. His wife was a good cook and the teachers were fortunate to live there, for the school was only about a half a block away, just at the end of Main street, and they could walk to school. This was a good arrangement for about twelve years. ^{Then,} ~~and~~ when his oldest daughter went away to college and his son moved into the city, Dr. Bob decided he would like to move his office in ^a to Fort Worth over ~~the~~ drug store on North Main Street.

Consequently in 1918 *Dr. Smith*
One day, he was walking down the street with his neighbor, J.B. Sessions, and he told him about wanting to move into the city. He asked ~~Mr.~~ Sessions if he would like to buy his house. Mr. Sessions asked how much for the house. When he was told \$1000.00 cash, he said, "Just wait, I'll be back." When ~~he~~ ^{Sessions returned} came back he had the cash. Mr. J.B. Sessions was given a receipt for the thousand dollar payment and the signatures of R.H. Smith were notarized by ~~Mary Smith, Notary Public in and for Tarrant County Texas.~~ ^{Deed Records on}

~~29th day of April, 1918 at 9:05 A.M. and recorded May 11, 1918~~
April 29, 1918. 10
~~at 9:50 A.M. signed by R.L. Wilcox, Deputy Charles H. Rose, County~~

~~(new paragraph) A.B.~~
It was while ~~Mr.~~ ^{A.B.} Sessions was living in this house that ^{city and coo officials} the ~~city fathers~~ decided they needed to widen the street, for so many people now had automobiles. They decided to move all the houses ^{the west} on one side back to widen the main street, ^{and} so this included ~~Mr.~~ ^{the}

Sessions house, but it didn't harm it at all, This was 1922 or ¹⁹²⁴.
~~As a result of the move, portions 10 of the two-story porch was~~
~~Mr. J.B. Sessions died January 8, 1936 - he willed everything to~~
~~removed, a back room was added and outside utilitarian~~
~~his wife, Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Sessions.~~
stairs were built to extend from the upper rear door.

(new 4) J. B. Sessions died January 8, 1936, after having willed ⁴⁵ everything to his wife, Sarah Ophelia Sessions. # 25, Mrs. Sessions lived in this house until the 25th day of August, 1943, ^{when} ~~on that date~~ she sold this house to W.E. Seiden. # 2

~~Mr. W.E. Seiden filed the deed 27th day of August, 1943 at 10:01~~
~~O'clock A.M. and recorded it August 31st, 1943, volume 1589~~
~~on page 493, Tarrant County Courthouse. Mr. W.E. Seiden died June~~
13, 1944. He willed everything to his wife, Johnnie and two daughters, Nancy and Bill Ann Seiden. Johnnie never moved into ^{the} ~~this~~ house, ^{for} she owned ~~her~~ ^a home across the street and continued to live there. Sometime later she married again and her husband's father and mother lived in this house, She was now Johnnie Lee Woodard. # 12

On the 23rd day of February, 1983, Johnnie Lee Woodard sold this house to Ronnie F. Feemster and wife Carolyn A. Feemster of 820 Vickie, Azle, Texas. ¹³ 76020. # 13

The Feemsters have ^{restored} ~~remodeled~~ and painted this old house without changing anything but the color of the paint ^(it is a slate blue) and they really made it a thing of beauty which looks as if it would last forever. As an elderly ^{native} citizen of Azle, this researcher is grateful that this wonderful structure whose history spans ~~the~~ most of the town's existence, is being preserved as an historical structure.

FOOTNOTES →

- X 1 Federal Post Office records, a copy of which is included in ~~Bar~~ the official Texas historical marker application for "Azle Post Office," which see.
- 2 Goodfellows & Williams, (Courthouse records) Plat Records, Tarrant County Records.
- X 3 The names of signers listed on ^{plat} map of Azle in Museum, a copy of 1616.
- 4 Tarrant Courthouse records *Ibid.*
- 5 (3) Streets named on *ibid.*
- 6 Tarrant County map of Azle *Ibid.*
- 7 Deed to R.H. Smith by ~~Walkers~~ J.R. Walker and Ida Walker, Tarrant County Deed Records, filed November 24, 1905. For biographic information on Dr. Smith, see Appendix A.
- 8 Personal knowledge by B. Carter. I was 6 years old in 1906 started to school. Dr. Bob's youngest daughter was my best friend and I spent the night in that old house where they lived while building the new house. I spent a lot of time with this family as long as they lived in Azle.
- 9 architectural description provided by Ruth Beuter Stone and 1983
- 10 9 Receipt for \$1,000.00 paid to R.H. Smith, ~~and by Tarrant County Deed Records~~ in Tarrant County Deed Records, recorded May 11, 1918.
- 10 11 Ash Creek Cemetery Records.
- 10 11 J.B. Sessions died January 8, 1936
- 11 12 Deed of Trust to W.E. Selden - signed by Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Sessions, August 27, 1943. In Tarrant County Deed Records, Vol. 1589, p. 493.
- 12 13 Mrs. Johnnie Lee Woodard (formerly Selden) sold house to Ronnie and Carolyn Feemster February 23, 1983. Tarrant County Deed Records, Vol. 7456, p. 816.

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13. 173 W. Main Street Dr. Bob Smith House 1908; 1983

Dr. Bob Smith, one of the few physicians in the Azle area in the early 1900's, had this house built in 1908. It was sold in 1918 to Jerry Sessions, a successful farmer and landowner, who lived here until 1943. The flaring hip roofs are typical of the period; the two-story L-plan is not. The original two-story porch has been removed. The present owners are partially restoring the house and converting it to offices.

14. 509 Park Street House c. 1906
NR*

This rectangular gabled house with full front porch has vertical board-and-batten siding and a double-pen plan. "Double pen" refers to a house two rooms wide with two central front entrances, each leading into one of the rooms, with the entrances flanked by windows. G.W. Dallman, an Azle blacksmith, lived here from about 1920 to 1946. Following completion of further documentation to discover the date of construction and original owner, the house may be eligible for the National Register as an excellent example of an historical house type in Tarrant County.

15. 1300 Park Street William Smith House c. 1895;
and Log Smokehouse c. 1940

This house and log smokehouse were owned as early as 1900 by William Smith, an early black resident of the Azle area. The smokehouse is in excellent condition. The house received a new front wing around 1940.

16. 1409 Park Street Henry Smith House c. 1900;
and Log Barn c. 1915

Henry Smith, son of William Smith (see No. 15), was the husband of Alberta Johnson, whose grandfather, Charles Young, had been deeded twenty-five acres in the area by J.J. Jarvis in the 1880's. Henry and Alberta Smith bought and moved the front two rooms of an old house onto the property, and Henry built the existing log crib around 1915. Descendants of Henry and Alberta Smith live on the property.

17. 208 N. Stewart Street Dunaway House 1935; 1948

The stone house was built by George and Freda Dunaway in 1935, and enlarged with a breezeway, two rooms and a garage in 1948. George Dunaway was the grandson of T.A. Dunaway, who settled in Azle in the 1880's. The Dunaways still reside here.

18. 625 N. Stewart Street Wetzel House 1950-55

Kellum H. Wetzel designed and built this house in the early 1950's. Wetzel had studied architecture, supervised trade extension adult

WORK SHEET

Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey

The following items are numbered to correspond with entries on the Texas Historic Sites Inventory form (rev. 8/82).

2. NAME (original owner's name, if residence; or building name, if commercial, professional, governmental, church, etc.):

Dr. Bob Smith

ADDRESS (preferably street address; if not available, mailing address):

173 S. Main Street

3. OWNER (current owner): Ronnie F. Feemster

ADDRESS (mailing address of current owner): 820 Vickie, F.W. 96020

4. BLOCK/LOT (if rural, other legal description): City of Azle Addition

B1 3, All of lot 3 less W. 152'

6. DATE (date of construction and any major alteration(s)/addition(s)):

1908

7. ARCHITECT/BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

9. ORIGINAL USE/PRESENT USE (if not obvious from field survey):

house / office

SECOND REGIMENT INFANTRY,

Part of the 1st Kentucky

ROSTER FIELD AND STAFF, SECOND REGIMENT INFANTRY.

	NAME	RANK	WHEN ENLISTED	WHERE ENLISTED	MUSTERED OUT	
					When	Where
1	J. M. Hawes.....	Colonel.....	July 17, 1861..	Bourbon Co., Ky.....		
2	Roger W. Hanson.....	Colonel.....	Aug. 19, 1861..	Winchester, Ky.....		
3	Robert A. Johnson.....	Colonel.....	Dec. 13, 1862..	Louisville, Ky.....		
4	Phillip Lightfoot Lee.....	Colonel.....	Aug. 31, 1864..	Bullitt Co., Ky.....		
5	James W. Moss.....	Colonel.....		Greensburg, Ky.....		
6	James W. Hewett.....	Lieut. Colonel.....	Dec. 13, 1862..	Kanawha, Va.....		
7	Hervey McDowell.....	Lieut. Colonel.....		Lexington, Ky.....		
8	Samuel K. Hays.....	Captain and A. Q. M.....	July 1861..	Covington, Ky.....		
9	William T. Estep.....	Captain and A. Q. M.....	July 1861..	Covington, Ky.....		
10	Richard T. Wintersmith.....	Captain and A. C. S.....	July 1861..	Hardin Co., Ky.....		
11	Charles W. Helm.....	Captain and A. C. S.....	Oct. 1, 1862..	Warrenton, Va.....		
12	Rice E. Graves.....	Adjutant.....	Aug. 1, 1861..	Daviess Co., Ky.....		
13	Thomas E. Moss.....	Adjutant.....		Green Co., Ky.....		
14	B. M. Wible.....	Surgeon.....	July 19, 1861..	Louisville, Ky.....		
15	Hugh G. Smith.....	Surgeon.....	Sept. 14, 1862..	Owenton, Ky.....		
16	Theodore Steele.....	Surgeon.....				
17	H. W. Dudley.....	Asst. Surgeon.....	Oct. 1861..	Lexington, Ky.....		
18	John C. Scott.....	Asst. Surgeon.....	Nov. 27, 1862..	Franklin Co., Ky.....		
19	Arthur T. Forman.....	Asst. Surgeon.....	June 21, 1863..	Danville, Ky.....		
20	R. C. Thomas.....	Asst. Surgeon.....		Bowling Green, Ky.....		
21	G. H. Overton.....	Chaplain.....	July 19, 1861..	Meade Co., Ky.....		
22	Joseph Desha Pickett.....	Chaplain.....	Nov. 5, 1862..	Maysville, Ky.....		

HUSBAND'S NAME HUGH GATEWOOD SMITH

When Born 26 SEPTEMBER 1829 Where OWEN COUNTY KENTUCKY
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
 When Buried _____ Where LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
 When Married _____ Where _____
 Other Wives (if any) # 1, ELIZABETH F. FORD, # 2, LAURA C. FORD
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 His Father SAMUEL SMITH His Mother's Maiden Name POLLY BOND

JOHN HERBERT HOLMES
 (Husband's Full Name)

BILLIE JEAYNE FLOYD
 (Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from
SMITH FAMILY RECORDS
OWEN CO, KY, COURT RECORDS.

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME ELIZABETH F. FORD

When Born _____ Where _____
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died _____ Where _____
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husb. (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____

Date _____
 Compiler BILLIE J. FLOYD HOLMES
 Address 725 SILVER CREEK ROAD
 City AZLE State TX. 76020

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
M	1 BEN FORD	8	SEPT.	1855	OWEN	KY	9	AUG.	1889	Date _____ To _____	
F	2 MARY	8	AUG.	1857	OWEN	KY	31	AUG.	1858	Date _____ To _____	
M	3 ROBERT HORACE	22	JUNE	1861	OWEN	KY	5	JUNE	1929	Date _____ To <u>STELLA WINSTEAD</u>	
F	4 CORA BAILEY	21	OCT.	1865	OWEN	KY	27	AUG.	1902	Date _____ To <u>ALBERT LODLE</u>	
F	5 MARY STAIR	17	APRIL	1868	OWEN	KY	26	MAY	1950	Date _____ To <u>NEVER MARRIED</u>	
	6									Date _____ To _____	
	7									Date _____ To _____	
	8									Date _____ To _____	
	9									Date _____ To _____	
	10									Date _____ To _____	
	11									Date _____ To _____	
	12									Date _____ To _____	
	13									Date _____ To _____	

HUSBAND'S NAME SAMUEL SMITH

When Born 1798 Where CARROLL COUNTY KENTUCKY
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died 1844 Where NEAR HARTFORD (OHIO CO. KY.)
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 When Married 22 MARCH 1827 Where OWEN COUNTY KENTUCKY
 Other Wives (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 His Father JAMES SMITH His Mother's Maiden Name BETSY SANDERS

JOHN HERBERT HOLMES
 (Husband's Full Name)
BILLIE JEAYNE (FLOYD) HOLMES
 (Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from
SMITH FAMILY RECORDS

OWEN COUNTY COURT RECORDS,
DEEDS, MARRIAGE, GUARDIAN BOND,
HISTORY OF TEXAS, BIOGRAPHICAL
TARRANT AND PARKER COUNTIES

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME POLLY BOND

When Born 1808 Where SCOTT COUNTY KENTUCKY
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died 1844 Where NEAR HARTFORD (OHIO CO. KY.)
 When Buried _____ Where _____
 Other Husb. (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 Her Father ROBERT BOND Her Mother's Maiden Name FANNY SAYLES

(PAGE 615) CHICAGO, THE LEWIS
PUBLISHING CO. 1895
 Date _____
 Compiler BILLIE J. (FLOYD) HOLMES
 Address 725 SILVER CREEK ROAD
 City AZLE State TX. 76020

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	Day		Month	Year		
M	1 HUGH GATEWOOD	26	SEPT.	1829	OWENTON	OWEN	KY	B. LOUISIVILLE KY.	Date	To	ELIZABETH F. FORD	
M	2 JOHN PETER	16	SEPT.	1831		OWEN	KY	B. E. OAKWOOD 11 APRIL 1901	Date	To	16 OCTOBER 1867 MRS. MARY YOUNG FOX	
M	3 LEWIS BOND	17	JUNE	1833		OWEN	KY	BURIED, AZLE 10 OCT. 1889	Date	To	NOT MARRIED	
M	4 ROBERT THOMAS	5	APRIL	1835		OWEN	KY	BURIED, AZLE 7 JAN. 1916	Date #	To #	1 MISS ALLIE SNOW 2 DELLA ?	
M	5 SAMUEL	26	AUG.	1837		OWEN	KY	INFANT	Date	To		
M	6 JAMES HENRY	14	NOV.	1840		OWEN	KY	BURIED, AZLE 4 NOV. 1891	Date	To	5 SEPTEMBER 1869 JENNIE FLORENCE HESTER	
M	7 SAMUEL PEYTON	14	AUG.	1843		OWEN	KY	BURIED, AZLE 9 NOV. 1925	Date	To	LOTTIE CLINGMAN	
	8								Date	To		
	9								Date	To		
	10								Date	To		
	11								Date	To		
	12								Date	To		
	13								Date	To		

Family Group Sheet, Form P-2
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 * If burial date is known on children and not death date, write
 burial date, prefix (Bur). Use reverse side for additional info.

4-11-84

Marty, please send me the historic resources data on the Dr. Bob Smith House on Main Street in Azle.... We have an application for a marker....

Thanks, D. Gray

Returning
approved
info 4-13-84
Marty



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WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, JOHNNIE LEE WOODARD, NANCY JEANNE SELDEN FOSTER a/k/a NANCY JEANNE SELDEN GILLEY, and BILL ANN SELDEN McBRIDE, the said NANCY JEANNE SELDEN FOSTER and BILL ANN SELDEN McBRIDE acting by and through their attorney-in-fact, JOHNNIE LEE WOODARD of the County of Tarrant and State of Texas for and in

consideration of the sum of TEN AND NO/100----- DOLLARS (\$10.00)-----

and other valuable consideration to the undersigned paid by the grantee herein named, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration of

- 1. The execution and delivery by grantees of their one certain promissory note of even date herewith, in the principal sum of FORTY-TWO THOUSAND (\$42,000.00) AND NO/100 DOLLARS, payable to the order of Azle State Bank, at its office in Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, as herein provided and bearing interest at the rates therein specified and providing for acceleration of maturity in event of default and for attorney's fees.

the payment of which note is secured by the vendor's lien herein retained, and is additionally secured by a deed of trust of even date herewith to Trustee,

have GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY unto RONNIE F. FEEMSTER and wife, CAROLYN A. FEEMSTER, of 820 Vickie, Azle, Parker County, Texas 76020,

of the County of Parker and State of Texas, all of the following described real property in Tarrant County, Texas, to-wit:

All of that certain tract known as 173 West Main Street in the City of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING a portion of Block 3 in the ORIGINAL TOWN OF AZLE, Tarrant County,

(Continued from other side)

Texas, according to plat recorded in Volume 63, Page 141, Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at iron pin for corner being the most Southerly Southwest corner of a tract conveyed to Thrift Oil Company by deed recorded in Volume 4788, Page 896, Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas, and known as the West 152.0 feet of Block 3, ORIGINAL TOWN OF AZLE;

THENCE South 55°00' East, 139.0 feet to iron pin for corner;

THENCE North 41°56'25" East, 176.0 feet to iron pin for corner in the Southwest line of Main Street, said point lying in a curve to the right;

THENCE in a Northwesterly direction along said curve and street and at all times 50.0 feet parallel from the centerline of said street, a distance of 92.0 feet to iron pin for corner, being the most Easterly corner of said Thrift Oil Co. tract;

THENCE South 55°31'00" West, along the Southeast line of said Thrift Oil Co. tract a distance of 196.0 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.479 acres of land.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said grantees, their heirs and assigns forever; and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said premises unto the said grantees, their heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

But it is expressly agreed that the VENDOR'S LIEN, as well as the Superior Title in and to the above described premises, is retained against the above described property, premises and improvements until the above described note and all interest thereon are fully paid according to the face, tenor, effect and reading thereof, when this Deed shall become absolute.

The said Vendor's Lien and Superior Title herein retained are hereby transferred, assigned, sold and conveyed to Azle State Bank, its successors and assigns, the payee named in said note.

EXECUTED this 23rd day of

February, A. D. 1983

Johnnie Lee Woodard
JOHNNIE LEE WOODARD, Attorney-in-fact
for BILL ANN SELDEN McBRIDE

Johnnie Lee Woodard
JOHNNIE LEE WOODARD, Individually

Johnnie Lee Woodard
JOHNNIE LEE WOODARD, Attorney-in-fact
for NANCY JEANNE SELDEN FOSTER, a/k/a
NANCY JEANNE SELDEN GILLEY

to 225 in hand paid by

of the County of Tarrant and State of Texas.

have ^{Bargained} GRANTED, ^{quitclaimed} SOLD AND ^{released} CONVEYED, and by these presents do ^{bargain} GRANT, ^{quitclaim} SELL AND ^{release} CONVEY, unto the said

R. H. Smith

of the County of _____ State of _____ all that certain

all our right, title, interest and estate in and to the following described tract or parcel of land, situated in Tarrant County, Texas, to wit: Book 13, three of the original town plat of the course of which is shown by the plat thereof in the deed records of Tarrant County, Texas together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging, unto the said R. H. Smith his

heirs and assigns, forever. And do hereby bind heirs, executors and administrators, to WARRANT FOREVER DEFEND, all and singular, the said premises unto the said

heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. The grantor holds said land under tax deed

1904 and quitclaims said rights + interests and
WITNESS do hereby bind at the 21 day of November A. D. 1905

Signed and Delivered in Presence of D. R. Falkner

every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or
June A. D. 1905
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ie Higgins.

to claim the same or any part thereof, ~~he grantor holds said land under tax deed~~
of date April 5th 1904 and quitclaims said rights + interests and
claims no other ~~rights~~ ~~interest~~
WITNESS ~~our~~ hand, at ~~the~~ ~~date~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~24~~ day of ~~November~~ A. D. 1905

Signed and Delivered in Presence of

J. R. Walker
Ida Walker

Notary Public
County, Texas
to be the person whose
and consideration therein expressed.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Tarrant
on this day personally appeared

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority
in and for Tarrant County, Texas,
known to me

name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.
Given under my hand and seal of office, this 24 day of November A. D. 1905

H. B. Hinckley
Justice of the Peace
Notary Public Tarrant County, Texas

County, Texas
subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and
Ida Higgins
and declared that she had willingly signed the

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF Tarrant
this day personally appeared
wife of

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority
in and for Tarrant County, Texas,
known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and

having been examined by me, privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said Mrs. Ida Walker
acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and declared that she had willingly signed the
same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 24 day of November A. D. 1905

H. B. Hinckley Justice of the Peace
Notary Public Tarrant County, Texas

R. L. Rogers
County Clerk
Deputy

Filed for record the day of 1905, at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes A. M.
Recorded 1905, at o'clock and 10 minutes P. M.

R. L. Rogers
County Clerk
By Deputy.

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and appurtenances thereto in anywise
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to claim the same or any part thereof.

A. D. 191
County, Texas,

to be the person whose
oses and consideration therein expressed.
A. D. 1917
wards a Notary Public
Tarrant County Texas

County, Texas,
to be the person whose name
consideration therein expressed, and the
e said
act and deed, and she declared that she

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, The above described premises, together with all and singular, the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise
belonging, unto the said *J B Sessions his*
heirs and assigns, forever. And *we* do hereby bind *ourselves our* heirs, executors and administrators, to WARRANT
AND FOREVER DEFEND, all and singular, the said premises unto the said *J B Sessions*
heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

WITNESS *our* hands, at *Fort Worth Texas*, this *26th* day of *April*, A. D. 1918.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

yes
not *cancelled*
R H Smith
Stella Smith

THE STATE OF TEXAS, BEFORE ME, *The undersigned authority*
County of *Tarrant* *R H Smith* a Notary Public in and for *Tarrant* County, Texas,
on this day personally appeared *R H Smith*

known to me to be the person whose name *is* subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that *he* executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.
Given under my hand and seal of office, this *26th* day of *April*, A. D. 1918.

(LS)

Mary S Smith, Notary Public
in and for Tarrant County Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, BEFORE ME, *The undersigned authority*
County of *Tarrant* *Stella Smith* a Notary Public in and for *Tarrant* County, Texas,
on this day personally appeared *Stella Smith* wife of *R H Smith*

~~and~~ *is* his wife, both known to me to be the persons whose names ~~are~~ subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and ~~acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the~~ said ~~_____~~ wife of the said _____

having been examined ~~by me~~ *privately* and apart from her husband, and having the same ~~by me~~ fully explained to her, she, the said *Stella Smith* acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and ~~she~~ declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

TO J. B. Sessions

These Presents:

Rayon
in consideration of
DOLLARS,
and the assumption

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Tarrant

Know all Men by These Presents:

THAT W & R. H. Smith and wife
of the County of Tarrant and State of Texas
the sum of one thousand and no/100 for and
to us Paid secured to be paid by J. B. Sessions
DOLLARS,

One thousand dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of
which is hereby acknowledged.

have GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY, unto the said J. B. Sessions

of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, all that certain

Lot, tract or parcel of land known as Block three
(3) in the town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas

all that certain
situated in
and being the
No 6 Block No 200
with Texas
record in the

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
 COUNTY OF Tarrant

Know All Men By These Presents:

That I, Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Gossion, a widow,

of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas for and in consideration of
 the sum of Twenty-seven hundred and fifty (\$2750.00)

DOLLARS,

to me in hand paid by W. E. Selden, in cash, receipt of which
 is hereby acknowledged and confessed.

have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey unto the said
 W. E. Selden

of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas all that certain

lot, tract and parcel of land lying and being situated in the village or town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, the westerly part of Block No. Three (3) in said town or Village of Azle, in Tarrant County, Texas, and being all of said Block No. Three (3) not conveyed to T. R. Frost by grantor herein by deed dated April 22, 1937, and recorded in Book No. 1331 on page 533 of the Records of Deeds of Tarrant County, Texas, to which deed and record thereof reference is here made for all pertinent purposes, and which said property hereby conveyed is described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of the property conveyed to said T. R. Frost by said deed herein mentioned, and which beginning point is in the southerly line of Main Street in said town of Azle. Thence South 50 West with the East Boundary Line of said T. R. Frost lot, and parallel with the N. B. L. of said Block No. Three (3) to a point in the southerly line of said Block No. Three (3), and which is the S. E. corner of said T. R. Frost Lot. Thence South 55 deg. East with the South Boundary Line of said Block No. Three (3) to the Southeast corner of said Block No. Three (3). Thence North 34 deg. 40 min. East with and following the East Boundary Line of said Block No. Three (3) to a corner in the southerly line of Main Street, being in the East B. Line of said Block No. Three (3). Thence in a Northeasterly direction with and following the southerly Boundary Line of Main Street to the place of beginning, the N. E. corner of said T. R. Frost lot herein mentioned; and being all of the property in said Block No. Three (3) of said town of Azle, Tarrant County,

...Sessions, as same is now fenced, whether herein specifically described by notes and bounds or not.

Grantor agrees to give grantee the immediate possession of said property

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises, together with all and singular, the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said W. E. Selden and his

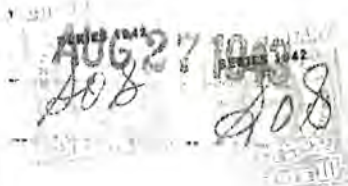
heirs and assigns forever; and I do hereby bind myself and my

heirs, executors and administrators, to Warrant and Forever Defend all and singular the said premises unto the said W. E. Selden and his

heirs and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim the same, or any part thereof.

Witness my hand at Azle, Tex. this 25th day of August

, A. D. 19 43



Sarah, Ophelia, Sessions.

RECORDING FEE 330 ✓
U.S. L.R.S. 330 ✓
S.R.S. 230 ✓
TOTAL 493 ✓
A-96 19451 1589

No. _____

WARRANTY DEED

With Single, Joint and Wife's Separate Acknowledgments

FROM

Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Sessions

TO

W. T. Selden

W. T. Selden

FILED FOR RECORD

This.....day of....., A. D. 19.....

at.....o'clock.....M.

COUNTY CLERK

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

County Clerk.

By....., Deputy.

AUG 27 1945 RECORDED AT 1043

....., A. D. 19.....

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..... County Clerk.

By....., Deputy.

Recording Fee \$.....

This Instrument should be filed immediately with the County Clerk for Record.

MARTIN Stationery Co., Dallas

41 Row 2 1220 Dallas

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Tarrant

BEFORE ME, the undersigned

authority

Tarrant

in and for

County, Texas, on this day personally appeared

Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Sessions, a widow,

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 25th day of August, A. D. 1943

(L. S.)

W. F. Gibson T. GIBSON, Notary Public Tarrant County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME,

in and for

County, Texas, on this day personally appeared

wife of

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said

acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and

she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This day of, A. D. 19

(L. S.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF

BEFORE ME,

in and for

County, Texas, on this day personally appeared

and

the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said

wife of the said

having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said

acknowledged such instrument to be her act and deed, and she declared that she had willingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she did not wish to retract it.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This day of, A. D. 19

(L. S.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Tarrant

I,

County Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument of writing dated on the

25 day of Aug, A. D. 1943, with its Certificate of Authentication, was filed for record in my office

on the 27 day of Aug, A. D. 1943, at 10:01 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded this 31

day of Aug, A. D. 1943, at 3:23 o'clock P. M., in the Records of said County, in Vol-

ume 1559, on pages 493

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Tarrant County, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk County Court Tarrant County, Texas.

(L.S.)

By Lucy Davis, Deputy.

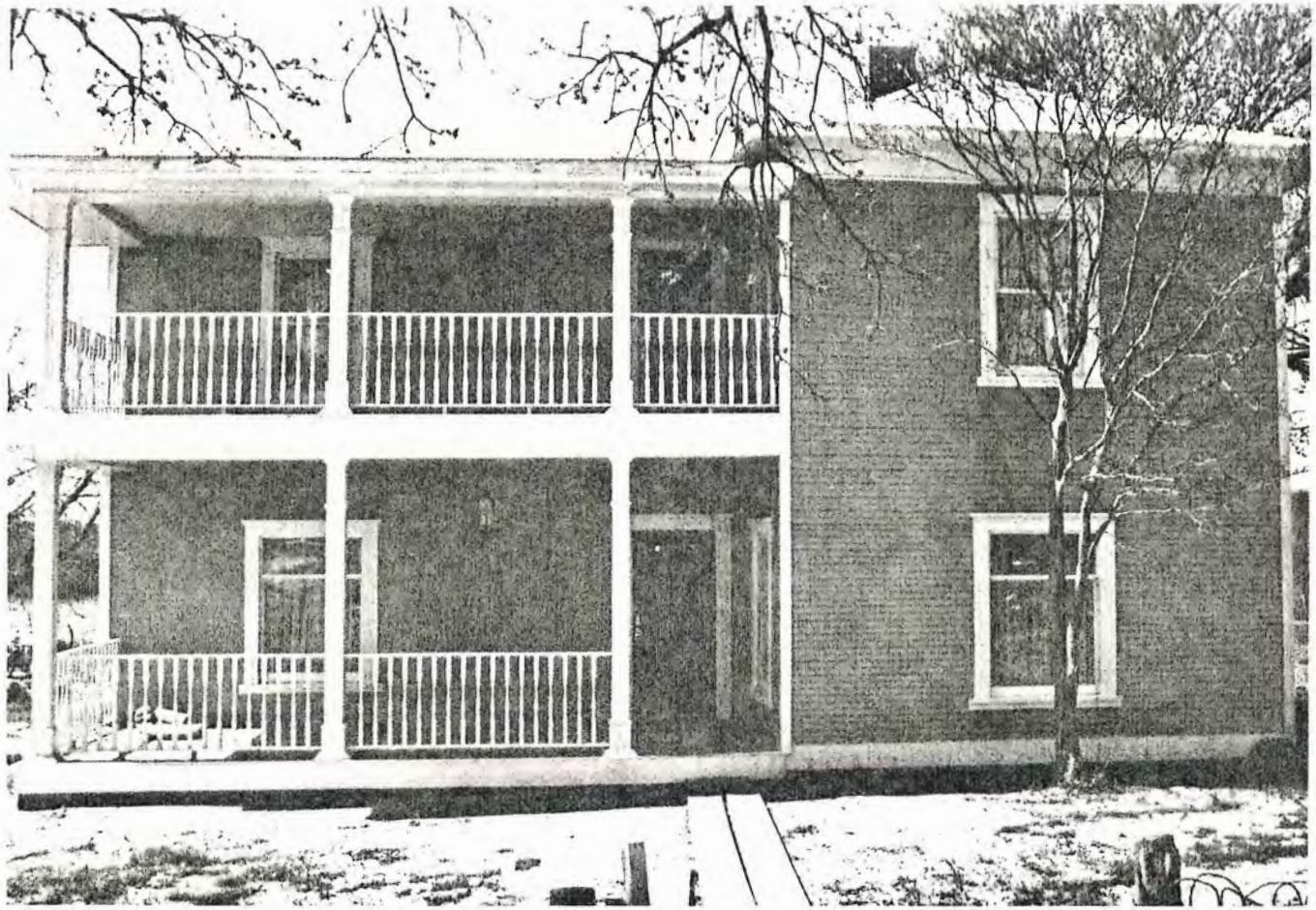
12. SIGNIFICANCE (significant historical information associated with original or subsequent owners; original or subsequent uses; role of the resource in development of the area; and/or significant events associated with the resource):

Dr. Bob Smith built this house in 1908 and lived here until 1918 when Jerry Sessions bought the house. Bob Smith was one of the few doctors that served the Azle Community in the early twentieth century. Jerry Sessions was a successful farmer and landowner in Azle. His parents settled in Azle in 1856. The Sessions sold the house, the Seldons in 1943. Ronnie and Carolyn Freemeler are currently renovating it as a office.

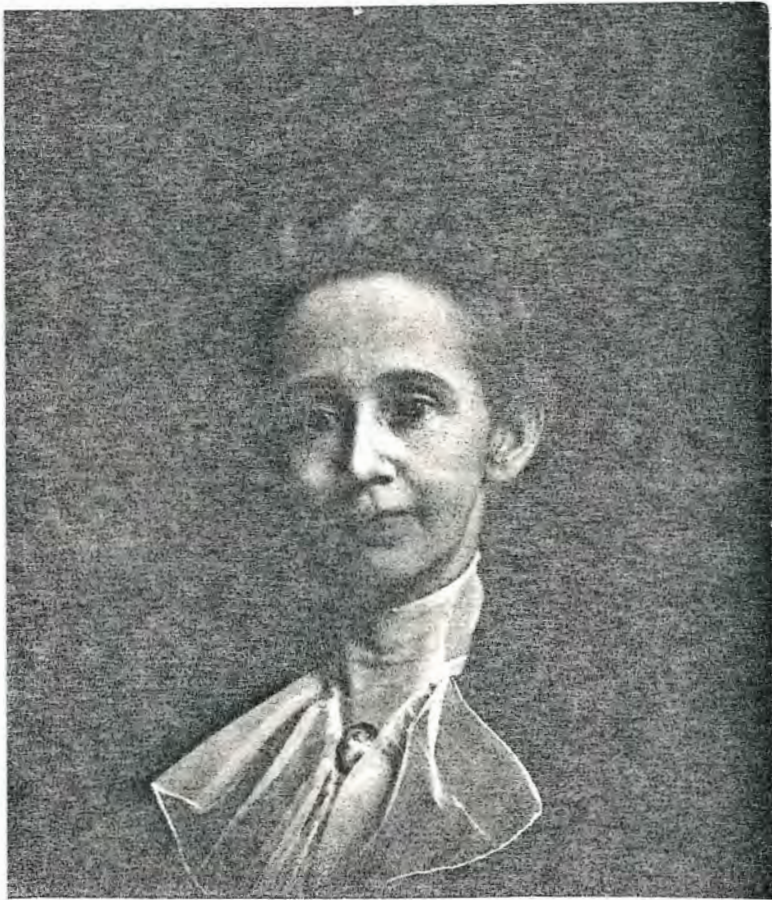
13. RELATIONSHIP TO SITE (if moved, where from and date): The house was moved several yards from Main Street when the street was widened.

14. BIBLIOGRAPHY (sources consulted): Carolyn Freemeler
Mrs Rankin 444-3826

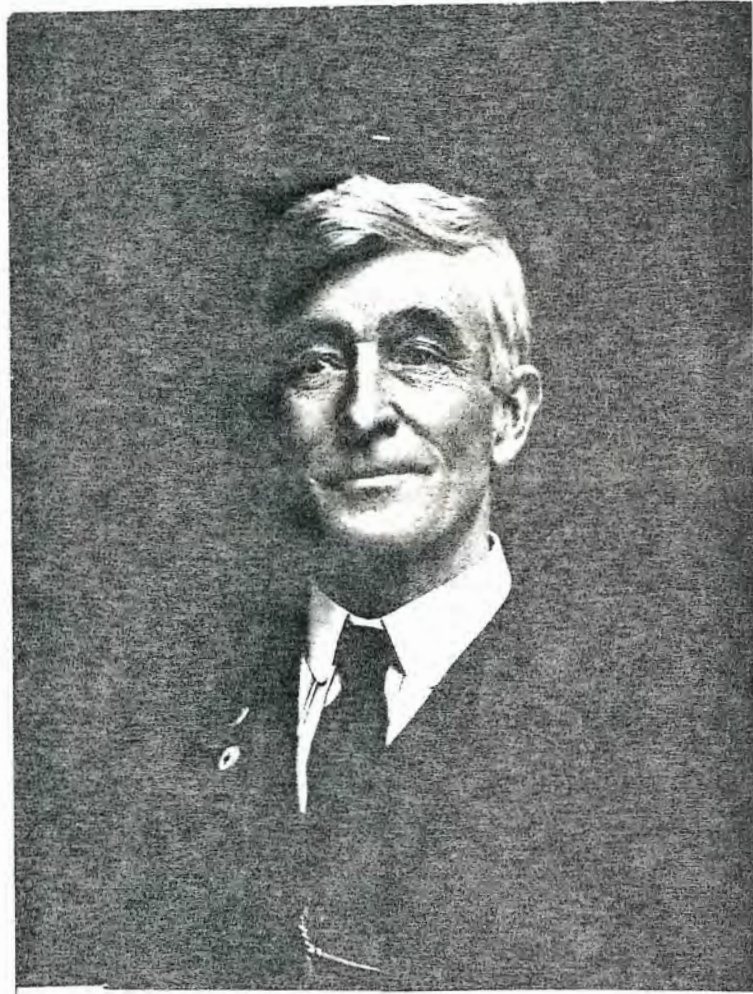
15. INFORMANT(S):







Stella Winstead Smith
(Mrs Robert H. Smith)
About 1861 — About 1940)



Dr. Robert H. Smith
1858(?) — 1929

Tarrant County Historical Commission

P. O. Box 18331 Fort Worth, Texas 76118



March 6, 1984

TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Bea Carter
604 Hwy 199
Azle, Texas 76020

Dear Mrs. Carter:

I have read over your research on the Dr. R. H. Smith House, and it looks all right. We will need to include an architectural description of the house's exterior, and black and white photographs of the house as it presently looks. Also, copies of earlier photographs, if possible, to verify that no significant changes have been made to the exterior.

Because Dr. Smith built the house (or had it built - who did the work?), it should be called the Dr. R. H. Smith House. Can you supply any additional biographical information on him?

I look forward to completing another significant marker project for Azle.

Sincerely,

Duane Gage
Chairman

Is this house included in the Historic Preservation Council's historic resources survey of Azle? If so, we should include the data from that survey which pertains to the house.

4-11-84

Marty, please send me the historic resources data on the Dr. Bob Smith House on Main Street in Azle.... We have an application for a marker....

Thanks, D. Gage

THE ROBERT H. SMITH HOUSE

by
Beatrice Carter
Azle, Texas 76020
(604 Hwy 199E)

The Robert H. Smith House, a tall graceful two-story frame residential structure at 173 West Main Street, Azle, is considered the most beautiful early day house in Azle.

The Robert H. Smith House commands a prominent place on the most prominent street in Azle. Back in 1894, some of the most influential men in the community decided that they needed to organize their community. At first the settlement was known simply as Fowler's store, but a Baptist church had been built in 1871, and when a post office was established September 5, 1881, it was first named O-Bar¹ but on November 6, 1883, the name was changed to Azle, after Dr. Azle Stewart, one of the first physicians in the area. In 1894 the community fathers hired a group of surveyors, Goodfellow and Williams,² Civil Engineers of Fort Worth, to make a map or plat of the village of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas. Those listed as owning real estate in this area, accepted and adopted the map or plat drawn up by the surveyors. Those who signed the plat were: Joseph Fowler, J. T. Jamison, Jno. H. Snodgrass, J. R. Walker, W. F. Gordon, W. W. Gregg, M. H. Grigsby, Mary E. Stewart, and J. A. Cozby.³ This document was notarized by D. B. Winstead, a J.P. and ex-officio Notary Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas. It was dated February 8, 1894. It was filed for record February 27, 1894 and recorded March 9, 1894 by John P. King, County Clerk, Tarrant County Recorder.⁴

The 1894 plat map of Azle contains three streets, Main, Church, and Stewart.⁵ On the east side of Main Street were blocks 1-4-5-7 and on the west side of Main Street were blocks 2-3-6. The Smith house would be built

on the west side of Main Street, lot three on block three.⁶ This block was part of a tract owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker, who sold it to Dr. R. H. Smith on April 5, 1904, for \$300.00.⁷

At the time when Dr. "Bob" Smith purchased the lot from Walker, he and his family lived just across the street on the east side of Main Street. He immediately began to plan his home on his new lot. On this lot there was an old house that had to be torn down and the site cleared before he could build. The year 1905 was spent clearing the land and building his home. It wasn't until 1906 that he moved into his new house.⁸

The physical appearance of the Robert H. Smith House in the old commercial section of Azle is most pleasing. It has the look of an important house of early twentieth century gentry. It is a clap-board frame dwelling with a hipped roof and wide overhanging eaves. The house reposes in a natural setting of trees. There is a look of early East Texas with its wide verandas, somewhat atypical for North Central Texas. The flaring hip roofs are typical of the period, but the two-story L-plan is not,

The porches denote the strong influence of southern architecture. The generous porches give an air of opulence and are more than just decorative, as they have a practicability in the warm climates of the ante-bellum south. There is a refinement in the balustrades because of the extra amount of detailed work in the turnings of the spindles. This feature usually was reserved for interiors of houses in this period and locality. The balustrades on both stories of this structure are supported by square pillars. The recessed porch extends two-thirds across the front. There are brick chimneys to each side of the hipped roof. The wide sash windows and doors upstairs are identical to the downstairs placement of windows and doors, giving it a formal plan.

As the porch wraps around to the south side, the window placement remains symmetrical. There is an open outside stairway leading to a wood door upstairs

that has a sunburst pattern of glass.

The lower floor juts out at the back on the south side and continues across the back forming another porch downstairs, supported by four square pillars. This porch has a shed roof. The window placement remains symmetrical, although there is no upstairs porch.

The north side is plain, simple, and symmetrical with the jut-out at the back of the house. Originally the structure contained four rooms upstairs and four downstairs, with double fireplaces heating two rooms upstairs and two downstairs. A beautiful stairway led from the center of the house to the
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upstairs.

Dr. Smith's purpose in building such a large house was so the family could board the school teachers who did not live in Azle. Doctors in that day did not make much money; many people paid Dr. Smith with produce or something they grew in the garden. His wife was a good cook and the teachers were fortunate to live there; the school was only about a half a block away, just at the end of Main Street, and they could walk to school. This was a good arrangement for about twelve years. Then when his oldest daughter went away to college and his son moved into the city, Dr. Bob decided he would like to move his office into Fort Worth over a drug store on North Main Street. Consequently, one day in 1918 Dr. Smith was walking down the street with his neighbor, J. B. Sessions, and he told him about wanting to move into the city. He asked Sessions if he would like to buy his house. Mr. Sessions asked how much for the house. When he was told \$1000.00 cash, he said, "Just wait, I'll be back." When Sessions returned he had the cash. Mr. J. B. Sessions was given a receipt for the thousand dollar payment and the transaction was filed in Tarrant County Deed Records on April 29, 1918.¹⁰

It was while A. B. Sessions was living in this house that Azle officials decided they needed to widen the street, for so many people now had automobiles.

They decided to move all the houses on the west side back to widen the main street, and this included the Sessions house. This was 1922 or 1924. As a result of the move, a portion of the two-story porch was removed, a back room was added and outside utilitarian stairs were built to extend from the upper rear door.

J. P. Sessions died January 8, 1936, after having willed everything to his wife, Sarah Ophelia Sessions.¹¹ Mrs. Sessions lived in this house until August 25, 1943, when she sold this house to W. E. Selden.¹² Mr. W. E. Selden died June 13, 1944. He willed everything to his wife, Johnnie and two daughters, Nancy and Bill Ann Selden. Johnnie never moved into the house, for she owned a home across the street and continued to live there. Sometime later she married again and her husband's father and mother lived in this house. She was now Johnnie Lee Woodard. On the 23rd day of February, 1983, Johnnie Lee Woodard sold this house to Ronnie F. Feemster and wife Carolyn A. Feemster of 820 Vickie, Azle, Texas.¹³ The Feemsters have restored and painted this old house without changing anything but the color of the paint (it is a slate blue) and they really made it a thing of beauty which looks as if it would last forever. As an elderly native citizen of Azle, this researcher is grateful that this wonderful structure whose history spans most of the town's existence, is being preserved as an historic structure.

F O O T N O T E S

- 1 Federal Post Office records, a copy of which is included in the official Texas historical marker application for "Azle Post Office," which see
- 2 Goodfellows & Williams, Plat Records, Tarrant County Records
- 3 The names of signers listed on plat map of Azle in Museum, a copy of ibid
- 4 Ibid
- 5 Streets named on ibid
- 6 Ibid
- 7 Deed to R. H. Smith by J. R. Walker and Ida Walker, Tarrant County Deed Records, filed November 24, 1905. For biographic information on Dr. Smith, see Appendix A
- 8 Personal knowledge by B. Carter. I was 6 years old in 1906 started to school. Dr. Bob's youngest daughter was my best friend and I spent the night in that old house where they lived while building the new house. I spent a lot of time with this family as long as they lived in Azle
- 9 Architectural description provided by Ruth Reiter Stone, April 1984 and by Tarrant County Historical Resources Survey
- 10 Receipt for \$1,000.00 paid to R. H. Smith, in Tarrant County Deed Records, recorded May 11, 1918
- 11 Ash Creek Cemetery Records
- 12 Deed of Trust to W. E. Selden - signed by Mrs. Sarah Ophelia Sessions, August 27, 1943. In Tarrant County Deed Records, Vol. 1589, p. 493
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DR. ROBERT H. (BOB) SMITH
22 JUNE 1861- 5 JUNE 1929

DR. ROBERT SMITH, WAS BORN AT OWENTON, KENTUCKY. HE WAS THE SON OF DR. HUGH GATEWOOD AND ELIZABETH FORD SMITH.

DR. HUGH GATEWOOD GRADUATED AT JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE, PHILDELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, MARCH 8, 1856. HE WAS CHIEF SURGEON OF THE FAMOUS "ORPHAN BRIGADE" OF KENTUCKY DURING THE CIVIL WAR. HE FOUGHT IN THE MEXICAN WAR (OWEN CO. KY. HISTORY) MEMBER OF THE KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS.

DR. HUGH HEARD WONDERFUL REPORTS FROM HIS BROTHERS, JOHN PETER AND JAMES H., ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL AND BOUNTIFUL LAND OF TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS. HE BROUGHT SOME OF THE FINEST HORSES AND CATTLE FROM KENTUCKY TO FORT WORTH. HE LIVED IN TARRANT COUNTY FROM 1875 TO 1888. HE WAS A DR. IN THE FORT WORTH AND AZLE COMMUNITIES DURING THAT TIME.

DR ROBERT SMITH'S DIPLOMA WAS ISSUED TO HIM ON THE 3RD DAY OF MARCH 1892 BY THE LOUISVILLE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. HE WAS REGISTERED IN THE "REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS" OF FORT WORTH ON THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY 1894.

DR. ROBERT H. SMITH MARRIED MISS STELLA WINSTEAD.

CHILDREN: MARGARET-BORN 24 MAY 1899

HUGH
MARY E.

DR. BOB SMITH

FROM MARGARET SMITH BERRY PAPERS:

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, A GROUP OF UNION SOLDIERS CAME INTO HER GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE. (DR. HUGH G. SMITH) AT OWENTON, KENTUCKY.

ROBERT H. SMITH WAS JUST A LITTLE BOY. THE UNION SOLDIERS SEARCHED THE HOUSE, BUT ALL WAS QUIET AND ORDERLY. JUST AS THEY WERE LEAVING, THE LITTLE BOY GAVE A LOUD AND MANLY REBEL YELL AND SHOUTED "HOORAY FOR DIXIE!". NOTHING HAPPENED, ALTHOUGH THE SMITH'S WERE FRIGHTENED OUT OF THEIR WITS.

LETTER TO RUBY SCHMIDT FROM DORIS MILLER (LONG TIME FRIEND OF MARGARET).

"I DO KNOW THEY (THE RHS BUNCH) WERE A LOVING, CARING FAMILY. MISS STELLA ("TED", DR. BOB SOMETIMES CALLED HER) WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL LADY. SHE ADORED DR. BOB AS IF HE WAS DIETY (BIG D?) AND DEMANDED UTTER RESPECT FOR HIM FROM THE CHILDREN. THAT WASN'T HARD. THEY WERE JUST WILD ABOUT THEIR DAD! BUT ALL WAS DECOURUM IN HER HOME (SO FAR AS SHE KNEW) AND GOOD MANNERS, GOOD BREEDING PREVAILED.

MISS STELLA WAS SUCH A LOVING MOTHER. SHE WAS SO SYMPATHETIC TO HER CHILDREN AND IDENTIFIED WITH THEM SO COMPLETELY THAT SHE DIDN'T DARE GIVE THEM ALL LAXATIVE AT THE SAME TIME! THE MEDICINE TOOK ITS EFFECT ON HER, WHETHER IT HELPED THE KIDS OR NOT!"

"BACK TO THE LITTLE STORIES! WHEN MARGARET WAS BORN, SHE HAD A LITTLE DIFFICULTY BREATHING (THIS WAS IN 1899) AND THE DELIVERING DR. CLEARED MARGARET'S THROAT WITH WATER AND WHISKEY FROM AN EYE DROPPER. WHEN SHE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO GO OUT ON DATES, HER DAD WOULD PACE THE FLOOR, FUSSING AND FUMING AT THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR AND ALL YOUNG MEN IN GENERAL.

MISS STELLA REMAINED CALM. THEN, WHEN MARGARET CAME HOME, DAD WOULD DO NIP-UPS OF DELIGHT. "HEY, DICKIE! DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME?" I DON'T THINK MARGARET COULD PASS THE 'BREATHOLATER' TEST, ALWAYS, AND HER MOTHER WOULD START GIVING A LITTLE LECTURE. DR. BOB WOULD ROAR TO HER RESCUE! "NOW, NOW, MOTHER. WE JUST MUST NOT SCOLD OUR LITTLE GIRL. REMEMBER, THE FIRST THING THAT EVER WENT DOWN HER MOUTH WAS LIQUOR!. ITS ONLY NATURAL THAT SHE WOULD WANT AND TAKE SOME SPIRITS NOW AND THEN". STELLA WAS SO SHELTERED, SO NAIVE, SO CONFIDENT OF HER HUSBAND'S ABILITY THAT SHE BELIEVED IT. MARGARET SAID IT CAME IN HANDY, BACK IN THE 1917-1921 DAYS. (ABOUT).

SHALL I GO ON? ICAN'T STOP, SO DON'T ANSWER. ABOUT 1910 DR. BOB SMITH RETIRED HIS BUGGY, AND GOT MOTORIZED WITH A REO! M. SAID IT LOOKED JUST LIKE THE BUGGY, AND IT PROBABLY WASN'T UP TO THE ROUGH TERRAIN AND THE STRENGHT AND DETERMINATION OF THE DRIVER! SO, IN 1912 HE BOUGHT A BUICK- AND HE BOUGHT HIS MATCH! SEE, DR. BOB DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO ROADS, NO, HE JUST TOOK THE SHOREST ROUTE, ESPECIALLY WHEN CALLED OUT ON AN EMERGENCY. HE WOULD FORGET ABOUT GEARS AND SUCH, AND SO OFTEN DID HE DRIVE OUT THROUGH THE BACK WALL OF THE 'CAR SHED', THEY FINALLY JUST PUT BIG DOORS ON EACH END OF THE THING. THEN, WHEN A CALL CAME FOR THE DR., A COUPLE OF THE CHILDREN WOULD FLY OUT OF THE HOUSE, OPENING BOTH ENDS OF THE SHED - AND THE DR. WAS ON HIS WAY! M. SAID SOMETIMES DR. BOB WOULD BE OUT IN THE FIELD WHEN CALLED, OR IN TOWN, AND SHE AND HER BROTHER HUGH (M. ABOUT 13, HUGH ABOUT 15) WOULD GO AFTER HIM IN THE CAR. THEY DIDN'T DARE MISS HIM, FOR HUGH DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO REVERSE THE BUICK - JUST HUNTED FOR A WIDE CIRCLE! THEN THE DR. DIDN'T TAKE THEM HOME - HE TOLD THEM, " HANG ON, CHILDREN, HANGON!". M ALWAYS SAID SHE HAD BEEN JUMPED OVER MORE DITCHES AND PLOWED FIELDS THAN A STEEPLE- CHASE RIDER."

HISTORY OF THE LODLE FAMILY, BY JO HE LODLE, LAURA LODLE LEWIS AND
MARCIA GREGORY RICHARDSON.

DR. ROBERT SMITH, WAS A SURGEON IN THE TOWN OF AZLE, TEXAS, 18 MILES NORTH OF FORT WORTH. JO WRITES OF DR. ROBERT SMITH:

" HE WAS A KIND, GENTLE MAN AND EVERYONE LOVED HIM. HE WOULD DRIVE HIS LITTLE BUGGY PULLED BY 2 HORSES 18 MILES TO ANSWER A CALL, AND OF COURSE HE HAD TO TRAVEL ANOTHER 18 MILES COMING BACK HOME. THOSE TRIPS, AND A DESIRE TO HELP SOMEONE OFTEN OCCURED AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT, 2 A.M., 3 A.M., ETC. HIS 2 HORSES WERE 35 YEARS OLD (THAT'S OLD FOR A HORSE) ----- THE HARNESS WAS ON AN APPARATUS THAT YOU COULD PULL A ROPE AND THE HARNESS WOULD COME DOWN ON THE HORSES. EACH HORSE KNEW HIS PLACE AND THEY WOULD NOT LET THE OTHER HORSE GET IN HIS PLACE."

DR. ROBERT SMITH'S GENEROSITY IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT PEOPLE OWED HIM \$75,000 WHEN HE DIED.

AZLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY, OCTOBER 1961

DR. AND MRS BOB SMITH WERE VERY EARLY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

ONE HUMOROUS INCIDENT THAT IS REMEMBERED FROM THE EARLY DAYS WAS THE CONVERSION OF DR. BOB SMITH IN 1897. BRO. PERKINSON WAS PREACHING THE MEETING ON THE EVENING THAT DR. BOB WENT FORWARD TO MAKE HIS CONFESSION. ALL THE CHURCH WAS ELATED THAT THE HOUR OF DECISION HAD COME AND WAITED EXPECTANTLY FOR BRO. PERKINSON TO ASK HIM THE BIG QUESTION. THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN WHEN LITTLE HUGH SMITH (AGE 2) WHO WAS BEING CARRIED IN HIS FATHER'S ARMS LOOKED UP TO THE EVANGELIST AND SAID LOUDLY ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY TO HEAR "I GOT A DOG, HIS NAME IS BUCK" WHEREUPON BRO. PERKINSON SAID THEY WOULD TALK ABOUT THAT LATER AND PROCEEDED TO TAKE DR. BOB'S CONFESSION.

BILLIE HOLMES
DR. BOB SMITH

MY HOME TOWN, BY BEATRICE GIPSON CARTER.

MRS CARTER WRITES IN HER STORY:

" I REMEMBER ONE EVENING WHEN I WAS ABOUT EIGHT YEARS OLD, IT WAS RAINING REAL HARD. I STOPPED AT MY FRIEND'S (MARGARET SMITH) HOUSE AND SPENT THE NIGHT. IT CAME A STORM DURING THE NIGHT AND DR. BOB SMITH CARRIED ME TO THE CELLAR, IT WAS THE FIRST ONE I WAS EVER IN AND I DID NOT WAKE UP. IN THE MORNING MRS. STELLA SMITH COMBED MY HAIR AND TIED PINK RIBBON ON IT. IF I LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED, I WILL NEVER BE ANY PROUDER OF ANYTHING THAN I WAS OF THOSE PINK RIBBONSIN MY HAIR. THAT WAS A SCHOOL DAY I REALLY ENJOYED. DR. BOB AND MISS STELLA WERE TWO OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE."

DR. BOB SMITH MOVED TO FORT WORTH ABOUT 1916. HE LIVED AT 1613 HOMAN. LATER HE LIVED ON GRAND AVENUE. HE HAD AN OFFICE IN THE EXCHANGE BUILDING.

ORAL AND DOCUMENTED HISTORY FROM BILLIE J. HOLMES.

DR. BOB HAD "SMITH" RELATIVES LIVING IN THE AZLE AREA. HIS UNCLE JAMES H. (JIM) SMITH AND AUNT JENNIE (HESTER) SMITH, UNCLE SAMUEL PEYTON AND AUNT LOTTIE (CLINGMAN) SMITH AND UNCLE ROBERT (BOB) SMITH AND AUNT DELLA SMITH. HIS COUSINS (UNCLE JIM'S AND AUNT JENNIE'S CHILDREN), BETTIE SMITH FLOYD, ROBERT HESTER, NETTIE FLORENCE AND JAMES WILLIAM.

HIS UNCLE PETER AND AUNT MOLLIE LIVED IN FORT WORTH.

I DID NOT KNOW DR BOB PERSONALLY SINCE I WAS BORN MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER HE DIED. BUT I KNEW HIS "COUSIN BETTIE" (MY GRANDMOTHER) DAUGHTER OF JAMES H. SMITH AND NEICE OF JOHN PETER SMITH.

DR. BOB SMITH

SHE TOLD HER GRAND CHILDREN MANY STORIES ABOUT HER SMITH RELATIVES.
AND I CAN VERIFY THAT SHE HAD THE SAME WARM, LOVING, CARING FEELINGS,
AND THAT MARVELOUS SENSE OF HUMOR SO MANY OF THE SMITHS HAD.



DISTRICT CLERKS OFFICE



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Robt. H. McNatt
CLERK.

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GEO. C. WARD, GEO. W. AKERS.
JOHN KAISER, Stenographer.

Fort Worth, Texas, January 4th 1894

I, R. H. McNatt, Clerk of the District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, do hereby certify that I have this day duly registered in the "Register of Physicians" of my said office the diploma of Dr. Robt. N. Smith issued to him on the 3rd day of March 1892 by the Louisville Medical College of Louisville, Ky.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Fort Worth, Texas this January 4th 1894.

R. H. McNatt, Dist. Clerk
Tarrant Co. Texas



Back Side of House



South Side



NORTH side



FRONT

Before



A home built in 1904 (above) is now...

After



The office of CPA Ronnie Feemster.

Azle's Main Street gets a shot in the arm

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Just a smattering of the types of changes the Feemsters have wrought:

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*The back porch, which formerly had a claw-foot bathtub and other facilities, has become part of new expanded room.

*An open hallway has been created with a long, airy appearance, after the removal of an extra doorway.

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"It's really my wife's doing," says Feemster, who recalls a missed opportunity to purchase the house that has been transformed into the house that now houses the Azle Chamber of Commerce. "My wife has carried a grudge against me ever since," he says, with a smile.

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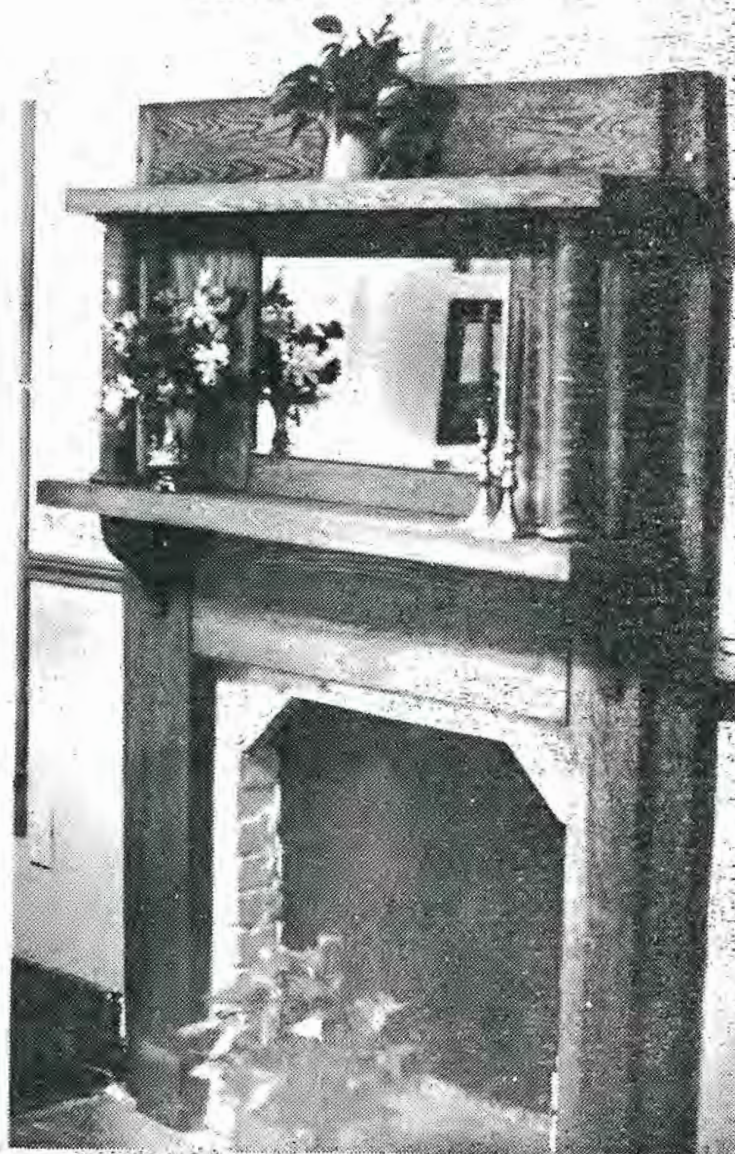
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"We're trying to do our part," says Rider of her efforts to revitalize Main Street. And of the kind of efforts represented by the Feemsters, she concludes, "I think it's just great."



The hallway of the Feemster house.



A restored mantel in the Feemster house.



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August 20, 1984

Duane Gage
TCJC NE Campus
828 Harwood
Hurst, Texas 76054

Dear Duane:

Our staff has made a preliminary review of the Dr. Robert Smith House marker application. Before we can complete our evaluation, however, our architectural advisors need to see an historic photo of the structure. It is evident that several changes have been made and the best way to document the changes would be with an early photograph.

Also, how far was the home moved during the 1920s street expansion? 50 feet

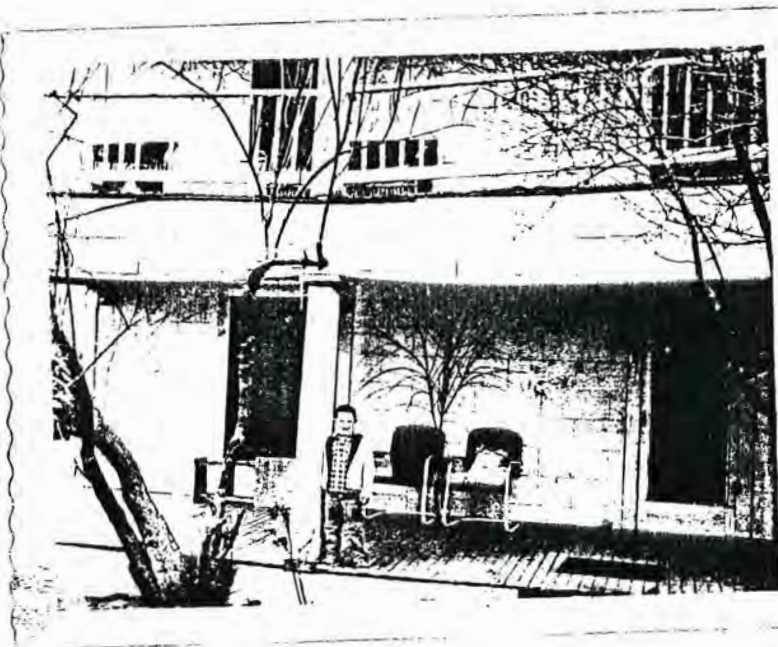
Any documents you can provide regarding the original style of the home will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

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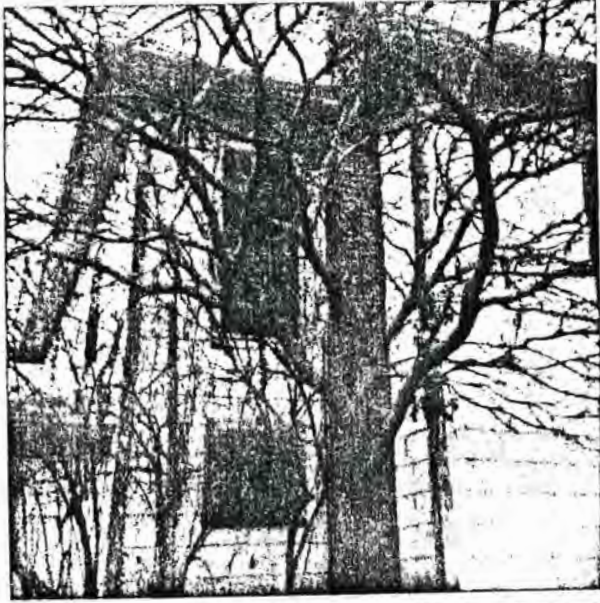
Mr Gage - I'm sorry that I was so long getting this information - hope the pictures will be ok. I am not sure about how far the house was moved but I think it was 50 feet. I am working on the Lesh Creek Cemetery, hope to finish it before too long -
B. Carter
The State Agency for Historic Preservation



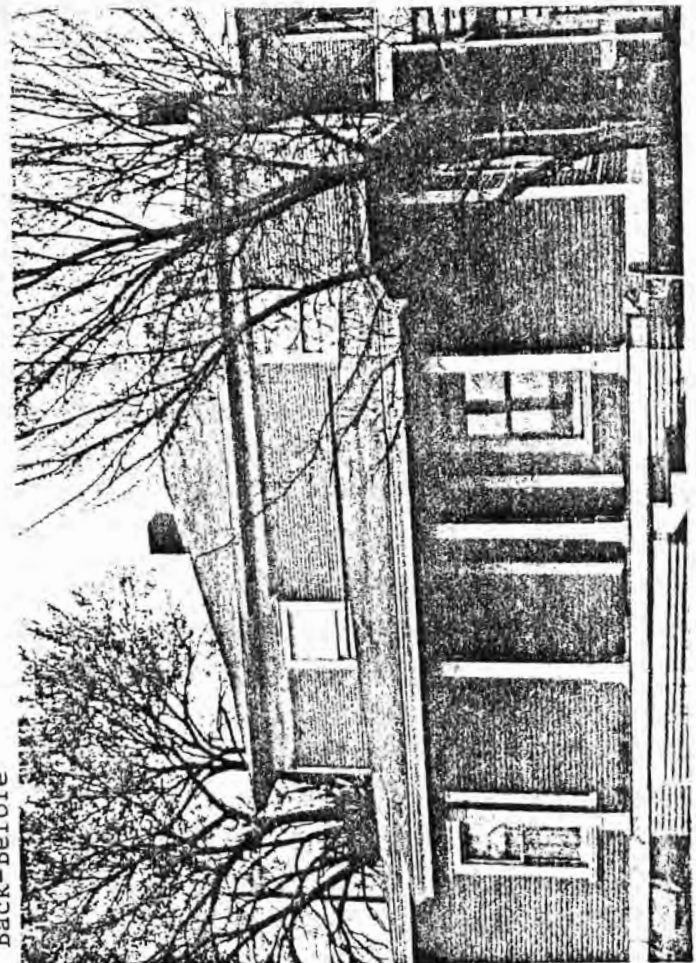
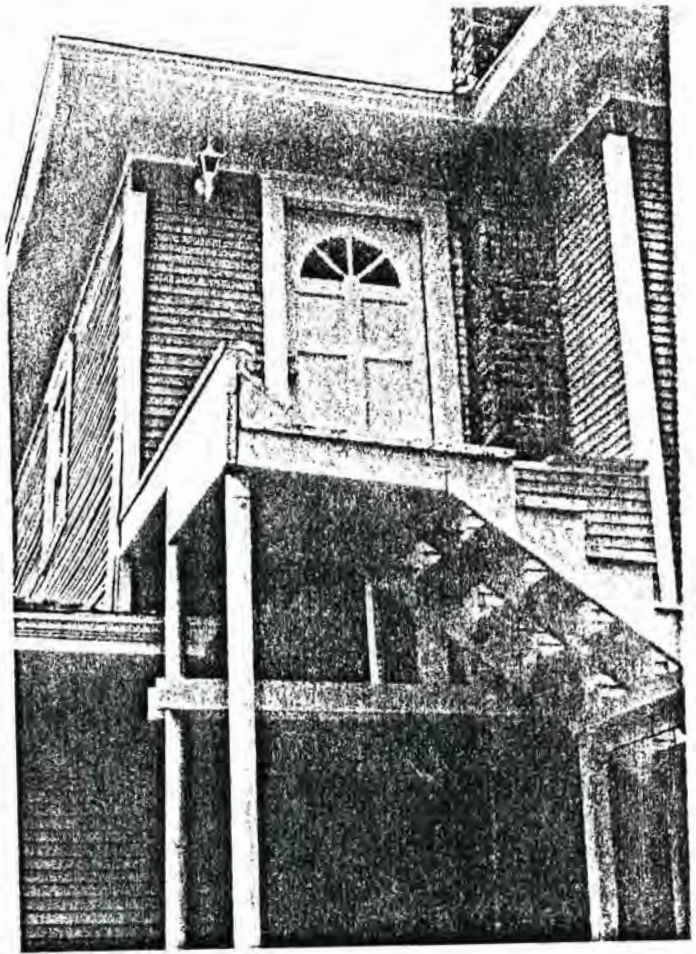
This picture was taken about 1952. The house already has the asbestos siding added. The porch was in bad repair at that time also. Sometime after this the upper porch was removed.

The asbestos siding was removed and the original siding was repaired and painted.



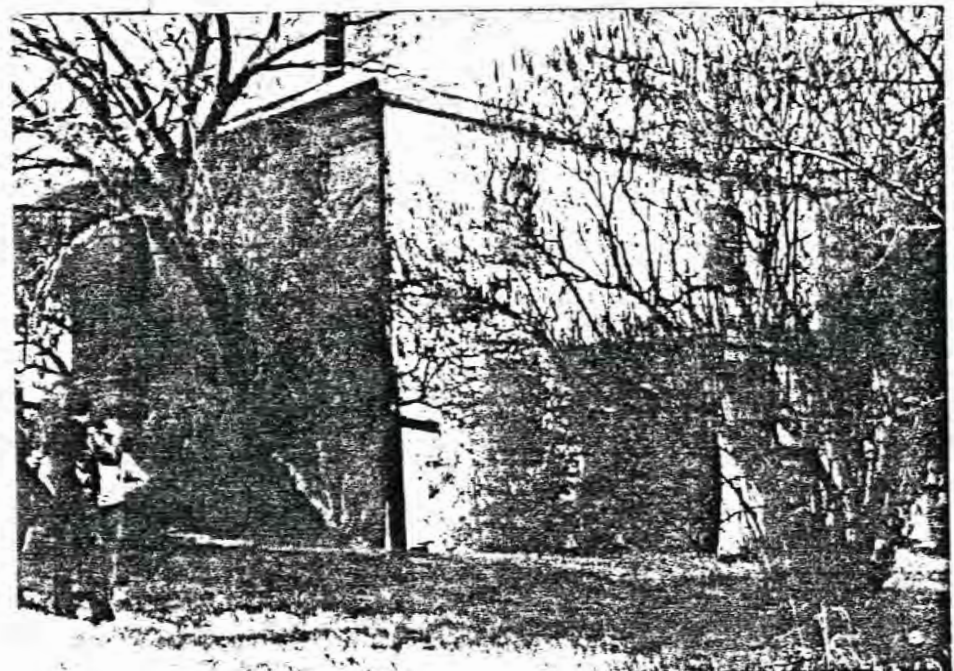
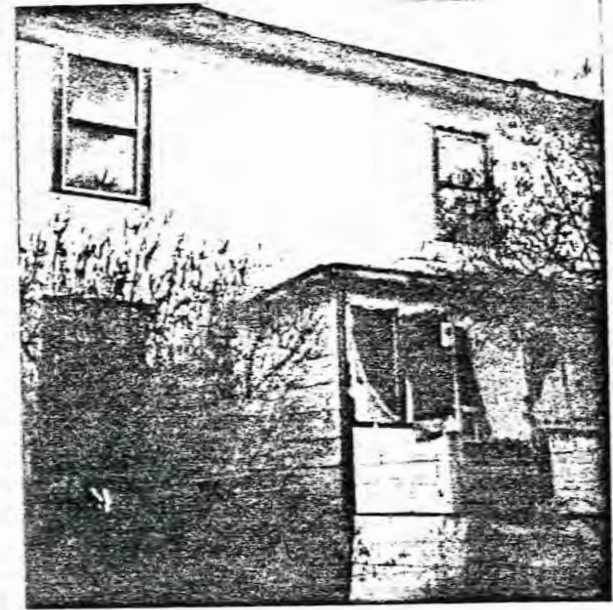
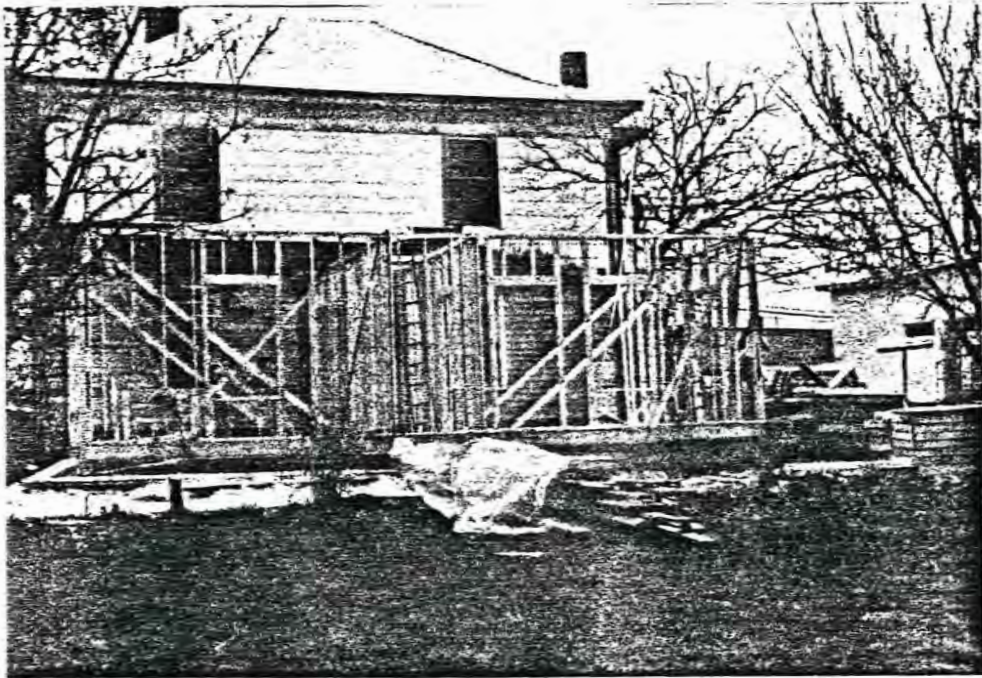


The upper south door was not in use . We felt as if this was an exit from the upper floor. The stairs was added (still not completed with the rails) to this south side for an exit.

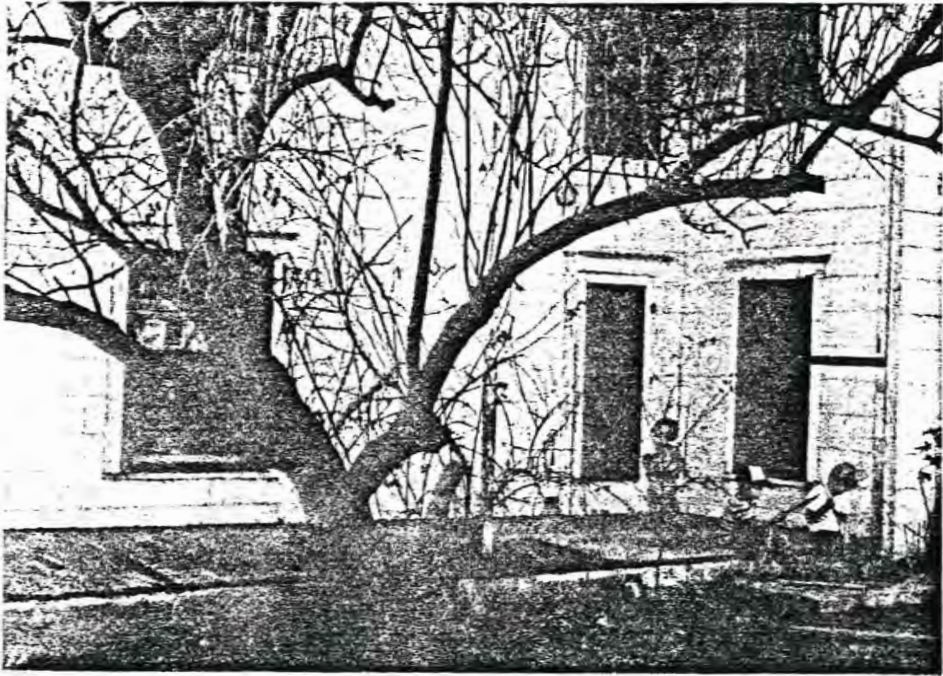


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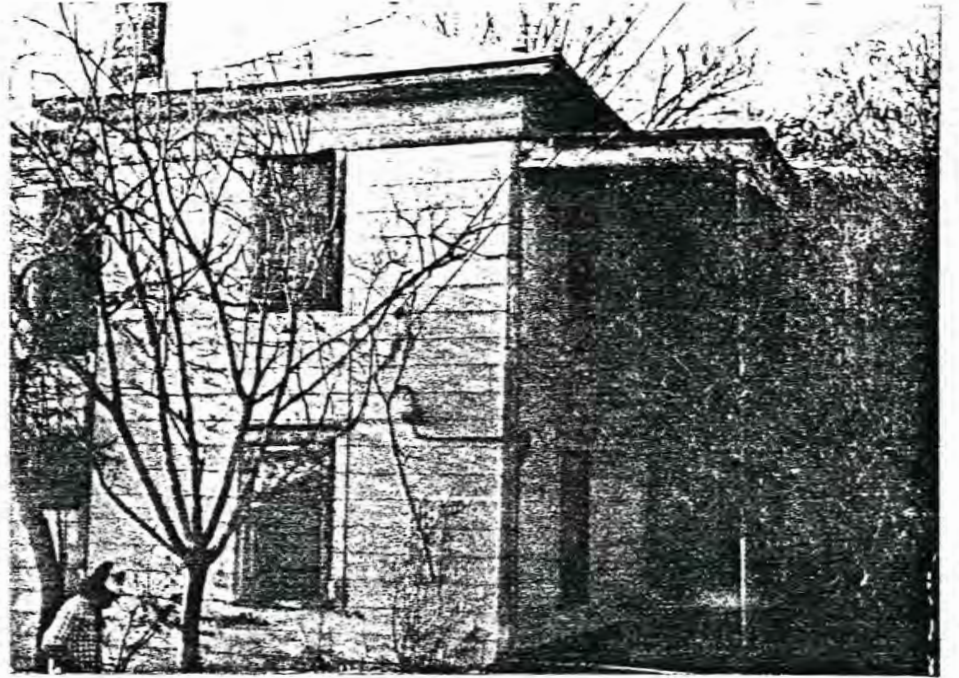
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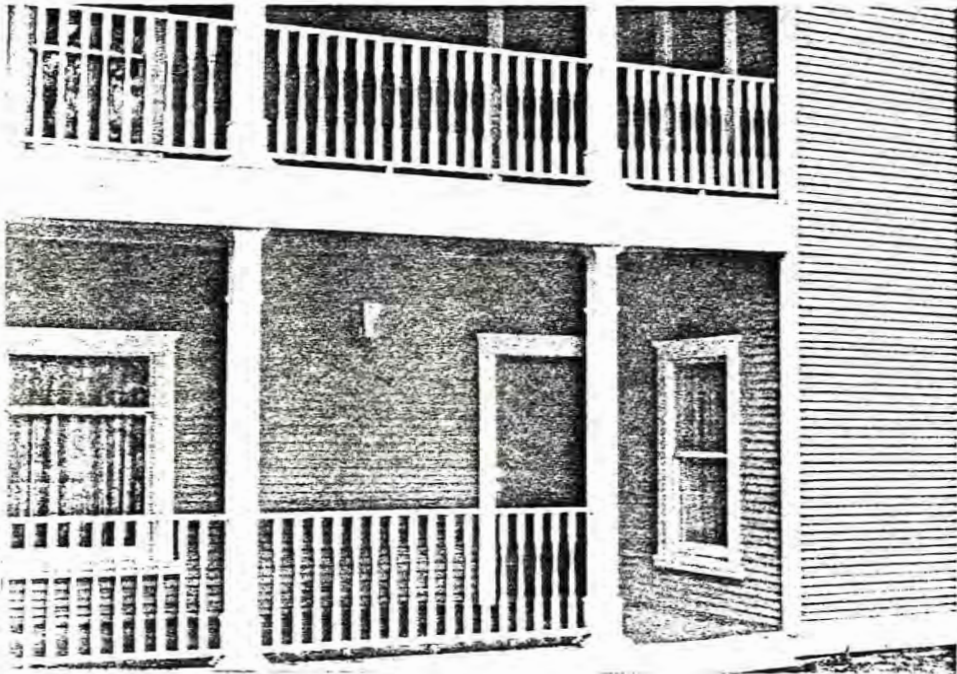
A small enclosed porch was removed from the back of the house where the addition was added. The same type of roof line was kept to match the original structure.



Before



Before



After



After