APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Texas Historical Commission
Research and Markers Department
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Title of marker (subject to revision by THC staff)

MORGAN BRYAN HOUSE

Marker location (street address or highway number; include name of cemetery, building, park, etc., if applicable; if on highway right-of-way or in a small community, briefly explain how to get there from the nearest town)

409 West Leuda, Fort Worth, Texas 76110

City or nearest city shown on Texas Highway Department road map	County
Fort Worth	Tarrant County
Distance and direction of subject from marker site For example, "Subject is ½ mile SW of marker site."	Surface to which marker will be attached (if not on post)
on front porch wall, exterior	frame wall

Owner of marker site — Address — City, Zip Code

X J. David Patterson 409 West Leuda, Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Sponsor of marker — Address — City, Zip Code

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Person to whom marker is to be shipped — Address — City, Zip Code

NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.

J. David Patterson, 409 West Leuda, Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Signature of County Chairman — Address — City, Zip Code

"I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."

Duane Boyd % TCJC NE Campus, 828 Harwood Road, Hurst, Texas 76054

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative history *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee.

5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

SUBJECT MARKERS

		With tax
☐ 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar)	$175	$183.75
☐ 27" x 42" subject marker with post	$575	$603.75
☐ 27" x 42" subject marker without post	$525	$551.25
☐ 18" x 28" subject marker with post	$325	$341.25
☐ 18" x 28" subject marker without post	$250	$262.50

☐ I(We) request RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

BUILDING MARKERS

		With tax
☐ 16" x 12" building marker with post	$225	$236.25
☒ 16" x 12" building marker without post	$175	$183.75

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 15, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

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PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

		With tax
___ 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker	$75	$78.75

Allow 2 months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.

___ Medallion paperweight	$25	$26.25

Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:

		With tax
24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign	$65	$68.25

These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.

___ Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
___ Green and White (for interstate highways)

18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign	$65	$68.25

In black and white only. For city and county roads.
Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement.

___ With arrow pointing straight ahead
___ With arrow pointing left
___ With arrow pointing right

OTHER

		With tax
☐ National Register plaque	$ 35	$ 36.75
☐ 12" x 6" supplemental plate	$ 65	$ 68.25
☐ 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy 11)	$110	$115.50
☐ Replacement medallion (see policy 11)	$ 65	$ 68.25
☐ Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers)	$ 10	$ 10.50
☐ Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers)	$ 10	$ 10.50
☐ Bronze seals (for replacement on 1936 granite markers)	$ 50	$ 52.50
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☐ Certificates of commendation	50¢ each	

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On January 23, 1930 the Probate Court directed the sale of a tract of land in the 1930 January term belonging to the estate of Theo D. Atkinson, deceased. J.S. Jefferies, administrator of the estate, sold the premises at a private sale January 7, 1930 for a consideration of $4,000 to J.F. Weatherby. Four-thousand dollars was considered reasonable market value. J.F. Weatherby assumed a first lien note against the premises held by the Mortgage Bond Company

of New York for the principal sum of $2,700 maturing October 1, 1930. Weatherby also agreed to pay A.L. Baker $650 cash, and a second lien of $650 at 7% to A.L. Baker six months from the date.[21]

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In the 1930s a stream of occupants resided in the Bryan Home. From 1931 until 1934 M.C. Heath occupied the house.[23] C.V. Matthews lived there in 1934.[24] In 1935 and 1936 W.G. Armentrout and Mrs. Daisy Henderson resided there.[25] In 1936 and 1937 B.B. Frost and Mrs. Daisy Henderson lived there.[26] Just Daisy Henderson lived alone at the house in 1937, 1938 and 1939.[27]

J.F. Weatherby paid an additional $1,593.75 on August 28, 1939,[28] and from 1941 through 1953 J.F. Weatherby lived at the house.[29] Carl G. Lee[30] then moved into the house and stayed until J.F. Weatherby moved back in the house in 1956.[31] It continued to serve as rental property until November 13, 1975, when heirs of Judson F. Weatherby, deceased, were paid $10 and consideration by Joseph David Patterson for the Morgan Bryan House. Cash was paid and a promissory note of $3,000 was made payable to Don B. Weatherby, executor of the estate of Judson F. Weatherby, for 409 West Leuda.[32]

Mr. Patterson has made 409 West Leuda his home for ten years. He appreciates the unique architecture of the house and restores it in keeping with the period in which it was built.

He works nearby for the Shaw Brothers, Inc. Machine Shop at 301 South Main Street.[33]

FOOTNOTES

[1] See Appendix A.

[2] 1899-1900 Fort Worth City Directory; Real Estate Evaluation.

[3] Preservation Council's Historic Resources Survey.

[4] Higgins Printing Company.

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[6] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 162, page 285.

[7] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 163, page 93.

[8] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 191, page 54.

[9] 1904 Fort Worth City Directory.

[10] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 252, page 455.

[11] 1909 Fort Worth City Directory.

[12] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 340, page 526.

[13] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 413, page 515.

[14] Federal Writer's Project #21652.

[15] Ruth Daggett, niece of Helen Daggett Bryan.

[16] 1918 Fort Worth City Directory.

[17] Preservation Council.

[18] 1923 Fort Worth City Directory.

[19] Greenwood Cemetery Records.

[20] 1929 Fort Worth City Directory.

[21] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1106, page 513.

[22] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1091, page 482.

[23] 1931-1933 Fort Worth City Directory.

[24] 1934 Fort Worth City Directory.

[25] 1935-1936 Fort Worth City Directory.

[26] 1936-1937 Fort Worth City Directory.

[27] 1937-1939 Fort Worth City Directory.

[28] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1413, page 149.

Footnotes (cont.)

[29] 1941-1945 Fort Worth City Directory.

[30] 1953-1955 Fort Worth City Directory.

[31] 1956 Fort Worth City Directory.

[32] Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 5922, page 329.

[33] Tarrant County Deed of Trust, Volume 2721, page 122.

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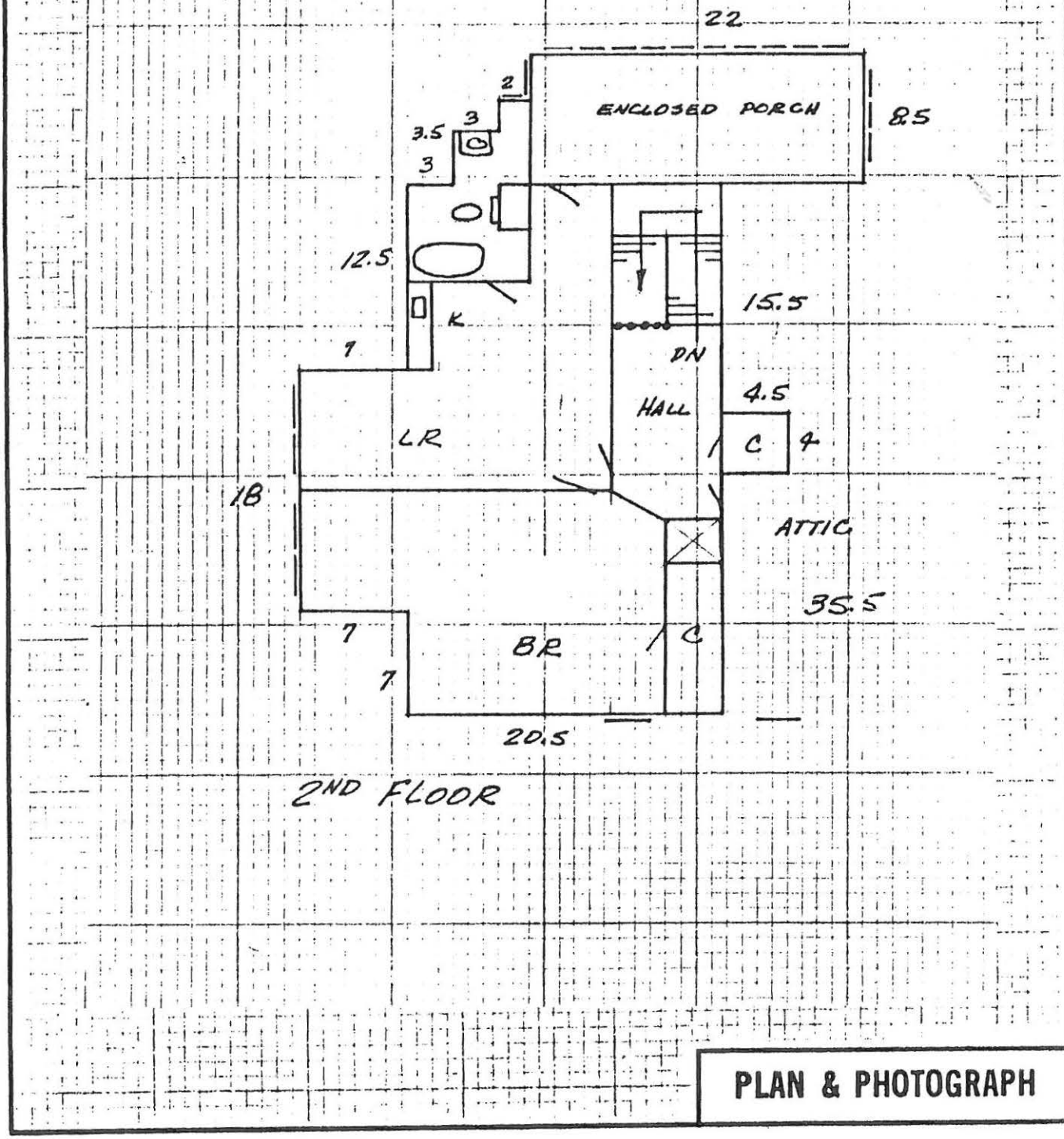

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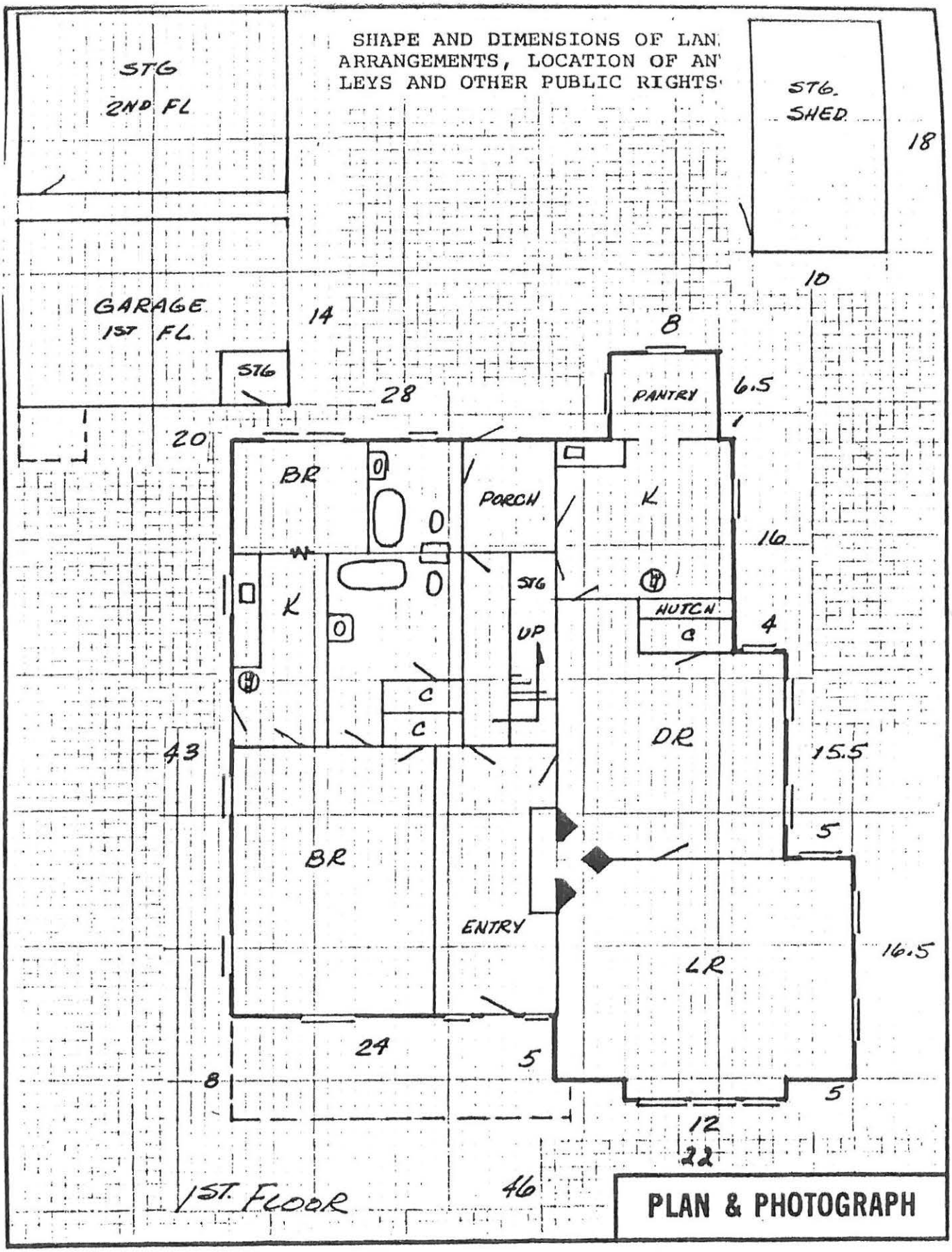
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PLAN & PHOTOGRAPH

ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT OF CITY PROPERTY Tarrant COUNTY

NUMBERS		
CONTROL	LOTS	LOT
~~43820~~ 43890-25-2-0		

Tucker ADDITION CITY OF Fort Worth

ABSTRACT NO. 1643 NAME P. T. Welch 409 W. Leuda

LOT NO. 2 BLOCK NO. 25 MAP NO. 4715

OWNERSHIP RECORD	ADDRESS		VOL.	PAGE	DATE	CONSIDERATION
J. F. Weatherby			1106	513	1/23/30	4000 00
" " "			1413	149	8/28/39	1593 75
Joseph David Patterson	add Howe	WD	5922	329	11 14 75	3,000 00

LIENHOLDER RECORD

~~Don F. Weatherby est of Judson F Weatherby~~		DT	2721	122	11 14 75	3,000 00

DELINQUENT TAX RECORD

YEAR	LINE	PAGE	PROPERTY TAXES: STATE TAX Dol.	STATE TAX Cts.	COUNTY TAX Dol.	COUNTY TAX Cts.	No.	Dol.	Cts.	No.	Dol.	Cts.	No.	Dol.	Cts.	DISTRICT SCHOOL No.	Dol.	Cts.	POLL TAX: STATE Dol.	STATE Cts.	COUNTY Dol.	COUNTY Cts.	TOTAL Dol.	TOTAL Cts.	DATE OF PAYMENT Mo.	Day	Yr.	NO. OF TAX RECEIPT

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BUILDING DESCRIPTION

CLASS	ROOF	EXTERIOR WALLS	HEATING	LIGHTING
~~Shack~~	Flat Hip	Brick	Fire Place	Lamps
Cottage	Gables, Dormers	Brick Veneer	Wood, Coal, Oil	Gas
Duplex	Cut up, Ordinary	Stone	Gas Furnace	Electric
Bungalow	Plain, Gravel	Stone Veneer	Steam	
Residence	Tile Shingle	Plastered	Stove	
Apartment	Metal, Tile	Stucco on Wood	Gas	
Hotel	Corr. Iron	Stucco on M. Lath	Hot Water	
Office Building	Composition	Hollow Tile		
Store	Wood	Terra Cotta	**PLUMBING**	**INSIDE FINISH**
Storage	Saw Tooth	Adobe		
Factory		Box	No. of Fixtures ✓	Unfinished
Filling Station	**BASEMENT**	Frame	Toilet	Sheetrock
Garage		Weather Board	Bath Room	Beaverboard
Shed	Whole	Sheet Iron	Shower	Sealed
Barn	Part	Concrete	Sink	Papered
Servants House	Finished		NEW	Plastered
Sign Board	Unfinished			Plaster M. Lath
		TRIMMINGS	**BUILT-IN FEATURES**	Plaster W. Lath
FOUNDATION				Pine Floors
	CONSTRUCTION	Cobblestone	Buffet	Hardwood Floors
Stone		Brick, Plaster	Patent Beds	Cement Finish
Concrete	Good	Stone, Wood	Refrigerator	Tile Floors
Brick	Medium	Plain	Bookcase	Marble Floors
Posts	Cheap	Ornamental	Kitchen Cab.	Dirt Floors
Piers	Mixed	Cornice	Break. Room	
No Foundation				**CONDITION**
				Poor
				Fair
				Good
				Built Year 1900 1921 ?

No. Rooms 1-5 Remodeled Occupied Owner Renter Vacant

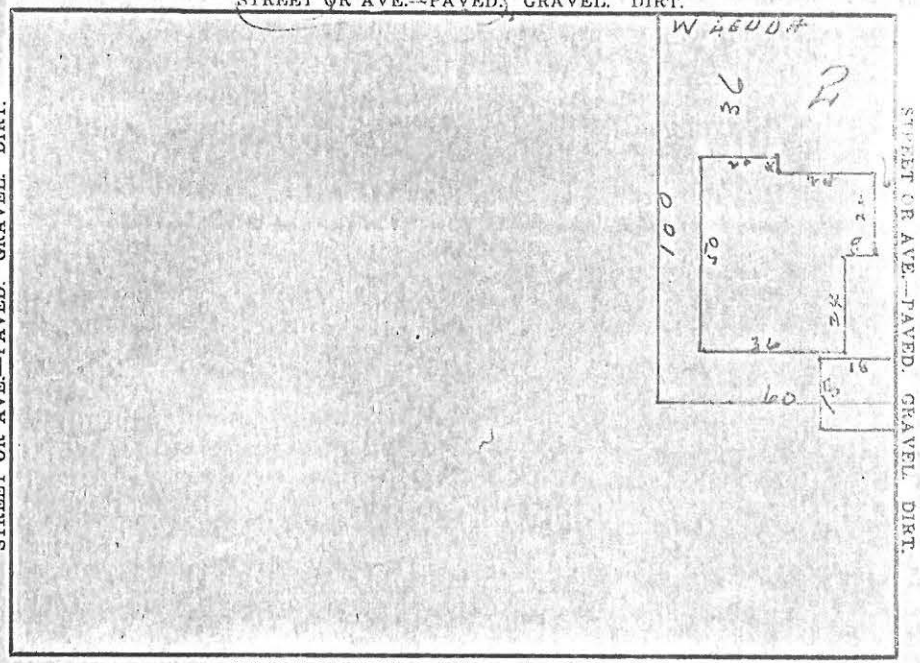
SIZE OF BUILDING

Wide		Deep	No. Stories	Wide		Deep	No. Stories
44	x	50	1½		x		
18	x	18	2		x		
	x				x		

No. Sq. Ft.	1912	Class 5 Price Per Sq. Ft.	2.00	$ 3824.00	$4582.16
	648	62	1.17	758.16	

PLAT

STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.



STREET OR AVE.—PAVED. GRAVEL. DIRT.

Building Permit No. ..... Date 1938

Purpose: Add. Bldgs. $ ..... Repairs $ ..... Total $ 400 —

Value Before Add. Imp. $ 4582 16 Value After Add. Imp. $ 4982 16

Per Cent Depreciation 50 — Net Value All Bldgs. $ 2250 24

Mo. Revenue $ .....

Zone No. .....

LAND VALUATION

SIZE OF LOT	FRONT FT. VALUE	TOTAL
60 x 140	—	650
x		
x		
x		
x		
x		

UNIT VALUE ..... FACTOR .....

RENDERED FOR TAXATION

YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION FINAL	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
193	2	2500 00				

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation . . . . $ 650

Total Improvement Valuation . 2850

Grand Total 3500

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post-and-beam west porch, and extensive wood wainscotting in the interior make the house an unusually ambitious example of a style rare in Fort Worth. With restoration the house could be eligible for the National Register.

64. 401 W Leuda Street — Graham House — 1910
NR/JLCD

A two-story brick house, rectangular in plan, with flaring hip roof and full porch supported by stout brick piers. The roof retains original copper cresting. A two-story brick garage at the rear has arched openings with green terra cotta keystones; it was converted to a store c. 1920. The house and garage are substantially built and situated on a prominent corner site. Constructed in 1910 by brick contractor William M. Graham, the house served as his own residence until 1919. Graham was a partner in the Innis-Graham Construction Co., a major building firm in Fort Worth, contractors for nearby Hogg School in 1909 and the old Fort Worth High School in 1910-11 (see N102 and N55 respectively). The house appears to be eligible for the National Register for its architectural quality and for its association with a major builder.

65. 409 W Leuda Street — Bryan House — c. 1901
NR*/JLCD

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66. 201 Lipscomb Street — National Biscuit Co. Warehouse — c. 1921
Ind(NR)

A small, one-story rectangular brick warehouse, with central garage entry. Ornamentation is simple, including brick string course and curved parapet. Built around 1921, the structure was first occupied by the National Biscuit Co. A manufacturer of draperies now occupies the building.

67. 319 Lipscomb Street — Stephen F. Austin Elementary School/Williamson-Dickie Mfg. Co. Headquarters — 1892; 1909; 1958
NR

A large two-story Romanesque Revival school building, generally rectangular in plan, with interlocking hip roofs and red-brick walls trimmed in quarry-faced white limestone. A symmetrical composition: two-story entry wings, hipped with triangular parapets, project forward near each end of the front facade. A large Romanesque arch frames a recessed entry at the base of each wing. Regularly spaced double-hung rectangular windows are set in the walls. Stone trim includes base, arch

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In 1923 Orval and Theo D. Atkinson lived in the house, which they had purchased. Orval was an architect and engineer, who had a wide experience in fireproof buildings as well as other classes of construction. The office was at 806 Taylor. [18]

On July 17, 1928 Mrs. Theo Atkinson bought Lot 103, Block 3, Section D in Greenwood Cemetery. [19]

In 1929 the house was vacant. [20]

On January 23, 1930 the Probate Court directed the sale of a tract of land in the 1930 January term belonging to the estate of Theo D. Atkinson, deceased. J. S. Jefferies, administrator of the estate, sold the premises at a private sale January 7, 1930 for a consideration of $4,000 to J. F. Weatherby. $4,000 was considered reasonable market value.

J. F. Weatherby assumed a first lien note against the premises held by the Mortgage Bond Co. of New York for the principal sum of $2,700 maturing October 1, 1930.

Weatherby also agreed to pay A. L. Baker $650 cash, and a second lien of $650 at 7% to A. L. Baker six months from the date. [21]

These premises being 50 X 40 foot out of the Block 25 of the Tucker Addition. Describe: Beginning at a point in the south line of Leuda Street which is 65 feet east from the intersection of the east line of Jennings Avenue with the south line of Leuda, thence south parallel with the east line of Jennings Avenue 140 feet more or less to a 20 foot alley; thence east along the north line of said alley 50 feet; thence north parallel with the east line of Jennings avenue 140 feet to the south line of Leuda Street; thence west along the south line of Leuda Street 50 feet to the place of beginning. [21]

On October 7, 1930 J. S. Jefferies, administrator of the estate of Theo D. Atkinson, deceased, conveyed the deed to J. F. Weatherby and payable to

A. L. Baker for $4,000 and one promissory note of $650. R. F. Milan was Trustee in the ~~bankrupt~~ estate of A. L. Baker, bankrupt. The deed was for 60 X 40 feet out of Block 25 of the Tucker Addition.[22] In the 1930s a stream of occupants resided in the Bryon Home. From 1931 until 1934 M. C. Heath occupied the house.[23]

C. V. Matthews lived there in 1934.[24]

In 1935 and 1936 W. G. Armentrout and Mrs. Daisy Henderson resided there.[25]

In 1936 and 1937 B. B. Frost and Mrs Daisy Henderson lived there.[26]

Just Daisy Henderson lived alone at the house in 1937, 1938 and 1939.[27]

J. F. Weatherby paid an additional $1,593.75 on August 28, 1939,[28] and Osha Weatherby, a feme sole, was paid $1,593.75 on August 29, 1939 by J. F. Weatherby, an unmarried man. The grantee was to pay all the taxes on the property for the year 1939. This conveyed all of a parcel of land at 409 West Leuda described in a deed to J. F. Weatherby in Book 1106, page 513.

From 1941 through 1953 J. F. Weatherby lived at the house.[29] Carl G. Lee,[30] then moved into the house and stayed until J. F. Weatherby moved back in the house in 1956.[31] It continued to serve as rental property until

~~On~~ November 13, 1975, ~~Mattie Lee Nix, Flora W. Marks, Frances Davis,~~ Blonda Woodward, Terry A. Fry, Harold G. Fry, O. S. Clark, Jenny D. Lowe, Wendell Clark, Bill Wayne Fry, Thomas L. Clark, O. R. (Jack) Clark, Mrs. Pepper (Bobby) deRoulac, Mrs. R. G. (Peggy) Marion, Don Clark, U. G. Weatherby, Joe K. Weatherby, W. P. Weatherby, James R. (Bob) Weatherby, Pearl B. Brook, Bernice C. Clement, Bessie Newcomb, Mary Lou Flake, and Geraldine Bannister acting by the appointed Attorney-in-fact, Don B. Weatherby and individually Cecil E. Nelson and Margaret Lyons, ~~all~~ when heirs of Judson F. Weatherby, deceased, were paid $10 and consideration by Joseph David Patterson, for the Morgon Bryon Home. Cash was paid and a promissory note of $3,000 was made payable to Don B.

Weatherby, executor of the estate of Judson F. Weatherby, ~~deceased~~ for 409 West Leuda. [32]

~~Joseph David Patterson acknowledged Tom K. Eplen, Trustee of Taylor County, Texas for 409 West Leuda. 33~~

Mr. Patterson has made 407 West Leuda his home for ten years. He aapreciates the unique architecture of the house and restores it in keeping with the period inwhich it was built.

He works nearby for the Shaw Bros., Inc. Machine Shop at 301 South Main Street.[33]

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FOOTNOTES

1. See appendix A

1 1899-1900 Fort Worth City Directory; Real Estate Evaluators.

2 ~~Real Estate Valuators~~.

3 Preservation Council's Historic Resources Survey.

4 Higgins Printing Company.

5 1899-1900 Fort Worth City Directory.

6 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 162, page 285.

7 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 163, page 93.

8 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 191, page 54.

9 1904 Fort Worth City Directory.

10 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 252, page 455.

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13 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 413, page 515.

14 Federal Writer's Project #21652.

15 Ruth Daggett, niece of Helen Daggett Bryan.

16 1918 Fort Worth City Directory.

17 Preservation Council.

18 1923 Fort Worth City Directory.

20 1929 Fort Worth City Directory.

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23 1931-1933 Fort Worth City Directory.

24 1934 Fort Worth City Directory.

25 1935-1936 Fort Worth City Directory.

26 1936-1937 Fort Worth City Directory.

27 1937-1939 Fort Worth City Directory.

28 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1413, page 149.

29 1941-1945 Fort Worth City Directory.

30 1953-1955 Fort Worth City Directory.

31 1955 Fort Worth City Directory.

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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May 21, 1985

Duane Gage
TCJC NE Campus
828 Harwood Road
Hurst, TX 76054

RE: MORGAN BRYAN 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

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

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cc: J. David Patterson

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MORGAN BRYAN 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,

Dan K. Utley
Director of Research

THE MORGAN BRYAN HOUSE

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By
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Fort Worth, Texas 76110

The historic resources survey conducted by the Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County describes the Morgan Bryan House at 409 W. Leuda as: "a one and one half story wood frame house clad in channel rustic siding.

> A one and one half story wood frame house clad in channel rustic siding. The house is quaintly composed and miniature in scale. A hipped dependency projects forward, supported by Tuscan columns framing a recessed porch. This is balanced by a gabled bay with bracketed eave returns and shingled pediment. A tiny double-gabled dormer is set high on the houses hip roof. The house was built around 1901 for Morgan Bryan a socially prominent attorney. His wife was Helen Daggett, member of the pioneer Fort Worth family. The house may be eligible for the National Register following documentation of its architect or builder."[1]

This researcher believes that the Morgan Bryan House is of Folk Victorian architecture. It looks like a bride's house and it was. Helen Daggett and Morgan Bryan were married in 1898. In 1902 they moved into this brand new home. He was an attorney and she was from a well known pioneer family. His office was at 317 Houston.[2]

This miniature home of eight rooms has many architectural features, all crowded into its 2,669 square feet. It is a one and one-half story wood frame house built on a block and piling foundation. The recessed front porch has Tuscan columns with heavy curving beams. Just west of the porch is the front bay with three windows topped by a gable with a wood shingle pediment. The gable has a diamond pane horizontal window that reaches across the gables. Double gables, each with double sash windows, are on the east side of the house.

Morgan Bryan was a descendant of the Bryan family who were among early permanent settlers of America. There were three brothers who came to North Carolina in 1687. Samuel J. Bryan, Morgan's father, was born in Mt. Airy,

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September 6, 1985

Duane Gage
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Dear Duane:

The State Marker Committee has completed their review of the Morgan Bryan House marker application. Because of the alterations to the home, including the addition of siding, the committee has determined that the home does not qualify for a building marker. In addition, they felt the history was not strong enough to warrant consideration for a subject marker.

The committee's decision is in no way intended to detract from the owner's pride in the home. Their determination is based on preservation considerations and on the structure's possible contribution to the context of Texas architectural history.

With this letter we are returning the original historical narrative and photos for your use.

Sincerely,

Dan

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

DKU:crl

cc: Mr. J. David Patterson

NORTH (FRONT) Side - MORGAN BRYAN House

EAST side— MORGAN BRYAN House

South Side Of MORGAN BRYNO House

FROM SW CORNER – MORGAN BRYAN HOUSE

NW CORNER OF MORGAN BRYAN HOUSE