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July 7, 1993

Paul Worthen
636 Profit St.
Azle, TX 76020

RE: *WALKER DRUGSTORE*
Tarrant County, Job #17991

Dear Mr. Worthen:

We are sorry that you were not able to complete the necessary work on the above-mentioned historical marker application. Since more than a year has passed since my last letter to you dated December 30, 1991, the application has been officially deactivated. The original application materials are being returned to you under separate cover.

Should you wish to reapply for a marker for this topic at some future date, please notify us so that we may send you guidelines and regulations in effect at that time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
Official Texas Historical Markers
Local History Programs

pc: B. J. Clark
Joye Evetts

7-28-92

B. J. Clark
has not heard
anything

2-8-92



From the desk of

CLOMA BRITT

Our marker is to be

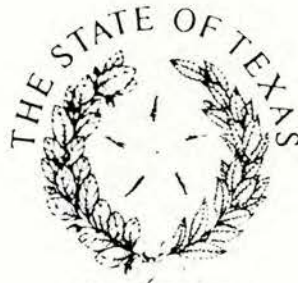
24" x 24" plaque
Five sent Black = white & colored pictures
between Window and Door
on the building
as there is no space
for a Pale Marker
the owner said,

Cloma Over
Send to: B.G. Clark, President
1024 Gladstone
Dale, TX 76020 (Over)
237-1505

J.R. Walker Built the
Old Drug Store in 1900

so the lower part is 92
top part is 86
this year.

If you don't like
Old post
could be
Walker - Stribling Old Drug
Store but
Stribling was in there
1930's - 1963 B at 202



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

December 30, 1991

Paul Worthen
636 Profit St.
Azle, TX 76020

Dear Mr. Worthen:

Thank you for your answers to the questions in my letter of August 22 concerning the historical marker application for the Walker Drugstore. In order to evaluate the structure for possible Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation, we will need a photograph showing the building's appearance from at least 50 years ago. (We need an actual photograph, not a photocopy.) Also, please send clear current photographs of all sides of the building's exterior.

It seems evident from the one photograph that we do have that the building has undergone some alterations. It would be extremely helpful if you could send us some information as to when the various alterations were made (such as the bricking on the front, changes in window and door openings, any changes to the front porch and/or awning, etc. Any information you can provide concerning the building's original construction history would also be helpful, such as the name the architect or contractor. The building has interesting detail work, and we would like to find out if features such as the front window moldings and the roofline/eaves/brackets were the result of an architect's design for this specific building or if perhaps they came from an architectural pattern book. Also of interest would be any information on historic signage on the building.

As I mentioned in my last letter, we cannot mention any person in a marker inscription who has not been deceased for at least 20 years. For that reason, we will need to title this marker "Walker Drugstore" rather than "Walker-Stribling Drugstore" due to the Striblings' death dates.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman

Cynthia J. Beeman
Historian, Local History Programs

pc: *Vela* Standifer
B. J. Clark

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EXECUTIVE

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

CLARK'S PRECISION MACHINE & TOOL

6100 HUNTER STREET -- AZLE, TEXAS 76020 -- (817) 4442533

TO/NAME: Joy Everts

DATE: 12-11-91

TITLE: _____

COMPANY: _____

FAX NO.: 882-6360

ROUTINE

URGENT

CONFIDENTIAL

WE ARE SENDING 3 PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET

FROM/NAME: B.J. Clark/Layle

TITLE: _____

COMPANY: CLARK'S PRECISION MACH. & TOOL

FAX NO.: (817) 444-3577

PHONE NO.: (817) 444-2533

REFERENCE NO.: _____

MESSAGE: _____

Attn: Joy Everts

Thank you
B.J. Clark

Joyce

Local History Programs
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711
512/463-6100

Gail
B. J. Clark's
Secretary
444-2533

Date: August 22, 1991

Re: WALKER-STIBLING DRUGSTORE
Tarrant County, Job #17991

Dear Applicant/County Chair:

Our staff has made a preliminary review of the above-referenced marker application. Before we can complete our evaluation, however, we need the following information. We will place the application on hold until all requested material has been received.

no info

- Do you have any information concerning the construction of the building? Was it already on the property when Dr. Steward sold it in 1884?

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- Was this the only drugstore in Azle until 1963? ^{don't know}

- Please provide the death dates of James H. and Byra Wood Stribling. Because we cannot mention people in historical markers who have been deceased for less than 20 years, we may not be able to use the Walker-Stribling name in the title.

- Do you want a subject marker for the drugstore as a business, or a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker for the building? Although the building seems to have undergone some alterations, the architectural historians feel that in the Azle context it may have merit for the RTHL designation. If you would like to pursue this possibility, please submit at least one historic photo of the structure. [Also, if the owner were to undertake restoration with the advice of THC architects, the building might qualify for preservation tax credits -- see the enclosed literature.] - sent to Paul Worthen

- Should we send copies of correspondence to the owner, Paul Worthen? (Neither "yes" nor "no" was checked for that question on the application form.)

Walker-Stribling Drugstore/Tarrant County
request for additional information
page 2

Please note that this is not a rejection of your application, but simply a request for more information. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or have need of assistance.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman

Cynthia J. Beeman
Historian
Local History Programs

copies to: ✓ Lela Standifer
B. J. Clark
Paul Worthen

Enc.

/cjb

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 Texas Historical Commission
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Footnotes:

1. The first small building was there, but Walker built the present two story one in 1900.
2. L.T.W. Reynolds, with the help of his brother John Giles built the small plank drugstore in 1882.
3. No, Lesters pharmacy opened in 1954 on Denver Trail.
4. James H. Stribling died in 1974. Byra Woody Stribling died in 1985.

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DEC 11 '91 11:29

5. Yes, for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker
(photo included).
6. Yes



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joey
Rec: 2-23-91
cc * *Joey*

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

February 20, 1991

Lela Standifer, Chair
Tarrant County Historical Commission
4404 Wedgemont Circle South
Fort Worth, TX 76133

RE: WALKER-STIBLING DRUGSTORE
18" x 28" subject marker w/o post

Dear Ms. Standifer:

This letter is to notify you that we have received the above referenced marker application. Your application will be reviewed and evaluated by the Texas Historical Commission staff in the order in which it has been received. Currently, there is a 5-6 month wait between the time subject marker applications are received and evaluated. Because applications for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designations (RTHLs) require an architectural review in addition to an historical evaluation, RTHL applications may take slightly longer. Should additional information be needed for the review, we will contact you at that time. After any deficiencies have been corrected, we will send copies of your application to the members of the State Marker Committee, who will make the final determination of the topic's acceptability for marking.

We will notify you as soon as the marker committee makes its decision. If the topic is approved for marking, payment will be requested at that time. 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 the contracting foundry, we suggest that you do not set the date of your marker dedication until you are notified that the completed marker has been shipped from the foundry.

We appreciate your interest in preserving Texas history. Should you have any further questions about the status of your marker application, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above.

Sincerely,

A. Perry
Ann Perry, Secretary
State Marker Program

cc: B. J. Clark and Gertie Ansley, Azle Historical Museum Society



TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2-12-91

J. Nell Pate

Attached is a file copy of
the marker application for the
Walker - Strubling Drug Store.

I'm returning the check
because they will bill you whenever
the marker is approved - no need
to tie up your money in the meantime!

The marker application was mailed
to Austin today.

Jeff Eutts
882-6367



February 11, 1991

Ms. Frances Rickard
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Rickard:

Enclosed is a subject marker application for the Walker-Stribling Drug Store of Azle which has been approved by the Tarrant County Historical Commission, after review and verification by our Marker Committee.

The enclosures include the application form, narrative, highway and street maps, and a black and white photograph.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lela Standifer

Lela Standifer, Chairman
4404 Wedgemont Circle
Fort Worth, TX 76133

cc: Joye Evetts, Marker Chairman

APPLICATION FORM
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

This marker is for (title or subject): Walker-Stribling Drug Store

Marker location (street address and city, or specific directions from nearest town on state highway map):

117 W. Main Street, Azle, Texas

County: Tarrant

Distance and direction of marker topic from marker site (if applicable):

on site

APPROVAL OF COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The application and narrative history must be approved by the county historical commission before forwarding to the Texas Historical Commission.

Chair's Signature: Lela Standifer Date: February 12, 1991

The CHC chair automatically will receive all copies of correspondence regarding this marker project.

PERMISSION OF OWNER FOR MARKER PLACEMENT

Permission for placement of a marker must be obtained by the property owner. Please provide the name of a contact person if the owner is an institution, organization, or public entity. This section need not be completed if the marker is to be placed on right-of-way maintained by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Name: Paul R. Worton

Contact person(if applicable): J.V. Clark

Mailing address: 636 Profit St
Cezile, Texas 76020 Phone: 444-2533

Owner's Signature: Paul R. Worton

Do you wish to receive copies of all correspondence concerning this marker application? Yes No

To whom should the request for payment be addressed? Sponsor Clark's Precision (817)
Name: B. J. Clark, President, Azle Historical Museum Society Machine Phone 444-2533

(Provide contact person if payee is an institution, organization, or public entity.)
Mailing address: 124 W. Main Street
Azle, Texas 76020 Phone: no phone in museum

Does this person wish to receive copies of all other correspondence concerning this application? Yes No

Is there anyone else to whom all correspondence concerning this marker application should be addressed?
(One additional name and address only, please.)

Name: Gertie Ansley, Treasurer, Azle Historical Museum Society (Sponsor)
Mailing address: 124 W. Main St.
Azle, Texas 76020 Phone: no phone in museum

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

In order to facilitate delivery of the marker, neither post office box numbers nor rural route numbers can be accepted. If the marker is to be placed on the highway right-of-way, it will be shipped directly to the district highway engineer.

Name: B. J. Clark Clark's Precision Machine and Tool
Street address: 636 Profit St.
Azle, Texas 76020 Phone: (817) 444-2533

TYPE AND SIZE OF MARKER DESIRED (please check one)

Subject Markers

This type of marker is solely educational in nature and conveys no legal restrictions to the property. Subject markers are appropriate for topics such as cemeteries, church congregations, businesses, persons, events, and institutions. These markers should not be attached to buildings. If the marker is to be attached to a surface other than the foundry-provided post, please provide the requested information in the space below.

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|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) | \$225 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" marker with post | \$750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" marker without post (see below) | \$700 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" marker with post | \$450 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" marker without post (see below) | \$400 |

If not on post, to what (block of granite, gatepost, etc.) will the marker be attached? to building
Type of material? (wood, stone, etc.) wood

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Markers

Markers conveying the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation are reserved solely for historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. The RTHL designation does carry a measure of legal protection for the structure (see Marker Policies 13 through 18). The most commonly used marker for conveying this designation is the medallion and plate (also referred to as a building marker); however, the 18" x 28" or 27" x 42" size marker may be ordered for those who wish a greater amount of historical information to appear in the marker text. Careful attention should be paid so as not to damage historic building material if the marker is to be mounted directly onto the structure. The THC staff can provide alternate ideas for mounting upon request.

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|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medallion and 16" x 12" plate with post | \$350 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medallion and 16" x 12" plate without post (see below) | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" marker with post | \$750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" marker without post (see below) | \$700 |
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If not on post, to what (building, gate, etc.) will the marker be attached? _____
Type of material? (wood, stone, etc.) _____

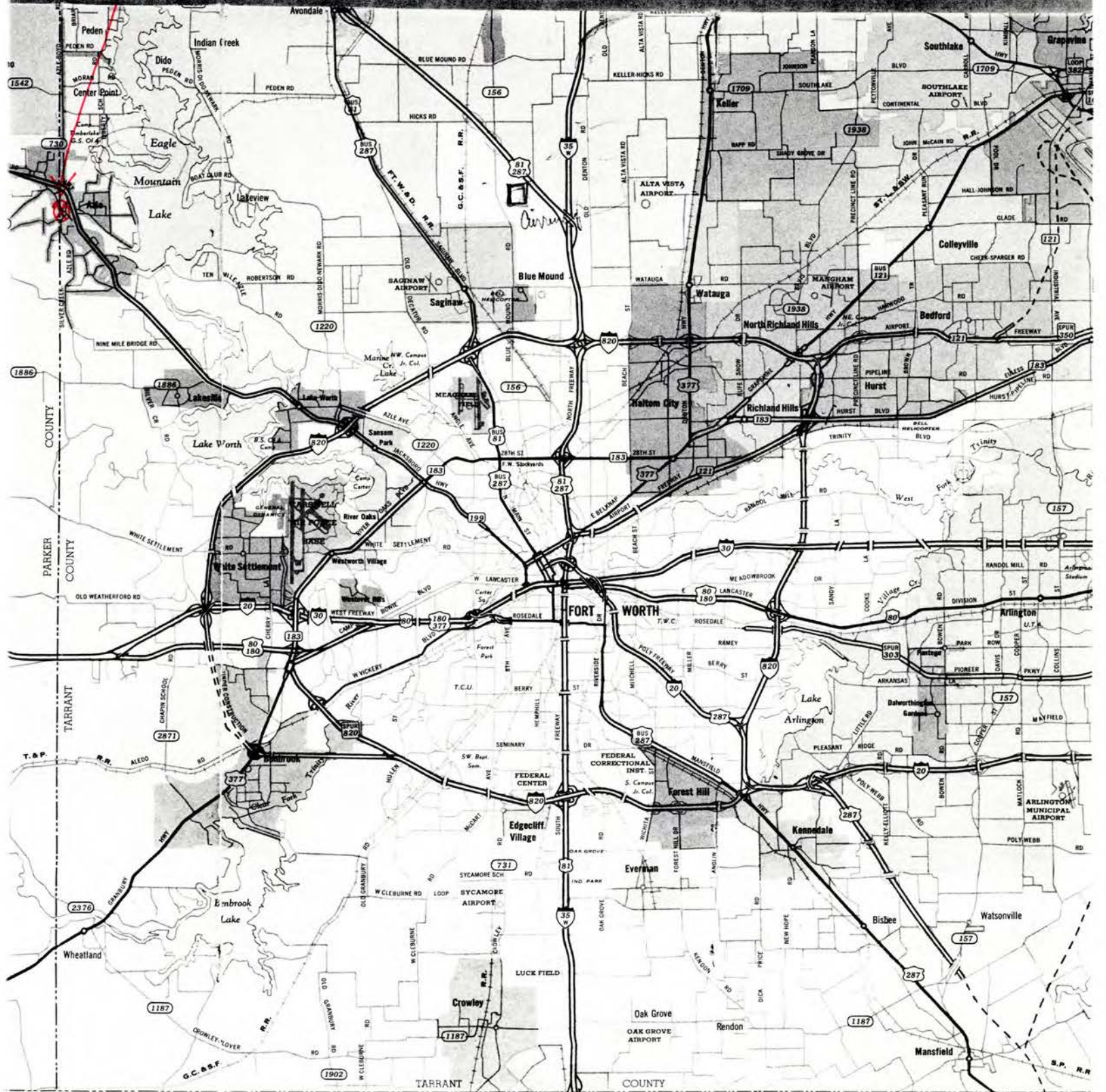
Additional items, including paperweights, directional signs, and replacement parts for 1936 markers are available. Please contact the State Marker Program for a separate order form.

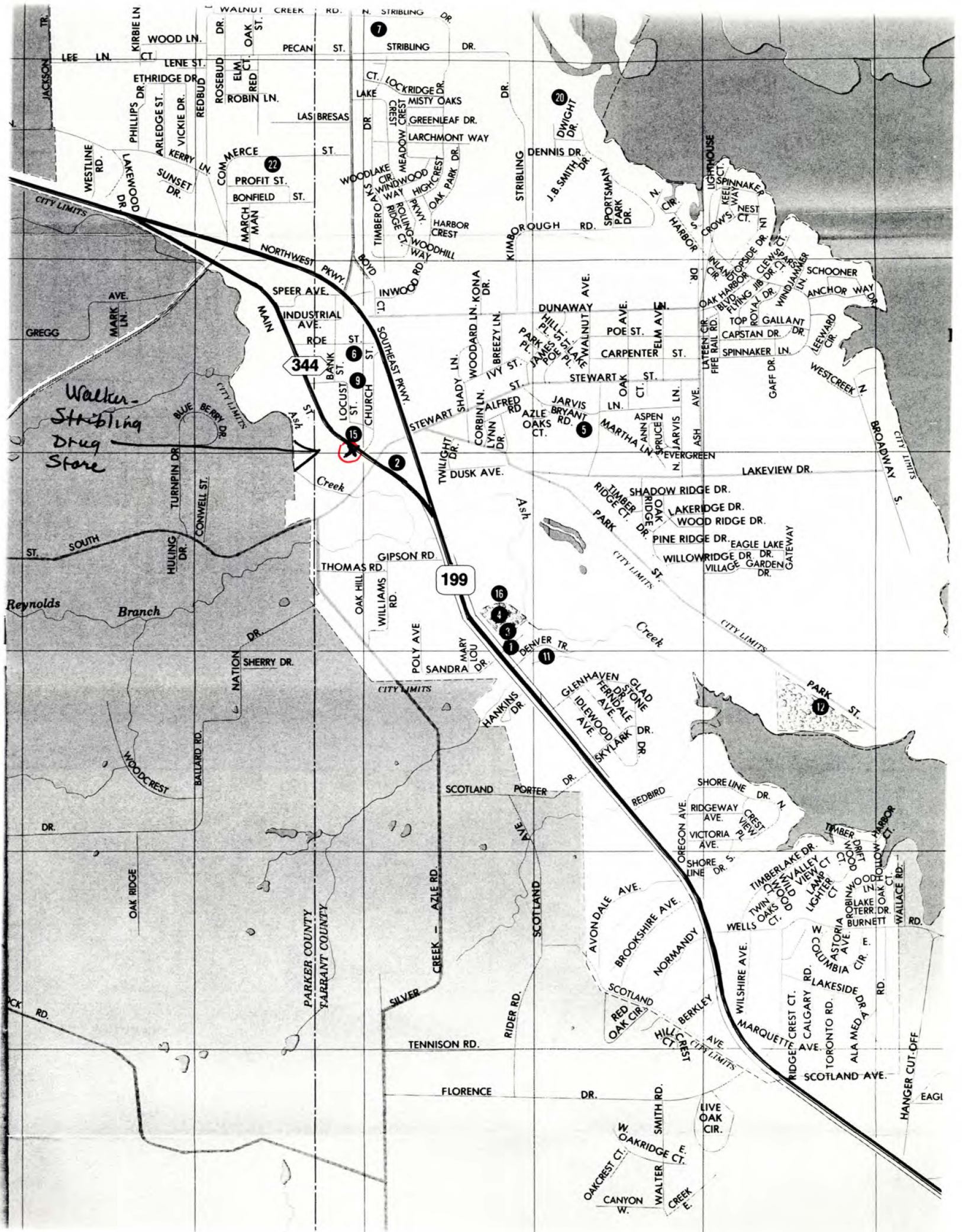
Before forwarding your material to the Texas Historical Commission, please check to make sure you've included the following items. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

- ✓ completed application form signed by the county historical commission
- ✓ narrative history with footnotes and bibliography
- ✓ photograph of the proposed marker location
- ✓ map indicating marker location and other sites related to the marker topic
- ✓ historic photo of property and current photographs of all elevations (RTHL markers only)

Mail completed applications to:
State Marker Program, Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711
512/463-6100

Walker-Stribling Drug Store







WALKER-STIBLING DRUG STORE

By
Cloma Britt
1024 Bradley Drive
Azle, TX 76020
817-444-4870

The old drug store, hub of Azle community activities, is located at 117 W. Main Street (Loop 344), Azle, TX, approximately .2 mile west of State Highway 199, in Tarrant County, Texas.

The land on which the building is located is part of the Benjamin F. Curtis 160-acre survey (which spans the Tarrant-Parker County line), patented by John Henry Rumpsfeldt on August 9, 1859.¹

Due to the 1876 Tarrant County Court House fire, no land transfer records are found on this property until March 5, 1875 when Dr. James Azle Steward, Tennessee native and pioneer doctor, and Mary E. Steward, his wife, donated a 5-acre site for the Ash Creek Baptist Church and school.²

In 1883, Dr. James Azle Steward offered to donate land and assist with establishing a town if the post office name were changed to "Azle" (his middle name) rather than "O'Bar" which it had been called since September 5, 1881. The U. S. Postal Service officially approved the post office name change to "Azle" on November 6, 1883.³

Surveying and platting of the 13-1/2-acre town site for the Village of Azle were completed and filed at the Tarrant County Court House on February 8, 1894, five years after Dr. Steward's death on April 29, 1889.⁴

The property on which the old drug store was located

(originally a 50' x 100' lot known as Lot 2, Block 2) was sold by Dr. Steward and his wife to J. H. Wayland of Parker County for \$10 on January 24, 1884.⁵

The next transfer of record on this property occurred July 27, 1888 when Lewis Thomas Wigfall "Wig" Reynolds, who had been in the drug business in Azle since 1882, moved to Weatherford and sold to J. R. Walker "One house and lot in the Village of Azle and known as Lot No. 2 in Block No. 2. Also all the drugs in stock..." for the sum of \$1178.⁶

J. R. Walker became the operator of the drug store. In 1900, the Woodmen of the World Azle Camp No. 596 furnished the material and paid for erecting a second story room over the store house of J. R. Walker located on Lot No. 2 of Block No. 2. They owned the second story and had a free and accessible outside entrance separate from that of the store.⁷

On July 22, 1930, J. R. Walker sold to J. L. Pierce the west side of Lot 2, Block 2 (which became Lot 2B, Block 2). Mr. Walker retained the portion on which the drug store was located, which became Lot 2A, Block 2.⁸

In 1931, the Texas Highway Department widened and asphalted the gravel Main Street as Highway 199, taking 40' from the front of each lot along Main Street. An office for the village doctor was added to the back of the drug store prior to the time that Tarrant County moved the drug store to the back part of the lot.⁹

Mr. Walker died on April 5, 1931, leaving a widow, Ida Walker, and nine children. Mrs. Walker and her children operated the drug

store for the next four years.¹⁰

On April 11, 1935, Mrs. Ida Walker sold the lot and lower floor of the building to James H. and Byra Woody Stribling, a young couple from Fort Worth. Mr. Stribling bought equipment and stock for the store from a drug store in Greenwood (Wise County) that was being sold. Mrs. Stribling worked for the phone company in Azle for the first two years in order to help her husband start the new drug store.¹¹

The Striblings realized that their customers, primarily farmers and ranchers, needed the drug store to be open during the evening. Mrs. Stribling quit her job with the phone company to help run the drug store and keep it open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.¹²

Mr. Stribling put in a Delco system of electricity and had the first electric lights in Azle.¹³ Other changes to the building occurred when an out-of-control car crashed into the drug store, resulting in removal of the guard rail and replacement of the plank porch and four-pane windows with a concrete porch and full-pane store windows.¹⁴

An old bench on the front porch served as a gathering place where men sat to chew tobacco, spin yarns, and exchange news about friends and neighbors.¹⁵

During the depression years of the 1930's, Stribling Drug Store was a commodities distribution center for the needy.¹⁶

In the 1940's and 1950's, the drug store served as a Continental Trailways agency station and transfer point on bus routes from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls to points north as well as

routes from Fort Worth to Seymour to points west.¹⁷

Downstairs, there was a doctor's office in the rear of the building and a small library in the corner of the drug store where Byra Stribling served as Azle's second librarian.¹⁸

The upstairs was used for community meetings and activities which included the Azle Civic League, town hall, Precinct 4 court room, and polling place for elections.¹⁹

Clubs which met upstairs included the garden club, Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star. The Rebekah Lodge met there twice-a-month from its organization in 1950 until 1976 when the stairs became too difficult for some of its members.²⁰

A 1950 property plat revision of Lot 2, Block 2 indicated a 2.5' encroachment of the sidewalk used by the lodge on the west side of the drug store and a 1.2 foot encroachment of a concrete entry porch on the east side.²¹

In 1957, the Texas Highway Department rerouted State Highway 199 and designated Main Street as Spur 344.²² Thereafter, the bulk of the busy highway traffic no longer passed in front of the Stribling Drug Store.

In 1963, the Striblings sold their drug stock and equipment to Milton Tompkins, who went into business elsewhere, ending the many years of existence of a drug store at that location.²³

On April 13, 1963, the Striblings rented their old drug store building to Paul L. Worthen, who, along with Franklin C. Couch, opened C & W Electronics. Mr. Worthen, who bought out his partner in 1967, rented the building until September 25, 1978 when he

purchased the old Stribling drug store building from Jay Woody Stribling, son of James H. and Byra Stribling.²⁴

When Mr. Worthen bought the building, the Woodmen of the World's rights and interest in the upper story of the building had been preserved in deed conveyances from the Walkers and the Striblings. In 1983, Paul Worthen received a quit claim deed for the second floor of the building from the Gipson Rebekah Lodge #460, who had not used it since 1976. However, no record exists of the Rebekah Lodge's acquisition of ownership in the second floor.²⁵

The old drug store, oldest remaining commercial building on Main Street in Azle, Texas, was a hub of community activities during the many years of its existence.²⁶

June 23, 1990

END NOTES

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2. Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 1182, pp. 591-592.
3. Beatrice Gipson Carter, My Home Town (Azle, Texas: 1968), pp. 9 and 61; National Archives Microfilm Publications, Roll 127, Target 3, Texas, Tarrant County, p. 793.
4. Tarrant County Plat Records, vol. 63, p. 141; Obituary, *Weatherford Democrat*, 5 May 1889, vol. 1 #9, p.5.
5. Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 41, pp. 630-631.
6. "Weatherford Druggist, 95, to Celebrate Event Today", *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, June 10, 1956, section 1, p. 17; Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 128, pp. 413-414.
7. Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 242, pp. 46-47; Carter, My Home Town, p. 163; Interview with Bill Stribling, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stribling, Azle, Texas, 9 December 1988.
8. Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 1355, p. 396; Tarrant County Assessor's Abstract of City Property, Azle, Revision of Lot 2, Block 2, 1950.
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11. Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 1478, pp. 139-140. Azle Historical Museum Society, History of Azle Community, Texas, (Dallas, Texas: Curtis Media Corporation, 1986), p. 93; Interview with Bill Stribling, 9 November 1988.
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13. Ibid.
14. Interview with Bill Stribling, 12 November 1988.
15. Interview with Bill Stribling, 9 December 1988.

16. History of Azle Community, Texas, p. 94.
17. Continental Trailways bus schedules, 25 October 1946 and 15 November 1946.
18. History of Azle Community, Texas, p. 8.
19. History of Azle Community, Texas, p. 93.
20. History of Azle Community, Texas, pp. 93-94; History of Gipson Rebekah Lodge #460 (undated).
21. Tarrant County Plat Records, vol. 388-F-535-536.
22. Drawing of Corporate Limits of Azle, Texas, J. L. Corbin, Engr., 12 March 1957.
23. History of Azle Community, Texas, p. 94.
24. Ibid.; Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 5752, pp. 962-965 and vol. 6592, pp. 292-296.
25. Tarrant County Deed Records, vol. 7669, pp. 1707-1708.
26. Tarrant County Tax Property Deed History, City of Azle, Lot 2A, Block 2; Historic Resources Survey, housed in National Register Department, Texas Historical Commission.

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- Tarrant County Deed Records.
- Tarrant County Plat Records.
- Tarrant County Tax Assessor Records.
- Weatherford Democrat.*



Art
J'Nell called today to say
they are ready to move along
with this.
Joye Evetts

February 5, 1990 **RECEIVED**

Dr. J'Nell Pate
1104 Carpenter Street
Azle, TX 76020

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~~ARTHUR WEINMAN~~
ARCHITECTS

Dear J'Nell:

Thanks for calling about the Official Historical Marker
for the Walker-Stribling Drug Store.

Enclosed is a copy of the 1991 Guidelines as well as a
revised application form.

Please complete the sections marked in pencil and obtain
the property owner's signature. Return the application
form along with the Azle street map and picture to me,
and we will file the completed package with the state
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We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Joye K. Evetts
Marker Chairman
Tarrant County Historical Commission
P.O. Box 970
Fort Worth, TX 76116
business: 882-6367
home: 244-1232



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ARTHUR WEINMAN
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July 5, 1990

Mrs. Cloma Britt
1024 Bradley Drive
Azle, TX 76020

Dear Mrs. Britt:

The Tarrant County Historical Commission Marker Committee has approved the enclosed revised narrative for the Texas Historical Marker application on the old drug store in Azle.

From the material submitted, we assumed you were applying for a Subject Marker for the drug store as a focus of community activities, in which case the subject would be required to meet the 75-year criteria. Since the first drug store of record in Azle belonged to Wig Reynolds, we included him as well as the Walkers in the title.

If you had intended to apply for a Building Marker as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, additional information on the building's architecture and construction as well as photographs would be required.


At this point, we will need:

1. Preference of Title (i.e., "Reynolds-Walker-Stribling Drug Store," "Old Drug Store," "Azle Community Drug Store," or some other.)
2. A black-and-white photograph of the drug store building.
3. An Azle city map showing the proposed marker site and its relationship to the drug store building.
4. Selection of size of marker (see attached sheets).
5. Name and address of sponsor of the marker.
6. Name, address and telephone number of person to whom the marker is to be shipped.

When your organization has approved the above, please send me the photograph and information necessary to complete the marker application form. After the State Marker Committee has reviewed your application, you will be notified of their decision and requested to pay for the marker.

I look forward to hearing from you so that we can complete this application.

Sincerely,


Joye K. Evetts, Marker Chairman
P.O. Box 970
Fort Worth, TX 76101
817-882-6367 (business)

✓ cc: Mr. Art Weinman, TCHC Chairman

June 24, 1990

Called "no"

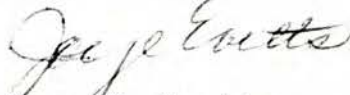
Deed Records
Parker County Court House
Weatherford, Texas

Gentlemen:

I am doing research for a Texas Historical Marker and am searching for record of a land sale from J. H. Wayland to Lewis Thomas Wigfall "Wig" Reynolds (both residents of Parker County). The sale occurred sometime between January 1884 when Wayland bought it and July 1888 when Wig Reynolds sold it. The land is Lot 2, Block 2 in the City of Azle, Tarrant County. No record of this transaction exists in the Tarrant County deed records. Since both the grantor and grantee lived in Parker County, I hoped some document might have been filed there.

Your help will be very much appreciated. Please notify me of any expense for photocopies.

Very truly,



Joye K. Evetts
Tarrant County Historical Commission
4400 Idledell
Fort Worth, TX 76116

Azle trying to re-organizing

Fw Lodge #2 is inactive - only one in T.C.

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100 years old 6-4-90

women called "Woodmen's Circle" - but merged in 1950's

Rebekahs are part of I O O F

June 11, 1990

Mr. Grover Shannon
2003 Rickety Lane
P.O. Box 130307
Tyler, TX 75712

office phone 214-534-1400

Dear Mr. Shannon:

I am researching for a Texas Historical Marker and am looking for information on the Azle Camp No. 596 Woodmen of the World -- especially the date when it was formed and date it became inactive.

In 1900, the Azle Camp furnished material and paid for erecting a second story over the J. R. Walker drug store for use as a meeting place.

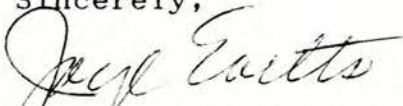
In the 1930's the upstairs room was used as a meeting place by many other civic, community and fraternal groups -- including the Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge.

In 1983, the Gipson Rebekah Lodge gave a quit claim deed for the upstairs to Paul Worthen who owned the rest of the building and land. This group was organized November 13, 1950 and met in the upstairs room until 1976.

I'm trying to trace the ownership of the upstairs. When did the Azle Camp transfer ownership of the upstairs? Was it sold or given directly to the Rebekah Lodge or did another group own the upstairs for a time?

Any information you can give me would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Joye K. Evetts
Tarrant County Historical Commission
4400 Idledell
Fort Worth, TX 76116

June 7, 1990

General Land Office
Archives & Records Division
Stephen F. Austin Building
17th & North Congress
Austin, TX 78711

Gentlemen:

I am research for a Texas Historical Marker application on a site in Tarrant County and would like to buy copies of some early land records on:

The Benjamin F. Curtis 160-acre survey patented by John H. Rumpsfeldt in 1859 (No. 569, Vol 24)

Ownership change of the above to James Azle and Mary E. Steward prior to 1875

Information about land patented or granted to James Azle Steward in Tarrant County

Information about land patented or granted to John Giles Reynolds in Tarrant County

Information about land patented or granted to Lewis Thomas Wigfall Reynolds in Tarrant County

Your help will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joye K. Evetts
Tarrant County Historical Commission
4400 Idledell
Fort Worth, TX 76116

NAME	LAND DIST.	FILE NUMBER	SQ
CURRY, THOMAS	MILAM	1-001455	02
CURRY, THOMAS	FANNIN	1-001897	01
CURRY, THOMAS D	ROBERTSON	3-004722	00
CURRY, THOMPSON T	ROBERTSON	3-000077	03
CURRY, W I	JASPER	P-000101	05
CURRY, W O	MILAM	P-005398	00
CURRY, WILEY	JASPER	P-000123	07
CURRY, WILLIAM		C-001967	00
CURRY, WILLIAM	MONTGOMERY	3-000420	04
CURRY, WILLIAM S	FANNIN	B-000818	03
CURRY, WILLIS	ROBERTSON	1-000290	05
CURRY, WILSON	NACOGDOCHES	1-001203	01
CURRY, WILSON	ROBERTSON	1-001314	02
CURRY, WILSON	MILAM	1-001884	01
CURRY, WM H	ROBERTSON	3-003841	00
CURRY, WM H	ROBERTSON	3-004811	01
CURRY, WM L	RED RIVER	3-000747	00
CURSEY, J A	MILAM	B-000148	07
CURTIS, A Y	FANNIN	P-002491	01
CURTIS, ASA	GOLIAD	P-000105	07
CURTIS, B F	FANNIN	P-002587	00
CURTIS, BENJ F	ROBERTSON	3-003230	00
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CURTIS, ELIJAH	GONZALES	1-000163	08
CURTIS, ERVIN	BOWIE	3-000143	05
CURTIS, GEORGE	FANNIN	P-001071	02
CURTIS, GREEN	BEXAR	P-003233	02
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CURTIS, JAMES		M-000222	19

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REYNOLDS, F J	REFUGIO	S-000470	04
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REYNOLDS, JOHN		C-006880	00
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REYNOLDS, JOHN G	ROBERTSON	3-003065	02
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REYNOLDS, JOSEPH	SAN PATRICIO	B-000302	08
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16 April 1990

STRIBLING DRUG STORE

This is not a detailed critique as the problems are too numerous. This is just to give you some idea of the problems.

She needs detailed help with the form of the narrative. Heading, style etc.

There is much in the narrative which does not belong there. She should exclude the history of Azle, and people who are not concerned with this subject. Azle history which puts the store within a context is the only history that should be included.

I made notes on the narrative which will probably be confusing, so maybe this will help a little.

Eliminate the first paragraph. It really has nothing to do with the marker subject.

The second paragraph might read "The Stribling Drug Store is located on the Benjamin F. Curtis 160 acre survey patented by John Henry Rumpfeldt on August 9, 1859". We don't know that Steward lived on a Rumpfeldt farm, only that he owned land that Rumpfeldt once owned. The statement about Reynolds is out of place as there has been no previous mention of him. He returned? Had he been there earlier? Who was he and why was he mentioned?

Page 2 para 1 - Part of this is redundant, part is necessary. How does the school tie in to the story? The deed quoted reads the Rumpfeldt Survey, not the Curtis Survey. Does this deed have any meaning to the narrative?

Page 3 Land donated was in the Curtis Survey, not the Rumpfeldt Survey.

Eliminate or reword the post office statement.

Two men are referred to as brothers, yet there is 35 years difference in their ages according to her narrative. Eliminate the buffalo trail and other undocumented language. He received his Board of Pharmacy Certificate in 1890 after leaving town. Put sentences in right order.

Eliminate last paragraph as it has nothing to do with the drug store.

Page 4 Eliminate first two paragraphs.

Paragraph 3 - Says he tore down the drug store in 1900. Then goes on to tell about the building in 1906. Needs to make a statement about building a new building, when, who built etc.

From documentation this seems to have been Lot 2 Block 2. Give

further location. Street etc. The sentence beginning "On February" should give more complete information. "On February 5, 1906, Walker sold the upstairs of the building to the Azle Camp of the Woodmen of the World, free and clear, with an outside entrance." Check and see if they did not also have a right to a sidewalk.

Eliminate childrens games.

If the last sentence about nearby building is pertinent, reword.

Page 5 para 1 - Walker sold a part of lot 2. Give details. 21' x 160' out of the west side of lot 2. Look at the documents and see it was not lot 2A rather than 2b.

Is Tarrant County Highway Department the correct terminology?

Explain that the highway was widened and the building moved. Was building moved back on the same lot?

Ida Walker sold the first floor of the building and the lot. Why was it then empty?

Put the fact the following material was by Stribling in the footnote.

Page 6 See notes on page

Page 7 Eliminate last paragraph down to courtroom. Was the courtroom in the drugstore? If not eliminate. How and why was Judge Bowman famous?

Page 8. Eliminate sentence marked.

Encroachment complaint. Explain.

Eliminate last paragraph.

Page 9 - Reword first sentence and give incorporation date here. Give date he left.

Reword sentence beginning "In 1963". It could read "In 1963 James H. and Byra Stribling sold their stock and equipment to Milton Thompkins, who sent into business elsewhere, ending the many years of the drugs stores existence." - or something similar.

Para 2. Eliminate if not a building landmark marker application, as the story of the drug store is finished. If she want a building marker, Landmark status, then she needs to continue to take the history of the building to the present. If a Landmark marker is wanted then they will need detailed photographs of all sides of the building, and some drawing of the building dimension etc. Look at your marker application for what that entails.

Last page. Eliminate the last part that is marked.
Dee Barker

Curtis Media Corporation

December 12, 1989

Mrs. Cloma Britt
1024 Bradley Drive
Azle, Texas 76020

Dear Mrs. Britt:

For the purposes so stated in your letter dated December 7, 1989, you are authorized to use materials contained in the 1986 Azle Community History book provided permission is granted by an authorized representative of the Azle Historical Museum Society.



D. L. KNOWLER
Chairman
Curtis Media Corporation

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Bill Irwin: Office Supervisor

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AZLE CITY HALL RECORDS: INCORPORATION PAPERS

MEMORIES: Bill Stribling, youngest son of James & Byra
Stribling

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT HIGHWAY OFFICE
GRAPHIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP movement of buildings in Azle
in 1931

BUS ROUTES Maps & Schedules: BLUE BOOK: Russell's
Official National Motor Coach Guide from:
Billy M. Johnson, 4212 Muir Street,
Big Springs, Texas 79720

GREEN GUIDE BOOK: Continental TRAILWAYS:
from :
E. W. Simmons, Senior-Director Schedules
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1024 Bradley Drive
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AZLE, TEXAS' TENTH HISTORICAL MARKER

STRIBDRU

1-20-1992

The Stribling Old Drug Store

became the Hub of COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES from
1935 through 1963
is the SUBJECT
of this

HISTORICAL MARKER

and to be

presented as a CANDIDATE for the

NATIONAL REGISTER in 1992

The STRIBLING DRUG STORE sits in the Benjamin F. Curtis
Survey on 160 acre farm patented by 'John' H. Rumpsfeldt on
August 9, 1959.

In 1906, Woodmen of the WORLD asked if they could
BUILD a TOP FLOOR to Walker's LARGE DRUG STORE,
He gave them Permission by Deed. (1)

Ida Walker sold the lower EMPTY BUILDING on:
Lot 2 Block 2 to James H. and Byra Stribling, a young
couple from Ft Worth, Texas on April 11, 1935. (2)

Byra Stribling heard through her Aunt that a private owned Company was bringing a SWITCHBOARD to Azle area that provided a house, a small garden spot, plus a \$60 monthly Salary for the Operator.

She applied and got the Job and worked TWO YEARS to help her Husband get started. (3)

Since the Striblings had bought an EMPTY BUILDING at 117 W Main, they had to Re-Stock, EQUIPMENT and DRUGS, to have a Drug Store. (4)

Bill Stribling said: "Dad, heard of a Drug Store in Greenwood for sale, near present day Slidell, Texas in Wise County. He DASHED over there, BOUGHT IT, loaded and brought the stock and equipment to his Azle store. He never knew what happened to his Building, that he left at Greenwood, Texas." (5)

After Byra Stribling worked two years at the Private phone Company. She and her husband decided that the Cattlemen and Farmers needed morning and evening hours, so they decided to work in shifts at the Drug Store at 117 W Main Street. (6)

BYRA was HEARD to say, "Moving out here: to a House with no CONVENIENCES with a small baby to care for, it is just awful." (7)

Jay Woody was lacking one day, being FOUR YEARS OLD when the DEED was signed. (8)

Mr Stribling put in, a Delco system of electricity, so they had the FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHTS in Village of Azle. (9)

Other changes to the Building, occurred when an OUT-OF-CONTROL-CAR CRASHED into the Drug Store, resulting in the removal of Guard-Rail, replacement of the plank porch and four-paned windows, plus, they had to put in a Concrete porch. They put in LARGE-PANED STORE WINDOWS at this time to plan for his STORE for the FUTURE. (10)

Bill Stribling shared the Memory of the: BENCH on the front PORCH, that served as a gathering place for men to sit chew tobacco, spin yarns, and exchange news about their Friends and Neighbors. It was here that Bill heard OLDTIMERS tell NEWCOMERS, how Mr Walker tore down the TINY Drug Store and built the LARGE STREET-FLOOR DRUG STORE. Then the MEN spoke of Mr Walker allowing the WOODMEN OF THE WORLD by DEED, to build a meeting Room up-stairs with an East ENTRANCE and SIDEWALK to Street so that they would have a PRIVATE ENTRANCE. (11)

During the DEPRESSION YEARS of 1930's, the Drug store served as a Commodities-Center for the NEEDY. (12)

Mr. Faris Ross, Newspaper Editor, of "AZLE BOOSTER", and President, of Civic League, and one of Azle's most ardent Boosters' in 1936 asked famous Speakers to Come to their

Community to speak. Then, he put another article in his paper expressing THANKS. (13)

In the 'Azle Booster' dated April 3, 1936, there was an article about the extension of ELECTRIC SERVICE to Azle. Mr Faris Ross, as Civic League President, had invited James V. Aldred, Governor of Texas, to speak to their great progress as a Community. (14)

Faris Ross worked to get a LARGE Crowd for the CELEBRATION. He drew 1,500 to the small auditorium of the High School. There was STANDING room only, in a Community of 250 residents. In this Edition, the Governor said, "I enjoyed the Azle Community. You have a Wonderful Community." in the Newspaper. (15)

During the 1940's and the 1950's the Drug Store served as the Contental Trail Ways Agency Station and Transfer point on Bus routes: from Ft Worth to Wichita Falls to the north, as well as, from Fort Worth to Seymour then to the West. (16)

Downstairs, Walker had built in a Doctor's Office, a Restroom, and an area for a library where Byra served as the second Librarian. (17)

During the Stribling years, the UPSTAIRS was an active place, where it was used for Committee Meetings, which

included Azle Civic League, Town Hall, Precinct 4 Meeting Room, and polling place for Elections. (18)

Clubs that met up there: the Garden Club, Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star until the stairs became too difficult for some of the Members, then they moved over to the Christian Church on July 12, 1976. Some of the Members had passed away. (19)

Byra Stribling was a Lifetime Member of both the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge. (20)

Byra Stribling was a Charter Member of the AZLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and the DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CHAIRMAN for 20 or MORE YEARS in the EARLIER years. (21)

In 1950, an ENCROACHMENT COMPLAINT came against the stairs and sidewalk of the Drug Store, which also, gave the death of J. R. Walker, in the AFFIDAVIT. Archie Forrester, Walker's son-in-law, in a property-plat-Revision of: Lot 2, Block 2 indicated 2.5' encroachment of the sidewalk on the east side and 1.2' foot encroachment of the concrete entry porch, so Archie took care of the problems. (22)

In 1957, the Texas Highway Department re-routed State Highway 199 and designated Main Street as Spur 344. Thereafter, the bulk of TRAFFIC, no longer passed in front of the Stribling Drug Store. (23)

On April 13, 1957, a RUMOR CAME, that Ft Worth was planning to ANNEX the Village of Azle. The Azle leadership went to the Ft Worth Council and they LEARNED HOW to INCORPORATE their Community. (24)

They organized and held an ELECTION with 152 FOR INCORPORATION, and 127 AGAINST, thus, they became the City of Azle, Texas." in 1957 to elect their OFFICERS: (25)

In 1957, the City was ruled as a: General Law City in the: State of Texas with a Mayor and City Council so

ALL MAYORS serving under this rule were:

Mayors

- | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 1. Dan Jarvis | FIRST | April 13, 1957-1958 (26) |
| 2. Warren Pugh | SECOND | April 13, 1950-1959 (27) |

Warren had suffered an Heart Attack in 1949
 BUT he was able to serve
 April 14, 1958-1959
 His DEATH came : November 6, 1966

- | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 3. Jay Woody Stribling | THIRD | April 15, 1959-1960 (28) |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|

As Mayor: he cut the
 RIBBON of \$20.00 BILLS at the
 GRAND OPENING
 of Azle State Bank on:
 January 7, 1961.

- | |
|--|
| 4. Jay Woody Stribling resigned, TO GO on: |
| January 14, 1962 |
| to be the |

DIRECTOR
of Indian Housing for the State of Arizona
He lives in
Phoenix, Arizona

(29)

5. C Y Rone was elected in SPECIAL ELECTION to fill
the place of Jay Woody Stripling 's Vacancy on:
July 4, 1962

(30)

He was sworn in by:
Councilwoman Laura Jane Jordan

(31) (32)

6. C Y Rone was RE-ELECTED April 1963-1969 (33)

The REST OF THE TERMS

7. Tim Harper elected	April 1969-1970	(34)
8. C Y Rone	April 1971-1979	(35)
9. James Brawley	April 1979-1981	(36)
10. Arlen Wheeler	April 1981-1983	(37)
11. C Y Rone	April 1983-present or Jan 1992	(38)

The Striplings sold their DRUGS and EQUIPMENT to Milton
Thompson, who moved away, thus ENDING 36 years of LARGE DRUG
STORE (or the LOWER FLOOR of the Present building)

plus the 18 years as a TINY DRUG STORE on the same spot
of Lot 2, Block 2 in the OUTPOST that became
the AZLE, TEXAS of 1992. (39)

The TOP FLOOR was built in 1906 by:
WOODMEN OF THE WORLD
as their MEETING PLACE (40)

April 13, 1969, The Striplings rented the EMPTY
building to Paul Worthen and his friend, Franklin Couch to
open as: C & W ELECTONICS

Two years later, Paul Worthen bought the ELECTRICAL materials from his Partner, Mr Couch, when he moved to Commanche, Texas to set up his own shop. (41)

During the late 1960's and early 1970's, the STRIBLINGS travel. (42)

Thus, Paul Worthen was still a RENTER for a TOTAL of 15 years and 10 days. (43)

Mr Stribling passed away on November 12, 1974, thus, Byra Stribling deeded the store to Jay Woody Stribling, the oldest son, at the time he was in town. She also deeded their Home to Bill Stribling. (44)

Jay Woody Stribling kept the store FOUR YEARS after their Mother died. (45)

On September 25, 1978, Jay Woody Stribling sold the store to Paul Worthen. (46)

When Paul Worthen bought the building, the Woodmen of the World's rights and interest in the upper story of the building had been preserved in Deed conveyances from the Walkers and the Striblings. (47)

In 1983, Paul Worthen received a Quit Claim for the Second floor from the Gipson Rebekah Lodge #460, who had not used it since 1976. (48)

Woodmen of the World, Azle Camp No 596 had furnished Materials, and Paid for erection by Deed to Mr Walker, the Owner at that time, thus, No record exists of Rebekah Lodge ownership because they were NOT in on the Building of it in 1906. (49)

This LOWER Floor was the Drug Store that was BUILT in 1908 by J. R. Walker and it is 92 years old this year. (50)

The TOP Floor was added by Woodmen of the World and it was built in 1906, so it is 86 years old this year. (51)

So, this lower floor is this OLDEST remaining COMMERCIAL building in Azle on the SAME spot where Wig Reynolds built his TINY DRUG STORE on Lot 2, Block 2 in 1882. (52)

J. R. Walker had used the TINY DRUG STORE for 12 years before he tore it down, to build his STREET floor: or LARGE ONE in 1900. (53)

MEMORIES

of Bill Stribling

3-5-1990

1: "Dad, James H. Stribling, heard of a drug store for sale over in Wise County at Greenwood near present SLIDELL, Texas: He DASHED over there, BOUGHT THE STORE, and loaded up the EQUIPMENT and STOCK: then BROUGHT them to his Azle Store. He never knew what happened to his building at Greenwood, Texas".

SIGNATURE _____

November 9, 1988

Bill Stribling

29

2 A car came down the street, CRASHING through our Plank GUARD RAIL, taring up the PLANK PORCH and on into our FOUR-PANED WINDOWS." Dad, James H Stribling planned for his FUTURE. He put in FULL-PANED WINDOWS; poured a CONCRETE porch floor and left off the Guard Rail

SIGNATURE _____

November 12, 1988

Bill Stribling

32

3 "The OLD BENCH on the Front porch was a GATHERING PLACE FOR MEN, when they came in off of their farms and ranches. They sat to chat, to chew tobacco, spin yarns, and take home the news of their friends."

"I heard these OLD TIMERS TELL the newcomers how J. R. Walker ran the FIRST LITTLE DRUG STORE for 12 years, then in 1900, tore it down to build nice large TWO STORY DRUG STORE "

SIGNATURE _____

December 9, 1988

Bill Stribling

34

4 "My brother was serving as THIRD MAYOR, of our THREE YEAR OLD City of Azle; INCORPORATED on April 13, 1957. His JOB OFFER came soon after he SNIPPED the RIBBON of \$20.00 bills on January 7, 1961 opening the AZLE STATE BANK."

" He has been serving ever since as: Director of INDIAN HOUSING for Arizona. He lives at 3014 North 15th Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85015."

SIGNATURE _____

February 8, 1989

Bill Stribling

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5 "Mom & Dad, James and Byra Stribling travelled some in the late 1960's and early in 1970's Mom was born in 1900 and Dad was born in 1889" Picture

SIGNATURE _____

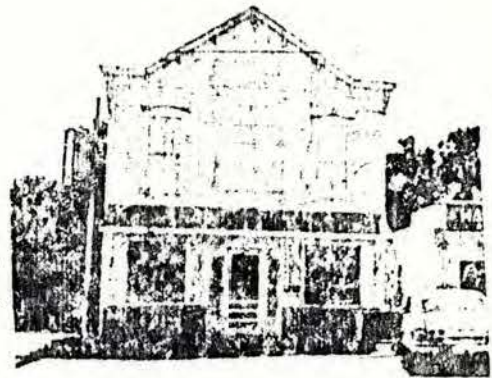
November 12, 1989

Bill Stribling

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Azle in 1920. The old Drug Store on the left.



Stribling Old Drug Store

093

Byra: Mother born 1900 Dad.

Travelling in 60's or 70's





Left: Arvel W. Boyd, founder and President of Azle State Bank and Jay W. Stribling, Mayor of Azle, cutting ribbon of \$20.00 bills at grand opening of bank Jan. 7, 1961.



The cornerstone laying ceremony and flag raising at Azle City Hall August 18, 1970. Pictured are and then Mayor Tim Harper and Mayor-pro-temp, Joe Delwaide.



Mrs IDA WALKER
DEED TO
J. H. STRIBLING

VOL 1478
PP 139-140

11 APRIL 1935

HOUSE & LOT

139

DEED RECORD VOLUME 1478

MRS. IDA WALKER

TO

J. H. STRIBLING

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Know All Men By These Presents:

THAT I, MRS. IDA WALKER, Individually and as independent executrix of the estate of J.R. Walker, deceased, of the City of Azle, ~~xxxx~~ County of Tarrant

State of Texas,

In consideration of

Six Hundred (\$600.00)

DOLLARS, to me

~~xxxxxx~~

secured to be paid by J. H. STRIBLING

, as follows:

One vendor's lien note in the sum of \$600.00, dated April 8, 1935, drawing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, interest payable monthly as it accrues. The principal of said note being payable in monthly installments of \$20.00 each, first payment due and payable May 8, 1935, and a like amount on the 8th day of each succeeding month until the entire amount is paid. Said note containing the usual 10% attorney's fees clause.

have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey, unto the said J. H. Stribling, of the City of Azle, County of Tarrant, and State of Texas, the following described real estate, to-wit: One House and Lot in the Village of Azle, and known as Lot No. 2, in Block No. 2, being that real estate described in Book 128, page 413, Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

It is understood that grantor does not own or convey hereby the upper story of the house on said premises, and this conveyance is subject to the rights and interests of the Woodmen of the World in said building. Grantee assumes all taxes.

WITNESS my hand ~~XXXX~~ this 11 day of April A. D. 1935.
Signed and Delivered in Presence of MRS. IDA WALKER

\$1.00 U. S. I. R. S. CANCELLED.
40¢ S. R. S. CANCELLED.

THE STATE OF TEXAS } Notary Public,
County of TARRANT } BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a /
in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this day personally appeared MRS. IDA WALKER, individu-
ally and as independent executrix of the ~~XXXXXX~~ estate of J.R. Walker, deceased, 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 11th day of April A. D. 1935.

W. T. GIPSON, Notary Public,
in and for Tarrant County, Texas.

(L.S.)

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
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

ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT OF CITY PRO

COUNTY

AZLE (TOWN)

ASSESSOR'S CITY OF AZLE

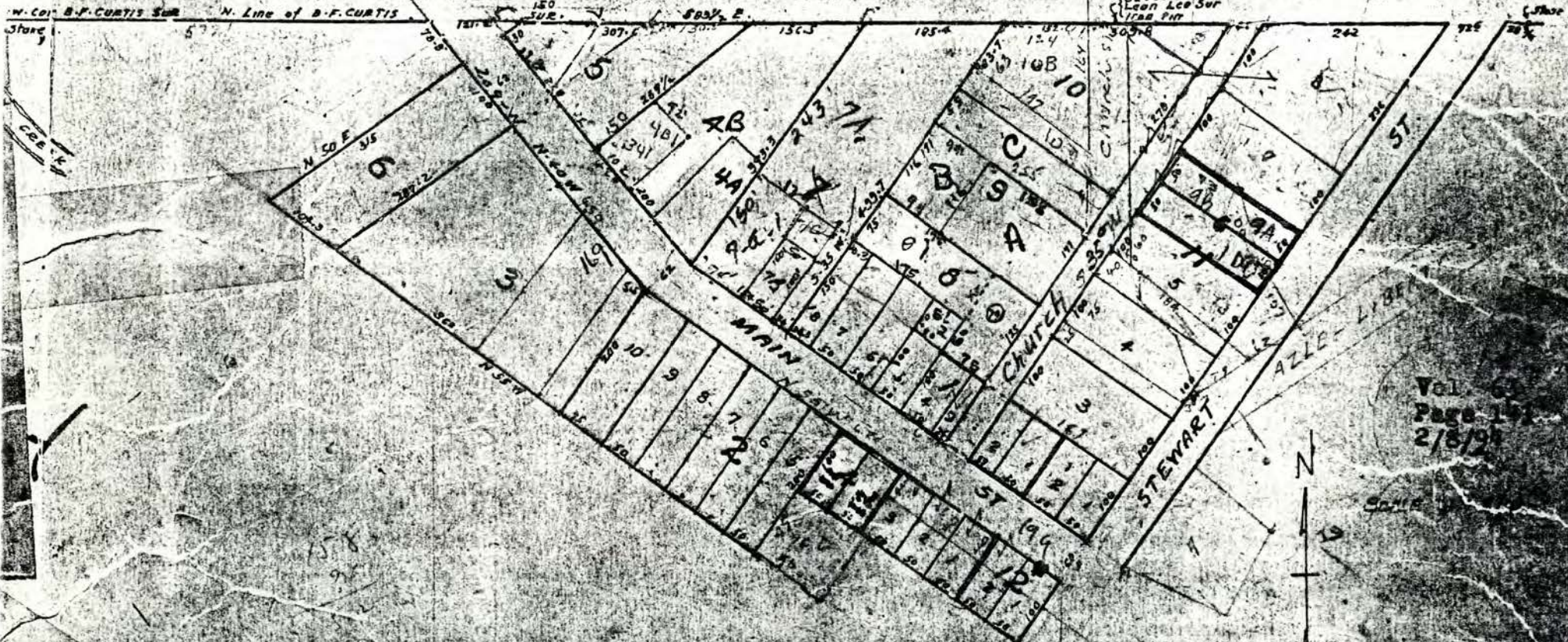
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BLOCK NO.

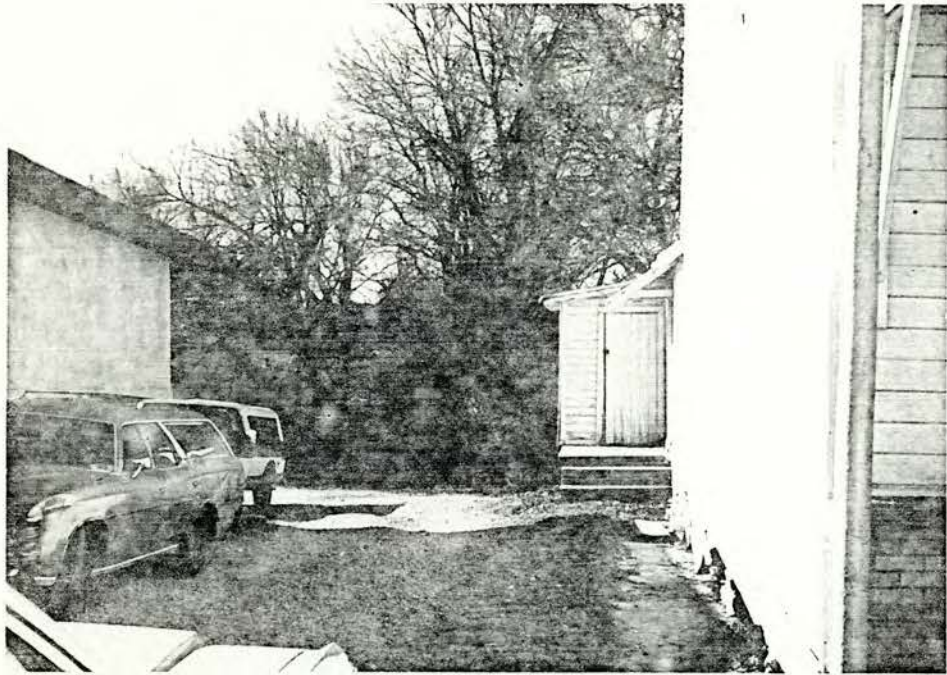
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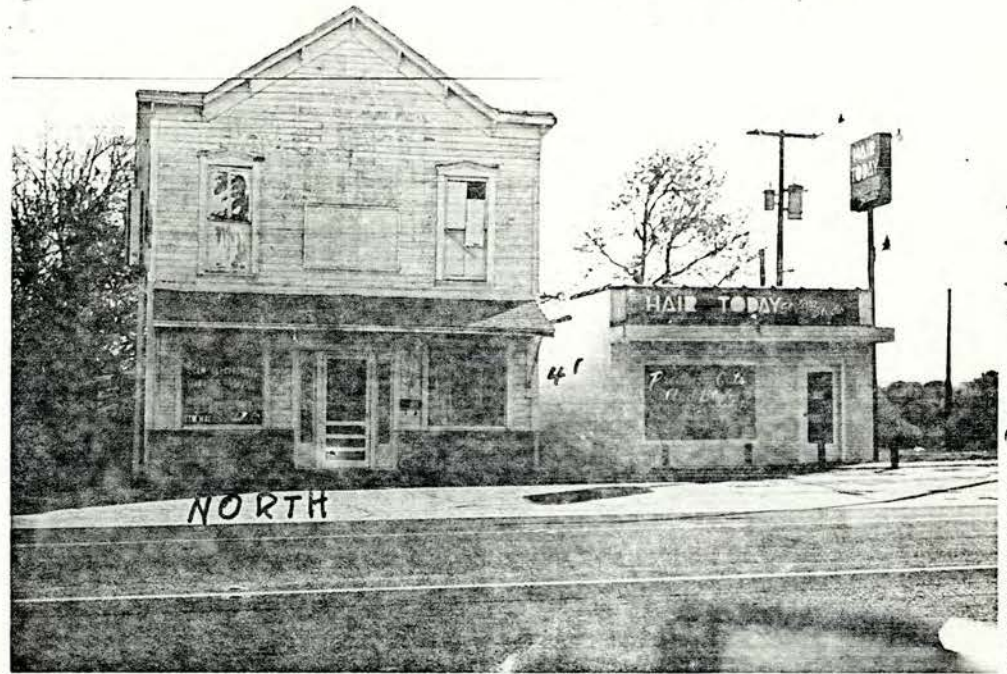
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H. Worth TAX OFFICE

Stairs on EAST SIDE



WEST SIDE

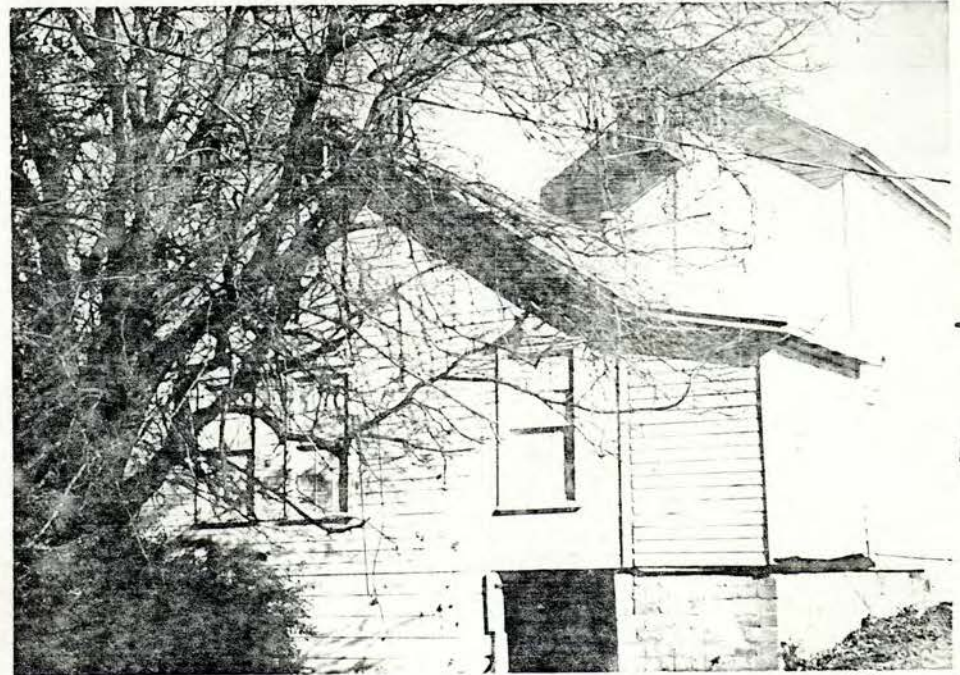


1990 Measurements: "Walking old" Stone 1990

4' Between Tall and Smallest West



AT BACK South west



AT BACK (South) "Smaller Room" 1990

117NW: 54

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

1. County Tarrant City/Rural Azle 5. USGS Quad No. Site No.
 Name Paul Worthen 6. Date: Factual Deeds 1900 Est.
 Address 117 W. Main Street, Azle 7. Architect/Builder Contractor
 3. Owner Paul Worthen 8. Style/Type
 Address Azle 9. Original Use commercial
 4. Block/Lot Present Use commercial
 10. Description A 2-story white wood frame building, rectangular in plan, with gabled roof
segment and false eave returns at either side of the gable end. Turred brackets are
located beneath the fascia board. The 2 front 2nd story windows are capped with arched lintels.
Windows are 2 1/2 vertical panes and simply framed.
 11. Present Condition good; alterations to 1st story; rear addition in the 1930s.
 12. Significance
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date or Original Site (describe) The oldest remaining
commercial building on Main Street, Azle. (117 W. MAIN) Hwy 344 Now
 4. Bibliography 90 year old Built in 1900 15. Informant Researched: Deed
 16. Recorder Chama Britt Date 1-25-90

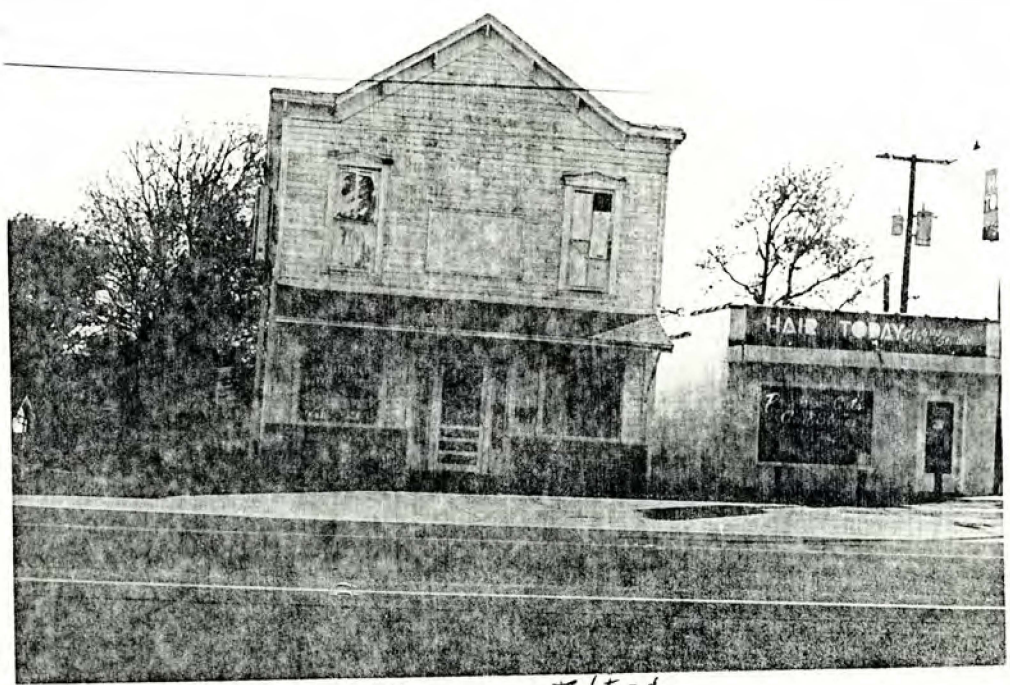
DESIGNATIONS

NRIS No. Old THC Code
 RTHL HABS (no.) TEX-
 R: Individual Historic District
 Thematic Multiple-Resource
 NR File Name
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PHOTO DATA

B&W 4x5's Slides
 35 mm Negs.

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME	to	ROLL	FRME
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				to		



Camera Tilted

BUILDING DESCRIPTION

NORTH

PLAT

(STREET OR AVE.—PAVED) GRAVEL DIRT.

MAIN - S.M. #34

SCALE 1"=50'

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 Shingles	Plastered	Stove	INSIDE FINISH
Apartment	Metal, Tile	Stucco on Wood	Gas	Unfinished
Hotel	Corr. Iron	Stucco on M. Lath	Hot Water	Sheetrock
Office Building	Composition	Hollow Tile		Beaverboard
Store Drug	Wood	Terra Cotta		Sealed
Storage	Saw Tooth	Adobe	PLUMBING	Papered
Factory		Box	No. of Fixtures 2	Plastered
Filling Station		Frame	Toilet	Plaster M. Lath
Garage	BASEMENT	Weather Board	Bath Room	Plaster W. Lath
Shed		Sheet Iron	Shower	Pine Floors
Barn	Whole	Concrete	SR	Hardwood Floors
Servants House	Part			Cement Finish
Sign Board	Finished	TRIMMINGS	BUILT-IN FEATURES	Tile Floors
	Unfinished		Buffet	Marble Floors
FOUNDATION			Patent Beds	Dirt Floors
Stone	CONSTRUCTION	Cobblestone	Refrigerator	CONDITION
Concrete	Good	Brick, Plaster	Bookcase	Poor
Brick	Medium	Brick, Plaster	Kitchen Cab.	Fair
Post & Piers	Cheap	Stone, Wood	Break Room	Good
No Foundation	Mixed	Plain		Built Year 1900
		Ornamental		
		Cornice		

No. Rooms... 1 Remodeled Occupied Owner Renter Vacant

SIZE OF BUILDING

Wide	Deep	No. Stories	Wide	Deep	No. Stories
12	x	18		x	
	x			x	
570	x		200	x	1100

No. Sq. Ft. 216 Class 2 Price Per Sq. Ft. 1.00 \$ 216.00
 1931 1658 Total 1.00 1352.00

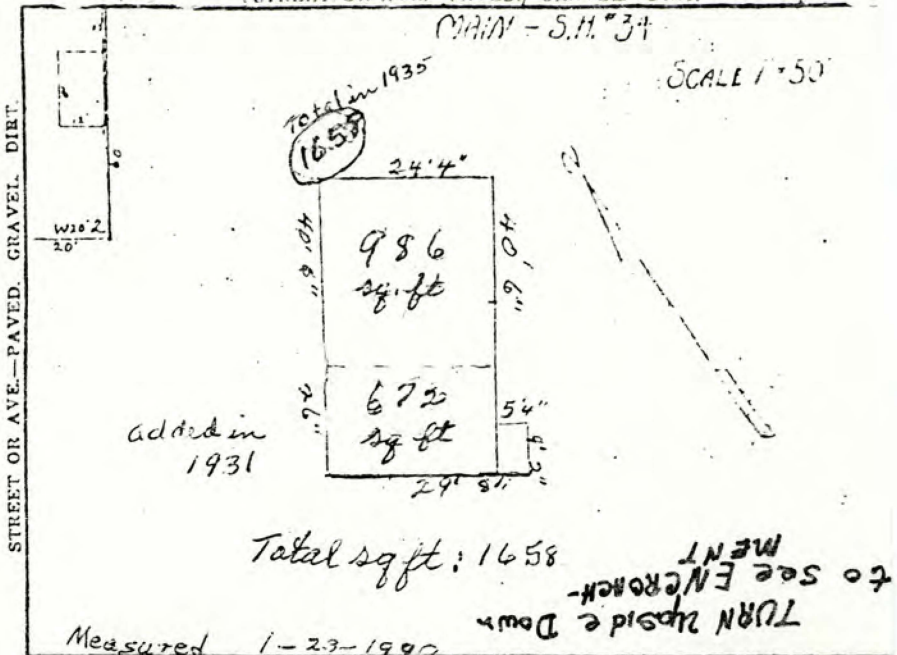
RENDERED FOR TAXATION

YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION FINAL	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
1937	W20x60	30.00				

This card is for the Pierce lot 21x60 & building

In the 1980 deed conveyance from Walker to Pierce, there is no mention of a building on the lot.

Someone has drawn in the Walker-Stribling drug store on the plat.



STREET OR AVE.—PAVED, GRAVEL, DIRT.

Building Permit No. _____ Date _____
 Purpose: Add. Bldg. \$ _____ Repairs \$ _____ Total \$ _____
 Value Deed Add. Imp. \$ 216.00 Value May Add. Imp. \$ 216
 Per Cent Depreciation 22 Net Value All Bldg. \$ 166
 Mo. Revenue \$ _____ LAND VALUATION

Zone No.	SIZE OF LOT	FRONT FT. VALUE	TOTAL
	X		216
	X		
	X		
	X		
	X		
	X		

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation \$ 216
 Total Improvement Valuation \$ 166

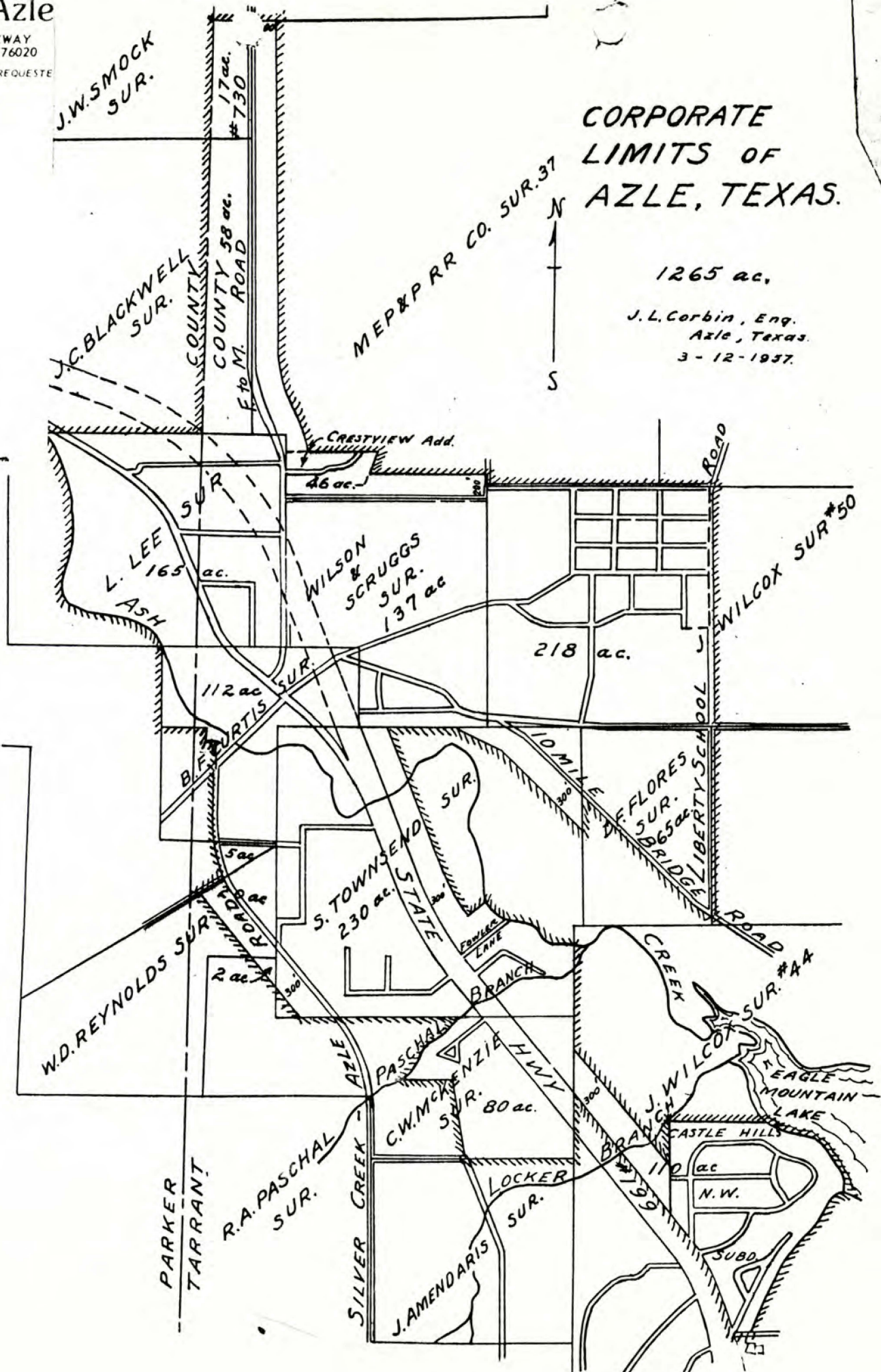
City of Azle

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AZLE, TEXAS 76020
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUEST

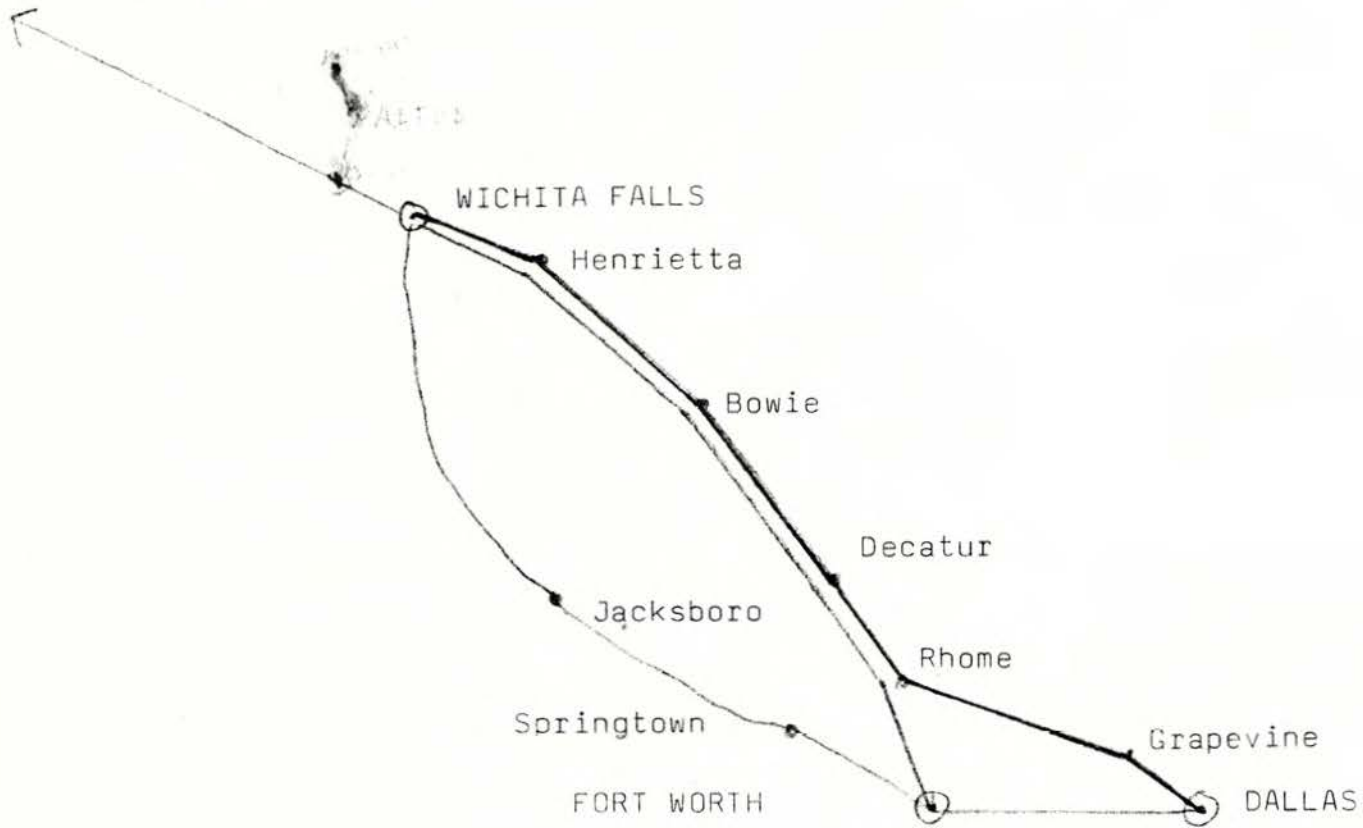
CORPORATE LIMITS OF AZLE, TEXAS.

1265 ac.

J. L. Corbin, Eng.
Azle, Texas.
3 - 12 - 1957.



To Amarillo



— Dallas-Wichita Falls Bus Line

— North Texas Coach Co. incl. former Wichita Falls Bus Co. (Wichita Falls-Amarillo)

X 404302 7669 1707	QCD	11/1/83	11/16/83 pg
Gipson Rebekah Lodge #460 by Laura Jane Jordan Noble Grand Att CS to Pual Worthen			
1t 2 blk 2 CITY OF AZLE \$10 OVC ACKOK			
<i>117 W. Main Azle 76020</i>			



Built 1900 by J.R. Walker

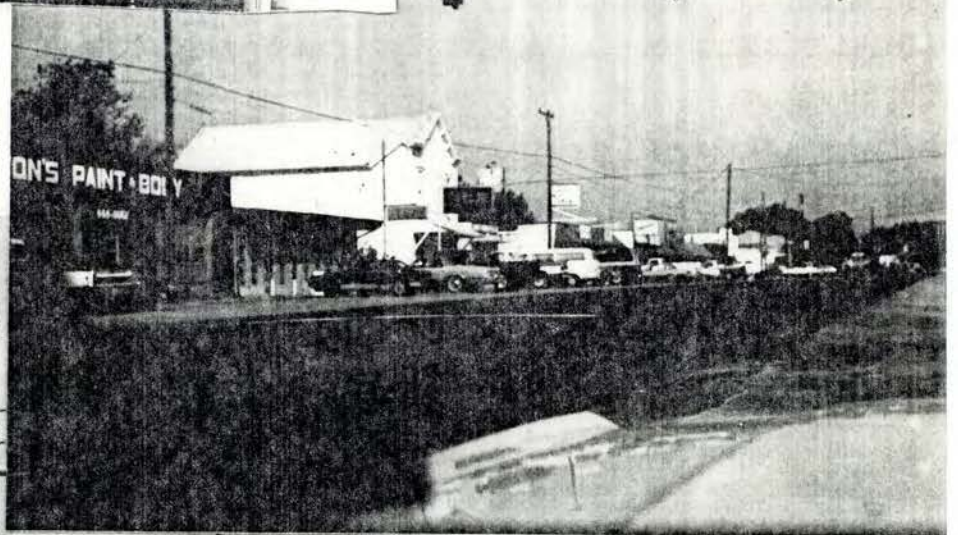
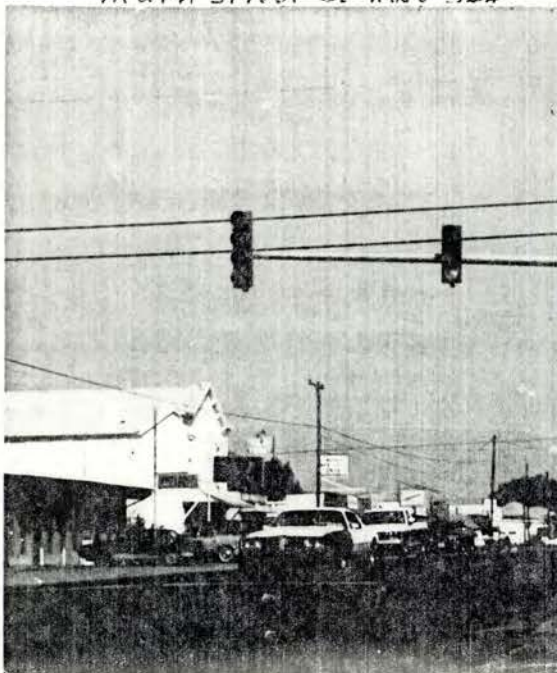


1990
1988 Paul Werthen,
owner
1988-1990



1988-1990

Main Street or Hwy 344



1980 - 1990
Not much Change

stirFOOT
FOOTnote
BIBLO

STRIBLING

2-6-1992

1935-1963
By Cloma Britt

**** 1900 LOWER FLOOR BUILT, 1906 TOP FLOOR BUILT****

Dr 'James' Azle and 'Mary' (Fowler) Steward had a
Centenial CELEBRATION in 1971.

1. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
WOODMEN of the WORLD BUILT top floor
Vol 242, pp 46-47
TOP FLOOR: Lot 2, Block 2
February 5, 1906
2. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
Ida Walker on Lot 2, Block 2 sold EMPTY DRUG STORE in
VOL 1478, pp 139-140
James H. Stribling
April 5, 1931
3. TARRANT COUNTY PHONE OPERATOR in: OUT-POST
4. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
EMPTY Drug Store LOT 2, BLOCK 2
5. November 9, 1988 Bill Stribling #1: tells of Greenwood
6. Mr & Stribling Shift Work in STORE
7. Jay Woody Stribling almost 4: 4-10-1931
NO CONVENIENCES
8. Jay Woody LACKING I DAY WHEN THEY SIGNED THE DEED
9. TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Ft Worth, Texas
Vital Statistics Office
1800 University Drive
10. Delco System of LIGHTS
11. CAR-CRASH into Windows: large store windows REPLACED
12. November 9, 1988, # 2 Bill Stribling's Memory: BENCH
Old Timers MEMORIES
Woodmen of World BUILDING upstairs in 1906
5 Vol 242, pp 46-47
February 5, 1906

13. DEPRESSION YEARS of 1930's and 1940's; Drug Store served as a COMMODITIES-CENTER served NEEDY
14. Faris Ross brought SPEAKERS to Community MY HOME TOWN, Beatrice Gipson Carter, pp 209-211
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16. Faris Ross invited people & had 1500 there to hear the Governor on April April 3, 1936
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20. & Clubs
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23. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS ENCROACHMENT AFFIDAVIT, Sidewalk 2.5' concrete ENTRY porch 1.5' Property Plat Revision Vol 388-5351 by Archie Forrester, son in law February 25, 1950
24. STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Main Street became Spur 344
25. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS Village of Azle INCORPORATED to a CITY of AZLE on April 13, 1957

26. TARRANT COUNTY CITY GOVERNMENT
Mayors ELECTED in the ensuing years
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32. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
Byra sold to Jay Woody Stribling the Store
Vol 5752, pp 962, 963, 964. 965
December 4, 1978
33. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
Jay Woody Stribling sold to Paul Worthen
Vol 6592, pp 292, 293, 294, 294A 295, 296 with
Warranty Deed
September 25, 1978
34. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
Gipson Rebekah Lodge #460 gave Paul Worthen
QUIT CLAIM to: top floor
Vol 7669, pp 1707-1708
May 16, 1983
35. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
Paul Worthen made LAST Payment
Vol 6592, pp 592, 593, 594, 595
September 1988

FINE

~~STRIBLING DRUG STORE~~

By
Cloma Britt
1024 Bradley Drive
Azle, TX 76020
817-444-4870

~~The old~~ ^{community drug store} Stribling Drug Store, hub of Azle community activities from 1935 until 1963, is located at 117 W. Main Street (Loop 344), Azle, TX, approximately .2 mile west of State Highway 199, in Tarrant County, Texas.

The land on which the building is located is part of the Benjamin F. Curtis 160-acre survey (which spans the Tarrant-Parker County line), patented by John Henry Rumpfeldt on August 9, 1859.¹

Early Tarrant County property records were destroyed in 1878 when the Tarrant County Court House burned; therefore, land records prior to 1878 exist only for those transfers which were re-filed after the fire. ^{Due to the 1876 fire} ~~no records are found of land transfers~~ ^{until March 5, 1875 when}

^{having been lost in} ~~The sale of the Benjamin F. Curtis 160-acre survey by John Henry Rumpfeldt to Dr. James A. ^{21a} Steward, Tennessee native and pioneer doctor, and Mary E. Steward, his wife, was never refiled after the Tarrant County Court House fire. However, the Stewards were owners of the land on March 5, 1875, when they ^{not located; evidently} donated a 5-acre site for the Ash Creek Missionary Baptist Church and school.²~~

~~In 1883, Dr. James Azle Steward offered to donate land for a town site if the post office name were changed to "Azle" (his middle name) rather than "O'Bar" which it had been called since September 5, 1881, The U. S. Postal Service officially approved the name change to "Azle" on November 6, 1883,³ ^{in honor of} Dr. Steward.~~

*Why would they refile if plat was after the fire?
83 or after?*

Recopying and refiling of deeds and surveying and platting of the 13-1/2-acre town site for the Village of Azle were completed and filed at the Tarrant County Court House on February 8, 1894, five years after Dr. Steward's death on April 29, 1889.⁴

The property on which the ~~old~~ Stribling Drug Store ^{was} ~~is~~ located (originally a 50' x 100' lot known as Lot 2, Block 2) was sold by Dr. Steward and his wife to J. H. Wayland of Parker County for \$10 on January 24, 1884.⁵ *Did he have drug store?*

~~In 1888~~, Lewis Thomas Wigfall "Wig" Reynolds, who had been in the drug business in Azle since 1882, ~~sold the drug store on Lot 2, Block 2~~ ^{Five years later to} and moved to Weatherford.⁶ A warranty deed dated July 27, 1888 shows Wig Reynolds ^{sold} selling to J. R. Walker, "One house and lot in the Village of Azle and known as Lot No. 2 in Block No. 2. Also all the drugs in stock..." for the sum of \$1178.⁷

J. R. Walker became the operator of the drug store. In 1900, ² ~~the building either burned or was torn down and a new two-story structure built.~~ ^{In 1900} The Woodmen of the World Azle Camp No. 596 furnished the material and paid for erecting a second story room over ^{the} store house of J. R. Walker, located on Lot No. 2 of Block No. 2. ^{owning the 2nd story} They ~~also~~ had a free and accessible outside entrance ~~from the back.~~ ⁸ *separate from that of the store. (It was on side?)*

On July 22, 1930, J. R. Walker sold to J. L. Pierce the west side of Lot 2, Block 2 (which became Lot 2B, Block 2). Mr. Walker retained the portion on which the drug store was located, which became Lot 2A, Block 2.⁹

In 1931, the Texas Highway Department widened and asphalted

the gravel Main Street as Highway 199, taking 40' from the front of ^{each} the lots along Main Street. A ~~small~~ office for the village doctor ^{was} had been added to the back of the drug store prior to the time that Tarrant County moved the drug store to the back part of the lot.¹⁰

Mr. Walker died on April 5, 1931, leaving a widow, Ida Walker, and nine children. Mrs. Walker and her children operated the drug store for the next four years.¹¹

On April 11, 1935, Mrs. Ida Walker sold the empty drug store building to James H. and Byra Woody Stribling, a young couple from Fort Worth. Mr. Stribling bought equipment and stock for the store from a drug store in Greenwood (Wise County) that was being sold.⁽¹²⁾ Mrs. Stribling worked for the phone company in Azle for the first two years in order to help her husband start the new drug store.⁽¹³⁾

Combine
12-13

The Striblings realized that their customers, primarily farmers and ranchers, needed the drug store to be open during the evening. Mrs. Stribling quit her job with the phone company to help run the drug store and keep it open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.¹⁴

Mr. Stribling put in a Delco system of electricity and had the first electric lights in Azle.¹⁵ Other changes to the building occurred when an out-of-control car crashed into the drug store, resulting in removal of the guard rail and replacement of the plank porch and four-pane windows with a concrete porch and full-pane store windows.¹⁶

where?

An old bench on the front porch served as a gathering place where men sat to chew tobacco, spin yarns, and exchange news about friends and neighbors.¹⁷

During the depression years of the 1930's, Stribling Drug Store was a commodities distribution center for the needy.¹⁸

In the 1940's and 1950's, the drug store served as a Continental Trailways agency station and transfer point on bus routes from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls to points north as well as routes from Fort Worth to Seymour to points west.¹⁹

Downstairs, there was a doctor's office and a small library in the corner of the drug store where Byra Stribling served as Azle's second librarian.²⁰

The upstairs was used for community meetings and activities which included the Azle Civic League, town hall, ~~chamber of commerce~~, Precinct 4 court room, and polling place for elections.²¹

Clubs which met upstairs included the garden club, Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star. The Rebekah Lodge met there twice-a-month from its organization in 1950 until 1976 when the stairs became too difficult for some of its members.²²

A 1950 property plat revision of Lot 2, Block 2 indicated a 2.5' encroachment of the sidewalk used by the lodge on the east side of the drug store and a 1.2 foot encroachment of a concrete entry porch on the ~~west~~ side.²³

In 1957, the Texas Highway Department rerouted State Highway 199 and designated Main Street as Spur 344.²⁴ Thereafter, the bulk of the busy highway traffic no longer passed in front of the Stribling Drug Store.

In 1963, the Striblings sold their drug stock and equipment to Milton Tompkins, who went into business elsewhere, ending the many

years of existence of a drug store at that location.²⁵

On April 13, 1963, the Striblings rented their old drug store building to Paul L. Worthen, who, along with Franklin C. Couch, opened C & W Electronics. Mr. Worthen, who bought out his partner in 1967, rented the building until September 25, 1978 when he purchased the old Stribling drug store building from Jay Woody Stribling, son of James H. and Byra Stribling.²⁶

When Mr. Worthen bought the building, the Woodmen of the World's rights and interest in the upper story of the building had been preserved in deed conveyances from the Walkers and the Striblings. In 1983, Paul Worthen received a quit claim deed for the top floor of the building from the Gipson Rebekah Lodge #460, who had not used it since 1976.²⁷

The old ~~Stribling~~ drug store, ^{the Rebekah Lodge organized in 1950, gave quit claim deed, what is relationship to W of W?} ~~owned by Paul L. Worthen,~~ ^{building} is the oldest remaining commercial building on Main Street in Azle, Texas. ^{the} ~~Stribling~~ Drug Store was a hub of community activities during the almost 30 years it was owned and operated by James L. and Byra ~~Woody Stribling.~~²⁸ ^{many years of its existence.}

June 23, 1990

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16 April 1990

STRIBLING DRUG STORE

This is not a detailed critique as the problems are too numerous. This is just to give you some idea of the problems.

She needs detailed help with the form of the narrative. Heading, style etc.

There is much in the narrative which does not belong there. She should exclude the history of Azle, and people who are not concerned with this subject. Azle history which puts the store within a context is the only history that should be included.

I made notes on the narrative which will probably be confusing, so maybe this will help a little.

Eliminate the first paragraph. It really has nothing to do with the marker subject.

The second paragraph might read "The Stribling Drug Store is located on the Benjamin F. Curtis 160 acre survey patented by John Henry Rumpfeldt on August 9, 1859". We don't know that Steward lived on a Rumpfeldt farm, only that he owned land that Rumpfeldt once owned. The statement about Reynolds is out of place as there has been no previous mention of him. He returned? Had he been there earlier? Who was he and why was he mentioned?

Page 2 para 1 - Part of this is redundant, part is necessary. How does the school tie in to the story? The deed quoted reads the Rumpfeldt Survey, not the Curtis Survey. Does this deed have any meaning to the narrative?

Page 3 Land donated was in the Curtis Survey, not the Rumpfeldt Survey.

Eliminate or reword the post office statement.

Two men are referred to as brothers, yet there is 35 years difference in their ages according to her narrative. Eliminate the buffalo trail and other undocumented language. He received his Board of Pharmacy Certificate in 1890 after leaving town. Put sentences in right order.

Eliminate last paragraph as it has nothing to do with the drug store.

Page 4 Eliminate first two paragraphs.

Paragraph 3 - Says he tore down the drug store in 1900. Then goes on to tell about the building in 1906. Needs to make a statement about building a new building, when, who built etc.

From documentation this seems to have been Lot 2 Block 2. Give

further location. Street etc. The sentence beginning "On February" should give more complete information. "On February 5, 1906, Walker sold the upstairs of the building to the Azle Camp of the Woodmen of the World, free and clear, with an outside entrance." Check and see if they did not also have a right to a sidewalk.

Eliminate childrens games.

If the last sentence about nearby building is pertinent, reword.

Page 5 para 1 - Walker sold a part of lot 2. Give details. 21' x 160 ' out of the west side of lot 2. Look at the documents and see it was not lot 2A rather than 2b.

Is Tarrant County Highway Department the correct terminology?

Explain that the highway was widened and the building moved. Was building moved back on the same lot?

Ida Walker sold the first floor of the building and the lot. Why was it then empty?

Put the fact the following material was by Stribling in the footnote.

Page 6 See notes on page

Page 7 Eliminate last paragraph down to courtroom. Was the courtroom in the drugstore? If not eliminate. How and why was Judge Bowman famous?

Page 8. Eliminate sentence marked.

Encroachment complaint. Explain.

Eliminate last paragraph.

Page 9 - Reword first sentence and give incorporation date here. Give date he left.

Reword sentence beginning "In 1963". It could read "In 1963 James H. and Byra Stribling sold their stock and equipment to Milton Thompkins, who sent into business elsewhere, ending the many years of the drugs stores existence." - or something similar.

Para 2. Eliminate if not a building landmark marker application, as the story of the drug store is finished. If she want a building marker, Landmark status, then she needs to continue to take the history of the building to the present. If a Landmark marker is wanted then they will need detailed photographs of all sides of the building, and some drawing of the building dimension etc. Look at your marker application for what that entails.

Last page. Eliminate the last part that is marked.
Dee Barker

Joye - Creek, this may be in Parker County
The line is now east of where it was in the early records. ITS TABULAR
~~LOBOBLES~~ Stribling

~~2-17-90, 3-10-90;~~

saving omitted CORRECTIONS: 3-17--90

~~The STRIBLING OLD DRUG STORE became the HUB of the Community activities from 1935 through 1963, and is subject of this HISTORICAL SITE and to be PRESENTED as a CANDIDATE for the NATIONAL REGISTER~~

who is she? document

Mrs. Blanche Dameron Scrimshire described Pioneer Life where you saw wild buffalo, turkeys, bobcats, panthers and Indians roaming the valleys and hills in the small outpost about 20 miles northwest of Ft Worth. In the spring time, the hillsides were covered with wild flowers: red Indian Blankets, yellow wild flowers (Coroposis), large fields of Bluebonnets with a sprinkle of orange butterfly weeds (Penstamons) for contrast, stretched down into the meadows and up the next hill, as far as the eyes could see. The creeks and branches named by the early pioneers remain the same today. (1) ; The rich bottom lands of Clear Fork, the good water, pleasant willows, and cottonwoods along the streams and the vast stretches of sage grass and prairie hay made this land a golden promise. (2)

The Stribling Drug Store sits in the Benjamin F. Curtis Survey on a 160 acre ~~farm~~ patented by 'John' Henry Rumpsfeldt on August 9, 1859. (3) Official Documents now

authenticate, Dr Steward, the pioneer doctor ^{owned} lived on the land in Rumpsfeldt ^{patent in 1854,} farm at the time 'John' Giles Reynolds ^{return} from

↑
had he been there previously?

who is he? ... it was

Tennessee with a wife and three children in 1854. (4)

Dr 'James' Azle Steward was born in 1831 in Tennessee and came to this area between the ages of 21 to 23 years old to live in the Rumpsfeldt cabin. (5) Settlers came, named the streams, creeks and branches as they built their log cabins on the former farm of 'John' Henry Rumpsfeldt which was patented by him August 9, 1859. He had moved away and was not known in the area. (6) ~~Because~~ Dr Steward ~~forgot~~ ^{failed to} to re-file his deed in the new court house after the 1878

fire, his ownership of the Rumpfeldt 160 acres was uncertain ~~until~~ ^{however a} March 5, 1875 ^{deed shows} brought the proof: ~~he~~ he donated FIVE ACRES to the PICKET ASH CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH-SCHOOL one mile WEST of 'John' Giles Reynolds picket community house, as ^{from} seen in this EXCERPT ~~identifying~~ land

and The STEWARDS Ownership on March 5, 1875: " . . . being a part of the 'John' H Rumpsfeldt one hundred and sixty acre Survey or Carter one hundred and sixty acre Survey to a post. . . place of beginning containing FIVE ACRES. . . .

March 5, 1875

James A. Steward

Mary E. Steward (7)

Coho Smith, GRANDFATHER of Gertie Ansley taught reading, writing and drawing in the ASH CREEK BAPTIST Picket-Church-School located on the Hoggard land across Ash Creek from the PRESENT day Hoggard-Reynolds Cemetery on S Stewart. (8)

Every DEED in this OUTPOST was being re-written with VILLAGE OF AZLE in the tedious re-writing of it,

Reference above to Rumpsfelt survey. Is there a survey by name of Rumpsfelt? Deeds refer to certificate name, not who held property.

did this or not burn? are dates wrong?
Is this same land?
It was on the Curtis Survey
Is this the same by location?

By Dr James A. Steward and his HEIRS, in the Donation ^{ed} and 13 and ONE-HALF acres for the Town Site by Dr 'James' Azle

Steward out of his farm from 'John' Henry Rumpfeldt as seen above. ~~out of the Rumpfeldt Survey~~ ^{B.P. Curti's Survey} ^{check for correct Survey name}

Put in foot note

NOTE: most PREVELANT SPELLING: was:

'John' Henry Rumpfeldt' (9)

~~September 5, 1881, William O'Bar got the Post Office.~~

(10)

In 1882, the ^{mother's? 35 years difference!} 21-year old, Lewis Thomas Wigfall Reynolds with the help of his ^{what was his name?} 56-year-old CARPENTER-BROTHER, 'John' Giles Reynolds, built the ~~FIRST LITTLE DRUG STORE~~ on the north-side of Ash Creek, ~~looking out on the buffalo Trail through the Outpost.~~ Wig Reynolds as his friends called him moved to Weatherford in 1887. ^{retained Board of} He ~~earned~~ ^{earned} his Pharmacy Certificate ~~for his wall,~~ ^{1890 (after he moved)} later. (11) On July 27, 1888, Wig Reynolds sold ^{the drug store} his ~~little DRUG STORE~~ to J.R. Walker. (12)

In 1883, Dr James A. Steward, as a highly respected Community Leader, came in from riding his mule in three counties to visit his patients. (13) He called his friends together and suggested since they had a new Post Office, they might want to build their IDENTITY and HISTORY on an UNUSUAL name. Then, he CHALLENGED THEM: if you would like to use MY middle name, AZLE as an unusual one, I will donate enough land for the TOWN SITE." The people accepted and worked on the application to Washington D.C. The Official Paper came back on November 6, 1883 and they

You say

~~could use AZLE on their letters. (14)~~

~~He worked FIVE YEARS before he died on April 29, 1889 at age of 58. (15) He had set up his HEIRS in case of any INCAPACITY. (16) therefore, his HEIRS took over his work: to work FIVE MORE YEARS but they failed to correct the misspelling in the ORIGINAL DEED of their name so the final "t" or Stuard is WRONG IN MANY DEEDS. (17)~~

~~The MASTER CARD of the City Tax Office plus the names of the TEN Property owners was ENLARGED to 24" x 36" and was presented to VILLAGE OF AZLE on January 15, 1894. Today, it hangs upstairs in the AZLE MUSEUM on the wall above the AZLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY's table as Vol 63, p 141. (18)~~

~~J. R. Walker ran ^{the} his LITTLE DRUG STORE for 12 years~~

let 2 Block

~~before he tore it down in (1900). (19)~~

~~On February 5,~~

~~1906, ^{walker} he sold the upstairs ^{the Azle Camp of the} to WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, ^{free and clean, with} (20) ^{an outside entrance}~~

what year? ²In ⁰⁶that year, the Main Street in the Village of Azle ran from the Business Section of about two blocks; on past homes of the Grigsbys, Smiths, Cosbys, then McDonalds, Ross', Walkers, and the Winters's Gin. (21)

~~The children made up their games as they played in the street until their mothers called them in for supper. (22)~~

~~In 1920, if you came into the VILLAGE OF AZLE from Ft Worth, you noted the~~

~~latest of the two-story buildings in the process of~~

~~completion on the right, ^{was on the} it was the McDonald's General-Store ^{was on} (give location)~~

~~with a corner for a Post office and a corner for a bank. The building on the ^{give east or west etc} left was WALKER BUILDING, built in 1900. (23)~~

corner in the store?

*tore down
you say he sold the store in 1900, then you say he sold the upstairs 6 years after he tore it down, Did he build another?*

21' x 60' apt office
west side of lot 5
is this the store lot 2

On July 22, 1930, J. R. Walker sold the ~~land on his~~
~~large lot~~ to J. L. Pierce, making it Lot 2B in Block 2.

(24) In 1931, The TARRANT COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT *is this correct name*
widened and asphalted the gravel Main Street as Highway 199.

It is now Main Street, identified as Highway 344 through Azle. The GRAPHIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP shows how it affected the Walker Drug Store in the 100 foot R-O-W. *Explain* While moving his building, Mr. Walker decided he needed to make Office Space for the Village Doctor with a bathroom and a sink in a smaller room on the ground floor, at the back in 1931. (25)

Mr Walker died April 5, 1931. (26) leaving Ida Walker with NINE children, thus the drug store probably provided a living, as well as, jobs for the children as they grew up in the next four years. (27) Ida Walker sold the empty *1st floor of this how & when did it become empty* building to James H. ~~and Byra~~ Stribling, a young couple from Ft Worth on April 11, 1935. (28)

~~STRIBLING ACTIVITIES & TWO-STORY DRUG STORE~~
~~1935 - 1963~~

CONTRIBUTIONS: by Bill Stribling

great note that is by B. Stribling

Byra Stribling heard through her aunt, that a privately owned Phone Company was bringing a SWITCHBOARD to Azle area, which provided a home, a small garden spot, plus a salary of \$60 per month for the Operator. She applied for the job and worked for two years to help her husband get started. Since they had bought an empty building at 117 W Main, they had to

re-stock it with EQUIPMENT and STOCK. Bill Stribling told this story: "Dad, James H. Stribling, heard of a drug store at Greenwood that was for sale in Wise County, near Slidell, He DASHED over there, BOUGHT it, loaded up the EQUIPMENT and STOCK, BROUGHT it to his AZLE STORE. He never knew what happened to his Greenwood building. (29)

Byra Stribling was heard to say: "Moving out here with a small baby to care for, in a house with no bathroom and no conveniences, it is just awful". Jay Woody Stribling was born on April 10, 1935 and lacked one day being four-years old, on the day his parents signed the deed. (30)

Shortly after moving ~~out here~~, James H. Stribling put in DELCO SYSTEM of ELECTRICITY and they had the FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHTS in Azle. (31) Bill Stribling told the story of an "out-of-Control car" CRASHING through the Guard Rail, the Plank Porch and on into the FOUR-PANE WINDOWS. ~~Dad~~, James Stribling planned for the FUTURE of his store in the NECESSARY REPAIRS". He put in FULL-PANED STORE windows, poured a CONCRETE porch floor, and left off the guard rails. (32)

15 this is all a quote

James and Byra Stribling, in their first two years, saw that the needs of the farmers and ranchers were different and planned to meet those needs. James H. Stribling built their home at 108 S Stewart and Byra Stribling resigned from the phone SWITCHBOARD to go on SHIFT work to keep the Drug Store open from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. (33)

The old BENCH on the front porch was a GATHERING PLACE where the men: sat to chat, chew tobacco, spin yarns, and take home the news of their friends. It was here that young Bill Stribling heard the OLD TIMERS tell the NEWCOMERS how James Walker tore down the first LITTLE DRUG STORE and built this two-story drug store in 1900, that his parents bought in 1935. (34) During the DEPRESSION YEARS of the 1930's, the Stribling Drug Store served the needy with FOOD, and CLOTHING, (ETC). (35) It served as a BOWEN BUS STOP in the 1940's and 1950's between Ft Worth, Wichita Falls, and on to Amarillo or Oklahoma City and points north. (36) Downstairs, also was a Doctor's Office with a small Library in one corner where Byra Stribling served as SECOND LIBRARIAN. (37) The upstairs had a BUSY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS of the AZLS Civic League functions ~~with Faris Ross, President, and Newspaper Editor of AZLE BOOSTER.~~ He was an ardent AZLE Booster. He published that ELECTRIC SERVICE was being EXTENDED to the "Village of Azle" and that Governor James V. Aldred was coming to help CELEBRATE. Mr Ross worked on the publicity and drew 1500 people on that April 3, 1936 to hear the Texas Governor in the VILLAGE OF AZLE of about 250 residents. Mr Ross in his AZLE BOOSTER inserted Governor Aldred's quote: "I enjoyed my visit to Azle TREMENDOUSLY !! You have a WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!" (38) The active and exciting Court Room of Judge Bowman became famous. The Lake Officer and Constable were comfortable in their visits up

was the courtroom in the drug store?

there, when not on duty. Other meetings were the Town Hall and Chamber of Commerce. (39) All of the clubs met up there including: Garden Club, Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge and Odd Fellow Lodge until it joined its Brothers in Ft Worth. The Rebekah Lodge was organized on November 13, 1950 and met twice a month until the stairs became too difficult for some of the members, thus they moved to the Christian Church on July 12, 1976. They chartered with 23 members and grew to 46 in 1990, with several deceased over the years. Byra Stribling was a lifetime member of both Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge. (40) ELECTIONS were held upstairs, where Byra served 20 year or more, as the Democratic Precinct Chairman. (41)

In 1950, an ENCRDACHMENT COMPLAINT came against the stairs and sidewalk, which also gave the date of the death for J.R. Walker. Archie Forrester took care of the problem. (42) *What happened?*

In 1957, a rumor came to the VILLAGE OF AZLE, that Ft Worth was planning to annex it. The people banded together, went to the Ft Worth Council. They learned how to INCORPORATE their Village into a City. They organized and held an ELECTION with 152 voting for INCORPORATION and 127 against. Majority ruled and they became the CITY OF AZLE on April 13, 1957. (43) They elected Dan Jarvis as FIRST MAYOR to serve with other elected officers. (44) Warren Pugh was the SECOND Mayor. (45) Jay Woody Stribling was

Ayle incorporated on _____ and J.W. Stribling

became the City's Third Mayor. He started in 1960, then snipped the

Ribbon of 420.00 Bills to open the AZLE NATIONAL BANK on

January 7, 1961. (46) Then, his Job Offer came through

we became ^{as} Director of Indian Housing in Phoenix, Arizona ^{where?} where he

continues to work in 1990. His brother, Bill Stribling gave

his address. (47)

In 1963, James H. and Byra Stribling sold their STOCK and EQUIPMENT to Milton Thompkins, who ^{went into business elsewhere,} set up a Pharmacy ^{over} ending the many years of the drug store's existence, on the ~~NEW Industrial Street at the Mitchell Store site.~~ (48)

April 13, 1963, the Striblings rented their building to Paul Worthen. ^{who was} Paul asked Franklin C. Couch, at Scooter's Radio Supply in Ft Worth, to become his partner to open an Electronics and Service Store in the ^{business} City of Azte. They chose the first letter of their SURNAMES, thus, named it C & W ELECTRONICS. The wives worked during the day and the men worked the evening shift. If a wife needed off, Paul Worthen called James Stribling to help, if he felt like it. In 1965, Paul Worthen quit his job in Ft Worth to work full time in his store. In 1967, Mr Couch sold his partnership to Paul Worthen and moved to Comanche, Texas where he opened his own shop. (49) ~~Striblings travelled some in the late 1960's and early 1970's.~~ (50) They planned their ESTATE before ^{After the death of James} either passed away, so when Mr Stribling passed away in November 1974, Byra Stribling was able to deed the store to Jay Woody Stribling ^{in Dec. 74} when he was in town. (51) Jay Woody Stribling continued to rent the store to Paul Worthen for

How in a building marker?

the property was deeded

This narrative should end with the demise of the drug store as it can be only a subject matter, not a building matter. The building was changed with new front, new windows, new porch. ~~that's this~~ Possibly if this was over 50 years ago it could go as a building. You did not give time. If it is just in for a building you will have to have plans, measurements, and detailed description of building. An architectural description,

leave in if need be 10 ✓ make

four more years, making Paul Worthen a RENTER for FIFTEEN YEARS and TEN DAYS. Jay Woody Stribling sold the store to Paul Worthen on September 25, 1978. (52)

In 1983, the Gipson Rebekah Lodge gave Paul Worthen a QUIT CLAIM DEED for the top floor, because they had not used it since 1976. (53) In September 1988, Paul Worthen made his LAST PAYMENT on his store. (54)

Now this unrecognized OLDEST BUILDING built in 1900, ~~is 90 years old this year. it is presented as an:~~

HISTORICAL SITE and

~~A Candidate for the NATIONAL REGISTER and hopefully to HONOR Beatrice Gipson Carter as a gift from STEVE Britt, A Scout trying to make her GOAL of a 10th MARKER while starting his EAGLE PROJECT in Boy Scouts, in April 1988.~~

~~THANKS!, B. J. Clark for a FASTER project.~~

This SITE project was picked up by Grandmother in July 1988 as Researcher, to complete April 1990.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, FOR YOUR HELP
CLOMA BRITT 1024 Bradley Drive, Azle, Texas 444-4870

Cloma Britt
1024 Bradley Drive
Azle, Texas 76020
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AZLE, TEXAS, TENTH HISTORICAL MARKER

AZLE 2

BACKGROUND

11-18-1981

OUT-POST, A BUSY PLACE

This TWO-BLOCK little OUT-POST on the NORTH side of Ash Creek Tributary is part of Benjamine F. Curtis 160-acre farm, patented by John Henry Rumpfeldt on:

August 9, 1859

to span the Tarrant-Parker County lines. (1)

Our Pioneer Doctor, 'James' Azle Steward came riding a MULE from Tennessee at the age of 21, to this OUTPOST in 1852 and found an EMPTY CABIN, took possession as a Home Base, then later BOUGHT it, from John Henry Rumpfeldt. Dr 'James' Azle Stewart began to build up his Phycian's practice in TARANT-the new Parker County-and as far in Wise County, to the present Decatur at age 21. Dr 'James' Azle Steward was a well-like NATURAL LEADER in this little OUT-POST of 10 YOUNG FAMILIES. (2)

This little OUT-Post had changed NAMES, this FIFTH TIME when Mr William O'Bar had worked for a Post-Office and received the news back, that Washington D. C. had filed the

name of 'O-Bar' Post Office on: September 5, 1881. Thus, they used his name: 'O-Bar' since HE had worked. It lasted TWO YEARS as the FIFTH name. (3)

1882, the 21 year old, Lewis Thomas Wigfield (Wig) Reynolds had already bought his land. Neither Court House has his deed.

(have asked his Family Historian in COLORADO to send a COPY, if he has one)

Lewis Thomas Wigfield (Wig) Reynolds, asked Dad, 'John' Giles Reynolds; his CARPENTER-FATHER to help him build A TINY DRUG STORE on his Lot 2, Block 2, to serve his neighbor FAMILY members in time of sickness in 1882.

He built his TINY DRUG STORE on the East side of his HUGH LOT 2, BLOCK 2, that later became TWO LOTS:.

The TINY DRUG STORE had its back on the ASH CREEK Tributary, and faced out, on the BUFFALO TRAIL through the little OUT-Post of O'BAR.

Then, SIX YEARS later, Wig sold his TINY DRUG STORE to James R. Walker on July 27, 1888 for \$1,178.00. (4)

J. R. Walker ran the TINY DRUG STORE for 12 years (1900), then, he tore it down and built the LARGE DRUG STORE on the the same spot of that large lot. (5)

Dr 'James' Azle Steward had an idea while riding home from his patients, that he wanted to share with his friends, so he called them together.

"What do you think? We have a Post Office named O'BAR It has become the FIFTH NAME for our Community."

Then, Dr Steward threw out a challenge: "What do you think about taking an UNUSAL PERMAMENT NAME, for us to Build our IDENTITY and HISTORY on? If you would like to use my middle name, AZLE, I will donate the 13 1\2 acres of land under your homes as a TOWN SITE. We will have it re-Surveyed by the County to be sure of your Boundary Lines.!" The people LIKED the idea. (6)

Then, he reminded them of the 1874 Parker COUNTY Court House fire that burnt all your Deeds in PARKER COUNTY and then the 1878 TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE FIRE BURNT all of your DEEDS, too. Thus, I will need to borrow your DEEDS, to INSERT the words VILLAGE OF AZLE in the proper space. He warned them, it would take MANY MONTHS or YEARS to

get ALL the deeds copied, while he had to see after his patients too.

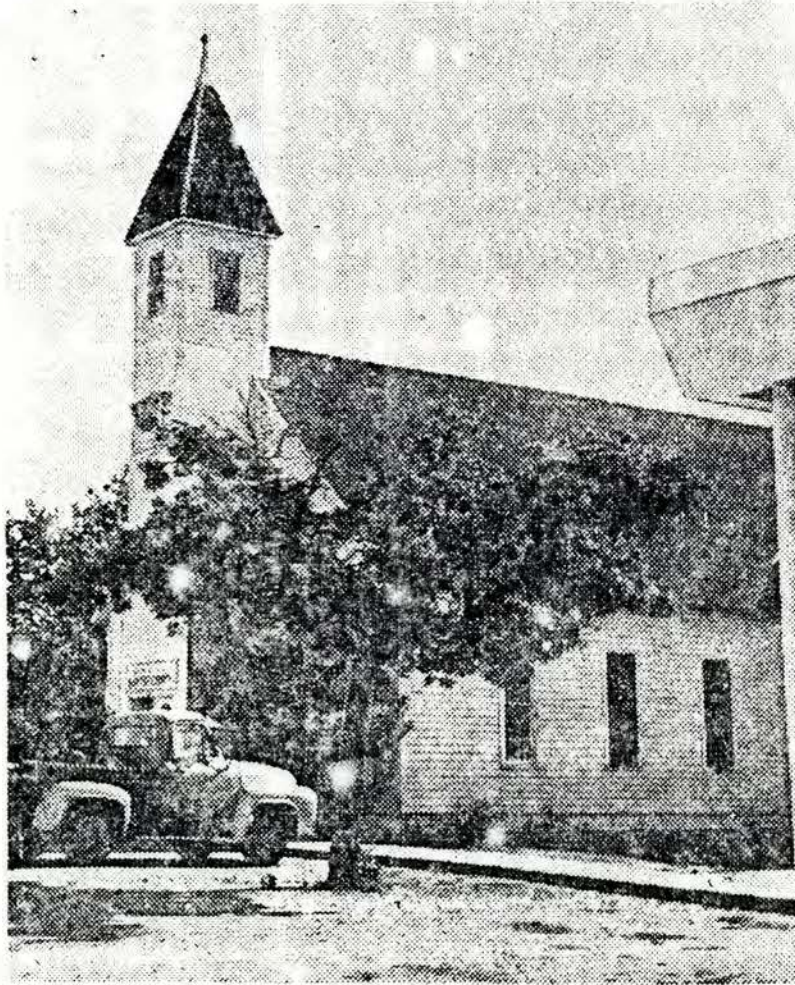
To keep Record-Keeping down, he would keep the FINISHED ONES in another room. (7)

Together, they worked on the APPLICATION to go to WASHINGTON D. C. asking the Postal Service to change the TWO-YEAR old name "O'BAR" to the PERMANENT NAME of AZLE, TEXAS. (8)

When Dr 'James' Azle Steward had worked some of TOWN SITE; he talked with his three HEIRS: wife, 'Mary' Elizabeth (Fowler) Steward, His brother, C.A. and Sister-in-Law of Oklahoma City, on his project----that-----if he became..... incapacitated.....

He had seen that the Surveying, platting, deed copying, as well as, going in all kinds of weather to his patients was too much.

After, working steadily, all the first 5 years without rest, he died on April 29, 1889 and was buried with Masonic Honors in his chosen front row next to his ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH where he was one of the CHARTER MEMBERS back on September 9, 1871 at its ORGANIZATIONAL Time. He donated 5 acres for the CHURCH at one time, then at another time he



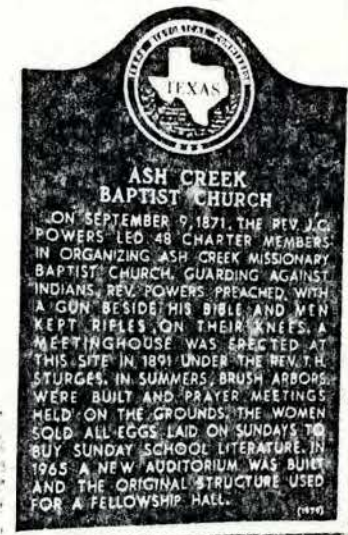
ON THE LINE—Ash Creek Baptist Church in Azle, described in history written by Mrs. F. I. Scrimshire, is noted for its location on the Tarrant-Parker County line. Shown here is the congregation's old building. New facilities are under construction.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES

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Down on Ash Creek, a mile or two in a southwesterly direction from Azle and to the north of one of those hills, surrounded by trees, ravines, and the like, where the creek flowed down among the foothills and got lost in the tangled underbrush — there stood the log "Meeting House" that was the original "Ash Creek Missionary Baptist Church." It was also used as a schoolhouse.

September 9, 1871



This Marker stands near the old section of Ash Creek Baptist Church which was erected in the 1850s. 1871

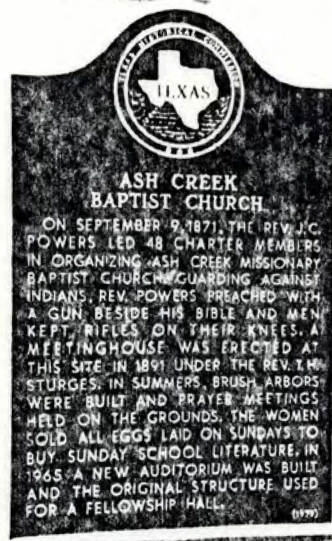
waited for money to construct

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This building of Ash Creek Baptist Church was completed in 1891. It is today used as a fellowship hall

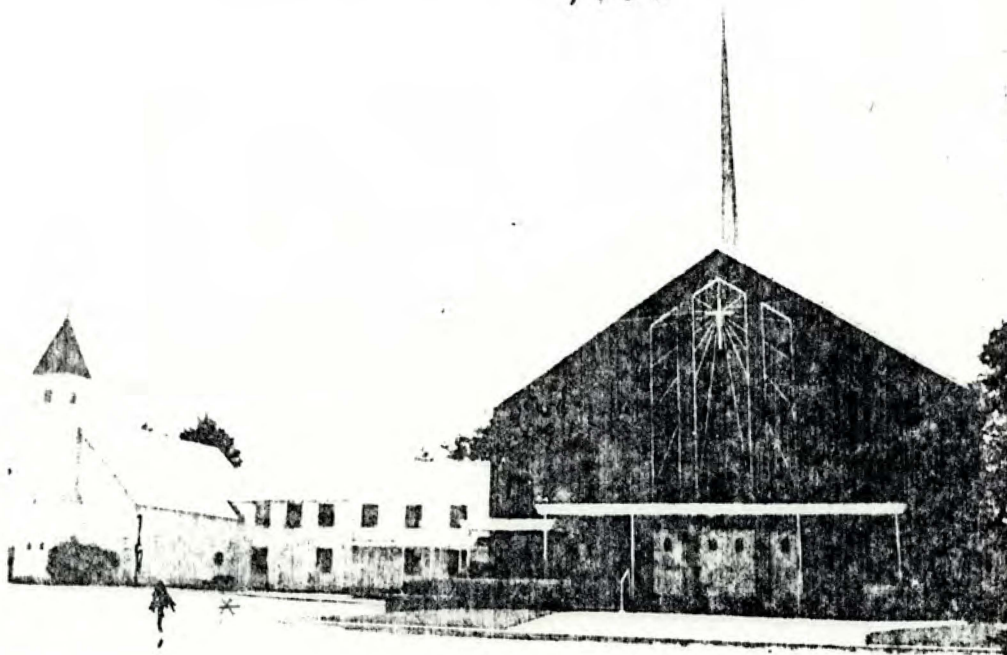
ORGANIZED:
September 9, 1891
Centennial Birthday
September 12, 1991



This Marker stands near the old section of Ash Creek Baptist Church which was erected in the 1880s.

Dedicated:
September 12, 1991

1965



The new Sanctuary of Ash Creek Baptist overshadows the old hall built in 1891 - but joined by Sunday School rooms.

1965



New auditorium of Ash Creek Baptist Church was completed and dedicated in 1965.

Paid off in
September 1959.

* 11 57 31 40 82 87 2 0 1 1

Donated another 10 acres for the Ash Creek Baptist Church.

The FIRST ACRE of Ash Creek Cemetery, that joins the FENCE of the Ash Creek Baptist church was donated by Dr 'James' A. Steward.

The SECOND ACRE west of the road was donated by another Baptist CHARTER-MEMBER, OLD-TIMER 'John' Giles Reynolds. Two men were buried in one of the Ash Creek Cemetery in 1871. (10)

Dr James work some of the Town Site; then he talked with his three HEIRS: Wife, 'Mary' Elizabeth (Fowler) Steward, his Brother, C. A. Steward and Sister-in-Law of Oklahoma City, about his PROJECTT---if he became ----INCAPACITATED..... He had seen that the Surveying, platting, Deed Copying, as well, as going in ALL KINDS of weather to see his Patients, was too much.

After working, steadily 5 years without rest, he died on April 29, 1889 and was buried in his CHOSEN LOT, CENTERED immediately, behind his Ash Creek Baptist Church with Masonic Honors. He had donated this Cemetery acre in 1871. There were 2 men planted in 1871, eariler, just after his Donation. (11)

The road separates Steward' lot from 'John' GILES Reynolds; another ASH CREEK BAPTIST MEMBER who donated, the WEST ACRE about the same time. (12)

January 15, 1894, James Steward's HEIRS began, TWO by TWO, copying the DEEDS that Steward was unable to get done.

They finished them and the other vast holdings that James held, in the next FIVE years. They filed IN the TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS of RECORDs in the DEED INDEX, or if the PERSON lived in PARKER COUNTY, his Deed was file in the WEATHERFORD, Texas COURT HOUSE in their DEEDS of RECORDs, DEED INDEX: likewise other city/s property would need to have gone to DEEDS of RECORDS in their COUNTY COURT HOUSE , DEEDS OF RECORDS. (13)

In the AZLE MUSEUM Top floor, on the EAST WALL, A Frame POSTER Board showing the ORIGINAL AZLE with PIONEERS NAMES listed, (14)

In 1906, the Woodmen of the World, Azle Camp No 596 asked J. R. Walker, that if they furnished the materials and paid the erection, could they put a Meeting Room up over his DRUG STORE with outside door, stairway and a concrete sidewalk, out to the street, on the EAST side of his large drug store. They were given permission with a Deed. (15)

J. R. Walker on July 22, 1930, sold his EXTRA land, on the west side of the Drug Store to J. L. Pierce. (16)

In 1931, the Texas Highway Department widened and asphalted, the graveled Main Street as Highway 199, taking FORTY FEET off of each lot along Main street, while MOVING the STORES further back OFF Main Street. (17)

Ida Walker was left on April 5, 1931, with 9 children when J. R. Walker died leaving Ida with NINE children. They all worked in the store for 4 years. (18)

On April 11, 1935, Ida Walker sold the EMPTY building on Lot 2, Block 2 to James and Byra Stribling, a young couple from Ft Worth. (19)

FOOTNOTE

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FOOTNOTES

ABSTRACT of LAND TITLES, P 969

ASSESSORS ABSTRACT OF RURAL PROPERTY of TARRANT COUNTY

ASSESSORS ABSTRACT of Rural Property on Tax Office's
MASTER CARD

TARRANT COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT of RURAL PROPERTY
ABSTRACT No 344, Patent 569
August 9, 1859 Vol 24

CURTIS MEDIA CORPORATION, Dallas, Texas cc 1986

MY HOME TOWN, Beatrice Gipson Carter, Azle, Texas cc 1968

IDENTIFICATION: MARCH 5, 1875 of 'John' Henry Rumpfeldt's
One Hundred Sixty acre (160) farm belonging to him out of
Benjamin F. Curtis 160 acre Farm, patented by:
'John' Henry Rumpfeldt on:
August 9, 1859

1. Pioneer DR 'James' Azle Steward on his MULE came from
Tennessee when he was 21 in 1852. He found an EMPTY
cabin on RUMPSFELDT place that he converted in a
HOME BASE while He rode his mule into 3 Counties:
Tarrant, Parker and as far as Decatur in Wise
County in 1852 while beginning to DEVELOP his
Medical Practice
in and around the Out-Post

Later, he bought the farm from Rumpfeldt

It is on the Parker-Tarrant Line

2. NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS SERVICE Washington, D.C.
Roll 129, p 793, Target 3, Texas, Tarrant County

William O'Bar worked to get a Post-Office in the
 Out-Post
 by making Contact with
 Washington, D. C. Postal Service:
 IT was returned on:
 September 5, 1881
 approved as "O'BAR". The FIFTH name for the
 Out-Post

3. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
 Wig Reynolds buying Lot 2, Block 2 NO Record possible

 Courthouse Fire in PARKER County in 1874
 Court House Fire in TARRANT County in 1878

 Lewis Thomas Wigfall (Wig) Wig Reynolds, THUS no deed
 could be found
4. 1873 was the LAST INDIAN RAID
5. Evidently, STEWARD had bought the RUMPSFELDT FARM
 by this time, since, he was deeding acreage to:
 ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
6. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS, March 5, 1875
 James A. and Mary Fowler Steward deeded FIVE ACRES to
 ASH CREEK BAPIST-CHURCH-school-picket building
 #6090 one mile west of the Reynolds first
 school-community building Vol 1182, pp 591-592
7. NATIONAL ARCHIVES POSTAL SERVICES
 November 6, 1883, the people requested their TWO-
 year-old Post office name TO be changed to a
 PERMANET NAME 'AZLE' from "O'BAR"
 in 2 years time
8. WEATHERFORD DEMOCRAT newspaper articles & Pictures:
 1956 of Wig Reynolds' 95th Birthway Celebration &
 HIS Life
 helps the Reader get Acquainted with him
9. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
 December 15, 1884,
 (it appears that the
 Ash Creek Church was gaining in FUNDS as Steward
 made the requirement-----to return to his Family,

if Church could not use it for NEW PERMANT BUILDING
IN BOTH DEEDS)

This SECOND DEED was for 10 acres
Vol 16, p 78 December 15, 1884

10. Unsucessful efforts: May 1878, 1880's, just too poor.

In 1891, the church appointed a building Committee
with FULL POWER to raise money.

The church was
Completed in 1891, under the influential Pastor,
Rev T. H. Sturges who knew how to CHALLENGE
people to GET ASSIGNMENTS DONE

THEY haul from DALLAS by Blue Mound, with ox-team
on the route cross the Elm FORK
of the Trinity River by ferry.
A STEEPLE with a bell was for COMMUNITY MESSAGES &
Sunday Morning WELCOME.
COMMITIES worked on various things
it was finished in 1891.

Centennial Year of the ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
was CELEBRATED on September 12, 1971:

It is 121 YEARS OLD in 1992,
and is located at 300 STEWART

11. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS & RECORDS
SOWTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
has a file of all Records
as well as, they have them on Microfilm
12. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
Twenty-one year old, T. W. Wig Reynolds asked his
56-Year-old-FATHER-Carpenter, 'JOHN' Giles Reynolds
to help him build a
TINY DRUG STORE on his Lot 2, Block 2 so he could
be able to care for their little
OUT-POST'S 10 families
13. Beatrice Gipson Carter, MY HOME TOWN, Texas
1968 pp 9, 61
14. NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM Publication,
Roll 127, p 793, Target 3, Texas, Tarrent County

Mr O'Bar worked for a post Office
 Washington, D. C.
 They replied on: SEPTEMBER 5 1881
 O'BAR was their community name now

16. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
 ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
 Vol 1182, pp 591-592
 Organized September 9, 1891
17. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
 in 1906, the Woodmen of the World
 asked J. R, Walker if they could add a TOP FLOOR to
 his building
 with outside stairways
 Vol 242, pp 46-47
18. MY HOME TOWN by Beatrice Gipson Carter, cc 1968
 p 163
20. TARRANT COUNTY DEED RECORDS
 J.R. Walker sold his Extra Land to J. L. PIERCE
 Vol 1355, p 3396 as Lot 2b, Block 2
21. TARRANT COUNTY ASSESSORS's ABSTRACT of:
 City Property of AZLE
 Revision of Lot 2b, Block 2 in 1950
 J. L. Pierce
22. 'James' Azle Steward OFFERS his middle Name, AZLE.
23. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS
 September 6, 1883,
 Permanent unusual name of AZLE take the place of
 'O'BAR
 received from Washington, D. C.
24. Steward worked 5 years on a 13 1/2 ACRE TOWN SITE
 copying their deeds to INSERT the words:
 VILLAGE OF AZLE in the PROPER place
 SINCE COURT HOUSES HAD BURNT IN PARKER COUNTY AND
 TARRANT COUNTY
25. Steward set up with HEIRS, if he became INCAPACITATED
 Death: April 29, 1889 Unfinished

26. TARRANT COUNTY PLAT RECORDS

Vol 63, p 14

OBITUARY: Dr 'JAMES' Azle Steward,

27. Weatherford Democrat, April 29, 1889

Vol 1 #9, P 5

DESCRIBED: as Father & Leader, Pioneer Doctor
 Dr 'James' Azle Steward was born in Tennessee in
 (1831-April 29, 1889);
 1860 in Wise County Texas Census;
 1870 Tarrant County Texas Census
 Died April 29, 1889, buried with Family,
 adjoining Center front,

28. ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT of RURAL PROPERTY # 344 Central

23, Fact 10-C, TARRANT COUNTY Grantee:

Benjamin F. Curtis, School District 18 F

1874 2 deaths

James Azle Steward in middle of Ash Creek Cemetery
 that he DONATED
 First Acre of ASH CREEK CEMETERY in 1871;
 just west side of:
 ASH CREEK BAPTSTT CHURCH
 where he was a Charter Member

29. Heirs worked 5 more Years to finish HIS PROMISED

TOWN SITE on January 15, 1894

HEIRS filed the deeds in new Court Houses

30. TARRANT COUNTY DEEDS RECORDS

February 5, 1906

WOODMEN OF WORLD,

Vol 242, pp 46-47

31. TAX OFFICE MASTER CARD, ASSESSOR'S CITY PROPERTY,

plus, names of property OWNERS NAMES on:

DEED-PLAT Vol 63, p 141

32. AZLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FRAME a 3'x 4' Poster of DEED-PLAT with 10 names
of PIONEERS

Vol 63, p 141

and put it UPSTAIRS on East Wall in AZLE MUSEUM

- 33. TARRANT COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT of City Property
 AZLE,
 REVIVISION
 of Lot 2, Block 2 in 1950
 to Lot 2b, Block 2 to J. L. Pierce
 Book 1355, p 396

- 34. 1931, STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT shows on
 GRAPHIC RIGHT-OF WAY MAP HOW the Drug Store
 was affected.
 Walker decided to build a BACK ROOM for
 the Village Doctor, when the
 building was moved
 PICTURES: 1990 Measurements & Description

- 35. AFFIDAVIT: PLAT-RECORD revised:
 April 5, 1931, J. R. Walker died:
 leaving 9 children: MOTHER & they worked together
 the next 4 years
 to make all of them graduates of AZLE
 Vol 388-F-535 dated:
 February 25, 1950

- 36. April 11, 1935, Ida Walker sold EMPTY DRUG STORE to
 James and Byre Stribling of Ft Worth
 Vol 1478, pp 139-140

Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey
Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County

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117 W. Main Street [NR], Walker Drug Store/Woodmen of the World Hall, 1900; c. 1931. This large wood frame building with bracketed cornice and pointed parapet was built in 1900 by James Walker. Previously Walker had operated his store out of a smaller building on the same site constructed by Wig Reynolds. Reynolds sold the land and store to Walker in 1888 and, according to local sources, Walker had the older structure demolished and the current building constructed in 1900. The Woodmen of the World, Azle Camp No. 596 paid for the materials and construction of the

second story of Walker's building. In 1906 Walker guaranteed rights to a separate entrance to the W.O.W. Camp and deeded the second story to them in recognition of the fact that they "did heretofore in the year 1900 furnish material and pay for the building and erecting of the second story room over the store house of J.R. Walker." Walker constructed a small doctor's office for the local physician behind the main building in 1931. At that time, the building was also moved back from Main Street to provide needed right-of-way for road expansion. James H. and Byra Stribling purchased the property from Ida Walker in 1935 and operated a drug store here until 1963. The building is largely intact except for a remodeled storefront. As the oldest commercial structure on Main Street and as the oldest fraternal lodge hall in the area, the building appears to be eligible for the National Register.



9. 117 W. Main Street Reynolds Drug Store/ 1873 (?);
NR Woodmen of the World Hall c. 1950

926-4212

This large wood-frame building with bracketed cornice and pointed parapet may have been built in 1873, though some sources give a date closer to 1900. It housed the town's first drug store, operated by Wig Reynolds and James Walker. Reputedly, the lumber for the building was hauled to Azle by ox train from Gladewater. The Woodmen of the World owned the second story of the building, where they had a lodge hall. This was purchased by the I.O.O.F. in the 1930's. The Stribling family bought the drug store in 1935, and operated the business until 1960. The building is largely intact, except for a remodeled storefront. As the oldest commercial structure on Main Street (extremely rare as a surviving 19th century wood-frame commercial building) and as the oldest fraternal lodge hall in the area, the building appears to be eligible for the National Register.

10. 124 W. Main Street Jim Nation Building/ 1935-36
Azle Historical Museum

Jim Nation erected this two-story stone-veneer building on Main Street in 1935-36. A service station and general merchandise store were operated on the ground level and the family lived upstairs. The building was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Ray Morton, who operated a barber shop and a beauty shop. They in turn sold the building to the Azle Woman's Club, who subsequently gave it to the City of Azle for a public library. When the Azle Public Library moved to its new building on Southeast Parkway, the Azle Historical Society organized a museum on the premises in 1976.

11. 165 W. Main Street McDonald House c. 1905
NR

An older house was enlarged and remodeled into this gabled L-plan residence by William McDonald, proprietor of a mercantile business which opened on Main Street in 1906. The post office and First State Bank of Azle operated out of his store. McDonald also owned a cotton gin. He moved his business to Fort Worth in 1914. The McDonald House appears to be eligible for the National Register, based on its association with one of Azle's leading businessmen in the early 1900's and as a representative example of residential building traditions of the time.

12. 168 W. Main Street Seldon House 1938

W.E. and Johnnie Seldon designed this small stone-veneer house in conjunction with local builder Will Tannahill, and had it built in 1938. They owned a service station and cafe next door on Main Street. The jerkin-headed shallow-sloped gable roofs are unusual for stone houses of the period.

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JUN 28 1990

Beatrice Carter

Post office employee

AZLE — Beatrice Carter, a retired U.S. Postal Service employee, died yesterday at an Azle hospital. She was 90.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Ash Creek Baptist Church. Burial will be in Ash Creek Cemetery. White's Funeral Home in Azle is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Carter was born in Azle and was a lifelong resident. She retired from the Azle post office in 1966 after 26 years.

Mrs. Carter was a 79-year member of Ash Creek Baptist Church, where she had taught Sunday school 67 years.

Mrs. Carter was a former board member of Ash Creek Cemetery Association and was one of the organizers of the Azle Historical Museum Society. She was author of *My Home Town*, a history of Azle. Mrs. Carter was instrumental in obtaining nine historical markers for Azle. She was former chairman of Cancer Society and had worked in the United Fund in Azle. She was a charter member of the Rebekah Gipson Lodge in Azle.

Her husband, Atlas Carter, died in 1958.

Survivors: Two sons, W.A. Carter of Azle and Jimmie Carter of Lake Worth; brother, Bill Gipson of Azle; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

HISTORY STORAGE DATA

ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT OF CITY PROPERTY Tarrant COUNTY

NU	BERS	
CONTROL	LOTS	LOT

HISTORY STORAGE DATA

ABSTRACT NO. 1948 NAME G. G. Young
 ADDITION CITY OF Azle

LOT NO. ~~5012~~ E305602 BLOCK NO. 2 MAP NO. 6188

OWNERSHIP RECORD	ADDRESS	VOL.	PAGE	DATE	CONSIDERATION
J. L. Pierce		1355	396	7/22/30	25
J H Stribling	(E305602)	1478	139	4-11-35	600
Revised to Lot 2A		3882	535	1950	
LIENHOLDER RECORD					

DELINQUENT TAX RECORD

YEAR	LINE	PAGE	PROPERTY TAXES												POLL TAX				TOTAL		DATE OF PAYMENT			NO. RE.		
			STATE TAX		COUNTY TAX		Water						DISTRICT SCHOOL		STATE		COUNTY		Dol.	Cts.	Mo.	Day	Yr.			
1931	8	7039	1	85	2	13		63							1	50	3	00		50	10	11				
1932	9	"	1	45	1	36		59							2	10	3	00		50	9	00				
1933	10	"		69		67		30								90	1	50		25	4	31				
1934	11	"		69		75		30								90	1	50		25	4	39				
1935	12	"		43		81		36							1	00	3	00		50	6	10				

BUILDING DESCRIPTION

NORTH

PLAT

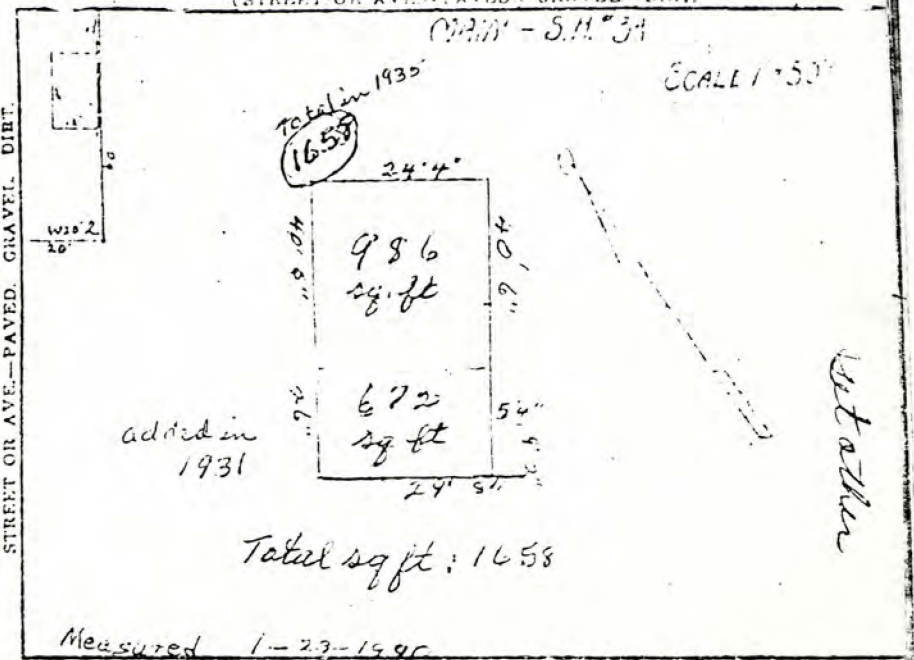
(STREET OR AVE. PAVED) GRAVEL DIRT.

CLASS	ROOF	EXTERIOR WALLS	HEATING	LIGHTING
Shack Cottage Duplex Bungalow Residence Apartment Hotel Office Building Store Storage Factory Filling Station Garage Shed Barn Servants House Sign Board	Flat Hip Gable, Dormers Cut up, Ordinary Plain, Gravel Tile Shingles Metal, Tile Corr. Iron Composition Wood Saw Tooth	Brick Brick Veneer Stone Stone Veneer Plastered Stucco on Wood Stucco on M. Lath Hollow Tile Terra Cotta Adobe Box	Fire Place Wood, Coal, Oil Gas Furnace Steam Stove Gas Hot Water	Lamps Gas Electric
				INSIDE FINISH
				Unfinished Sheetrock Beaverboard Sealed Papered Plastered Plaster M. Lath Plaster W. Lath Pine Floors Hardwood Floors Cement Finish Tile Floors Marble Floors Dirt Floors
			PLUMBING	
			No. of Fixtures Toilet Bath Room Shower Sink	
			BUILT-IN FEATURES	
			Buffet Patent Beds Refrigerator Bookcase Kitchen Cabinet Break. Room	
				CONDITION
				Poor Fair Good Built Year 1900

No. Rooms	1	Remodeled	Occupied	Owner	Renter	Vacant
SIZE OF BUILDING						
Wide	Deep	No. Stories	Wide	Deep	No. Stories	
12	x 18	1				

No. Sq. Ft.	216	Class	2	Price Per Sq. Ft.	1.00	Total	216.00
	1658 Total				1.00		1658.00

RENDERED FOR TAXATION						
YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION FINAL	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
1937	W20x60	30.00				



STREET OR AVE. - PAVED. GRAVEL DIRT.

Building Permit No. _____

Purpose: Add. Bldg. 5

Value Before 1/1/35: 216.00

Per Cent Depreciation: 5%

Mo. Revenue: 3

Zone No. _____

LAND VALUATION

SIZE OF LOT	FRONT FT. VALUE	TOTAL
X		216
X		
X		
X		
X		
X		

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation \$ 216.00

* 51-55 Block 3

Grantor		wd	date	area	notes
JA	Steward				
*	Couch m m	33-639	Sep 22-84	4-2	Tron of Ayle
(*)	Wayland JH	41-630	Jan 24 1884		
(*)	Rowland, W H	46-168	May 30 86	222	Block 3 - green
X	Rowland, W H	46-168	6-10-87	320 acres	of Wilcox #45 \$800
	of Mansfield				
	Farmers Alliance Arsn	42-555	Apr 8-87		W W Waddell Sur
	Fowler Joseph	47-418	May 23-87	1-2/1	blk Ayle
	J R Reynolds	50-48	May 23-87	6	blk Ayle
Steward total	Smith E F	79-119	11-6-1877	32 1/8	blk 7 Center
CA			2-17-91		
Marge		79-119	2-17-91	32 1/8 ac	Surv
JV		79-119	2-17-91	32 1/8 ac	
Marge	Christian Ch, Ayle	95-22	7-11-93	1a	✓
CA		95-22	7-11-93	1a	✓
Marge +	Snodgrass Bros	98-246	1-22-94	8-Blk 1	tot (pt) ✓
ME x	H N Grisby	95-191	3-21-94	1 3/4 a	Blk 7 Ayle
Lena	Cozby JA	105-17	8-25-94	4-2	Ayle
ME		105-17			
CA x Lena	Snodgrass	104-471	11-1-95	Blk 8	Ayle
ME			11-1-95	pt	
CA x Lena	Smith R H	104-551	12-31-95		See Record
ME		104			Blk 7 Center
CA x Lena		105-162		1 1/3	Blk 7 Center
		105-			Surv
ME	Steward	371-627	6-25-1913		tot 3/2 Ayle
ME	affidavit	477-573	12-29-1915	32 1/8	Blk 7 Center

Reynolds
Wig

Wig * JR Walker lod 128-413 12-6-97 2-2 wife
J L Des * wd 128 415 ✓ ✓ Bek 5 wife
J S * affidavit 151-322 10-10-1900 ^{at} ma Freeman _{surv}
J S * T/H Nation Qcd 154-555 Sept 23-1903 See Record

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Sylvester Ray ← st of TX A 504 160a SC Reynolds serv 11-3-76
JC ← J McClark 53a P 383 11-22-1879
AW ← st of TX W 214- 11-27-82 - 160 a AW Reynolds serv
J S * ← J A Stewart ^{et} wd - 124-391- 11-6-1877 Block 5 wife

Block 1

Lot 142 Joseph Fowler 47-418 - May 23-87

Lot 8 Snodgrass Bros 98-246 1-22-94

Block 2

Lot 2 JAS → JH Wayland 41-630 Aug 30-86 with key sold to 128-413
JL Walker 12-6-97

Lot 4 M M Couch ~~41-630~~ 33-639 Sept 22-84

Lot 4 J A Cozby 105-17 8-25-94

Lot 3 affidavit 391-627 6-25-1913

~~Block~~

Block 3

JH Wayland 6-10-87 50-125

51-55

Block 4

~~Block~~

Block 5

JR Stewart to JH Reynolds 11-6-1897 registered 12-6-1897
JR Walker bought from JHiles Reynolds 128-415
12-6-97

Block 6

Joseph Fowler 50-48 May 23-87

Block 7

H N Drisby 95-191 3-21-94

BOARD OF PHARMACY

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that L. J. W. Reynolds has applied to this Board and given satisfactory evidence that he is a Qualified Pharmacist as provided for in Sections 24 & 20 of an Act of the Legislature, entitled An Act to regulate the practice of Pharmacy in the State of Texas. Approved the 6th day of April, A.D. 1889.

Given by W. C. McCrindle Registrar
W. J. Labors Secretary
May 1st 1890
W. C. McCrindle Secretary
W. J. Labors Secretary
 Board of
 Pharmacy

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE KEPT IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE.

EXHIBIT "A"

Field Notes of the proposed Corporate Limits of
the Town of Azle, Tarrant and Parker County, Tex.

Commencing at the S.E. Cor. of the C.W. McKenzie Survey, and being the N.E. Cor. of the J. Amendaris Survey, Tarrant Co., Tex. for the point of beginning:

Thence North along the East line of the C.W. McKenzie Survey to the North right-of-way of State Highway No. 199:

Thence S.E. erly along the North right-of-way line of State Highway No. 199 to the intersection with the South line of J. Wilcox Survey No. 44:

Thence East with the South line of J. Wilcox Survey No. 44 to the S.E. corner of Castle Hills North West Subdivision:

Thence running with the boundary line of Castle Hills North West Subdivision North Easterly:

Thence North Westerly:

Thence West and thence South with the West line of Castle Hills North West Subdivision to a point 300 feet distant from the Northerly right-of-way line of State Highway No. 199 and at right angles thereto:

Thence North Westerly 300 feet distant and parallel with the Northerly right-of-way line of State Highway No. 199 to a point of intersection with the West line of J. Wilcox Survey No. 44:

Thence North with the West line of J. Wilcox Survey No. 44 to the center of the channel of Ash Creek:

Thence Westerly along the center of the Channel of Ash Creek to a point 300 feet distant North Westerly and at right angles to the South-easterly right-of-way line of Fowler Land and North Westerly boundary line of Denver Heights Addition:

Thence South Westerly along a line 300 ft. distant and parallel with Fowler Lane to a point 300 ft. distant and North Easterly and at right angles to the Northerly right-of-way to Highway No. 199:

Thence North Westerly 300 ft. distant and parallel with the Northerly right-of-way line of State Highway No. 199 to a point of intersection with the North line of the Spencer Townsend Survey:

Thence East along the North line of the Spehcer Townsend Survey to a point 300 ft. distant South Westerly and at right angles to the Southerly right-of-way line of the Ten Mile Bridge road:

Thence Southeasterly along a line 300 ft. distant and parallel with the Southerly right-of-way line of the Ten Mile Bridge Road to a point in the West line of the D. F. Flores Survey:

Thence North along the West line of the D. T. Flores Survey to the Southerly right-of-way line of the Ten Mile Bridge Road:

Thence Southeasterly along the Southerly right-of-way line of the Ten Mile Bridge Road to a point in the East line of the D. T. Flores Survey:

Thence North with the East line of the D. T. Flores Survey to the North-east corner of said D. T. Flores Survey and in the South line of J. Wilcox Survey No. 50:

Thence East 25 ft. to the east right-of-way line of the Liberty School Rd.:

Thence North along the East right-of-way line of Liberty School Road to the North line of J. Wilcox Survey No. 50:

Thence West along the North line of J. Wilcox Sur. No. 50 to its N.W. Cor.:

Thence North to a point 200 ft. North of the N.E. Cor. of the Wilson-Scruggs Sur

Thence West on a line 200 ft. distant and parallel to the North line of the Wilson Scruggs Sur. to a point in the Easterly line of the Crestview Addition to Azle:

Thence Northerly with the East line of Crestview Addition to its N.E. Cor.:

Page 2.

Thence West along the North line of Crestview Addition to a point Northeasterly 300 ft. distant and at right angles to the East right-of-way of Farm to Market Road No. 730;

Thence Northerly along a line 200 ft. distant and parallel with the East right-of-way line of Farm to Market Road No. 730 to a point in the North line of the M.E.P. & P.R.R. Co. Survey No. 37;

Thence West to the Tarrant County-Parker County line;

Thence South along the Tarrant Co.-Parker Co. line to a point in the North line of the L. Lee Survey;

Thence West along the North line of the L. Lee Survey to the center of the Channel of Ash Creek;

Thence Southeasterly along the center of the channel of Ash Creek to a point in the B. F. Curtis Survey;

Thence Southward along the West line of B. F. Curtis Survey to a point in the North line of the Azle Baptist Cemetery;

Thence East $\frac{1}{2}$ along the North line of the Azle Baptist Cemetery to its N. E. Corner;

Thence Southerly along the East line of the Azle Baptist Cemetery to the North line of the Ash Creek Baptist Church Lot;

Thence East along the North line of the Ash Creek Baptist Church Lot to its N. E. Corner;

Thence Southerly along the East line of the Ash Creek Baptist Church Lot to its S. E. Corner and continuing on along the center line of the Silver Creek-Azle Road to a point in the South line of the M. & E. RR. Reservation;

Thence S. 61 deg. 28' W. 300 ft along the S. line of the M. & E. RR Reservation

Thence Southeasterly 300 ft. distant and parallel with the center line of the Silver Creek-Azle Road to a point in the South line of the Spencer Townsend Survey;

Thence East along the South line of the Spencer Townsend Survey to the center of the channel of Paschal Branch;

Thence up the center of the Channel of Paschal Branch to a point in line with the South line of a tract of land owned by the Azle Tile Co.;

Thence East with the South line of the Azle Tile Co. Tract to the N. W. Cor. of the Eagle Drive-in Theater Tract;

Thence Southerly with the West line of the Azle Drive-in Theater Tract to its S. W. Cor. and projected on to the South line of the C. W. McKenzie Survey;

Thence East along the South line of the C. W. McKenzie Survey to its S. E. Cor. and the point of beginning, containing 1265 acres, more or less.

AZLE BACK-DROP to the STRIBLING DRUG STORE

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The STRIBLING OLD DRUG STORE became the HUB of the Community Activities from 1935 through 1963, and is the subject of this HISTORICAL SITE.

Mrs Blanche Dameron Schrimshire described Pioneer Life where you saw wild buffalo, turkeys, bobcats, panthers and Indians roaming the valleys and hills in the small outpost about 20 miles northwest of Ft. Worth. In the spring time, the hillsides were covered with wild flowers: red Indian Blankets, yellow wild flowers (Coroposis), large fields of Bluebonnets with a sprinkle of orange butterfly weeds (Penstamons) for contrast, stretched as far as the eyes could see. The creeks and branches named by the early pioneers remain the same today. (1) The rich bottom lands of Clear Fork, the good water, pleasant willows, the cottonwoods along the streams and the vast stretches of sage grass and the prairie hay made this land a golden promise. (2)

The Stribling Two-Story-Drug Store sat in the Benjamin F. Curtis Survey on 160 acre farm patented by 'John' Henry RUMPSFELDT on August 9, 1859. (3) Official Documents now authenticate, that Dr 'James' Azle Steward, the Pioneer Doctor lived on the Rumpsfeldt farm at the time 'John' Giles Reynolds returned from Tennessee with wife and three children in 1854. (4) Dr 'James' Azle Steward was born in 1831 in Tennessee and came to this area, between the ages of 21 and 23 years old to live in the Rumpsfeldt cabin. (5) Settlers came, named the streams, branches and creeks as

they built their log cabins on the former farm of 'John; Henry Rumpfeldt which he had patented on August 9, 1859. He had moved away and was not known in the area. (6)

In 1878, the TARRANT COUNTY COURT HOUSE fire burnt all the Deeds of the filed records. None of the people had re-filed their deeds. Dr Steward never Re-Filed even before his death. His Deed of Ownership of the Rumpfeldt 160 acre farm gave proof that he owned it on March 5, 1875 when he donated FIVE ACRES for building the First little PICKET Church-School for the newly organized (September 9, 1871) ASH CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH a mile west of 'John' Giles Reynolds' little picket-school-community meeting-house as seen by this EXCERPT: identifying land and the STEWARDS' OWNERSHIP on March 5, 1875: " . . . being part of the 'John' Henry Rumpfeldt one-hundred-and sixty-acre Survey or the Carter one-hundred-and sixty-acre Survey to Post . . . place of beginning, containing . . . FIVE ACRES . . . IF NOT SO USED for this purpose . . . it is to revert to owners

March 5, 1875

James A. Steward

Mary E. Steward (7)

Coho Smith, GRANDFATHER of Gertie Ansley, taught reading, writing and drawing in the ASH CREEK MISSIONARY Picket-Church-School located on the Hoggard land, back southeast from the present day "Hoggard-Reynolds Cemetery" on S Stewart across Ash Creek out on the ridge beyond and through the tangled bushes that can be seen in distant. It was built

there, a mile west of the 'John' Giles Reynolds' 1850's first picket School-Community building. (8)

NOTE: the most PREVALENT spelling FOUND of 'John' Henry RUMPSFELDT is used. (9)

September 5, 1881, William O'Bar worked and brought a Post Office to the outpost which was re-named for the FIFTH time to O'Bar. (10)

In 1882, 21-year-old, Lewis Thomas Wigfall Reynolds, with the help of his 56-year-old-CARPENTER-Brother, 'John' Giles Reynolds, built the first little drug store on the north side of the winding Ash Creek facing out on the Buffalo Trail through the outpost of O'Bar. Wig Reynolds as his friends called him, moved to Weatherford in 1887. He earned his Pharmacy Certificate later. (11) On July 27, 1888, Wig Reynolds sold his little Drug Store to J. R. Walker. (12)

In 1883, Dr James A. Steward, a highly respected Community Leader, came in, riding on his mule from visiting patients in three counties: Tarrant, Parker, and Wise as far as Decatur. (13) He called his friends together and suggested, since we have a Post Office, what do you think of selecting a permanent, unusual name to build our IDENTITY and HISTORY on?" The people listened. Then, he threw out a challenge. "If you would like to use my middle name AZLE as UNUSUAL, I will donate enough land for our TOWN SITE". They liked the idea, so started the paper work preparation to the Washington D.C. Postal Service to change the name from O'Bar

to AZLE. The official paper came back November 6, 1883 thus, they could use Azle on their mail. (14)

Dr Steward reminded the people that the 1878 court house fire destroyed everyone's deeds therefore, he would need to borrow their deed, as he came to their property to re-copy and re-file their deed. He reminded them that it would be TIME CONSUMING because each deed would have to be re-written in DETAIL to insert the phrase "VILLAGE OF AZLE into each one But first, he would get the TARRANT COUNTY SURVEYOR TEAM to come and start the details of their Survey plus other details needed, then his effort would include keeping up with his patients, too. He worked for FIVE YEARS, before he died on April 29, 1889 at the age of 58. (15) He had set up his HEIRS, in case of his INCAPACITY. (16) therefore, they took over his work. They worked by teams of two, thus, working FIVE MORE years to complete the surveyed THIRTEEN and ONE-HALF acre TOWN SITE. The HEIRS failed to correct the Mis-Spelling of their names on the peoples' ORIGINAL DEED, THEREFORE, a Family member said that the "final t" and the spelling of "Stuard" was wrong, in many deeds. (17)

The MASTER CARD of the TARRANT COUNTY TAX OFFICE, plus the 10 property Owners' names as listed on the ENLARGED Deed Plat to 24" x 36" was finished on January 15, 1894; FIVE YEARS after Dr Steward's Death. This DEED-PLAT was recorded on February 8, 1894. A framed copy of VOL 63, p 141 hangs in the AZLE MUSEUM upstairs over the table where the AZLE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY has its monthly meeting. (18)

J.R. Walker ran his LITTLE DRUG STORE for 12 years before he tore it down in 1900. (19) On February 5, 1906, Mr

Walker sold the top floor to WOODMEN OF THE world. (20)

In that year, Main Street ran from the Business Section of about two blocks: on pass homes of the Grigby's, Smith's, Cosby's, then McDonald's, Walker's, Ross', and the Winter's Gin. (21) The children made up their games as they

played in the street until their mothers called them in to supper. (22) In 1920, if you came into the VILLAGE OF

AZLE from Ft Worth, you noted the latest of the Two-Story buildings: on the right in completion stage, was the McDonald General Store; with a planned corner for the Post Office and one for the Bank. The building on the left was the Walker Drug Store built in 1900. (23) On July 22,

1930, J. R. Walker sold the land on his large block to J.L. Pierce, making it Lot 2B, in Block 2. (24)

In 1931, TARRANT COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT widened and asphalted the gravel Main street as Highway 199. It is now identified as Main street and Highway 344 through Azle to Highway 730. The GRAPHIC RIGHT-OF-WAY Map shows how the Walker Drug Store was affected. (25A) While moving his

Drug Store, Mr Walker decided he needed to make office space for the Village Doctor with a smaller room at the back with bathroom facilities in 1931. (25B) Mr Walker died

shortly after on April 5, 1931, (27) Leaving Ida Walker

with NINE children, thus the Drug store provided jobs for the children as they grew up, in the next four years. (27) Ida Walker sold the EMPTY BUILDING to James H. and Byra Stribling, a young couple from Ft Worth on April 11, 1935.

(28)

STRIBLING ACTIVITIES & TWO-STORY DRUG STORE

CONTRIBUTIONS: by Bill Stribling

Byra Stribling heard through an aunt, that a privately owned Phone Company was bringing a SWITCHBOARD to Azle, which provided a home, a small garden spot, plus a salary of \$60 per month for the operator. She applied for the job and worked two years to help her husband get started. Since they had bought an EMPTY BUILDING at 117 W Main, they had to restock it with EQUIPMENT and STOCK. Bill Stribling told this story: "Dad, James H. Stribling, heard of a Drug Store at Greenwood in Wise County, near Slidell for sale. He DASHED over there, BOUGHT it, loaded up the EQUIPMENT and STOCK; BROUGHT it back to his Azle Store. He never knew what happened to his Greenwood building. (29)

Byra Stribling was heard to say: "Moving out here with a small baby to care for, in a house with no bathroom and no conveniences, it is just awful". Jay Woody Stribling was born on April 10, 1935 and lack one day being FOUR-YEARS OLD.

(30) Shortly, after moving out here, James H. Stribling put in a DELCO SYSTEM of ELECTRICITY and had the FIRST

ELECTRIC LIGHTS in Azle. (31) Bill Stribling told the story of an "OUT-OF-CONTROL" car CRASHING through the Guard Rail, the Plank Porch and on into the Four-Pane Windows. "Dad, James Stribling, planned for the FUTURE of his store in the NECESSARY REPAIRS. He put in FULL-PANE STORE WINDOWS, poured a CONCRETE porch, and left off the guard rails. (32) James and Byra Stribling saw in their first two years, that needs of the farmers and ranchers were different and planned to meet their needs. James Stribling built their home at 108 S Stewart and Byra resigned the SWITCHBOARD to go on SHIFT WORK to keep the Drug Store open from 8 A.M. to P.M. (33)

The old BENCH on the front porch was a GATHERING PLACE, where the men sat to chat, chew tobacco, spin yarns, and take home the news of their friends. It was here that young Bill Stribling heard the OLD TIMERS tell the NEWCOMERS how James Walker (J.R.) tore down the LITTLE DRUG STORE after working in it for 12 years. Walker built this Two-Story Drug store in 1900 on same site. (34)

During the DEPRESSION YEARS of the 1930's, the Stribling Drug store served as a Distribution Center for the Needy-- clothing and food etc. (35) It served as a Bowen Bus Stop in the 1940's and 1950's from Ft Worth, Azle, Wichita Falls, to transfer to Amarillo or Oklahoma City and points north. (36) Downstairs, was a Doctor's office with a small library in one corner where Byra Stribling served as SECOND LIBRARIAN. (37) The upstairs had a busy schedules

of meetings of the active AZLE'S Civic League functions, with Faris Ross, President and Newspaper Editor of AZLE BOOSTER. He was an ardent booster. He published that ELECTRIC SERVICE was being EXTENDED to the VILLAGE OF AZLE and that Governor James V. Aldred was coming to help CELEBRATE. Mr Ross worked on the Publicity and drew 1500 people on that April 3, 1936 to hear the Texas Governor in the Village of 250 residents. Mr Ross in his AZLE BOOSTER inserted Governor Aldred's quote: "I enjoyed my visit to Azle TREMENDOUSLY!! You have a WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!!" (38) The active and exciting Court Room of Judge Bowman became famous. The Lake Officer and Constable were comfortable in their visits up there; when not on duty. Other meetings were Town Hall and Chamber of Commerce. (39) All clubs met up there including: Garden Club, Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star. The Rebekah Lodge was organized November 13, 1950 and met twice-a-month up there until the stairs became too difficult for some of the members, thus, they moved to the Christian Church on July 12, 1976. They chartered with 23 members and grew to 46 in 1990 with several deceased over the years. Byra Stribling was a lifetime member of Eastern Star and Rebekah Lodge. (40) ELECTIONS were held up there, where Byra Stribling served 20 years or more, as the Democratic Precinct Chairman. (41)

In 1950, an ENCROACHMENT COMPLAINT came against the stairs and sidewalk of the Drug Store, which also gave the death of J. R. Walker in the AFFIDAVIT. Archie Forrester;

Walker's son-in-law, took care of the ENCROACHMENT problem.

(42) In 1957, a rumor came to the VILLAGE OF AZLE that Ft Worth was planning to ANNEX it. The people banded together, went to the Ft Worth Council. They learned how to INCORPORATE their Village into a City. They organized, held an ELECTION with 152 voting FOR INCORPORATION and 127 AGAINST. Majority ruled and they became CITY OF AZLE on April 13, 1957. (43) They elected Dan Jarvis as FIRST MAYOR to serve with other officers. (44) Warren Pugh served as SECOND MAYOR. (45) Jay Woody Stribling was the City's THIRD MAYOR. He started in April 1960, then on January 7, 1961, he SNIPPED the ribbon of \$20.00 BILLS to open the AZLE STATE BANK. (46) Then his JOB OFFER came through as: DIRECTOR OF ARIZONA INDIAN HOUSING. He still lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Bill Stribling gave his address. (47)

In 1963, James H. and Byra Stribling sold their Drug Stock and Equipment to Milton Thompson, who set up a Pharmacy over on the new Industrial Street at the Mitchell store site. (48) April 13, 1963, the Striblings rented their building to Paul Worthen. Paul asked Franklin C. Couch at Scooter's Radio Supply in Ft Worth, to become his partner to open an Electronics and Service Store in the CITY OF AZLE. They chose the FIRST letter of their SURNAMES, thus named it C & W ELECTRONICS. The wives worked the day shift. If a wife needed time off, Paul Worthen called James Stribling to help,

if he felt like it. In 1965, Paul Worthen quit his job Ft Worth to work full time in his store. In 1967, Mr Couch sold his partnership to Paul Worthen and moved to Comanche, Texas where he opened a shop of his own. (49) Striblings travelled some in the late 1960's and early 1970's. (50) They planned their ESTATE before either passed away, so when Mr Stribling did pass away in November 1974, Byra Stribling was able to deed the store to Jay Woody Stribling when he was in town. (51) Jay Woody continued to rent the store for four more years, making Paul Worthen a RENTER for FIFTEEN YEARS and TEN DAYS. On September 25, 1978 Jay Woody Stribling sold the building to Paul Worthen. (52)

In 1983, The Gipson Rebekah lodge gave Paul Worthen a QUIT CLAIM DEED for the TOP FLOOR, because they had not used it since 1976. (53)

In September 1988, Paul Worthen made his LAST PAYMENT on his store. (54)

This 90 year old unrecognized building will be an appropriate gift for Beatrice Gipson Carter as her TENTH site MARKER goal. BEA had her 90th birthday in November 1989 She is in a Nursing Home, but we hope she can be HONORED and accept her gift from Steve Britt, now an EAGLE SCOUT: with Mr Clark's faster project: Grandmother completed as site RESEARCHER, composer, typist beginning July 1988 to April 1900.

permanent, unusual name to build IDENTITY & HISTORY offers land for a 'town site' if they used his middle name: AZLE Paper work went to Washington, D. C. for name change from O'Bar to AZLE see #10 became AZLE on November 6, 1883

15 April 29, 1889, Dr Steward died at age 58. Cemetery lot donated before 1874, see ABSTRACT OF RURAL PROPERTY; Masonic Letter; WEATHERFORD DEMOCRAT, Weekly Vol 1 #9 dated May 5, 1889, p 5; Family record; Marriage record; 1860 Wise county Census; 1870 Tarrant County Census, grave inscriptions;

Oldest son, Charles Allen Steward on 1870 census is not in Cemetery. 'Mary' Elizabeth Fowler Steward died February 8 1918 Death Certificate

16 Dr Steward's HEIRS: Wife: Mary E; M.E.; or Mary Elizabeth Steward; brother C. A. and sister-in-law, Lena Steward in teams of two worked 5 years more

17 Heirs did not correct name: ending "t" or Stuard Family letter

18 January 15, 1894, Enlargement of Tax Office's MASTER CARD, ASSESSOR's CITY PROPERTY, plus names of 10 PROPERTY owners names of Deed-Plat Vol 63, p 141 in Azle Museum

19 In 1900, J. R. Walker built TWO-STORY DRUG STORE

20 February 5, 1906, J. R. Walker sold the top floor to WOODMEN of the WORLD; Vol 242, pp 46-47

21 In 1906, MY HOME TOWN, cc 1968, Beatrice Gipson Carter; pp 204-206; 210 businesses

22 IBID pp 204-205; 207-208 picture 10

23 In 1920, AZLE COMMUNITY HISTORY; cc 1986 p 18 tall buildings

24 July 22, 1930, J. R. Walker sold extra land to J. L. Pierce; Book 1355, p 3396

25 In 1931, TARRANT COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: widened and asphalted Main Street for Highway 199: affects Walker Building: adds room at back for Village Doctor: Pictures & Measurements in 1990 and Description

26 April 5, 1931, J. R. Walker died; see AFFIDAVIT Plat-RECORD revised: VOL 388-f-535 DATED February 25, 1950

27 MY HOME TOWN, Beatrice Gipson Carter, cc 1968, pp 200-203; WALKER nine children

28 Ida Walker sold empty building to James H. and Byra Stribling; Vol 1478, pp 139-140

29 November 9, 1988, #1 Bill Stribling memory: Greenwood

30 Public Health Department, Ft Worth, Texas; Vital Statistics Office; 1800 University Drive, Ft Worth, Texas 76107, phone 344-1063

31 AZLE COMMUNITY HISTORY cc 1986, p 93 Delco lights

32 November 12, 1988, #2 Bill Stribling memory: car CRASHING store front

33 op cit shift work

34 December 9, 1988: #3 Bill Stribling memory Bench

35 op cit p 94; 1930's Depression disbursements

36 1940's & 1950's BOWEN BUS SCHEDULES to Wichita Falls, Amarillo, and Oklahoma City & northwards

37 Doctor's office with a small library with Byra Stribling serving as SECOND LIBRARIAN op sit p 8

38 April 3, 1936; MY HOME TOWN, cc 1968; pp 209-211 Governor James V. Aldred welcomes EXTENSION of ELECTRICITY TO SMALL Village of Azle: 250 residents: 1500 present due to Faris Ross publicity

39 Town Hall & Chamber of Commerce; AZLE COMMUNITY HISTORY, cc 1986; pp 61 and 93

40 Ibid p 93

41 Ibid pp 8, 93

42 February 25, 1950, ENCROACHMENT AFFIDAVIT, Plat-Revision; Vol 388-F-5351 : Archie Forrester, Walker's Son-in-Law took care of problem. 1990 pictures & Measurements Early DESCRIPTIONS with 1990 measurements substituted

43 April 13, 1957, Village INCORPORATES to CITY OF AZLE SHOWING Description & city map limitations

44 April 13, 1957: ELECTION Dan Jarvis FIRST MAYOR and other officers MY HOME TOWN, cc 1968, p 212

45 SECOND MAYOR, Warren Pugh; AZLE COMMUNITY HISTORY cc 1986, p 237

46 April 1960, #4 Bill Stribling: Jay Woody Stribling as the City's THIRD MAYOR:
January 7, 1961, Jay Woody Stribling opened the AZLE STATE BANK with a SNIP of ribbon of \$20.00 BILLS
Ibid pp 10 & 90

47 February 8, 1989; #4 Bill Stribling memory: Job Offer as DIRECTOR OF ARIZONA INDIAN HOUSING; stationed at Phoenix, Arizona from 1961 to 1990

Jay Woody Stribling address: #4 Bill Stribling shares brother's address: 3014 North 15th Drive; Phoenix, Arizona 85015

48 In 1963, the Striblings sold EQUIPMENT & Stock to Milton Hopkins; AZLE COMMUNITY HISTORY cc 1986 p 94

49 April 13, 1963, the Striblings rented empty building to Paul Worthen who forms C & W ELECTRONICS with a partner
Ibid pp 87, 93, 277

50 November 12, 1989, #5 Bill Stribling Parents travelled

51 James H. Stribling passed away in November 1974. Planned ESTATE: Byra Stribling deeded store to Jay Woody Stribling November 11, 1974: Vol 5752, pp 962, 963, 964, & 965 Bill Stribling lives in house Mr Stribling built in 1937

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338	Curry, James A.		James A. Curry	2- 7, 1861	557	31			180	25	Dallas	Rob. 3rd.	4279	
339	Christian, Allen		Wm. Greenup	9-24, 1859	143	25			160			do	3682	
340	Crow, Wm. L.		Wm. L. Crow	1-27, 1859	406	18			180			do	3659	
341	Crocker, Thomas		James Lane	1-13, 1861	491	31			306.50	95	Dallas	do	3795	
342	Conwill, Wm. E.		Wm. H. Cole	9-21, 1859	168	27			160			do	3888	
343	Conwill, James H.		do	9- 7, 1860	541	25			160			do	3887	
344	Curtis, Benj. F.	5052/5053	John H. Rumpfeldt	8- 9, 1859	569	24			160	42	Parker	do	3230	
345	Cook, David		Thos. C. Bean	6- 4, 1858	74	19			640			do	3215	
346	Clay, Lewis A.		Lewis A. Clay	11-27, 1857	1026	15			320			do	3205	
347	Condra, Jehu		Jehu Condra	3-29, 1861	97	34			320			do	3278	
348	Chivers, James L.		James L. Chivers	8-30, 1859	359	26			160			do	3244	
349	Caststeel, Nancy		G. M. Pettitt	9-15, 1859	458	28			320			do	3076	
350	Chivers, Joel V.		Joel V. Chivers	6-22, 1864	374	33			160			do	3072	
351	Collins, Rector		Rector Collins	9-15, 1859	119	27			318			do	3061	
352	Cox, Elizabeth		Isaac G. Parker	5-12, 1858	588	17			222			do	2990	
353	Crockett, John M.	62	John M. Crockett	6-21, 1854	462	9			98			Mac. 3rd.	1964	Canc. see 273
354	Claxton, Catharine		Hrs. Catharine Claxton	1- 5, 1871	316	38			320			Rob. 3rd.	3747	
355	Conner, Joseph W.	225	Joseph W. Conner	12- 9, 1854	622	9			640			do	1448	
356	Caradine, Isaac	1793	Isaac Cardine	6- 9, 1869	362	13			160			Rob. Bty.	1040	
357	do	1793	do	10-26, 1870	530	13			160			do	1054	
358	Campbell, Daniel W.	14/147	Daniel W. Campbell	10-28, 1874	654	14			640			do	1134	
359	Callander, Sydney S.	520	Sydney S. Callander	8-18, 1852	185	2			640			Rob. Don.	500	
360	Clear, A. H.	399	Catlett, Tombs & Crawford	9- 5, 1859	156	9			312			Rob. Bty.	528	
361	Crotz, Lewis	3823	S. H. Kimmel	10-29, 1857	390	8			320			do	679	
362	Carbo, James	4021	Benjamin Watkins	7- 8, 1868	272	13			320			do	766	
363	Caldwell, Pinckney	1084	Hrs. Pinckney Caldwell	3- 1, 1871	597	13			480	12	Johnson	do	759	
364	do	1084	do	3- 1, 1871	598	13			320			do	759	
365	do		do	1-12, 1872	86	14			160			do	897	
366	Cook, H. W.	18/108	Flavius Everett	7-14, 1873	394	14			64			do	1153	
367	Creswell, L. B.	9/635	L. B. Creswell	1-22, 1873	23	20			240			Rob. Scrip	466	
368	Cole, John H.		John H. Cole	1-10, 1863	175	16			66.60	All	Dallas	do	590	
369	Catlett, H. G.	40	Hrs. H. G. Catlett	3-24, 1856	783	2			160			do	156	
370	do	40	do	5-12, 1857	908	2			160			do	156	
371	do	479	do	10-12, 1855	704	2			640	571	Johnson	do	157	
372	Coleman, P. E.		P. E. Coleman	10-17, 1863	104	18			160			do	845	
373	Childs, Abraham		Abraham Childs	6- 2, 1863	434	16			160			do	875	
374	Cope, John B.		John B. Cope	6-24, 1863	482	16			160	All	Dallas	do	869	
375	Curry, A. H.		A. H. Curry	9-11, 1863	164	17			160			do	939	
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379	Cross, James		James Cross	12-11, 1863	229	17			160			do	643	
380	Coleman, Madison		Madison Coleman	4- 5, 1861	896	4			160			do	753	
381	C.E.P.I. & M. Co.	102	O. Brewster	11-15, 1876	436	25			518			do	2025	
382	do	102	do	11-15, 1876	431	25			80			do	2025	
383	do	102	do	11-15, 1876	430	25			42			do	2025	
384	Crocker, W. P.		W. P. Crocker	6- 9, 1864	503	18			143	79.67	Dallas	do	991	
385	Cole, John H.		John H. Cole	1-10, 1863	176	16			37.30	All	Dallas	do	590	
386	Cox, Harvey		Hrs. Harvey Cox	11-17, 1873	339	3			160			do	659	

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J A STEWARD ET UX | THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO | D E E D |
ASH CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH & DEACONS | KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That, I, J. A. Steward & Mary E. Steward of the County of Tarrant and State aforesaid, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, to us in hand paid by the Deacons of the Ash Creek Baptist Church of the County of Tarrant State of Texas the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have GRANTED, BARGAINED, SOLD and RELEASED, and by these presents do GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and RELEASE, unto J. M. Parish and A. Clingman, Deacons as aforesaid of the Ash Creek Baptist Church, and also to their successors in office, one certain piece or parcel of land known and described as follows to -wit: Being a part of the John R. Rumpfeltz one hundred and Sixty acre survey, Beginning 600 feet North of the South West corner of said Rumpfeltz or Carter 160 acre Survey at a Post Sapling 2 in from which a Post Oak 8 in brs N. 28 ° E 21 feet.

Thence North 460 feet to a stone a Post Oak 6 in brs N 75 ° E. 26 feet, thence East 460 feet a Post Oak 6 in brs S 2 ° W. 30 feet. Thence South 460 feet Stone, Thence West 460 feet to the place of beginning containing 5 acres.

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together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging, or anywise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the premises above mentioned ; unto the said Trustees so long as the same is kept and used as a Site for said Ash Creek Baptist Church and school forever; and we bind ourselves , heirs , executors, and administrators, to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND, all and singular, the said premises unto the said Trustees and their successors in office against every person whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, in under or through us

James A. Steward
Mary E. Steward

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF TARRANT |

BEFORE me Jas. K. Allen J. P. and Ex-Officio Not. Public in and for said County personally appeared J. A. Steward and Mary E. Steward his wife parties to the foregoing attached, Deed bearing date the 5th day of March A. D. 1875., both of whom are well known to me ; who acknowledged severally that they had signed, sealed and delivered the same, for the purposes and considerations therein stated, And the said Mary E. Steward having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having had the same fully explained to her, she, the said Mary E. Stewart acknowledged the same to be her act and deed, and declared to me that she had willingly signed, sealed and delivered the same of her own freewill and accord, without fear or compulsion on the part of her said husband, and that she wished not to retract it.

WITNESS my official seal and signature, at my office at Woods Mill, this 5th day of March, A. D. 1875.

L. S.

Jas. K. Allen J. P. and Ex-Officio
Not. Public, T.C.T. Precinct No. 5
Clerk D. C. T. C.
.....Deputy.

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MY HOME TOWN

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PREFACE

This book has been written that all who read it may get a brief glimpse into the past history of Azle so that the heritage left to them by these early pioneers may be gloriously carried on!

This is the story of my home town. Perhaps it is yours also. If this book can help you to recall the happy memories of childhood days spent in Azle, it will have served its purpose well.

To most of us as we look back across the years, our brightest memories are those carefree days we spent as a child. The love and trust that God implants in the heart of a child is the most precious thing in the world.

We sing, "backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight, make me a child again just for tonight." But time always marches on — never backward — but we would like to pause and let our thoughts wander back through the yesteryears — What precious memories they hold for us!

To all those who have helped to make this book possible, I want to express my sincere appreciation. Without your help in collecting materials and the pictures I never could have finished this work.

My special debt of gratitude goes to Mrs. Blanche Dameron Scrimshire, who wrote the history of the early days and who also wrote the history of Ash Creek Baptist Church and the schools of long ago.

I would also like to acknowledge the following who have helped in making this book possible:

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street with a general store, drug store, three blacksmith shops, a barbersop, two gins, and a mill. The buildings were not painted and there was nothing beautiful about it; but it had a sort of ruggedness that bespoke of the character of the pioneers.

These Pioneers had come from many different States to settle here. Some came in covered wagons drawn by oxen (and with) all their earthly possessions in the wagon. Others rode horseback or walked long distances. They had to endure many hardships and always there was the constant watching for the Indians who came plundering and burning as they went. No one was safe day or night. The settlers carried their trusted rifles with them wherever they went — even to church. Bro. Powers always preached with a gun on each side of the Bible — he believed in preparedness both here and in the hereafter.

As the country became more settled, the Indians retreated farther West and life became more peaceful and the men began to clear the land and plant crops, at first it was mostly vegetables and corn and things that they could eat, but gradually they began to plant corn, cotton, and sorghum, so that they might have what was called a "money crop."

The corn was ground into meal and every man carried his corn to the mill on Saturday so he would have enough to last his family for a week.

I think this must have been the origin of men going to town on Saturday afternoon — it was where they met and exchanged ideas and heard the news from nearby settlers.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF AZLE, TEXAS

By MRS. BLANCHE DAMERON SCRIMSHIRE

Back in pioneer days when buffalo, wild turkeys, bobcats, wolves, panthers, and Indians roamed the hills and valleys in the vicinity of the now progressive and growing town

of Azle which is only a twenty minute drive from Fort Worth, Dr. Stewart came to live in this outpost of civilization. The date must have been around 1846 because my grandfather, John Giles Reynolds, was born in Tennessee in 1826 and came to Texas when he was twenty years old to pre-empt land on the creek named for him, and Dr. Stewart was living in Azle in a log house built by a Dutchman whose name was Rumpfelts.

As more settlers came and more log homes were built, there grew a need for a name for the little settlement. Some wanted to call the group of log houses O-Bar, but this did not meet the approval of Dr. Stewart who seemed to be a leader in the community. Next the name Marysville was suggested because Mary was the given name of the Doctor's wife. This still did not suit the Doctor. His given name was Azle, so he told the people if they would name the town for him he would deed them enough land for a town-site. This he did and that is how Azle got its name.

Dr. Stewart also gave the land just behind the Ash Creek Baptist Church for the cemetery, it extends to the road that runs through the center of the old part of the cemetery. The land just West of the road was donated by John G. Reynolds.

Dave Morrison was the first person to be buried in this cemetery, and Mr. Gregg was the second.

Mr. John G. Reynolds played a very important role in the settlement of Azle. He was the first to build a grist mill where people came to have their corn ground into meal and he also built the first cotton gin in Azle. The mill was very interesting, it was operated on an inclined treadwheel, the power was furnished by patient oxen that walked all day on the wheel to keep it turning.

Now for a few pioneer families: Bagoon lived first on the old Joe Fowler place that we think of now as the Frank

CHAPTER IV

THE AZLE POST OFFICE

1881 - 1966

Many years ago before a Post office was established in Azle, the settlers had to go to Birdville after the mail. Once a week a man rose horseback to pick up all the mail for this area. And as the slogan goes, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Often it was cold or rainy but how wonderful was the welcome awaiting this lone rider when he arrived with the mail. A letter from back home was very important in those days of such slow communications.

There was nothing but a Fort on the Trinity river where the city of Fort Worth is now located. From 1866 until 1878 the mail was brought from Birdville, Texas. Later it was sent to Dido and the people had to go there to get their mail. It was very inconvenient for they had to cross the river and there was no bridge. Sometimes it was several days before the river was low enough for them to ford it to get to Dido, so when the river was full they were cut off from the rest of the world.

These pioneers had come from Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and other Eastern States. The settlement was first called Elizabeth Town, later Mr. Moore built a store and it was called Mooresville. Several years later Mr. Joe Fowler bought the store from Mr. Moore and it became known as "Joe Fowler's Store".

At that time there still was no post office, so the people went to work to get a post office and finally succeeded in

1881. It was named O'Bar after the man who was responsible for getting the office established. Mr. Joe Fowler was appointed as the first Postmaster.

Sometime between August, 1883 and August 1884, the name of the Post office was changed from O'Bar to Azle. It was named after Dr. Azle Stewart, the first country Doctor to settle in this area. Dr. Stewart told the people that if they would name the town for him he would donate enough land for a townsite, and this he did.

Dr. Stewart was truly an old fashioned country Doctor. He rode a mule over the rough country roads and trails where there were no roads. Today there stands a historical marker at the East gate of the Azle cemetery as a memorial to this man who gave the land for the first section of the cemetery. This marker was erected by the Azle Garden Club.

The Azle Post Office was located in one corner of Mr. Joe Fowler's General Store. It remained in his store until 1906, at which time Mr. W. N. McDonald was appointed Azle's second Postmaster. He built a new store just across the street from Mr. Fowler's store and moved the Post Office to the rear of his store. Mr. McDonald also owned the "First State Bank of Azle". It was in the rear of the store next to the Post Office. Painted across the top of the store in huge black letters were the words "McDonalds, The Store in the Lead". The store had a mezzanine floor where ladies hats, coats, and piece goods could be purchased.

Later, when Mr. McDonald moved his grocery store to North Fort Worth he moved the Post Office into what is now "The Red Top Cafe". At that time it was simply known as "The Restaurant". Mr. Jim J. Nation had charge of the office, however, he was never appointed postmaster. In 1914, Mrs. Cora Lovell was appointed as the third Postmaster of Azle, and the office was moved into the small

Parker, until he married. He was married to Irene Gilley on December 28, 1935. Hubert and Irene have one daughter, Hurene, who was married in 1955 to James Edward Morrow. Hurene and Eddie had one son, James Farley Morrow, who was killed in auto accident May 23, 1963, just before his second birthday. Hurene is employed at the Azle Community hospital and Eddie is Assistant to the Postmaster. Hubert Page was Dispatcher at the Azle City Hall until he passed away with heart attack February 5, 1967.

Andy Parker married Ida Dent and they had two daughters, Martha and Maggie. Martha married Lewis McMahan, they had one daughter and five sons. Maggie married R. A. Gilley, they have two sons, Barry and Tommy.

Roy Miller Parker married Elsie Gipson, December 19, 1923. Roy was a farmer and carpenter. Elsie was Postmaster for 38 years, retiring in 1958. They have no children. They have lived all their lives in Azle. Roy was named after Dr. Miller of Reno, Texas.

Miss Mattie Parker married George Pryor, they had three sons, Fred, Johnnie and Theron.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lester moved to Azle in January of 1954. Mrs. Lester was the former Miss Iola Biles. The Lesters were married in 1921 at Roanoke, Texas. It was here in Roanoke he opened his first drug store. They lived there 16 years and then moved to Bridgeport where he opened another drug store in 1935. From there they came to Azle and opened another drug store which is operated by H. B. Standefer who married Imogene, a daughter of the Lesters.

They had one other daughter, Mrs. Fay Lester-Burt of Bridgeport.

Mr. Lester was an active civic leader working for the

progress of Azle. He was the one who worked the hardest to get the Azle Community Hospital and the Funeral Home with its ambulance service for our community. He also worked to get the City incorporated.

Mr. Lester passed away October 12, 1967.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stribling came to Azle in 1922. They operated the Telephone switchboard when they first moved here.

In 1923 they purchased the Drug store from the J. R. Walker family. The Walkers had owned the drug store for many years, the first store had burned but was rebuilt on the same site.

Mrs. Stribling was the former Miss Byra Woody. Her old home place is near Veal Station and the house is high on a windy hill. Byra attended school at Springtown. Mr. and Mrs. Stribling have two sons, Jay Woody and Bill. Both graduated from Azle High School.

In 1960 Mr. Stribling sold the drug store to Milton Tompkins. When the Shopping Center opened up, Mr. Tompkins moved to new quarters and the old Drug store is now a C. & W. Electronics store.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Nation moved to Azle from Gorman, Texas in 1893. They had two children that were born at Gorman, Jenny Nation was born in 1887 and James J. Nation was born in 1893. After they moved to Azle they had ten children, Tom, Millie, Mary, Noah, Pearl, Robert (Bob) W., Stella, Phoebe, Marie and Fred.

When they came to Azle they settled about a quarter of a mile south of Ash Creek Baptist Church on what is now Silvercreek Road.

Mr. Nation was a freighter, he hauled freight from Fort Worth to Azle. There were no trucks in those days, so he

ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT

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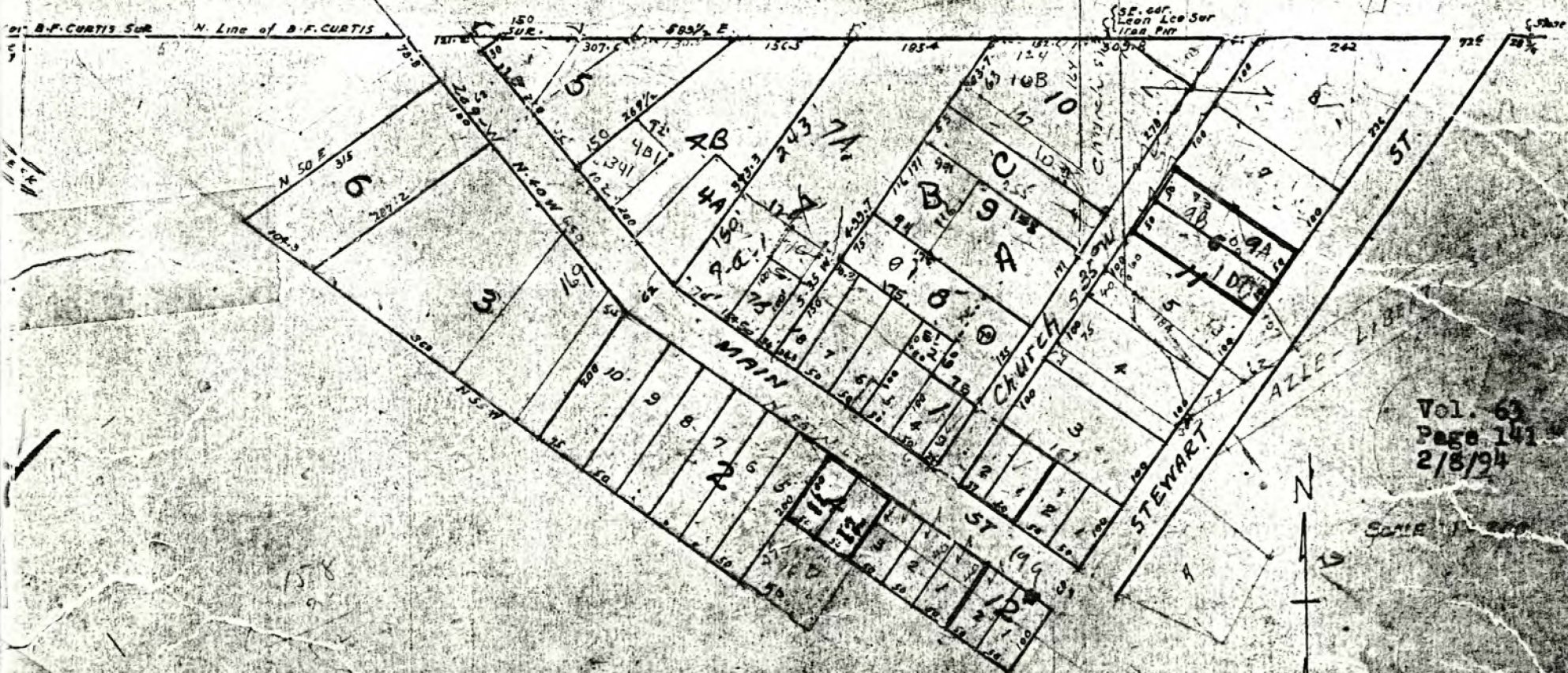
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NAME B.F. Curtis

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appeared Thos. A. Tidball for Tidball Law Jarratt & Co. Notaries
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 considerations therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal at Fort Worth Texas
this Aug 28 1884.
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G. M. Lantorn Notary Public.
Tarrant County Texas.

Filed for Record August 30th 1884 at 12 O'clock P.M.
Recorded August 30th 1884 at 1³⁰ O'clock P.M.

Jno. J. Sawyer Clerk.
By L. F. C. Kibbick Dep.

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J. A. Steward & wife } The State of Texas }
Not. Recd. } County of Tarrant }

J. N. Wayland } I know all men by these presents that
we J. A. Steward and wife Mary E. Steward of the County of
Tarrant and State of Texas in consideration of the sum of Ten
Dollars to us in hand paid by J. N. Wayland of the County of Parker
and State of Texas the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have
granted sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant sell
and convey unto the said J. N. Wayland Lot No. two in Block
No. Two in the Village of Azle in the County of Tarrant and
State of Texas the same being 302 100 feet to have and to hold
the above described premises together with all and singular the
rights and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said J. N.
Wayland his heirs and assigns forever. And we do hereby bind our
elves our heirs and assigns and administrators to warrant and
forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said
J. N. Wayland his heirs and assigns against every person whom
soever lawfully claiming or to claim the same any part thereof
Witness our hands this 22th day of January A.D. 1884.

J. A. Steward.
Mary E. Steward.

The State of Texas, Before me J. W. Curdell J. P. and ex officio
County of Tarrant } Notary Public of the County of Tarrant in the
State of Texas on this day personally appeared J. A. Steward and
Mary E. Steward his wife both known to me to be the persons
whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and

acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed and the said Mary E. Howard having been examined by me privately and apart from her husband and having the said instrument fully explained to her by me she the said Mary E. Howard acknowledged the same 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 20 day of January A.D. 1884.

(S)

J. M. Stewart J.P. and ex officio
Notary Public T.C.T.

Filed for Record August 30th 1885 at 1st Circuit P.M.
Recorded August 30th 1886 at 2nd Circuit P.M.

J. J. Swynn Co. Clerk
By J. F. O'Leary Notary

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J. W. Crossman

The State of Texas

Notary Public

County of Tarrant

Mrs E. S. Proctor

Know all Men by these Presents that

J. W. Crossman of the County of Dallas and State of Texas in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy seven and 4/100 Dollars to me in hand paid and the further consideration of one promissory note for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars bearing even date herewith and drawing ten per cent interest per annum and for the payment of which a Lien is hereby retained upon the hereinafter described tract of land said note being signed by and together with the above named and obnoxious paid to me by Mrs Elizabeth S. Proctor of the County of Tarrant and State of Texas the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have Granted Bargained sold conveyed and Released and by these Presents do Grant Bargain sell Convey and Release unto the said Mrs Elizabeth S. Proctor of Tarrant County State of Texas her one fourth interest in all that certain tract of land described as follows. Being a part of the Mrs Huff survey lying and being situated in Tarrant County State of Texas. Beginning at the SW corner of the said Mrs Huff survey and SW corner of the Jesse Wilson survey at a white dogwood Shrub with the South Line of the said Mrs Huff survey 2865 ars to the NE corner of said



Fort Worth Star-Telegram Sec. 1, page 17
Sunday, June 10, 1956

Weatherford Druggist, 95, To Celebrate Event Today

WEATHERFORD, June 9 (Spl) L. T. W. Reynolds of Weatherford, who reached his 95th birthday Thursday, will celebrate the event Sunday with a dinner for his family and close friends.

Reynolds, a lifelong resident of Parker County, was born near Azle on June 7, 1861. He entered the drug business at Azle in 1882, moving to Weatherford five years later. He was engaged in the drug business here until his retirement in 1951.

Reynolds has been a member of First Baptist Church in Weatherford since 1888.

His only surviving son, J. S. Reynolds of Monahans, will be in Weatherford Sunday for the birthday dinner, as well as three grandsons and seven great-grandsons.



L. T. W. REYNOLDS.

THURSDAY
THE WEATHERFORD DEMOCRAT, WEATHERFORD, TEXAS

L. T. W. Reynolds Observing 95th Birthday Today

L. T. W. Reynolds of 122 East Church Street is observing his 95th birthday today. The celebration of the birthday will take place Sunday, June 10, with members of the immediate family and a few close friends will gather at his home for a birthday dinner.

Mr. Reynolds was born near Azle, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Reynolds. He entered the drug business in Azle in 1882, he moved to Weatherford and bought a drug business here which he operated for a number of years. After selling his business he was associated with Corrigan's Drug Store until 1951 when he retired.

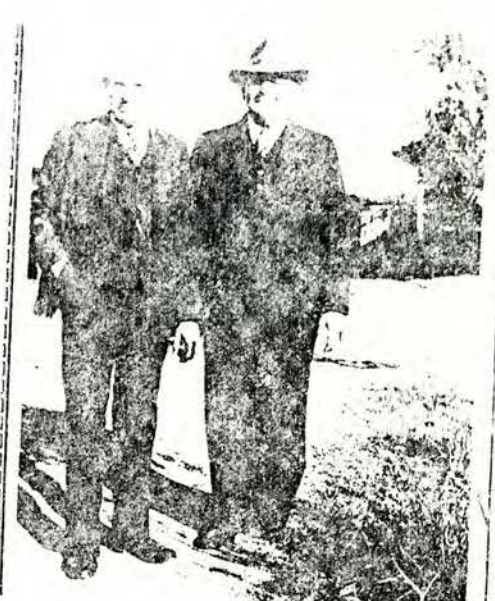
He was married to Miss Florence Tucker in 1888. Three children were born to this union, one who is living today. He is J. S. Reynolds of Monahans. Mrs. Florence Reynolds died in 1908.

In 1915 he was married to Miss Margaret Adamson of Mexia. She died in 1936.

In 1940 he married the former Mrs. Owen H. Land who owned and operated the Land Studios.

Mrs. Reynolds has been in declining health for the past three years and is a semi-invalid.

He has been a member of the First Baptist church since 1888, and has lived in Parker County his entire life.



Louisa Thomas Reynolds Reynolds,
John Spurgeon Reynolds

Willie "Tookie" Lane
Reynolds

Deeds

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Wig Reynolds
 To Deed The State of Texas
 J. R. Walker County of Tarrant Know all

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Wig Reynolds to J. R. Walker
 - 27 July 1888

Book 128p 414
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now by these presents: That I Wig Reynolds of the County of Tarrant and State of Texas have for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Eight & 00/100 Dollars secured to be paid by J. R. Walker in two certain promissory notes for the sum of Five Hundred Eighty nine & 00/100 Dollars each bearing even date therewith and made payable to Wig Reynolds 1st due the 1st November next, the 2^d due 1st November 1889 with 10 per cent interest from date, have granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents do grant sell and convey unto the said J. R. Walker the following described property to wit:

One house and lot in the Village of Agle and known as lot no 3, in Block no 2, also all the Drugs in Stock, as per Invoice rendered, Together with all and singular the rights members appurtenances and hereditaments to the same belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining, To have and to hold the above described premises unto the said J. R. Walker his heirs and assigns and I do hereby bind myself my heirs executors and administrators to warrant and defend all and singular said premises to the said J. R. Walker his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple to Vendor's Lien is retained on said property to secure the first payment.

Given under my hand this 27th day of July A. D. 1888.

Wig Reynolds.

The State of Texas,
 County of Tarrant. Before me James H. Smith
 a Justice of the Peace and ex officio Notary
 Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas,
 on this day personally came W. H. Reynolds
 known to me to be the person who sign-
 ed the foregoing instrument of writing,
 and acknowledged to me that he signed the

same for the purposes and considerations there-
 in set forth and expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office
 this 14th day of August A. D. 1888.

{L.S.}

James H. Smith J. P. &
 Ex officio Notary Public

Filed for Record Dec. 6th 1897, at 1³⁰ o'clock P. M.

Recorded Dec. 7th 1897, at 3²⁵ o'clock P. M.

John P. King,
 County Clerk.

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of said note
and I do hereby bind myself and my heirs, assigns and assigns forever to pay the principal and interest on said note and that all payments made on the back of said note
and I hereby authorize the said L. H. Williams Trustee, Land Mortgage Bank of Texas, Limited or his assigns in this trust to release the vendor here on payment of said note by a duly executed release

Witness my hand this 15th day of February A.D. 1890.

J. B. Price
H. K. Baylon

J. R. Brown

The State of Texas
County of Parker } Before me J. B. Price a Notary Public in and for Parker Co. Tex on this day personally appeared J. R. Brown 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 considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17 day of Feb. A.D. 1890.

J. B.

J. B. Price
Notary Public,
Parker Co. Tex.

Filed for record at 9:30 A.M. Feb. 27, 1906.
Rec'd at 3:25 P.M. March 16, 1906.

R. L. Rogers
County Clerk

J. R. Walker
Notary Public
State of Texas
H. C. Stephens, Comptroller of the Public Accounts, known all men by these presents that whereas the officers and members of the Azle Camp No. 596 Woodmen of the World in the Village of Azle, Tarrant Co. Texas did heretofore in the year 1906 furnish material and pay for the building and erecting of the second story room over the store house of

Mrs Britts The first lines of the document read:

"W. O. W. Azle Camp No. 596, County of Tarrant know all men by these presents that whereas the officers and members of the Azle Camp No. 596 Woodmen of the World in the Village of Azle, Tarrant Co. Texas, did heretofore in the year 1906 furnish material and pay for the building and erection of the second story room over the store house of ..." (cont. on next page)

Copy to file

W J. R. Walker, located on lot no. 2 and block no. 2 in City of Texas. Now, therefore I J. R. Walker of said County and State, being the sole owner of said lot and first story of the building located thereon for and in the aforesaid consideration do covenant and agree with, and do grant unto the Officers and Members of aforesaid Lodge the right to have and to hold the second story of the above described premises as their separate property forever, together with free and accessible outside entrance over said lot to said second story of premises.

Claiming no title whatever in the second story of the aforesaid building.

Given under my hand this 5 day of Feb. A.D. 1906.
J. R. Walker.

State of Texas }
County of Tarrant } Before me D. B. Hinestrad a Justice of the Peace and ex officio, Notary Public, in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this day personally appeared J. R. Walker 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 5 day of Feb. A.D. 1906.

D. B. Hinestrad,
Justice of the Peace and
ex officio, Notary Public,
Precinct no. 5, Tarrant,
Co. Texas.

L.S.

Filed for record at 12³⁰ P.M. Feb. 27, 1906.
Recorded at 9³⁰ A.M. March 17, 1906.

R. L. Rogers,
County Clerk.

Wm. & ...
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H. H. ...
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↓ J.R. Walker Sale to Woodmen of the World

5 Feb 1906

Azle CAMP # 596

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J. R. Walker.

To the

State of Texas.

H. C. D. of the ...
These presents that whereas the officers and members of
the Azle Camp ...
...
... furnish material and pay for the building and ...
... of the second story room over the store house of

W J. R. Walker located on Lot 20.2 and Block 20.2 in Azle Texas. Now therefore I J. R. Walker of said County and State, being the sole owner of said lot and first story of the building located thereon for and in the aforesaid consideration do covenant and agree with, and do grant unto the Officers and members of aforesaid Lodge the right to have and to hold the second story of the above described premises as their separate property forever, together with free and accessible outside entrance over said lot to said second story of premises.

Claiming no title whatever in the second story of the aforesaid building.

Given under my hand this 5 day of Feb. A.D. 1906.

J. R. Walker.

State of Texas.

County of Tarrant. } Before me D. B. Hinestrad a Justice of the Peace and ex officio, Notary Public, in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this day personally appeared J. R. Walker 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 5 day of Feb. A.D. 1906.

D. B. Hinestrad.

Justice of the Peace and
ex officio, Notary Public,
Precinct no. 5 Tarrant,

Co. Texas.

L.S.

Filed for record at 12⁵³ P.M. Feb. 27, 1906.

Recorded at 9³⁰ A.M. March 17, 1906.

R. L. Rogers,
County Clerk.

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MEMORIES

of Bill Stribling

3-5-1990

1: "Dad, James H. Stribling, heard of a drug store for sale over in Wise County at Greenwood near present SLIDELL, Texas: He DASHED over there, BOUGHT THE STORE, and loaded up the EQUIPMENT and STOCK: then BROUGHT them to his Azle Store. He never knew what happened to his building at Greenwood, Texas".

SIGNATURE _____
November 9, 1988

Bill Stribling

2 A car came down the street, CRASHING through our Plank GUARD RAIL, taring up the PLANK PORCH and on into our FOUR-PANED WINDOWS." Dad, James H Stribling planned for his FUTURE. He put in FULL-PANED WINDOWS; poured a CONCRETE porch floor and left off the Guard Rail

SIGNATURE _____
November 12, 1988

Bill Stribling

3 "The OLD BENCH on the Front porch was a GATHERING PLACE FOR MEN, when they came in off of their farms and ranches. They sat to chat, to chew tobacco, spin yarns, and take home the news of their friends."

"I heard these OLD TIMERS TELL the newcomers how J. R. Walker ran the FIRST LITTLE DRUG STORE for 12 years, then in 1900, tore it down to build nice large TWO STORY DRUG STORE "

SIGNATURE _____
December 9, 1988

Bill Stribling

4 "My brother was serving as THIRD MAYOR, of our THREE YEAR OLD City of Azle; INCORPORATED on April 13, 1957. His JOB OFFER came soon after he SNIPPED the RIBBON of \$20.00 bills on January 7, 1961 opening the AZLE STATE BANK."

" He has been serving ever since as: Director of INDIAN HOUSING for Arizona. He lives at 3014 North 15th Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85015."

SIGNATURE _____
February 8, 1989

Bill Stribling

5 "Mom & Dad, James and Byra Stribling travelled some in the late 1960's and early in 1970's Mom was born in 1900 and Dad was born in 1889" Picture

SIGNATURE _____
November 12, 1989

Bill Stribling

J. R. WALKER ET UX

TO

J. L. PIERCE

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

Know All Men by These Presents:

J R Walker to J L Pierce 7-22-30 (hand only) [2B]

County of Tarrant

THAT We, J. R. Walker and wife, Ida Walker, of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty five and no/100 DOLLARS, to us ~~paid~~ paid by J. L. Pierce as follows: Cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; have granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell and convey, unto the said J. L. Pierce, of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, all that certain lot, tract and parcel of land situated in the town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, and described as follows: Being 21 feet front and 60 feet back out of the west side of lot No. 2 in Block No. 2, known as the J. R. Walker lot as shown by the map or plat of said town & recorded in the records of Tarrant County, Texas.

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

WITNESS our hands, at Azle, Texas this 22 day of July A. D. 1930. Witness at request of Grantor: J. R. WALKER IDA WALKER

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Tarrant, BEFORE ME, In and for County, Texas, on this day personally appeared name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal of office this day of A. D. 19 L. E.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Tarrant, BEFORE ME, J. F. Bowman, Justice of the Peace, and Ex-Officio, Notary Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this day personally appeared J. R. Walker, and Ida Walker, 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 Ida Walker, wife of the said J. R. Walker, having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said Ida Walker, 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 22 day of July A. D. 1930 (L.S.) J. F. Bowman, Justice of the Peace and Ex-Officio Notary Public in & for Tarrant County, Texas.

Filed for record the 25 day of March 1938, at 10:08 o'clock P. M. and recorded the 30 day of March 1938, at 9:05 o'clock A. M. MRS. HAPPY SHELTON County Clerk. By E. Schmidt Deputy Clerk.

ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACT OF CITY PROPERTY

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ADDITION CITY OF

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REV. OF LOT 2

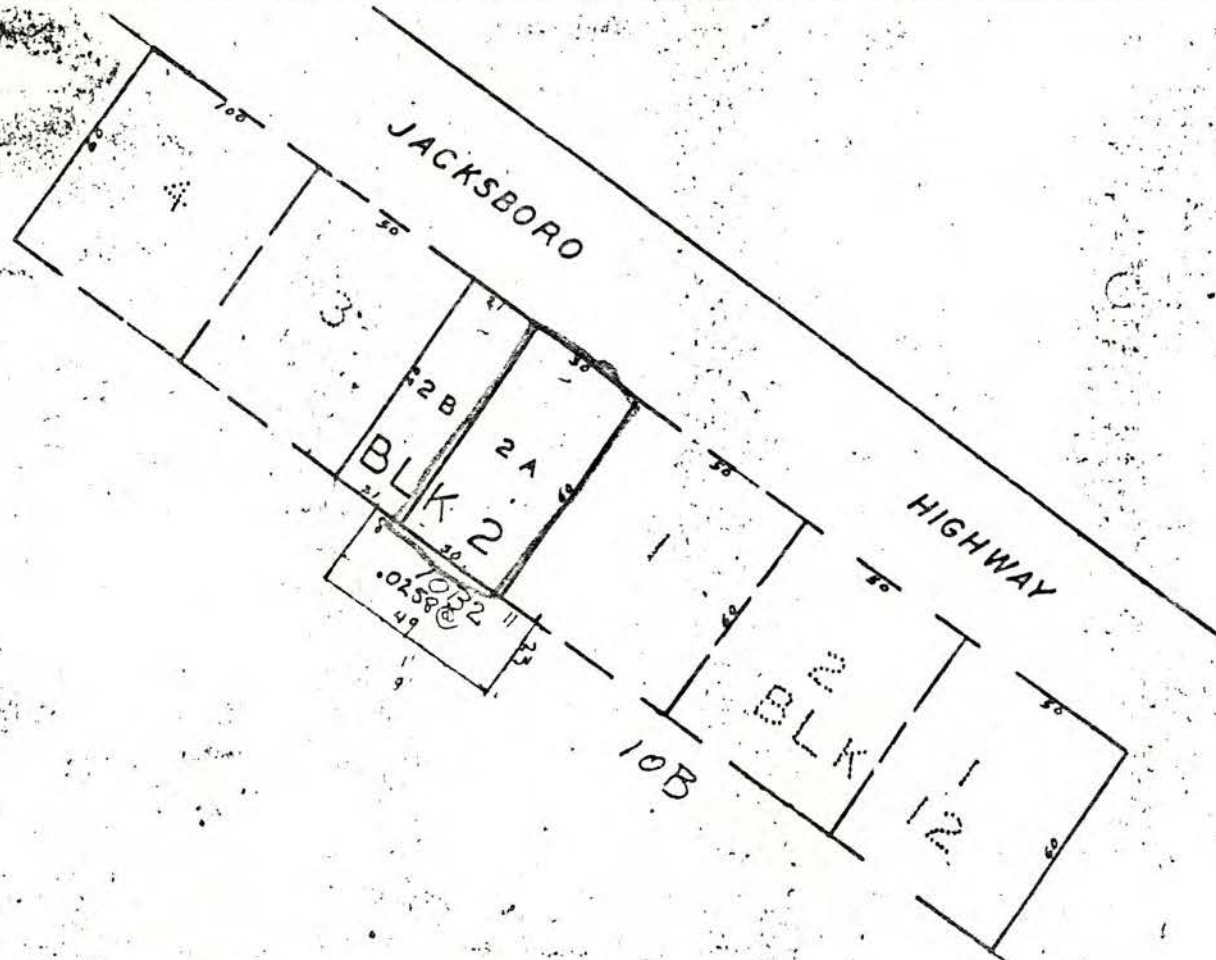
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ORIGINAL GRANTEE

BLOCK NO. 2

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Archie Forrester
By Applicant
Melvin

FEB 2 1950
MELVIN H. MAUL
COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority this day personally appeared Archie Forrester, who, after being duly sworn by me states upon his oath as follows:

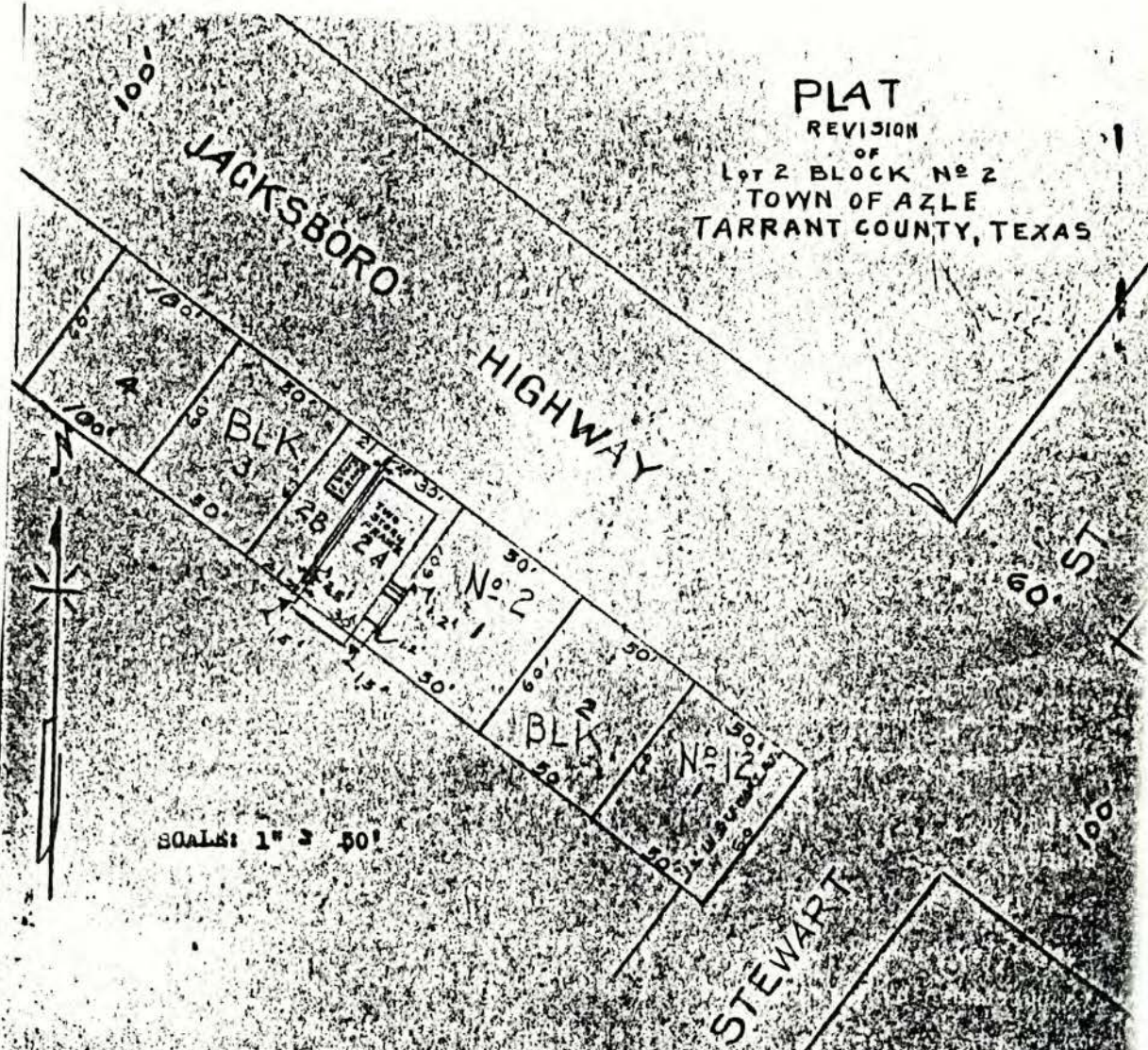
My name is Archie Forrester. I married Gladys Walker, the daughter of J. R. Walker, deceased, who died April 15, 1931. I was reared in the community near and around Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, and I am acquainted with the property holdings of J. R. Walker who died April 5, 1931 and his wife, Ida Walker. I am acquainted with the fact that the said J. R. Walker above referred to purchased by Warranty Deed on July 27, 1888, Lot 2, Block 2, Town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas from a man by the name of Wig Reynolds, and the said J. R. Walker and his wife, Ida Walker used and occupied said premises known as Lot 2, Block 2, Town or Village of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, from the date of purchase of same in 1888 up until July 22, 1930, at which time J. R. Walker, and wife, Ida Walker, conveyed a part of the lot to J. L. Pierce, said part being described as follows:

21 feet more or less front and 60 feet ~~across the~~ back out of the West side of Lot 2, Block 2, Town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, known as the J. R. Walker Lot, and being the lot depicted on the plat attached hereto as Lot 2-B.

I have never heard of anyone disputing the title to said 21 by 60 feet conveyed by said J. R. Walker and wife, Ida Walker to J. L. Pierce, during the time that said Walker and wife were occupying same, nor during the time that the said J. L. Pierce and his grantees have owned and occupied said property.

EXECUTED this 25th day of January, 1950.

NOTARIAL SEAL
Impressed



PLAT
 REVISION
 OF
 Lot 2 Block No 2
 TOWN OF AZLE
 TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

SCALE: 1" = 50'

This is to Certify that I, Harold L. Burleson, a Licensed State Land Surveyor have this date December 19, 1949 made a Survey on the ground of Lot 2 Block 2 Town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas and find the improvements as shown in above Plat. All improvements upon Lot 2-B being wholly within the boundaries of said lot, A side walk being used by The Lodge on the east side of said Lot 2-B is encroaching 2.5 feet. The improvements on Lot 2-A, consisting of a two story frame store building is on the adjacent property to the south, the concrete entry (or porch) on east side is on Lot B; 1.2 feet the side walk used by the lodge is over on lot 2-B 2.5 feet the same as shown for encroachment on Lot 2-B.

Said survey being correct as made upon the ground,

Signed: H. L. Burleson
 Licensed State Land Surveyor

Filed for Record _____ FEB 2 1950 _____ at 4:07 P M.
 And Recorded _____ FEB 3 1950 _____ at 3:47 P M.
 Instrument No. 5048

MELVIN "MEL" FAULK, County Clerk.
 Tarrant County, Texas

By M. [Signature] Deputy

Mrs. IDA WALKER
DEED to
J. H. STRIBLING

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House & Lot 2, BLOCK 2

DEED RECORD VOLUME 1478

MRS. IDA WALKER TO J. H. STRIBLING

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Know All Men By These Presents:

THAT I, MRS. IDA WALKER, Individually and as independent executrix of the estate of J.R. Walker, deceased, of the City of Azle, ~~XXXX~~ County of Tarrant State of Texas, in consideration of

Six Hundred (\$600.00) DOLLARS, to me ~~xxxxxxx~~

secured to be paid by J. H. STRIBLING, as follows:

One vendor's lien note in the sum of \$600.00, dated April 8, 1935, drawing interest at the rate of 8% per annum, interest payable monthly as it accrues. The principal of said note being payable in monthly installments of \$20.00 each, first payment due and payable May 8, 1935, and a like amount on the 8th day of each succeeding month until the entire amount is paid. Said note containing the usual 10% attorney's fees clause.

have Granted, Sold and Conveyed, and by these presents do Grant, Sell and Convey, unto the said J. H. Stribling, of the City of Azle, County of Tarrant, and State of Texas, the following described real estate, to-wit: One House and Lot in the Village of Azle, and known as Lot No. 2, in Block No. 2, being that real estate described in Book 128, page 413, Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas.

It is understood that grantor does not own or convey hereby the upper story of the house on said premises, and this conveyance is subject to the rights and interests of the Woodmen of the World in said building. Grantee assumes all taxes.

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. H. STRIBLING

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WITNESS my hand ~~XXX~~ this 11 day of April A. D. 1935.
Signed and Delivered in Presence of MRS. IDA WALKER

\$1.00 U. S. I. R. S. CANCELLED.
40¢ S. R. S. CANCELLED.

THE STATE OF TEXAS } Notary Public,
County of TARRANT } BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a /
in and for Tarrant County, Texas, on this day personally appeared MRS. IDA WALKER, individu-
ally and as independent executrix of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ estate of J.R. Walker, deceased, 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 11th day of April A. D. 1935.

W. T. GIPSON, Notary Public,
in and for Tarrant County, Texas.

(L.S.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of } BEFORE ME,
in and for } County, Texas, on this day personally appeared
wife of }
subscribed to the foregoing instrument and } known to me to be the person whose name

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



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HISTORY OF AZLE COMMUNITY, TEXAS

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History of Azle community,
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Azle Historical Museum Society
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Picture – McDonald's Grocery stood on the south side of Main Street in the 100 block for many years. This picture was
ed from an old photograph by Bonnie Dickson.

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EARLY CITY OF AZLE

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This is the earliest piece of History that I could find about Azle. In 1856, there was an article in the Telegram that to me was very interesting. I had heard the name Rumfeldt, but never knew how he fitted in with Azle History. This is the story.

In 1856, a German by the name of Rumfeldt purchased from the State the land on which Azle, formerly known as O-Bar now stands. Meredith Fowler, father of Mrs. W.H. Rowland whose address was at that time 1920 Henderson Street, Fort Worth, Texas bought a farm adjoining the Rumfeldt place in an early day. Dr. James Azle Steward, for whom Azle was named married one of Mr. Fowler's daughters and purchased the Rumfeldt farm.

The Doctor rode horseback, or rather mule back - for it was a mule he rode instead of a horse - and he did all the practice of the country Doctor, as far as Decatur. He gave the land for different places of business, schools, and Churches and was a great benefactor of that town.

The first store, 12 by 14 feet in size was built on land donated by Dr. Steward and stocked with goods of a mercantile mind who in a short time sold out to Henry Miller and Dan Woods. Later Fowler bought the store and ran it for more than thirty years.

Near the Parker County line stands one of the oldest houses in this part of the country. It was built by John Reynolds in 1845. The lumber was hauled overland by ox teams from Houston. It was built old style with a native hand hewn rock chimney at each end and a wide central hall.

Exerpt from R.M. Rowland's letter concerning Dr. Azle Steward: Dr. James Azle Steward married Mary Fowler at Prairie Point (Near where Rhome is today) on May 17, 1860. He had come to the Azle community



church.

James Azle Steward, Azle's early benefactor who gave the land and name to Azle.

about two years before. I believe he was born in Tenn, but I cannot give the date or place of his birth. He was about ten years older than his wife.

Dr. Steward is said to be the first Mason who came to that neighborhood and we are sure that he was a Charter member of the Masonic Lodge of Azle.

JOHN GILES REYNOLD HOUSE

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The family of John Giles Reynolds moved to Texas from Tennessee in the 1840's. He preempted railroad land along a creek that is only 3 miles long, is fed by springs, and never has been known to be dry. It is known as Reynolds Branch. His first home was built on the creek to have water.

After he had proven this land he preempted an additional grant. In order to prove this part he had to make improvements. He did not want to live in a log house - he wanted a plank house. Since there were no railroads near, he had to haul the lumber. Several others in this general area also wanted lumber, one of which was Mr. Moody. They organized an oxen caravan to go to a lumber mill near Galveston. There was no records but it would be interesting to know how long it took for this trip. What a lot to go through for a plank house.

The house was completed the early 1860's. An abstract I did have gave the date of the grant after the land had been proven as 1864, if my memory is good. The house was built with two rooms and a hall downstairs and the same upstairs with fireplaces at either end of the house. There were porches both upstairs and down across the front of the house. At the back there was a large kitchen with a porch the length of the room.

In 1930 the top story of the house was removed and remodeled to be under one roof. The original lumber was used in this construction. The only part of the house that has not been changed is one bedroom. This room is sealed with random width boards and the fireplace is still in use. The nails used in the original construction were square nails made in his own blacksmith shop. The square nails are clearly visible in the bedroom as well as the front porch.

About 5 years ago I did some remodeling and moved a partition. I found I had moved a wall of the original house. The boards were almost impossible to saw and the nails were the square nails.

In this house my grandmother came as a bride after the death of her first husband and the death of my grandfathers first wife. Both she and my grandfather died in the house. They had 6 children that were born there. My mother and father, R M (Short) and Josie Reynolds, spent their honeymoon in my living room. So far 6 generations have lived here. One article of furniture that was in the house and is almost as old, is the rocker that is now in the museum.

CITY GOVERNMENT

The city of Azle is governed by a Council of seven members which meets the first and third Tuesday of the month in Hall. Prior to 1969 the city was ruled General Law city in the state of Texas a mayor and city council. Following approval by the voters after the population reached 5,000, the city became a home rule city more choice concerning its own city government. A city administrator or city manager could be hired by the council. The first administrator was Roger Lockridge served from 1969 to 1970. City managers following that include James Brawley, 1976; Cecil Forrester, 1976-1979; Paul then, 1979-1982; Dion Miller, 1982-1984; Harry Dulin 1984 to present.

Previous mayors in the early years in Azle were Dan Jarvis and J. Woody Stribling, but the city has no record of the years they served. In recent times the most time a mayor has been served by Rone. He served 1961 to 1971 and from 1983 to present. James Harper served 1969 to 1971, James Br 1979 to 1981 and Arlen Wheeler, 1981 to present.

Other city employees in 1986 include Shirley Bradley, assistant city manager; Kim Shelton, city secretary; Florence Dell, assistant city secretary; Sue zoning administrator; Cliff Schaefer, engineering inspector; Ida Green, court clerk; Rita Stokes, public works director; Rita I billing supervisor; Janet Turner and Row, billing clerks; A.R. Mason and Ramon, maintenance department; Martin, park department; and Brenda Pat Luther and Mary Martin, library department.

In the police department are: Chief and Wilhelm, Robert Nunnery, Vernon and Harry Hershberger, Bruce LaLeon Stokes, Norman Ott, Maurice son, John Lyons, Richard Toy, Terwick, Randall Hallenbeck, Lee Jonmond Anderson, and Dallas Cochran.

Police dispatchers include James R Cassie Bartlett, Ann Lockhart, Diader, and Elaine Smith.

In the street department are Doya Doyle Elliott, Tommy Crutcher, R Wells, and Ray Morris.

Emergency services employees are Cooper, Pat Burnett, and Bob Fowle. Sanitation department are Bill Doler Wise, Gerald Rowden, Tim Chamber Robert McCormick.

In the Water department are Billson, E.C. O'Bannon, Kenneth Phel Row, Richard Freeman and Boby I. In the Sewer department are J.F. Dean Merrill and David Meisenheimer.

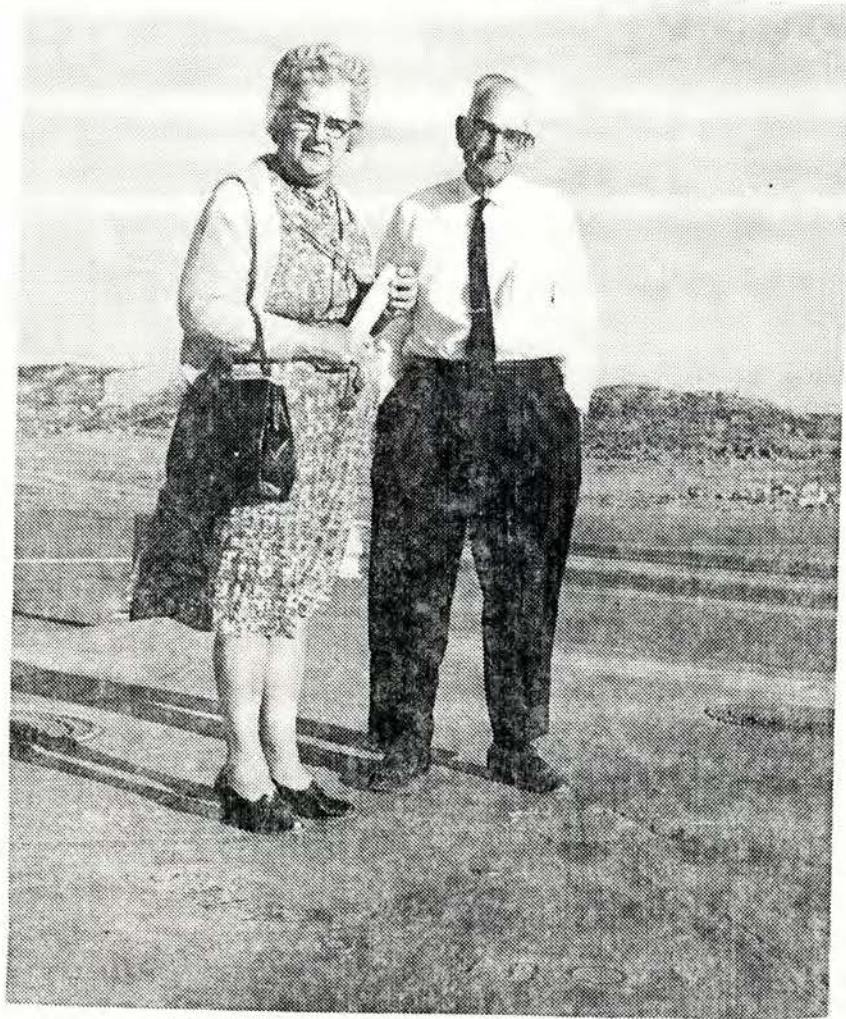
City Council Members: Persons voted on the City Council are civic minded who give of their time to plan and direct government. Currently these include C.Y. Rone, and Councilman C.M. Councilwoman Iona Reed, Councilman Carpenter, Councilman Maurice Councilwoman Marsha Hardin, and man Bill Kloster.

City Attorney is Kenneth Price.

Volunteers: Azle Fire Department volunteers include Tommy Bell, Bill Mil Shearer, Jimmy Rhoades, Richard Bill Felts, Dan Lockhart, Fred

Byra: Mather born 1902 Dad.

Travelling in 60's or 70's



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Caption states that a library was in the corner of the drug store and that Mrs. Stribling (above) served as the second librarian.



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ded to expand the business. The was sold to Mr. Jim Dalton and the lls moved across the street into a new building of concrete tile. Azle was g to grow and the two brothers o serve the community to the best abilities. This was Azle's first super-

usiness increased and soon more as required, so they bought the z property. In 1952, a modern Drive-ry was built and named "Pak- In 1957, it was decided to enlarge Bag" and consolidate both grocery After its completion the original was completely remodeled and a ent store and ready to wear store was Another first for Azle.

tember, 1964, the brothers sold the ent store; after remodeling, Septem- 1964 saw the opening of "Trammell's Restaurant". In July, 1965, the old y" Service Station was acquired and ck Bryant Gallery of Western Art" ned. It joined the restaurant.

a great deal of "soul searching" the was made to close the grocery store. ve remodeling was started and in ber, 1977 "Trammell's Flying T Gal- as opened. It has been quite a tourist on for the area. Some 100 guests from igh countries were given a "taste of as hospitality" at a special reception mer.

Kappenberg of Germany perhaps best d up the appreciation of the foreign with his quote which he left in the



guest book; "the World is full of wonders, if you've got the eyes to see them. I have seen one today."

by Audrey Trammell

AZLE POST OFFICE

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When the first settlers came to this outpost of civilization, their primary concern was for a place to live and food for the family. After building their log cabins up and down the creeks to be near the water, they soon realized that they had broken all contact with the folks back home - so far away now.

They made inquiry and learned that there was a Settlement at Birdville that received mail from the outside world and that they could send mail back to their loved ones that they had left behind. Birdville was the County Seat of Tarrant County at that time. Fort Worth became the County Seat in 1860. For about three years the people of Azle got their mail from Dido, but this was not very satisfactory as there was no bridge over the river and when it rained the river got up and they had to wait days for the water to go down sometimes before they could get across the river to get their mail.

The people decided they needed a Post Office and went to work to see what could be done. They were successful and September 5, 1881 the first Post Office was established for this area. It was named O-Bar. The name was changed to Azle after Dr. Azle Stewart, the first pioneer Doctor in this area. He told the people if they would name the Post Office after him he would deed them enough land for a townsite, this he did and it became Azle. The only Post Office by that name in the USA. The first Postmaster was Mr. Joe Fowler, who owned the only store in Azle. It was located in one corner of his store. It remained there until 1910. A man rode horseback to Fort Worth to pick up the mail until 1904, then the mail route was contracted. Mr. Huffmaster was the first Star route carrier. He made the trip to Fort Worth and back in one day, giving the people day service. He drove a team of horses to the mail hack (as it was called), it was a two seated vehicle and he carried passengers, fifty cents for a round trip to Fort Worth. Mr. W.B. Crawford was the next carrier, he carried the mail for the next four years. Mr. R.W. Hewett was the next carrier and he was the first to carry the mail in a car. This was a great day for passengers, they could ride to town and spend three hours shopping and return home the same day. Mr. Tom Nations carried the mail last year of Mr. Hewett's yearly contract. The next man was J.W. (Bill) Smith, a nephew of John Peter Smith, for whom the hospital by that name in Fort Worth was named. Mr. Will carried the mail for 20 years.

Rural Free delivery was begun in 1904. Mr. J.A. Ross was the Rural Carrier. Mr. R.W. Hielt succeeded Mr. Ross, and Byrne C. Moody followed Mr. Hielt as rural carrier.

Mr. W.N. McDonald was Azle's second Postmaster. Mrs. Cora Lovell was the third Postmaster, followed by Miss Mamie Gipson, who was Azle's fourth Postmaster. She resigned in 1920 to get married. She married Carl McCurdy and moved to Idalou in West Texas. Her sister, Elsie Gipson was appoint-

ed Postmaster April 30, 1920. She received the letter dated May 1 advising her that she had been appointed as Azle's fifth postmaster. She married Roy M. Parker Dec. 19, 1923. Miss Elsie served for 38 years, serving under seven Presidents, these were: Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Miss Elsie had the first Library in Azle. Not long after she became Postmaster, Miss Minnie Peace, Mrs. Tombes and Mrs. Schuber from the Fort Worth Library asked her to put the library in the Post Office and they would supply the books from the Fort Worth Library. She kept the Library for about 20 years but had to give it up when the Post office advanced to a Third Class office, 1941.

Since Miss Elsie became Postmaster in 1920, many changes made in the world. The Stock Market crash in 1929, many people in Azle lost their life savings. When Mr. Roosevelt became President, in 1933 he closed the banks, and had the cattle killed and took drastic measures to restore the prosperity of the nation.

The Azle Post Office advanced to Third Class July 1, 1941. Miss Elsie was allowed one clerk. Her sister, Beatrice Carter was hired. This was a year that will never be forgotten - The shock of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and all the boys marching off to war. In 1945, our beloved President, Franklin D. Roosevelt died with a heart attack.

The Post Office was selling Savings Bonds, Saving Stamps and War Bonds. The Department must have realized that things had to change, for they removed that scratchy old post office pen and replaced it with the ball point pen. This took place in 1950. In 1952, the old American tradition of a penny post card vanished.

On July 1, 1953, the Azle Post Office advanced to a Second Class office. Three more clerks were added, Lucille Young, Laura Holmes, and Gene Yauger. More space was needed so in 1953 the little white building that had housed the Office since 1916, was moved and a new building built by Mr. Roy Parker, had much more room and the Government put in new post office boxes and furnished new desks.

Margie Looper became substitute carrier March 18, 1954, in 1957 she became temporary distribution clerk. On May 9, 1962, Margie went career, and May 7, 1966, she was promoted to a regular clerk, she now has worked about 30 years and still greets everyone with a smile.

When Mrs. Parker decided to retire in 1958, she had seen the town grow from 250 people to about 8000 population.

Mr. C.W. Sanford was appointed acting Post Master to succeed Mrs. Parker. He was succeeded by Mr. Steve Ellis. In November 1958, seventeen people signed to take the examination for the Azle Post Office. The examination was given January 10, 1959.

Mrs. Anna Cutshall was commissioned as Post Master in 1961. She was Azle's sixth Postmaster. The office advanced to First Class July 1, 1970. A new Postoffice was built and they moved into it February 1, 1971. The new Postoffice was dedicated July 1, 1971. Mr. Elden Ary from the Regional office in Dallas greeted the guests. Special guests were two former Postmasters, Mamie Gipson McCurdy and Elsie Gipson Parker. Also

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Another unusual job they had was working three days and two nights straight of continuous pouring of concrete when they rebuilt the Saginaw Grain Elevator after it had exploded. It consisted of about 1800 yards of concrete. His plant capacity was 100 yards an hour.

When weather was bad and the temperature was so low that concrete might freeze (28 degrees or less), Womack generally had some work to do inside on houses he was constructing on the side as an investment. He built six duplexes through the years.

On January 1, 1982 he sold out and retired.

by Dee Womack

CLYDE ROCHELLE GROCERY

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This grocery store operated in Azle from 1954 until 1962. Clyde and Marguerite



Clyde Rochelle Grocery Building

Rochelle bought the land and built the white frame grocery in 1954 before moving to Azle from Glen Garden that same year.

They took down a barbed wire fence and cleared off the corn stalks to build the building. At that time the only other grocery store in Azle were Trammell's Pak-A-Bag and another small store on Main Street. The official address of the Clyde Rochelle Grocery was on Highway 199 East.

The building was 70 feet wide and 30 feet deep. They handled a complete supply of vegetables, meat, feed, etc. The population of Azle was well under 5,000 at that time.

The store was open seven days a week for two years and then six days a week after that. They employed about five full time persons besides themselves.

One problem that surfaced was a burglary that occurred a week after they opened up. That was one reason why they decided to move to Azle and built an apartment behind the store.

The Rochelles enjoyed a busy business and made a lot of wonderful friends. They knew most of the people in Azle.

A desire to get back into the real estate business and leave such a confining grocery business led to sell the grocery in 1962.

by Clyde Rochelle



CLYDE ROCHELLE REAL ESTATE

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Marguerite Rochelle and daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. Dee Womack) in front of Clyde Rochelle Real Estate Office.

Clyde and Marguerite Rochelle began their real estate business in Azle in 1962 after they moved in a little five room frame house for an office from the Poly area to Azle. They placed it at 1104 Southeast Parkway and resumed a business they had pursued earlier in Fort Worth.

They had not engaged in the real estate business for an 8 year period from 1954 to 1962 in Azle while they ran a grocery store.

The Rochelles enjoy the real estate business and worked very hard at it through the years. They sold farms, and even did a lot of cutting up of farm land in smaller acreages to sell. Clyde started out on a farm and is a farmer at heart. He loves the land.

They also sold residential property and commercial. They bought some tracts, cutting it up themselves and carried their own note.

They have been in the real estate business in Azle for 24 years. They have slowed down a bit and operate out of their house now, but they still handle some properties.

The way prices have changed in the 24 years they have been in business, they wonder how young people can buy a house. Payments which once were under \$100 per month now have gone to \$800 to \$1000 or more.

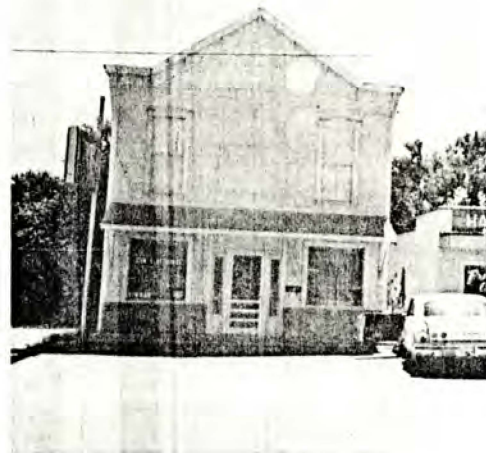
by Clyde Rochelle

STRIBLING DRUG STORE

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Unless you have lived in Azle for the past 50 years, you may be unaware of the history behind some of the buildings still standing on Main Street. As in many small towns across the nation, the drugstore served as a gathering place for friends and the unofficial news source of the community.

In Azle, this landmark was the old Stribling



Stribling Old Drug Store

Drug Store. Looking to your left traveling west on Main, one can still see the building, now occupied by C&W Electronics.

Azle's first drug store was operated by Wig Reynolds. It opened in 1879. J.W. Walker constructed the building in 1900 which Stribling Drug was later to occupy. The Walker family operated the drug store for 40 years. In 1906, however, Walker sold the upper story of his new building to Woodmen of the World Lodge for \$100.

J.H. Stribling and his wife, Byra Woody Stribling came to Azle on September 1, 1932 and purchased the drugstore from Walker. Stribling had been working for Renfro Drug in Fort Worth when he heard of the Azle store being up for sale.

The Striblings embarked on this new career when Azle was a small family town. They both worked in the drug store and kept it open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. to take care of customers coming in later. Just about everyone in the community farmed or ran a dairy and could not come to town until late.

Getting started in a new place of business was quite an undertaking, and so to help out financially Mrs. Stribling took the job of running the telephone switchboard. The job paid \$60 per month. The telephone company furnished a house for them to live in which had a garden spot behind it.

Two years later Mrs. Stribling left the telephone job and went to work full time at the drug store. Lila Rowden took over the switchboard operation. The little white house where the telephone switchboard was housed still stands on Stewart Street.

In the 30 years that Stribling ran the drug store, it definitely was the hub of Azle. Counting the earlier owners, it was the focal point of Azle for 82 years.

After Stribling bought the store, they installed a Delco system of electricity and had the first lights in Azle. Byra Stribling recalled their first years in Azle when they were living in the house on Main Street now housing the Chamber of Commerce. "Moving way out from Fort Worth, living in a house with no bathroom or modern conveniences at all, and with a small baby to care for, I thought it was just awful," she once said.

During the years when the town drug store was at its busiest, it housed a doctor's office, a branch of the library, and the Bowen Bus branch station. The Azle Civic League met there; it was used as a town hall, and a garden

club and lodge also met there.

The store also was used to hold elections. A courtroom for Precinct 4 was housed in the room upstairs. Tip Couch served as constable, and Arthur Carter was lake officer.

Mrs. Stribling remembered some heated cases held in Judge Bowman's court. "At a political discussion upstairs one time there was a man stabbed to death, so the story goes," she said.

During the depression the store was used for a welfare station where commodities were distributed to people on welfare. The old bench out front served as a meeting place for old timers to chew tobacco and spin yarns.

"Stories they would tell would almost compare to the present day soap operas," Mrs. Stribling remembered.

The Stribling's stock and store fixtures were sold to Milton Tompkins in 1963. The Tompkins operated a drug store in the building on Main for some time before moving to the shopping center where Mitchell's is presently located. Revco later bought out Tompkins.

J.H. Stribling died after a long illness in 1974, and the building on Main Street was sold to Paul Worthen and Frank Couch where C&W Electronics has been ever since. The Rebekah Lodge meets upstairs now.

by the Azle News

ETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP

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Etta Daniel Matlock grew up in Azle as IT grew, therefore she knows many of the Azle people from years gone by. As Azle has grown, so has her shop grown. After Beauty School, she located her shop in June 1969 with three chairs at 411 NW Parkway. Her operators were Debbie Paschal and Barbara Ferrell.

Since her business was growing, she needed four chairs and a better location, therefore in 1976, she moved her shop to 509 W Main.

Now, ten years later in 1986, her father, W.R. Daniel and brothers are building another shop three buildings west of her present shop. Her sisters will help her set up the shop. This one will have six chairs and a Beauty Supply Outlet as an extra feature.

At this time, she has five operators, including herself and sister, Charlene. Charlene has worked with her since 1973.

There are times, when they are unable to take new appointments because they are ALL booked.

by Etta Daniel Matlock

HOLMES COIN-O-MAT

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Marshall Holmes first opened his coin laundry on May 1, 1961.

He said he took an informal survey in regard to what kind of laundry equipment the people would like to have. They suggested Maytag, so that was the kind of equipment he bought. He has 30 Maytag washers and 15 dryers.



Marshall Holmes Coin-O-Mat home of the Azle Opry.



Marshall Holmes with his favorite instrument.

Located a block off Main Street on South Stewart, the Coin-O-Mat has received a great deal of attention in the past four or five years as the location every Friday night of the Azle Opry. People gather to play guitars, fiddles, and other instruments and to sing for a crowd which sometimes totals 150. The Opry has been featured on PM Magazine. All three major TV networks have carried stories. Holmes even received a letter from a lady in Great Britain who heard about his laundry and opry.

Marshall Holmes and his wife Vonnie keep the laundromat open every day from 6 a.m. to midnight.

by Vonnie Holmes

BRYANT ART FOUNDRY

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The Bryant Art Foundry was started by Dutch Bryant in 1976 at Centerpoint in Azle, Texas. It closed in 1978 due to the sudden death of Mr. Bryant. Later that same year his brothers, Jack and Paul Bryant decided to give it another try, moving the location to Reno, Texas just a short distance from the original site.

Jack Bryant was more or less a silent partner, and later gave his part to his son,



Casting in the Bryant Art Foundry

Jack Jr., who later sold out to the foundry.

From the beginning decisions and management were left up to Paul Bryant, and he is still running the foundry today. Paul learned the business from Metz Castleberry of Agness in 1974 and later helped him move his foundry to Weatherford. Paul, being an artist himself, the foundry work has become another way of showing his artistic ability. And to add to a number of things he has accomplished, he also owns the Paul's Wood Shop, located next to the foundry for convenience, since he does all the wooden bases for all the bronzes that are cast at the foundry, as well as for many other foundries in and around Texas and other artists.

The Bryant Art Foundry has cast several 3/4 scale models one of which can be seen at Oak Lawn Downs in Arkansas, also 2 life size bronzes, one being the famous bucking horse "Midnight" sculpted by Jack Bryant and is standing in front of the Amon G. Carter Jr. exhibit building in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Bryant Art Foundry has cast bronzes for a number of great Artists such as, Jack Bryant of Weatherford, Lisa Perry of Springtown, Anita Burgtorf Pawels of Africa, Donna Dobberfuhr of San Antonio, Texas as well as many more. They have done repairs on a number of bronzes for individuals, one in particular a famous Remington. The Bryant Art Foundry serves the casting needs of artist and art owners all over the country, from California to Florida, from New York to Texas, and even as far as Europe.

The Bryant Art Foundry has surely made a name for itself and Azle in the Art world and is a highly respected business that the whole Bryant family can be proud of.

Written by Debbie Gaston for the Bryant Art Foundry who used to be employed by the foundry.

by Debbie Gaston



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NATIONAL TRAILWAYS BUS SERVICE
AMERICA'S FINEST CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS
LOS ANGELES—ALBUQUERQUE—DENVER—AMARILLO—WICHITA FALLS—FT. WORTH—DALLAS

All Trailways Service → READ DOWN

10-25-46

Type of Service	D	A	C	D	B	A	C	C	B	A	C
6828	Dly AM	Dly AM	Dly AM	Dly PM	Dly PM	Dly PM	Dly PM	Dly AM	Dly PM	Dly AM	Dly AM
San Francisco (1) Lv	2 15	4 30									
Los Angeles (PT) Lv	4 00	6 00									
Albuquerque (1) Ar	4 40	6 27									
Albuquerque (1) Lv	8 20	7 15									
Tucumcari, N.M. (MT) (1) Ar	8 20	11 46									
Run Numbers	1110	1100									
Tucumcari, N.M. (CT) Lv	9 30	1 00									
Amarillo, Tex. Ar	9 30	9 30									
Denver, Colo. (2) Lv											
Colorado Springs (2) Lv											
Pueblo (2) Ar											
Pueblo (1) Lv											
Lamar, Colo. (1) Ar											
Run Numbers	1222	1250	1200	1202	1224	1204	1252	1206	1254	1208	1210
Amarillo, Texas Lv	12 25	4 00									
Washburn											
Claude											
Goodnight											
Ashtola											
Clarendon											
Lelia Lake											
Hedley											
Giles Corner											
Memphis											
Newlin											
Estelline											
Carey											
Childress Ar	2 42	6 17									
Childress Lv	2 50	6 47									
Kirkland											
Goodlett											
Aeme											
Quannah											
Chillicothe											
Tolbert											
Vernon Ar	4 14	8 09									
Vernon Lv	6 00	8 09									
Bourland											
Oklauon											
Harrold											
Wagoner											
Electra Ar	6 42	9 03									
Electra Lv	6 42	9 03									
Faulk Station											
Lowa Park											
Wichita Falls Ar	5 20	9 15									
Wichita Falls Lv	5 50	9 30									
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Windthorst											
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Springtown											
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Grapevine											
Hicks											
Saginaw											
Fort Worth Ar											
Fort Worth Lv											
Dallas, Texas											

f—Flag stop. (1)—Santa Fe Trailways. (2)—Denver-Colorado Springs-Pueblo Trailways. 4—Highway stop only. Bus will not go into Grapevine. (CT)—Central Time. (MT)—Mountain Time. (PT)—Pacific Time. D—New 37 passenger A. C. F.'s all the way. Through bus between Los Angeles and Dallas. No changes. A—New 37 passenger A. C. F.'s all the way. Through bus between Los Angeles and Albuquerque and through bus between Albuquerque and Dallas. B—New 37 passenger A. C. F.'s between Amarillo and Dallas. C—New 37 passenger A. C. F.'s all the way. Through bus between Denver and Dallas.

History of Gipson Rebekah Lodge # 460

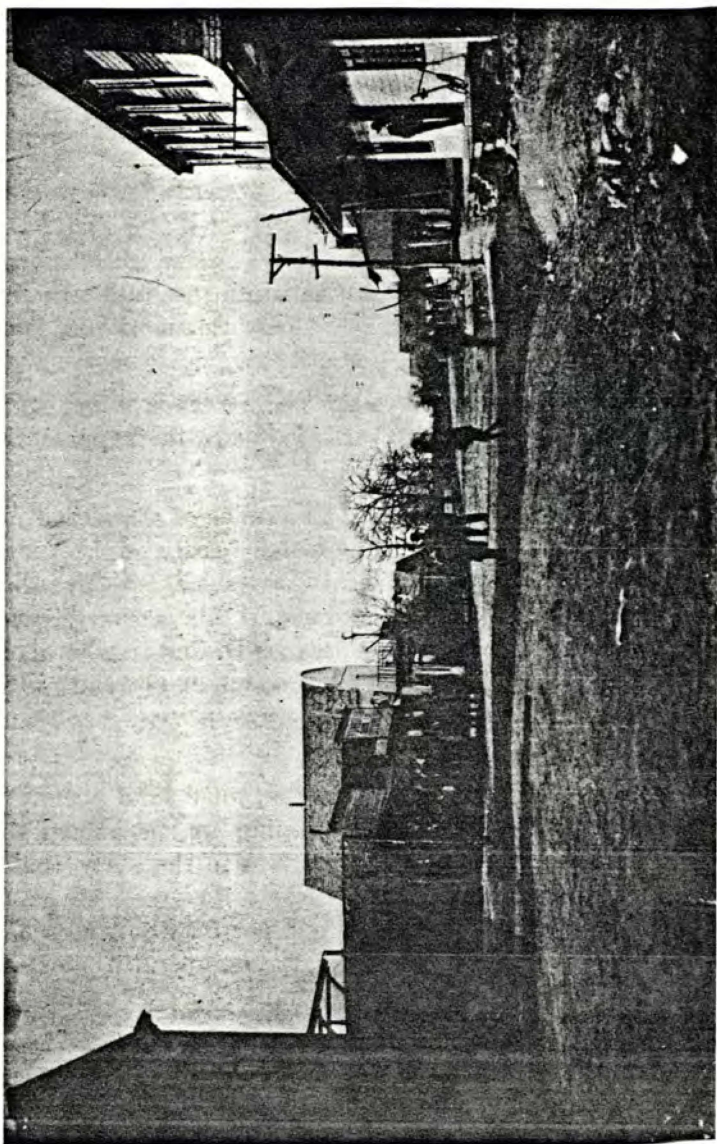
Gipson Rebekah Lodge # 460 was Constituted November 13, 1950 with twenty-three charter members. Seventeen Sisters; Elizabeth Yates, Audrey Trammell, Elsie Parker, Lexie Ross Morton, Martaina M. Anderson, Alice Rankin, Alma Phillips, Byra Stribling, Trudy Head Trammell, Inez Powell, Jewel Eubanks, Helen Beard, Wanda Merle Gilley, Joyce Moody, Agnes Tucker, Goldie Ruth Baughman, and Beatrice Carter. Six Brothers; L.P. Storm, Wayne Dunaway, Carl Ingraham, Sr., Carl A. Gilley, Bryne G. Moody, and A.D. Bell. Five are still members; Beatrice Carter, Wanda Merle Gilley, Martaina M. Anderson, Audrey Trammell, and Helen Beard.

The Lodge met every second and fourth Monday night of the month, on the second floor of the Stribling Building from the beginning until July 12, 1976, when it was decided that the stairs were too difficult for some of the members.

The Lodge was named for W.T. Gipson, an Oddfellow of many years, and father of three of the Lodge members; Beatrice Carter, Elsie Parker, and Laura Holmes.

The Lodge is still active with forty-six members.

Louise Railsback, Secretary /cb



Azle street scene in 1906

Azle tremendously. You have a wonderful community" signed — James V. Allred, Governor of Texas.

This little paper was edited by Mr. Faris Ross, who was the first president of the Azle Civic League and a real Azle Booster. It was through his untiring efforts that a crowd of 1500 people were present at this meeting to hear Governor Allred speak at the Azle Civic League. The population of Azle at this time was only about 250 people, but with 1500 people in one small auditorium, there was scarcely standing room.

In a later edition of "The Azle Booster" dated May 1, 1936, is an announcement that Bill McCraw would speak at the Azle Civic League meeting May 4, 1936 at 8 P.M. at the schoolhouse auditorium. Mr. McCraw was the Attorney General of Texas at that time and was considered one of Texas' most able speakers. The N.T.A.C. Band — 75 strong — entertained with their music. Mr. L. H. Barber, the new school superintendent, appeared on the program also.

Mr. Ross deserves the credit for bringing to our town such notable speakers. To him they were not only speakers, they were his friends, and he shared them with Azle folks. His life was truly a life of sharing and giving as he lived his life for others. He has passed to his reward.

During the next seven or eight years, there is no record of the Azle Civic League, but in the 1940's it was re-organized and Mr. J. Frank Young was elected president.

In 1948 shares of stock were sold by the Azle Civic League for the Azle Civic League Fire Department. The money raised by selling shares and through various community projects was used for building the Town Hall and to purchase Azle's first fire truck. The fire truck cost \$4,800.00.

Since then, many things have been accomplished for the City of Azle. The meetings were always open to the public

City of Azle

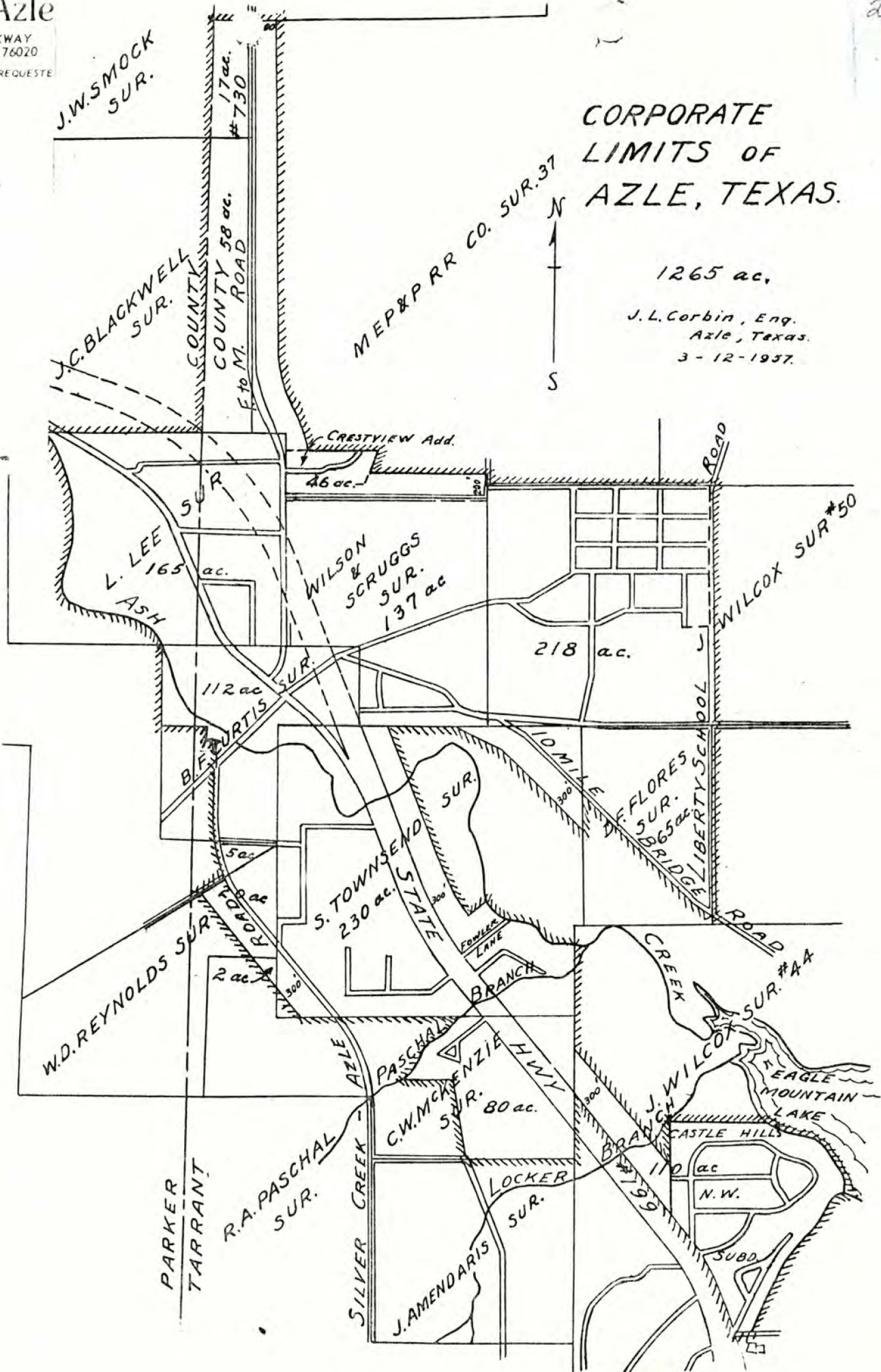
613 S.E. PARKWAY
AZLE, TEXAS 76020
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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CORPORATE LIMITS OF AZLE, TEXAS.

1265 ac.

J. L. Corbin, Eng.
Azle, Texas.
3-12-1957.



Jay W Stribling
Warranty Deed
with
Vendor's Lien to
Paul Worthen
25 Sept 1978

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WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

} KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, JAY W. STRIBLING,

of the County of Maricopa and State of Arizona for and

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

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 the execution and delivery by grantee of his one certain promissory note of even date herewith, in the principal sum of TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), payable to the order of grantor in monthly installments and bearing interest as therein provided, containing the usual clauses providing for acceleration of maturity 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 W. WESLEY WILSON Trustee, have GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY unto PAUL L. WORTHEN

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

Being Lot 2-A, Block 2, Town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 388-F, Page 535, Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas, and a part of the B.F. Curtis Survey, Abstract #344, more fully described in EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF;

SAVE AND EXCEPT the upper story of the house on subject property reserved by Mrs. Ida Walker, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of J.R.Walker, deceased, in that certain deed to J. H. Stribling, dated April 11, 1935, recorded in Volume 1478, Page 139, Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas;

This conveyance is made subject to the rights and interest of the Woodmen of the World, reserved in deed from Mrs. Ida Walker, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of J.R.Walker, deceased in that certain deed to J.H.Stribling, dated April 11, 1935, recorded in Volume 1478, Page 139, Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas;

This conveyance is FURTHER made subject to any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, rights-of-way, easements, municipal, or other governmental zoning laws, regulations and ordinances, if any, but only to the extent they are still in effect, relating to the hereinabove described property;

Grantee assumes payment of ad valorem taxes that may be assessed against the below described property and improvements situated thereon for the year 1979 and subsequent years.

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 grantee . . . his . . . heirs and assigns forever; and I do hereby bind myself, my . . . heirs, executors and administrators to WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND all and singular the said premises unto the said grantee . . . his . . . 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.

EXECUTED this 25th day of September . . . A. D. 19 78

J.H. Stribling
J.H. STRIBLING

30' x 60'

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EXHIBIT "A"

Being Lot 2-A, Block 2, Town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 388-F, Page 535, Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas, and a part of the B.F.Curtis Survey, Abstract #344, said part of the Curtis Survey being a part of that certain tract conveyed to J.H.Stribling by deed recorded in Volume 1275, Page 236, Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas, and said Lot 2-A and this part of the Stribling tract being described as one tract as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Lot 2-A, a pipe for corner in the Southerly line of W. Main Street;

THENCE South 35 degrees West 60.0 feet to a "Y" cut in concrete for the Southeast corner of Lot 2-A, in the Northerly line of said Stribling Tract;

THENCE South 55 degrees East along the South line of said Block 2 and along the North line of the Stribling tract, 11.0 feet to an iron pin for corner;

THENCE South 35 degrees West 22.7 feet to an iron pin for corner;

THENCE North 55 degrees West 49.0 feet to an iron pin for corner;

THENCE North 35 degrees East 22.7 feet to an iron pin for corner in the North line of said Stribling tract and in the South line of said Block 2;

THENCE South 55 degrees East along the South line of Block 2 and along the North line of said Stribling Tract 8.0 feet to an iron pin for the Southwest corner of said Lot 2-A;

THENCE North 35 degrees East 60.0 feet to an iron pin for the Northwest corner of Lot 2-A, in the South line of W. Main Street;

THENCE South 55 degrees East along the North line of Lot 2-A and along the South line of West Main Street 30.0 feet to the point of beginning.

(Acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF ~~TEXAS~~ ARIZONA
COUNTY OF MARICOPA }

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
JAY W. STRIBLING

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 on this the

29 day of SEPTEMBER, A. D. 19 78

Chris D. Vander Linden
Notary Public in and for Maricopa County, Arizona

(Seal)

My Commission Expires Feb. 14, 1981

(Acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose 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 on this the

day of , A. D. 19

Notary Public in and for County, Texas.

(Acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose 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 on this the

day of , A. D. 19

Notary Public in and for County, Texas.

(Corporate acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
of

a corporation, 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, in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this the

day of , A. D. 19

Notary Public in and for County, Texas.

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Jay W Stribling
Warranty Deed
with
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to
Paul Worthen
25 Sept 1978

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed on the
date and at the time stamped herein by me and was duly
RECORDED in the Volume and Page of the DEED RECORD
of Tarrant County, Texas as stamped herein by me.

OCT 6 1978



Machin Hoffman
COUNTY CLERK
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

WARRANTY DEED
WITH VENDOR'S LIEN
JAY W. STRIBLING
TO
PAUL L. WORTHEN

FILED
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
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MADE BY
GOU
BY *R* CLERK

PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:
SIMON & SIMON
Attorneys at Law
152 West Main
Azle, Texas 76020
PLEASE RETURN TO:
Mr. Paul Worthen
117 W. Main
Azle, Texas 76020

350
WJD

112- Warrant Deed

DEC 19 74

Texas Statute Form

The State of Texas,
County of TARRANT

Know All Men by These Presents:

That L. Byra Florence Stribling, a widow

of the County of Tarrant State of Texas for and in consideration
of the sum of

One and No/100----- DOLLARS

to me in hand paid by Jay W. Stribling

as follows:

\$1.00 cash, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the love and affection
that I have for my son,

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

of the County of Tarrant State of Texas all that certain
lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Tarrant County, Texas
and Being Lot No. 2 in Block No. 2 of the Original Town of Azle, Tarrant County,
Texas, and being the same land heretofore conveyed by Mrs. Ida Walker to J. H.
Stribling by deed dated April 11, 1935, recorded in Vol. 1478, Page 139, of the
Deed Records, Tarrant County, Texas.

This conveyance is made subject to the interest of the Woodmen of the World as
set forth in the referenced deed.

It is the intention of the Grantor herein to convey to the Grantee herein, all of her
interest in said Lot 2, Block 2, in the Original Town of Azle, Tarrant County, Texas
whether or not same is correctly described or not.

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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

Jay W. Stribling, his

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

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

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

WITNESS my hand at Weatherford, Texas,
this 11th day of November, 1974.

Byra Florence Stribling
Byra Florence Stribling

Witness at request of Grantor:

Byra Stribling
gives & knows
Dad Vol 5752 p 963
to see
11/14/74
\$1.00
Jay Woody by ailing
Doling Stribling
11. Nov 1974

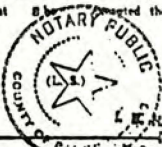
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THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF PARKER

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Byra Florence Stribling



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 4th day of December, 1974.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF PARKER

SINGLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Jay W. Stribling

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF PARKER

CORPORATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Jay W. Stribling

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

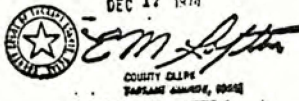
THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF PARKER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing instrument of writing with its certificate of authentication, was filed for record in my office on the day of A. D. 19 at o'clock M. and was duly recorded by me on the day of A. D. 19 in Vol. page of the Records of said County.

WITNESS MY HAND and the Seal of the County Court of said County, at my office in the day and year last above written.

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TARRANT I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the 17th day of December 1974 in the Public Record Office of Tarrant County, Texas, as stamped herein by me.



Warranty Deed form with fields for FROM (Byra Florence Stribling) and TO (Jay W. Stribling). Includes recording details and a recording fee stamp.

Byra Stribling deed to Jay W. Stribling Book 5752 pp 965, 964, 963 & 962 H Dec 1974

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
LAURA JANE JORDAN

known to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.
Given under my hand and seal of office on this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____



Notary Public in and for _____ County, Texas.
My commission expires _____, 19____
(Printed or stamped name of notary)

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

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Given under my hand and seal of office on this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____



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STATE OF TEXAS
I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on this _____ date and at the time stated hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the Volume _____ Page of the Tarrant Records of Tarrant County, Texas, as stamped hereon by me.
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Notary Public in and for _____ County, Texas.
My commission expires _____, 19____
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GIPSON REBEKAH LODGE #469 P I : 17

TO

PAUL WORTHEN

Paul Worthen

PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:
KENNETH N. PRICE
P.O. Box 699
Azle, Texas 76020
817/444-2561

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Paul Worthen
117 W Main
Azle, Texas 76020

(Corporate Acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____ of _____

a corporation, 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, in the capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____

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My commission expires _____, 19____
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QUITCLAIM DEED

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TARRANT

} KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That GIPSON REBEKAH LODGE #460,

of the County of Tarrant, State of Texas, for and

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

in hand paid by the grantee herein named, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have QUIT-
CLAIMED, and by these presents do QUITCLAIM unto

PAUL WORTHEN

of the

County of Tarrant, State of Texas, all of its right,

title and interest in and to the following described real property situated in Tarrant County,

Texas, to-wit:

The second story of the building located on Lot No. 2, Block No. 2, City of Azle, in
Tarrant County, Texas, together with free and accessible outside entrance over said
lot to said second story building on said premises.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all of its right, title and interest in and to the above described property
and premises unto the said grantee, his heirs and assigns forever, so that neither it nor
its successors or assigns ~~hereafter or assigns~~ shall have, claim or demand any right or title to the
aforesaid property, premises or appurtenances or any part thereof.

EXECUTED this 16 day of May, A. D. 1983

ATTEST: GIPSON REBEKAH LODGE #460

BY: Lorene R. Lsback
LORENE R. LSBATCH, Secretary

BY: Laura Jane Jordan
LAURA JANE JORDAN, Noble Grand

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 ADDN: AZLE, ORIGINAL TOWN OF LOC: 117 W MAIN ST
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 OWNER: WORTHEN, PAUL L ADDR: 117 W MAIN ST
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- 1. County Tarrant TRR 5. USGS Quad No. 3297-344 Site No. AZ 9
City/Rural Azle UTM Sector _____
- 2. Name Woodmen of the World Hall / Reynolds Drug Store 6. Date: Factual 1873 Est. c. 1950
Address 117 W. Main Street, Azle 7. Architect/Builder _____ Contractor _____
- 3. Owner Paul Worthen 8. Style/Type LATE 19th CENTURY FALSE FRONT COMMERCIAL
Address 117 W. Main St., Azle, TX 9. Original Use commercial & fraternal hall
- 4. Block/Lot BLK 2, LOT 2A, CITY OF AZLE ADDITION Present Use commercial & vacant
- 10. Description A 2-story white wood frame building, rectangular in plan, with gabled roof pediment and false eave returns at either side of the gable end. Turned brackets are located beneath the fascia board. The 2 front 2nd story windows are capped with arched lintels. Windows are 2 1/2 vertical panes and simply framed.
- 11. Present Condition good; alterations to 1st story; rear addition in the 1950s.
- 12. Significance _____

- 13. Relationship to Site: Moved _____ Date _____ or Original Site (describe) The oldest remaining commercial building on Main Street, Azle.
- 14. Bibliography _____ 15. Informant Byra Stribling; B. Carter, Blandine Stribling
- 16. Recorder Jan Davis, PAT Date 12/28/82

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10); state law prohibited the operation of a drinking establishment near a church. The original sanctuary, built by members in 1893-94, was a wood frame L-plan gabled structure. It is now incorporated into a larger complex which includes a 1950 sanctuary with Gothic windows and a squared entry bell tower, a 1956 educational wing built by Roy Parker and Carl McCurdy and a large brick sanctuary designed by Robert L. Wright and Associates in 1974. Azle Christian Church received an Official Texas Historical Marker in 1980.

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216 Church Street, House, c. 1900. This Gabled T-plan house with symmetrical side porches is a good example of a common historical house type in Tarrant County. It was probably built around 1900.

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301 Church Street [NR*], Azle School/Azle Elementary School, 1914; 1935-39; c. 1950. The first school on this 13-acre site was a two-story red brick English-style building constructed in 1914. The consolidation of many small schools in the area (including Parker County) into the Azle Common School District resulted in the construction of a new \$40,000 stone veneer concrete building as a project of the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.). Local sources indicate that the structure was designed by Withern Brothers, architects. The building opened in 1939. The old English-style school, sited to the north of the 1939 school, was enlarged and substantially altered during the 1950s. The second story was removed, and the building was rock veneered. Azle School originally housed eleven grades, but is now used for elementary classes only. The 1939 structure may be eligible for the National Register based on its architectural quality and its important role in education for the region. The Azle school system received an Official Texas Historical Marker in 1982.

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825 Dunaway Lane, Orman L. Kimbrough, Jr. House, 1936-37. Orman L. Kimbrough, Jr. built this multi-gabled stone house in 1936-37 on farm land which had been in the family since 1879. The Kimbroughs operated a dairy business. The one-story house has a generally rectangular plan with an arched porch on the southeast corner beneath the transverse gable roof. According to family sources, B. Elam was the carpenter, and Roy Irby and Sons did the rock work on the house.

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117 W. Main Street [NR], Walker Drug Store/Woodmen of the World Hall, 1900; c. 1931. This large wood frame building with bracketed cornice and pointed parapet was built in 1900 by James Walker. Previously Walker had operated his store out of a smaller building on the same site constructed by Wig Reynolds. Reynolds sold the land and store to Walker in 1888 and, according to local sources, Walker had the older structure demolished and the current building constructed in 1900. The Woodmen of the World, Azle Camp No. 596 paid for the materials and construction of the

second story of Walker's building. In 1906 Walker guaranteed rights to a separate entrance to the W.D.W. Camp and deeded the second story to them in recognition of the fact that they "did heretofore in the year 1900 furnish material and pay for the building and erecting of the second story room over the store house of J.R. Walker." Walker constructed a small doctor's office for the local physician behind the main building in 1931. At that time, the building was also moved back from Main Street to provide needed right-of-way for road expansion. James H. and Byra Stribling purchased the property from Ida Walker in 1935 and operated a drug store here until 1963. The building is largely intact except for a remodeled storefront. As the oldest commercial structure on Main Street and as the oldest fraternal lodge hall in the area, the building appears to be eligible for the National Register.

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124 W. Main Street, Jim Nation Building/Azle Historical Museum, c. 1937. Jim Nation purchased the land on which this building stands in 1937 and probably erected the two-story stone veneer structure shortly thereafter. A service station and general merchandise store were operated on the ground level, and the family lived upstairs. The building was sold in 1938 to Dan Orr and in 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morton who operated a barber shop and a beauty shop here. The family in turn sold the building to the Azle Woman's Club, which subsequently gave it to the City of Azle for a public library. When the Azle Public Library moved to its new building on Southeast Parkway, the Azle Historical Museum organized a museum on the premises in 1976.

11

165 W. Main Street [NR], William N. McDonald House, c. 1905. An older house was enlarged and remodeled into this gabled L-plan residence by William N. McDonald, proprietor of a mercantile business which opened on Main Street in 1906. The post office and First State Bank of Azle operated out of his store. McDonald, who also owned a cotton gin, moved to Fort Worth in 1914. Short Reynolds then managed McDonald's store. The one-story house is clad in narrow horizontal wood siding and has a porch in the angle of the L. Turned posts support the porch roof. The McDonald house appears to be eligible for the National Register based on its association with one of Azle's leading businessmen during the early 1900s and as a representative example of residential building traditions of the time.

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168 W. Main Street, W.E. Seldon House, 1938. Constructed in 1938 for W.E. and Johnnie Seldon, this small stone veneer house was designed by Mrs. Seldon and constructed by Will Tannahill. Mr. Beaty of Springtown was responsible for the rock work. The Seldons owned a service station and cafe next door on Main Street. The jerkin-headed shallow-sloped gable roofs are unusual for stone houses of the period.



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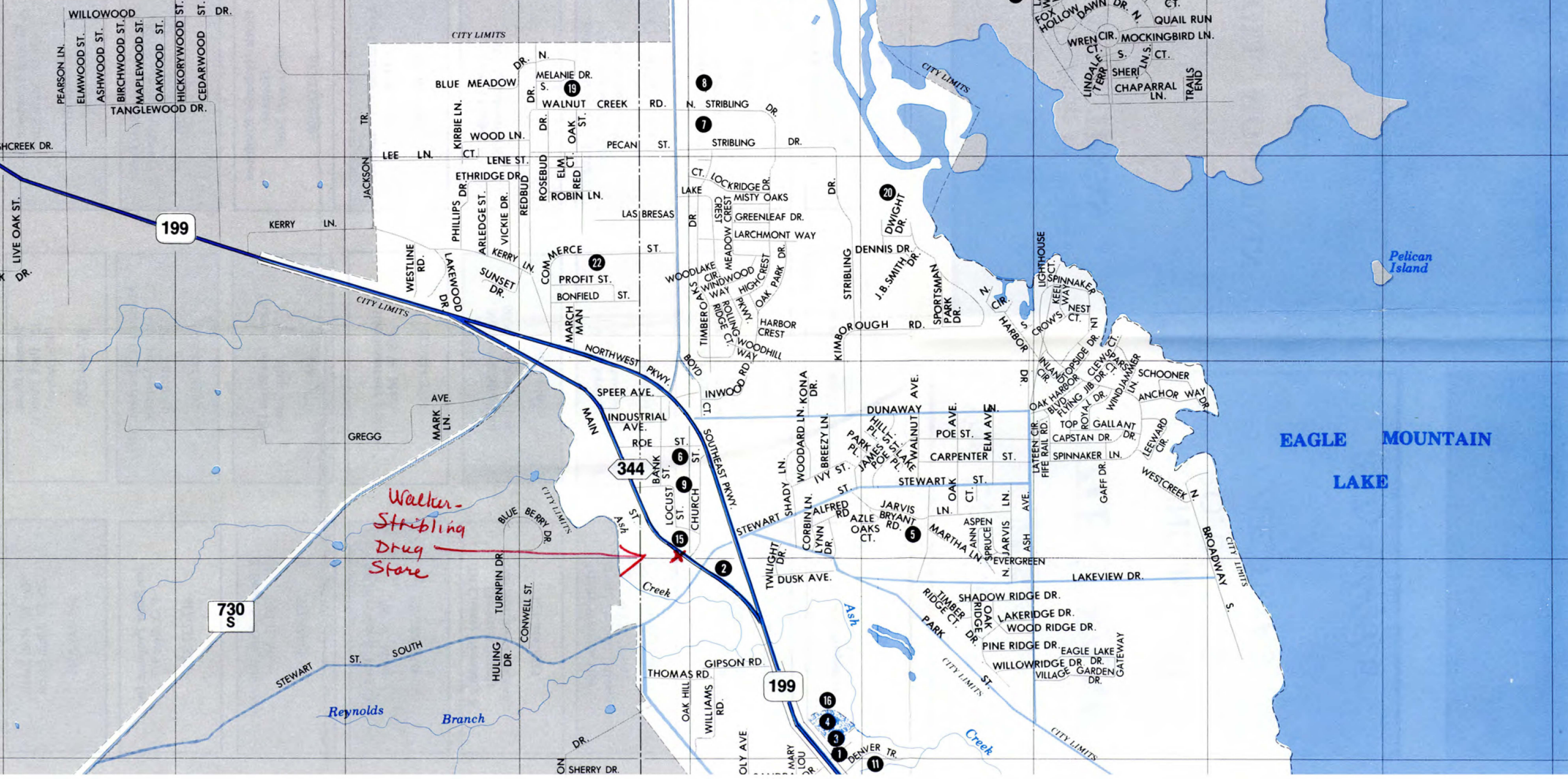
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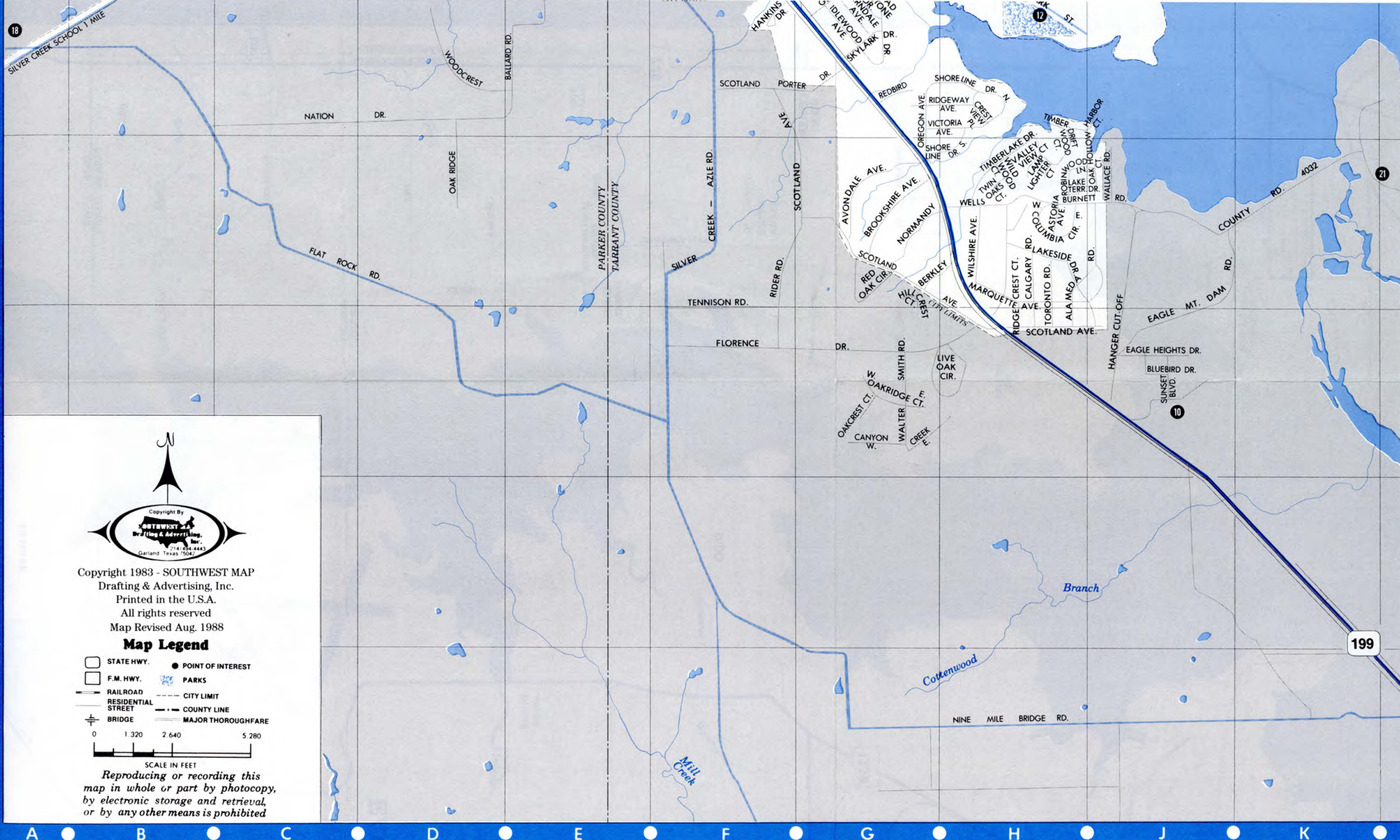
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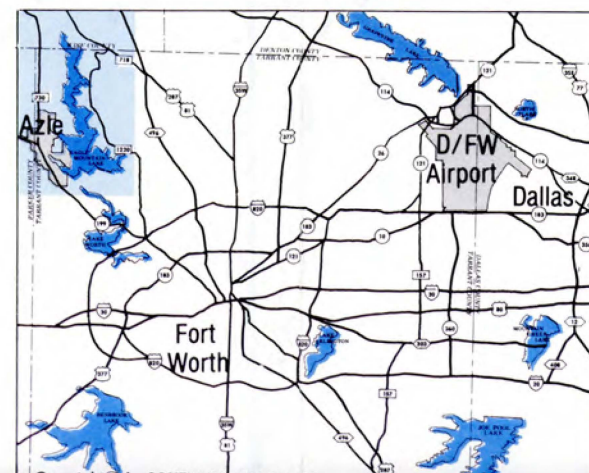
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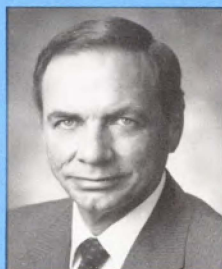
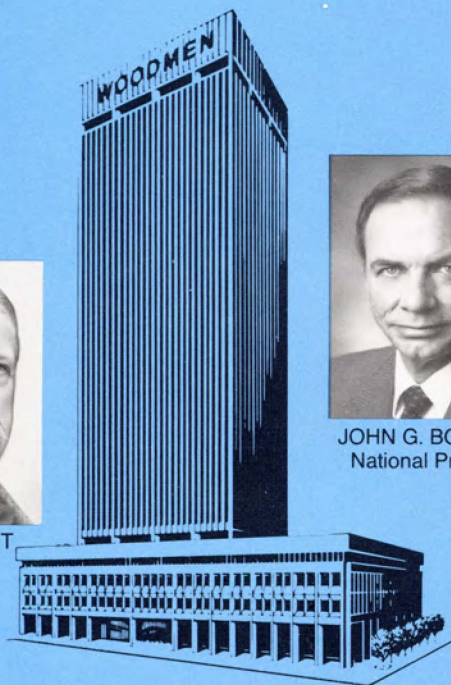
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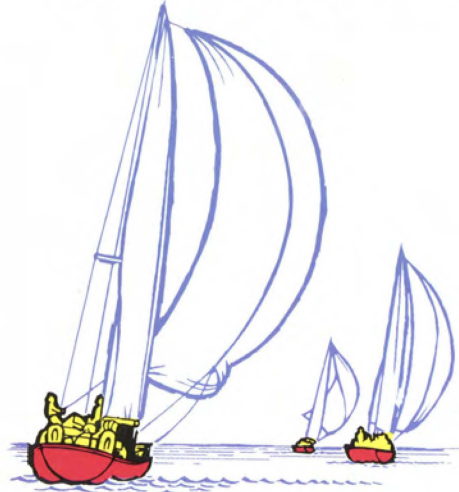
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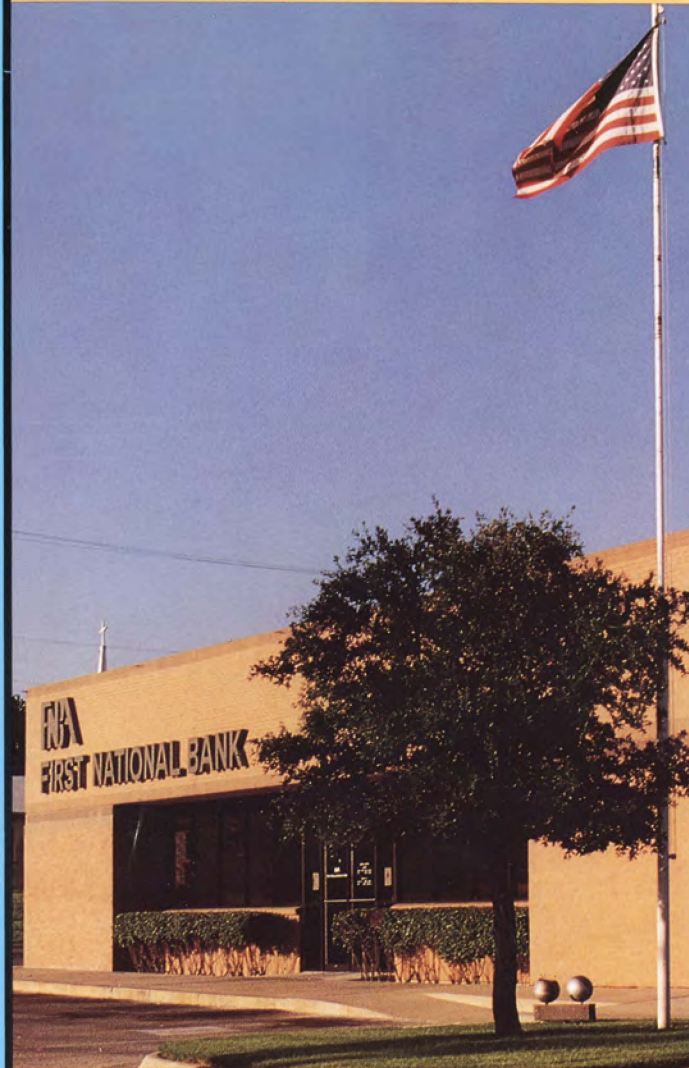
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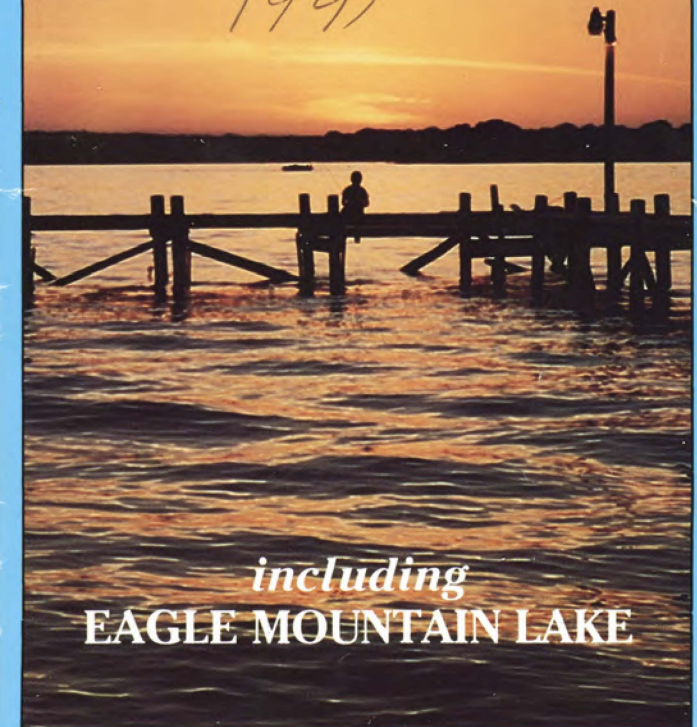
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