

Official Texas Historical Building Marker V5
Harrison County (Order #4921) - 8/2/77 -
505 E. Rusk St., Marshall

HAGERTY-HARRIS HOUSE

TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILROAD SHOP

CRAFTSMEN BUILT THIS RESIDENCE
OF HANDPRESSED BRICKS IN 1889 FOR
WILLIAM P. HAGERTY (1844-1906), PERSONAL
ENGINEER OF T. & P. PRESIDENT GEORGE
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THE FAMILIES OF DR. JAMES H. HARRIS
AND HIS SON DR. RUSH C. HARRIS.
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1977

APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

(Revised 1974)

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P. O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

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November 22, 1976

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1. Hagerty-Harris House
Title of marker
2. same
Name of building, cemetery, public square, park, etc., where marker is to be placed.
3. 505 East Rusk Street
Marker site (street address or highway number)
4. Marshall, Texas
City or nearest city. If marker is to be placed on a highway or in a small community, you must briefly explain how to get there from nearest town shown on a Texas Highway Department road map. For example, "Marker will be in Bastrop Beach, which is 6 miles southeast of Angleton on FM 523."
5. _____
Distance (miles, yards, feet) and direction (north, south, east, west) of subject from marker site. For example, "Subject is 1/2 mile southwest of marker site."
6. Dr. and Mrs. Rush C. Harris 505 East Rusk Street Marshall, Texas
Owner of marker site Address City
7. same
Sponsor of marker Address City
8. Max S. Rale 3704 Fitzgerald Marshall, Texas
County chairman Address City
"I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."
9. Dr. Rush C. Harris 505 East Rusk Street Marshall, Texas
Person to whom marker is to shipped Street Address City
Note: If marker is to be placed on a highway right-of-way, it will automatically be shipped to your district highway engineer.
10. Brick
Surface to which marker will be attached (i.e., wood, brick, stucco over stone) if not on post.

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ORDER FORM

Please consult the marker catalog for specifications of the markers, paperweights, and signs available. Check the items desired below. Then mail this application and narrative history, together with a check made payable to the Texas Historical Foundation, to the address above. No applications will be accepted unless payment is included.

HISTORICAL MARKERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker with post \$475 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker with post \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker without post \$435 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker without post \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker with post \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building plaque only \$ 75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker without post \$220 | <input type="checkbox"/> 14" medallion only (for replacement purposes) \$ 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) \$125 | |

MARKER REPLICA PAPERWEIGHT

This item should be ordered at the same time marker is ordered. Indicate quantity desired. Allow six months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.

- 3" x 4" plastic paperweight with replica of marker inside \$ 50

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Please indicate quantity desired.

- 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign \$ 50
- black-and-white (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
- green-and-white (for interstate highways)

- 18" x 22" Historical Route sign (in black-and-white only) ... \$ 50
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- with arrow pointing left
- with arrow pointing right

HAGERTY-HARRIS HOUSE

By Mrs. James K. Abney

By 1971, the beautiful and historic Hagerty House at 505 East Rusk Street in Marshall was endangered by neglect and decay arising from a long period of vacancy. It was fast approaching the deplorable fate of other landmark structures in the city which one by one had fallen to rack and ruin or had been razed in the name of progress,¹ including Wyalucing, the Missouri capitol, the Missouri governor's mansion and others which have disappeared from the Marshall scene. City officials were being pressured to condemn the house, and one irate neighbor, protesting the derelict condition of the house, demanded that they "Tear down the old haunted house before it falls down."

Today, the walls of the Hagerty Homestead stand strong and proud, beautifully preserved and faithfully restored. Credit for this happy change goes to Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris, who bought the property in 1972, launching a four-year restoration project, and to Dr. and Mrs. Rush Crewes Harris, who are completing the project and whose family once again are filling the beautiful old rooms with love, laughter and music.² Special appreciation is due Gary Hume, who recognized the worth of the property for preservation and restoration and who encouraged the Harris families, father and son, to undertake the project.³

The Hagerty House was built in 1889 by Thomas Higgins⁴ and craftsmen from the Texas and Pacific railroad shops for William P. Hagerty (1844-1906), personal friend and private locomotive engineer for George J. Gould, railroad magnate

and early T&P president.⁵ During his active service, Hagerty was always on call as engineer for Gould's private railroad car any time he, his family and T&P Vice President Thorne came into the South and Southwest.⁶

The Hagerty-Harris House is situated on a 120 x 130 foot lot, on a portion of the original land grant to Peter Whetstone, founder of Marshall, by Anson Jones, president of the Republic of Texas, and sold by Whetstone to Elizabeth Buress on April 2, 1843.⁷ Elizabeth Buress developed the first residential addition to Marshall outside the original 64-block townsite.

The historic old house was built during the height of Marshall's railroad boom and at the peak of the railroad car building program at the Texas and Pacific shops, at the point of Marshall's transition from a cotton to an industrial economy. Additional historic significance attaches to the house because it is the city's first solid brick dwelling, built in the city's first exclusive residential addition, and it also was the first home to be totally wired for electric lighting.⁸

William P. Hagerty's personal story reads like a Hollywood movie script. Will Hagerty was born in Enisthymon, County Clare, Ireland, of noble lineage and in a 700-year-old manor house believed still to be extant.⁹ At 18 years of age, the young man became a zealous member of the Roman Catholic Church. He was a strong and dynamic natural leader. During a period of famine and British oppression, young Hagerty secretly organized other hot blooded youths in the county and began raising an army to free the Irish people from their ties to England. For this activity a charge of rebellion was lodged against him, punishable by death, and it became necessary for him to flee his home. His

family hastily readied him for escape by supplying him with food and a considerable amount of money. The young man evaded British soldiers seeking to apprehend him by sheltering with sympathetic farmers during the day and travelling toward the coast by night. He made a successful escape by embarking on a ship bound for New York under cover of darkness.¹⁰

Arriving in the United States in 1862, young Will Hagerty journeyed from New York to Philadelphia to make his home with relatives already established in that city. In 1864 he became a reporter for the Philadelphia Record, a connection which led to a long friendship with the newspaper's publisher, John O'Dwyer. While working on the Record, Hagerty became enamored by the T&P Railroad's "help wanted" advertising in the newspaper. The ads promised travel and adventure, excitement and high opportunity, in a new field. Hagerty signed on with the railroad and trained as an engineer. He moved to Marshall in 1876 and there met and married Mollie Allbright. The couple belonged to the congregation of the Roman Catholic Church in Marshall, St. Joseph's, and were active members in the religious, social and educational life of the church.¹¹

Will and Mollie Hagerty, as the parents of five children and as devout church members, wished their home to be near the parochial school located adjacent to St. Joseph's, for which earlier in 1889 Father Lewis Granger had purchased land near the school. The transaction was handled by Amory Starr, son of James Harper Starr, for whom Starr County was named. Only a few days after this transaction, Father Granger, representing the church, sold the 120 x 130 foot on which the Hagerty House is located, on the south side of the block, to his friends Mollie and William Hagerty. This transaction oc-

curred August 10, 1889, and is recorded in Harrison County Deed Records, Vol. 24, page 553, and in Vol. 24, page 368. According to Joe Hagerty, son of the builder, Hagerty began construction almost immediately, and the family moved into the new home a few days before Christmas. No other house had been built on the location prior to construction of the Hagerty House. No expense was spared, as the owner was independently well-to-do and not dependent on his income as a railroad engineer.

The house was built of handpressed brick, and its symmetrical Georgian style of architecture was unique in Marshall at the time,¹² as was the petticoat walkway at streetside. A carriage dismount stone carrying the Hagerty name was placed at curbside. Hagerty built his house to be lived in and enjoyed, and it was quite modern for its day. Its one small fireplace was perhaps the only coal-burning fireplace in Marshall. Located in the east parlor, this fireplace was faced in metal, of Irish design, and is considered to be quite rare. Heat was provided the other rooms in the house by pot bellied coal-burning stoves.

The lower floor was entered through a centrally located stairwell hall flanked by twin parlors, each handsomely decorated with walnut woodwork and shutters. Sliding pocket doors separated the east parlor from the dining room behind it and the west parlor from the downstairs master bedroom. A family breakfast room separated the dining room and downstairs bedroom with sets of sliding doors. The kitchen was located back of the breakfast room. A small bathroom was on the north side of the bedroom.

The ceilings in the downstairs parlors and entrance foyer were decorated with beautifully stencilled canvas. Upstairs, the bedrooms were separated

by the stairwell wall.

Tragedy struck the Hagerty household in 1906, when William P. Hagerty was killed in a train accident while en route to New Orleans. Mollie Hagerty died a year later. Both died intestate. From 1907 until Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris bought the house in 1972, title to it remained in the names of William and Mollie Hagerty's children. Attached exhibits reflect the long series of guardianships and other legal devices made necessary by the fact the parents had died without wills. Only two of the children, Mrs. Junius Furrh and Joseph Hagerty, are living today.

The once elegant old landmark was vacated in 1967 and for several years was in a rapidly decaying condition, overgrown with ivy, open to the elements and the habitat of nesting pigeons.¹³

Dr. James and Mrs. Romelle Harris bought the house and lot on October 26, 1972, from Joseph T. Hagerty, son of the builder. This transaction is recorded in Vol. 716, page 85, Deed Records of Harrison County, Texas. The Harris couple began their four-year restoration program almost immediately.¹⁴ On February 25, 1974, James and Romelle Harris deeded the property to their son and his wife, Dr. Rush C. Harris (1944-) and Susan Daigle Harris (1945-). This transaction is recorded in Vol. 713, page 76, File 118 7H, Deed Records of Harrison County, Texas.

The outer facade of the dwelling remains unchanged since its restoration, with the exception that the small entrance cover has not been duplicated at this time. The exterior brickwork was repaired, after a heavy growth of ivy was removed, by Perry Braden, a black brick mason who has worked on the restora-

tion of several Jefferson homes and was the brick mason for the Murrah-Martin House in Marshall.

Contract for the restoration work was awarded to H. R. Bergstrom of Marshall, who also was the contractor for Marshall's new \$6,000,000 hospital, and to W. C. Gilmer of Shreveport, Louisiana, a member of the architectural firm of Annan, Gilmer and Jackson, who served as consulting architect.

The original character of the house has been retained. The reconditioned old coal-burning fireplace required many hours of scraping and scrubbing, but its finished appearance made every hour worthwhile. The handsome original shutters have been beautifully repaired, and painstaking care was given to cleaning securing the original stencilled canvas ceilings on the lower floor. The kitchen and bathrooms have been modernized for convenient family living, but all the wainscoting, floors, woodwork, doors, stained glass and other features have been preserved.

Today the house is sturdy, functional and beautiful, serving as the home for Dr. and Mrs. Rush C. Harris. Dr. Harris returned to his hometown to practice medicine after a term of Army service during which he was on the medical staff at the United States Military Academy. Mrs. Harris is an interior decorator whose taste is reflected in the furnishings. The concern and interest shown by the two Harris couples in restoring the Hagerty House have been an inspiration to other young couples interested in buying older homes in Marshall.

Of the example which the Hagerty-Harris House restoration has provided, Max Hale, chairman of the Harrison County Historical Commission and president of the Harrison County Historical Society, was quoted in the Marshall News

Messenger as saying: "We've turned the corner. Instead of knocking down these old places, we've started to restore and preserve them. The Harrises have made a tremendous contribution to conservation and preservation through the work they have done on the Old Hagerty Homestead."

The Hagerty-Harris House was opened, while the restoration work was in mid-progress, for the Harrison County Conservation Society's Stagecoach Days Tour of Historic Homes in 1975, and Dr. and Mrs. Rush C. Harris opened their restored home to the Marshall Council of Women for a meeting November 11, 1976, on preservation and restoration.

Dr. James H. Harris and his wife are eloquent advocates of historic preservation by deed as well as word. A prominent pediatrician, Dr. Harris is a past president of the Marshall school board and organized and conducted the first mass polio vaccination program in Texas, the second in the nation. He has served as president of the Harrison County Medical Association and is the immediate past vice president and program chairman of the Harrison County Historical Society. He is an active member of the Harrison County Historical Commission. Dr. and Mrs. Harris own and live in a restored 1867 home, popularly known as The Doctor's House, and, in addition to the Haggerty-Harris House, have recently bought and are restoring the Womack House, built at the turn of the century.

Landmark status for the Hagerty-House is sought both for the fact of its historic significance as the first solid brick house in Marshall, of particularly elegant design, and for the faithful and professional care with which it has been restored.

FOOTNOTES

1. See Exhibit A, attached.
2. See Exhibit B, ticket for Stagecoach Days '75 Historic Homes Tour.
3. In the summer of 1972, Gary Hume, then director for the Texas program of the National Register of Historic Places, accompanied by a survey team from the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, now the Texas Historical Commission, came to Marshall to survey and photograph historic homes and other structures eligible for preservation and restoration. The Hagerty House was not on Hume's advance list, but in riding around the city he discovered the vine-covered house in its decadent state. Dr. Harris previously had shown an interest in the house. Hume encouraged him to buy the property, deeming it worthy of restoration.
4. Family papers in the possession of Joseph Hagerty.
5. The same railroad car that is in Jefferson today. See Exhibit C for picture of train sent to Hagerty by Helen Miller Gould.
6. Letters of appreciation from Helen Miller Gould attached.
7. Deed records of Harrison County.
8. Hagerty file in the archives of the Harrison County Historical Museum.
9. The family manor house was standing in 1958 when relatives visited Ireland, according to an interview in 1975 with Joseph Hagerty.
10. According to Joseph Hagerty, O'Dwyer published a booklet on the story of the Hagerty family and William Hagerty's escape from Ireland. The booklet has long been out of print, and the only copy known to exist is in the possession of a relative in California.
11. Family records.
12. Most homes in Marshall during the late 1880s were of frame construction. Lumber was in plentiful supply, and the more popular style of the period was the more ornate, gingerbread Victorian style.
13. See photographs in the A series attached.
14. See exhibit A-2, the Marshall News Messenger, August 26, 1973.

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Abstract index pages for the Hagerty House

Archival material in Hagerty file at Harrison County Historical Museum

Deed Records of Harrison County

Gary Hume's visit to Marshall, Interview , summer of 1972

Joseph Hagerty , Interview, June, 1975

Marshall News Messenger, Aug. 26, 1973

Photographs:

Series A,B, and C

Texas Historical Commission Staff (CW), 4/18/77

Official Texas Historical Building Marker for attachment to brick
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Location: 505 E.Rusk St., Marshall

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*1/2 inch lettering
**3/8 inch lettering
***1/4 inch lettering

APPROVED

Truett Lettner

Truett Lettner 5-18-77

TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

BOX 12243 • CAPITOL STATION • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 • PHONE GR5-3268

May 20, 1977

Mr. Bill Southwell, Jr.
The Southwell Company
P.O. Drawer 889
San Antonio, Texas 78208

4921

NO. _____

RE: Medallion #1719 with 16" x 12" Plate

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Hagerty-Harris House

Harrison County

Dear Mr. Southwell:

Enclosed is an application for Medallion #1719 with 16" x 12" Plate,
Hagerty-Harris House, Marshall, Harrison County.

We would appreciate a rubbing of this inscription.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Newton

Sharon Newton
Secretary

Enclosure

SHIP TO:

Dr. Rush C. Harris
505 East Rusk St.
Marshall, Tx 75670



Texas Historical Commission

Box 12276, Capitol Station,
Austin, Texas 78711
Truett Latimer
Executive Director

May 9, 1977

Mr. Max S. Lale
3704 Fitzgerald
Marshall, TX 76670

RE: Hagerty-Harris House
Medallion with 16"x 12" Plate

Dear Mr. Lale:

Before we order casting of the enclosed marker inscription, we would like for you to please review and verify the history set forth in the text, as approved by the State Marker Committee.

Will you please signify your approval of the inscription as submitted by signing and returning the enclosed card at your earliest convenience.. You may retain the marker copy for your files.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer
Executive Director

By:

Kathi Monk
Secretary

TL:km

MARKER TITLE Hagerty-Harris House JOB# 4921
[An Official Texas Historical Building Marker is wanted]
CITY Marshall COUNTY Harrison

DATE 12-16-76

EVALUATION OF
APPLICATION FOR COMMEMORATIVE MARKER
TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE MARKER COMMITTEE:

Your appraisal of the attached dossier is hereby requested. To assist you in your deliberations, the comments and recommendations of the staff are included. If your own comments are extensive, you may attach other sheets, or write on the back of this one.

Please retain in your file all but this evaluation sheet, which we request that you return to the state office at your earliest convenience. If the majority of the State Marker Committee recommends acceptance, the inscription will be written and sent to you for your approval. At that time you may wish to refer to the history previously submitted.

Truett Latimer
Executive Director

Architectural Evaluation:

This house seems a little unclothed without the porches. Will the house be fully restored prior to approval, or do they expect a medallion in its present shape? J.R.W., 1/21/77

Mike Yancey has spoken to Max Lale (the County Chairman) on 1/3/77 to clarify Joe's question. They are in the process of replacing the porches. I believe we can proceed now with an evaluation. B.W., 2/3/77

Substantive Evaluation:

This property has a very romantic story, by reason of its association with pioneer railroads and the Gould family, etc., as well as its having been lost from public view and approval until a THC staffer discovered its worth and called community attention to its distinctions. By all means, the structure deserves the marking applied for.

Administrative Evaluation:

Recommended Approval - Ben 2-10-77

RECOMMENDATION OF SMC MEMBER:

Signature, SMC Member

Date

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Construction of the Hagerty House began in 1889 in the first residential addition to Marshall outside the original 64-block townsite, during the city's transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy and at the height of car building activity in the Texas and Pacific railroad's shops located in the city. The house was the city's first of solid brick construction and the first to be totally wired for electric lighting. No expense was spared, as William P. Hagerty, the owner, was a man of independent means. Because of his friendship with George J. Gould, president of the T&P, he was able to employ expert craftsmen from the railroad's car shops. The house was built of handpressed bricks fired to a muted rose hue. Its symmetrical Georgian architecture was unique in Marshall, where, because of an abundance of timber and the popularity of the styles in older sections of the country, most construction was of neo-Greek and Victorian design. Also unique was the petticoat walkway at streetside. The lower floor of the house was entered through a centrally-located stairwell hall flanked by twin parlors, each elegantly decorated with walnut woodwork and shutters. Sliding pocket doors separated the east parlor from the dining room behind it, and the west parlor from the downstairs master bedroom. A family breakfast room separated the dining room and downstairs bedroom. The ceilings in the downstairs parlors and entrance foyer were decorated with beautifully stencilled canvas. The upstairs bedrooms were separated by the stairwell wall. One small coal-burning fireplace was located in the east parlor. Believed to be the only such fireplace in a Marshall home at that time, it was faced in metal, of Irish design, and was even then of a rare design. A small portico sheltered the front entrance and decked to provide a second floor gallery, to which a hallway door paned with clear and colored glass permitted access.

Restoration of the house was performed under the direction of a professional architect. The exterior appearance of the house is as it originally was constructed, except that the front portico has not yet been replaced. All brickwork has been repointed. Inside, the original woodwork has been cleaned and restored, all glass and shutters have been retained, and the canvas ceiling ornamentation has been cleaned and restored. The original coal-burning fireplace is still in use. Only in the changes made to the kitchen and bathrooms for comfortable modern living has the original interior design been altered. The house once again is an elegant and attractive private home.

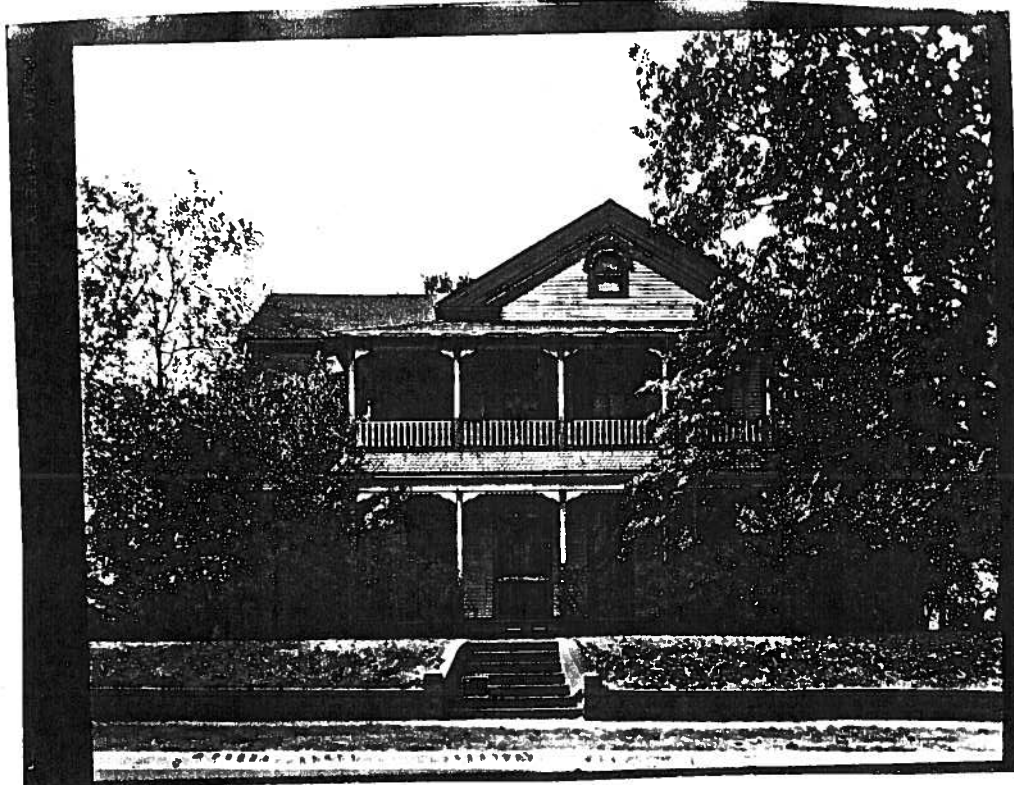
8 SIGNIFICANCE

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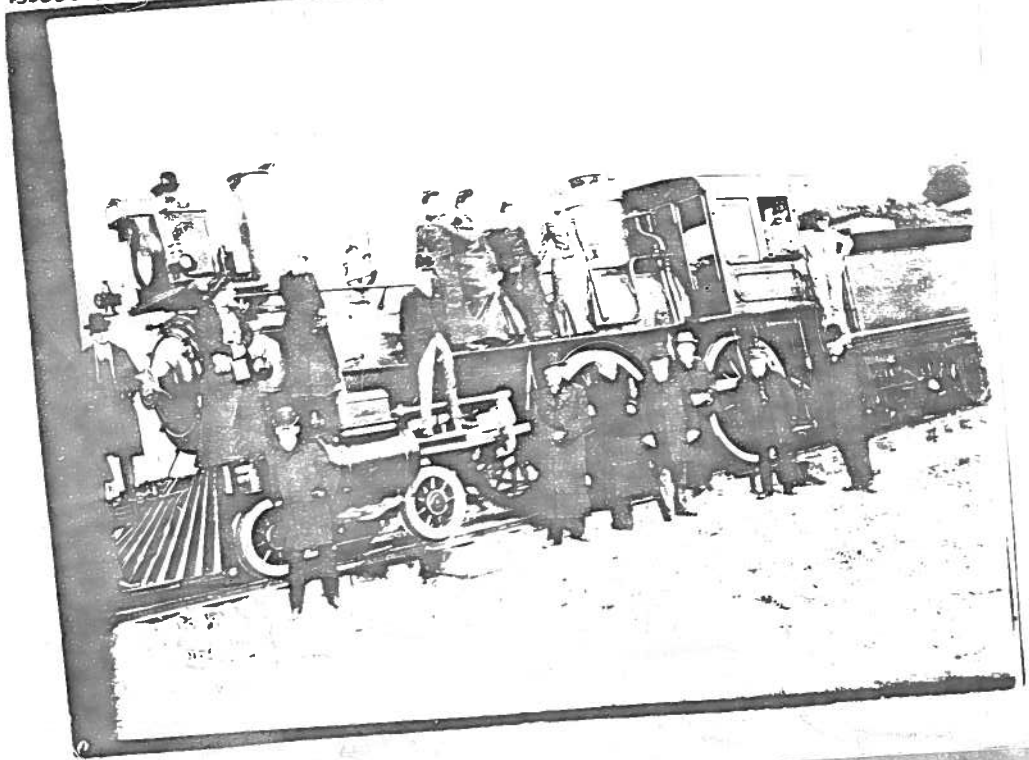
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Restored 1972-76

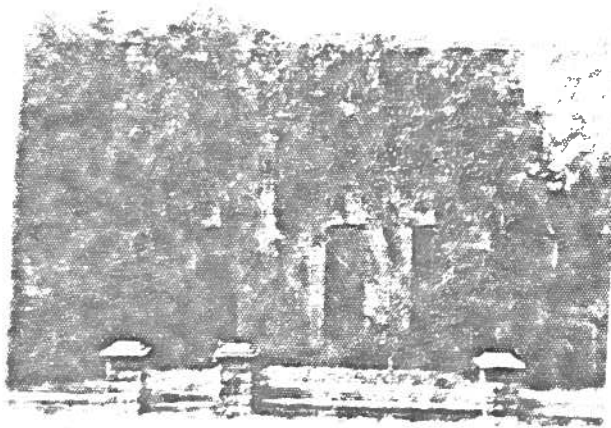
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hagerty House is significant historically for its age and for the fact it was the first house in Marshall of solid brick construction and the first to be wired for electric lighting. Its construction marked the first departure in the city from the prevailing neo-Greek style of home construction. The house was an elegant example, at its construction, of the expert craftsmanship available in the Texas and Pacific Railroad's car building shops in the city, also exemplified in the woodwork of the restored Ginocchio Hotel now a part of Marshall's National Register historic district. William P. Hagerty, its owner, was a colorful Irish immigrant whose association with railroad magnate George J. Gould attaches an additional importance to the house. In its present condition it is an outstanding example of restoration for modern use.



Guests on train house party tour pose for picture referred to in attached letter.





Before Restoration

Picture of old Hagerly Homestead, overgrown with vines and ivy as seen by Gary Hume and survey team in Marshall before
in the present. to Denton.

Exhibit A

NO. 30,988

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W. P. HAGERTY and
M. L. HAGERTY

CONVEYANCE:

DATED: October 11, 1909

TO

FILED: Jan. 18, 1910

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BESSIE HAGERTY, ET AL

HARRISON COUNTY DEED RECORDS

* * * * *

That we, W.P. Hagerty and M.L. Hagerty for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollars cash to each of us in hand paid by Bessie Hagerty Genevieve Hagerty, Mary Hagerty and Joseph Hagerty, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged as well as the natural love and affection we bear towards the said Bessie Hagerty, Genevieve Hagerty Mary Hagerty and Joseph Hagerty, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Bessie Hagerty, Genevieve Hagerty, Mary Hagerty and Joseph Hagerty, share and share alike, all our right, title and interest in and to the property, both real and personal, which we inherited from our father and mother the late William Hagerty and Mollie Hagerty, deceased. The said property is fully described in inventories heretofore filed in County Court of Harrison County, Texas in the Estate of Mrs. Mollie Hagerty, deceased, and the Guardianship of M.L. Hagerty et al.

Said property consist of the following: (NOTE: Property here described not under consideration herein and omitted by Abstractor.)

It is our intention by this conveyance to assign and transfer unto the said Bessie Hagerty, Genevieve Hagerty, Mary Hagerty and Joseph Hagerty, share and share alike any and all interest which we may have or to which we may be entitled in the above described property. However, we expressly stipulate that this conveyance shall not be construed or held to divest us of any interest which we may have in the Hagerty Homestead situated on Rusk Street in the City of Marshall, Harrison County, Texas. This interest we reserve to ourselves.

We further expressly stipulated that in case the said Bessie Hagerty, Genevieve Hagerty or Mary Hagerty,

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or either of them shall marry then in that case, the share which is hereby conveyed to the one so marrying shall revert to those remaining unmarried and the one so marrying shall take nothing by this conveyance. But in case they shall all marry, then the above described interest in said property shall belong to and be divided between the six children of said Wm. Hagerty and Mollie Hagerty.

INSTRUMENT IS SIGNED: W.P. Hagerty

M.L. Hagerty

(Seal)

ACKNOWLEDGED: Before John Copeland, Notary Public in and for Harrison County, Texas, on Oct. 11, 1909 by W.P. Hagerty and M.L. Hagerty, in compliance with the Statute.
L. S.

33,084

Oct. 23, 1972 @ 7 AM

Feb. 25, 1975 @ 7 AM

MR. DON STOKES

SUPPLEMENTAL

All that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land located at No. 505 East Rusk Street in the City of Marshall, and being the old Haggerty homestead, and more particularly described as follows:

Situated in Harrison County, Texas, and within the Corporate Limits of the City of Marshall, and known as Lot No. Two (2) in the BURRESS ADDITION to said City of Marshall and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at the SE corner of Lot no. 1 in said Addition on the North Line of Rusk Street;

THENCE East 120 feet to the SW corner of Lot No. 3 in said Addition;

THENCE North 130 feet with the West line of Lot No. 3 in said Addition; to a stake;

THENCE West 120 feet;

THENCE South with the East line of Lot no. 1, 130 feet to the place of beginning.

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NATHAN D. GOLDBERG

AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP

DATED: Oct. 26, 1972

TO

FILED: Oct. 26, 1972

RECORDED: VOL. 716, PG. 81

THE PUBLIC

File No. 6040-G

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally NATHAN D. GOLDBERG, affiant, who being duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says that he is over the age of twenty-one years and is not incapacitated in any way. That he has personal knowledge of the life of William P. Hagerty, son of William Hagerty and Mary Jane Hagerty; that he has personal knowledge of the life of Genevieve Hagerty, daughter of William Hagerty and Mary Jane Hagerty; and that he has personal knowledge of the life of Michael Louis Hagerty, son of William Hagerty and Mary Jane Hagerty, all of whom owned an interest in a certain tract of land within the corporate limits of the City of Marshall, Harrison County, Texas, and being:

ALL THAT certian lot, tract, or parcel of land described as the Old Hagerty Homestead, located at 505 East Rusk Street, and known as Lot No. 2 in the BURRESS ADDITION, and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 1 in said addition, on the North line of Rusk Street;

THENCE East 120 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot No. 3 in said addition;

THENCE North 130 feet with the West line of Lot No. 3 in said addition to a stake;

THENCE West 120 feet;

THENCE South 130 feet with the east line of Lot no. 1 to the place of beginning, and being the same property conveyed to William Haggerty by L. Granger, by deed dated August 12, 1889 and recorded in Volume 24, Page 368, Deed Records, Harrison County, Texas.

That such interest owned by the aforementioned children of William Hagerty and Mary Jane Hagerty was separate property and undivided but was not homestead.

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Affiant states that William P. Hagerty died in 1911 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and at the time of his death was married to Catherine Hagerty. That William P. Hagerty had never been married or divorced before and that at the time of his death his only living heirs were William P. Hagerty, Eleanor May Hagerty (now Eleanor May Hagerty Hebert) John B. Hagerty, his only children and his wife, Catherine Hagerty. That no other children were born or adopted to William P. Hagerty and Catherine Hagerty. That Catherine Hagerty died in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1920. That the Three children, William P. Hagerty, Eleanor May Hagerty Hebert, and John B. Hagerty are now alive and living in the State of Louisiana. Affiant states that William P. Hagerty left no will and no administration has been taken out on his estate, and that there was no necessity for same. That the affiant was well acquainted with William P. Hagerty's financial and business affairs and knows that he owed no debts and that there are no outstanding taxes, funeral expenses or other expenses owing.

Affiant states that Michael Louis Hagetty died in 1964 and at the time of his death was a widower. That Michael Louis Hagerty had been married to Clara Hagerty, but that Clara Hagerty had predeceased Michael Louis Hagetty, having died in 1961. That no children were ever born to Michael Louis Hagerty and that he was never divorced or married to anyone else. Affiant states that Michael Louis Hagerty left no will and no administration has been taken out on his estate, and that there was no necessity for same. That the affiant was well acquainted with Michael Louis Hagerty's financial and business affairs and knows that he owed no debts and that there are no outstanding taxes, funeral expenses or other expenses owing.

Affiant states that Genevieve Hagerty died in 1969 in Harrison Co-nty, Texas and had never been married during her lifetime and had no children. Affiant states that Genevieve Hagerty left no will and no administration has been taken out on her estate, and that there was no necessity for same. That the affiant was well acquainted with Genevieve Hagerty's financial and business affairs and knows that she owed no debts and that there are no outstanding taxes, funeral expenses, or other expenses owing.

Nathan D. Goldberg
Nathan D. Goldberg

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 26th day
of October, 1972.

SEAL

Hazel B. Lavender
Notary Public, Harrison Co., Tex.

March 9th 1913

* The home of the Misses Hagerty, 505 East Rusk St. was entered by a burglar Monday night.

A young man was calling on one of the young ladies and they heard steps in the room above. He remarked that her sister must be at home but she said it was some one walking on the gallery. After his departure she went up stairs to retire and found one of the doors locked. She immediately telephoned to the police and to her friend and he with another young man went back to the house. They went to the locked door only to find it opened and money scattered all over the floor. The ladies had about \$75.00 hidden in a long purse behind a picture in their room and the burglar had beaten it, taken it down and was frightened away before he could pocket the money.

Thought you'd like this story - Miss Beanie remembers this story. I sent it a couple of years ago to Mr. Joe Hagerty. Have Mr. Joe show you his father's watch and get its history - it's a collector item for sure.

Feb. 25-1975 Ruth Becher

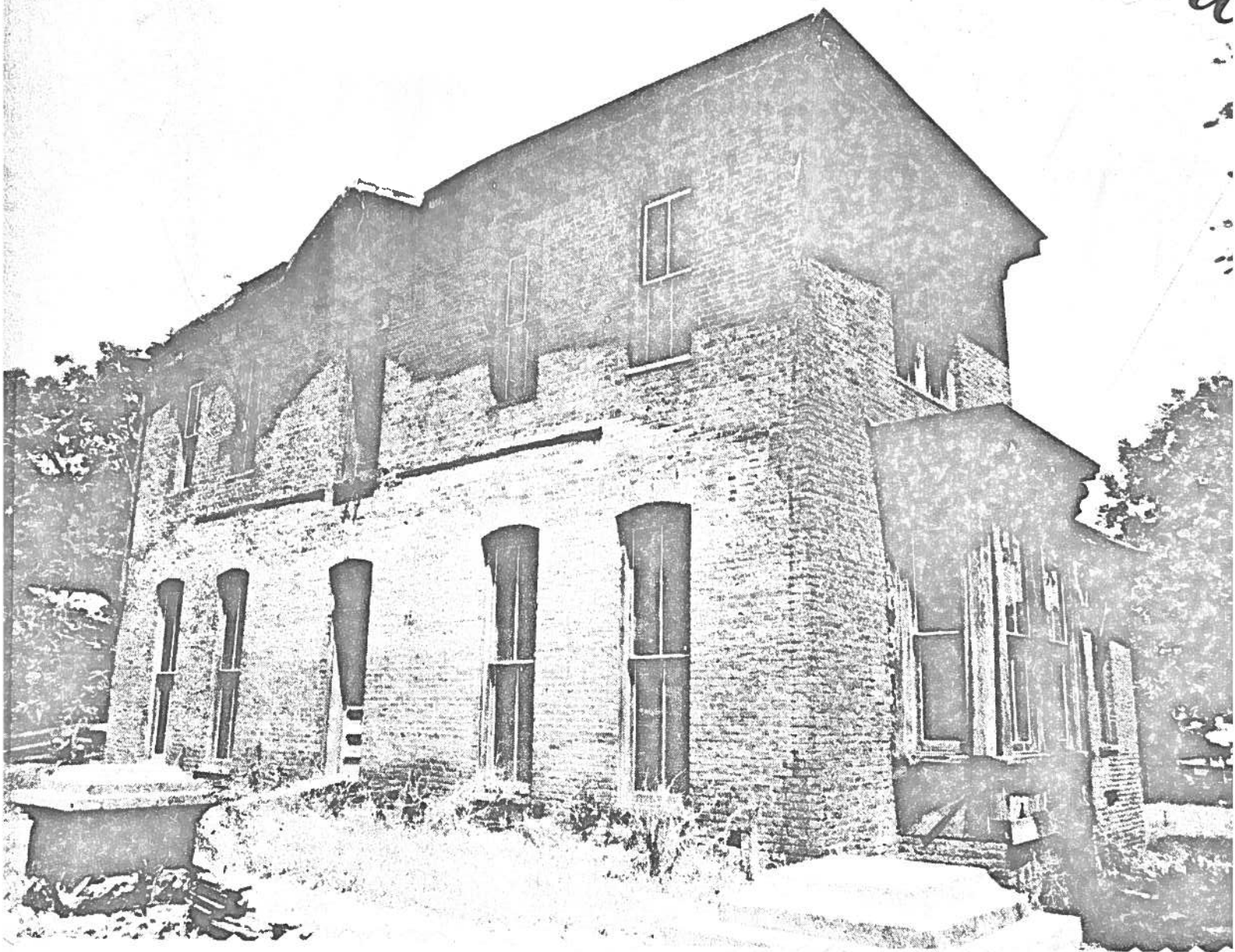
* Thereafter, the Misses Hagerty would listen so alertly to sounds of wind or noises emanating from overhead, guests thought them "haunted" and the haunted house story evolved.

This Old House...

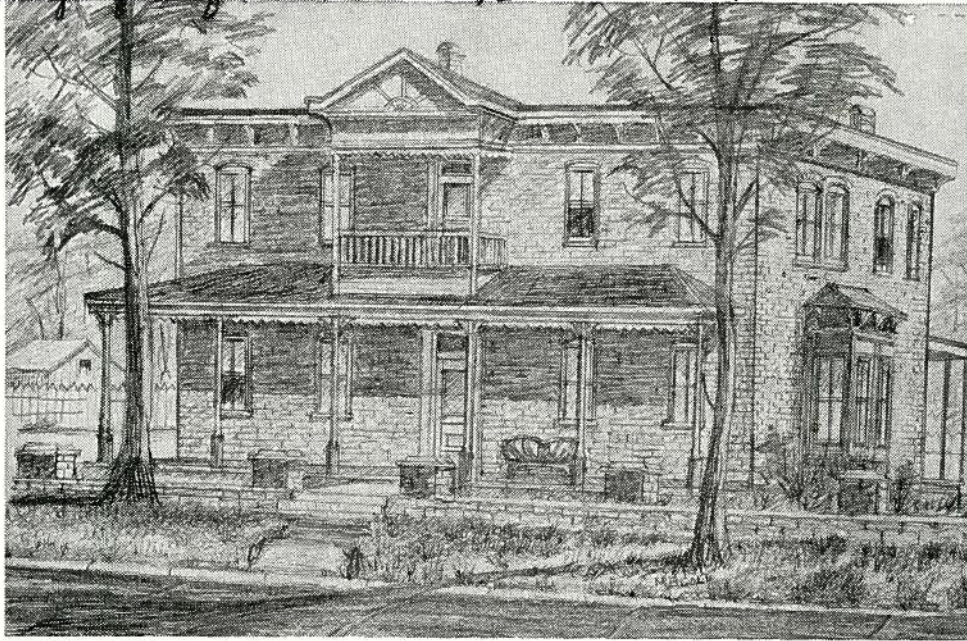
Hopes are high for the Haggerty House. Although the landmark on East Rusk St. stands starkly stripped of its early elegance, work has begun to restore the two-story structure built about 90 years ago. The walls are of solid brick, hand-pressed on the site. The "mystery" concrete slab seen in the right foreground permitted guests to gracefully step from their surrey or carriage drawn up to the convenient level.

The Walls Won't Come Tumbling Down

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A May (late) original sketch of Hagerly House from a very dim old photograph of the house as it looked in 1890.



Old Hagerly Homestead

Exhibit B.

The Harrison County Conservation Society's
STAGECOACH DAYS '75 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Sunday, May 18, 1975

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission by ticket only

\$3.00 DONATION

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Location — See reverse side.

*The outer facade has been faithfully restored today except for porch.
Photoprint of original house, before restoration, Max Cole's
sketch for Stagecoach ticket attached made from this photograph*



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Gary L. Hume, center, of Austin is greeted by Dr. James H. Harris, left, who is currently restoring Haggerty House, and Max S. Hale, County Survey Committee chairman, at the Marshall Rotary Club meeting Thursday. Hume was accompanied by Duncan Muckelroy, in charge of grants-in-aid for state historic preservation work.

Local Historical Districts Establishment Proposed

A two-phase program to preserve entire blocks of Marshall history, which would require city zoning laws for establishment of historic districts, was proposed Thursday by Gary L. Hume, director of the National Register Programs for Texas, speaking before the Marshall Rotary Club.

First phase of the program would be analysis and identification of historic buildings and sites encompassed within a specific district. The second phase would call for a commitment for development of the districts, including the necessary zoning rules.

Following the noon luncheon meeting, Hume and local historians initiated phase one action in a tour of possible historic districts in Marshall. The area around the Old Courthouse Museum, a residential district around the Wigfall Mansion on West Burle-

son, and an area that takes in the Old Whaley home and Ginocchio residences were cited as possible historic districts.

Preservation of historical structures and districts which give Marshall its distinctive character is an urgent goal now, Hume said, because the city is facing a crucial point in future development.

A national identity crisis is precipitating a changing American lifestyle, he explained, that has a formerly mobile population now looking for a hometown, one where they can stay, raise families and form lasting friendships.

Marshall is a major attraction because it has a hometown atmosphere, he continued, "and only historic preservation can maintain this appeal."

Hume also told of tax structure changes now pending before Congress in the Environmental Protection Tax Act that can greatly benefit historic

preservation projects.

Three major areas of reform are proposed, removal of tax deductions for demolition costs and depreciation now available to new owners of buildings used for commercial purposes, if the building is a registered historic landmark; denial of an accelerated depreciation factor for certified historic structures that now is an incentive for demolition of the older building and erection of a new one; and tax deductions for historic building rehabilitation expenses. Tax deductions for private donations of historic property to a preservation organization are also proposed.

Hume termed the present climate right for possible passage of the act within the next few years.

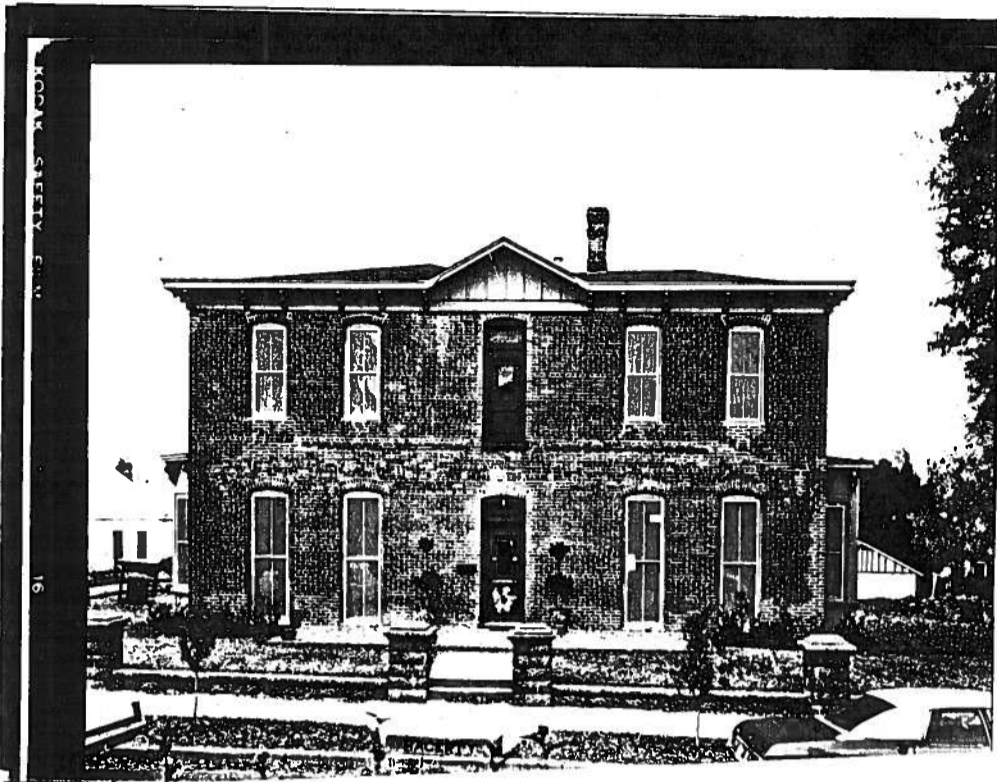
"That's what I'm really here to say," he concluded, "Let planning help you now, because once the buildings are gone, you can't get them back."

Banner Year In Prospect

NAME: Hagerty-Harris House

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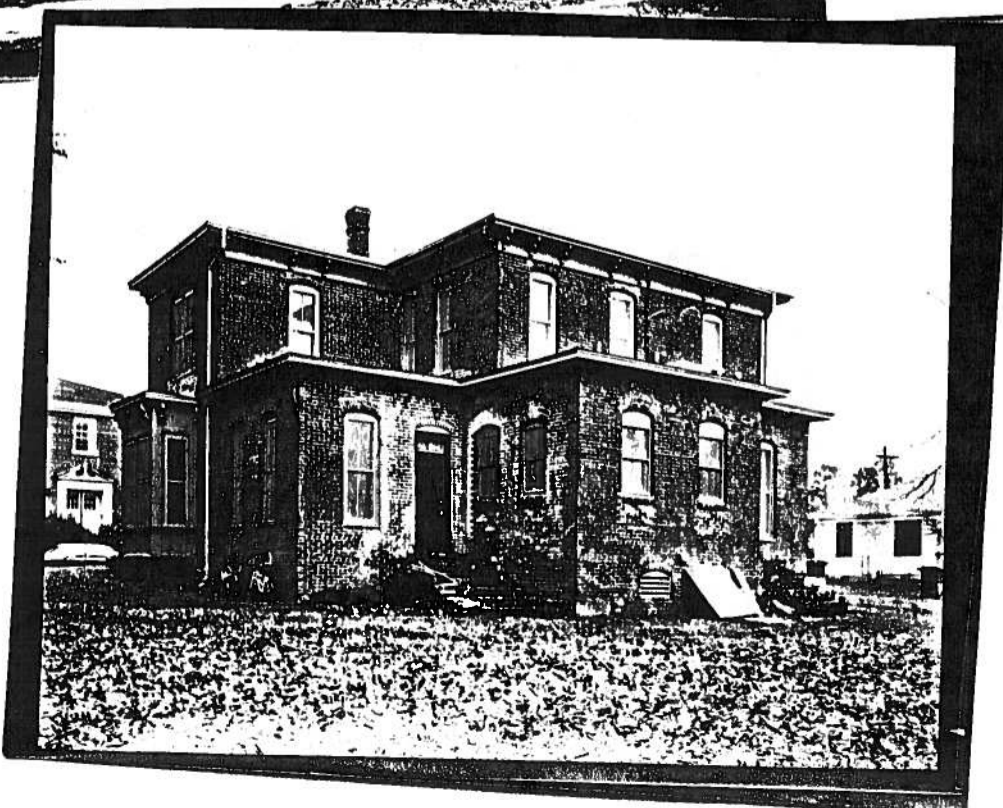
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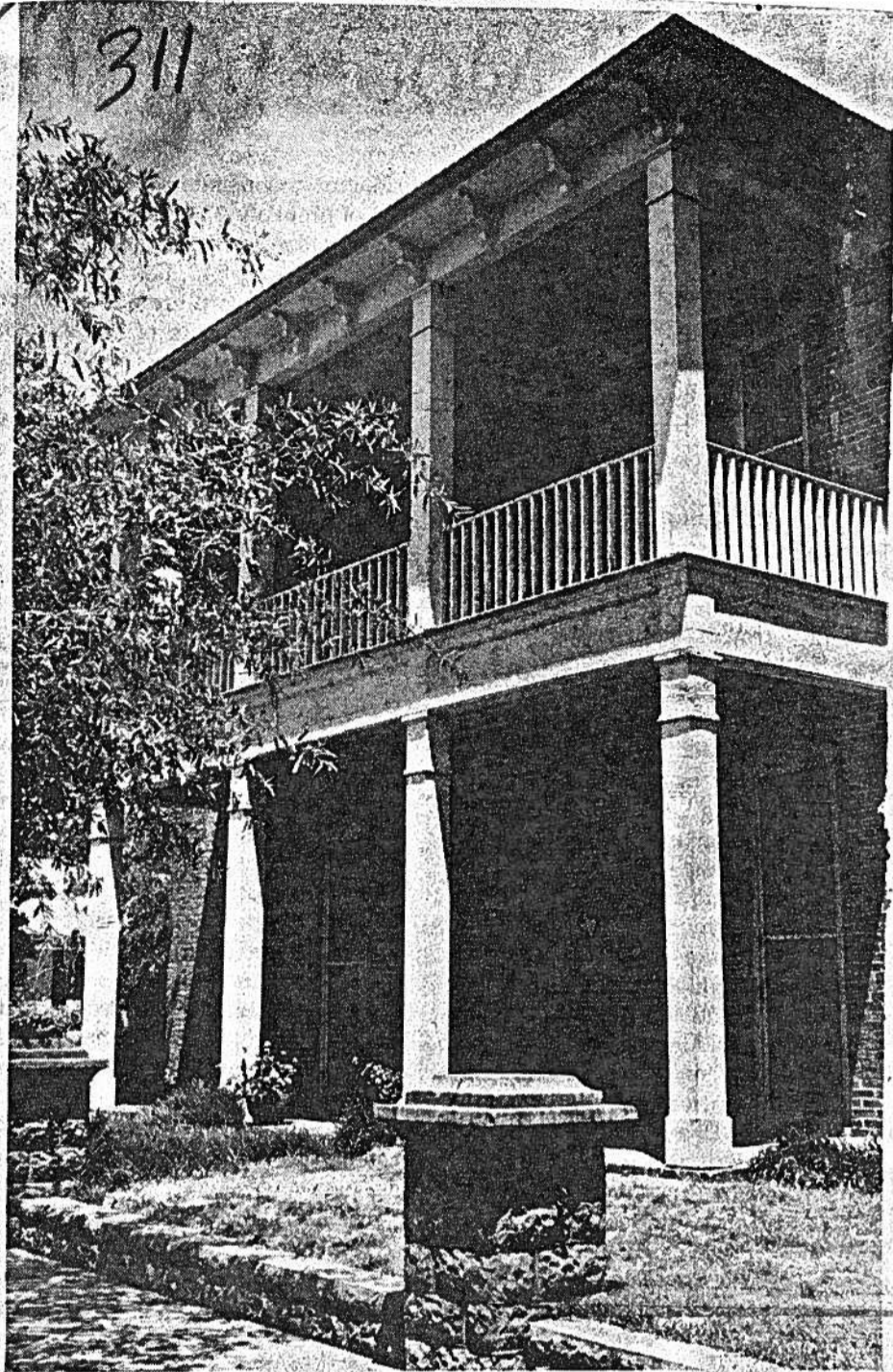
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Hanson



Hagerty-Harris House

A Texas Historical Commission medallion on a home is usually visible from the roadways, but not enough so to be readable. Photographer Frankie McConnell neared the one on the Hagerty-Harris House in the 500 block of East Rusk Street. The home was built in 1889 for William P. Hagerty, personal engineer for Texas and Pacific Railroad's president. The historic home, recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark in 1977, the home was logged in the National Register of Historic Places a year later. The house is now for



HAGERTY-HARRIS HOUSE

TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILROAD SHOP CRAFTSMEN BUILT THIS RESIDENCE OF HANDPRESSED BRICKS IN 1889 FOR WILLIAM P. HAGERTY (1844-1900), PERSONAL ENGINEER OF T. & P. PRESIDENT GEORGE J. GOULD. STENCILED CANVAS CEILINGS DECORATE SOME ROOMS. HAGERTY, WHO FLED HIS NATIVE IRELAND AS A REBEL, MARRIED MOLLIE ALLBRIGHT (d. 1907) AND HAD FIVE CHILDREN. THE HOUSE WAS BADLY DETERIORATED IN 1972 WHEN IT WAS PURCHASED AND RESTORED BY THE FAMILIES OF DR. JAMES H. HARRIS AND HIS SON DR. RUSH C. HARRIS. RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK-1977

Harrison

I approve of the inscription for Hagerty-Harris House

as sent to me May 9, 1977

RECEIVED
MAY 18 1977

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Max S. Love
signed

May 17, 1977
date



Restoration

Marshall News Messenger
May 18, 1975

Exhibit A Series



The Old Hagerty Homestead, 503 East Rusk St.

articles published in
newspapers and magazines
but we feel the photograph
of the group is quite safe
with you.

With cordial good wishes
I remain

Very sincerely

Helen Miller Sweet

March 23, 1902.

Attached: copies of 3 photographs sent to the
Series B. Engineer of Texas & Pacific Ry Co.
as mentioned in the above letter
at back attached to Pullman Co.
diner. The private car is the

Doctor's House

Known as the Doctor's House, this historical residence was built by Howell Lewis in 1867. Dr. Lewis practiced general medicine and made his calls on horseback or by horse and buggy and kept his saddle with medicine from which he prescribed and filled his own prescriptions. Dr. E. J. Beall was Dr. Lewis' partner. Dr. Beall's sister, Sallie, became the wife of Dr. Lewis.

In 1869 Dr. Beall moved to Fort Worth where he became the surgeon of Texas. Dr. Lewis remained in Marshall and 12 children were born to Howell and Sallie Lewis — most of them in the Doctor's House.

Dr. and Mrs. James H. Harris are now owners of the residence. The Harris family used Masury's Svenska Chute Company in preserving the architectural character of the house and re-furnishing the interior for comfortable, modern living, still keeping such features as the old stairway and newel post.

