

APPLICATION FORM
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

This marker is for (title or subject): The Bumpus Home
County: GREGG
Marker location (street address and city, or specific directions from nearest town on state highway map):
201 East Upshur
Gladewater, Texas 75647

Distance and direction of marker topic from marker site (if applicable):
(on building to be commemorated)



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.

Chairperson's Signature: Norman N. Mack, D.D. Date: 11-16-93

Address: 417 Mobberly Ave., Longview, Texas 75602 Phone: 903-757-2261

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 Texas Department of Transportation.

Name: JANET MATATALL

Contact person (if applicable):

Mailing address: P.O. Box 421
Big Sandy Tx 75755 Phone: 903 636-5200

Owner's Signature: Janet Matatall

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

To whom should the request for payment be addressed?

Name: Janet Matatall

(Provide contact person if payee is an institution, organization, or public entity.)

Mailing address: P.O. Box 421
Big Sandy Tx 75755 Phone: 903 636-5200

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:

Mailing address: Phone:

BUMPUS HOME

On the north side of Highway 80, overlooking the small town of Gladewater, Texas, sits a large blue house. William E. Bumpus (1874 - 1927) purchased the property January 31, 1927.¹ The stately Bumpus Home, located at the busy intersection of two major highways - TX 271 and US 80 - became an early East Texas landmark.²

On June 2, 1873, Samuel Wilkins purchased the lot, where the Bumpus Home now stands, from Jarret Dean.³ Annie Mae Higdon filed a Petition against Wilkins for Judgment of Restitution for this same parcel of land in December 1875.⁴ This document is the first record of a dwelling on the property. No account has been found of another house being built after 1875 so it is believed the original edifice is part of the present structure.

Several additions made at various periods resulted in the two-story home which stands today.⁵ The dwelling's exterior has not been significantly altered since 1932. A remodeling of the interior in 1949 reduced the original eighteen rooms to fourteen.⁶ One addition to the property is an 8'X12' storm cellar in the front yard. This well-

¹ Deed Records, Gregg County, Texas, Vol. 57, p. 473.

² Nauty Byrd Pelphrey Mayer, Editor, Elizabeth Moore Osteen and Mildred Wood Barker, Associate Editors, Gladewater, Texas, Bicentennial Edition 1976, p. 145, Gladewater: The Editors, 1976.

³ Deed Records, op. cit., Vol A, p. 283.

⁴ District Clerk Records, Gregg County, Texas, Case #164.

⁵ Mayer, op. cit.

⁶ Personal Communication, Mrs. Barbara Sue Bumpus Kutch, (b. 1932), granddaughter of William E. Bumpus, June 1, 1993.

constructed sanctuary from life-threatening storms is re-enforced with railroad ties and concrete. At one time, twenty three Gladewater citizens waited out a devastating tornado in this small underground chamber.⁷

Bumpus family members were pioneers of East Texas. Caleb Bumpus and his brother, James, came to Texas from Nash County, North Carolina about 1842 and settled in White Oak, a small community five miles east of Gladewater. This area of Upshur County became a part of the newly organized Gregg County in 1873. Caleb married Minerva Jordan, a native of Mississippi, and they had eleven children. Caleb, a farmer, also owned a grocery store and a blacksmith shop.⁸

One of Caleb's sons, John Caleb, married Jane Allen and they had four children: William (Will) E., Maggie, Mattie and Johnnie. Will Bumpus married Catherine (Katie) Abigail Harris. Their nine children were: Raymond, Jewel, Rosabell, Bill, Katye Lee, Ira Dell, Codene, Novie and John Sylvan.⁹

Lumbering was reportedly the most important industry in Texas around 1900. William E. Bumpus owned and operated two sawmills at White Oak. Sawmills were one of the main economic industries in the White Oak/ Gladewater area from 1880-1910.¹⁰

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Mayer, op. cit. p. 144.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Nauty Byrd Mayer, Editor, Mildred Wood Barker and Elizabeth Moore Osteen, Associate Editors, 1873 - 1973 Gladewater, Texas, p. 7, Gladewater: The Gladewater Mirror, 1973.

Will Bumpus also had teams of mules and did road construction work.¹¹ He made a major contribution to the area when his mule teams were used to build the roadbed for U.S. 80.¹²

Will and Katie Bumpus left White Oak in 1926. They moved to nearby Gladewater so their younger children could attend high school in that town.¹³

William E. Bumpus bought the property at the corner of East Upshur and Center Streets in 1927 from J. F. and Belva Knox for \$3,000.¹⁴ Will died later that year and left the home to his widow, Katie, and their nine children. Katie and the younger children continued to live there.¹⁵

Raymond Bumpus, the oldest child of William and Katie Bumpus, married Zelma Williams. They had one child, a daughter, Barbara Sue.¹⁶ Raymond and his family lived upstairs in the Bumpus Home and Katie Bumpus lived downstairs.¹⁷

Raymond was an independent oil operator and Zelma, an outstanding civic leader.¹⁸ In 1932, she was a charter member of the

¹¹ Personal Communication, op. cit.

¹² Mayer, Bicentennial Edition, op. cit., p. 144.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Deed Records, op. cit.

¹⁵ Mayer, Bicentennial Edition, op. cit., p. 144.

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Personal Communication, op. cit.

¹⁸ Mayer, Bicentennial Edition, op. cit., p. 144.

Daleth Study Club. She was elected as the second president of this organization.¹⁹ An active member of the Three Arts and Music Clubs, Zelma was also instrumental in organizing the Camp Fire Girls in Gladewater and taught the Bethany Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church.²⁰ Because of her community involvement, the Bumpus Home was often used for gracious social gatherings.²¹

The Bumpus Home played a significant role in the history of Gladewater during the Great Depression, oil-boom years and World War II. Many school teachers and other townspeople, faced with need of respectable lodging in the midst of housing shortage, made their home with the Bumpus family.²² One couple, D. F. and Mavis Fink, fondly recalled living in an apartment on the east end of the house shortly after they married. According to an article in the Gilmer Mirror, September 13, 1989, "Their vehement desire was to revisit the 'Grand Old House'", so they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary at the "Bumpus House" Restaurant.

During the early 1930s oil fires and slush pits, common to boom towns, were easily seen from the Bumpus Home. One out-of-control oil well sprayed and blackened the entire town. "Black gold" ran down the window screens on the Bumpus Home. Following this incident, many homes and businesses were remodeled and new roofs installed.²³

¹⁹ Mayer, 1873 - 1973, op. cit., p. 80.

²⁰ Mayer, Bicentennial Edition, op. cit., p. 144.

²¹ Mayer, 1873 - 1973, op. cit., p. 96.

²² Personal Communication, op. cit.

Roses once flourished at the Bumpus Home. Katie Bumpus had a rose garden on the east side of the house and the family picked wash tubs full of roses. The blossoms were used for party decorations and many given away. School children stopped by each morning to gather roses for their teachers or friends.²⁴

There was a vineyard in the back yard of the home. The family made jelly and wine until World War II. The war-shortage of sugar brought an end to this enjoyable hobby. During wartime the Bumpuses and their neighbors had vegetable gardens because few people could afford to buy food.²⁵

Children sat on the front terrace and watched soldiers as they marched in front of the Bumpus Home. Several military men wrote their names and addresses on pieces of paper and threw them to the children in hopes of receiving mail from them.²⁶

Katie Abigail Bumpus continued living in the Bumpus Home until 1937. She sold the home to her son, Raymond, and his wife, Zelma. Zelma died in 1950. Raymond later married Mary Jo Fisher, a childhood friend from Longview, Texas. Mary Jo preceded her husband in death in 1971: Raymond died in October 1975.²⁷

For fifty years members of the Bumpus family lived in the Bumpus Home. The spacious front lawn has been a landscaped, showplace for

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Mayer, Bicentennial Edition, op. cit., p. 144.

many years. Current Gladewaterites remember Katie's dazzling display of roses and the resplendent camellias and irises planted by, and lovingly cared for by Raymond Bumpus.

Barbara Sue Kutch and her husband, George, sold the Bumpus Home to Gregory K. Matatall and his wife, Janet Matatall on December 2, 1987.²⁸ The home is now "The Bumpus House," an exceptional restaurant and gift shop, under the management of Gregory Matatall's brother, Herb Matatall. The Matatalls have carefully preserved much of the atmosphere of the home of William E. Bumpus and his growing family. Gracious furnishings of the early 1900s are throughout the house. Conversation and laughter continue to permeate the air of the high-ceiling rooms as it must have at when the large Bumpus family gathered together.

The Bumpus' backyard vineyard is only a memory but wine can again be enjoyed at the Bumpus House. The storm cellar, which once sheltered people from a tornado, is now a wine cellar bordered and stocked with the finest of wines. Its French decor provides an elegant setting for an intimate dinner for up to four people.

The Bumpus Home is one of the main attractions in Gladewater which is once again a boom town. Antique shops and malls now bring thousands of people to this area. The stately, blue Victorian house, overlooks the bustling town and continues to extend hospitality as the "Bumpus House" just as it did when it was home to several pioneer families of East Texas.

²⁸ Deed Records, op. cit. Vol, 187, p. 132-133.

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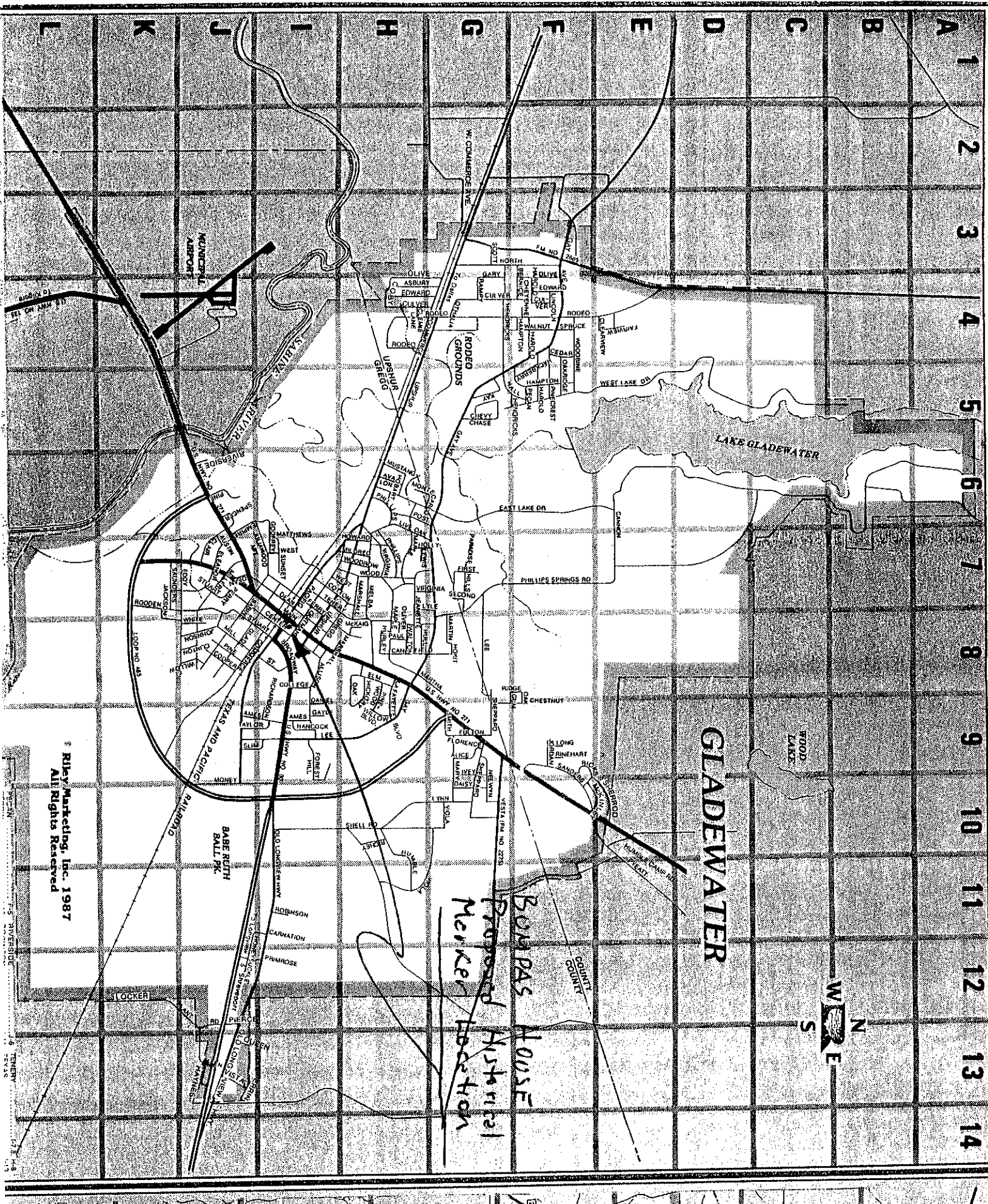
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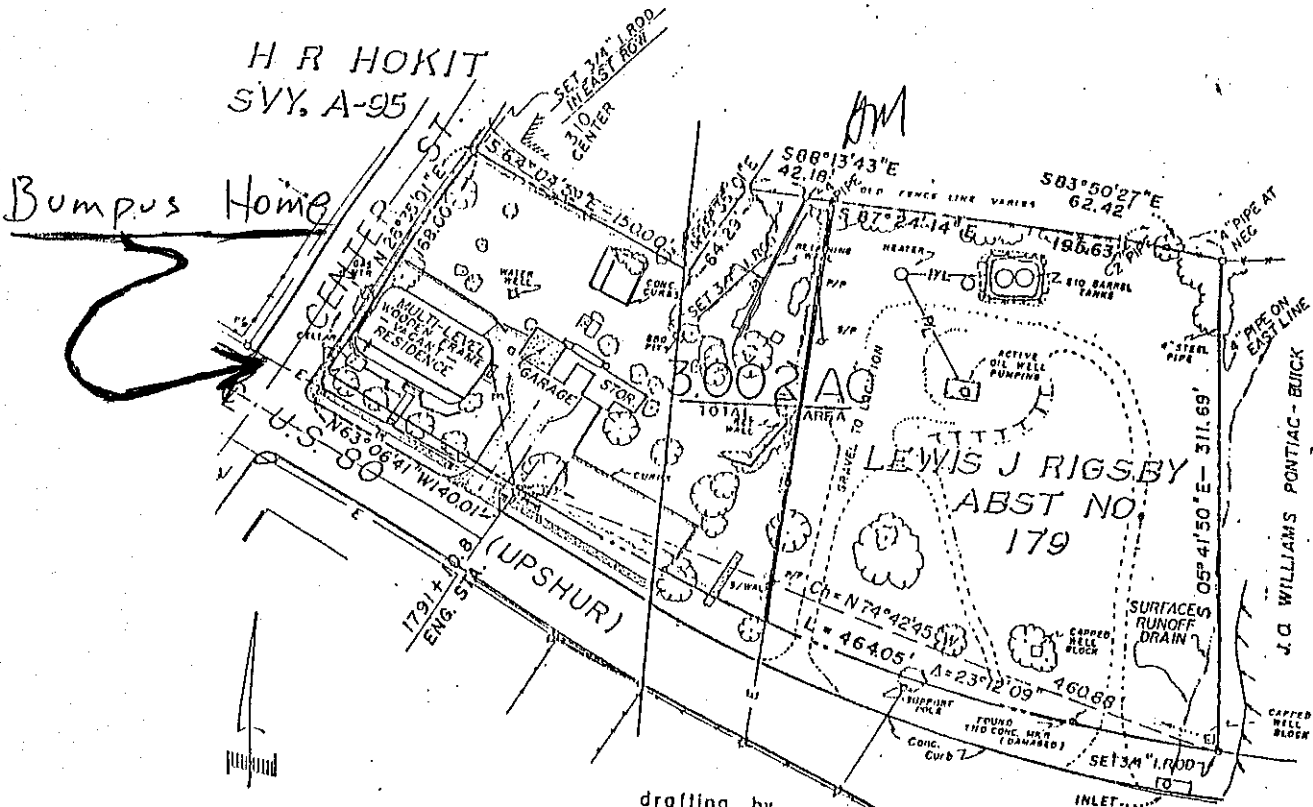
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*BONDAS HOUSE
Proposed Historical
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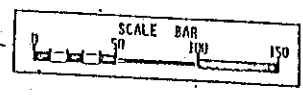


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ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF GLADEWATER, COUNTY OF GREGG, STATE OF TEXAS, BEING A PORTION OF THE H.R. HOKIT SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 95 AND THE LEWIS J. RIGSBY SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 179, AND BEING 3.002 ACRES OF LAND, BEING ALL THAT PORTION OF LAND ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 (UPSHUR AVE.), ONCE REFERENCED AS TWO TRACTS TO W.E. BUMPUS (VOL. 57 PAGE 473) AND CONVEYED FROM RAY BUMPUS TO BARBARA SUE KUTCH IN A DEED DATED JULY 23, 1971 AND RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 8023 IN THE DEED RECORDS OF GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS.



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 GLADEWATER, TEXAS 843-6316



SYMBOLS

- E — ELECT. POWER
- P/L — PIPELINE
- BURIED CABLE
- WATER LINE
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- PROPERTY SURVEYED
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- ROW MARKER
- ◻ CORNER SET (NOTED)
- ◻ CORNER or ROD FOUND
- ⊕ I/PV POWERPOLE
- ⊕ WATER WELL
- ⊕ OIL-GAS WELL
- ⊕ HW WATER METER

I, RONALD E. OWINGS, TEXAS REGISTERED PUBLIC SURVEYOR NO. 4029, DO HEREBY CERTIFY WITH SIGNATURE SEAL THAT THIS PLAT REPRESENTS A SURVEY MADE OF THE GROUND AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND THAT THE DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SIGNATURE ON THIS DAY OF APRIL, 1987.

Ronald E. Owings
 RONALD E. OWINGS
 TX. RPS NO. 4029

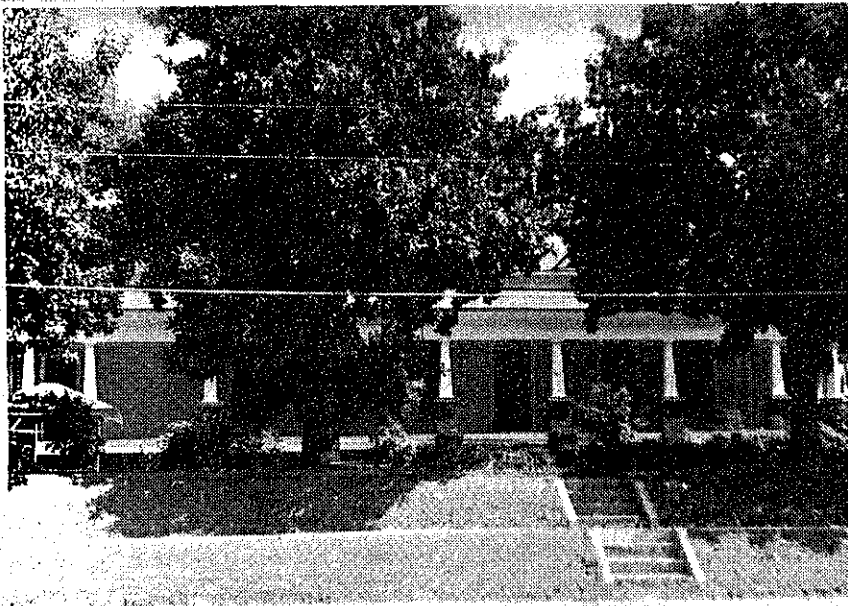


BARBARA SUE KUTCH
 3.002 AC IN CITY OF GLADEWATER,
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Bumpus Home
 201 E. Upshur St.
 Gladewater, Gregg Co., Texas

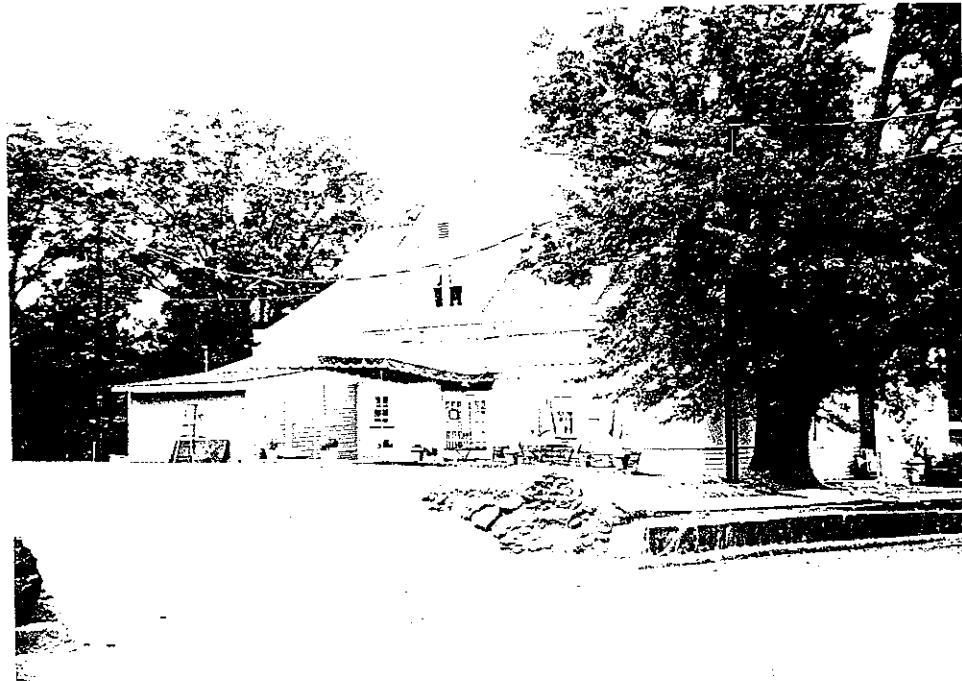
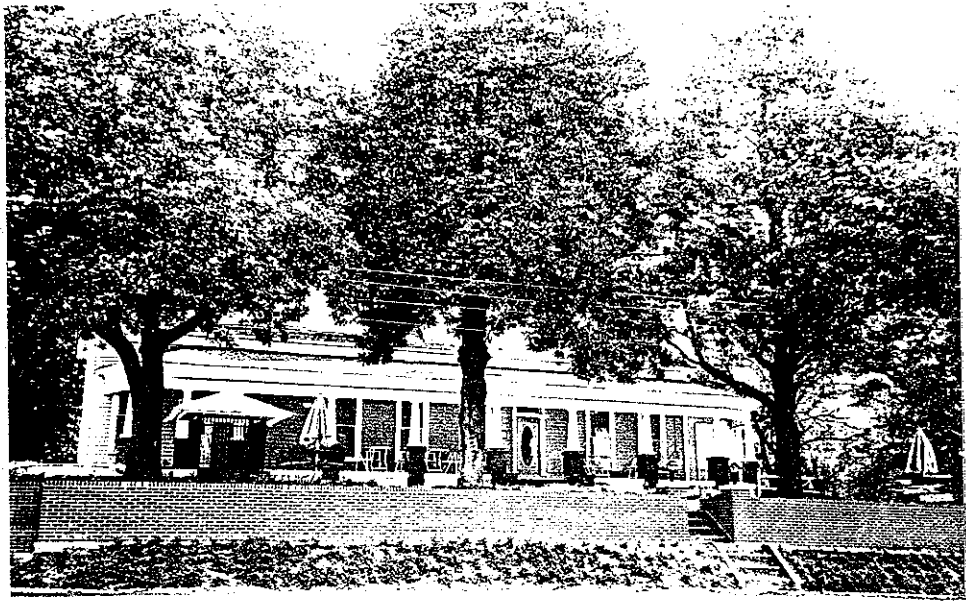


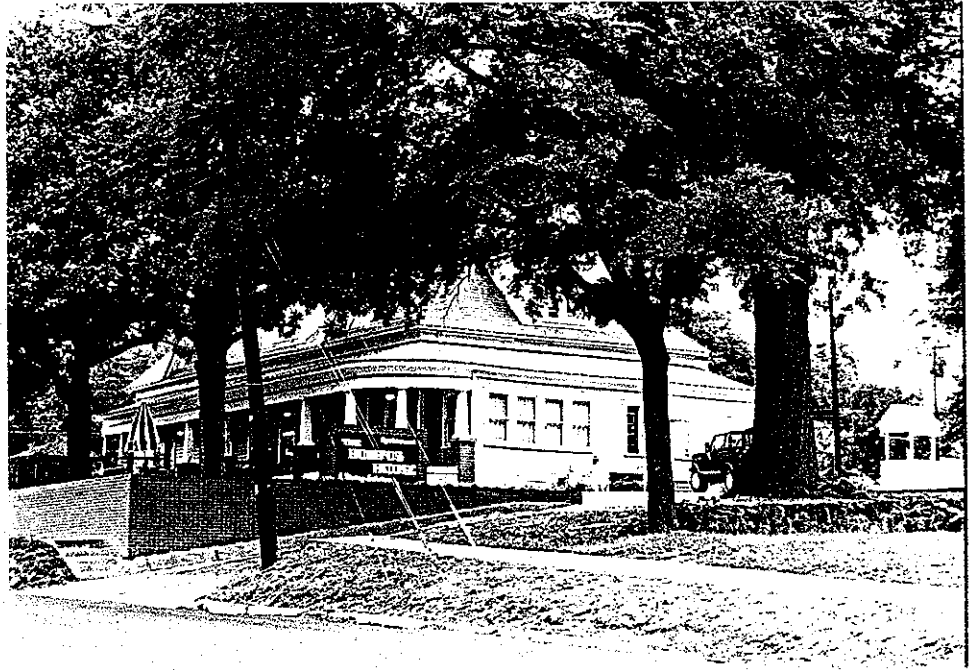
The Bumpus Home — For 50 years members of the Bumpus family have lived in this house which stands high on the hill at the corner of East Upshur and Center Streets. The family does not know when the house was built, but it has had several additions made to it through the years. The late Ray Bumpus bought the house from his mother, Mrs. W. E. Bumpus several years after his father's death.



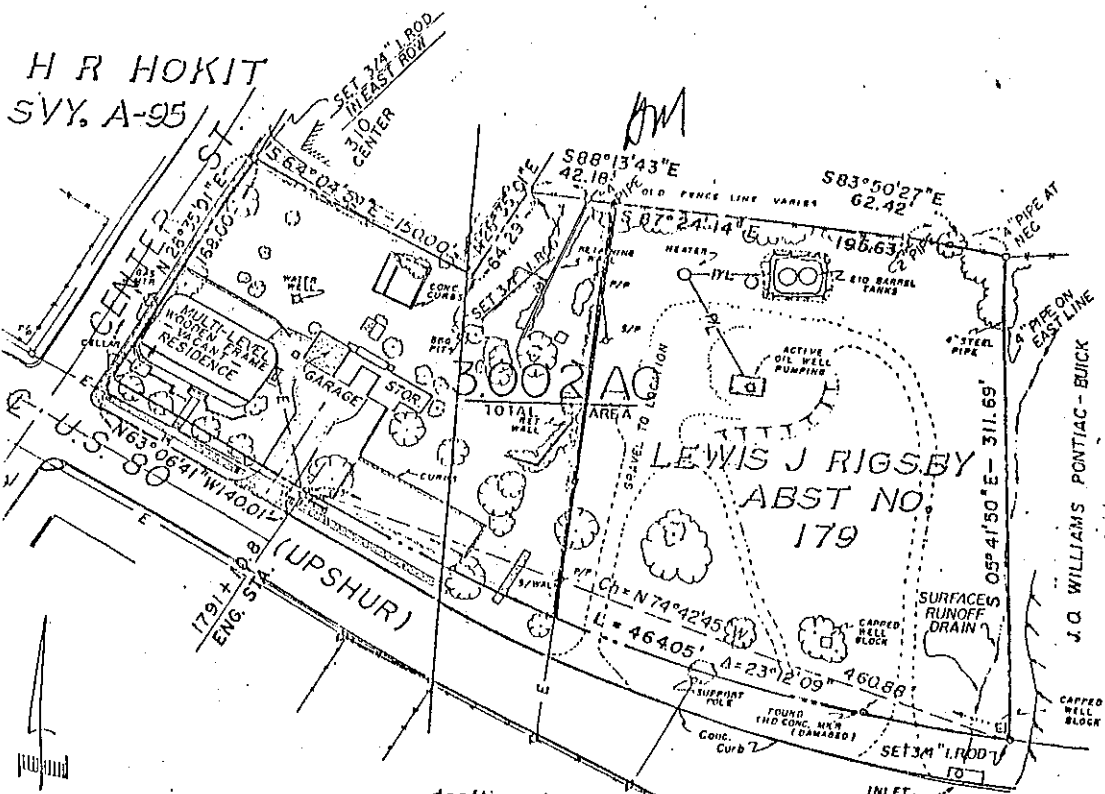
The Ray Bumpus home at 201 East Upshur. This house is over 100 years old. Some of the former owners were: Dr. Albert Hoffman, J. H. Honea, Oliver Bruce, Reuben A. Hendrix, and J. Roy Knox. Ray and Zelma Williams Bumpus had one daughter, Barbara Sue Kutch of White Oak.

Photo by Ben Boone.

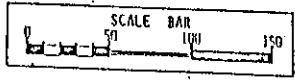




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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SIGNATURE ON THIS 1 DAY OF APRIL, 1987.

Ronald E. Owings
 RONALD E. OWINGS
 TX. RPS NO. 4029



BARBARA SUE KUTCH
 3.002 AC in CITY OF GLADEWATER,
 GREGG COUNTY, TEX.

Buyer shall have 10 days from the effective date hereof to file this plat with the county clerk for recording.

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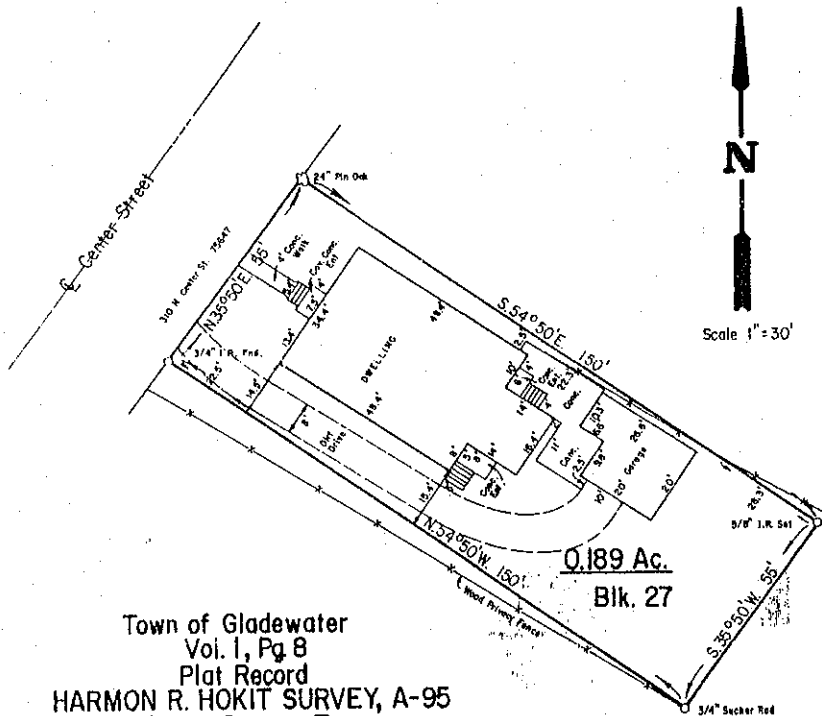
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AREA: 52384.9 S.F. 1.202592 ACRES

APPROVAL: _____
 This instrument shall have twenty (20) days from the effective date hereof to run and thereafter to title, and only



Town of Gladewater
 Vol. 1, Pg 8
 Plat Record
 HARMON R. HOKIT SURVEY, A-95
 Gregg County, Texas

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF GREGG

I, C. O. Lumpkin, Registered Public Surveyor, certify that the above plat truly represents the results of an actual survey made on the ground by personnel under my supervision reflecting the location of the building from the lines of a 0.189 Ac. Tract of land situated in the Town of Gladewater in the HARMON R. HOKIT SURVEY A-95, Gregg County, Texas according to the Plat of Record recorded in Plat Record Volume 1, Page 8, Gregg County, Texas and being more particularly described as follows:

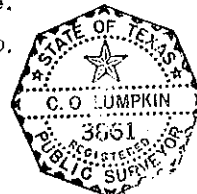
BEGINNING at a 3/4 inch Iron Rod Found in the East ROW Line of Center Street for the SWC of the Tract herein described from which the intersection of the East ROW Line of Center Street with the North ROW Line of Urshur Avenue (U. S. Highway 80) bears S.35°50'W. 168' ft.

- THENCE: N.35°50'E. 55' ft., with and along the East ROW Line of Center Street to a 24" inch Pin Oak Tree for the NWC of the Tract herein described;
- THENCE: S.54°0'E. 150' ft., to a 5/8 inch Iron Rod Set for the NEC of the Tract herein described;
- THENCE: S.35°50'W. 55' ft., to a 3/4 inch Sucker Rod Found for the SEC of the Tract herein described;
- THENCE: N.54°0'W. 150' ft., to the Place of Beginning, containing 0.189 acres of land.

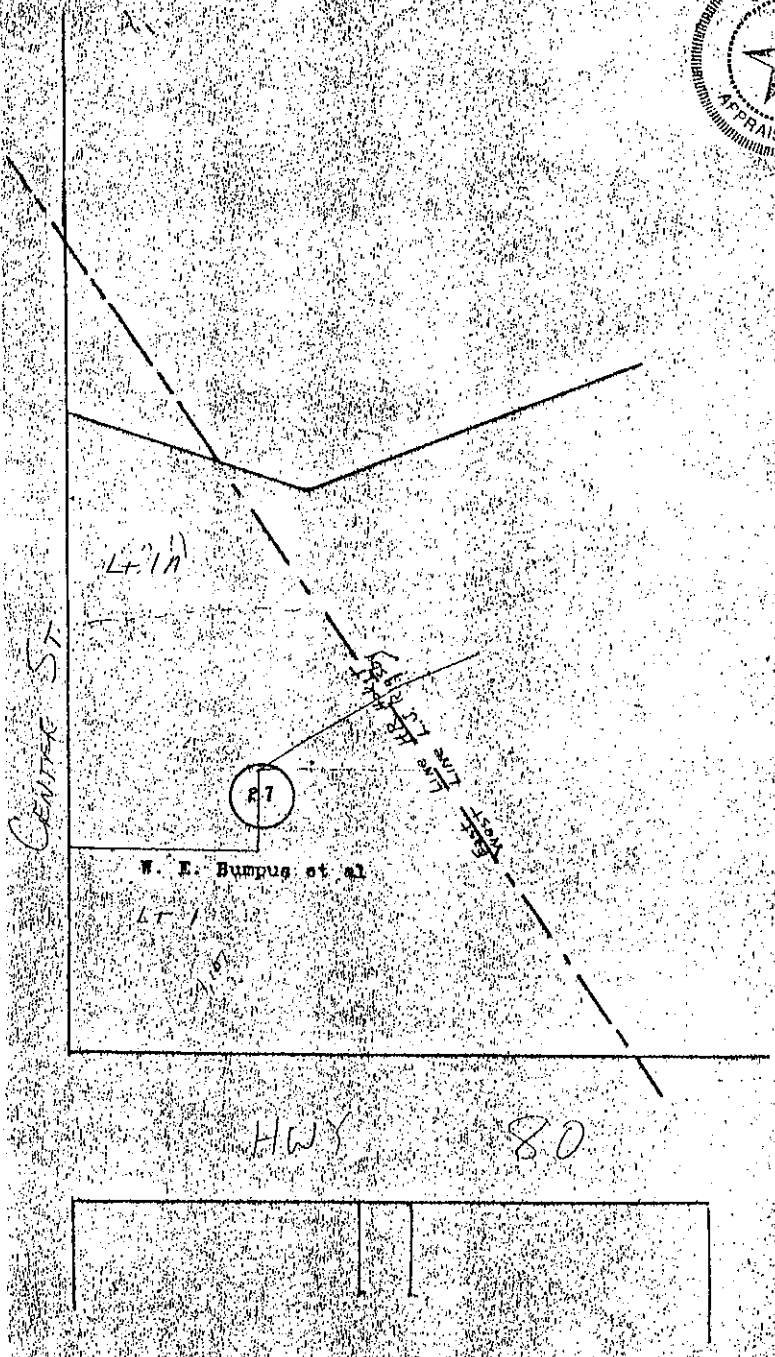
The building, as shown by this Plat, is wholly located on the said tract of land and there are no encroachments on said tract of land by buildings on the adjoining tracts. There are no visible highlines, pipelines or other utility lines on said tract of land other than those serving same. Said tract of land is not in a Flood Zone.

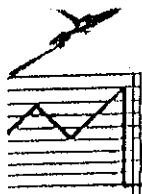
WITNESS my hand and Official Seal this the 22nd day of December, 1988 A.D.

C. O. Lumpkin
 C. O. Lumpkin, Registered Public Surveyor Number 3861



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OFFICE: LEE BUILDING - 4TH FLOOR

FIELD NOTES

1.2024 ACRES

H. R. HOKIT SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 95

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LEWIS J. RIGSBY SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 179

GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS

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BEGINNING AT A 3/4" IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST BLOCK CORNER OF 80.00 FEET WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 80 AND 50.00 FEET WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CENTER STREET.

THENCE: N26°35'01"E, 168.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CENTER STREET TO A 3/4" IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A 55'x150' LOT ONCE OWNED BY JACK EARP, SAID ROD BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED.

THENCE: S64°04'59"E, 150.00 FEET FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT TO A 3/4" IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAME.

THENCE: N26°35'01"E, 64.29 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH FENCE LINE OF THE ORIGINAL BUMPUS TRACT, SAID ROD BEING S88°13'43"E, 9.09 FEET FROM A 3" STEEL PIPE SET IN CONCRETE RETAINING WALL.

- THENCE: S88°13'43"E, 42.18 FEET ALONG THE OLD FENCE LINE TO A 4" STEEL PIPE POST FOUND IN A CONCRETE RETAINER WALL TO THE SOUTH, FOR AN ANGLE POINT.
- THENCE: S87°24'14"E, WITH THE SAID OLD FENCE 13.49 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, AND ALSO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A CALLED 1.7996 ACRES TRACT SURVEYED OUT THIS DATE.
- THENCE: S01°59'00"W, WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID 1.7996 ACRES TRACT, 270.28 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON ROD SET TO A POINT IN A CURVE TO THE RIGHT IN THE NORTH 80.00 FEET RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U. S. HIGHWAY 80, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 1145.92 FEET AND A TANGENT OF 87.02 FEET.
- THENCE: ALONG SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 173.71 FEET AND A LONG CHORD N67°27'14"W, 173.54 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON ROD SET FOR POINT OF TANGENT OF THIS CURVE.
- THENCE: N63°06'41"W, 140.01 FEET ALONG 80.00 FEET WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U. S. HIGHWAY 80 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.2024 ACRES OF LAND.

THERE BEING 0.4194 ACRE OF LAND IN THE LEWIS J. RIGSBY SURVEY AND 0.783 ACRE IN THE H. R. HOKIT SURVEY.

I, PAUL A. HIDALGO, TEXAS REGISTERED PUBLIC SURVEYOR NO. 4490, DO HEREBY CERTIFY WITH SEAL AND SIGNATURE THAT THESE FIELD NOTES REPRESENT A SURVEY MADE UPON THE GROUND, AND THAT THE DESCRIPTION AS GIVEN IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL ON THIS THE 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1987.

Paul A. Hidalgo
 PAUL A. HIDALGO
 REGISTERED PUBLIC SURVEYOR TEXAS
 NO. 4490



METROFLEX JOB NO. : GR87C117
 METROFLEX PHONE : 845-5763
 METROFLEX REP. : JOAN C. MC CRARY
 METROFLEX CLIENT : KUTCH - ALLEN
 METROFLEX JOB NAME : 1.2024 ACRES -H.R. HOKIT A-95 & L.J. RIGSBY A-179
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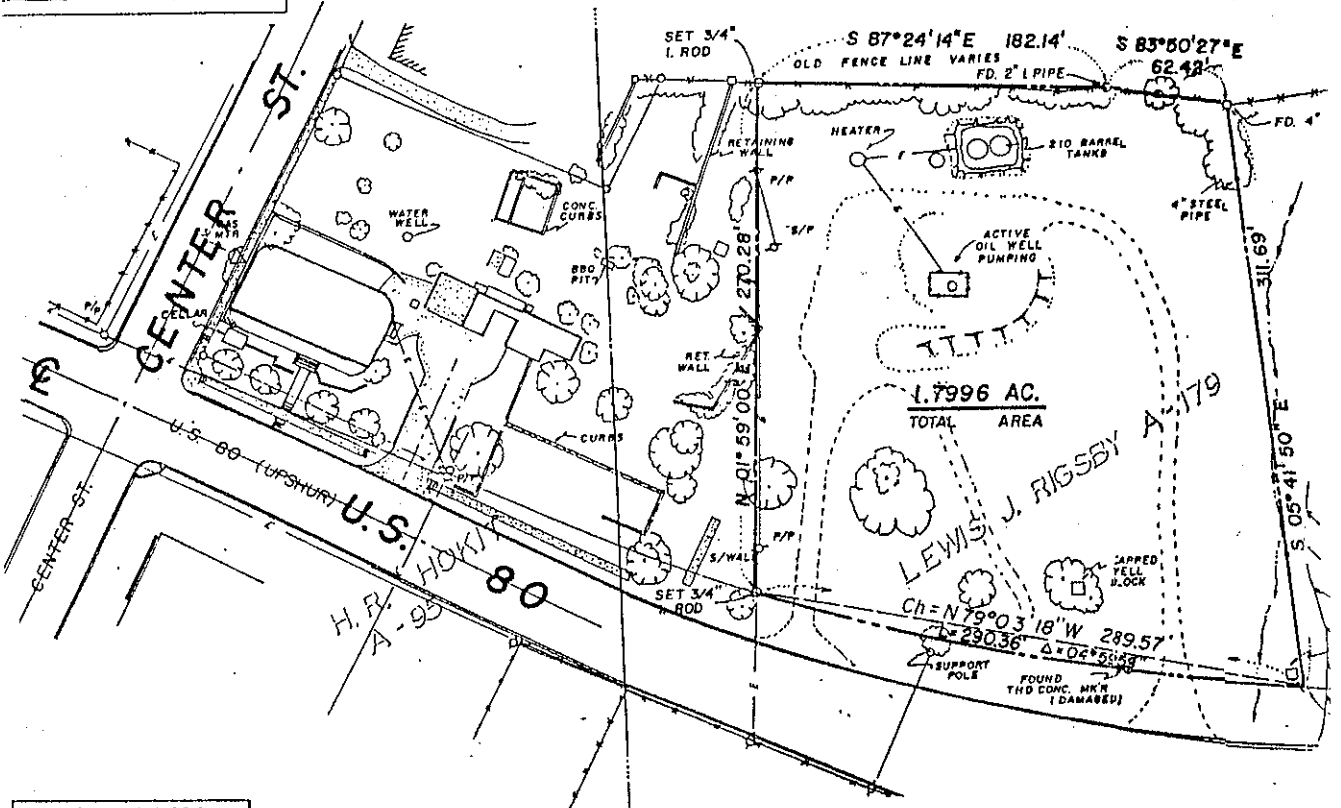
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CURVE DATA	
$\Delta = 14^{\circ}31'03''$	
$R = 1145.92'$	
$T = 145.96'$	
$L = 290.35'$	
$CH = N79^{\circ}03'18''W 289.57'$	

	E	ELECT. POWER		ROW MARKER
	P/L	PIPELINE		CORNER SET (NOTED)
		BURIED CABLE		CORNER or ROD FOUND
	6" WR	WATER LINE		P/P POWERPOLE
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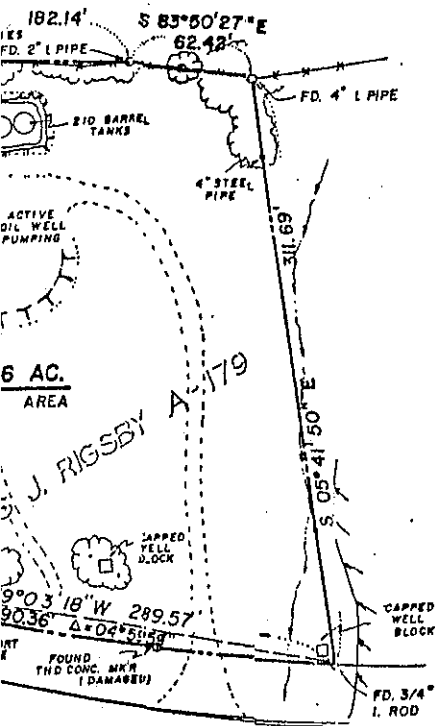
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OF FIELD DATA & PLATS PREPARED FOR CLIENTS

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SURVEY

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OF U. S. HIGHWAY 80, ONCE PART OF THE SAME LAND
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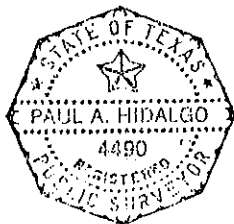


I, PAUL A. HIDALGO, REGISTERED PUBLIC SURVEYOR NO. 4490, DO HEREBY CERTIFY WITH SEAL AND SIGNATURE THAT THIS PLAT REPRESENTS A SURVEY MADE UPON THE GROUND AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND THAT THE DIMENSIONS AND DATA SHOWN HEREON ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SIGNATURE ON THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1987.

Paul A. Hidalgo

PAUL A. HIDALGO, T.R.P.S. NO. 4490



SURVEYORS NOTE: THIS SURVEY IS ACCEPTABLE TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS.

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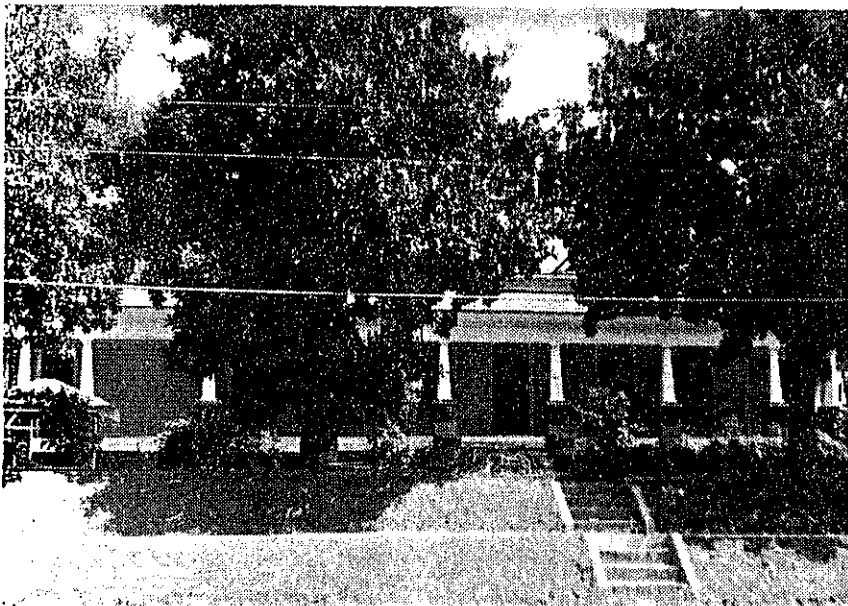
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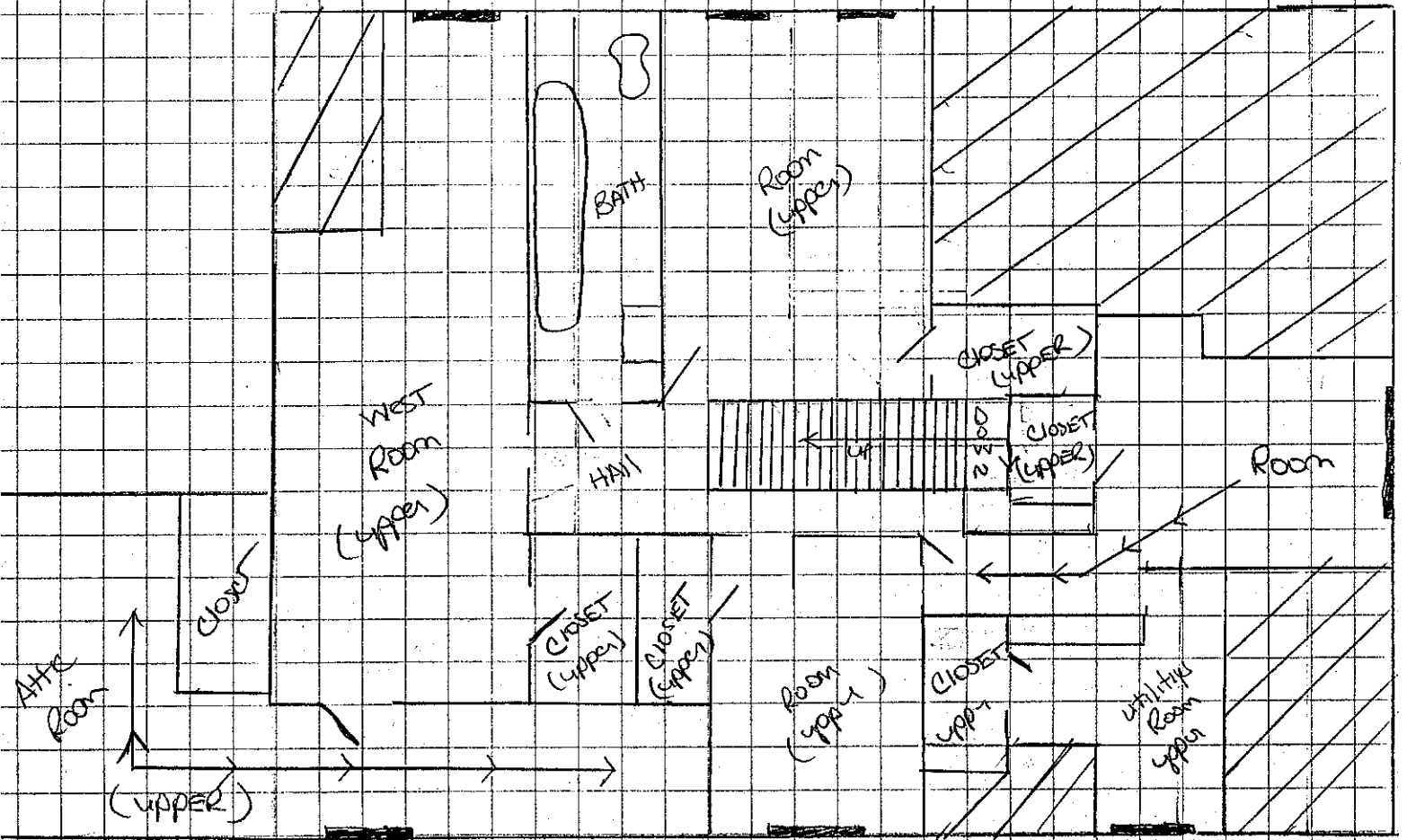


The Ray Bumpus home at 201 East Upshur. This house is over 100 years old. Some of the former owners were: Dr. Albert Hoffman, J. H. Honea, Oliver Bruce, Reuben A. Hendrix, and J. Roy Knox. Ray and Zelma Williams Bumpus had one daughter, Barbara Sue Kutch of White Oak.

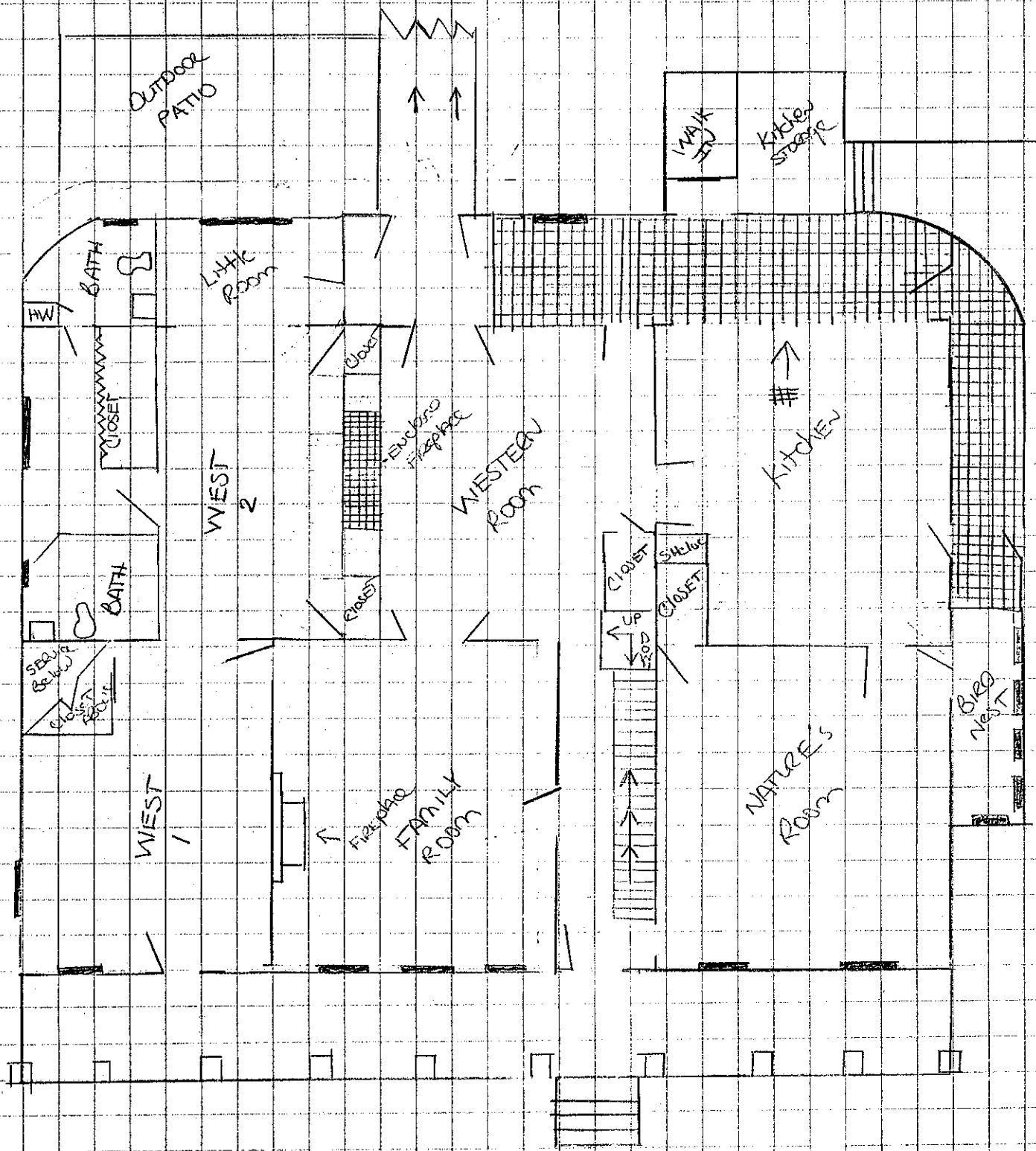
Photo by Ben Boone.

THE BUMPUS MOUSE

UPPER LEVEL



THE BUMPUS HOUSE LOWER LEVEL





Gregg County Historical Commission

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.
Chairman

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone
903-757-2261

November 16, 1993

Cynthia Beeman, Administrator
Official Texas Historical Markers
Local History Programs
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Bumpas Home historical marker application.

Dear Cynthia:

For many years the people of Gladewater and Gregg County who are interested in historical preservation have wanted this home designated with an RTHL. A few years ago when the Matatalls purchased the property and began to repair the structures I was concerned about how they were going to do it. They did it the "right way": missing boards were replaced with the proper types of boards, etc. I was very concerned that they would destroy the storm cellar. Instead, they not only preserved it but made it into a very exclusive private dining room complete with wine racks. The restaurant housed in the house is called "The Bumpas House" and the owners, I think, would have liked the proposed H. M. entitled that. However, the local citizens have traditionally called it the Bumpas Home. I have tried to stay with that designation.

I trust the application is complete. The owner, Janet Matatall, has been most helpful in providing me with the information I needed. The narrative was written by Marilyn Crisp who has had an affection for this fine old house for many years.

Sincerely,

Norman

Enc:



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2276

(TELEPHONE) 512-463-6100

(FAX) 512-463-6095

(RELAY TX) 1-800-735-2989 (TDD)

Date: February 14, 1994
Re: ^vBUMPAS HOUSE
Gregg County, Job #07794
To: Dr. Norman Black
Janet Matatall

Our staff has conducted a preliminary review of the above-mentioned historical 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 is received.

We need to know a little more about the evolution of the house:

** What specific mention in the 1875 document cited in footnote #4 related to the dwelling on the property, and on what evidence do you base the conclusion that a circa-1875 structure is incorporated into the current house?*

** What were the dates and nature of alterations mentioned on page 1 of the narrative? If the house was altered from a one-story to a two-story structure, we would like some specific information regarding that alteration, as well. Also, in what year was the storm cellar constructed?*

** When was the current brick wall/terracing built in front of the house?*

** Photographs -- We still need historic photographs of the house, if available. Do you know the date of the image in the enclosed copy? Since much of the house is obscured by trees in the black and white photographs you sent with your application, it would help if you could take another set of pictures now during winter, with the leaves off the trees, which might provide better views of the house. Color photographs are acceptable. Also, please try to take one photograph to replicate the view in the enclosed historic view.*

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.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
Official Texas Historical Markers
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Enc.

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

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March 15, 1994

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
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Texas Historical Commission
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Re: Bumpas House, Gregg County, Job # 07794

Dear Cynthia:

This is in response to your letter of February 14, 1994.

Footnote # 4. I was unable to find an 1875 document but I am enclosing copies of two documents as evidence of a dwelling in 1872 and later, both listed in the Abstract of Title to the property: a deed dated Dec. 20, 1872 and filed Jan. 16, 1873, from Jarrett Dean to Texas & Pacific Railway Co., and an excerpt from an interrogatory of Jane E. Wilkins in a civil suit on Jan. 27, 1877. As to the statement that a circa-1875 structure is incorporated into the current house: this is only a legend "handed down" without any known documentation.

Alteration mentioned on page 1 of the narrative. The only Bumpas family member with any information on the subject is Barbara Sue Kutch (pronounced Kootch), daughter of Raymond Bumpas and grand-daughter of William E. Bumpas. She does not know exactly what and when alterations of the house were done. However, the information on the storm cellar is better. J. Roy Knox bought the property Aug. 5, 1915 (p. 94 of the abstract) and built the storm cellar shortly thereafter, according to Raymond Bumpas. He told his daughter the cellar had railroad crossties and concrete on the top. A story is that once in 1922, twenty people crowded it during a storm.

The current brick wall/terracing in front of the house was done by owners George and Janet Matatall in 1992.

The photograph copy you sent had to have been made by Raymond Bumpas in 1941 or before, according to Barbara Sue Kutch who told me Raymond made this photograph before he went to New York to study professional photography in 1944. She still owns much of Raymond's photographic equipment including the old Speed-Graphic which he used to make this photograph.

Enclosed are two recently printed photographs (so neat I hated to mark on them). Photo # 1 was made before U.S. highway 80 was paved (note the grade level of the front yard), probably before 1914. Vol. 26, p. 319 of the Gregg County Deed Records refers to this road as the Gladewater and Longview Public Road. Prior to that it was known locally as "The Wagon Road". The road grade was cut down for the paving of U.S. 80. U.S 80 formerly was U.S. 15. The first paving of the road was in 1917, according to Kay Tipps in her article in Gladewater, Texas, Bicentennial Edition, pp. 57-59. Photograph # 2 was made by Raymond Bumpas in 1936.

Cynthia, as soon as I possibly can I will go to Gladewater and try to replicate the view in the enclosed historic view. I had just forgotten about this sentence in your letter.

I hope this information will add some depth to the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman".

Enc.

JARRETT DEAN

DEED

Dated Dec. 30, 1872.

Filed Jan. 16, 1873.

Recorded in Vol P. Page 235

Deed Records, Upshur Co. Texas.

TO

TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

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CONSIDERATION: \$5.00 paid.

ACKNOWLEDGED before Jas. A. Derrick, Clerk.

By E. A. Blanch, one of the subscribing witnesses, Jan. 16, 1873.

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DESCRIPTION:

Situate in the County of Upshur, within the limits of the said town of Gladewater, on the line of the T & P Railway on both sides of the track, being a portion of the D. B. Choat headright survey, and a portion of the tract upon which I now reside, and known, numbered and designated upon a map and plan of said town of Gladewater, to be hereafter recorded in the proper office at Gilmer, as Blocks Nos. 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 59, also the west half of No. 44, and the N. half of No. 57, my purpose being to convey to said Company alternate blocks as near as practicable of all portions of said town situate upon my lands and for the consideration aforesaid, etc.

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ANNIE M. HIGDON

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION.

Filed December 7th, 1875.

VS: NO.164

Taken from original papers on file in the office of the Dist.

SAMUEL WILKINS AND
JANE E. WILKINS, HIS WIFE.

Clerk of Gregg County, Texas

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GREGG CO., TEXAS.

JANUARY TERM, A. D. 1876.

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
GREGG COUNTY. |

To the Honorable District Court of said County:

Mrs. Annie M. Higden, complaining of Samuel Wilkins and Jane E. Wilkins, his wife, represents that all of the aforesaid parties reside in said County of Gregg, and that on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1875, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of two town lots of land in the Town of Gladewater, Gregg County and State of Texas, with their appurtenances hereinafter described, holding the same in fee simple; That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof, to her damage \$1500.00; That the premises so entered upon and unlawfully withheld by defendants from plaintiff are known and distinguished as follows, to-wit:

Two town lots, one of said town lots of land is situated in the Town of Gladewater, State and County aforesaid, and known and designated on the plat of said town of Gladewater as Lot 1 in Block 5, on Center Street and Railroad Avenue, the

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Orig. Pet. page 2

same being a part of Martha Dillard Headright survey, on which said lot there is situated a store house, the rent of which said lot and appurtenances is worth the sum of Five Dollars per month; The other lot is also situated in the Town of Gladewater, County and State aforesaid, and is known and designated on the plat of said Town of Gladewater as Block 27, fronting on Center Street and Upshur Avenue, the same being a part of the Martha Dillard Headright survey, on which said lot there is now standing a dwelling house and its appurtenances, the rent which said lot and appurtenances is worth the sum of Ten Dollars per month. *

Wherefore, plaintiff prays that defendants and each of them be cited to answer this petition, at the next term of the District Court to be held in and for said county of Gregg, and that she have judgment for the restitution of the above described premises and for her damages and for rent of the afore-described premises, and for all costs of suit and for general relief.

Burke & Terry, Attys. for Plff.

The State of Texas & Before me E R
County of Gregg 3 Dodson Justice of
the peace and Notary Public in and for Gregg
County Texas personally appeared Jane E Wilkins
the witness and identical person mentioned in the
accompanying commission to me directed, and
answered to interrogatories & cross interrogatories
accompanying said commission, which answers
I caused to be reduced to writing & subscribed
and sworn to by said Jane E Wilkins before me
who signed the same in my presence, and I further
certify that the above answers to interrogatories and
cross interrogatories are the answers made by said
witness Jane E Wilkins. Said taken by me this the
27th day of January 1877

In testimony whereof I hereunto my name
officially with the Seal of my office affixed
this the 27th day of January 1877

E R Dodson J P
and Notary Public Gregg Co
Texas

your mind & were you
conscious of the consequences
of your act.

Inter 9^o Please state fully and particularly
to what extent you were
sick at the time & whether
that sickness affected your
moral & mental faculties. To
what extent - state any thing
else that would benefit the Depts
in this case as particularly
as though specially interrogated
therein -

Inter 10^o If you state that the premises
& property above alluded to was
your homestead please state
if the same is still your
homestead & if still your
homestead - Why are you
not now living on same -
for what purpose if any did
you remove from said property
if you did remove - & if by
said removal did you intend
to abandon your homestead
& have you acquired an
other homestead or purchased a

New Oak -

Inter 11th If you ever joined with your husband in a note to Mrs Higdon for what purpose was that note given - was it for the benefit of the Homestead - Answer fully all you know about that note - its purposes & what became of the money fully as to all facts -

Inter 12th Plaintiff in the Out to recover the law say that you jointly with your husband intending to cheat & defraud Plaintiff procured the appointment of W. P. Victory as trustee in the Sale of Property Please state if you know at whose solicitations & request was W. P. Victory appointed.

Inter 13th When was your apprised of the appointment of W. P. Victory as trustee was it before Victory came to you to get your acknowledgment or

me to act in all things, as he requested
me to do, being in a nervous delicate
state of health and mind, knew no other
in whom to rely, feeling my own weakness
in body and mind, relied solely upon
him, believing as he told me: that
I would never be troubled

Interrogatory 9th. She answers my
sickness had been of some four years
a continual thing until I felt my body
and mind weakened so that any
thing excited me, and often made
me feel as if I had no will of my own
and my husband told me if he could
collect money close him, he could
extend his business, but he could not
unless he borrowed money and spoke
of that plan to me, telling me, by
that time he could collect and in case
he could not, the store house was
sufficient, and I knew it had cost
him over \$1,000 one thousand dollars
so I thought that, was all alright
that any thing I would do, in the
case, would not affect my home.

Interrogatory 10th She answers it was
my homestead, and is still my home
stead. My health being so poor and
such a constant state of nervous
excitement, felt if I could get any

to some retired place in the country
for a year, my health would improve
and also that the rent of our property
would enable us to pay Mrs Higdon
but she took possession of it without
my knowledge or consent, and could
not come back when the year expired
I have not acquired or purchased another

Interrogatory 11th 11th she answers I did
my husband told me it was for the
purpose of extending his business -
when he got the money he went off
to buy goods, and returned and bought
goods, is all I know about it.

Interrogatory 12th she answers, I do
not know, I remember my husband
told me Mr Victory was the man
and know if he had told me any
other man, I would thought it all
right, for I had never seen a deed
and did not know, but one man
could or could do as well as another
to draw up such a thing, until
I saw them at ^{it} and think I surprised
myself

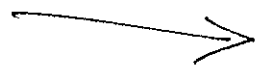
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Date of photo?



1941 or before.

(refer to letter: N.W. Black
to Cynthia Beeman, Mar. 15, 1994)

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photo # 1

Bumpes House
201 E. Upsher Ave.
Gladewater, Gregg Co, Tex.
photo circa 1914. photo
by Raymond Bumpes



Bumpes House
201 E. Upshur Ave.
Gladewater, Gregg Co., Tex.
Photo, circa 1941. Photo by
Raymond Bumpes

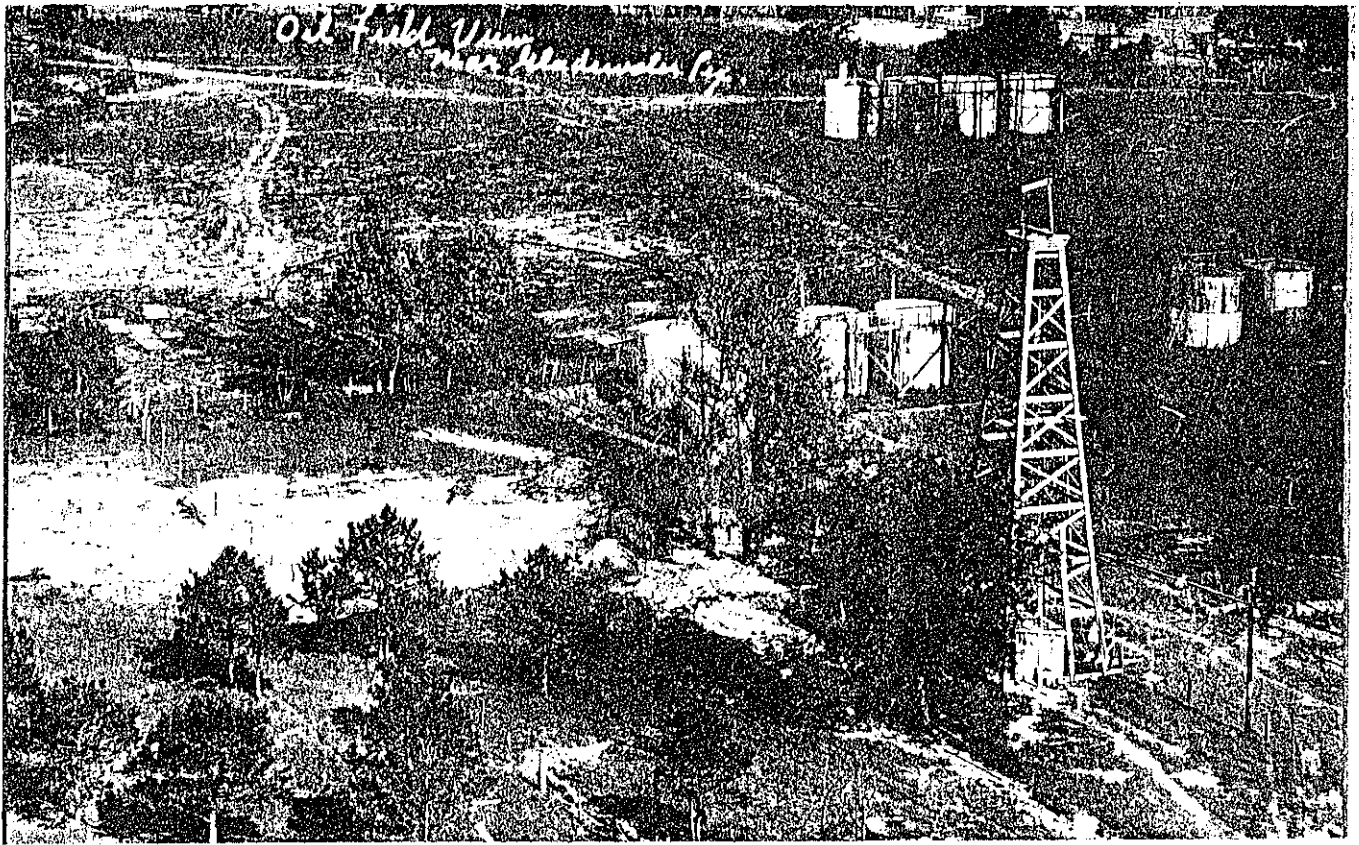
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GLADEWATER, TEXAS



BICENTENNIAL EDITION

1976



Tipp's Travels

By KAY TIPPS

The Tipps family is a native East Texas one. All seven of the children of Charlie and Minnie Tipps — Joe, Fred, Jessie, Sam, Steve, Bill and Kay — were born in Henderson.

In 1919 the family pulled up stakes from the beautiful tall pines and farm lands of Carlise. They loaded their household goods, the best of their horses, mules, cows and a few chickens onto the train and headed for their first oil field in Rath County.

At the first water stop the conductor came through the coach. He had already gotten on to us about running back and forth in the aisle to the water cooler which we had found fascinating (the first we had ever seen). When you pushed the little silver button in, the bubbles would go to the top of the water jar. And those dinky little folding cups were something else. Each family had their own as you didn't dare drink after anyone.

No doubt the conductor had reason to be aggravated as there were several other families on the train. I remember Mother saying that he didn't have to be so crabby. In our home there was always love and laughter and at the present time this was our home.

Then he gave us our next tongue-lashing. It was very warm and we were getting restless. The windows were raised for fresh air. The boys were hanging outside waving their hands and acting silly when they looked back. Around the bend was our pet "Spot" really making time on those four little feet of his. Well, he joined our menagerie, and Crabby got all the bodies and arms back inside mumbling to himself, "Why did they ever leave the farm?"

A few months later we decided Lingleville wasn't so hot. It was a long, hard winter with icicles four and five feet long. Living in a boarded-up tent was a new and unwanted experience for us. There was another oil field to go to. By now the family was becoming accustomed to the life of boomers.

Soon we were off to Desdemonia. As Noah would say, "It rained forty days and forty nights." Teams and trucks bogged down in the streets. Things started looking up a little for us. There was lots of work for everyone and teams of horses and mules were in big demand as so many locations were many miles off the roads and difficult for trucks because of the heavy rains.

Dad's twin brother and his family joined us. The first big job Dad landed was the construction of the main road going through town. It would require a lot more horses, mules and equipment than we had. But soon it was rolling from early morning till late at night. Mr. Charlie and Mr. Jess "were doing their thing."

We found a nice place to live. The corrals and bunkhouses were out back of our house and my mother and sister cooked for all the hired hands.

Fred was responsible for the harness room. He loved beautiful harnesses. He saw to it that each of the hands cleaned and put everything carefully where it belonged. At the end of the day they would go for a swim in the creek as they had outgrown the number three washtub. Later in the evenings Joe played the French harp so beautifully.

Bill and I were in school most of the day but we too had our part of the chores to do in the evening. Keeping the stove wood box on the back porch filled was number one on our list.

The men kept a large pile of wood cut and stacked out behind the house and we worked from there. We often got a good spell of the giggles always at the most unexpected times.

One evening Mother was in a hurry, but just as we got our arms loaded, a stick fell off and hit my toe. Bill thought this was funny. We giggled until every stick fell to the ground. Our sides were splitting with laughter until we saw Mr. Charlie coming with his belt in his hand.

Then there was the night when the rustlers came and stole every piece of harness we owned. Cleaned out our lock, stock and barrel.

Sam and Steve were growing up and experiencing itchy fingers to drive cars. When the preacher would be eating Sunday dinner and getting all the white meat of the chicken, the rest of us had to wait for the second table. We would go out and climb all over the preacher's car. Sam would unscrew the spark plugs and anything else he could get loose, only to show everyone later what a good mechanic he was.

Well, Mr. Charlie sorta' got out of the teaming business and bought a few trucks. We moved downtown and took over the Palace Hotel. Dad began to stay out of the field more and help Mother with the large family style dining room open to the public.

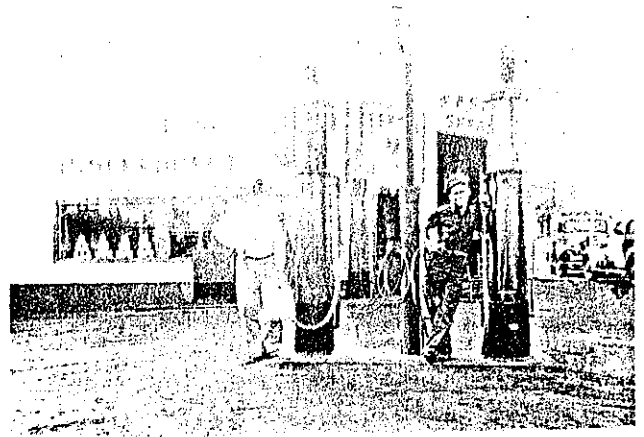
After a few years of the hotel business, we pulled stakes again and moved to Breckenridge. Dad took over several cafes. Mother's health was failing, Steve had gone to work for Boone's Tire Shop, learning all about tires in the daytime and dancing at night. Later, in East Texas, he became known as Stevador Stomp to his buddies on the dance floor.

Then the first spoke of our family wheel was broken — we lost Mother. As soon as school was out we all seemed to go in different directions. The restlessness was always there. Soon we heard of the discovery well at Jolnerville. This was just a few miles from the farm we had lived on, but we didn't have the farm to go back to. Without a doubt that's where we could

have found the treasure we were seeking.

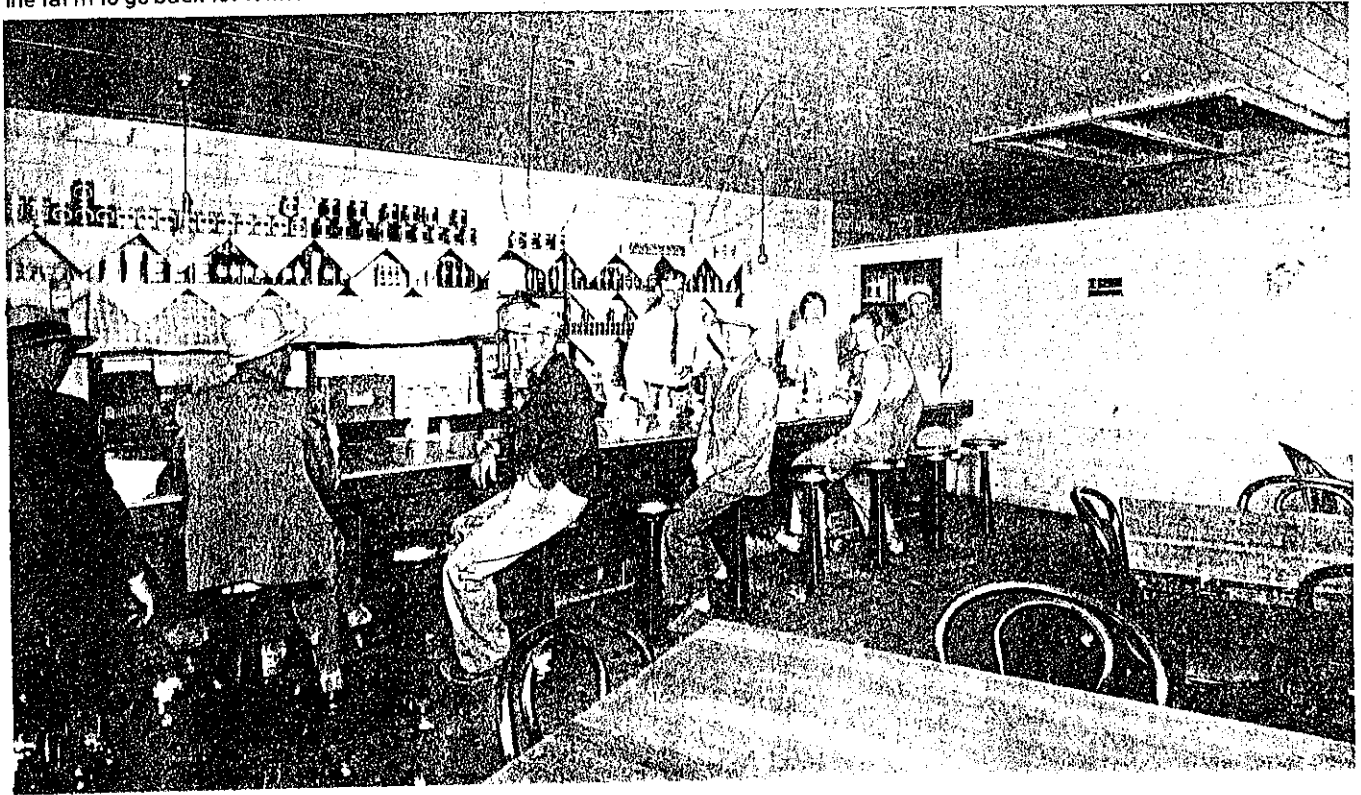
A short time later we were all back together again making our homes in Gladewater. Believe me, we had never seen a boom like this one before. Once again there was laughter.

No doubt many longtime residents will remember Mr. Charlie. He actually thought the Minute Cafe couldn't open its doors in the morning without him being there. It was on this corner he told many a tall tale to the drillers and roughnecks and tipped his hat to the ladies.



D. B. Martin Service Station 302 S. Tyler

During the boom, Highway 80 between Gladewater and Longview was called Main Street of Texas. Consecutive house numbers were assigned for addresses.



Ben F. Adams' Cafe 1931. Man on center stool, Mike. Ben behind counter.

1931—1932

It rained from Thanksgiving till July.

Dallas is a little over 100 miles west of Gladewater. Pavement stopped 30 miles outside of Dallas. In Gregg County there was one modern hard surface road—from Gladewater to Longview—approximately 14 miles then. This stretch of U.S. Hwy. 15 (now 80) was paved in 1917 and some of it is still in existence and used today.

The highways out of Gladewater west and south were "washboard" iron ore gravel. On bad days, with the rain and traffic, it could take 10 to 12 hours to travel the 14 miles to Kilgore.

Most of the steel for derricks and pipe for wells was brought in by rail, but had to go to drilling sites by truck or mule team wagons. Steel tank scows pulled by mules were used in the worst places out in the field. The State Highway Department put crossties at the worst place on the highways. Some of these stretches were quite long (one place a mile and a half). Men recall seeing as many as 16 mules hauling boilers etc. on Gladewater streets.

Horses would sometime get belly deep after a particularly hard rain. As the brick buildings were constructed, concrete sidewalks were included by the builders. In front of the frame business buildings there were board walks.

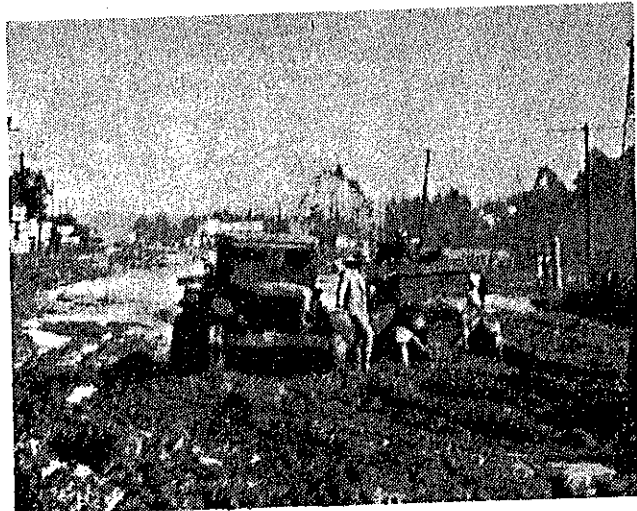
Many businesses were started in tents with dirt floors (for instance McKaig Chevrolet which is the oldest continuous business in the city).

There were 400 wells in the city. Each well requires boilers for power, slush pits, 4,000 feet of pipe, etc. These wells were drilled on city lots in the front yard or the back. Imagine sitting in your house, 25 feet from the drill stem, with the boiler going full blast and the pipe clanking. The constant noise we lived with was unbelievable. After a well was completed, a flare was required to burn off waste gas which came out of the hole with the oil. Pipes were standing like candles 30 or 40 feet in the air. Each had a flame 20 to 50 feet

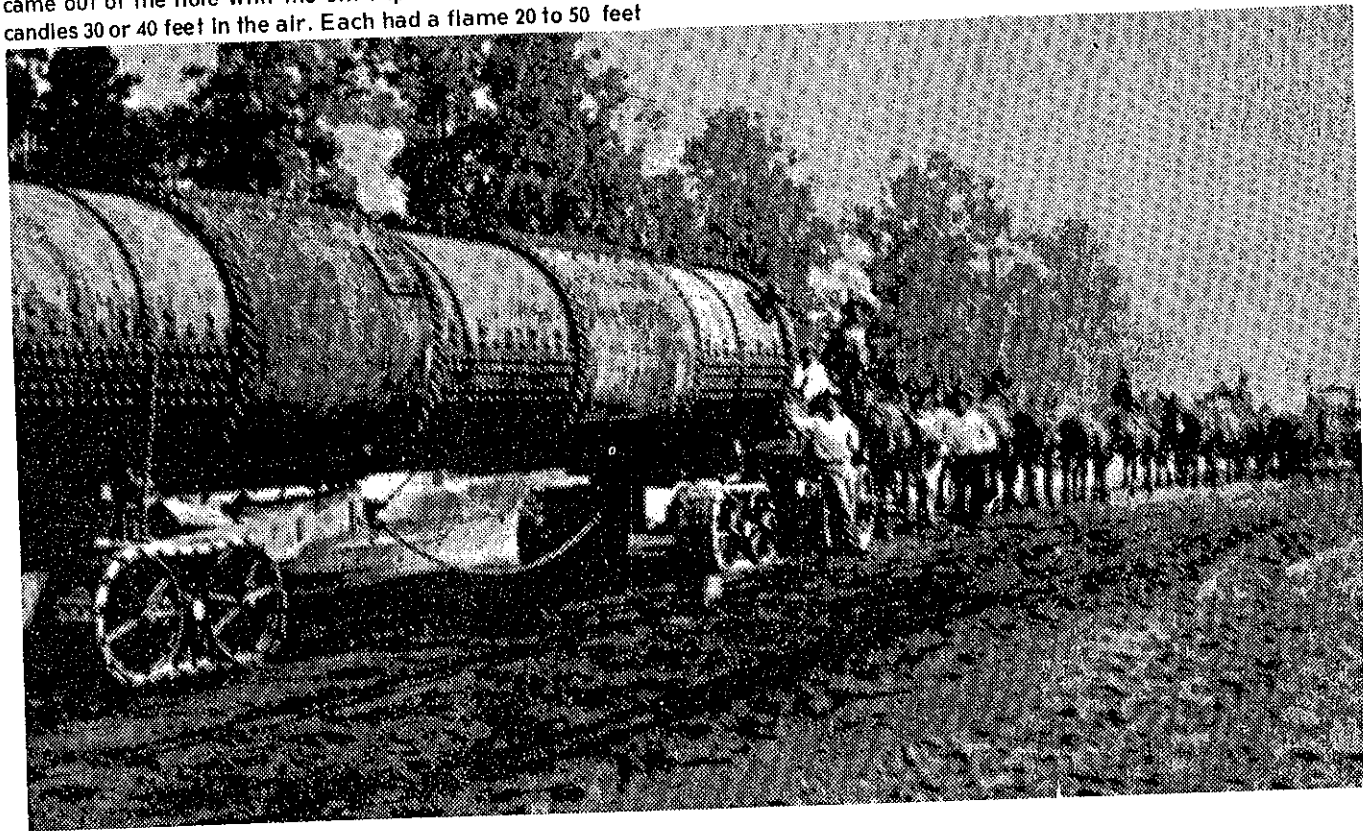
high when the well was in operation. The flames on the flares at a refinery were over 100 feet high. Of course this precious gas would not be wasted today, but there was no market for it then. At one time there were 26 operating refineries in the city limits.

Men without homes often slept on newspapers on the ground under the flares in winter for warmth. Night was well illuminated and with the 400 wells and 26 refineries, the danger of explosion was a constant factor. The town was fortunate that an uncontrollable fire didn't get started.

The first Gladewater well came in in January 1931. In the fall, winter, and spring 1931-1932 there were between seven and ten thousand living where less than 500 had been counted in the 1930 census.



SEA OF MUD — It rained six inches during a short period in the spring of 1931. Roads, bad enough in dry weather, became impassable.



Bumpus House nominated for Texas Historical Marker

Three Texas Historical Markers will soon be dedicated in Gregg County and a fourth site located in Gladewater is being considered for a marker by the Texas Historical Commission in Austin.

The announcement was made during the Gregg County Historical Commission's annual meeting, held May 2.

The THC has approved markers for Shiloh Baptist Church, Longview's First Presbyterian Church and the Longview Community Center. A recently submitted application for a marker for Gladewater's Bumpus home awaits a decision.

Dr. Norman Black, chairman of the GCHC, reported three historical marker dedications during 1993: the former site of Longview High School and "New Deal" Era in Kilgore, as well as a private ceremony held July 4 near Gladewater which dedicated the John Ben Shepperd grave marker. Gladeites Nauty Byrd Mayer, Elizabeth Osteen and Mildred Barker represented the commission at the local service.

Franklin Martin purchased a replacement medallion for the Early Teague home in Longview. Three historical markers are refinished: the Early Teague Home description plate; the I&GN, Missouri-Pacific Railroad Station and Alexander Institute, both in Kilgore.

Gregg County commissioners recently appointed Carol Morris Little to serve in the GCHC. Mrs. Little prepared many historical marker applications while serving on the Harrison County Historical Commission. Her expertise is a valuable asset to the GCHC as people in this county frequently request assistance with marker applications.

Dr. Black reported the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Farm Heritage Program lists four such farms in Gregg County though many others meet the requirements. Any farmland which has remained in the same family and continuously produced for 100 years is eligible for this designation.

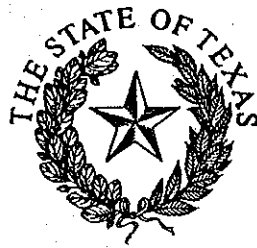
A recent development in Gregg County historical preservation is the World War II Victory Museum, owned and operated by the Lone Star Wing of the Confederate Air Force. Col. Gene Martin is the director.

Dr. Black, reporter Charlotte Allgood Black of Longview and Virginia Long of Kilgore represented GCHC at the 1994 Texas Historical Preservation Conference held April 28-30 in San Angelo. Mrs. Long is also a member of the Texas Historical Commission.

GCHC is an arm of the county government, appointed by the county judge and commissioners court. It is the responsibility of the GCHC to protect the county's historical heritage. The most visible of the commission's functions is the acquisition of cast aluminum historical markers on highways and buildings.

Other activities of the GCHC include surveying historic sites and structures, marking historic places, coordinating marker dedication ceremonies, encouraging and cooperating with others in any activity relative to preservation of local history.

Gladewater members are Mrs. Mayer, secretary, Mrs. Osteen, Mrs. Barker and Sondra Daniel.



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2276 512/463-6100

July 5, 1994

Janet Matatall
P. O. Box 421
Big Sandy, TX 75755

RE: BUMPUS HOUSE
medallion and plate without post

201 E. Upshur, Gladewater
Job # 07794, Gregg County

Dear Ms. Matatall:

This letter is to notify you that the State Marker Review Board has reviewed and approved the above-referenced structure for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation. This special status, awarded to properties deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations, conveys a measure of legal protection to the building. Notification of any modifications to the exterior of this structure should be made to the Texas Historical Commission at least 60 days prior to the commencement of work. Please refer to the enclosed brochure for further information on the RTHL designation.

Payment for the marker, in the amount of \$350.00, is now due. Please complete and return the enclosed Payment Form at your earliest convenience. Once payment for the marker is received, the application will be placed in line to have the marker inscription written. The inscription will not be written until after funds have been received. When the text is prepared, a copy will be sent to you and any parties listed below for review and approval.

The Texas Historical Commission congratulates you on the preservation of this fine structure and appreciates your effort to record Texas history in this manner.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman

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

pc: Dr. Norman Black, Gregg CHC ✓

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

Texas Historical Commission Staff (RMO), 6/13/95

Texas Historical Medallion and Plate without post, for wood
Gregg County (Job #07794)

Location: 201 Upshur, Gladewater

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SESQUICENTENNIAL OF TEXAS STATEHOOD 1845-1995***
RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1994***

*1/2 inch lettering

**3/8 inch lettering

***1/4 inch lettering



***Bumpus House
"officially"
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 RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK 1994



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July 9, 1996

Cynthia J. Beeman, Administrator
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Re: BUMPUS HOUSE
Job#: 07794

Dear Cynthia:

This is a sad culmination of a long process. It seems no one in Gladewater was really interested enough in this project to have a formal dedication ceremony. The enclosed report for our files probably says it all.

I am enclosing a photograph of the marker in place for your records.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Enc. - 3.

P.S. After I placed the marker I went to the Gladewater Chamber of Commerce and told them what I had done. They contact the Gladewater Mirror which published a nice photo about the historical marker. I am also enclosing a copy of the photograph and article.

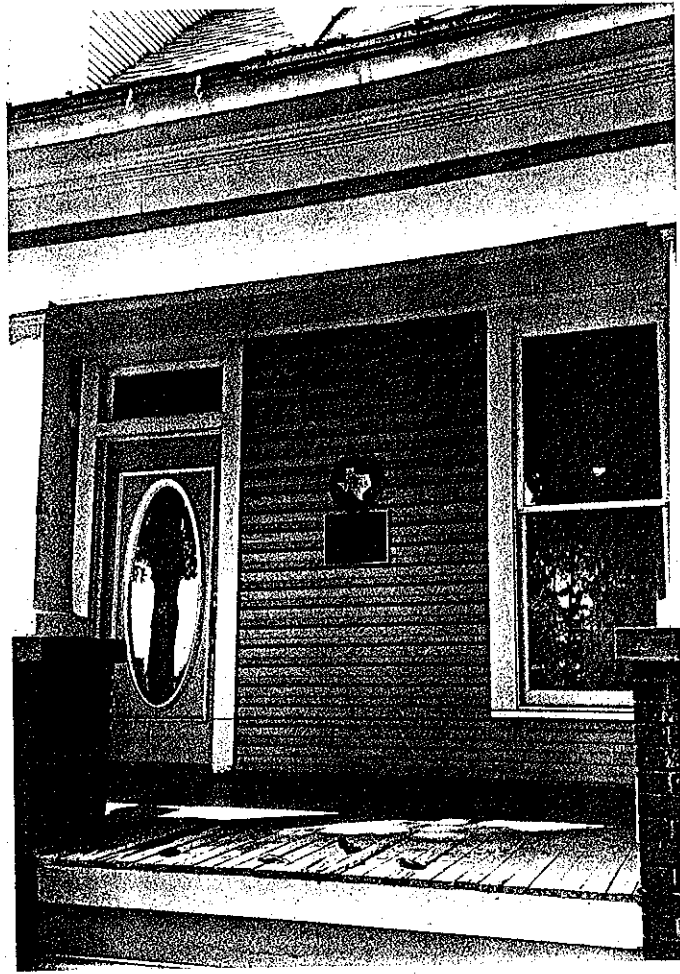
BUMPUS HOUSE

OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

This marker was installed on the wood siding immediate to the right of the front door of the house between the door and a window.

There was no ceremony. The restaurant (formerly the "Bumpus House Restaurant") has been closed for several months. An employee of the owner, Janet Matatall, lives in the house but was not at home at the time of installation.

Mrs. Matatall and former owner and resident, Barbara Sue Bumpus Kutch, were advised and approved of this earlier this day, June 21, 1996, 4:00 P.M.



Bumpus House H.M.
Gladewater, Gregg Co.

6-21-96



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