

APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Texas Historical Commission
History Division
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Title of Marker (subject to revision by THC staff) ▶ F. L. Whaley House 1871	County ▶ Gregg
Marker Location (from nearest town on state map) ▶ 101 E. Whaley St. Longview, Texas	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site ▶	If not on post, type of surface to which marker ▶ wood will be attached (wood, stone, etc.)
Owner of Marker Site ▶ Kenneth L. Ross	Address City, Zip 101 E. Whaley St. Longview, TX 75601
Sponsor of Marker ▶ Kenneth L. Ross	Address City, Zip 101 E. Whaley St. Longview, TX 75601
Signature of County Chairman ▶ <i>Norman H. Nash, D.D.S.</i>	Address City, Zip 417 S. Mobberly Longview, TX 75602
Person to whom marker is to be shipped* ▶ Kenneth L. Ross	Address City, Zip 101 E. Whaley ST. Longview, TX 75601

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

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee. Sales tax of 6 1/4% must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization. Applicants may order a marker with a socket to attach to their own post; however, the cost is the same as a marker furnished with a foundry post.

SUBJECT MARKERS

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| | With tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) ... | \$225 \$238.78 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker with post | \$650 \$689.81 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27" x 42" subject marker without post | \$600 \$636.75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker with post | \$375 \$397.97 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18" x 28" subject marker without post | \$300 \$318.38 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I(We) request that RTHL designation be considered for this marker. | |

BUILDING MARKERS

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| | With tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker with post | \$350 \$371.45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker without post | \$300 \$318.38 |
- Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 13 through 18, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

Signature of owner _____

PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| _____ 3" x 4" plastic paperweight
mounted with replica of marker | With tax
\$90 \$95.51 |
| Allow two months from completion of marker
for receipt of paperweight. | |
| _____ Medallion paperweight | \$40 \$42.45 |
| Allows four lines of engraving; please indicate desired wording. | |

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

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

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|---|--------------|
| | With tax |
| 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign | \$80 \$84.90 |
| These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city
limits signs by the District Highway Engineer. | |
| — Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways) | |
| — Green and White (for interstate highways) | |
| 18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign | \$80 \$84.90 |
| In black and white only. For city and county roads.
Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement. | |
| — With arrow pointing straight ahead | |
| — With arrow pointing left | |
| — With arrow pointing right | |

OTHER

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| | With tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Register plaque | \$ 50 \$ 53.06 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12" x 6" supplemental plate | \$110 \$116.74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16" x 12" building marker plate only
(see policy #15) | \$190 \$201.64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement medallion (see policy #15) | \$110 \$116.74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936
granite markers) | \$ 25 \$ 27.14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze wreaths (for replacement on
1936 granite markers) | \$ 25 \$ 27.14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze seals (for replacement on
1936 granite markers) | \$ 65 \$ 68.98 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze plates (for replacement on
1936 granite markers) | \$185 \$196.33 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificates of commendation | 50c each |

4-23-86 9:11 to 9:15 AM.

phone call to Texas Historical
Commission. Mrs. Frances Rickard's
assistant, Cindy Langdon.

(after phone conversation with
Ken Ross, owner of Whaley House
in longview. He removed the
marker to the inside because
"descendants of the builder live
in the house" is no longer
correct) He would like an "up-
dated" marker.

The rules and regulations are
more stringent than in 1965
Cindy Langdon (Mrs. Rickard was in
Wixahachie) suggested Mr. Ross
re-apply. That is, fill out a
new application for a "replace-
ment marker", Furnish (again)
an old photo of the front of
the Whaley House, photos and
restoration and addition from
all sides, and his intention for
the new marker. If Ken needs
more information phone Mrs. Rickard.

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The F. L. Whaley House 1871

by Helen McHaney Griffin
2600 Brookview, Kilgore, Texas 75662

The property transfers taken from the deed records of Upshur and Gregg Countys, Texas given herewith establish that the F. L. Whaley house, the oldest house in the city of Longview, Texas, still stands on its original site and is in an excellent state of repair. The part of Gregg County in which this property lies became a part of the county by an act of the legislature in April of 1874, being originally a part of Upshur County.^{1.}

The Southern Pacific Railroad deeded Lot 6, Block 2, Longview, December 13, 1870, original town addition, to F. L. Whaley as recorded in Book O, pg. 603, deed records of Upshur County. In 1871, the original house, the fourth built in Longview, contained four rooms and the front porch. It had a wide hall going through the center. Later on, other rooms were added; the upstairs was ceiled and the stairway remodeled. Columns were added to the porch.^{2.}

At the time the additions were made, there was no hotel in Longview; the W haleys set aside the room in the west wing for visiting clergy of all denominations. The lumber for the house, cut down on the lot, was hand hewn and planed. Originally, there were seven chimneys made with rock from Rock Hill, located near the home site. There are transoms over the windows throughout the house. The side glasses which frame the heavy front door are etched with a beautiful geometric design. The floors, made of large, edge-grained pine, are secured with wooden pegs.

1. Levy, Richard B., History of the Creation of Gregg County, Texas, unpublished, Pg. 1.
2. Tate, Frankie Whaley, Personal interview, November 1963.

The white frame clapboard one and a half story house of colonial architectural design, featuring three dormer windows on the roof and a large cellar, was built by Franklin Lucilius Whaley and his wife, Mary Caroline Rogers. The couple, natives of Georgia and Tennessee and married in Harrison County near Roseborough Springs in 1855, came to Longview in 1870 where Whaley established a hardware business. He was elected mayor of Longview in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Whaley were charter members of the First Baptist Church of Longview and donated some of the land for the building of the first parsonage of the church.³

Located at 101 E. Whaley St. in Longview and directly north of the Gregg County courthouse, five generations of the Whaley family have lived in the house, the last being a great-granddaughter, Carrie Lavinia Tate who remained a resident until her death in 1980. After 100 years of continual residency by members of the Whaley family, the house was purchased by a group of attorneys for development as office suites.⁴

The name of the builder or contractor for the erection of the structure is unknown. There is no available information regarding the construction of the house, how the materials were acquired, and techniques or materials used that are no longer in use, except those facts previously mentioned.

In addition, no information is available concerning the influences which caused the owner to build a residence of this type other than the fact that it was typical of the architectural style of its era. The materials, namely pine and oak lumber and iron rock, were available in

3. Longview, Texas Centennial Book, unpublished, 1970, Pg. 26

4. Teske, Charlotte, Roamin' Through Longview, unpublished, 1987, Pg. 34

abundance.

On June 26, 1979, Carrie Tate, George Whaley Tate, and George Whaley Tate, II executed a deed to Kenneth Ross, Trustee for property described as: all that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land situated in Gregg County, Texas, known as all of Lot 7 of the new city Block 47 of the city of Longview, Gregg County, Texas, also being Lot 6, Block 2 of the original plan of the town of Longview, Texas, Clerk's Book 1193, Page 312, Deed Records, Gregg County, Texas. In 1980, the architectural firm of Bell, Klein and Hoffman, restoration architects of Austin, Texas, was retained to restore and renovate the F. L. Whaley house for the two-fold purpose of preserving the historic landmark and adapting it for use as office suites for a firm of attorneys, directly accessible to the county courthouse. The meticulously planned and executed restoration, which included major renovation of the complete foundation, was completed in 1981. A Quit Claim deed from Kenneth Ross, Trustee to John T. Ward, Trustee for Whaley House Development was filed June 25, 1982 as recorded in Book 1374, Pg. 342, Gregg County Clerk's records, and a Warranty deed executed by John T. Ward, Trustee for Whaley House Development to Kenneth L. Ross and Stephen W. McDaniel was filed on October 5, 1983 as recorded in Book 1483, Page 34. A deed executed by Stephen W. McDaniel, filed January 22, 1986 to Kenneth L. Ross, as recorded in Book 1638, Page 307, deed records Gregg County, Texas names Kenneth L. Ross, Attorney-at-law, as the current owner of the F. L. Whaley house.

In the restoration process, planners carefully chose wall paper nearest to the original pattern design, retained the ceilings as they were, and brought out the beauty of the pine floors. The original

window panes and china door knobs were in place, except for the need for replacement of broken glass and missing knobs. Five colors on the exterior decor were carefully duplicated in the restoration. The white clapboard was repainted, a green trim on the underpinning of the foundation and top of the porch railing was redone, and the screens and mullions were painted black. The front door was repainted brown; the porch floor was given a new coat of gray paint to complete the use of five colors.

The entire floor plan of the original house has been adapted for use as office space. There are executive offices, reception areas, office manager, legal secretarial and paraprofessional offices. At the time of the restoration a new professional addition, facing North Center St. on the west side, was added as a joint venture move. This 6,500 square foot building houses a legal library-meeting and consultation room, reception area, professional office space as well as a deposition room encompassing video equipment. The new building has a separate west entrance and is attached to the original building at the rear.

This house, white frame clapboard of colonial architecture, provided a room designated "preacher's room" for the care of circuit riding preachers and was the home of a Whaley granddaughter, Frankie Whaley Tate, from birth to death. The fourth house built in Longview stands today representing the era in which it was constructed. It is revered by young and old alike for its antiquity and quaint structural appearance. With the excellence of its restoration and the distinct adaptation to contemporary use, it is significant in this metropolitan area. Truly, it is deserving of a supplemental marker plate.

5. Johnson, Javan Bass, Personal interview, Office Manager, December 1988.

Footnotes

1. Levy, Richard B., History of the Creation of Gregg County, Texas, unpublished, Pg. 1.
2. Tate, Frankie Whaley, Personal interview, November 1963.
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THE TEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING MEDALLION

DEC 11 1963

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
COMMITTEE

County GREGG Town Longview Date of Application: Nov. 18th, 1963

Address: (If the Building is not in town indicate number of miles and direction from center of town and number or name of highway or road.)

Located in Longview, Texas.

101 E. Whaley St.

Present Owner: Mrs. Frankie Whaley Tate
(Mrs. George Tate Sr.)

General Designation: _____

Date Built: 1871, The fourth house built in Longview.

Present Condition: well kept through the years.

Interest:
Architectural White frame clap board - Colonial
One room designated "Preacher's Room"
Historical took care of circuit riding preachers.

Organization or Individual Assuming Responsibility of Building:
Mrs. Frankie Whaley Tate (Mrs. George Sr.,)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX

Date Received: _____

Date Approved, Rejected: _____

Committee Ruling: R.N.R. 12-18-63, 2/13/64
Ag D-1-10-64

Area Representatives: 7/24/64 - gm

Committee Members: _____

No. Assigned #865

Date Mailed: _____

Additional Remarks: In 1871 the original house contained four rooms and the front Porch. It had a wide hall going through the center, later on other rooms were added. The upstairs was ceiled and the stairway remodeled. Columns were added to the porch.

Sources of Information: From Granddaughter of the builder, Mr. F. L. Whaley. The present owner has lived in this house her entire life. See Book O, page 603, Upshur County deeds, F. L. Whaley from So. Pac. R. R. Lot 6, Blk 2, Longview. Dec. 13, 1870. Original town addition.

Frankie Whaley Tate 101 East Whaley
Signature - Owner or Authorized Representative Address

UNLESS THE FOLLOWING IS SUPPLIED, THE BUILDING MEDALLION COMMITTEE CANNOT ACT UPON THIS APPLICATION:

- 1. Complete information asked for above
- 2. Kodak picture of building attached to application
- 3. Check for \$14.75 made payable to TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

I hereby certify the above application has been approved by the Gregg County Historical Survey Committee

BK
gws

Onelia D. Deeding (Mrs. Paul)
County Chairman

602 Jefferson W. Langreth
Address



WHALEY HOUSE— Five generations of the family have lived at 101 East Whaley, the home built inside the Longview city limits. The house is lived in by Mrs. George Tate, Sr., whose

grandfather built the home in 1874 with lumber cut down on the lot. Every room has a fireplace. Visiting clergy of all denominations stayed at the home which has a special "Preachers' Room."



F. L. WHALEY HOUSE, 1871.
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RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK-1964

THE F. L. WHALEY

W. H. H. H.

1964

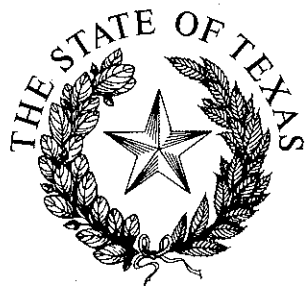
MARKER NAME Wesley House JOB NO. **6014**
 TOWN Longview COUNTY Cross DATE 7-7-80
 MARKER SIZE National Register Plaque \$35.00
 (to be attached to wood) FEE \$ 1.75 sales tax
 Accepted on Register 5/23/80

PROCEDURE FOR MARKER APPLICATION

INITIAL	DATE		COUNTY CHAIRMAN:
		1. Application checked and dated	G.C.
H/W	7/7/80	2. Check deposited	
H-W	7-10-80	3. Receipt of application acknowledged	
		4. Additional information sent for	
		5. Sent to National Register for architectural evaluation	
		6. Evaluated	
		7. Sent to SHC for subject matter approval	
		8. Letter of approval sent, permanent record & DLA recording, labeling, listed, & filed	
		9. Checklist to inscription writer	
		10. Sent for State Marker Committee approval	
		11. Inscription submitted for County approval	
		12. Highway permission secured (if necessary)	
H/W	7-16-80	13. Order sent to Southwell	
		14. Rubbing checked	
Ry	8/26/80	15. Notice of shipment and news release information sent	
		16. RTHL Certificate sent	
		17. Recorded for Marker Guide	
		18. Extraneous material deleted	
		19. Folder placed in completed marker file	

DATE RECEIVED: 7-7-80
 CHECK NO.: 12848
 CHECK DATED: 7-1-80
 AMOUNT OF CHECK: \$35.00
 CHECK SIGNED BY: John Sharp

7-16-80
12876
7-10-80
\$1.35
John Sharp



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

March 20, 1989

Dr. Norman W. Black
Gregg County Historical Commission
417 S. Mobberly
Longview, TX 75602

Dear Dr. Black:

I received your application and materials for a replacement marker on the F. L. Whaley House. I do have some questions about the application.

Two different boxes were checked on the application form. Do you want a new 16" x 12" building marker plate, or a 12" x 6" supplemental plate?

Also, in order for the architectural historians to make a proper review of the structure, we will need new photographs of all sides of the home's exterior. The instant-type photos you sent were rather fuzzy, as well as incomplete; parts of the house were cut off in the photos. Would it be possible for you to submit clearer copies?

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman

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Historian
State Marker Program

/cjb



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

August 1, 1989

Dr. Norman W. Black, Chair
Gregg County Historical Commission
417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Dear Dr. Black:

I recently met with our architectural historians concerning the replacement marker for the F. L. Whaley House in Longview. We were quite surprised to learn about the work that had been done to the house since receiving its original landmark designation in 1964.

I have enclosed photocopies of the photos that were in our file from the 1960s. The architectural historians assume that the bungalow features evident on the house at that time, including the boxed columns on brick piers, were added in the 1920s. Do you have an historic photograph that documents the current, late-19th-century style porch supports and balustrade? If not, what type of documentation was used in the decision to redo the front porch?

The architectural historians would also like to have a rough site plan of the property, and they asked that I inquire about the chimney arrangements. The native stone chimney on the east end of the center bay of the house does not appear in the photos we had in the original file, nor does the chimney on the rear of the east wing of the house appear in the photos. Please clarify these discrepancies for us.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and to continuing work with you on the replacement marker for this property.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard

Frances Rickard, Director
State Marker Program

/Er

cc: Kenneth L. Ross

Enclosures

The State Agency for Historic Preservation



Gregg County Historical Commission

NORMAN W. BLACK
Chairman

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone
214-757-2261

EWAL. WHALEY HOUSE QUESTION

(see attached penciled notes beginning 8-7-1989)

August 14, 1989: telephoned Mr. John Klein of Wagner & Klein Architects of Fredricksburg (512) 997-9525, formerly with Austin firm of Bell, Klein, and Hoffman. Mr. Klein did go to Austin, to the Austin History Center, where he located the file of the Whaley House Restoration project. The file is the the Travis County Collection; the file number: 02279. The file contained early photographs of the Whaley House which were used in the restoration. These photographs provided the historical justification for the type of balustrade, etc. used in the restoration project.

While in Austin Mr. Klein visited the Texas Historical Commission and met with Mrs. Frances Rickard, Director of the historical marker program. Mrs. Rickard was unaware of this file and was most happy to find proof of existence of this architecture. Mr. Klein also expressed the desire that these photographs, somehow, be returned to the present owner of the Whaley House, Mr. Kenneth Ross of Longview.

I telephoned Mrs. Rickard after my conversation with Mr. Klein to confirm this. Mrs. Rickard said that, although the architect historians had yet to see these files and pictures, there should no longer be a problem with the new supplemental plate for the medallion (for the Whaley House).

I asked Mrs. Rickard, then should I wait until I heard from her and she replied in the affirmative. By this I presume the process for obtaining this new plate would resume. --NWB.

(These notes transcribed 8-16-1989.)



F.L. Whaley House
Question

Norman Black, D.D.S.

8-7-89. phoned Ken Ross
said firm of Bell, Klein, and
Hoffman of Austin did re-
steration. Ross met with
this firm and reps. from
TDC who "gave approval"
of plans" - had photo
of Whaley House with
porch as now is for
model.

8-7-89. phoned B, K, & H. firm
(David Hoffman). Thinks
plans, etc. given to Austin
History Center. Firm address
15 308-B, Congress Ave.
Austin 78701 (512-
476-3033) said John
Klein, who did work,
now with Wachter &
Klein in Fredericksburg.

"If no luck write Belle Hoffman?"

417 Mobberly Ave., Longview, TX 75602, (214) 757-2261

"Don Binder did interiors" - K. Ross



8-8-89 A.M.

John Klein-Fredricksburg
(512) 997-9525 off.

Norman Black, D.D.S.
(512) 997-4518 - res.

piece of ^{porch} trim in
basement, even colors
like the - "well documented
1894 photo - at time"

Travis Co. Collection

Mr. Klein is going to
Austin tomorrow & will
look for the old photo.



9-14-89
John Kleim

Norman Black, D.D.S.

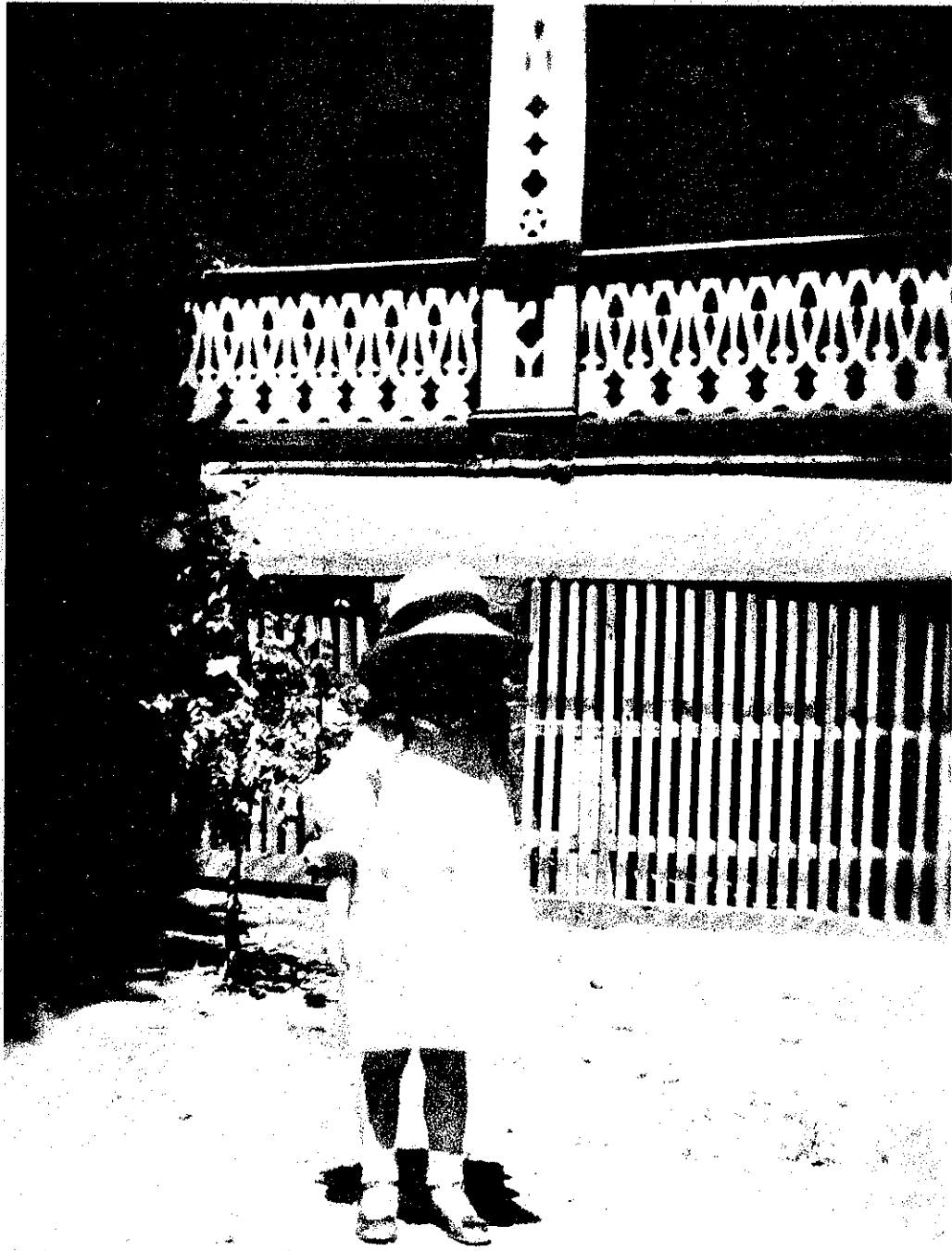
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mediately north of the courthouse at 101 East Whaley and is the residence of Mrs. George W. (Frankie Whaley) Tate and her daughter, Miss Catherine.

Caddo Lake's Strange Names Reflect Past

One of the most fascinating phases of Caddo Lake lies in the history behind the names of some of its landmarks.

For instance, the area known as Red Belly was originally called Ledbetter but has been colloquialized into its present form.

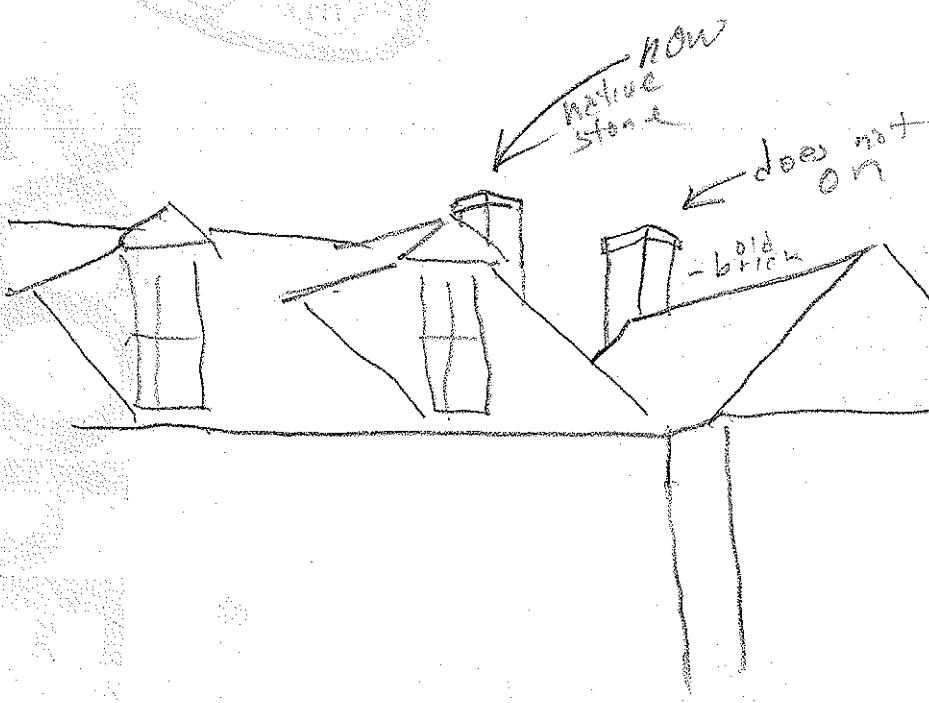
It is named for a steamboat captain, who it is said, had an overenthusiastic moment and rammed his boat through a thick cypress grove in the area. Hayrake got its name because of an abandoned agricultural implement, which, until recently, could be seen lying

at the bottom of the lake.

Willowson's Woodyard takes its name from an enterprising man of the steamboat era. Willowson cut the abundant timber around Caddo's shores and sold it for boat fuel. His famous refueling station was known by the name the area bears today.

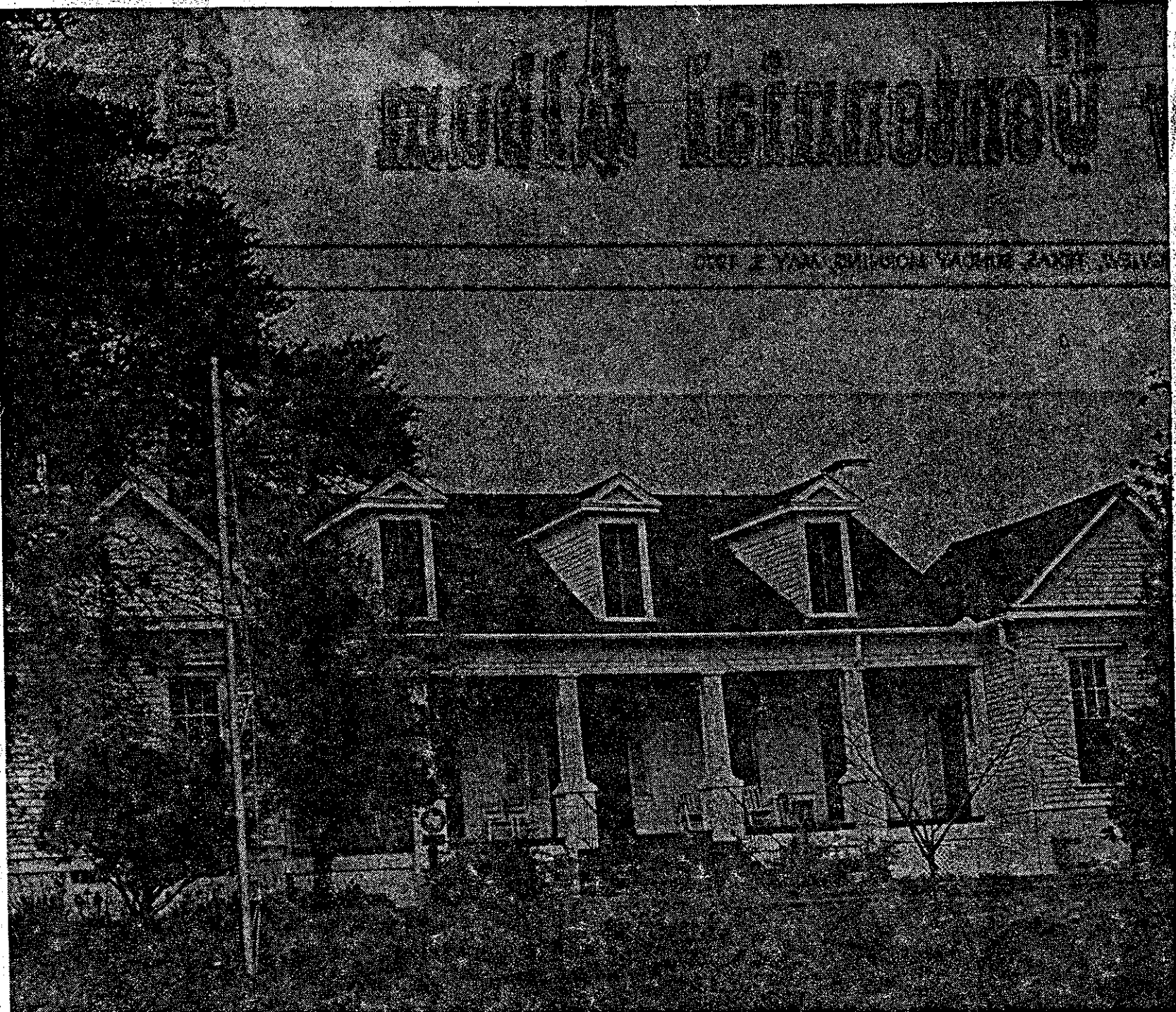
Whistleberry Slough is another colloquialism of a man's name. It is derived from Witzzenberry, an early lake figure. The unique names include Eagles Nest, Goose Prairie, Old Folks Playground, Fish Nest Gap, Stumpy Slough, Blind Slough, Kitchen's Creek, Hog Wallow, Alligator Bayou, Pine Bluff, Tow Head, Devil's Elbow, Hamburger Point, Cockleburr, Rag Island, Britt's Gap, Perch

Gap, Whangdoodle Bayou, Pig Pen, Ox Bow, Bois d'arc Pond, Horse Island, Hell's Half Acre, Tar Island, Hawtle Shell, Starr Dit Arm, Mossy Break, Bird Roost, Long F The old stagecoach from Natchitoches, through Gregg Cou



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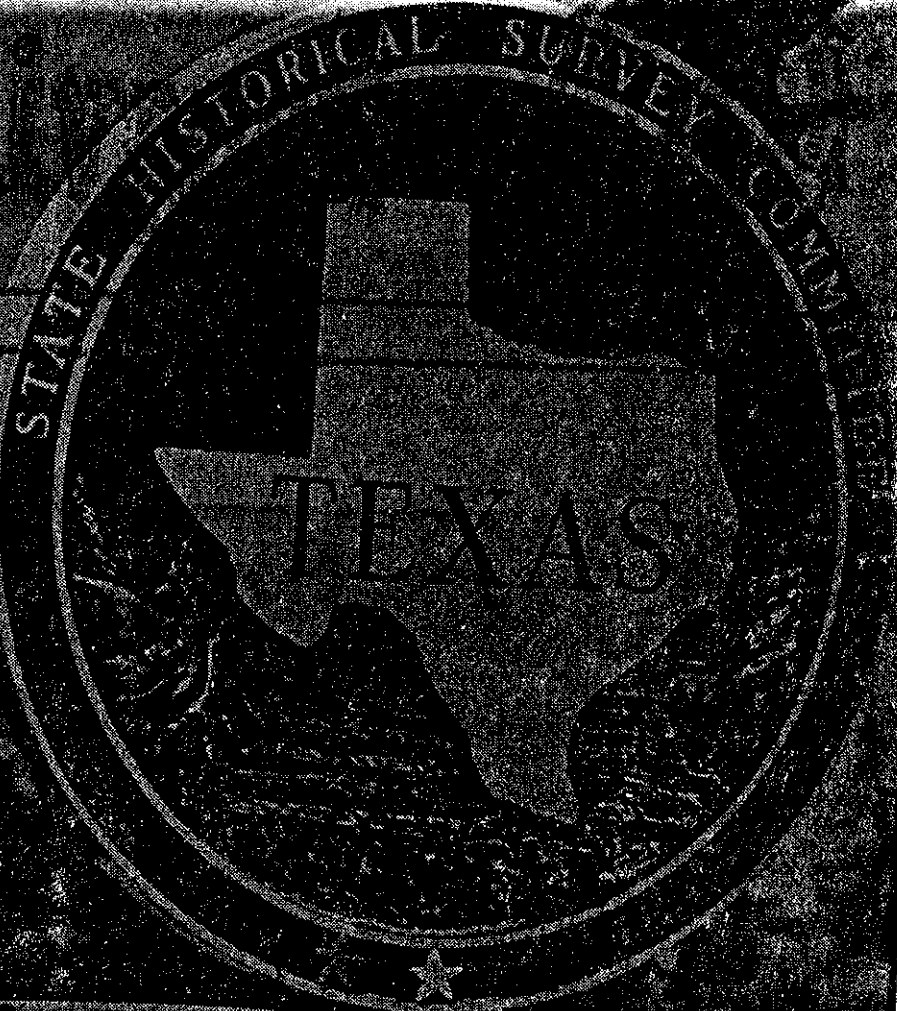
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RECORDED TEXAS HISTORICAL LANDMARK - 1964

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Fish Nest
ugh, Blind
Creek, Hog
Bayou, Pine
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ocklebur.
Gap, Perch

Gap, Whangdoodle Pass, Cross
Bayou, Pig Pen, Kane Hole,
Ox Bow, Bois d'arc Pass, Mound
Pond, Horse Island, Big Hole,
Hell's Half Acre, 4 Forks,
Tar Island, Hawley Arm, Tur-
tle Shell, Starr Ditch, Jackson
Arm, Mossy Break, Back L,
Bird Roost, Long Pine Stretch.

The old stagecoach route west
from Natchitoches, La., passed
through Gregg County.

MARKER ON WHALEY HOME - Above is
the State Historical Survey Committee's
marker which stands in front of the oldest
house in Longview, the F. L. Whaley house.

The marker is typical of those found through-
out the city on houses of historical signifi-
cance.

Mattie's Ballroom To Feature Band

(From The News-Journal Files)
(Oct. 25, 1931)
Mrs. Mattie Castleberry an-
nounces a special Monday night
feature at Mattie's Ball Room.

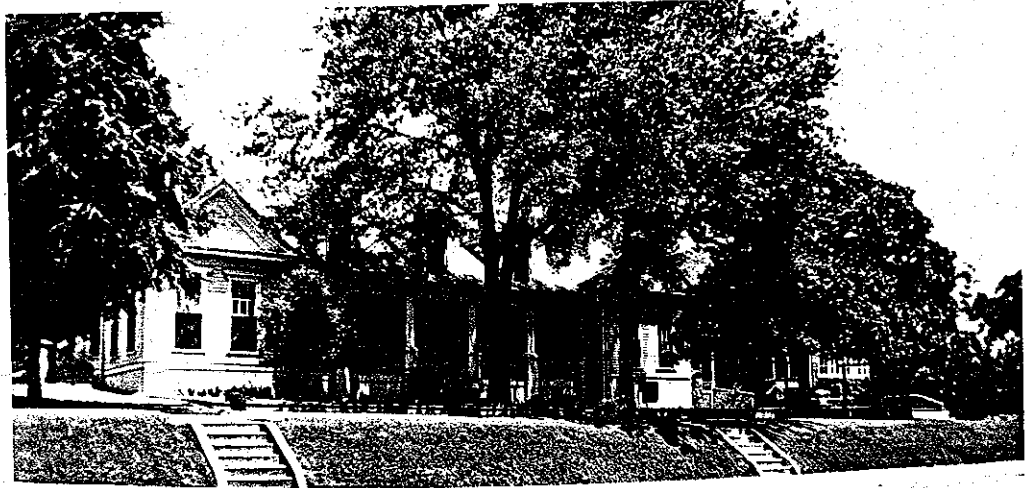
midway on the Longview-Kil-
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ture is in the form of Brandy's
12 piece orchestra -- 12 young
men who sing as well as syn-
copate.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED

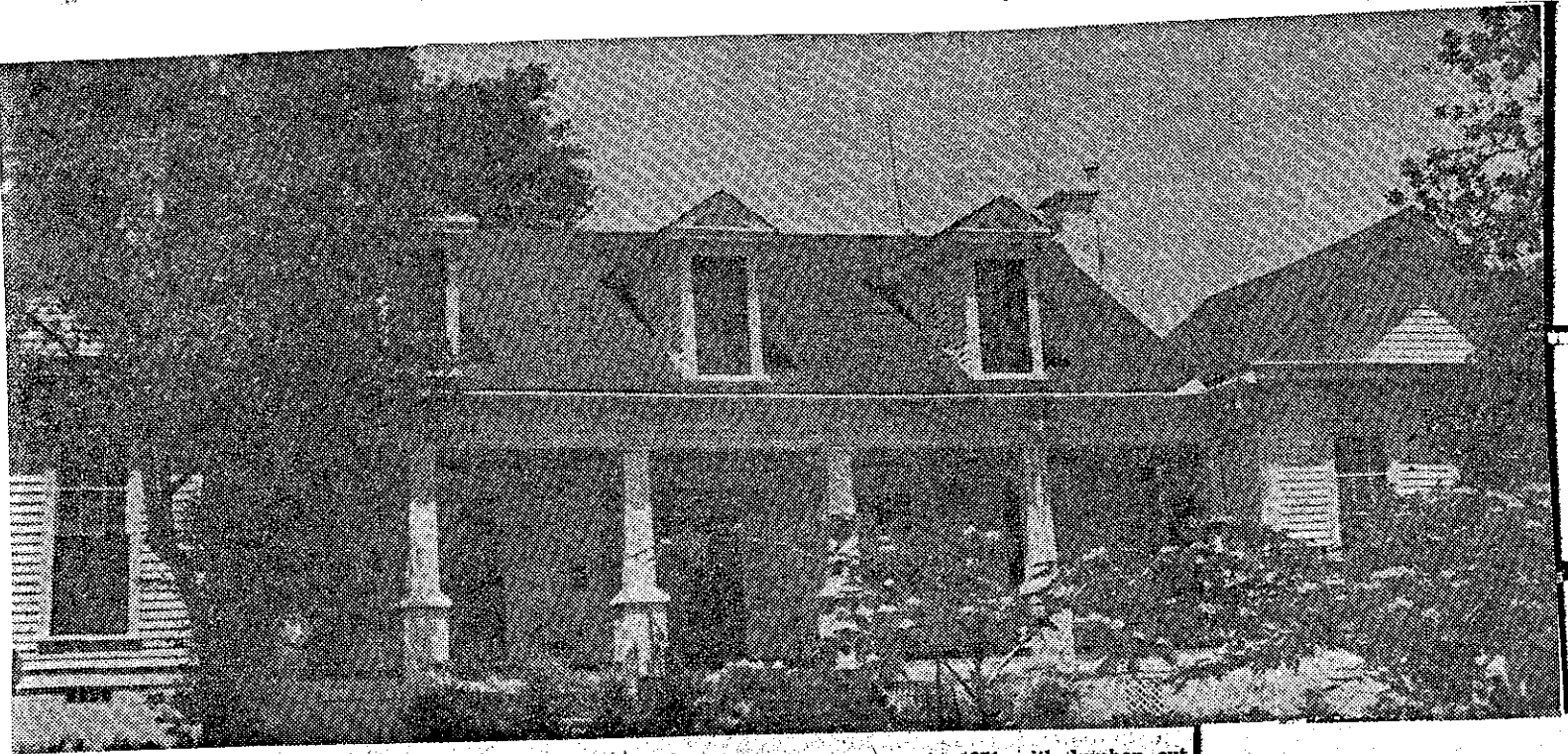
Several "small houses" at the
rear of H. I. Smith's property
in Longview caught fire on June
14, 1911. The blaze was extin-
guished by the Longview Fire
Department.

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F. L. WHALEY HOUSE—Five generations of the Whaley family have lived at 101 East Whaley, the fourth home built inside the Longview city limits. The home is lived in by Mrs. George Tate, Sr., whose grandfather built the home in 1871 with lumber cut down on the lot. Every room has a fireplace. Visiting clergy of all denominations stayed at the home which has a special "Preachers' Room."



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October 18, 1989

Dr. Norman W. Black, Chair
Gregg County Historical Commission
417 S. Mobberly
Longview, Texas 75602

RE: F. L. Whaley House
101 E. Whaley St., Longview

Dear Dr. Black:

The staff has completed its review of the above-referenced structure and has determined that it does continue to meet the criteria for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation. We can therefore at this time proceed with the processing of the new interpretive plate.

While the original plate measured 12" x 6", the current standard building marker plate is the 16" x 12" size. The 12" x 6" supplemental plate is generally used only to make a correction in the original text or to provide non-historical information, such as names of sponsors or restorers. The amount due for the new 16" x 12" plate is \$190.00 (plus \$15.20 tax if applicable). A check made payable to the Texas Historical Commission should be sent to the letterhead address at your earliest convenience. The new inscription will then be written and sent to you and the owner for your review and comment.

We were glad to see that the 1980s restoration project had been based on historic photodocumentation. Please keep in mind that future exterior alterations should be reviewed by the THC's Division of Architecture in keeping with the statutes governing Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks. A brochure is enclosed for your review.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard
Frances Rickard, Director
State Marker Program

cc: Kenneth L. Ross

10-24-89 10:35 A.M.
phoned Ken - will send check

Texas Historical Commission Staff (CJB), 1/31/90

16" x 12" interpretive plate (to go with 1964 medallion), to be attached to wood

Gregg County (Job #21589)

Location: 101 E. Whaley Street, Longview

F.L.WHALEY HOUSE*

CONSTRUCTED IN 1871 FOR HARDWARE

MERCHANT FRANKLIN L.WHALEY AND

HIS WIFE MARY CAROLINE ROGERS,

THIS WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST

HOMES BUILT IN LONGVIEW, FIVE

GENERATIONS OF THE WHALEY FAMILY

HAVE LIVED HERE, BUILT IN A CENTRAL

HALL CONFIGURATION WITH LUMBER

CUT ON THE SITE, THE STRUCTURE

FEATURES GABLED PAVILIONS, THREE

DORMERS ABOVE THE FRONT PORCH,

FINE MILLED WOOD DETAILS, AND

ELABORATE JIG-SAWN BALUSTRADE

AND PIERS. **

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK - 1964***

*1/2 inch lettering

**3/8 inch lettering

***1/4 inch lettering



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February 6, 1990

Dr. Norman Black
417 S. Mobberly
Longview, TX 75602

RE: F. L. WHALEY HOUSE
16"X12" interpretive plate

Dear Dr. Black:

Enclosed is the proposed inscription for the above referenced marker. Please review and verify the information contained in the inscription. In particular, be sure to check all names and dates, and make certain we have used the correct marker location. Please contact other sponsors of this application to discuss the wording of the marker. If you approve the inscription, sign and return your own enclosed card.

If you have corrections or changes to suggest, please make a copy of the inscription and return it to us with the marked corrections. Please do not type a new version of the inscription. We will make changes to meet our style and spacing requirements. Documentation of any changes in this inscription, particularly of names and dates, is required for our permanent file.

Note that this is a working copy, including filing and foundry instructions. The right-hand margin is uneven on this copy, but will be justified on the finished marker.

The marker will not be ordered for casting until the county historical commission and other persons or groups listed below have approved the inscription. You may retain this inscription copy for your files.

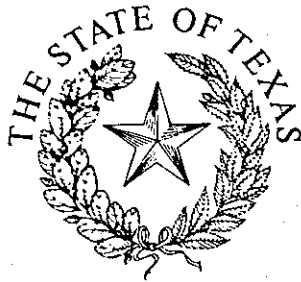
Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman, Historian
State Marker Program

CJB/bib

Enclosure

cc: Kenneth L. Ross



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

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November 8, 1990

Mr. Kenneth Ross
101 E. Whaley
Longview, TX 75601

RE: F. L. WHALEY HOUSE
16"x12" interpretive plate

Dear Mr. Ross:

The above referenced marker has been shipped as indicated below. If this marker is not received within one week from the date of this notice, please contact Sylvia at the Southwell Company at 512/223-1831, immediately, so it can be traced. Please be prepared to give her the following information:

Job No. 21589 Date Shipped 10/31/90 Via UPS

Shipped to: SAME AS ABOVE

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard

Frances Rickard
Director
State Marker Program

FR/bjb

CC: Dr. Norman W. Black, Gregg CHC