

Longview Sunday News-Journal

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Two Historic Homes To Get Awards Friday

Two Gregg County residences of historic interest will be given medallions in public ceremonies at 3 and 4 p.m. next Friday.

The residences are the Rucker-Campbell home at 433 South Center Street and the Allison-Chick home on Dundee Drive.

The award ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. at the Rucker-Campbell home, with County Judge R. E. Peppy Blount as master of ceremonies, and the program at the Allison-Chick home will be at 4 p.m., followed by an informal reception there.

In both instances, the medallions will be presented by George W. Hill of Austin, executive director (See HOMES, Page 2-C)

HOMES-

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of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee.

Histories of the two dwellings will be given by H. L. Foster Sr., the Rev. Warrin Fry, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, will give the invocation and Dr. W. Morris Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, will give the benediction.

Others scheduled to participate are members of the Gregg County Historical Survey Committee, including Mrs. Paul Belding, chairman; Dr. Norman Black, vice chairman; Miss Dolly Northcutt, secretary; Mrs. Rogers Lacy, Mrs. Gaston Howard, Edward Woods, Mrs. T. W. Swiley, Dale McDaniel, H. L. Foster Sr., all of Longview; Mrs. Otto Staerker of Gladewater; and Mrs. Bob Pederson of Kilgore.

The Rucker-Campbell home was built in 1885 by Asa Rucker and was bought by Judge Jim Campbell 10 years later. The Allison-Chick home, 104 years old, was built by Dr. Jonathan Allison and, in 1957, was purchased by the Dick Chick family.

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JAMES N. ADAMS, M. D.
Ear, Nose, Throat, Allergy and Broncho-Esophagoscopy
210 Mobberly Ave.
Longview, Texas 75602
758-5573

October 31, 1984

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Texas Historical Commission
Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711


TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REF: 433 South Center, Longview, Texas 75601.

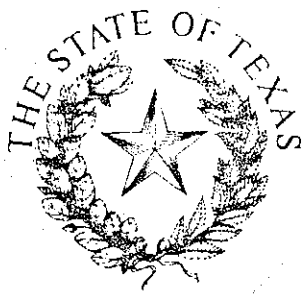
Please be advised that my mother's former homestead, registered as a Historical Marker, has been condemned by the City of Longview, Texas. I have no alternative, in order to escape liability, than to dismantle and to tear down this residence.

I would appreciate it if you would forego the 60 day notice as the building is unrepairable and is dangerous.

Respectively yours,


James N. Adams, M.D.
Executor of the Estate
of Madge D. Adams

JNA/mar
CC Otto Ritter
1110 Seminole
Longview, Texas
214-757-2285



CURTIS TUNNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512) 475-3092

December 14, 1984

James N. Adams, M.D.
210 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Dear Dr. Adams:

In light of the circumstances regarding your property at 433 Center Street in Longview, the Texas Historical Commission agrees to waive the 60-day notification period required in Section 12(2), Article 6145, V.T.C.S. It is our understanding that the Old Campbell Home, which was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1965, has been condemned by the City of Longview and that efforts to preserve it have been unsuccessful.

We request that the historical marker on the structure be placed in the hands of the Gregg County Historical Commission for appropriate display in the county museum.

Sincerely,

Curtis Tunnell
Executive Director

CT/fr

cc: Mrs. Paul Belding

The State Agency for Historic Preservation



Gregg County Historical Commission

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

417 Mobberly Avenue
Longview, Texas 75602

Phone
903-757-2261

June 7, 1993

Frances Rickard, Director
Local History Programs
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: J. N. Campbell House Historical Marker

Dear Frances:

I need some help. I've been trying to get the medallion portion of this historical marker at least since 1989 (please see enclosed correspondence). I'm convinced the descriptive plate is lost forever: it had been shot to pieces by vandals before it disappeared.

I first telephoned Mr. Ernest Phillips, the present owner on Dec. 20, 1989. I began telephoning him again Dec. 21, 1992. He said he would get it from his garage and phone me. When he did not call I phoned him and he finally said he "couldn't find it". I truly believe Ernie wants to keep it for a souvenir. I had told him, in keeping with the earlier directive from the THC, that I wanted to use it for a display (marker damage and refinishing) in the Gregg County Historical Museum.

Would you please write Mr. Phillips advising him of his legal (and ethical) responsibilities? I certainly would appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Norman

Enc. 3.

The owner's address is:
Ernest C. Phillips
1800 NW Loop 281
Longview, Texas 75604

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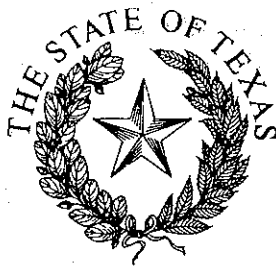
3 or 4 br, 2 ba, living & dining room, lg cedar sunroom, pool, deck, covered patio, lg shop with bath, barn, 2 ac. Smelly Rd. Hallsville School \$119,500. Consider trade. Appt. only. 757-2617 Also available, adjacent 3-br, 1-ba cedar house, carport, 1/2 acre. \$32,500.

Texas Historical House Governor Campbell honeymoon house. 433 South Center. Built 1870. Substantial federal tax credits for restoration. \$10,000 firm. No idle dreamers please. 759-9933/753-1137

***** UNBEATABLE LOCATION ***** Call for address and details on this **NEWLY LISTED** 3/2/2 home. Unbeatable price in the \$60's. Zack Williams Real Estate 297-3890

The present owner, Mr. Ernest C. Phillips, erroneously believes this to be the "Honeymoon House", which is on N. 2nd. St. in Longview. This is the J. N. Campbell home, not Gov. Campbell's home.

Norman Black



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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)

July 22, 1993

Ernest C. Phillips
1800 NW Loop 281
Longview, Texas 75604

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Dr. Norman Black, chair of the Gregg County Historical Commission, has brought to my attention the fact that you currently have the official building medallion issued by the state of Texas to the J. N. Campbell Home (433 Center Street in Longview). In recent conversations with Dr. Black, I have learned that the house is still standing, and therefore the medallion belongs on the house. It is my understanding, however, that the Campbell House is pending demolition. Because of its status as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, we would ask that you give the Texas Historical Commission 60 days notice before demolishing the historic structure, in accordance with state law. In the intervening 60 days, perhaps a buyer for the house will come forth, and the house will stand a better chance for preservation.

During the period that the building is a state of uncertainty, we would ask that you return the medallion to Dr. Black for safekeeping until the house is either preserved--in which case the medallion can be returned to the house--or demolished, in which case it should remain with the county historical commission for use in education programs. If you would like to purchase a paperweight as a memento of the house, feel free to do so by using the enclosed order form. The medallion is considered to be state property and is not a souvenir.

I have enclosed a brochure on the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Frances Rickard, Director
Local History Programs

cc: Norman Black, Gregg CHC ✓
The State Agency for Historic Preservation



Norman Black, D.D.S.

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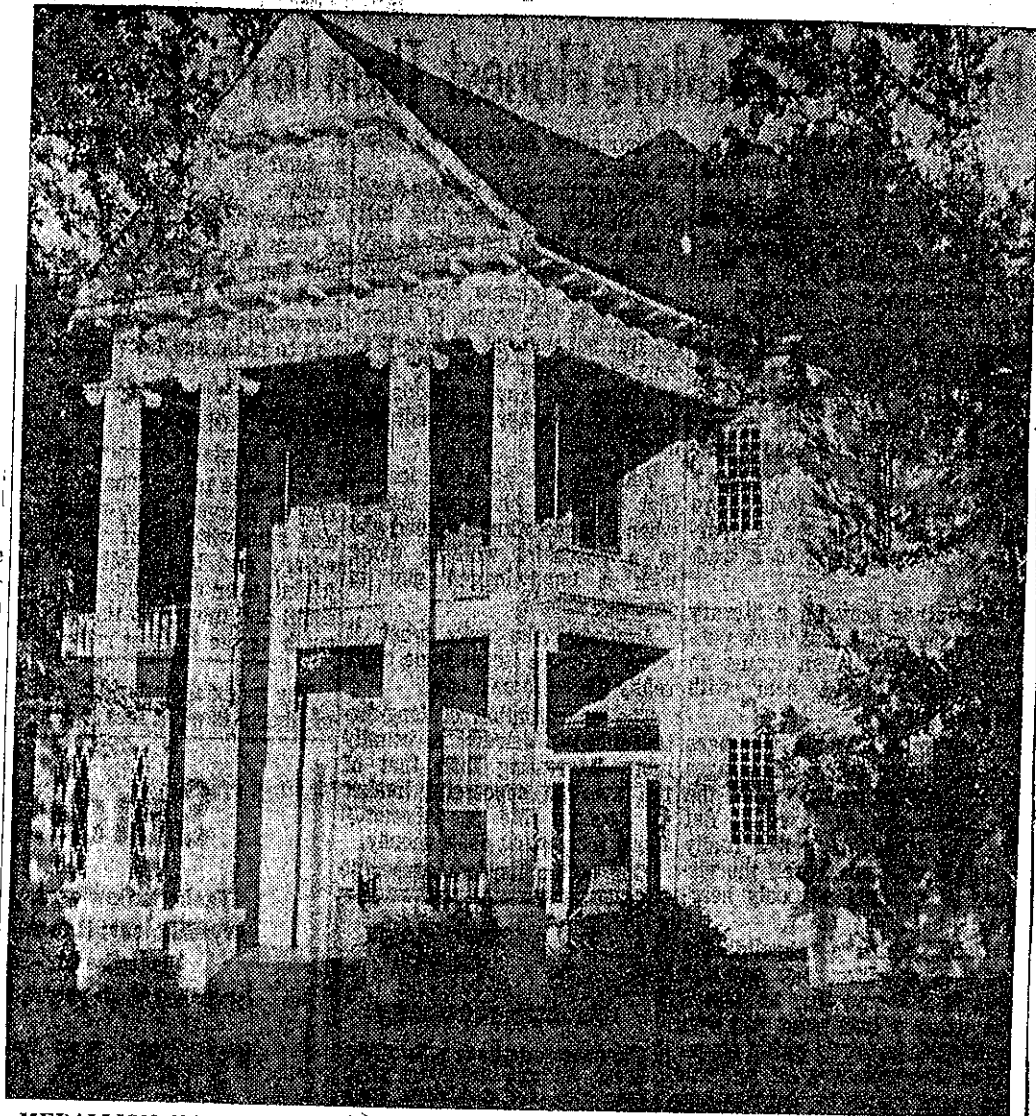
These pages are correct
for the "J.N. Campbell
House" in Longview,
Gregg county.
(in red)

417 Mobberly Ave., Longview, TX 75602, (903) 757-2261

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Mealy Daily News
Longview, Texas
MAY 23 1967



MEDALLION HOME—The home once lived in by Judge J. N. Campbell is one of nine official Texas historical marked homes that members of Districts V and VI of the state's Historical Survey Committees from 29 coun-

ties will view on a tour through the city Thursday. The home, located at 433 South Center, is owned by Judge Campbell's daughter, Mrs. C. C. Adams.

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Deber, Longview Daily
news, Longview Tex I
she was among my
girlhood friends that
used to attend house
parties and dances
there. The porch above
the front Veranda
was where the Orchestra
(string band played for
us to dance by when I
was a young lady.

I have 3 apts w/
this house and all
stay rented as I
keep them in good
condition. Respect
Mrs. C. Adams



Mrs Mike Butler, Longview Tex
Austin
Texas
Nov 15-62

Dear Mrs Butler,

Mrs Doleye
Northcutt 16 Courtyard Dr
is one of the Old residents
here she could tell you
about the above house
also Mrs D. B. McPherson
306 E. Maguell. remembers
the house and it was owned

warmly as ever.
 I have a couple
 from Florida in one
 of the Apts in the
 Old Home who
 wants to take
 a picture of the
 place to send back
 home also one
 family from Wis.
 they have made the picture of
 the house & waiting
 anxiously to
 place it on the
 front by the
 Surveying.
 (inside) Mrs C. Adams.



Longview Tex
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Mr. George Hill Executive
 Director Texas
 State Historical
 Survey Committee
 Austin
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TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
 COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:
 I have not received
 the place of "The Texas
 Historical Society."
 We have several

P.S. My uncle
Gov Campbell of Texas
was one of our
favorite uncles
who spent many
a night with us
Also many Jurists
from Tex ^{Jefferson} and
prominent Representatives
were frequent guests
at our table

"Pete Knosow"
always made our
house his stopping
place

Respect
P.S. My name is Madge Campbell Adams
listed in Mrs
McAdams ^{of family} (Mrs @ @ Adams)
"Women of Texas District"
recently published.

P.S. You all
I really love
my old home
where I was born
in 1898.

It's a real good
etching. The old
home is surrounded
by pecan trees my
father planted
years ago.

Many noted members of
the judiciary dined here.
Children came on Sundays to
visit the park near the house.

The hodie had many social
affairs and many danced
on the porch by negro string band
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The house is constructed of
heart pine with diagonal framed
walls and four cypress
columns in the front of house.

It is now owned by
Mrs W. C. Adams daughter
of Judge Campbell who
purchased the house
in 1885.

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TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL SURVEY
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*The Campbell Mansion
433 S Center Street
Longview, Texas*



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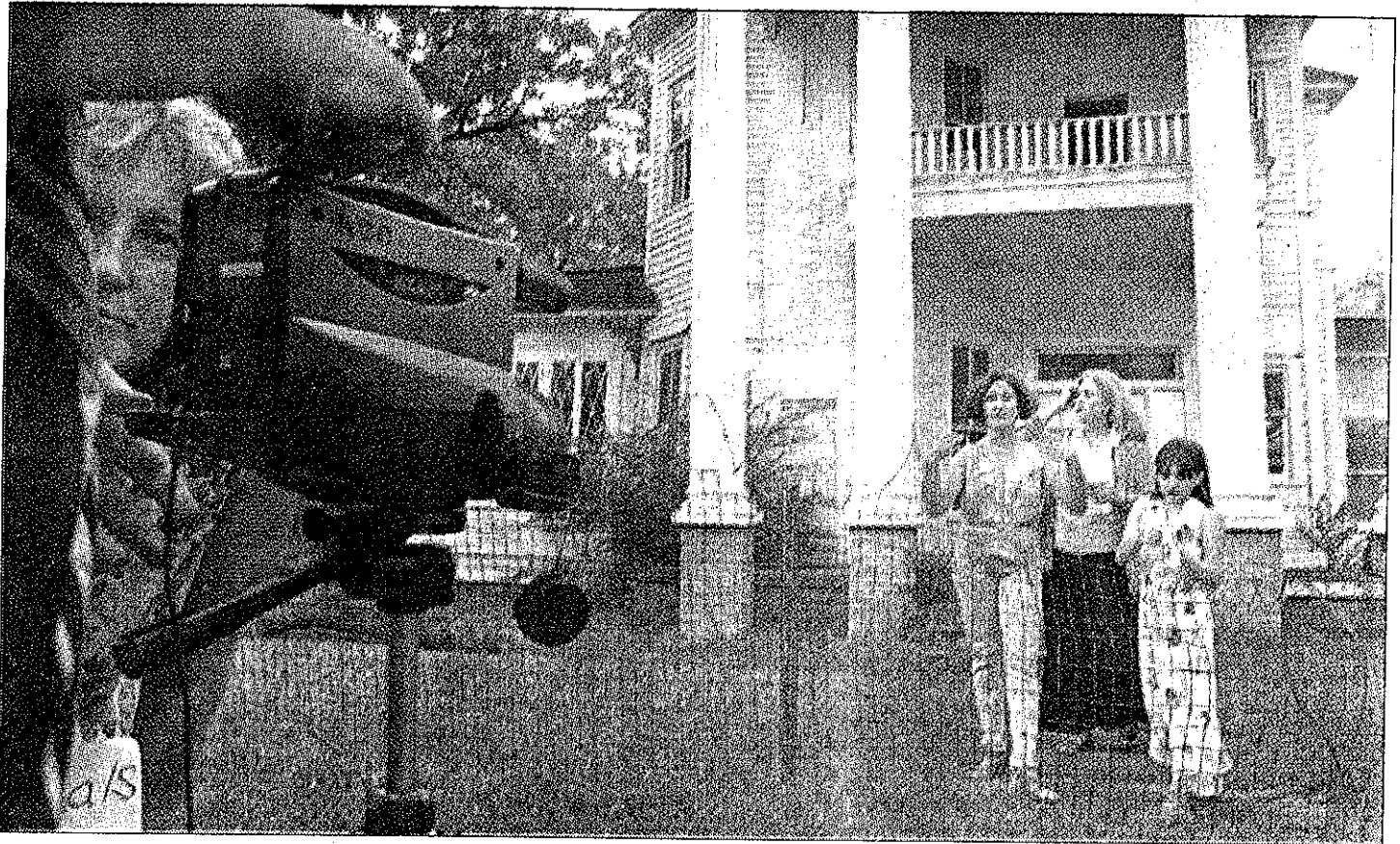
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LIGHTS, ACTION - AND HOPE



Darlene Chapman-Davis/News-Journal Photo

Charlene Jones, left, takes a close look at the camera Friday as Scott Qualls prepares to film Betsy White, Victoria Wilson Blackaller and Joy Lesley in front of the Campbell home on South Center Street in Longview. Supporters of the Wellspring Recovery Center are making the film in hopes of winning a \$25,000 grant from a corporation, which would help turn the 1872 home into a center for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts.

Film could brighten future for historic home

By **BECKY BELL**
bbell@longview-news.com

Barbara Walters in Longview? It could happen, depending on the outcome of a three-minute video filmed Thursday night.

If the video wins "The View From Your Hometown" contest sponsored by ABC's show "The View," Walters, along with three other co-hosts, will broadcast live from Longview in November.

What's more exciting than the prospect of this national spotlight for those who took part in making the video however, is what winning the contest would mean for the future of the house on 433 Center St.

The home, built in 1872, is one of Longview's first homes constructed after the city was established in 1870, said Dr. Norman Black, chairman of the Gregg County Historical Commission.

However, years of neglect has put the vacant home in need of extensive renovations.

"The View" contest, sponsored by Quilted Northern, would come with a prize package of \$25,000.

If renovated, the spacious home could be transformed into Oxford House, a home for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, said Betsy White, a nurse who works for a residential treatment center of Special Health Resources for Texas.

White got the idea to enter the contest from a phone call from her mother, Meb Hartman, 82, of Anderson.

So in about a month, White pulled her contacts together.

On Thursday, they gathered on the front porch of the home. The group included City Manager Rickey Childers, business woman Victoria Wilson Blackaller, volunteers and other members of the Special Health family.

Trisha Louvier also stood in the crowd gathered on the front porch for the taping. Louvier, a recovering alcoholic who has been sober for five years, said there is definitely a need for a halfway house in Longview.

"A recovering alcoholic needs a place to transition, they need life skills," she said.

Without a place to learn to function while living sober, alcoholics, particularly uneducated single mothers, are likely to turn back to the bottle as a defense, she said.

There are more than 1,000 Oxford Houses in the United States, but none are available in East Texas, White said.

Oxford Houses were established by the Federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, which required each state to establish a revolving fund to make loans for six or more people to rent houses to use as a self-run, self-supported group home that is free of alcohol and drugs.

Sgts. David Hazel and Ron Buckner of the Longview Police Department stood in the crowd in support as the narrators told the story of why the grant was needed.

"I have watched this place for years and wished something could be done with it. It's just too beautiful a place to watch deteriorate as it does," Hazel said.

Buckner, who patrols the area, said the home, like all vacant buildings, serves as a haven for drug users, especially in the winter.

Both officers said they were surprised the home hadn't already been burned down.

"It is difficult for me to imagine how a restoration of this place would serve as anything but an improvement," Buckner said.

The thought of a new life for the structure didn't escape the children on hand, either.

Joy Qualls, daughter of Scott Qualls, a Special Health employee who videotaped the event, went from room to room in wide-eyed wonder.

"It's beautiful now, but once it's done it will be even more beautiful," she said.

Her mother, Charlene Qualls, agreed while wrestling with a large weed that had squeezed its way through the front steps.

"Sorry, but I just can't stand that," she said, standing back to look at the slight improvement she had just made.

Norman Black

From: "Norman Black"
To: "Robert Gass" <karmoy@webtv.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 4:23 PM
Subject: RE

Dear Mssrs Gass and Watt:

I am very glad to see your interest in the oldl Campbell House. Perhaps I should sort of fill you in on some of the happenings in effort to save the old structure. Many people have shown strong interests in this project. Several years ago, a Mr. Pennington bought the structure when the southwest roof had completely collapsed. He replaced this as well as all other areas of destruction he could. Once, when cutting down some trees on the north lot he had a severe alleregic attack and was forced to stop all work. Thereafter I lost all contact with Mr. Pennington. Since then others have tried to purchase the house but something has always come up to prevent the purchase from being completed.

I never want to discourage anyone interested in historic preservation but it sounds as though I am doing just that. It is unlikely anyone can get a grant from the Trust Fund of the THC. In the first place as far as grants for residences are concerned the building must first have to be ijn good condition and already have an Official Texas Historical Marker.

I wish you the best of luck in generating local interest for the purpose of raising funds for this restoration. Longview, unfortunately, is not blessed with a group of philanthropists whose interests are in historical preservation.

I willl do anything in my power to help you in this because nothing would please me more that to see 433 S. Center restored and regain its rightful status as a fine landmark.

9/21/2004

----- Original Message -----

From: "Robert Gass" <karmoy@webtv.net>
To: "Norman Black" <norman.black@co.gregg.tx.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 11:16 AM
Subject: Re: Gregg County Historical Commission

> Dr. Black,
>
> Thank you for your response and the invitation to the Thursday meeting.
> It is our understanding from the owners of the home at 433 Center that
> the commission has already been involved with efforts to restore this
> home. I would like to spearhead an effort to have the funds given by
> the public as well as monies from the Texas Historical Commission to
> save this home. I made contact with individuals from the THC at the
> workshop who would like more information on the home, which we have
> collected to consider funds to restore the home.
> The home needs to be "Mothballed" ie boarded up before the elements and
> vandals destroy it.
> I would like to put a Letter to the Editor in the Longview New Journal
> to see if there is interest by the public to restore this home. I will
> give my email address for persons to contact us and relay the
> information to you.
> Longview has lost so many of the really old home and it would be a
> tragedy to lose this one.
> Thank You,
> Robert Gass
> Stephen Watt
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9/21/2004