

Texas Historic Sites Atlas



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Re: Preliminary report, application for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Nuggett Hill Addition, Longview, Gregg County.

Dear Jim:

I hope these materials constitute a preliminary report. A separate package accompanies this letter containing fifty 3 X 5 color prints of structures in this addition. Photos no's. 51 through 56 are of adjacent structures not actually in the original plat. An additional twelve photographs are of street scenes which Charlotte Black told me you wanted. Also, mailed at the same time is an 18" X 24" map. Explanatory notes of codes, colors, etc. on both photographs and map are on a separate page of this letter.

As I understood you when we visited in San Antonio (Preservation Conference) you suggested I make an up-to-date map of current boundaries of Nuggett Hill Addition. I made a copy of my 1932, corrected in 1935, Sanborn map showing the Nuggett Hill area. I superimposed the boundaries of the addition (from the plat) in green lines.

A group of Nuggett Hill residents and I met on two occasions and I received various opinions as to what should be included in the district. The people are most interested and very cooperative and have told me to recommend to you what I think best. Some feel like the proposed N. R. district should be just as the original plat but excluding the area between Fifth (formerly Spring) and Sixth Streets which is now a parking area for Good Shepherd Medical Center. I concur with this interpretation. Others suggested expanding the district to include the Trinity Episcopal Church. And others want to include two frame houses on the east side of Stuckey (formerly Park) Drive. One of these houses was recently purchased by Gerald Bratz, a restoration architect. I believe you met Gerald at the Preservation Conference...a very tall fellow. He is very enthusiastic about this project although he knows his residence lies outside the original plat. He would like very much for these two old frame houses to be included in the N. R. district; others would also. In a way

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this makes sense because it would give continuity with the property at 808 Stuckey Drive (photo and map no. 18). Of course we need your guidance on this, also.

Here is a bit of background. The area which would become Turner's Nuggett Hill Addition was purchased by the developer's father, Jerry C. Turner, Sr., on December 10, 1880. Turner raised fine thoroughbred horses and he imported the first herd of Jersey cattle in East Texas. He probably kept these animals here as well as on block 17 of downtown Longview. He built a residence on this hill in 1883 or 1884 which burned in 1897.

Living descendants remember this area as a fenced-in pasture on which a traveling circus visited at least once. There were no buildings on the site in their memory.

J. C. Turner's son Harry originally platted this addition. This plat was prepared by F. J. James but it was never recorded. The addition was replatted by Holland & Hale and filed on March 23, 1931 as Turner's Nuggett Hill Addition, Deed Records of Gregg County, Vol. 86, pp. 77-78.

I am also sending a package with the photographs and a tube containing my map.

Jim, I hope this is enough preliminary information. I am anxious to hear what you think of our project.

Sincerely,



Enc. - copy of original plat  
Longview City Map

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EXPLANATIONS OF CODE NUMBERS ON MAP AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Those houses identified by black numbers in black circles correspond with similar numbers in circles on the Sanborn map copy meaning they were built by 1935, none before 1931, through no. 31. Those houses identified by red numbers in red circles were built after 1935.

MAP COLORS:

Green outlines: Nuggett Hill Addition according to original plat.

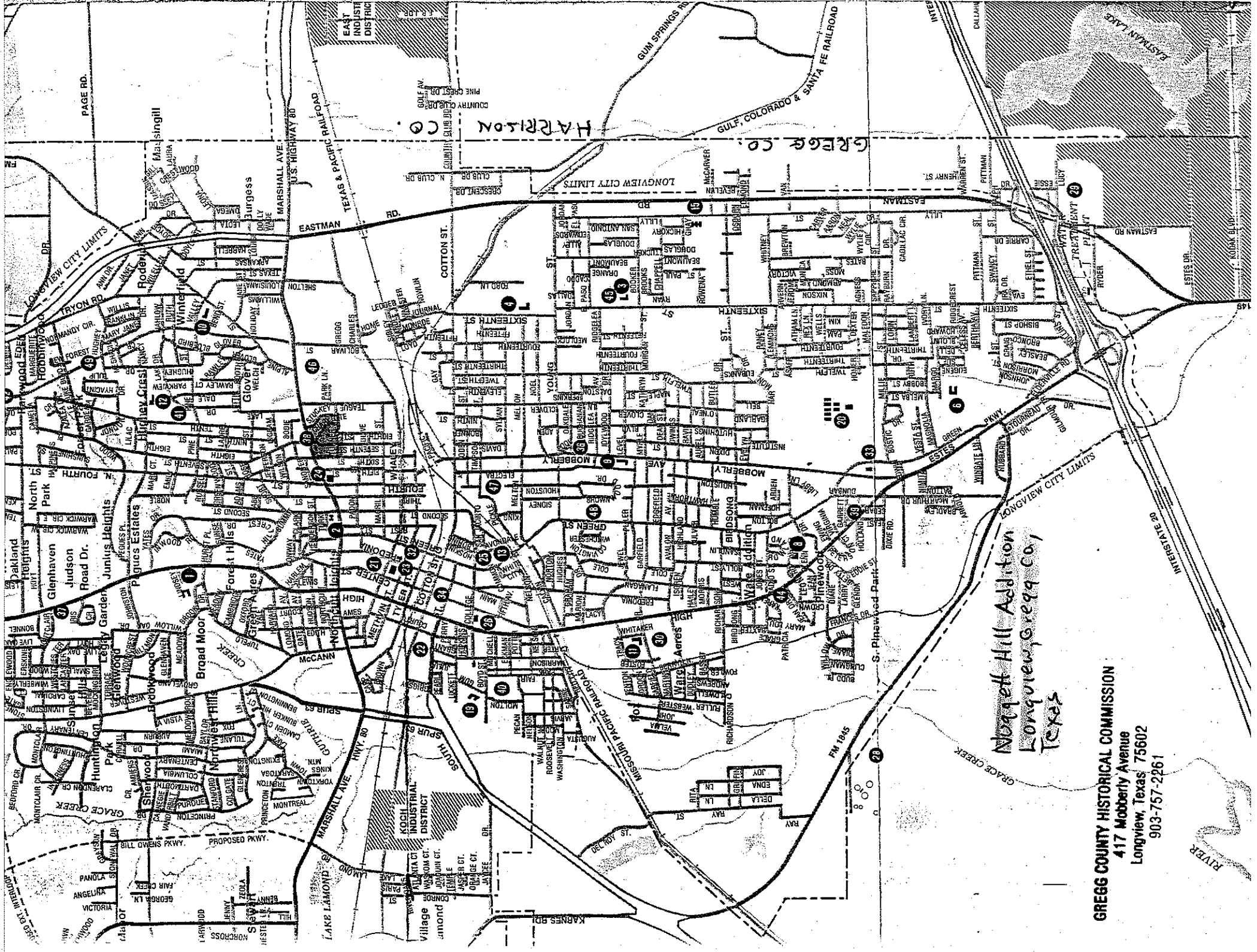
Blue area: all houses gone and entire area is a paved parking area for Good Shepherd Medical Center.

Yellow area near Stuckey (Park) Drive: land outside original plat purchased years ago by Fred Stuckey and included in the vast park-like yard. It has a native iron ore rock wall next to Stuckey (Park) Drive.

Yellow area south of First Christian Church to Padon Street: outside original plat; contains educational building which is attached to church.

Pink area: land outside original plat occupied by a nice old, white frame house, a parking lot on the corner of Stuckey Drive and East Marshall Avenue for J. D.'s Texas Honky Tonk and a vacant lot recently purchased by the owners, Larry and Joyce Turner, of house number 23 on map and on Charlotte Drive. This lot is contiguous with their property. Most people consider this pink area to be in Nuggett Hill.

Red outlines: land outside original plat occupied by Pizza King, 1100 East Marshall Avenue, two white frame houses at 816 and 820 Stuckey Drive. Both houses were present in 1935.



Noblett Hill Addition  
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# TURNER'S "NUGGETT HILL" ADDITION

LONGVIEW, TEXAS 1931

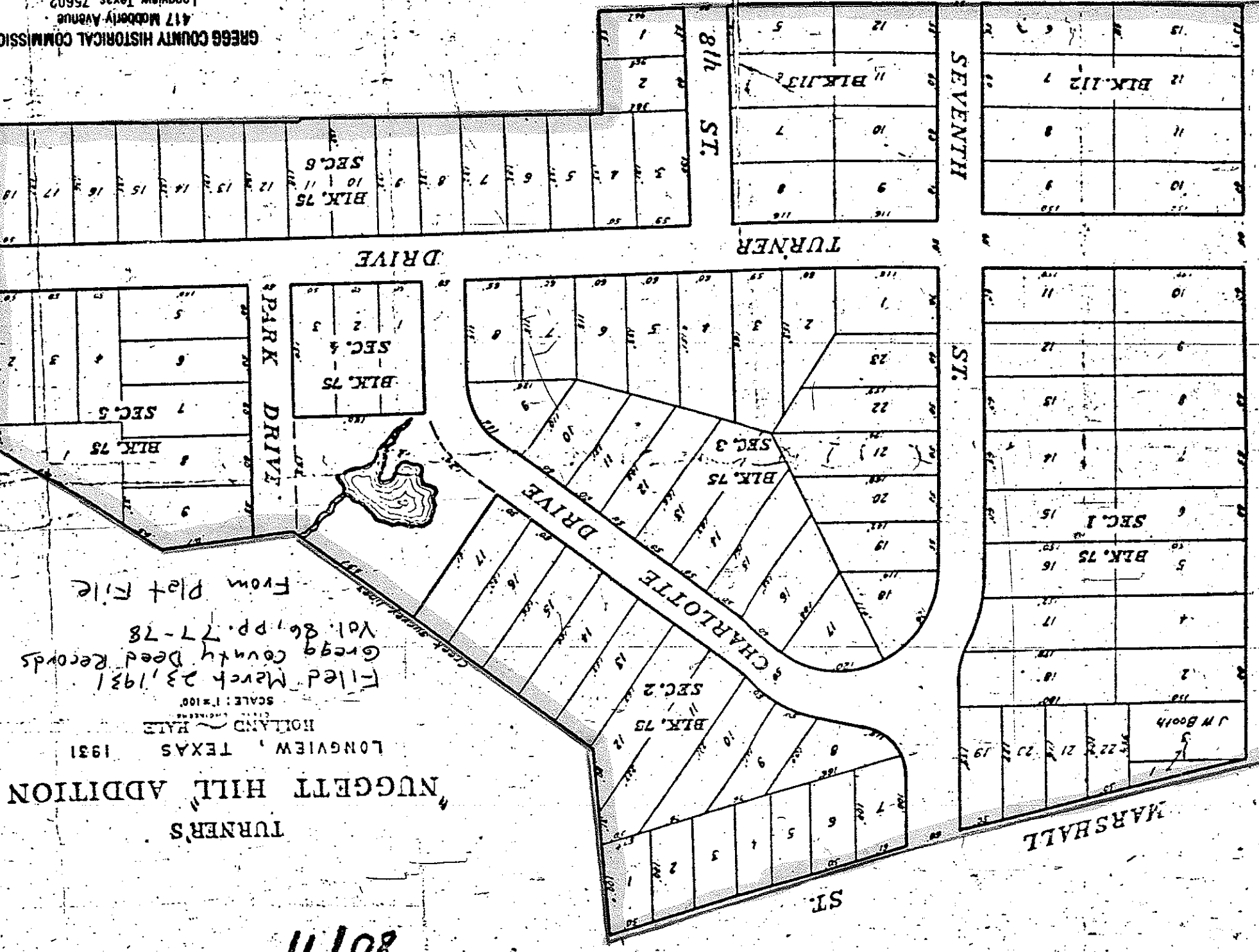
HOLLAND & HALE  
ENGINEERS

SCALE: 1"=100'

Filed March 23, 1931

Gregg County Deed Records  
Vol. 86, pp. 77-78

From Plat File



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GREGG COUNTY HISTORICAL SITE SURVEY SHEETS  
NUGGETT HILL ADITION

NOTE: The site number of each sheet refers both to the circled number on the color photograph and the circled number at the lot(s) on the map.

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 1 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-18-96

NAME OF BUILDING: Judge Will C. Hurst House

ADDRESS: 802 North Sixth Street

DATE BUILT 1934 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Architect: Percy Zimmerman

STYLE/TYPE Spanish Eclectic

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Benton

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec.1, Lots 7 and 8.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two story random-coursed shell limestone residence with red Spanish tile hip-and-gable roof; metal casement windows; facade has two projecting bays, each with double doors flanking main entry with cut limestone surround and carved escutcheon; arched drive through to left of main house separates storage area topped with deck; wrought iron railings; entry doors have carved limestone lintels; (CONTINUATION BELOW)  
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE First house built on 6th street in sub-division. Judge Hurst was instrumental in locating the First Christian Church at 6th St. and Turner Drive. He was a district judge, died at 86 years of age.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 158, p.7.

REMARKS (CONTINUATION) center of facade has triple windows divided by pilasters; block dentils below; modillions above; triple windows are flanked by single panels with incised circles vertically aligned with incised diamonds between; attached garage of same materials as house projects at a 45 degree angle from the southeast corner. House contains 3,818 square feet. The fireplace chimney projects from the southeast corner.

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 20 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-20-96

NAME OF BUILDING: James F. Stuckey House

ADDRESS: 814 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1934-1935 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Architect: Clifford Hutsell

STYLE/TYPE Spanish Colonial Revival

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Dr. and Mrs. Ted Rankin (wife is Peggy)

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 2, Lots 14,15,16,17.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two story, brick masonry; multi-colored Spanish tile; multi-gable roof; entry through 2-story tower w/ wrought iron balconette and decorative tile cornice; interior stairway leads to another 2nd story entrance; 3 chimneys pierce the roof w/ multi-colored Spanish tile roofs, arched openings on all sides allow smoke to escape; screen enclosed loggia on east facade; windows are (continued below)  
 HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Arguably the most impressive house built in Long- to this date. A clone of this house is in Dallas. Artisans came from Mexico, Spain and Czechoslovakia. The first estate in Longview to have a trout pond, well, bandstand and bridges. The native rock wall surrounding the estate was built by Al Barling before construction of the house. Earlier area residents say this area was first a park, giving the name of Park Street before street was named Stuckey Drive (on east side).  
 BIBLIOGRAPHY

REMARKS Gregg County Deed Records: Vol. 129, pp. 246,247.

Mr. Stuckey was a farmer and proprietor of dry goods stores. He later had oil income. The Stuckeys sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McDonald in 1946; the MacDonalds sold the house to Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Van Sickie in 1958. Dr. and Mrs. Rankin purchased the house in 1992.  
 SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUATION: multi-paned steel casement w/ segmental arched and decorative wrought iron filigree; several windows have stained glass panels. A very large stained glass window is on the left front involving both stories of the house.

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 30 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-18-96

NAME OF BUILDING: Harry S. Turner House

ADDRESS: 809 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1931 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE. F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Builder: Buford Bracey (Bracey Brothers)

STYLE/TYPE Tudor Cottage

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Roland and Nancy Lindsey

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 1. Lots 15 and 16.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two and one-half story brick, rectangular plan, composition hip-and-gable roof; projecting ell with gable roof, frame vent; 2-window dormer pierces roof; round arch entry under canopy; 3-window bay on east of main facade and exterior brick chimney with "W" attached; side entry under portico on south facade; frame 2-car garage at rear.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE This was the first house built in Harry Turner's Nuggett Hill Addition. Mr. Turner owned the land in this addition and was the developer of the addition. He was a descendant of pioneer Longfamilies and was a prominent local businessman.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 86, pp. 77-78. plat recorded. Also, Vol. 0, p. 385.

REMARKS Interestingly, Mr. Turner, by 1935, built another house next door at 815 N. 7th. Turner sold this house, 809, to J. C. Barton.

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 19 \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/RURAL C \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 6-26-96

NAME OF BUILDING: E. B. "Chuck" Oliver House

ADDRESS: 803 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1935 \_\_\_\_\_ FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Builder: Tom Wilmoth

STYLE/TYPE Spanish Colonial Revival

ORIGINAL USE Residential

PRESENT USE Residential

OWNER: Sam & Patti Snyder

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 3, Lots 12 and 13.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story stucco with red and blue

Spanish hip and gable tile roof; arched entry door with Moorish columns;  
decorative glazed tiles in diamond pattern on north gable.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The Olivers purchased the lots from W. Bruner  
and Verne Smith for \$1,500 in 1934. Oliver was a druggist (Oliver's  
Drug Store.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 181, p. 6.

REMARKS Had tennis court, fish pond. Family had very talkative, humn-  
singing parrot named "Bobby" (notorious in neighborhood - called: "Help!",  
when cage put on porch).

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 24 CITY/RURAL C DATE 12-16-85 & addendum

NAME OF BUILDING: M. Tracy Flanagan House

ADDRESS: 821 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1932-33 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Unknown. However, it is very likely that Mr. (below)

STYLE/TYPE Spanish Colonial Revival

ORIGINAL USE Residential

PRESENT USE Residential

OWNER: Joyce McCaleb

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 3, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One and 1/2 story masonry with stucco exterior, multi-colored Spanish tile roof. Two story entry tower. Elaborate landscaping. Recreational basement. 3,278 square feet.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Built for Tracy and Arlyne Flanagan. Flanagan was a farmer until oil was discovered on his property. He was also an entertainer having built several movie houses and drive-in theaters in

East Texas.  
BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol 93, p. 545.

REMARKS Arlyne left the rural property to the Trinity Episcopal Church in Longview. Many of the house furnishings were auctioned prior to her death.

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

(from ARCHITECT/BUILDER) Flanagan, himself, supervised the construction of the house. A life-long, active and observant Longview resident, Mrs. Sarah Whitehurst (born 1909), remembers the construction and confirms this. Another Nuggett Hill resident, Mrs. Alyce Monsour, concurs.

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 28 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-25-96

NAME OF BUILDING: Lawrence N. Skipper House (Laura)

ADDRESS: 801 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1931 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Bracey Brothers (Buford Bracey)

STYLE/TYPE Modified English

ORIGINAL USE Residential

PRESENT USE Residential

OWNER: Laura (Mrs. L. N.) Skipper

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 1, Lot 11 and S. 20' of Lot 1

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Large gable over bay windows and front

door; small gables over front door and double windows. Large brick

chimney with twin, joined extensions between front door and double

windows. Hip roof on street side.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The second house built in Nuggett Hill and

still occupied by the original owner.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 105, pp. 230-231.

REMARKS Mr. Skipper was a co-owner of Skipper & Ziegler Insurance Co.

Mrs. Skipper said: "We drove to Tyler (Texas) and saw a house we liked  
and had the Bracey Brothers build us one like it".

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 11 \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/RURAL C \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 6-29-96

NAME OF BUILDING: Presbyterian Manse

ADDRESS: 1100 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1932 \_\_\_\_\_ FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Architect: Percy Zimmerman

STYLE/TYPE Modified English

ORIGINAL USE Residential

PRESENT USE Residential

OWNER: Myrtle M. Owings

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 6, Lot 3.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One story, white brick, hip roof with large front gable with contiguous chimney and two windows. Corner lot.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The lot was donated by Opha H. Grissom Nov. 16, 1931 to the First Presbyterian Church. The brick manse was built in 1932.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 119, pp. 112-3. Church History: "Diamond Jubilee 1873 - 1948."

REMARKS Rev. R. L. Owen was pastor at this time, 1931 - 1938. His son, Robert became a renowned organist.

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 43 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-26-96

NAME OF BUILDING: Nuggett Hill Fire Station

ADDRESS: 1000 East Marshall Avenue

DATE BUILT 1936 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER N. L. Peters Construction C. S. Lumber Company

STYLE/TYPE Spanish Colonial Revival

ORIGINAL USE Fire Station

PRESENT USE Flower Shop, 1993.

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 2, Lots 4,5,6,7,8,9.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One - story rectangular masonry with stucco exterior. Red Spanish tile gable roof. 2,564 Square feet. Good alterations made in 1979.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The city paid \$3,250 for the land to be maintained as a recreation park and fire station. The station was to cost no less than \$6,000.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records, Vol. 184, p. 615.

REMARKS Early residents of the addition said the architecture of the fire station should match or blend with the Tracy Flanagan house across the street, which it does. (These two buildings influenced the architecture of the Bronze Lion Shop across E. Marshall Ave.)  
SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 13 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-2-96

NAME OF BUILDING: Smith Price House

ADDRESS: 110 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1932 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Architect: Percy Simmerman

STYLE/TYPE Georgian

ORIGINAL USE Residential

PRESENT USE Residential

OWNER: Jim and Patti Wright

BLOCK/LOT Block 75, Sec. 5, Lots 7 and 8.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two story red brick with green shuttered, white framed windows; hip roof. Four square columns support a gable-topped entrance at the first floor level.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Built for prominent banker, Thomas Smith Price and wife, Annie Mae Hanson Price. Three children reared in this house.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Gregg County Deed Records: Vol. 139, pp.386-7.

REMARKS The Price's daughter, Anne Price Mackenzie, long-time member of the Gregg County Historical Commission. furnished vital information for this project.

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Re: Nuggett Hill Addition: application for listing in the  
National Register of Historic Places, continuation.

Dear Dwayne:

Finally, I have all the houses in the district recorded on historical site survey sheets. Previously, July 22, 1996, I sent you nine (9) survey sheets. Enclosed are the remaining twenty-six (26) contributing entries. Unfortunately, there are several houses whose architect/builder cannot be determined. An earnest effort was made to learn this in the individual cases.

I have all the non-contributing houses, constructed from 1947 to the present, on survey sheets but am not sending these with this packet.

When I last spoke with you you mentioned coming to Longview late this month. Please keep me informed.

Thanks, again, for all the advise and assistance.

Sincerely,

Norman W. Black, D.D.S.

Enc.

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 21 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-1-97

NAME OF BUILDING: W. M. Ash House

ADDRESS: 813 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1931 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Bungalow

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Ruby Yates

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3. Lots 12A, 13.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Verigated brown brick with hip roof and two gables in front, one contains the entry. Chimney on front.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Mr. Ash was the owner of a large wholesale grocery company named Pearlstone-Ash Co. Mrs. Ash's son, Chauncey, became President and CEO of General Foods, Inc. When Mrs. Ash died Mr. Cook moved Mrs. Ash's sister, Mrs. Iona Piller, into the house. She lived here until 1996 when she had to move to a nursing home.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records of Gregg County

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 22 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Elizabeth Eddins House

ADDRESS: 815 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1932 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE New Orleans French

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Dale & Patty Shappell

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3. Lots 13A, 14, 15A

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One story brick and wood siding with dormer windows in attic. Hip roof with interior chimneys at each end. Front porch extending length of house supported with wrought iron columns. One story room at east end set back from front of house and has similar roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY Original owner, Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 23 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: David Sutton Merideth House

ADDRESS: 822 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1933 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE English Tudor

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Larry P. & Joyce Turner

BLOCK/LOT 75; Sec. 2, Lots 10 and 11.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two story red brick with hip roof and large gable at entry and twin-windowed dormers at each end of front. External chimney. Hand-painted wall design in dining room, with floral ceiling. Arches throughout house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE D. S. Merideth was a district attorney, later district judge. He and family were active in Gregg County politics.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Personal knowledge and Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 10 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-3-97

NAME OF BUILDING: John T. Riesen House

ADDRESS: 1101 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1937 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Cottage

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Kip & Melanie Murphy

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3, lot 5.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One-story, cream-colored brick with hip and gabled roof bungalow. Roofed entry in front of inset porch at south-east corner. Painted iron railing.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY Information from original owner, Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 12 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Harvey Benjamin Ziegler House

ADDRESS: 1104 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1932 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Art-Deco

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Dale & Paula Poole

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 6, Lots 4, 5 and 6.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One and 1/2 story tan brick with slate roof. Has two short gables, one of which (west front) is convex. Third gable is over a projected entry which is supported by tapered brick walls.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Rrcords of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 9 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Scott A. Brinson House

ADDRESS: 1005 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1942 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Traditional

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: William & Ann Adamson

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3, Lots 2 and 3.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One story red brick with hip and gabled roof, one dormer. Recessed porch on south and east corner supported by small wood posts. Interior moulding, large crystal chandelier, sood floors and white shuttered windows.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The house was built as a parsonage for the First Christian Church.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Church records, Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 8 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Eugene Earl Reynolds House

ADDRESS: 1009 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1944 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE 1940s Traditional

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Dr. O. Clayton Mitchell

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3, Lots 3A and 4.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Gray painted bungalow with hip roof.  
Symetrical features with broad, extended porch with shed  
roof supported by paired wood posts on brick pedestals.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 14 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Arthur L. Conner House

ADDRESS: 1200 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1939 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Bungalow/cottage.

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Alfred Durante & Jeanne Wesley

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 6, Lots 9 and 25' of lot 10.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One story earth-colored brick with symmetrical bay windows. Covered entry supported by medium-small wood columns. Chimney in center peak of hip roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 15 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Henry & Kate Keener Reynolds House

ADDRESS: 1202 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1931 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Colonial

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: George & Willie McDonald

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 6, Lots 10A, 11 and 12.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story wide boarded, white frame with gable on entry at 2nd story. Four medium-small sood columns to gable. Tile mural above fireplace. Walnut stairway and landing. Unusual ceiling treatments, stucco interior walls. Leaded glass windows.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE A large garage apartment at the rear of lot housed at different times two families who became prominent in business and government. First, John J. Thomas became president and general manager of East Texas Refining Co. and East Texas Petroleum Co. The second family to live here was John J. Swanner family. Swanner worked for the T&P R.R. and wife, Kay, was a Deputy Tax Collector for Gregg County.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Records of Gregg County. Recollections of Gregg CHC member.

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GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 6 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Mansinger House

ADDRESS: 706 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1936 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Traditional with European flare

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: James A. & Maurine Mansinger

BLOCK/LOT 113, Lot 12.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One-story red brick with gabled roof. Arched porch with front and side entrances. External, tiered chimney at left of entrance.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Mr. Mansinger was the third partner of the old Norton-Barbee grocery store. He was also a rancher.

BIBLIOGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 27 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Henry & Rosa Knight House

ADDRESS: 800 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1935 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Tudor

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Trinity Episcopal Church

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3, Lot 1.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Single-story gray painted brick with hip and gabled roof. External chimney to the right of recessed entry. Bevelled leaded glass windows.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 26 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: W. F. / Glaze Patterson House

ADDRESS: 802 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1931 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

STYLE/TYPE Early 30s Traditional

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Shawn Mowles

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 3, Lots 22A and 23.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One-story dark red brick with hip roof and gable with one side curved. Recessed porch on west front. Art tile fireplace facing. Hardwood floors.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records of Gregg County.

REMARKS

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 31 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Harry S. Turner - second house.

ADDRESS: 815 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1935 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E (plans drawn by 1935)

ARCHITECT/BUILDER (Probably Buford Bracey who built Turner's first house in Nuggett Hill but not documented.)

STYLE/TYPE Traditional two-story.

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Larry & Judy Huffman

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 1, Lots 17 and 18.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story cream-colored brick with large slate, hip roof. Covered front porch supported by large brick columns.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE For reasons unknown Mr. Turner, about four years after he built his (the) first house in Nuggett Hill, built this more modest house next door, sold the first house to Bar ton and moved in. (See 809 N. 7th St., No. 30).

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed records of Gregg County

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 3 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: C. E. Barbee House

ADDRESS: 707 North Eighth Street

DATE BUILT 1935 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE 1940s Traditional

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence (parsonage)

OWNER: First Christian Church, since 1959.

BLOCK/LOT 113, Lot 7.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One-story white-painted brick. No special features. Although on N. 8th St., the house seems to face north, to the side of a former house next door (which is now a parking lot for the First Christian Church).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHY History of First Christian Church, Longview, Texas, 1875-1960. Copy in files of GCHC and First Christian Church Library.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 18 CITY/RURAL C DATE July 6, 1997

NAME OF BUILDING:

ADDRESS: 808 Stucky Drive

DATE BUILT: 1934 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

STYLE/TYPE Art-Deco

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Karoletha Stone

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 5, Lots 1, 8 and 9.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story stucco and native iron ore rock facade. Flat roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The only house in Nuggett Hill utilizing native red iron ore sandstone in the outer walls.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records of Gregg County

REMARKS

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 4 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-24-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Malcolm Montreville Martin House

ADDRESS: 705 North Eighth Street

DATE BUILT 1935 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Arch.: Zimmerman, Peters & Strange

STYLE/TYPE Colonial two-story

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Malcolm Montreville Martin

BLOCK/LOT 113, Lots 5 and 6.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story cream-colored brick with Georgian green-painted wood front door trim. First floor front windows trimmed with green-painted wood shutters. One story portecochere on south side.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Malcolm Martin's wife, Ruth Evelyn Hall Martin, was the daughter of Dr. R. M. Hall, minister of Longview's First Presbyterian Church and the first minister to be president of the Longview Rotary Club. Malcolm is the brother of B. F. Martin, Sr. of Nuggett Hill, who was owner of the Coco-Cola Bottling Company of Longview.

BIBLIOGRAPHY GCHC members and Deed Records of Gregg County, Sanborn maps.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 25 \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/RURAL C \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 7-6-97

NAME OF BUILDING: M. E. Lee House \*

ADDRESS: 804 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1931 \_\_\_\_\_ FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT/BUILDER HUNTER & Boyd / Buford Bracey

STYLE/TYPE Georgian

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Tommy & Velma Stanley

75 - Sec. 3. Lot 21 and North 30' of 22.  
BLOCK/LOT

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story, multi-colored red brick with hip and large front gable roof. Front door was a wide, peaked roof with wood trim to first floor only. Ten-foot ceilings, arched entry hall, elevator, two tiled baths with original fixtures. Detached garage with servants quarters with half bath.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE During World War II the house was occupied by the Commander of Longview's Harmon General Hospital which was used for treatment of U. S. soldiers and prisoners-of-war. Now this complex is LeTourneau University.

\* BIBLIOGRAPHY Original abstracts and Mechanics & Materialman's Liens in Gregg County Courthouse.

REMARKS \* Mr. Lee was better known as M. Edward Lee.

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 39 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-6-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Mrs. E. B. Griffith / Earl & Mary Sharp house

ADDRESS: 800 Charlotte Drive

DATE BUILT 1936 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Percy Zimmerman / M. Clint Brown, builder.

STYLE/TYPE Georgian

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: William Earl & Mary Will Sharp

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 4, Lots 1, 2 and 3.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story, painted brick with Spanish tile roof. Front entry has a white-painted decorated iron awning supported by similar round, iron posts to first floor.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Mrs. Griffith was from Kilgore and did not live in the house very long. Earl Sharp was the 16th Gregg County Judge, a lawyer and oil operator.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Owner and Gregg County Deed Records. GCHC member supplied information on Mrs. Griffith.

REMARKS Originally this was an upstairs/downstairs duplex, one side of which was occupied by Mrs. Griffith's nurse. Mrs. Griffith returned to Kilgore.

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 29 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-24-97

NAME OF BUILDING: B. W. Crain, Sr. House

ADDRESS: 803 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT 1931 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER George T. Reynolds, Jr. / George T. Reynolds, Jr.

STYLE/TYPE French

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Matt & Kim Holcomb

BLOCK/LOT 75, sec. 1. / 12,13,14.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story brick with intricate detailing, iron fretwork. Mansard-type slate roof. The brick is white-painted with red brick trim.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Mr. Crain was the original consignee of Texaco in Longview. Father of internally known architect, B. W. Crain, Jr.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed records of Gregg County and architectural plans.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 16 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-24-97

NAME OF BUILDING: Leo Butter House

ADDRESS: 1204 Turner Drive

DATE BUILT 1940 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Wilson, Morris & Crain, AIA, Builder: Buford Bracey

STYLE/TYPE Tudor

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Dean & Vickie Ogilvie

BLOCK/LOT 75 - Sec. 6, Lots 13, 14 and part of 15.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One and 1/2 story with Turret room. Portico with side entrance. Hip roof with chimney on west end and weathervane on the east end. Three contiguous dormer windows. Front roof slightly concave at lower portion.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Mr. Leo Butter was owner of large plumbing supply com-

pany (International Supply Co. headquartered in Longview) and a philanthropist.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Abstract of title and blueprints. Gregg County Deed Records.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-24-97  
NAME OF BUILDING: First Christian Church  
ADDRESS: 720 North Sixth Street

DATE BUILT 1936 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F  
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Builder: M. Clint Brown

STYLE/TYPE Mission Revival  
ORIGINAL USE Church  
PRESENT USE Church

OWNER: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
BLOCK/LOT 112, Lots 6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Red brick with red tile roof. Stained glass windows. Massive oak beams in sanctuary. A childrens building attach to main building was added in 1956, extending out of original plat of Nuggett Hill, south

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The land for this building was sold to the church by Judge Will C. Hurst, the neighbor on the north. The church was originally located in downtown Longview.

BIBLIOGRAPHY "History of the First Christian Church, Longview, Texas 1875-1960. Also, interviews with Tom Landers, Mrs. Phil (Carolyn) Wilson.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_  
SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 2 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-24-97

NAME OF BUILDING: B. Franklin Martin House

ADDRESS: 800 North Sixth Street

DATE BUILT 1933 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Zimmerman, Peters & Strange / Buford Bracey

STYLE/TYPE English Tudor

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Charles & Penny Palmer

BLOCK/LOT 75 - 1, Lots 9,10.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES Two-story brick with slate roof and leaded glass (stained glass) windows. Brick is cream-colored. Bay windows on first floor left of entry. Second story screened porch with wood frame at left rear within roof-line of house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Benjamin Franklin Martin was the owner of the first (and only) Coca Cola Bottling plant in Gregg County which is in operation today.

Mrs. (Lorraine) Martin is credited with being the prime-mover in organizing the Long-view Symphony Orchestra.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Warranty Deed and original blueprints. Gregg County Deed Records.

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 7 CITY/RURAL C DATE 6-24-97  
Corrected 10-22-97

NAME OF BUILDING: L. E. Griffith House  
 ADDRESS: 708 North Seventh Street

DATE BUILT: 1934 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Lightfoot, E. H. / Tom Wilmoth

STYLE/TYPE: Southern Colonial

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Residence (parsonage for the First Christian Church)

OWNER: First Christian Church (since 1958)

BLOCK/LOT: 113, Lots 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES: One-story brick. Contains three bedrooms, solarium, living room, dining room, kitchen and two bathrooms. Attic rooms and stairway added later. Now serving as parsonage. The brick is red, hip roof with three dormer windows on front.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

BIBLIOGRAPHY: History of the First Christian Church, Longview. Mrs. J. N. Adams, Jr. (daughter of original owner). (Mrs. Adams died since furnished information)

REMARKS

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 51 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-4-97

NAME OF BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 801 Stuckey Drive

DATE BUILT 1933 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Ranch

ORIGINAL USE Real Estate Office

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Virginia M. Grissom

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 7\*, Lots 2 and 8A.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One-story white-painted brick. In 1977 or 1978 (two sources) a two-story attachment was added on the south side.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE It is probable that a garage apartment once one the property was used as a dormitory for the European workmen while constructing the Stuckey house, 814 Stuckey Drive in 1934-35.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Deed Records of Gregg County and Mrs. Virginia Grissom,

present owner and resident.  
REMARKS The original plat of Nuggett Hill had only six (6) sections. The Gregg County Appraisal District does not indicate a section here but this researcher arbitrarily gave it the number "7".

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 52 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-6-97

NAME OF BUILDING: "Grandfather Robbins' House"

ADDRESS: 816 Stuckey Drive

DATE BUILT 1934 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE E

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Cottage

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Laura McCarthy

BLOCK/LOT 75, \* Sec. 7, Lot 15

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One story, white wood frame with eyebrow windows, casement windows. Vaulted ceiling and massive fireplace.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE This house was built about the same time as the house next door, 820 Stuckey Drive, "The Robbins House", for Mr. Robbins' father.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Original owner and Deed Records of Gregg County.

\* REMARKS The original plat of Nuggett Hill showed only six (6) sections. The Gregg County Appraisal District does not indicate a section here but this researcher arbitrarily gave it the number "7"

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

GREGG COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY

SITE # 53 CITY/RURAL C DATE 7-6-97

NAME OF BUILDING: The John Clinton Robbins House

ADDRESS: 820 Stuckey Drive

DATE BUILT 1934 FACTUAL/ESTIMATE F

ARCHITECT/BUILDER \_\_\_\_\_

STYLE/TYPE Ranch

ORIGINAL USE Residence

PRESENT USE Residence

OWNER: Gerald & Kathy Bratz

BLOCK/LOT 75, Sec. 7\*, Lots 3A and 7

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL FEATURES One story, white wood frame with dark wood-shingled gables and casement windows.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE The original owner, Mr. Robbins, was an oil operator and philanthropist.

BIBLIOGRAPHY Original owner, Gregg County Records

REMARKS The original plat of Nuggett Hill indicated only six (6) sections in Block 75. The firm which did the most recent survey listed this property as being in Block 75 but did not list a section. This researcher "gave the designation of No. 7 - strictly arbitrarily."

SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_



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Dwayne Jones, Preservation Planner  
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Re: Nuggett Hill N. R. Application

Dear Dwayne:

Enclosed is the completed packet for the above. This package also contains the computer disc you requested as well as a print-out of the same. The maps and un-developed roll of 36 exposures of street scenes are in a separate 25" mailing tube.

I thought Gerald Bratz did an excellent job in bringing the map up to date. He did not want to draw on the "original" map so he did his work on a copy. Both are enclosed.

Let me know soon if anything else is needed.

Sincerely,

Enc.

## NUGGETT HILL

### DEVELOPMENT OF SUB-DIVISIONS IN LONGVIEW

The town of Longview came into being in 1870 in the southern portion of Upshur County on the Shreveport to Tyler Road. In 1873 the southern part of Upshur County became Gregg County and a year later, 1874, the northern portion of Rusk County was added to Gregg County completing the present lines of the county.

The one-hundred acres of the original plat remained the same until 1904 when Mayor, G. A. Bodenheim, in order to increase the city's tax base, moved the city limits one-half mile in all directions. This included the area known as Longview Junction formed in 1874 by the International Rail Road.

The location of Longview was chosen by the Southern Pacific Railroad as the temporary western terminus of its westward expansion. By 1874, the International and Great Northern Railroad had reached Longview from Palestine. The meeting of these two rail lines was about three-fourths mile east of the center of Longview and came to be known as Longview Junction.

The geographic size of Longview remained the same for several years. The Sanborn Maps of 1911 exhibit the first addition of a planned and named residential area: Turner Addition. It is unknown by the writer but probably this land was owned by Harry Turner since it joins on the south the addition he later platted known as Nuggett Hill. This addition was in the International Rail Road Company's addition between 6th and 8th Streets (north and south) and both sides of Olive Street including Magrill and Padon Streets (Padon Street not yet named). This addition contained seven dwellings and a Roman Catholic Church.

The City of Longview prospered from the very beginning, primarily because of the railroads. Two other rail lines later had their terminals in Longview, the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and the Port Bolivar and Iron Ore Railroads. A major industry came to Longview in 1880. It was the G. A. Kelly Plow Company which was founded in Kellyville as the first chartered industry in Texas. The other sources of livelihood came from timber and farming. As the growth of the town progressed other residential additions were added.

All the new additions shown on the 1916 Sanborn maps are immediately south of the original plat and the International Rail Road Addition.

Moberly East Addition, in Longview Junction, extended from S. Third Street to Bonner Street and from E. Cotton Street south past Timpson Street. Railroad employees and their families lived in this area. In fact, as growth

continued it was said all citizens who lived east of First Street worked on railroad related businesses.

The most fashionable area of Longview at that time was the new Lacy and Bass Addition which covered a relatively large area beginning at College Street and south, the I. G. & N. Railroad tracks. On the east it was bounded by Green Street and on the west, Center Street.

Just west of the Lacy & Bass Addition is Carter's Addition. This smaller addition containing three large blocks and four regular-sized blocks extended from High Street to Harrison Street on the west. Bounded on the north by College Street it extended to the railroad. No development is shown on the Sanborn Map.

Rembert Addition adjoins Carter's Addition at Harrison Street and also extends to the railroad. It contains five blocks along Harrison Street and five one-half blocks on the un-named street west of Harrison.

By 1923, the large Northcutt Heights Addition appeared on the Sanborn Maps. This is the first addition in Longview north of the railroad. It is northwest, on the original plat, from Marshall Avenue (the old Shreveport-Tyler Road) and extends several blocks to the north. From the east at North Center Street it extends several blocks west to McCann Road. It is located on one of the highest points in Longview and on the site of W. G. Northcutt's farm. A few fashionable houses were built at first but later less expensive homes were added.

The Gregg County Discovery Oil Well, the Arkansas Fuel Oil Company / F. K. Lathrop A-1, on December 3, 1930, would eventually be linked to the Daisy Bradford No. 3 and the Lou Della Crim oil wells in Rusk County to define the Great East Texas Oil Field, the largest in the world at that time. The wild economic and population growth began immediately. Every town in these two counties of Rusk and Gregg became boom towns. Every type of shelter was utilized to house the vast influx of people. Some of the future residents of Nuggett Hill were land owners who collected vast royalties; others were more directly involved in the production of oil. The remaining future residents became rather wealthy by their increased income, whether professionals, bankers, merchants, realtors of builders.

There was a desire and need on the part of these Longview citizens for more luxurious homes in keeping with their new affluence. Although other real estate developers were to become active soon, Harry Turner was the first to plat a sub-division for this purpose. With his beloved hill, one of four or five in the city, he already had the ideal site. He named his final draft of this plat Nuggett Hill and this name first appeared on the Sanborn Maps in the

1932 edition. Interestingly, Turner's Addition, to the immediate south, also was labelled for the last time.

This addition was to have concrete paved streets with curbs and gutters. It was also to have a neighborhood fire station. In contrast to the earlier additions, such as the Lacy and Bass Addition, Nuggett Hill had restrictions: each house had to cost a minimum of \$5,000 and be of masonry or brick, stone or stucco veneered construction. According to the Sanborn Map of Longview in 1932, up-dated in 1935, not all the houses immediately conformed to this construction code. Only the Tracy Flanagan and the Fred Stuckey houses were of solid masonry. The Nuggett Hill Fire Station was also of solid masonry. Several frame houses were built and later veneered with brick. Today, two frame houses built in the 1930s remain on Turner Drive.

ARCHITECTS/ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN  
NUGGETT HILL DEVELOPMENT

It appears that only eight or nine true architectural firms participated in designing structures in Nuggett Hill. However, several constructing firms had their own design departments. Among these contractors are the following:

The Tom Wilmoth Constructing Company had a department for this purpose and constructed the L. E. Griffith House, 708 North Seventh Street and the Smith Price House at 1110 Turner Drive. The M. Clint Brown Construction Company, a large firm usually associated with large project in, at least, East Texas, had such a department. Brown constructed the First Christian Church at 720 North Sixth Street. Buford Bracey (Bracey Brothers) probably had a similar department and constructed several houses in Nuggett Hill. For example, the owner of the second house built in the district, Laura Skipper, told this researcher that she and her husband, Lawrence, saw a house in Tyler they liked and had the Bracey Brothers copy it at 801 North Seventh Street.

The architects did not seem to be limited to a specific style of design and apparently were not well known out of the East Texas area. There are exceptions, of course, in Clifford Hutsell, who designed the Stuckey House at 814 Charlotte Drive and B. W. Crain, Jr. who, in the firm of Wilson, Morris, Crain, designed the Leo Butter House at 1204 Turner Drive. Both of these were known nationally if not internationally.

Very little biographical information is available about the remaining architects. In the absence of an architects directory of the 1930s this researcher was able to find only their addresses in the Longview City Directories of the times. However, many living residents of Gregg County knew and were familiar with some of the structures built by these locally well-known architects. N. L. Peters designed the Nuggett Hill Fire Station at 1000 East Marshall Avenue and with the firm Peters, Zimmerman and Strange, the M. M. Martin House at 705 North Eighth Street. Peters also designed both the First Presbyterian Church of Kilgore, a grand structure, and the First Presbyterian Church of Longview. Percy Zimmerman, a man of slight build and neat moustache, was a familiar sight on the streets of downtown Longview. He designed the Griffith/Sharp House at 800 Charlotte Drive, the Presbyterian Manse at 1100 Turner Drive, the Smith Price House at 1110 Turner Drive and the B. F. Martin House at 800 North Sixth Street. Zimmerman's name is the most recognized of the architects by today's local citizens.

Other architects involved in Nuggett Hill were E. H. Lightfoot who designed the L. E. Griffith House, a