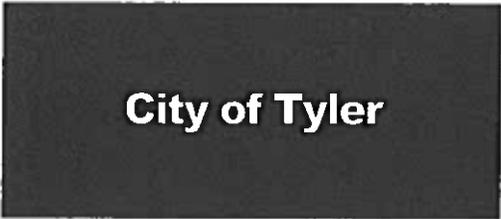


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● Comments:

We have shortened the wording for the Walter Connally stone as shown. Please let me know if this will fit better on the stone.
Thanks!

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From: W.C.Powell [w.c.powell@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 9:50 AM
To: 'Gayle Mapes'
Cc: 'Heather Nick'

Subject: RE: Walter Connally Half Mile of History

Hello Gayle & Heather – I appreciate your revision to the caption, but I feel that it would be good to include the diversity of his various business interests in the caption. I have shortened my suggested caption and it reads as follows: "Walter Connally

1863-1918 A leading citizen and businessman with interests in cotton gin machinery, banking, wholesale hardware and farming. He established one of the Southwest's largest private experiment farms."

If this is too long, we might eliminate businessman. Thank you for your consideration. Connally Powell

From: Gayle Mapes [mailto:gmapes@tylertexas.com]
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Cc: Heather Nick
Subject: Walter Connally Half Mile of History

Mr. Powell,

In an effort to reduce the number of words/characters for the Half Mile of History stone, I have revised the stone language you submitted. Please review the following and let me know at your earliest convenience if this language and the following details are acceptable.

"Walter Connally
1863-1918

A leading citizen and businessman whose interests in cotton gin machinery, banking, wholesale hardware and farming led to one of the Southwest's largest private experimental farms benefiting East Texas farmers."

Thank you for your time,

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A leading citizen, farmer and businessman ^{whose} ~~His~~ interest in cotton gin machinery and livestock led to ~~the operation of~~ one of the Southwest's largest private experimental farms benefiting East Texas farmers.

Stone language

Walter Connally (1863-1918) was a leading citizen and businessman of Tyler, with interests in cotton gin machinery, banking, wholesale hardware, livestock raising and farming. He owned and conducted one of the largest private experiment farms in the Southwest for the benefit of East Texas farmers.

A leading citizen and businessman with interests (in cotton gin machinery, banking, hardware, livestock and farming.) He operated one of the largest private experiment farms for the benefit of East Texas farmers.

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A leading citizen ^{farmer} & business. He operated one of the largest private exper. farms for ~~the~~ East Texas farmers. Interests including cotton & the banking & hardware



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**NOMINATION FORM
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Name of Nominated person, place or event: Walter Connally

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Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: Walter Connally Powell

Address: P.O. Box 670812

City: Dallas **State:** Texas **Zip:** 75367

Daytime telephone: 214-649-3970 **Email:** W.C.Powell@sbcglobal.net

Relationship to nominated individual: great-grandfather

Nominated Individual's year of birth: 1863 **Nominated Individual's year of death:** 1918

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Walter Connally
(1863-1918)

Walter Connally was born in Atlanta, Georgia on November 4, 1863. He was the son of Dr. David H. Connally and Sallie Winship (Connally). His mother, Sallie Winship, was the daughter of Joseph Winship, an industrialist, who owned an ironworks foundry in Atlanta. John Winship, a brother of Sallie's, came to Tyler prior to the Civil War and manufactured cotton gins.

In 1866, following the Civil War, Dr. D. H. Connally with his wife and young son Walter, moved to Jamestown in eastern Smith County, where he farmed and established a medical practice. Later the Connally family moved to Seven Leagues near Noonday, where Dr. Connally was instrumental in the building of a Methodist Church. In 1879 the Connally family moved to Tyler. Walter Connally grew up on his father's farms in Smith County and on the land in Tyler where the family built a home, now located at the corner of Glenwood Blvd. and Connally Street. Walter's mother, Sallie, died in 1886 at age 44 of typhoid fever. Her illness occurred shortly after she had nursed Walter back to good health after he had contracted typhoid fever. Dr. D. H. Connally continued his medical practice in Tyler and served as Smith County and City of Tyler Health Officer for over 16 years until his death in 1912.

Walter Connally's business career began as a young man as a traveling salesman for a machinery firm. Later, he became interested in selling cotton gin machinery, organizing the machinery selling agency of Dilley, Connally and Mansfield. This business evolved into the firm of Walter Connally and Company. The Walter Connally Co. sold cotton gin machinery and many other lines of machinery and equipment, including sawmills and farming equipment. The main building for the business was located on E. Ferguson St. in downtown Tyler. The Walter

Connally Co. grew into the largest machinery company in East Texas and one of the best known firms of its kind in the South.

On October 26, 1887, Walter Connally married Gretta Brokaw in Burlington, Iowa. She was originally from New Jersey but moved to Iowa with her family. Walter and Gretta Connally had two sons: David Gerry Connally, born in 1888, and Walter B. Connally, born in 1890.

Walter and his family resided in a house on E. Reeves St. in Tyler. In 1905, Walter bought property from former Texas Governor James S. Hogg on S. Broadway in Tyler. On this location, he began construction on a new residence for his family. He commissioned a Dallas architectural firm, Hubbell and Green to prepare the plans for the house. Walter was very involved in all details concerning the building of the house. The house contained many special and elaborate features and exhibited fine and expert craftsmanship. The house was completed in 1907 for a total cost of \$36,191.94 according to a meticulous journal that Walter kept of all expenses. The house is located at 700 S. Broadway in Tyler and is now owned by John and Ellen Musselman.

Following the building of the house, Walter Connally decided to retire from the active business management of his various interests. He was in his mid-forties at the time. Walter Connally decided to devote his time to business diversification, farming and livestock raising, and philanthropy. He established the Spring Valley Stock Farm where he raised registered American Jersey cattle and Poland-China hogs. Walter also conducted an experiment farm on hundreds of acres of virtually abandoned farmland where he demonstrated what and how profitable crops could be grown on these lands. Hundreds of farmers from all over East Texas visited his farm and profited from his progressive efforts. His goal was to make life easier and more profitable for his fellow East Texans. This became one of the largest private experiment farms in the Southwest. Because of his enthusiastic interest in stock raising, Walter was placed at

the head of the livestock department for the East Texas Fair in 1918. In 1917 Walter attended a meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club which was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Walter Connally and his wife Gretta were very active as members of Christ Episcopal Church in Tyler. Walter served on the building committee for a new church building which was completed in 1918. He and his wife Gretta donated the Altar, Altar-rail and choir benches for the new church.

Walter Connally served as a director and vice-president of the Citizens National Bank from 1909 until his death in 1918. He was a founder of the Wadel-Connally Co. in 1910. The Wadel-Connally Co. sold wholesale hardware and later automotive supplies in Tyler and numerous other Texas cities. The Wadel-Connally building is located on N. Spring St. in Tyler. During this period of time, he also invested in ranch properties in West Texas and city property in Dallas. In 1912, Walter purchased a new Oldsmobile automobile for \$5,000.00 which at that time was the highest priced car ever sold in East Texas.

Connally Peninsula at Lake Tyler was once part of a large tract of land that Walter Connally purchased in 1917. Portions of that acreage are now included in both Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East.

In September of 1917, there was a departure ceremony for the young men from Smith County preparing to enter Army training for military service in World War I. At the ceremony, as the men were lined up, Walter Connally personally shook hands with each man and left a shining silver dollar after each handshake to substantiate his appreciation. During World War I, Walter served as a member of the District Exemption Board for the Eastern District of Texas.

On May 13, 1918 Walter Connally died suddenly at his home in Tyler after suffering severe head pains. He was 54 years old. Funeral services were conducted at the family home on South Broadway. As a mark of esteem and respect for Walter Connally, all business houses in Tyler were closed during the hour of his funeral. He was interred at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, where a private Connally family mausoleum was later built by his wife Gretta and their two sons, Gerry and Walter B.

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The Connally family may have come to America from Ireland, but the first substantiated family records begin with John Connally, who was born around 1700 and lived in Richmond County, Virginia. Ample records exist of his marriage and the births of his children, and an inventory of his estate indicates he lived a modest life. His widow, Margaret, and sons Thomas and George later resettled elsewhere in Virginia.

Thomas Connally, who was born in 1738, married Mary Price and had 16 children. He left Virginia, living for a period in North Carolina, and later in Georgia. He was a recruiting officer in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War and later a teacher

THE CONNALLY FAMILY

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who donated 100 acres of land to establish the University of North Carolina.

Among Thomas and Mary Connally's children, it was David Connally, born in 1776, whose lineage would eventually lead to Tyler. David Connally married Elizabeth Christian and had six children. He served in the War of 1812, and also lived in North Carolina and Georgia. His second child, Cornelius Connally, was born in 1807 and lived to be only 47, but married Elizabeth Humber and had 10 children; the first of which was David Hudnall Connally, later known as Dr. D. H. Connally, who became the most prominent physician in Tyler to that time.

David H. Connally's life began in Georgia where he would witness a gruesome history of an unrivaled scale. Born

December 3, 1837, records show he took first honors in a Georgia military academy and graduated in 1860 from the Atlanta Medical College. When the Civil War began, he enlisted in Company F, First Georgia Regiment of Volunteers, and was appointed a hospital steward. The fact that he soon became an assistant surgeon indicates he was

skilled at his profession.

Historical records show Dr. Connally eventually joined an infantry regiment that was among those that fought in the notorious Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863. At Gettysburg, 50,000 American men were casualties in the deadliest battle of U.S. history, in fact reflecting a greater number of casualties than all of those killed in the Vietnam War.

For a doctor, Gettysburg would have been a harrowing experience. Dr. Connally most likely had little sleep during the three-day battle, treating hundreds of wounded soldiers and performing hundreds of amputations with medicine and equipment that was likely in short supply. He would later speak of his battlefield experiences and use the mem-

ory for inspiration to treat other suffering patients.

During the War he married Sallie Winship, and the couple had seven children. After the War, Dr. Connally became linked with his brother-in-law, John Winship, who drew the doctor to Tyler.

The Winship family came to America from England in 1634, settling in Cambridge, Mass. Edward Winship died in 1688 and is buried in Harvard Square Church. A descendent, Joseph Winship, was born in 1800 and moved to Georgia where he became an industrialist. His iron works foundry was later destroyed by Gen. Sherman's Army in Atlanta. His mother was Mary Adams, a relative of Samuel Adams, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. Among Joseph Winship's children were Sallie, who would marry Dr. Connally, and son, John Winship.

John Winship moved to Tyler from Georgia before the Civil War and built cotton gins. With five employees, records show he manufactured 50 cotton gins in 1860 at a cost of \$150 each. John Winship also served in the Civil War, but returned to Jamestown in Smith County.

It was Jamestown, in east Smith County, where Dr. Connally farmed and established a medical practice there in 1866, and later in Seven Leagues, near Noonday, where he built a Methodist church. In 1879, he moved to Tyler.

By 1882, Dr. Connally had established a medical practice on Erwin Street two buildings east of College Avenue on the square. He later served as county and city Health Officer from about 1896-1912, and at the time of his death he had practiced medicine in Smith County longer than any other doctor. Treating a number of epidemic diseases around the turn of the century, Dr. Connally once again found himself in a dangerous predicament, rivaling the treachery of Gettysburg.

Records show he treated a great number of smallpox cases and experienced an unusually high recovery percentage. But an even more deadly epidemic surfaced later when the highly contagious cerebro spinal meningitis appeared. Seemingly without fear, it was noted, Dr. Connally battled the disease until it had disappeared.

Dr. Connally built a frame house on a farm that was later occupied by Judge

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and Mrs. Fletcher Fischer, who expanded it into a 16,500-square-foot estate. The doctor raised crops on the surrounding acres, which have long been developed, but the house remains at the corner of Glenwood Blvd. and Connally St.

At age 74, Dr. Connally became ill. After many weeks of gradual decline he passed away June 21, 1912. Services were held at Marvin United Methodist Church, and many prominent Tyler citizens paid their respects. The Tyler Physicians authored and passed a Resolutions of Respect in his honor, which was published in the *Tyler Courier-Times*. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

The Connally legacy continued in Tyler, and again it was the oldest child who achieved local prominence. Of the seven children of Dr. D. H. and Sallie Connally, Walter Connally, born in Atlanta in 1863, would become a respected businessman and local benefactor.

Walter grew up on his father's farms, and his business career began when he worked for a machinery company. He then established his own gin equipment



The Walter Connally & Co. building was located on E. Ferguson Street in Tyler

company, the Walter Connally Co., and was one of the first local businessmen who hailed the philosophy of economic diversification, and passed this concept on to other local farmers. He also served as Vice President and director of Citizen's National Bank and became a part owner of the Wadel-Connally Hardware Company.

Walter Connally was clearly successful and lived a wealthy lifestyle. In 1905, he paid \$4,000 to former Texas Governor James Hogg for property to

build a spectacular home for his wife, Gretta Brokaw, and two sons, Walter B. and Gerry. The 12,000-square-foot estate, still used as a residence on the corner of Broadway and Charnwood, was completed in 1907 for some \$29,000. The elaborate millwork alone is reported to have cost \$4,081. In 1912, it was reported that Walter purchased a luxurious new Oldsmobile for \$5,000, considered the most expensive car in the east half of Texas.

As a gift to young men leaving from Smith County to fight in World War I, Walter gave each soldier a silver dollar for good luck. Years later a dented coin was proof that Walter's good luck worked—the coin fortunately stopped a bullet fired at a soldier in combat.

After the family settled into the house, Walter Connally abruptly "retired" at age 42. He went on to operate a large farm, called Spring Valley, experimented successfully with various crops, and also invested in ranch properties in West Texas and real estate in Dallas.

On May 13, 1918, it was recorded that Walter complained of a headache, and, tragically, he passed away later that afternoon, at age 54. It was reported that

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all Tyler businesses closed during his funeral. His widow, Gretta, took his Director's seat at Citizen's National Bank, an unusual move for a woman in those days. The two sons, Walter B. Connally and Gerry Connally were the next to the last generations to carry the Connally name.

Walter B. Connally had two daughters, Martha Ann Connally Cassel, who still lives in Tyler, and Gretta B. Hogan of Wichita Falls.

Gerry Connally, who worked in his father's Walter Connally Co., had two children; David and Francis B. Morriss, who was the Texas Rose Festival Queen in 1938. Hopes that David would continue the family name ended tragically when the engineering-trained Army captain became one of 19,000 U.S. casualties in the Battle of the Bulge in 1945. Before his untimely death, he was a promising architect.

Walter B. Connally continued his father's business in Tyler, enjoying a 61-year relationship with the Wadel-Connally hardware business in a building near the downtown square on N. Spring Street that is still standing. Originally, Walter B. aspired to play professional baseball and had an opportunity with the then-New York Giants. His father insisted he pursue another lifestyle and had him work in the family's hardware store. Born in 1890, Walter B. began as a stock clerk for \$20 a month, but by 1914 he was Vice President. During his tenure the company expanded into automotive supplies and established branches in San Antonio and elsewhere in Texas.

The same year, Walter B. married Mattie Scudday, of Tyler, originally from Palestine. The couple lived with Walter B.'s widowed mother in the fabulous family house on Broadway. Mattie's father, Hugh G. Scudday, was from South Carolina but later moved to East Texas. At age 20, special legislation was required to admit such a youngster to the S. Carolina bar, and, two years later, he became a state legislator. He later switched vocations, becoming prominent nationwide as a Methodist evangelist.

Walter B. Connally also served Citizen's National Bank as a director, and was an original shareholder in Willow Brook Country Club.

Dr. Connally's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Cassel, remains his only descendant in Tyler. She and her husband, Joe, raise Arabian horses on a farm near Whitehouse.

Her son, Walter Connally Powell, lives in Dallas and is in the oil business, but also maintains many interests in Tyler, including a business office. Powell also serves on the East Texas Medical Center Foundation Board, and has served on several other boards and commissions. Connally Powell has a son, Walter Connally Powell, Jr., who is the fourth generation to carry the name Walter Connally.

The grandchildren of Gerry Connally include: Fran Morriss, a doctor at Children's Medical in Dallas; Whit Morriss, also a doctor, lives in Virginia; and Penny Morriss lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Gerry Robinson lives in Dublin, Ireland and has three daughters.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF WALTER CONNALLY - WELL KNOWN CITIZEN

Our entire section was saddened when the death of Mr. Walter Connally was announced yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock. Mr. Connally was seized with severe pains in his head and neck and during the morning his condition grew worse until death relieved him. He suffered great pain and never regained consciousness after being taken ill.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 5:00 at the family residence, 800 South Broadway and will be conducted by Rev. C. C. Snowden, rector of Christ Episcopal Church. Interment will be at Rose Hill Burial Park.

Walter Connally was one of the most prominent business men of this section. He was born in Georgia, November 4, 1863 and came to Smith County with his father, the late Dr. D. H. Connally, when about two years old and has since resided here. The family first settled in old Jamestown Community, east of Tyler and later moved to this city.

Mr. Connally began his business career as a traveling salesman and later engaged in the machinery business, the firm name being Dilley, Connally & Mansfield. Messrs. Dilley and Mansfield retired from the firm which then became Walter Connally and Company, dealers in cotton gin machinery, etc., and it has continued through the past 15 or 20 years of uninterrupted success, Mr. Connally being the president of this concern.

Mr. Connally had other business interests, being Vice-President of the Citizens National Bank and was a large stockholder and director of the Wadel-Connally Wholesale Hardware Company. He established the Spring Valley Stock Farm and stocked it with some of the best blooded Jersey cattle and Poland China hogs, to be found in the Southwest. Mr. Connally not only raised thoroughbred cattle and hogs, but he also conducted an experiment farm, which was visited yearly by hundreds of people from all over East Texas, who profited by his progressive effects along that line.

On account of this enthusiastic interest, Mr. Connally had exhibited in stock raising, he was placed at the head of the livestock department of the East Texas Fair for the 1918 show and he was planning the most extensive display of cattle, hogs and other livestock ever seen at the Fair.

Mr. Connally was active in business pursuits. He was a true friend. He was a loving husband and an indulgent father. He enjoyed a vast acquaintance, not only in East Texas, but all over the State and his place in this community will be hard to fill.

Surviving him are his widow and two sons, Gerry and Walter B. Connally, both prominent young business men of this city.

Taken from :
Tyler Daily Courier Times
May 15, 1918

HUNDREDS ATTENDED FUNERAL of TYLER CITIZEN HELD TUESDAY P. M.

The funeral of Mr. Walter Connally was held Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, 800 South Broadway, being attended by hundreds of friends. Interment was at Rose Hill Burial Park.

Services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Snowden, rector of Christ Episcopal Church. There was a great profusion of rare and beautiful floral offerings. Many came from friends and admirers of the deceased in various Texas cities.

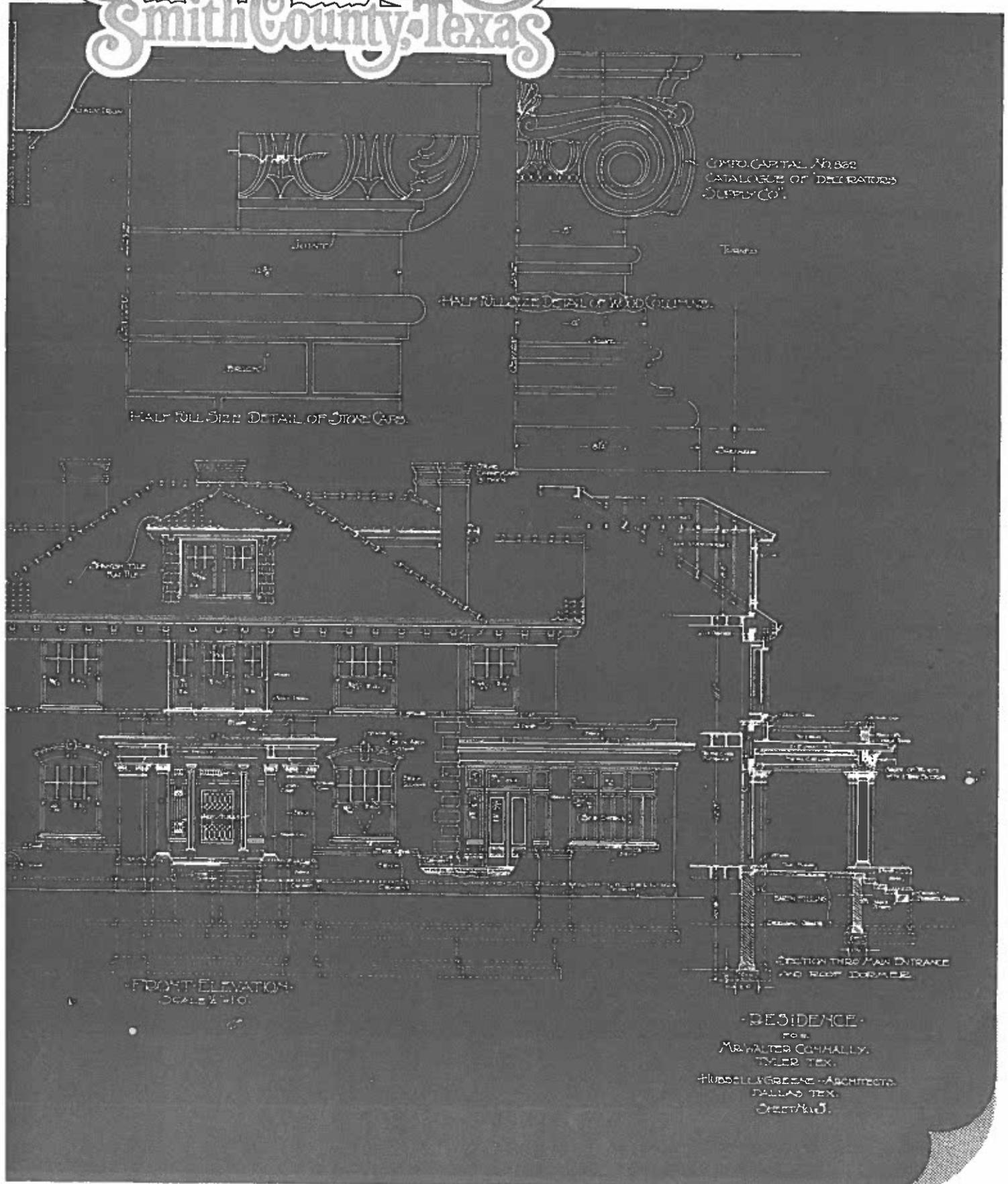
Pallbearers were Gus F. Taylor, H. B. Marsh, R. Bergfeld, Frank James, Frank Bell, Clem Roberts, C. C. White and B. Wadel.

As a mark of esteem and respect to this distinguished citizen of Tyler, all business houses were closed during the hour of the funeral. Many out of town relatives and friends were present at the funeral, mingling their tears with those of the bereaved ones. These were George Dorsey of Grapeland, Ed Carroll, John Murchison, Charles Coleman and Albert Watkins of Athens, Sam Bizzell, F. T. Rembert and M. Melton of Longview, Jack Cade and F. M. Hart of Chandler, Jim Caswell of Bullard and Homer Harris of Henderson.

The funeral was directed by the Swann Undertaking Company.

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The Connally Castle

by Linda Cross



Postcard (l) mailed from Tyler in 1909 shows a side view of the mansion. Note the carriage at the side entrance and the Carriage House in back. This postcard was found by friends of the Musselmans in a coin and stamp shop in Dallas. The right photograph is a view of the house in 1980 taken by the author.

The Connally House, located at Broadway and Charnwood, was purchased by John and Claudia Musselman on February 14, 1978. The following is Claudia's story of this purchase. "Our home on Broadway came to our attention in several ways. After having seen a presentation on worthy landmarks in Tyler, I realized that there was great interest and support in the restoration of our older, declining neighborhoods. Friends encouraged us to look at this particular house because they knew we had just completed a much smaller project and were excited about challenges.

"Our first look was on a damp, musty day, and the inside of the house conveyed the mood of the day. Plaster walls were all peeling, and one wall had fallen in one of the rooms. The musty, dank smell of a house locked up for many years was overwhelming. The house was still furnished with fine antiques. One felt that time had stopped inside the mansion and that Agatha Christi was about to stage a scene in one of the rooms. The decision not to buy was easy; the project seemed too overwhelming and costly. However, the challenge sparked a light within John that would not go away.

"The second time we thought about the house was almost six months later. The owners wanted to change the zoning for office use and the immediate reaction of the neighbors was to get interested preservationists to petition the city commission to withhold an immediate decision until they might possibly find a prospective buyer. The neighbors felt the zone change would permanently reduce residential property values in the area. Even though the house had several problems for family living -- too big, bad condition, commercial infringements -- the prospect of the zoning change altered my feelings for the house. Aren't more things important than the big dollar gains for commercial property that effects one owner? What about the damaged property value to these residential areas, not only in dollars, but in a way of life, a history, the abandonment of the grandeur and charm of a still intact old mansion? We were thrust into making a decision of attempting to bring the house back to its old splendor.

"By the time we looked at the house again, we had decided to buy it, but we felt we had to see it before a contract could be signed. Oh what a day! The zoning meeting was Tuesday, and

this was Saturday. Any final decision had to be made quickly. Because a contract was already on the house pending a zoning change for a doctor's clinic, the prospective buyer's realtor would not let us look at the house. Tempers flared; if another contract was not made before Tuesday, it would probably be rezoned. But by that afternoon the realtor reluctantly opened the house and permitted us one hour to view it. All the forces supporting residential zoning met with us to look at the house once more. We all hurriedly ran through the house and were excited over all the many facets that we had not noticed a few months earlier; and the decision was made to buy it.

"We had a contract written, signed, and delivered the day before the zoning committee met. We now had the present owners to work with. Once we assured them that we knew what it would take to renovate and maintain the home in the style it should be, we were approved. Our Christmas present to each other, Christmas, 1977, was a very homely, overgrown orange-pink elephant that had not been cared for in many years. I was nervous about the project, but John was very proud of his large 'compound.'"¹



Dr. David Hudnall Connally, who after serving in the Civil War, moved to Texas in 1866. (All family photographs courtesy of Connally Powell, Tyler, Texas)

Who would build a house such as this? At the turn of the century, Tyler was gaining a reputation as a town of wealthy and prestigious people and had become the cultural, economic and political center of East Texas. The best evidence of one's prominence was usually seen in one's residence. With this philosophy, an energetic and ambitious young man, Walter Connally, decided to build a house befitting his stature in the community.

Walter Connally was the son of a Civil War surgeon, Dr. David Hudnall Connally, who had moved to Smith County, Texas, in 1866, and later to Tyler in 1879.² Walter's business career began when he went to work for a machinery company. He eventually established his own gin equipment firm, Walter Connally Company. He later became Vice-President and a Director of Citizens's National Bank and part owner of Wadel-Connally Hardware Company. He was married to Gretta Brokaw of Somerset County, New Jersey, in 1887. They had two sons, David Gerry and Walter Brokaw Connally.

In 1905 Walter Connally became interested in building a finer, larger house for his family. In March of that year he purchased from former Governor James S. Hogg a large lot of land on Broadway for the handsome price of \$4000.³ This lot was adjacent to other property purchased by Connally in the Rowland Addition (J. Y. Jones Survey) prior to 1905. Three of James Hogg's children, Ima, Will, and Tom, signed the deed but the fourth, Mike, did not agree to the sale until August of 1905 when he was paid an additional \$500.⁴

After the land had been acquired, Connally then commissioned a Dallas architectural firm, Hubbell and Green,⁵ to do the plans for a house. First payment was made in July 1905, and by late January 1906 the architects were paid their total fee of \$520.00 for both plans and specifications.⁶

Foundation work began in early spring, 1906. By July of 1906, Connally decided to hire a superintendent to oversee the spectacular project. The job obviously required the expertise of a professional, and he was retained for the entire year of construction. It cannot be deciphered

Listed below is the cost of the house as taken from Connally's "Journal":

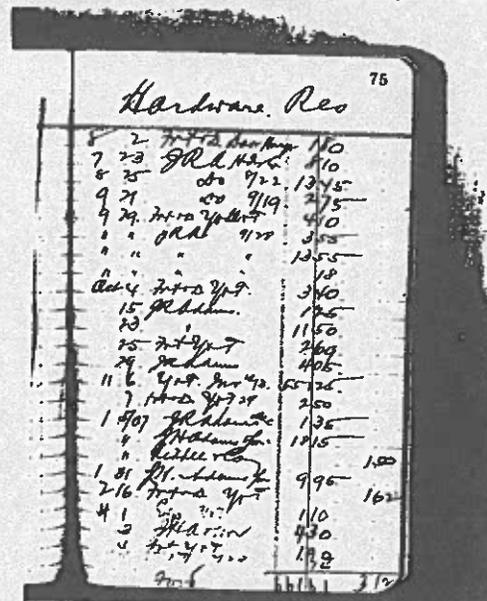


Builder Walter Connally and wife, Gretta Brokaw Connally, were married October 26, 1887.

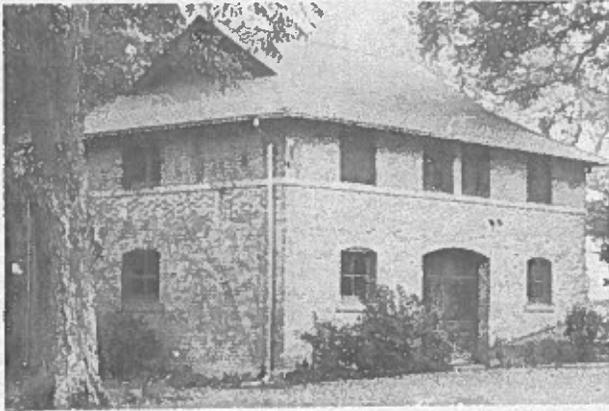
from the "Journal" Connally kept whether the superintendent hired, paid bills, organized the procedure, and inspected, or if Connally himself did this, but meticulous records were kept in the "Journal" by Connally. Monthly the cost mounted and revealed that this was not the average house of the day. The money spent on doing the job right was evident in the graveled, landscaped drives, the varied styles of mantels for the seven fireplaces,⁸ the beautiful millwork, and the cut-leaded glass windows and doors.

The house, when finished, had a large basement used for storage, a cellar for wine and food, and for housing the coal-fired boiler used in radiator heat through the two upper stories. The first floor consisted of kitchen, butler's pantry, study (designated Den on plans), dining, living, reception hall, two vestibules, a half-bath, and a conservatory. The second floor consisted of five bedrooms, a sewing room, three baths, three balconies, and a large reception hall. The attic was as large as the second floor but was not divided into rooms; it was used for storage. The total under-roof size was approximately 12,000 square feet; heated (and now air conditioned) space was 6,000 square feet. Also built at the same time was the carriage house and barn.

Plans and Specs	\$ 520.00
Foundation	2,431.81
Materials Shed	135.04
Superintendent	2,103.40
Brick Work and Materials	3,127.37
Supplies	259.52
Stonework	854.40
Lime and Cement	581.36
Concrete	91.35
Sand	108.75
Lumber	1,275.10
Mill work	4,081.68
Carpenter Labor	2,476.50
Hardware	700.15
Metal Work	742.05
Iron Work	38.05
Tile Floor	130.50
Tile Roof	1,013.00
Plaster	1,500.00
Bathroom Labor	98.75
Plumbing	1,347.59
Paint - Labor and Materials	1,061.53
Decorating	1,000.00
Mantles	800.00
Art Glass	185.00
Sash Mounts	115.20
Heating	1,018.17
Water (Cistern included)	233.25
General Expenses	167.42
Insurance	110.00
Electric	45.90
Total	\$28,352.82¹⁰



A sample page of the Journal in which Walter Connally entered all expenses as he built the house. (Loaned by Martha Ann Cassel)



The Carriage House, located in the back yard, has a unique attraction to visitors. (Photo by author)

According to Carroll Sinclair, Tyler architect of the firm of Sinclair and Wright, the cost to duplicate the house today with its fine craftsmanship and special features would be prohibitive. The house was eclectic in design, the period style and woods varying from room to room. The mixture of woods was most unusual with pine, birch, and oak dominating. Heavy wood exposed beams, columns, millwork, and plaster all would be extremely expensive today.¹¹ The colors, size, and woodwork actually give the house a masculine effect. However, each room has a projected corner, thus giving a light, airy atmosphere. The furnishings, purchased by the builder, were heavy, massive pieces which further lent to the masculinity of the house.¹²

Landscaping was of great concern to Connally. The yard, even today, has an arrangement of unusual trees and shrubs. Numerous and productive pecans graced the back; carefully placed magnolias on the north, a rare Japanese maple, birch, and ginkgo trees in the front all provided shade, color, and variety to the yard. He also arranged for a formal garden using many varieties of bulbs around a centralized walk and fountain. The formal yard was enclosed by a black iron fence with brick matching the house as posts.

At the time Walter Connally was building the house his oldest son, Gerry, was probably at Georgia Tech.¹³ He married in 1912, so did not really live in the mansion his father had built. However, he and his wife, Frankie, lived there after the birth of their son, David Gerry Connally, Jr., in 1913 for about a year and a half. Walter Brokaw, the youngest son, was sent to Asheville, North Carolina, to the Bingham Military Academy, at this time, in hopes of "settling him down."¹⁴ When he returned from Asheville, he was sent to Austin College. There he was caught reading a baseball book in class, a sport he loved and even wanted to play as his profession, and was brought home and put to work in what later became his father's store for \$20.00 per month.¹⁵ In 1914 he married Mattie Scudday of Tyler in New Orleans and brought his bride to his father's home to live, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

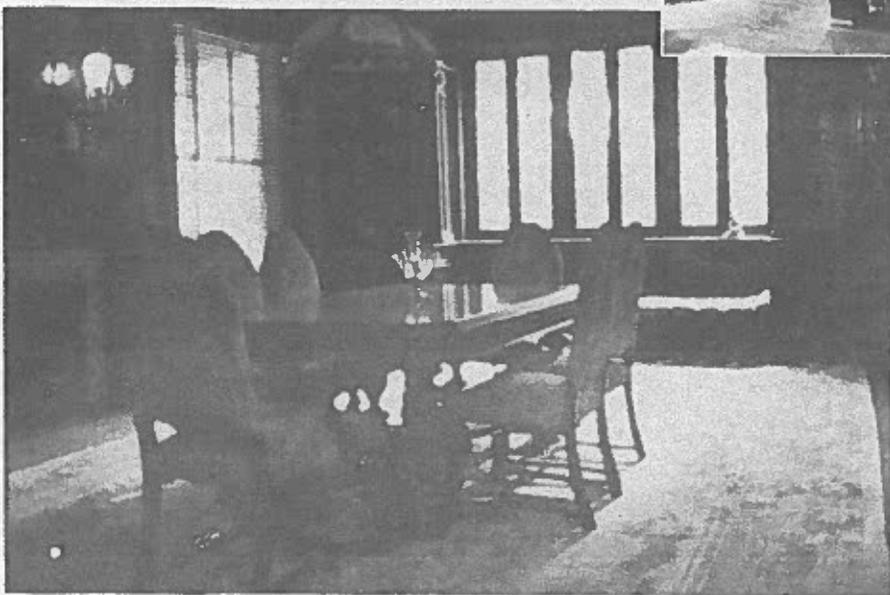


Walter B. and Mattie Scudday Connally spent their entire married life in the house.

With a beautiful home paid for, his family raised, and his business enterprises doing well, Walter Connally decided in his mid-forties to retire, wanting to spend more time with his family. But his "retirement" seemed to increase his responsibilities. The next ten years would find him operating his large farm, Spring Valley, where he experimented with agriculture and boasted of being the first man to have five Jersey cattle in the county.¹⁶ In addition to assuming a place on the Board of Directors of Citizens National Bank, he invested in ranch properties in West Texas, and in real estate in Dallas.¹⁷

Suddenly, on the afternoon of May 13, 1918, Walter Connally complained of a headache. By late afternoon, he was dead. In his short fifty-four years he had gained prestige, wealth, and many friends. His entire estate was left to his wife and two sons. Gerry and his family had already built their own home on Broadway; Walter B. and Mattie remained in the house with his widowed mother, Gretta.

The next fifty years would see another Connally family grow up and leave the beautiful house. These years were full of events well remembered by its inhabitants. Martha Ann, who lived with her parents and grandmother, vividly remembers her grandmother and the years spent with her. Gretta traveled a great deal, especially in the hot summer months, usually from May to October. She



The large spacious rooms are evident in the extra-wide stairway, the master bedroom, and the formal dining room (Photos by author)

went to Europe, around the world, and even lived a year in Europe with an artist friend, Minnie Jones. The steamer trunks stored in the attic were reminders of the exciting trips the grandmother had taken.¹⁷ Grandmother kept the large master bedroom she had shared with her husband, and daily breakfast was carried up to her. As long as Gretta lived, Mattie, her daughter-in-law, never felt the house belonged to her, even though she had full household responsibilities during Gretta's long absences. Grandmother's room was left untouched after her death in January, 1948.

The 1920's and 1930's were a time of bustle around the big house. Neither the prosperity of the twenties nor the depression of the thirties changed the household activities appreciably. Servants were always busy with gardening, caring for the children, cooking, and caring for the house. A full time cook was hired, the laundry was carried out, and the butler was always ready to take the children in the buggy to their destination. The cellar had been stocked with an ample supply of liquor just prior to Walter Connally's death in 1918, and during the days of Prohibition it was known if one needed a nip for medicinal purposes (or any other purpose) all they had to do was drop by and ask.¹⁸

Parties of all sorts were the rage; the "Newlyweds" was a social club where dinners were given at each member's home on designated dates. Church socials (Christ Episcopal Church), dinner parties, children's school and birthday parties, and recitals were common. Martha Ann remembers the elementary home-room parties held there for children progressing to junior high parties in the front reception hall, where the rug was rolled up and boy-girl dances were held to the tune of a record player.

Family get-togethers were common. On Sundays cake and ice cream were served. They were one of few families who had a freezer in which to store this delicacy. Holidays for family included home grown turkey from the barnyard behind the house not only at Thanksgiving, but for every Sunday until March. Since so many of their relatives lived nearby, Christmas and other holiday visits were often exchanged. One

granddaughter remembered the long dining table and the large Christmas trees. One Christmas the tree was in the Conservatory, a favorite place to play for the children.¹⁹



Gretta Connally Hogan (l), who now lives in Wichita Falls, and Martha Ann Connally Cassel who resides near Lindale, lived their entire childhoods in the house. They are the two daughters of Walter B. and Mattie Connally.



Walter Connally Powell, great-grandson of the builder, and son of Martha Ann Cassel. He resides in Tyler. (Photo by author)

Even though Mattie, the wife of Walter B. Connally, had run the household during Grandmother's illness and her extended trips, she was mistress of the house for only four years when, in 1952, she became ill and for the next seventeen years she lived in a medical facility in Dallas where she died in 1969. Dur-

ing these years. Walter B. lived in the house alone, visiting his wife every Tuesday. He did have the company of his grandson, Walter Connally Powell (Martha Ann's son).

Connally, as he is called, was very close to his grandfather and the feeling was mutual. He remembers his grandfather as a "remarkable man, kind and humorous."²⁰ The grandfather was one any child would love. Going fishing with him, spending the night with him in the "enormous house," or planting a garden just because he thought it would be fun, were common events. Perhaps because of the long conversations between him and his grandfather, Connally has a great interest in his family history. He listened to the stories his grandfather told and came away enlightened by the man. He considered his grandfather a conservative, politically, opposed to prejudice, and quoted him as saying "the last good president was Coolidge."²¹ The upstairs balcony overlooking Broadway (sewing room on the house plans), the place where Martha Ann sat in the early dawn watching the circus as it came to town, became the TV room where Connally would usually find his grandfather watching the set.

After Mattie's illness the house became lonely, but Walter B., even though getting quite old, was still very active. He retired in September, 1971 when the firm of Wadel-Connally was sold. A year later he had major surgery, but still kept active. He never lived in the house again after his surgery, staying at his daughter's house near Lindale. The big house was closed for about two years and while he was gone, it was robbed of some silver, mirrors and a statue. Luckily, no damage was done to the house nor the beautiful light fixtures. Walter B did not want anyone to change the house and always wanted to go back.²² As a result, a burglar alarm system was installed. In November, 1975, Walter B. died. The house then belonged to his two daughters, Gretta Hogan and Martha Ann Cassel.

Since neither daughter wished to restore the house and live in it, the decision was made to sell it. It was hoped the home could be made into a fine antique shop or an exclusive restaurant so that many people might enjoy it. However, the zoning was residential and there was an interested buyer, John and Claudia Musselman.

The following is Claudia's story of their accomplishments to date:

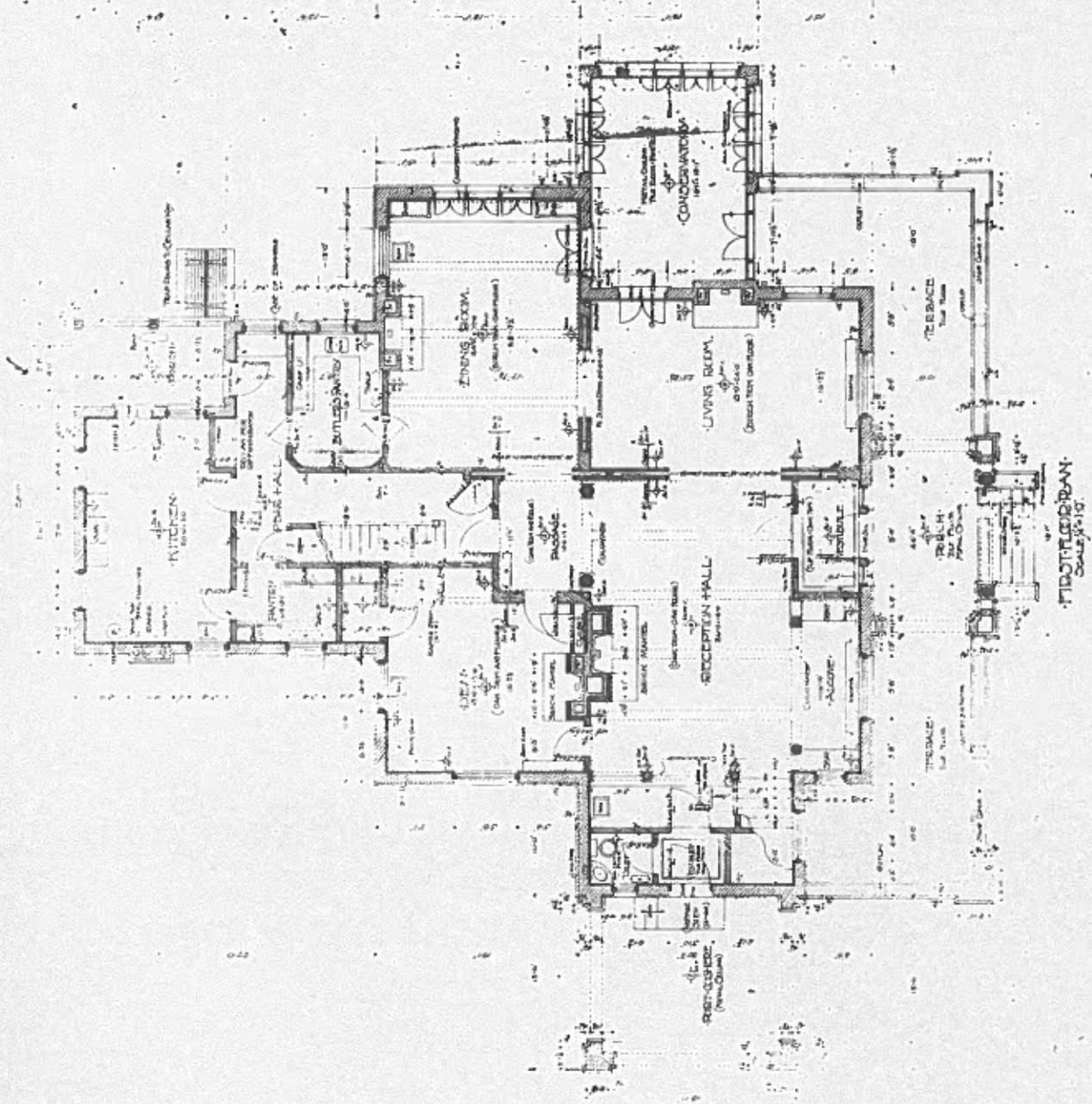
"Our 1907 vintage house has five bedrooms, three and one-half baths, and seven fireplaces. It is double brick construction with wood lath plaster walls and is heated with a hot water system in the basement. Much water damage had taken its toll on the walls, which have been patched. The leaking tile roof which we were told would last a lifetime (and it has - two even) has been repaired. Since so few people work on projects like ours, most of the work inside was done by us. The tile roof was a special problem, because no one would replace the broken ones; therefore, we are slowly replacing those that need replacement. Every window has been reglazed and about twenty broken ones replaced.



Posing in front of the large leaded, cut-glass front door are John, Claudia, and Alan Musselman who are proud residents of the Connally House today (Photo by author)

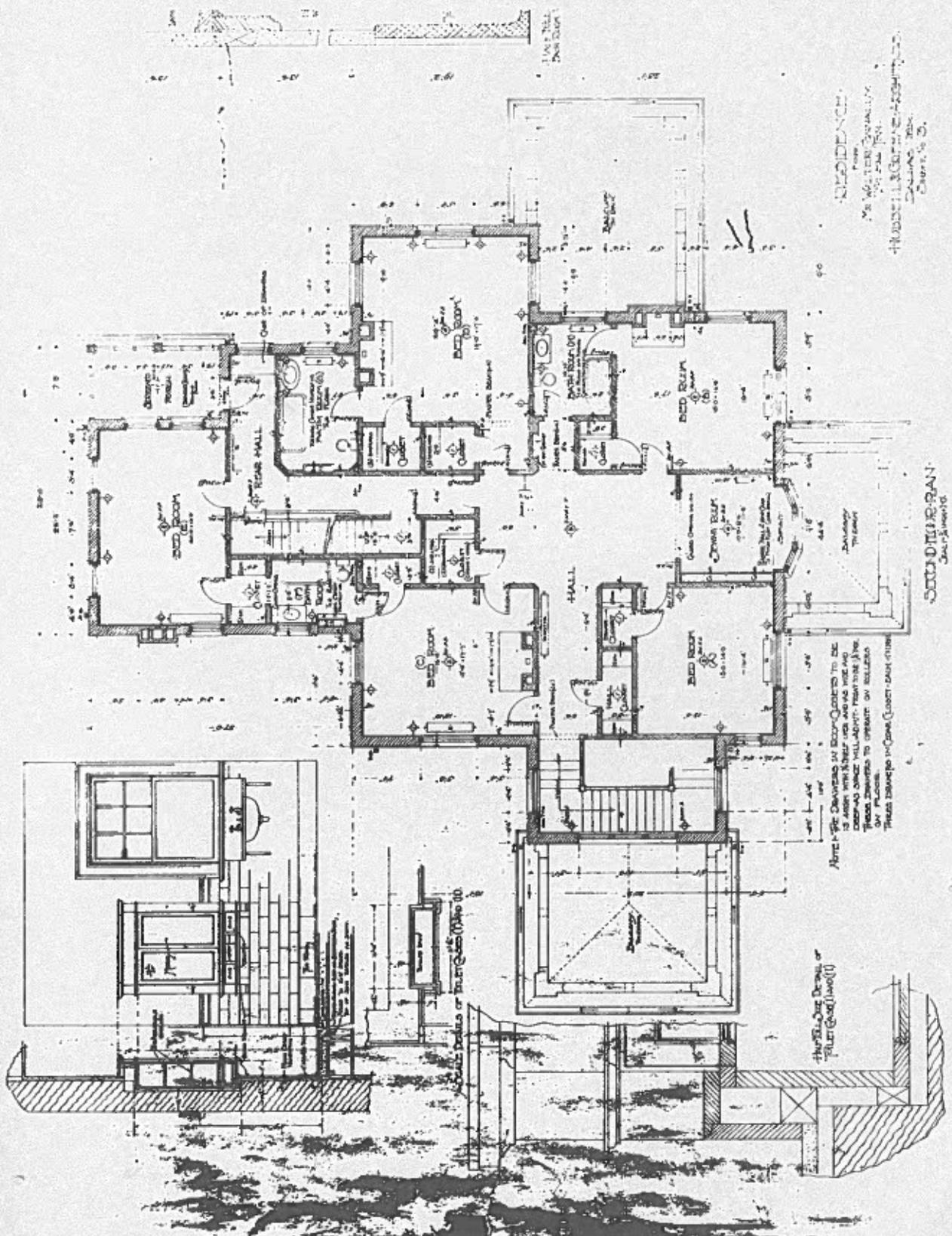
RESIDENCE

Mrs. WAUTE CHAMALLY
TYLER, TEX.
HUBBELL GREEN ARCHITECTS
DALLAS, TEX.
Sheet No. 2.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"

First Floor Plan by Hubbell & Green, Architects, Dallas (Reproduced by John and Claudia Musselman)



RESIDENCE
 FOR MR. WALTER BOWMAN
 205 E. PALM ST.
 DALLAS, TEXAS
 HUBBELL & GREEN, ARCHITECTS
 CHARLES W. G.

STAIRS
 DOWN TO FIRST FLOOR

NOTE: THE DRAWINGS BY ROOMS REFERRED TO IN THIS PLAN ARE TO BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT AND TO BE MADE TO CONFORM TO THE PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS.

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Second Floor Plan by Hubbell & Green, Architects, Dallas

"We moved into the house in May, 1978, and the first project was the kitchen. It consisted of a metal sink and a nasty cabinet. All the woodwork was burned off and stripped so a stain and varnish could be applied. Cabinets were built, using in the doors stained glass art work inserts done by John. The ceiling was replaced with metal embossed designs ordered from a New York firm that has been making it since the turn of the century. The ceiling fan used in the kitchen came from the Conservatory, which we stripped back to the original copper, along with light fixtures that have been painted yellow. It was important that our kitchen be modern, yet retain the integrity and high quality of the old house.

"The outside wood of the house was machine sanded, primed, and painted with oil base paint. In five months one man, working full time, sanded and used twelve gallons of paint and 10 quarts of glazing to complete the outside. What a happy day when the scaffolding went down as it reached the beginning. Taking off the old chipped paint inside was our next task. All painted surfaces were sanded and a base coat applied. Most fortunate for us, much of the downstairs had been varnished and required only stripping and refinishing. The colors that were used in construction (terra cotta, grey green) are once again in vogue, so finding wall coverings to match has not been difficult.

"Having been pleased with the work done by a local contractor on a complete cooling and heating system, we hired him to restore the 1200 square foot Carriage House. It has just been completed. Finding quality materials like the big house was impossible, but every effort was made to use old charming accents. The Carriage House will be used for a studio apartment.

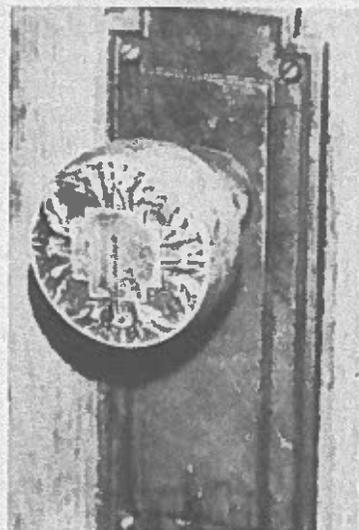
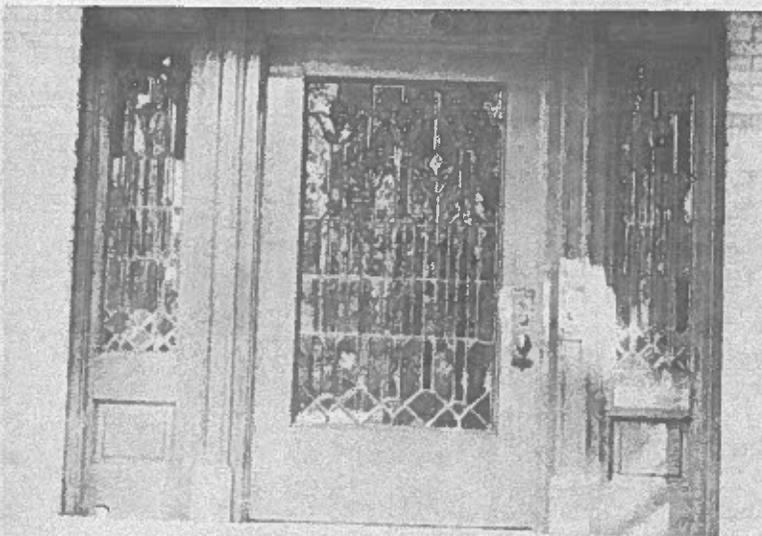
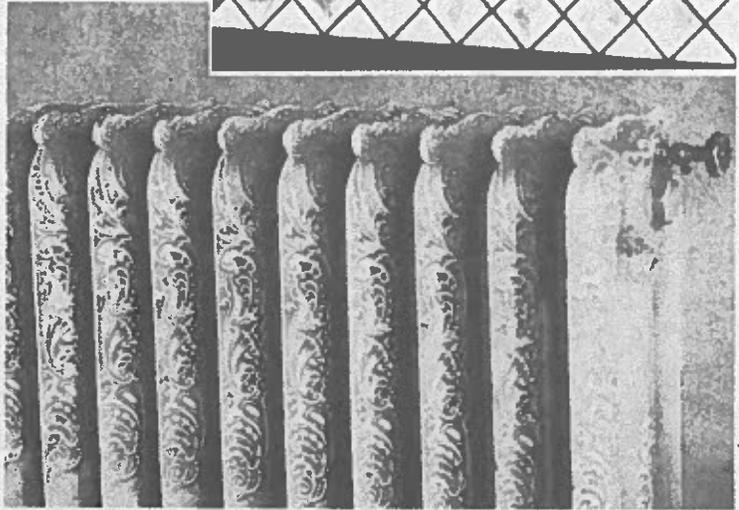
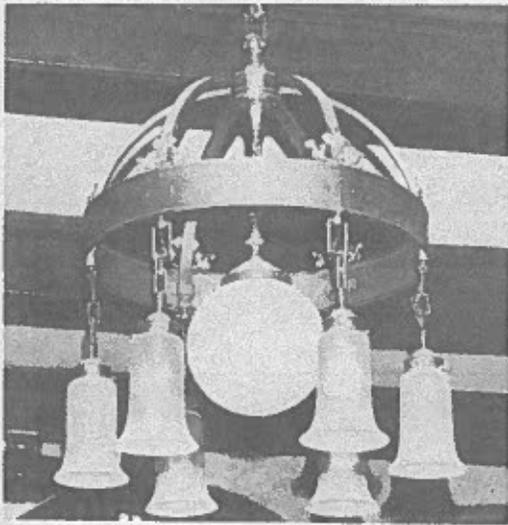
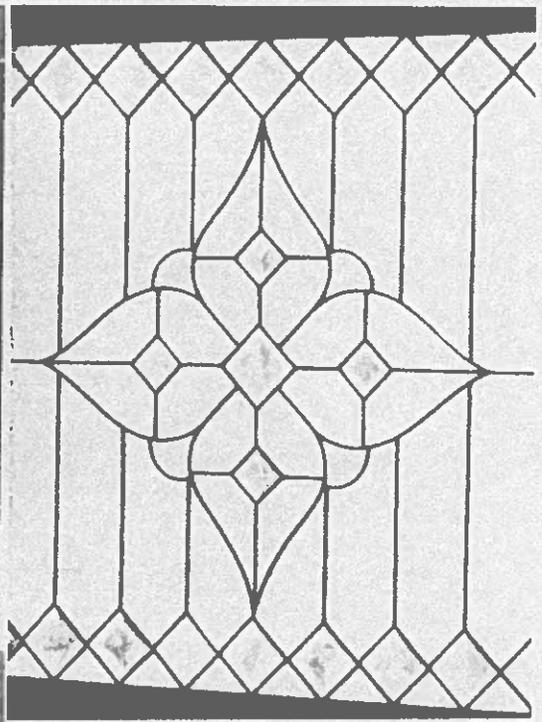
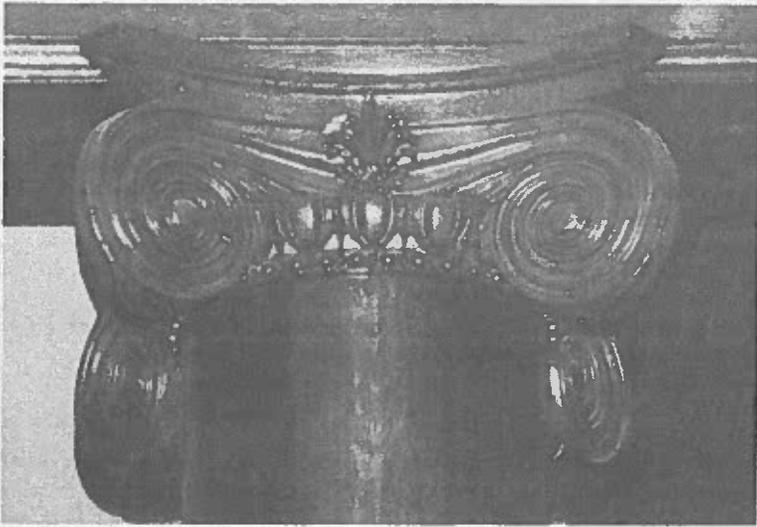
"Our home has many energy bonuses. The presence of porches and eaves that shade walls and windows, and well established tall trees and vines often make air conditioning unnecessary. These same features also shelter the house from cold winds. The double brick construction aids in insulation and the transoms over the doors are really nice to open on pretty days. High ceilings help a great deal in

summer and there is great ventilation since each room is on a projected corner. (Four air conditioning and heating units were added to be used independently.) This has made our bills very low, since we close off areas not being used. In the future solar heat is planned. A cistern was once the main drinking water source, and we have plans to reincorporate part of it. All gutters from the house lead into it, so it will be a good source for yard water when a pump is installed and pipes secured.

"Extremely important in a project such as this is in taking things slowly, getting used to our house and allowing it to tell us what is needed. Learning patience and doing each task before us will someday result in the restoration of a beautiful home. We are in no hurry."

The Musselmans are truly excited about their project and are always willing to share their enthusiasm with friends and anyone who expresses an interest. Surely the anticipation Walter Connally must have felt as he built the house, which he wanted to call a castle was no greater than the Musselman's in restoring it.

On the facing page: one of the two Ionic oak columns (upper left) that supports one of the five oak beams in the reception hall; window (upper right) with diamond shaped bevels on edges. This is one of three over the port-cochere which can be seen from the stairway, master bedroom and reception hall; light fixture (left center) is cast brass with six long etched glass shades with center globe; the radiator (right center) is one of twenty-four which supply an intricate and complicated heating system for both direct and indirect heating; front door (lower left) showing detail of workmanship; the door knob (lower right) is one of the more masculine style cast brass, manufactured by Towne & Yale with matching window pulls. This knob is one of five styles throughout the house.



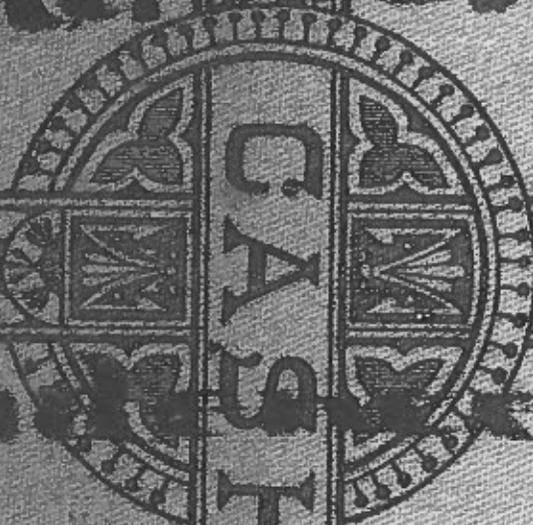
1. Claudia Musselman to writer 13 October 1980.
2. Sid S. Johnson, Texans Who Wore the Gray, (Tyler, no publisher, 1907) 123-124
3. Smith County Deed Records, Vol. 85, p. 118.
4. Smith County Deed Records, Vol. 89, p. 105.
5. Connally was probably familiar with their designs in Dallas of the Kingman Texas Implement Company building and the John Deere Plow Company. The firm, before splitting in the early 1920's, also did the Scottish-Rite Temple and the original Parkland Hospital, along with several other prominent buildings in Dallas. Historic Preservation League Researcher with writer, 17 October 1980.
6. Connally kept records of all expenses incurred in a "Journal." Loaned by Martha Ann Cassel to writer.
7. According to Connally's great-grandson, Walter Connally Powell, the superintendent was an ex-government employee who supervised, but Connally paid bills and organized the job. Walter Connally Powell with writer, 9 March 1980.
8. Even though the house had a coal-powered steam boiler, this was a "new fangled invention" and was not to be trusted. Therefore Connally had a back-up system of 7 fireplaces. The downstairs ones were used often, but the upstairs were never used, according to a granddaughter born in 1918 and raised in the house. Gretta Hogan with writer, 19 October 1980.
9. The Carriage House was two story - the servants occupying the top story. It gives the house an interesting flavor, and many express an interest in it more than the house. It was built at a total cost of \$956.25. The barn was built at a cost of \$700.64.
10. "Journal," pages 110-112. Connally's addition was off 2¢, the total cost being \$28,352.84! The journal shows an expenditure of an additional \$900.00 on 6/26/07 to C. F. Kennedy that the above total does not include. This contractor's grandson, Jim Kennedy Electric is still in business today in Tyler.
11. Carroll Sinclair with writer, 18 August 1980.
12. Today these antique furnishings are being stored pending the building of another home by Martha Ann Cassel.
13. Mrs. Frankie Crocket (Gerry Connally's widow) with writer. She did not know for sure the dates he attended the school, but he had completed his studies before they married in 1912.
14. Walter Connally Powell with writer, 9 March 1980.
15. Ibid.
16. Martha Ann Cassel with writer, 27 February 1980.
17. Frances Morris with writer, 21 July 1980. Frances, the daughter of Gerry Connally, has fond remembrances of her grandmother's house and visits there: playing in the attic, climbing the magnolia tree, the smell of the barnyard in the summer from the sleeping porch upstairs, and grandmother holding "court" in her bedroom.
18. A whole train car load had been ordered by Connally just prior to his death, so they were well stocked for quite some time.
19. Frances Morris with writer, 21 July 1980.
20. Connally Powell with writer.
21. Powell with writer.
22. Cassel with writer, 27 February 1980.

LINDA CROSS was born in Smith County (Tyler). Educated at Tyler Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State University with a master's degree in American history, she is very interested in local history. A past contributor to CHRONICLES, she is married to Jerry Cross and has two children, Suzanne and Kelly. She is currently an instructor of American history at Tyler Junior College.

Of great assistance in the preparation of this article were the present owners of the Connally House, JOHN and CLAUDIA MUSSELMAN. CLAUDIA has a degree in art and is interested in interior decorating and designs and antiques. JOHN, with a background in mechanical engineering (M.S. degree), is in oil production in East Texas. His hobbies are stained glass and watercolor.

Matta

Connally



Residence

South

Broadway

Barren Receipts

Numbers	46090
Order	19250
Adm	4694

Total Barren 70064

Range - 4572

Actual Receipts

Range 613647

Providence 2835282

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THE OBITUARY WHICH APPEARED
IN THE TYLER MORNING TRIBUNE
ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1918
FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF WALTER CONNALLY

TYLER MORNING TRIBUNE
TYLER, TEXAS, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1918

WALTER CONNALLY--CITIZEN
AN ESTIMATE OF THE MAN

With eyes full of tears and a heart full of sincere sorrow I am bearing the news of the sudden death of Walter Connally to his thousands of friends.

The course of the pale messenger with the inverted torch is inscrutable yet it leads inevitably to the home of every man. In some homes he has been expected, yet he passes by the invaled waiting for his release from pain and goes silently into the home where there is only health and happiness and becons to the head of the homestead and in a moment he goes forth never to return!

A few hours ago Walter Connally was among his loved ones at home and it was only yesterday he was amidst his legion of friends, in his quaint and happy way, trying to make them happier for his presence. About noon yesterday he complained of pains in his head, an hour later messages were being carried to his friends informing them of his serious condition. At four o'clock the entire county was shocked by the news of his sudden death which had just occurred at his home.

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Walter Connally lived a life of usefulness. No man ever lived among our people who had more friends and fewer enemies. His life from boyhood to the maturity gained by nearly sixty years of efforts, was simply an open book. In all those years no one once ever questioned his honesty or his word. His word and his business integrity made him legions of friends and many thousands of dollars yet no one ever questioned his success because all who knew him felt he had earned all that he had.

Walter Connally's life will be an inspiration in the future as it has been in the past to those seeking the way for living a life of usefulness. His boyhood was spent just like that of the average country boy. His school's curriculum consisted of many hardships and few luxuries, yet by his own efforts he overcame these obstacles and earned and gave luxuries, pleasures and necessities to those who were less fortunate in their earning and accumulating capacity than he was.

The benefactors of this good man will never be made known to you and me because he did not do things for applause or notoriety yet I have learned from others of hundreds of good men who were aided to bridge over adverse conditions by his endorsements.

The fact that Mr. Connally had made a comfortable competency became known among his most intimate friends a few years ago. Being then in the prime of mature manhood it was a surprise to his business associates when he announced to them that he had decided to retire from the active business management of his various interests. He had planned unknown to any one but himself to devote his remaining days to making life easire and more profitable to those among whom he had been reared!

With his ample funds he purchased hundreds of acres of virtually abandoned farm lands and immediately began to demonstrate what and how profitable crops could be raised on the lands. Hundreds of farmers watched intelligently his efforts and followed the results of his experiments. All of these farmers have become more prosperous men and better citizens for having followed his teachings and I know this benefactor has been well repaid in his self satisfaction of having benefitted his neighbors and friends.

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Walter Connally was born in Atlanta, Georgia on November 4, 1863. He was the son of Dr. D. H. Connally who moved to Texas in November, 1866 and first settled in old Jamestown, an early settlement in the eastern part of Smith County. Later the family moved to the Noonday settlement

and finally moved to Tyler where Dr. Connally died a few years ago after having lived a long life of usefulness among our people.

On October 26, 1887, Walter Connally married Miss Gretta Brokaw in Burlington, Iowa. She and their two sons, Gerry and Walter B., both of these boys now being successful business men remain with us. Mr. Connally's business career began when traveled for a well known machinery firm. Later he became interested in selling gin machinery, organizing the machinery selling agency of Dilley, Connally and Mansfield. This firm finally evolved into the present firm of Walter Connally & Co., probably the best known firm of its kind in the South today. At the time of his death he was president of this concern, vice president of the Citizens National Bank, a large stockholder in the wholesale firm of Wadel-Connally Hardware Company, the owner of the noted Spring Valley stock farm, also the owner of large ranch properties in western Texas and valuable city property in Dallas. Mr. Connally loved his fellow man, therefore his life was Christ-like, still he followed no creed except the Golden Rule.

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The remains of Mr. Connally will be interred in Rose Hill Cemetery this afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the family residence on South Broadway.

D. W.

"Dallas Morning News"
1909-1918

DAVING NEWS TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1918

\$100,000 FOR POSTAL MOTOR ROUTES SOUGHT

SENATE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT MAK- ING APPROPRIATION.

Washington, May 13.—By a vote of 70 to 20 the Senate today tentatively accepted a committee amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment of postal motor routes in order to transport mail products from agricultural districts.

Senators King of Utah and Gallinger of New Mexico vigorously opposed the measure, contending that is no time for such an experiment and that every cent of public money should be used in the country.

Senators Bankhead and Chandler of the Postoffice committee and Wardlaw of Georgia declared they are already in favor of \$200,000 parts of the appropriation.

The bill took up consideration of the bill for motor routes from the committee appropriation for construction of the motor mail by airplane, the latter was postponed until tomorrow.

LEON GARDNER CLAIMS DEFECTS IN LIBERTY MOTOR

Washington, May 13.—Success of the Liberty motor was questioned by Leon Gardner, a New York automobile designer, in a letter to Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, presented today to the Senate.

Overheating of the motor in the British plant, he said, indicates basic defects of design that can not be corrected. It was not discovered on the British plant because the test is "de-

LEADING CITIZEN OF TYLER IS DEAD

WALTER CONNALLY, STOCKMAN AND BUSINESS MAN, DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS.

Special to The News.

Tyler, Texas, May 13.—Walter Connally, a prominent business man of Tyler for thirty years, died today after a brief illness. He was one of the wealthiest citizens of Eastern Texas. He was president of the Walter Connally & Co. machinery house, vice president of the Citizens National Bank, owner of the Spring Valley Stock Farm, and superintendent of the live stock department of the East Texas Fair. He possessed one of the largest private automobile farms in the southwest and owned a herd of some of the highest bred Jersey cattle in the United States. He was a member of the district examination board for the Eastern District of Texas.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Gerry and Walter B. Connally, young business men of Tyler.

He was born in Atlanta, Ga., fifty-four years ago and came to Tyler as a boy. His father was a prominent physician of East Texas.

FLAG OF FINLAND RAISED WITH SOLEMN CEREMONY.

Helsingfors, Finland, May 13.—The Finnish flag has been raised with solemn ceremonies over the fortress of Sveaborg in Helsingfors Harbor where 119 years ago it made way for the Russian banner.

The fortress was retained through the Finnish war meaning Finland's fortress.

Reports of the resumption of diplomatic relations between Finland and Russia are officially denied.

whence he will sail to England, to take up Red Cross work abroad.

A. & M. SHEEP EXPERT SPEAKS HERE TUESDAY.

M. W. Coll, sheep and wool expert from the A. and M. agricultural extension service, addresses a mass meeting of Dallas county sheep raisers and wool growers at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Chamber of Commerce. Plans for pooling wool as an attraction to northern buyers as well as a method to eliminate competition will be discussed.

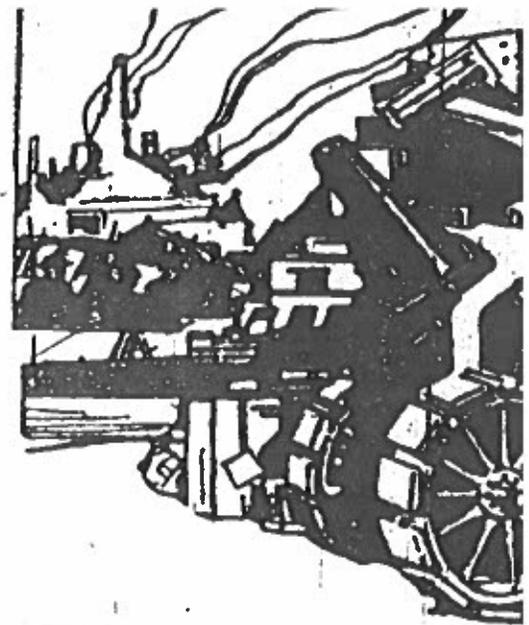
Prominent Tyler Man Dead.

Special to The Times Herald

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"DALLAS Times Herald
May 14, 1918"

A Record of Faith

1867-1967

Christ Episcopal Church
Tyler, Texas

MARY J. HAYES, *Historian*
FRANCES T. McCALLUM, *Asst. Historian*

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paid \$350.00 for the ground to build what is referred to as the Old Church—located on the corner of Locust and Bois d'Arc Streets. With the erection of the New Church on the corner of West Elm and Bois d'Arc Streets in 1918, many donations were for and were supplied by individual contributions were created, after receipt of a fund given by the prominent Dallas citizen, Clint W. Murchison, in memory of his wife. Mrs. Murchison was the former Anne Morriss, daughter of Mrs. Dabney White, a long-time communicant who with her children, Anne and Lucy Morriss (Mrs. J. Runge), were active in women's groups at Christ Church.

In 1953 the doors were opened to the Bell Memorial Building, an important addition erected by family and friends of Henry Marsh Bell. (See p. 64.) Individual donors were recorded, and contributions, large and small alike, were made in the name of the memorial fund.* Mr. Bell was the grandson of the original Frank Bell of Tyler and brother of Postmaster Frank Bell, and was married to Miss Elizabeth Loftin. Their daughter, Dorothy, and her husband, William F. Finn, serve the parish in many capacities today; and son, Henry M. Bell, Jr., with his wife, Nell Allen Bell, offer their services to both civic and church groups as Henry Jr. takes his father's place in the community. Four grandsons, with other young relatives, serve regularly in the present day Acolyte group.

In 1958 contributions in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alden Grelling provided books and a maintenance fund for the *Grelling Memorial Library*, with furnishings and decorations of the Library given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spence. Mr. and Mrs. Grelling themselves left a large bequest, to be given over a series of years and to build into an important fund for the church. Mr. Grelling, a native Texan and veteran of World War I, who came to Tyler in 1927, was soon known as a community leader and philanthropist. His wife, the former May Kyle Shumway, served on many important committees for the church, and she was the first and only woman to be elected president of the United Fund of Tyler. Mr. and Mrs. Grelling died in the crash of their airplane, March 15, 1956, off the Bahama Islands. Daughter, Mary John, with her husband, Ralph Spence, and brother, L. Alden Grelling, Jr., remain. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spence fill responsible positions in parish and Diocesan work, and Mr. Spence often represents in national church assignments, as at ordination services, Memorial Conventions, etc.

In 1966, on the death of Mrs. Hester Pate, Christ Church was the recipient of the estate which this widow of Leo C. Pate bequeathed to the church which she had served for many decades and where she is remembered by those who had been associated with her in organizing altar work and in sharing other responsible

positions. She was proud to make them heirs to the Pate Turner. Large contributions of cash, securities and real estate have been given to the church's *Endowment Fund*, headed by Vestryman Edward L. Howard. Mr. Howard came to Tyler in 1931 and was active in the parish before leaving for the armed services during World War II. He has been Delegate, Vestryman and Warden many times, and it was he who founded the Endowment Fund. This corporation was chartered by the State in 1959 and recognized by the United States Treasury Department in 1960 "as an organization to support, encourage and assist the religious activities of Christ Episcopal Church, Tyler, Texas." Gifts, bequests and donations are made either directly to the common fund, or as individual memorials. In the name of this Fund, the building and land adjoining church property of individual parishioners whose names are inscribed in the records of the Endowment Fund.

"The gold-covered cross that tipped the spire" was given by Charles Bowen.¹² Some say that he drew the plans and supervised the building of the Old Church. His brother, Arch Bowen, was said to have been present at the first Episcopal service in Tyler. Both served on early Vestries and helped establish the Sunday School. Their work was continued by Nelly May and S. M. Fields. Of Charles Bowen it is said, also, that he chose the name for the church.

The bell, given by W. W. Grinnan and Jacob H. Brown, was presented to the Old Church, later installed in the New Church, and is still in use. W. W. Grinnan, "the first Episcopalian in the town," was a founder of the mission and the first Senior Warden of the parish; his wife and daughters helped start the choir and the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Brown were both "members of the first confirmation class." Mr. Brown was the second Senior Warden and first Superintendent of the Sunday School, and his wife founded the Ladies' Aid Society, said to have been the first women's group in the city.

The cornerstone for the New Church was the gift of Mr. A. A. Wolcott.¹³ A Rood-Screen "of beautiful curled pine" for the Old Church, and a brass Lectern (later given to St. Vincent's, Rusk) were both gifts of the Rev. C. H. B. Turner, fourth Rector, and presented as memorials to his mother.*

"The little Rose-Window over the altar in the Old Church and An altar of white and gold were both gifts of the Rev. George Patterson, third Rector. The altar was later presented to St. Vincent's Church, Rusk.

The Altar, Altar-rail and Choir Benches for the New Church were given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Connelly, and this altar is now

*For information on St. Vincent's, Rusk, see Chapter Buildings, p. 63.

people . . . [to] remember that building a church isn't anything outside of your imperative duty. . . .²¹ Furthermore, the Bishop once commented while waiting for a train in the railroads, "the adoption of a definite building program. He was in Tyler frequently, confirming 'white-robed applicants,' preaching and conferring with church members. But it was the original church building of 1874 that was pictured in the newspaper's 1909 Homecoming Edition, the year when the old courthouse was torn down to give place to a building in the newspaper's 1909 Monument was unveiled and the first East Texas Fair was held. Only the addition of a small schoolhouse constructed close against the church made its exterior appear much different from earlier times.*

Ultimately, on July 12, 1912, the Vestry gave unanimous approval of a motion to "undertake to erect a new church building during the year 1913," and action soon was started to secure the same "eligible" lot for this purpose.** "Agitation" began all over again. By December the congregation and their Rectory

*This was a private school at 306-308 N. Bois d'Arc, conducted by Miss Jennie Jenkins who had come with her family from Mississippi in 1886. She died in April, 1910—"the last of her family" to Tyler Christ Church served as pallbearers at her funeral. . . . of another Jenkins family also known as communicants of the Old Church—C. D., Mary C., Thos. G., Cressy, Robert G., Lida (Mrs. T. Williams), Louise (Mrs. C. W. Kennedy)—now represented in the congregation by Mrs. Mildred Hallman and Mrs. Lois McDonald.

Eight vestrymen were registered by name for this vote: T. Williams, A. Woldert, the Rev. Platt [see Index for references to all of the floor.]²¹ Mr. Gary was an international traveler in the diplomatic service. He and his wife became members of the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., and were buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He continued a supporter of Texas and a student of its history. Memorialized with a plaque at Tyler Junior College.

church. . . . But it was well past the expected date before the project was completed. The "World of Paradoxes," as Bishop Kinsolving saw it, was closing in. It was 1913. The Bishop, on assignment in Europe, had gone to the mountains of Switzerland and Austria to wait out his son's recuperation from serious surgery. By the next year, all was changed. The world was at war, and civilization torn asunder.—Many matters were postponed or delayed in the years 1914-1918.

The congregation at Christ Church did not give up their choice lots again, however. In 1914 they still were "planning for a new church," and in 1915 the Bishop reported that the parish was "amply able to build."²² At the close of 1916 there was a Vestry committee concerned with "the question of erecting a new church building."* In January of 1917 pledge cards for the Building Fund were under discussion, and eight months later activity centered around plans for the laying of the cornerstone.

The Bishop was present for this occasion. In the midst of a severe epidemic—"flu"—which "mitigated adversely" for all his parishes, he was on hand also to hear the invitation from the Rev. Chauncey Edgar Snowden of Christ Church to the Diocese for the 1919 meeting to be held in the new building at Tyler. This time the invitation was accepted.

1919 - 1945

But Bishop Kinsolving was not present when Council convened in Tyler. For the first time the meeting was held in January instead of May, and "it rained the entire time of the meeting."²³ Coincidentally, the Bishop was ill. Even Tyler itself "presented a dreary appearance," and the portents seemed unfavorable. But, for the first time the Rt. Rev. Clinton Simon Quin, recently elected Bishop-Coadjutor, presided at the Council and, as he strode the bare corridors of the new church and lifted up his prayers to the untried beams overhead, there could hardly have been an air of gloom or a sense of misgiving among the delegates who saw and heard him. The young Bishop, in his main address, faced up to a new era, meeting it with courage.

*The committee was composed of "Messieurs Mayfield, Taylor, Herndon, and Connolly," and Mr. O. M. Boren served as Treasurer of the Building Fund.²¹

used in the Chapel. Mr. Connally was a long-time leader in the church and his wife, Greta Brokaw Connally, contributed to guild and Sunday School work. Sons D. G. and W. B., Jr., were Vestrymen whose families in their turn participated actively in parish life, and are memorialized throughout the church. (See below.)

The new Altar, in the main church, a gift of Mary Taylor Fisher, Helen Taylor Caton, and Harmoline Taylor Higginbotham, daughters of Gustave F. Taylor, was blessed by Bishop Quin in 1953 "as a memorial to the Gus Taylors."¹² Mr. Taylor, confirmed by Bishop Gregg in the Old Church, was a long-time Vestryman, Warden, Delegate to Councils, and head of important work for Parish and Diocese. His wife, the former Helen Minge, was Sunday School teacher and guild worker, who brought up the four Taylor children in service to the church. Mr. Taylor's farm house retreat near Tyler was often a retreat also for Bishop Quin, who made frequent references to "my old friend Gus Taylor . . . [who] met me in the rain but showered sunshine on me," etc. The farm which Mr. Taylor pronounced on first sight as "the promised land," was known as Galilee Farm because of a man-made lake where members of the nearby negro church came for immersion in the specially-designed baptismal pool which Mr. Taylor built for the Galilee Baptist Church. The Taylor home in Tyler was the fine house built by the Horace Chiltons and provided by both owners as the scene for many church activities.

The altar Cross of brass, still in use, was given "by the physicians of Tyler" in memory of Silas Fletcher Starley, M.D., "who entered into rest December 19, 1887." Dr. Starley, confirmed along with a son and two daughters during Dr. Patterson's rectorship, was a long-time communicant. His daughter, Sally S. Herndon (Mrs. J. H.), and her family, carried on the tradition of service to the parish, where the family is now represented by granddaughter, Grace Herndon Eaton Patten.

The brass altar Cross for the Chapel was given in memory of Robert Lindsay Caton, Sr. in 1955. Mr. Caton was many times Vestryman and committee chairman for the church. Memorials throughout the building, detailed below, recall the work of the Caton family, as R. L. Caton, Jr., his wife, Jean Hudson Caton, and their children continue in service to the church.

A Processional Cross, of oak and brass, was given by Judge Harrison Moores Whitaker in memory of his son, Bonner Jefferson Whitaker. Judge Whitaker, who grew up on a plantation near Jefferson, came to Tyler as a lawyer at about the time the parish was organized. He married Mattie Bonner who was confirmed in his and together they served Christ Church for thirty years before moving away from Tyler in 1903. It was said that during his

God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."¹¹ Later, another larger Processional Cross, of brass, was dedicated in 1948. Members of this family continue active in church today.

Three-branched brass candlesticks were brought by Dr. person from the Chapel at Sevanee. The candlesticks were gift of Mrs. Telfair Hodges.¹² They were used in the Old Church and in the New Church until 1921 when they were present St. Vincent's, Rusk.

At that time, seven-branched brass candlesticks, used for Palm Sunday, 1921, were given by "the surviving members of Bowen family. . . . Mrs. Sam Field and Mrs. Lindop (formerly misses Bowen) were present at the blessing of this gift."¹³ Eucharistic candlesticks were given to the Old Church Mrs. S. A. Durst in memory of a son and a daughter.¹⁴ In brass candlesticks presented by W. T. Cox and Mrs. H. B. At son were dedicated by Bishop Quin to the memory of Clarence Cox.¹⁵ And brass candlesticks for the Chapel were given in memory of Helmer Rydberg; Mrs. George Hood; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brunson; Thomas Hartwell DeLay; and in thanksgiving for Mr. Robert Paul Bevell.

Brass Alms Basins were given to the Old Church by Mr. Mrs. George Paulson, parents of Mrs. Hamvasy.¹⁷ Those present are inscribed: "Fred & Frances Humphrey, Easter, 1931; Junior Guild, Easter, 1939"; a pair, "Willie Marshall Schwarz of Frank James. One large Receiving Basin in the Chapel in memory Emily Clawater, Easter, 1939." Early-day wooden basins from church are now used at services in the Sunday School Department.

Altar vases were given in 1939 by Mrs. Otto Lang in memory of Nannie S. Durst, and by Wm. S., J. N. and B. W. Hewitt in memory of Mary S. Hewitt. These vases are still used for the dedication of memorials and also in the Chapel. Bishop Quin made the dedication of memorials to these early-day church leaders: the Hewitts, an English family, owners of the first florist shop in Tyler; and the Dursts "descended from the first florist shop in a defender of the Alamo." The Woldert Papers speak of vases given by Mrs. W. W. Flake. Larger brass vases were later donations. In the Sunday School the vases and cross used on the small altar were given as memorials to the child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Perry. The silver Communion Service from the

" Tyler Daily Courier-Times
March 30, 1912 "

FINE AUTOMOBILES
COMING TO TYLER

Five Tyler citizens bought new automobiles within the past few days. They purchased the celebrated Oldsmobiles, which are considered among the very best cars now made in this country.

Those buying \$3,500 cars were Will McBride, I.H. Crutcher, Jr., Gus F. Taylor, and Judge S.A. Lindsey. Walter Connally bought a \$5,000 car, it being the highest price car ever sold in this half of Texas.

The total amount of purchases amount to nearly \$20,000 and is said to be the largest sale made in Texas of one make of cars except to a dealer.

The bringing of these high priced cars to Tyler will mark a new era in auto circles in this city. Already plans are on foot for the organization of an Oldsmobile Club and also an Automobile Club. These two organizations will mean no little for our city, as every member immediately becomes a booster for good roads and for general civic improvement.

Mr. Crutcher states that he has accepted the agency for the Oldsmobile, and he has some other sale under advisement.

Tyler Citizen Attended Meeting In New York

Mr. W. H. Connally is just back from New York City where he attended a meeting of the American Jersey Cattle Club which was held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mr. Connally states that there were about three hundred members of the club in attendance and that the meeting was one of great enthusiasm. A flash-light picture was made of the gathering at a banquet. It is a splendid picture and shows that Mr. Connally is just as good looking as at the millionaire present. Several

ladies are members of this celebrated organization and they are just as enthusiastic raisers of Jersey cattle as any of the gentlemen members.

Mr. Connally and Mr. D. B. Lyons of Sherman were the only two members of the club from Texas at the meeting. Practically every state in the Union was represented in the gathering. The head of the dairy department of the United States Department of Agriculture was present at this meeting, as was also other prominent dairymen from over the United States.

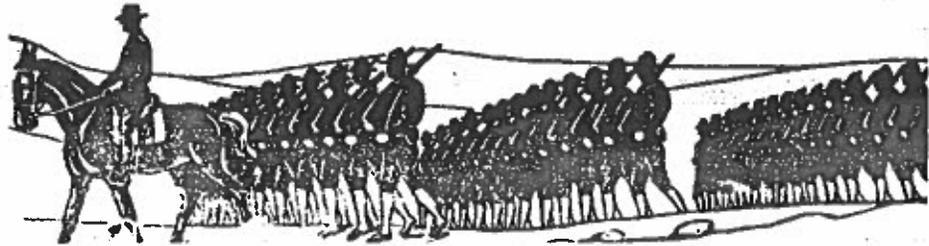
"Tyler Daily Courier-Times"
Friday, September 7, 1917

PRESENTED SOLDIER BOYS SILVER DOLLAR

Walter Connally did a very graceful thing yesterday afternoon. Just after the soldier boys and the band had concluded with retreat.

After Captain White had ordered the company to be at ease. Mr. Connally, accompanied by Fred Mansfield with a sack of money walked down the line and gave each soldier a silver dollar, shaking his hand and wishing him well. The band boys were also included in this generous gift of Mr. Connally.

It cost Mr. Connally \$212.00 to make this present, but it is doubtful if Mr. Connally ever gave a present that afforded him more real pleasure than those presented to the soldiers and band boys on the eve of their departure for training at Camp Bowie.



"Doughboys of Company C"

AN ACCOUNT OF A SMITH COUNTY COMPANY IN WORLD WAR I
BY COLONEL AND MRS. C.E. PARKER



In early 1917 neither Tyler nor Smith County had any sort of home guard or military unit. Feeling that such an organization might be needed since war had been declared on Germany on April 6, 1917, three Tyler men secured authorization for recruitment of volunteers for Company G, Sixth Infantry, Texas National Guard, with Karl K. White as Captain, Fred J. Morris 1st Lieutenant, and William E. Harrington, 2nd Lieutenant.

The story of their organization and training is best told in the words of members of the company, Captain Morris and Earl Beard, as recounted in an article on the group:

"In June 1917 recruits began coming in...farmers, merchants, clerks, and railroad men caught the spirit of patriotism and answered the call of their country. Drilling began on the Tyler courthouse plaza but was later held on vacant lot known as Crutcher Field. [This lot was several blocks south of the Square, where South Spring street joins East Houston street, where the present Internal Revenue office is located.-Ed.] The lot was uncleaned and covered with bitter weeds, making it necessary for all hands to pull weeds between 'squads east and west', but good spirits and a determination to become one of the best-drilled companies in the Texas National Guard prevailed.

"We were fortunate to have had at this time the organization of a voluntary military band, later known as the 6th Regimental Band, with Galloway Calhoun as bandleader. The band drilled with us and played stirring military music when it seemed we most needed it to bolster our patriotic spirit after a hard day of drilling and weed pulling in the hot sun with only the arms and uniforms which we had possessed at the time of enlistment, from overalls to expensive business suits. It required some imagination and much determination to make one feel that he was part of a great American Army. But with the hope that the next day or so, or surely next week, we would all get uniforms (for were we not measured several times for tailored uniforms?), and that almost any day we would entrain for France, every one carried on.

"Finally our dreams began to take shape when we were taken into Federal Service on Aug. 5th, 1917, by Colonel Marchant, and ordered to Camp Bowie, near Fort Worth, Texas, where we became a part of the 36th Division. (At this time the designation was changed to Co. G, 144th Infantry).

"Never will we forget the grand "send-off" and the pride of the Tyler citizens, even though we were still drilling and sweating in civilian clothes. One citizen, Mr. Connally, personally shook hands with each man and left a shining silver dollar after each hand shake to substantiate his appreciation.

Practically every community in Smith County is represented in the following roster taken from the Tyler Daily Courier-Times, August 10, 1917. Col. Marchant, who mustered in the company, stated that it had "every appearance of being composed of the very best material" and that he expected "good things from them".

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The Denison Herald preaches a good doctrine in the following: "Co-operation between the people of the city and the people of the country is the proper way to develop any locality.

The interests are mutual. If country prospers and develops it helps the town and if the country grows it makes a better market and helps to increase values in the country. There is no good reason for the people of the country being at odds with the people of the town."

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There is Only One Pin-Tar-Money. That is Dr. Bell's. It is the original and can be relied on in croup, coughs, colds and all lung and bronchial troubles. Look for the bell on the bottle.

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The loss from wear and tear and shipwreck of precious metals has been estimated at two tons of gold and 100 tons of silver yearly.

commended to me and I procured a supply. They acted directly on my kidneys, regulating the passages of the kidney secretions and removed all pains and aches in a short time. Since then I have used Doan's Kidney Pills and have always found the desired results."

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A. O. Erwin, Alderman.
Jas. F. Warren, Recorder.
On August the 4th, 1856, officers
were chosen as follows:

I. W. Engledow, Chief Justice.
J. M. Williams, Sheriff.
R. W. Chapman, County Clerk.
Stephen Tunnell, Co. Treasurer.
Johnathan Leuter, Assessor and
Collector.

Samuel D. Gibbs, Surveyor.
D. H. Cade, Co. Commissioner.
E. H. Barcroft, Co. Commissioner.
Josiah Ogburn, Co. Commissioner.
Jno. T. Davis, Co. Commissioner.
Wm. L. Edwards, Coroner.

Electors State at Large:
F. W. Bowdoin, W. R. Scurry.
Special election Jan. 10, 1857:
Geo. L. Ellis, Chief Justice.

August 2nd, 1858, an election was
held for the county and in that elec-
tion there were chosen for office:
R. B. Long, District Clerk.
J. M. Williams, Sheriff.
R. W. Chapman, County Clerk.
Geo. L. Ellis, Chief Justice.
J. M. Green, County Treasurer.
B. L. Walker, Surveyor.
Wm. Weaver, Assessor and Col-
lector.

R. Lanham, County Commissioner.
C. M. Wiley, Co. Commissioner.
B. Tate, County Commissioner.
W. B. Long, Co. Commissioner.
Stephen Reaves, Justice of Peace.
E. Clark, Constable.

On the first Monday in August,
1849 (special election) there were
chosen:
E. E. Lott, State Senate.
R. B. Hubbard, for legislature.

On the first Monday in August,
1860, there were chosen for office:
S. D. Gibbs, Chief Justice.
R. W. Chapman, County Clerk.
Wm. Green, Co. Commissioner.
W. S. Walker, Co. Commissioner.
I. O. Ramsour, Co. Commissioner.
J. N. McKinley, Co. Commissioner.
Ben Scott, Sheriff.
Wm. Warren, Assessor and Collec-
tor.

On August, 1861, (war times) there
was held an election when the fol-
lowing men were named:
B. G. Selman, State Senate.
Jas. A. Hardin, Representative.
David Stueber, Co. Commiss'ner.
E. P. Stephens, Co. Commissioner.
H. H. Curl, Chief Justice.

tor.
W. S. Walker, County Treasurer.
Sam Porter, Co. Commissioner.
R. T. McFarland, Co. Commis-
sioner.
D. H. Cade, Co. Commissioner.
R. M. Boillis, Co. Commissioner.
Joel Bell, Surveyor.
S. S. Gibbs, Coroner.
Arch Ramsour, Sheriff.

The next election was delayed for
nearly a year, being held June 25th,
1866.

At that election there were chosen:
B. T. Selman, State Senator.
Johnathan Leuter, Representative.
Samuel D. Gibbs, Chief Justice.
F. A. Godby, County Clerk.
G. M. Johnson, District Clerk.
Bryan Marsh, Sheriff.
Wm. S. Walker, County Treasurer.
W. J. Smith, Assessor and Collec-
tor.

E. H. Wells, Surveyor.
D. Y. Gaines, Co. Commissioner.
J. W. McDougal, Co. Commis-
sioner.
J. E. Rucker, Co. Commission
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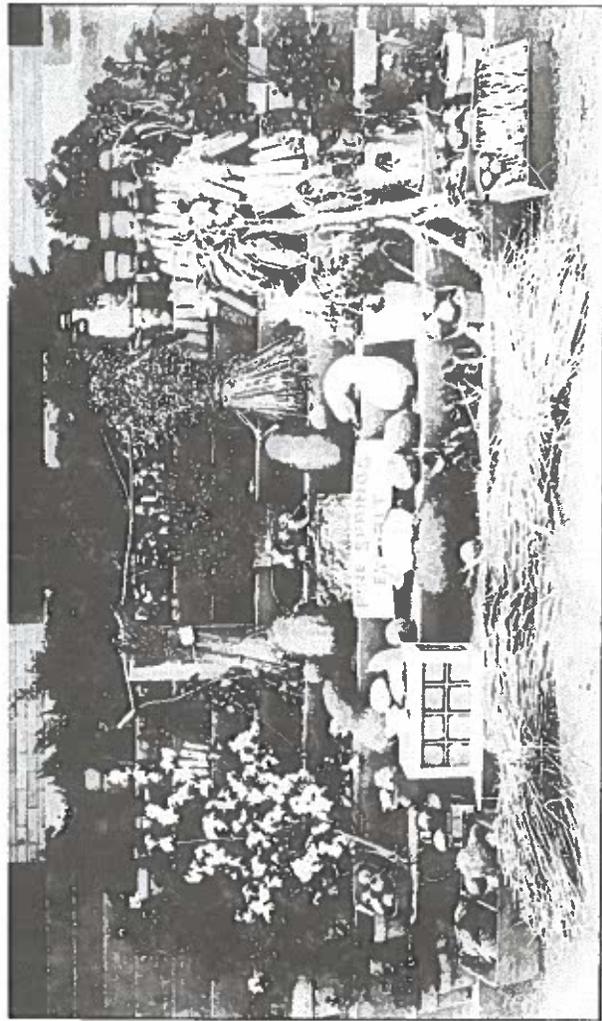
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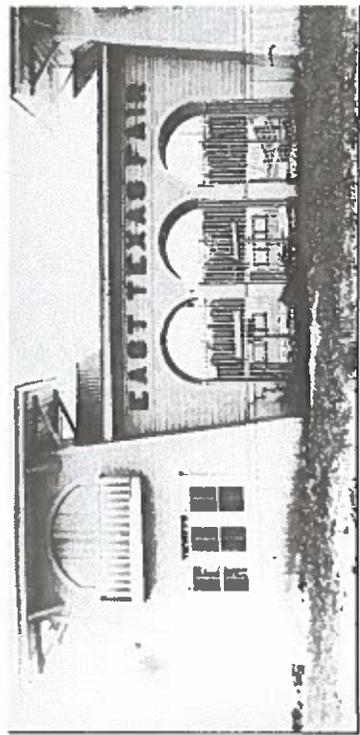
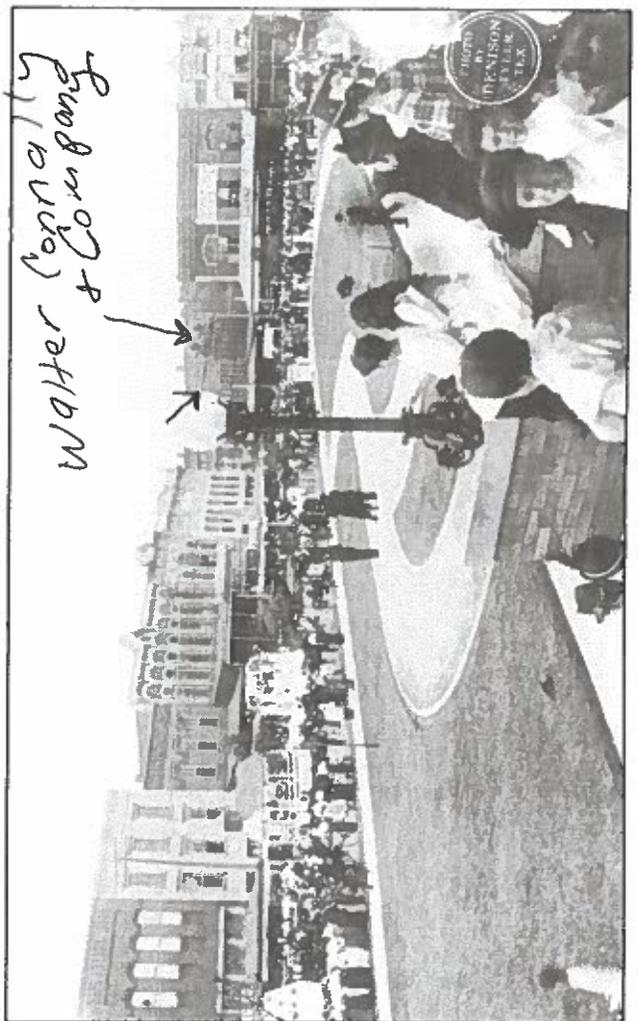
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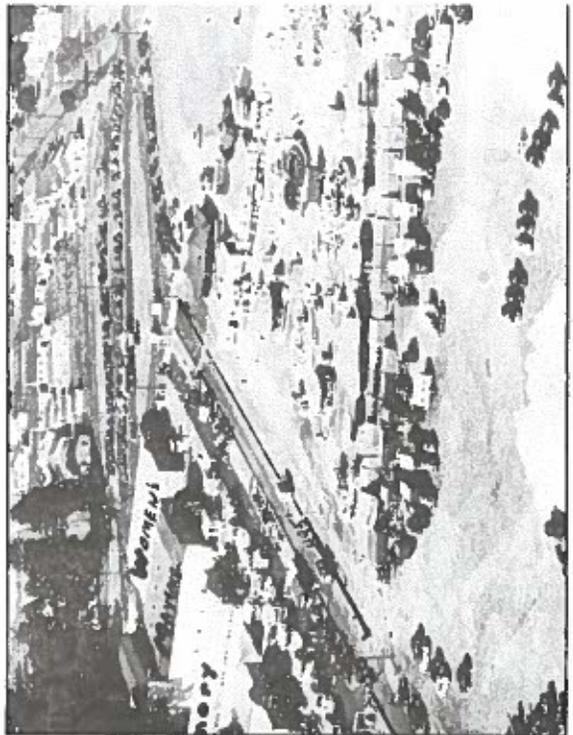
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Tyler held its first fair in 1876, but following fairs were only held sporadically. In 1910, the East Texas Fair Association was organized, and fairs became annual events. For the first two years, the fair was held downtown on the courthouse square. The 1910 fair was held from October 6 through 8 and included agricultural exhibits on the courthouse stairs, such as the one shown above by the Pine Springs community. Even though the fair was no longer held downtown after 1911, the opening-day parades continued to circle the square for years. The view below shows the October 3, 1914, fair parade as it passes the courthouse along East Ferguson Street. (Both courtesy of the Smith County Historical Society.)



In 1912, the East Texas Fair Association purchased 75.2 acres from the \$4,500 for use as its own permanent site. The first fair to use the new 6-8, 1912. Included in the festivities were exhibits, rides, fireworks, horse and automobile races. In time for the 1913 fair, the city fairgrounds, as well as streetcar service. In 2005, the fair association of West Loop 323, with future plans to move the event, now known as to the much larger venue. The 1930s view above shows an early main at the fairgrounds. The aerial view below shows the fairgrounds dur courtesy of the Smith County Historical Society.)



About the

Half Mile of History

The City of Tyler's historic preservation program, the Half Mile of History, resulted from a recommendation that came out of the Tyler 21 planning process. The fifth goal of the Historic Preservation Chapter is:

"Promote and display diverse aspects of Tyler's history to enhance resident and visitor awareness of its importance."

The goal of the Half Mile of History is to pay tribute to people, places and events that have contributed to the rich history of Tyler and Smith County.

The Half Mile of History is a permanent, outdoor, half-mile loop that surrounds the square in the heart of downtown Tyler. Stone plaques are placed in the sidewalk along the Half Mile of History to commemorate significant people, places or events.



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