



Recording Information

Recorded By: *Dick Clark (RM)*

Date Recorded: *05/01/2013*

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Subdivision Name	Farmers & Merchants (F & M) Addition			Date Constructed	1900	
Lot(s)	W/3 A	Block	3	Land Area	0.35-Acres/15,390 Sq. Ft.	
Neighborhood	Old Town Rockwall Historic District			Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, Year: N/A	
Land Use (Original)	Residential			Architect	Unknown	
Land Use (Current)	Residential			Architectural Style	Folk 'L' Plan	
Contributing Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Non	Builder	Unknown
				Original Address	N/A	

Notes The following changes have been made to the original home: 1) a side porch was enclosed and a bathroom added (this is now considered the back of the house) [no date]; 2) new living space and screened in porch constructed (at the time of construction this area was considered the back of the house) [1950's]; 3) the front porch was enclosed to construct a 2nd bathroom [1980's]; 4) central heat and air added [2003].

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH



Photo: August 10, 2012

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The property was constructed in 1900 and purchased by Tom and Sallie DeWees in 1911. Mr. DeWees was the co-owner of the DeWees-Barnes Barbershop that was located on the square, and Mrs. DeWees was a well-known seamstress in town. Mr. DeWees passed away in 1957 and Sallie remained in the house until 1981.

In a visit to the home the DeWees' son Andrew stated that his mother would have disagreed with restoring the historical nature of the home on the grounds that home should serve its residents, and not the other way around. She like change and did not hesitate to make changes to the house when it served her purpose. If a room needed more ventilation, she added a window. To pay for Andrew's college Mrs. DeWees closed off two rooms in the house and turned them into rental space. Those rooms were later opened back up to the existing house. Andrew went on to state that the changes made to this property by the DeWees family are a part of the property's legacy.