



601 NORTH FANNIN STREET, ROCKWALL TX 75087
HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE SURVEY, 2012

Recording Information

Recorded By: *Dick Clark (RM)*

Date Recorded: *04/29/2013*

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Subdivision Name	B. F. Boydston			Date Constructed	1910	
Lot(s)	A-1	Block	122 (PT)	Land Area	0.918 Acres/2,250 Sq. Ft.	
Neighborhood	B. F. Boydston/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	Bungalow (Craftsman Style)	
Contributing Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Non	Builder	Unknown
Notes	The home boasts many original features including wonderful antique sconces, wooden pocket doors, double hung windows, with diamond pane windows, four fireplaces, a root cellar, and the original millstone still in place in the back.					
				Original Address	N/A	

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH



Photo: August 10, 2012

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

T. L. (Tully) Townsend and his wife, Florence Townsend [Hartman], built the home in 1910 and moved in during 1914. Mr. Townsend was an energetic civic leader, serving as Mayor, School Board Member, and President of the Chamber of Commerce (several times). In the community, he owned and operated a dry goods store on the square -- "The Fair Store" -- until the Great Depression wiped out his holdings. Eventually, he was able to recover and open a grocery store on the square. Mrs. Townsend was a published poet, a charter member of the Friday Study Club, and was listed on the "Who's Who of Texas." The Townsends' raised three (3) children in the home; the oldest, Mildred, lived in and maintained the home until the 1990's. Family stories about the home chronicle a visit from the KKK over Mr. Townsend's refusal to join the group and, the Townsend's being one of the first families in town to own a car, the home was the first home in town to have a garage.

Much of the restoration work on the home was completed by Ed and Sarah Walker, while they resided here from the early 1990's to 2005 when the home was purchased by Doug and Marci Hall.