



CURTIS TUNNELL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Guertler House*

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

August 28, 1991

Joye K. Evetts, Marker Chair  
Tarrant County Historical Commission  
4404 Wedgemont Circle South  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Dear Joye:

Thank you for your letter of August 22.

Enclosed is an official one-year extension for the "Ormer Leslie Locklear" application, as well as the official cancellations for the following:

DEVITT HOUSE  
ARNOLD GUERTLER HOUSE  
HARRIS HOUSE  
ZEBULON JENKINS HOUSE\*  
Site of MAJESTIC THEATRE  
WILLIAM B. MONNIG HOUSE  
TRAIL DRIVERS PARK

\* I need your assistance with one more matter, if you don't mind. According to our records, we have \$175.00 on account for the Zebulon Jenkins House application. The check was written by Clara E. Patrick, and her address in 1984 was Rt. 10, Box 96A, Fort Worth, 76135. Do you have any idea if she still lives there, or, if not, where we might contact her? We will need to obtain her social security number in order for the Comptroller to process a refund for the \$175.00. If we can't contact her at all, we'll have to begin the process of transferring the money to the state treasury. I'd appreciate any information you might be able to gather for me.

Thanks again for your quick response to my letter.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia J. Beeman*

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Historian  
Local History Programs

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TARRANT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

August 22, 1991

Ms. Cynthia J. Beeman, Historian  
State Marker Program  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Cynthia:

We have reviewed the status of all the pending marker applications listed in your letter of August 1.

We recommend cancellation of the following:

Devitt House (demolished)  
Arnold Guertler House  
Harris House  
Zebulon Jenkins House  
Site of the Majestic Theatre  
William B Monnig House  
Trail Drivers Park

Some of these may be re-submitted later.

The Ormer Leslie Locklear application has been researched further and is being rewritten. You will receive the revised application some time in September.

Thanks for asking about these. It prompted me to inspect the sites and to review all the old applications.

Sincerely,

Joye K. Evetts  
Marker Chairman

cc: Lela Standifer, Chairman



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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512)463-6100

August 1, 1991

Joye Evetts, Marker Chair  
Tarrant County Historical Commission  
P. O. Box 970  
Fort Worth, TX 76101

Dear Joye:

We are currently going through long-standing pending marker applications in our office, and have come across a number of applications from Tarrant County, some of which have been pending since 1985. Rather than try to write to each applicant at this point, I thought I'd first write to you and see if you could offer any assistance. Basically, what we need is either to get these applications moving (most by addressing previous requests for additional information), or to go ahead and cancel the applications.

I am enclosing copies of correspondence from the following files:

- DEVITT HOUSE *hed*
- HARRIS HOUSE *Forward St*
- ORMER LESLIE LOCKLEAR
- WILLIAM B. MONNIG HOUSE *concrete steps*
- ARNOLD GUERTLER HOUSE *2257*
- ZEBULON JENKINS HOUSE
- Site of MAJESTIC THEATRE
- TRAIL DRIVERS PARK

It is important that we not let these files remain in pending any longer. If you can't help with this request, please let me know, and I will begin the formal notification process to the applicants (in which they will be allowed thirty days to answer the requests before we cancel the applications).

I really appreciate any help you can offer with these. If you have any questions about any of the applications, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 12276 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711 (512) 475-3092

August 5, 1985

Mr. Duane Gage  
c/o TCJC NE Campus  
828 Harwood Road  
Hurst, TX 76054

RE: ARNOLD GUERTLER HOUSE  
16" x 12" Building Marker without Post

Dear Duane:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the above referenced marker application. However, we will have to place the file on hold until the restoration work mentioned in the narrative history is completed. As a corollary to the policy that all structures accepted for the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark status be in a good state of repair, the State Marker Committee has determined that it cannot review a structure for that designation until restoration work is complete.

Please send post-restoration photos of the home when the project is finished. At that time, we will be able to proceed with the application. Let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Frances*

Frances Rickard  
Historian  
Research and Markers

FR/lam  
cc: James M. Stanley  
Ruth Reiter Stone

*The State Agency for Historic Preservation*



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P.O. BOX 12276

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

(512)463-6100

DATE: August 28, 1991

RE: ARNOLD GUERTLER HOUSE  
Tarrant County, Job #8687

Dear Applicant/County Historical Commission Chair:

In accordance with State Marker Policy #7, the above-mentioned application for an Official Texas Historical Marker has been terminated, and the application materials are being returned to the Tarrant County Historical Commission.

Should you wish to re-apply for a marker at a later date, please contact the staff of the Local History Programs office for information regarding State Marker Policies in effect at that time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Beeman  
Historian  
Local History Programs (State Marker Program)

copies to: Joye K. Evetts, Tarrant CHC



THE ARNOLD GUERTLER HOUSE

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Researched by

Ruth Reiter Stone  
#3 Chase Court  
Fort Worth, Texas 76110

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organization. Members of the Odd Fellows were pallbearers and had charge of the services at the grave in Mount Olivet Cemetery.<sup>22</sup> He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery on November 23, 1942.<sup>23</sup>

Apparently improvements were made on the Guertler House in the early 1920s, for on April 8, 1923, C. Pich released a mechanic lien on the house. Guertler had executed a mechanic lien and delivered it to J.D. Brumbeloe to pay \$1,350 at 8% after the date. J.D. Brumbeloe transferred the mechanic lien recorded in Volume 729, page 250 to C. Pich on the mechanic lien for improvements to the property April 8, 1923.<sup>24</sup>

On May 22, 1943, a few months after her husband's death,<sup>25</sup> Laura Guertler sold the house to her son, Prosper E.G. Guertler for \$1. The sale included lots 2, 3, and 7 in block 22 of the Emory College subdivision of the W.P. Patillo Addition to the City of Fort Worth.<sup>26</sup> On July 31, 1943 Prosper E.G. Guertler and his wife, Georgia Guertler of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, sold the property for \$750 cash and subject to all unpaid taxes to Lacy W. Goostree.<sup>27</sup>

On August 5, 1943 Lacy W. Goostree and his wife, Faye Goostree sold lots 2, 3, and 7 in block 22 to C.N. Harris for \$3,750. \$750 was in cash and a promissory note was given for \$3,000 executed by the grantors to the Tarrant County Building and Loan Association of Fort Worth and described in the Deed of Trust, J.T. Griffin, Trustee.<sup>28</sup> In 1945 Creath N. Harris and his wife, Etta N. Harris, were residents of 2257 Hemphill. He managed the Blue Bonnet Cleaners at 2250 Hemphill.<sup>29</sup> 1981, Creath N. Harris continued to live at 2257 Hemphill and manage the Blue Bonnet Cleaners at 2259 Hemphill.<sup>30</sup>

On January 3, 1984 Youssef A. Hedary and his wife, Susan Hedary of 2251 Hemphill bought the property from Creath N. Harris and his wife, Etta Harris. The Harris's address is now 12017 Whittington, Houston, Texas 77077. Mr. Hedary paid \$10 and gave one promissory note for \$55,000 on a vendor's lien and secured by a Deed of Trust to David Young, trustee, for

the benefit of Creath Harris. David C. Young's office is at 3500 Hulen. Any lot or portion of a lot could be released from the Deed of Trust by payment according to a release schedule: Lot 7, \$7,500; Lot 2, \$29,500; Lot 3, \$18,000.<sup>31</sup>

Youssef A. Hedary and Susan Hedary sold the property to James M. Stanley for \$10 and the assumption of \$55,000 loan on January 3, 1984, payable to Creath N. Harris and Etta Harris with interest. Also there was further consideration of a promissory note for the original sum of \$7,500 payable to Y.A. Hedary with interest and secured by a Deed of Trust. Dudley Beadles, Trustee sold to James M. Stanley of 823 Pennsylvania Avenue. Dudley Beadles' office is at 3500 Hulen. This lien is subordinate and inferior to the note in the original sum of \$55,000 dated January 3, 1984 and payable to C.N. Harris with David C. Young, Trustee.<sup>32</sup>

John M. Stanley is an attorney at 823 Pennsylvania. He is having the house completely restored inside and out to its original state. When the house is completed he will move his practice from 823 Pennsylvania to 2257 Hemphill.

Mr. Stanley lives in the James-Fujita House at 2530 College Avenue.



## FOOTNOTES

- 1 Historical Resources Survey, Historic Preservation Council.  
See Appendix A.
- 2 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 35, p. 354.
- 3 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 120, p. 396.
- 4 Tarrant County Plat Book 106, pp. 48-49.
- 5 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 216, p. 523.
- 6 1902-1903 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 7 1905-1906 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 8 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 294, p. 610.
- 9 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 363, p. 134.
- 10 1905-1906 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 11 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 261, p. 516.
- 12 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 72, p. 296.
- 13 1907-1908 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 14 Ibid.
- 15 1909-1910 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 16 Lucas Funeral Home.
- 17 Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sunday November 22, 1942. Section 3, page 7.
- 18 Lucas Funeral Home.
- 19 Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Evening, November 23, 1942.
- 20 Index Records.
- 21 Fort Worth Star-Telegram. November 22, 1942.
- 22 Ibid.
- 23 Mount Olivet Cemetery.
- 24 Tarrant County Deed Records, Volume 746, p. 6.
- 25 1943 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 26 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1579, p. 61.
- 27 Tarrant County Deed Record. 1585, pp. 492-3.

Footnotes (cont.)

- 28 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1604, p. 439.
- 29 1945 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 30 1981 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 31 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 7711, p. 724.
- 32 Tarrant County Deed Record.. Volume 8047, p. 640.



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Lucas Funeral Home. 517 N. Sylvania. Phone 284-7271

Mount Olivet Cemetery. 2301 N. Sylvania. Phone 831-0511

Page, Anderson and Turnbull, Inc. 364 Bush Street. San Francisco,  
California 94104

Tarrant County Legal papers: Abstract, Deeds, District Court case,  
Index Records of legal transactions, Mechanic Liens, Plats.

## DRAFT - CENTRAL -

brick columns with slab capitals. Dr. Edwin P. Hall, a surgeon and obstetrician, had the house built in 1924. The Halls lived here until 1970. With further documentation to discover the identity of the architect or builder, and to assess the building's integrity, it may be eligible for the National Register.

52. / 2257 Hemphill Street                      Guertler-Harris House                      c. 1905  
NR\*/PCD

A two-story gabled house constructed of stone on the ground level and wood-framed above. Differing bays and roof shapes give the structure a varied profile. It was built by Arnold Guertler, a realtor and developer, around 1905. The Guertlers lived here until 1943. Since then it has been owned by the Harris family. The design has been attributed to L.B. Weinman. With further documentation the house may be eligible for the National Register.

53. 1228 S Henderson Street/                      Mehl Building                      1916  
1204 W Magnolia Avenue  
NR/SHD(NR)

A three-story apartment building with commercial spaces on the ground floor, clad in ochre brick with cast-stone trim. Hooded bays project from the upper stories; those on the east side originally were open porches, and now are enclosed with windows. Storefronts on the east wall have been stuccoed over. An early design by Wiley G. Clarkson - a prominent Fort Worth architect in the 1920's and 1930's - the building was constructed in 1916 for B. Max Mehl, a world renowned numismatist whose clients included Winston Churchill and Adolph Menjou. His business - the Numismatic Co. of Texas - was located in this building on W. Magnolia Avenue. An elegant cast-stone storefront added in the early 1930's is intact. It has Romanesque styling with plaques depicting early American coins. For its architectural significance and association with an individual important in numismatics, the Mehl Building appears to be eligible for the National Register.

54. 1704 S Henderson Street                      Phenix House                      c. 1911  
SHD(NR)

This recently restored house is an excellent example of a recurring residential type in early 20th century Fort Worth and Tarrant County, a one-story wood-frame structure with hip roof and full recessed front porch. It was built around 1911 for Herbert C. Phenix, a buyer for the Monnig Dry Goods Co. The Phenix family owned the house through the 1970's.

55. 1714 S Henderson Street                      Robinson House                      c. 1910  
SHD(NR)

A large two-story wood-frame house with rectangular plan and hip roof. Situated on a corner lot, the house has full porches on each of its principal facades, joined by a wrap-around terrace. It was built around 1910 for William M. Robinson, proprietor of a downtown saloon. The house has had several owners and numerous tenants since 1920.



July 10, 1985

Mr. James M. Stanley  
823 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Dear Mr. Stanley:

Enclosed please find your copy of the documented narrative for the official Texas historical marker application recently completed by Tarrant County Historical Commission member Ruth Reiter Stone. If you have no changes or corrections to make, we will send the original copy to the Texas Historical Commission, who will evaluate it within the next four to six weeks.

The Texas Historical Commission will then notify us if the application has been approved, at which time you will be asked to send them a check for the cost of the marker. Once the Texas Historical Commission receives payment, then they will draft a proposed inscription and send copies to you and to our County Commission for approval or proposed changes.

We are pleased that we have been able to develop this historical marker application for you and are glad that you want to preserve your historic property. We do not charge for conducting the necessary research, writing, photographs, etc., for we are primarily interested in promoting historical preservation. We do have certain expenses, however, which must be met from contributions, since the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, who appoints us, provides funds to us only for limited administrative expenses. If you are interested in sending us a donation at this time, please make it payable to the Tarrant County Historical Commission. It can be listed as a tax-deductible contribution.

We look forward to completing this marker application successfully with you, and appreciate your support of historical preservation.

Sincerely,



Duane Gage  
Chairman



APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Texas Historical Commission
Research and Markers Department
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Form with fields for Title of marker, Marker location, City or nearest city, Distance and direction, Owner of marker site, Sponsor of marker, Person to whom marker is to be shipped, and Signature of County Chairman.

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative history must be obtained from the county historical commission...

5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

SUBJECT MARKERS

- 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar)
27" x 42" subject marker with post
27" x 42" subject marker without post
18" x 28" subject marker with post
18" x 28" subject marker without post

I (We) request RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

BUILDING MARKERS

- 16" x 12" building marker with post
16" x 12" building marker without post

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 15, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

Signature of owner: James M. Stanley

PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

- 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker
Medallion paperweight

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:

- 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign
18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign

OTHER

- National Register plaque
12" x 6" supplemental plate
16" x 12" building marker plate only
Replacement medallion
Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers)
Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers)
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Certificates of commendation



# THE ARNOLD GUERTLER-~~HARRIS~~ HOUSE

Researched by  
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August 26, 1918 the Guertlers bought lot 18, block 22, a twenty by twenty foot plot, in Mount Olivet Cemetery for \$150. This was also recorded in Book 204, p. 86. J. H. Youngblood was President and Cullen W. Bailey, Secretary of Mount Olivet Cemetery. <sup>16</sup>

In 1918 Arnold Guertler ran a saloon at 1401 Houston. <sup>17</sup> In 1920 he was in the oil business. <sup>18</sup>

April 8, 1922 Arnold and Laura Guertler entered into a contract with J. D. Brumbeloe for improvements on ~~the house~~ <sup>their home</sup> for \$1,350, payable April 8, 1923. Mr. Brumbeloe transferred the Mechanic Lien to C. Pich

April 8, 1922. <sup>19</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>apparently</sup> improvements were made on the Guertler House in the early <sup>1920s, or on</sup> April 8, 1923, C. Pich released <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ Mechanic lien on the house.

Guertler had executed a mechanic lien and delivered it to J. D. Brumbeloe to pay \$1,350 at 8% after the date. J. D. Brumbeloe transferred the mechanic lien recorded in Volume 729, page 250 to C. Pich on the mechanic lien for improvements to the property April 8, 1923. <sup>24</sup> ~~20~~

~~1942 Arnold Guertler was still residing at 2257 Hemphill. <sup>21</sup>In~~  
~~1943 Mrs. Laura Guertler, a widow, was residing at 2257 Hemphill. <sup>22</sup>~~

~~On~~ <sup>25</sup> a few months after her husband's death  
May 22, 1943, Laura Guertler sold the house to her son, Prosper  
E. G. Guertler for \$1. The sale included lots 2, 3 and 7 in block 22  
of the Emory College subdivision of the W. P. Patillo (a "T" was dropp-  
~~ed~~) Addition to the City of Fort Worth. <sup>23</sup>

→ On July 31, 1943 Prosper E. G. Guertler and his wife, Georgia Guertler  
of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, sold the property for \$750 cash  
and subject to all unpaid taxes to Lacy W. Goostree. <sup>24</sup>

~~On~~ August 5, 1943 Lacy W. Goostree and his wife, Faye Goostree sold  
lots 2, 3, and 7 in block 22 to C. N. Harris for \$3,750. \$750 was in  
cash and a promissory note was given for \$3,000 executed by the Grantors  
to the Tarrant County Building and Loan Association of Fort Worth and  
described in the Deed of Trust, J. T. Griffin, Trustee. <sup>25</sup> The Grantors  
also transferred and assigned to the Grantee all their right, title and  
interest in all those certain shares evidenced by Certificate # E-7221  
in the Tarrant County Building and Loan Association. <sup>25</sup>

↓ In 1945 Creath N. Harris and his wife, Etta N. Harris, were residents  
of 2257 Hemphill. He managed the Blue Bonnet Cleaners at 2259 Hemp-  
hill. <sup>26</sup> 1981 Creath N. Harris continued to live at 2257 Hemphill  
and manage the Blue Bonnet Cleaners at 2259 Hemphill. <sup>30</sup>

~~On~~ January 3, 1984 Youssef A. Hedary and his wife, Susan Hedary of  
2251 Hemphill bought the property from Creath N. Harris and his wife,  
Etta Harris. The Harris's address is <sup>new</sup> 12017 Whittington, Houston, Texas  
77077.

→ Mr. Hedary paid \$10 and gave one promissory note for \$55,000 on a  
vendor's lien and secured by a Deed of Trust to David Young, Trustee,



for the benefit of Creath Harris. David C. Young's office is at 3500 Hulen. Any lot or portion of a lot could be released from the Deed of Trust by payment according to a release schedule:

→ Lot 7, \$7,500; ← Lot 2, \$29,500; ← Lot 3, \$18,00<sup>31</sup>~~28~~

Youssef A. Hedary and Susan Hedary sold the property to James M. Stanley for \$10 and the assumption of \$55,00 loan ~~dated~~ <sup>on</sup> January 3, 1984, payable to Creath N. Harris and Etta Harris with interest. Also there was further consideration of a promissory note for the original sum of \$7,500 payable to Y. A. Hedary with interest and secured by a Deed of Trust. Dudley Beadles, Trustee sold to James M. Stanley of 823 Pennsylvania Avenue. Dudley Beadles office is at 3500 Hulen. This lien is subordinate and inferior to the note in the original sum of \$55,000 dated January 3, 1984 and payable to C. N. Harris with David C. Young, Trustee.<sup>32</sup><sub>29</sub>

John M. Stanley is an attorney at 823 Pennsylvania. He is having the house completely restored inside and out to its original state. When the house is completed he will move his practice from 823 Pennsylvania to 2257 Hemphill.

Mr. Stanley lives in the James-Fujita House at 2530 College Avenue. It is # 18, page 81 in the Historical Survey and is being considered for a Texas State Historical Marker.

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FOOTNOTES

- 1 ~~Historical Survey.~~ Resources Survey, Historic Preservation Council, See Appendix A.
- 2 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 35, p. 354.
- 3 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 120, p. 396.
- 4 Tarrant County Plat Book 106, pp. 48-49.
- 5 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 216, p. 523.
- 6 1902-1903 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 7 1905-1906 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 8 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 294, p. 610.
- 9 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 363, p. 134.
- 10 1905-1906 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 11 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 261, p. 516.
- 12 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 72, p. 296.
- 13 1907-1908 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 14 Ibid.
- 15 1909-1910 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 16 ~~Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 553, p. 558.~~
- 17 ~~1918 Fort Worth City Directory.~~
- 18 ~~1920 Fort Worth City Directory.~~
- 19 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 729, p. 250.
- 20 Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 746, p. 6.
- 21 1942 Fort Worth City Directory.



APPENDIX 11

He was buried at Mount Olivet on November 23, 1942.<sup>8</sup>

FOOTNOTES

- 16 <sup>1</sup> Lucas Funeral Home.
- 17 <sup>2</sup> Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sunday November 22, 1942. Section 3, page 7.
- 18 <sup>3</sup> Lucas Funeral Home.
- 19 <sup>4</sup> Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Evening. November 23, 1942.
- 20 <sup>5</sup> Index Records.
- 21 <sup>6</sup> Fort Worth Star-Telegram. November 22, 1942.
- 22 <sup>7</sup> Ibid.
- 23 <sup>8</sup> Mount Olivet Cemetery.
- 24 Jarrant County Deed Records, Volume 746, p. 6.
- 25 1942 Fort Worth City Directory.

- ~~25~~<sup>25</sup> 1943 Fort Worth City Directory.
- ~~26~~<sup>26</sup> ~~21~~<sup>23</sup> Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1579, p. 61.
- ~~27~~<sup>27</sup> ~~28~~<sup>24</sup> Tarrant County Deed Record. 1585, pp 492-3.
- ~~28~~<sup>28</sup> ~~29~~<sup>25</sup> Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 1604, p. 439.
- ~~29~~<sup>29</sup> ~~30~~<sup>26</sup> 1945 Fort Worth City Directory.
- ~~30~~<sup>30</sup> ~~31~~<sup>27</sup> 1981 Fort Worth City Directory.
- ~~31~~<sup>31</sup> ~~27~~<sup>28</sup> Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 7711, p. 724.
- ~~32~~<sup>32</sup> ~~33~~<sup>29</sup> Tarrant County Deed Record. Volume 8047, p. 640.



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Index Records of legal transactions, Mechanic Liens, Plats.



















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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev. 8-82)

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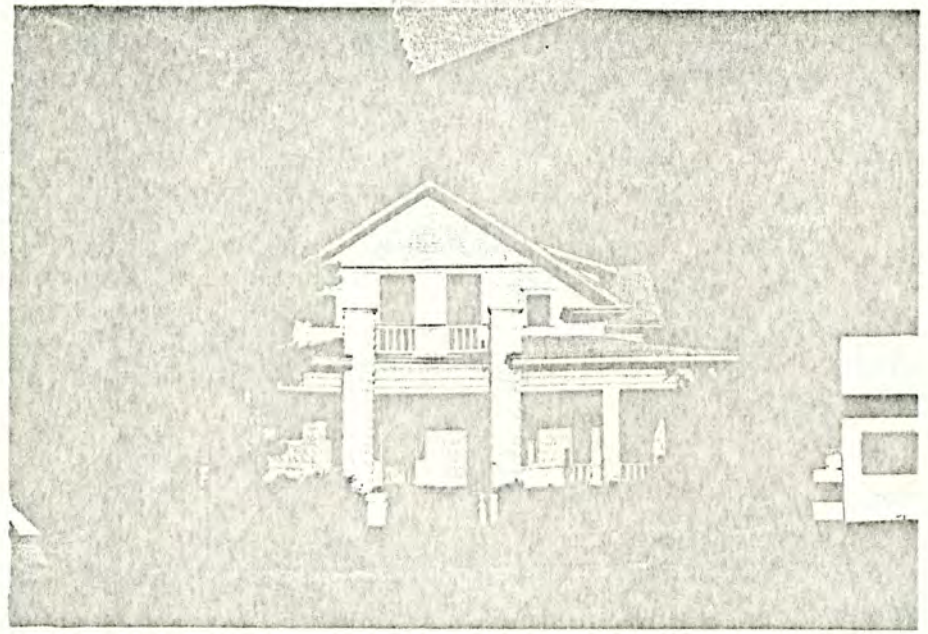
1. County TARRANT TAC  
FW 5. USGS Quad No. \_\_\_\_\_ Site No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Rural FORT WORTH UTM Sector \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date: Factual \_\_\_\_\_ Est. 1910  
 Address 2257 HEMPHILL STREET 7. Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Owner \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Original Use RESIDENCE  
 4. Block/Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Present Use STONE  
 10. Description A 2-STORY HOUSE, STONE BELOW AND WOOD-FRAMMED CLAD IN SHINGLES ON 2ND STORY, WITH MASON RECTANGULAR GABLED MASS, FULL HIPPED FRONT PORCH, AND GABLED SIDE WING. TWO CENTRAL STONE COLUMNS ON PORCH, FRAMING STAIRS, AND WATGATE AND PROJECT THROUGH PORCH TO THE BALCONY RAILING. DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOWS, SHED-ROOFED PORCH ON SIDE, SIDE-LIT ENTRY.  
 11. Present Condition GOOD; STONE PAINTED WHITE  
 12. Significance \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date \_\_\_\_\_ or Original Site (describe) PART OF RESIDENTIAL ENCLAVE OF OLD FORT WORTH CITY COMMERCIAL ST., MID-BLOCK  
 14. Bibliography \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Informant \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Recorder WOODY WENZEL Date 12 OCT 83

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

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brick columns with slab capitals. Dr. Edwin P. Hall, a surgeon and obstetrician, had the house built in 1924. The Halls lived here until 1970. With further documentation to discover the identity of the architect or builder, and to assess the building's integrity, it may be eligible for the National Register.

52. / 2257 Hemphill Street                      Guertler-Harris House                      c. 1905  
NR\*/PCD

A two-story gabled house constructed of stone on the ground level and wood-framed above. Differing bays and roof shapes give the structure a varied profile. It was built by Arnold Guertler, a realtor and developer, around 1905. The Guertlers lived here until 1943. Since then it has been owned by the Harris family. The design has been attributed to L.B. Weinman. With further documentation the house may be eligible for the National Register.

53. 1228 S Henderson Street/                      Mehl Building                      1916  
1204 W Magnolia Avenue  
NR/SHD(NR)

A three-story apartment building with commercial spaces on the ground floor, clad in ochre brick with cast-stone trim. Hooded bays project from the upper stories; those on the east side originally were open porches, and now are enclosed with windows. Storefronts on the east wall have been stuccoed over. An early design by Wiley G. Clarkson - a prominent Fort Worth architect in the 1920's and 1930's - the building was constructed in 1916 for B. Max Mehl, a world renowned numismatist whose clients included Winston Churchill and Adolph Menjou. His business - the Numismatic Co. of Texas - was located in this building on W. Magnolia Avenue. An elegant cast-stone storefront added in the early 1930's is intact. It has Romanesque styling with plaques depicting early American coins. For its architectural significance and association with an individual important in numismatics, the Mehl Building appears to be eligible for the National Register.

54. 1704 S Henderson Street                      Phenix House                      c. 1911  
SHD(NR)

This recently restored house is an excellent example of a recurring residential type in early 20th century Fort Worth and Tarrant County, a one-story wood-frame structure with hip roof and full recessed front porch. It was built around 1911 for Herbert C. Phenix, a buyer for the Monnig Dry Goods Co. The Phenix family owned the house through the 1970's. *Herbert brother of Mrs. Geo. B. Monnig*

55. 1714 S Henderson Street                      Robinson House                      c. 1910  
SHD(NR)

A large two-story wood-frame house with rectangular plan and hip roof. Situated on a corner lot, the house has full porches on each of its principal facades, joined by a wrap-around terrace. It was built around 1910 for William M. Robinson, proprietor of a downtown saloon. The house has had several owners and numerous tenants since 1920.



**FIELDER MUSEUM.** This historical museum and library is housed in one of the few remaining homes built in the early 1900's still existing in the area. Located in Arlington, this Texas State Historical Landmark features turn of the century artifacts and documents of historic interest. 1616 W. Abram St. 460-4001.



*Star-Telegram Sunday*

# Former Hotel

*Section 3 p. 7 11/22/42*

# Operator Dies

**Funeral Services to Be Held Monday for Arthur Guertler, Odd Fellow Leader.**

Arnold Guertler, 84, of 2257 Hemphill, a resident of Fort Worth since 1885 and the first alderman elected from the Seventh Ward when that section was annexed to the city, died at his home Saturday afternoon after an illness of one month.

Mr. Guertler, initiated into the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in St. Louis, Mo., in 1880, held membership in Fort Worth Lodge No. 251 after moving here. In 1932 he was awarded a jewel symbolizing 50 years service to the organization.

After moving to Fort Worth Mr. Guertler operated a number of hotels on Jones Street when the Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot was located at Jones and Seventeenth. His largest hotel was the old St. Louis House.

He retired from the hotel business 22 years ago and after his retirement participated in Republican party activities here.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at Lucas South Side Funeral Home with Rev. William V. Roosa officiating. Members of the Odd Fellows will be pallbearers and will have charge of services at the grave in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, who now is ill at the home; two daughters, Mrs. Paul Longhurst, Buffalo, N. Y., and Mrs. Robert Reiffenstahl, Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons, P. E. C. and Carl Guertler, both of Oklahoma City, and one adopted son, Harry Guertler, Fort Worth.





ARNOLD GUERTLER House - West Side





ARNOLD GUERTLER HOUSE - EAST SIDE





ARNOLD GUERTLER House - S. Side





ARNOLD GUERTLER House - NORTH side