



**TRIMBLE-MARTIN HOME**  
**GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK**  
**Site Medallion No. 18**  
**301 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

The Trimble-Martin home was built by a local builder, Tom Hall, about 1897. In 1904 the home was sold to L.W. Means, a local merchant in town who owned a general store at the site where Millar Drug now stands on West Main Street. After the death of Means and his family, the home was purchased from the Means estate by John W. and Ruth Trimble in the early 1940's. In 1981, Michael and Ann Martin purchased the home from Ruth Trimble. The home stands literally unchanged except for a porch enclosed and made into a den in the back. The home is one of the only examples of Queen Ann styling left in town.

The detailed exterior includes the "Gingerbread Trim" that accents the front porch and inside the front gables of the roof. Inside, it retains the flavor of an old home with twelve foot ceilings, hardwood floors and an assortment of antique furnishings. Of the two original fireplaces, one still remains. The bathroom was installed in the 1930's. The woodwork in the home is original and each doorway has corner molding inset called "Bull's Eye" trim.

The Martin family collects memorabilia, antiques and have a fine collection of old-style telephones. The home was opened to the public March 20, 1982, during the Grand Prairie Heritage Home Tour and was one of great interest to those making the tour.

This structure is the only residence receiving three stars (a significant rating) following the Dallas County Historical commission's survey by Daniel Hardy and associates. The survey was made in 1982 and will be printed and presented to County Court during 1983, with copies for the Grand Prairie Library, the City and the Grand Prairie Historical Commission.