



DR. H.V. COPELAND HOME – GRAND PRAIRIE MUSEUM
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK
Site Medallion No. 6
125 SW Dallas Street

Lot #8 and one-half of Lot #7 in Block 31 of the original town site of Grand Prairie is better known to us today as The Copeland Home, located at 125 SW Dallas Street.

This home was built in 1902 by B.P. Hale and his wife Ruth, according to Frances Copeland Doyal, daughter of Dr. Copeland. It was purchased by Dr. H.V. Copeland family on October 23, 1908; Warranty Deed 1258.

This large, white clapboard home, styled for the farm-type, small town resident, was designed with the high pitched roof, narrow windows and a front and back door entrance pattern. The original five rooms had twelve foot ceilings as seen today.

The beautiful oak hardwood floors, add beauty to the interior. These are the original floors as there is evidence of the “cut-down” where they appear to be resanded in the past. The original woodwork still exists in the home. However, the original fireplace was removed to accommodate two closets.

The front door is the original as are the windows in the original five rooms. Two of the light fixtures are also original according to Mrs. Doyal.

The original wood shingles have been covered with composition material and future restoration includes replacement with wooden shingles.

The entrance hallway is unique to the time period and includes the classic ornamental antique hall divider-display made of cherry wood.

Before remodeling the house, Dr. Copeland had a garden area and approximately four acres in an orchard. The orchard land was presented to the First Presbyterian Church as a gift in September 1948 from the Copeland family.

The modern bath and enclosed back porch are an addition completing the house as it now appears.

The water well that was used by the residents of this home is still in existence and is located in one of the double garage areas southwest of the house site. It is covered for protection and safety and is planned for restoration in the future.

A storm cellar is also buried in the back yard, filled in with dirt; more restoration possibilities. Furniture in Dr. Copeland's "office" includes his desk as he used it. The desk appears to be from the mid-1800 period. Dr. Copeland's "everyday and Sunday physician's bags" add to the display. His belongings were graciously donated by his family.

This structure has earned a State Marker and is the property of the City of Grand Prairie, and is designated to include historical data about not only the Copeland family, but other prominent contributors to the history of our city.