



**TURNER – ILEY HOME**  
**GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK**  
**Site Medallion No. 34**  
**202 Moore Avenue**

The Turner – Iley house was built in 1912 in by J.A. Moore, in what is recorded as J.A. Moore's "Second Addition," Lot 1003, Tract 3, Abstract 1446, McKinney Williams Survey. The city limits was listed as the north boundary line of the lot. The 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Co. map list this house as 201 Moore, intersecting with "East Street" (now N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup>) on the west, and Orchard (now N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup>) on the east. 1915 tax rolls list the value of "201" Moore at \$150.00.

The original house was built in the transitional style architecture common to the early 1900's. Hip and gable roof and dormers expressed a cleaner, simpler style compared with the gingerbread style of the late 1800's. Constructed of wood frame true cut lumber, on pier and beam, the siding is of 205 clapboard common to the early 1900's. Original roof is cedar shake with three layers of charcoal grey composition shingle. "L" shaped front porch with southern exposure connects the east bedroom with front parlor main entrance. Four wooden 12"x12" box columns on brick piers support the front porch and the front door, sidelights and transom contain original heavy beveled glass. Small dining room bay projects on the west elevation with original small bay windows being removed in the late 1940's remodeling. A small one room addition was added to the northeast corner sometime between 1929 and 1943. A second addition was added to the first, (date yet undetermined) consisting of a large library with an additional bathroom.

Current data classifies the builder as J.Alfred Moore. J.A. Moore moved to Grand Prairie from Levina, Tennessee, and from newspaper accounts was a prominent citizen. He and his wife were very active in the affairs of the city, ie, "J.A. Moore named Alderman from Northeast section of the city for first city government, April 28, 1909."

In1909, he was elected to the Grand Prairie School Board as the first Secretary of the Board.

G.H. Turner and his wife Lena purchased and moved into the house in or before 1920. The 1920 tax rolls list G.H. Turner as resident. Mr. Turner was a local business man who owned and operated a local furniture store. In subsequent years, he became president of the Grand Prairie State Bank,

owner of the G.H. Turner Insurance Co., and had many other financial interests. He and Mrs. Turner had no children. Mr. Turner was elected as mayor of Grand Prairie in 1923 – 1935 and served again after being elected in 1937 to 1949. He was mayor when the North American Aviation plant became a reality. He was a philanthropic man and the Florence Hill Library, the Dalworth Library and Turner Park are some of the benefits that our city enjoyed. Coming to our city in 1918, he left the G.H. and Lena Turner Trust that is a Scholarship given annually to an outstanding senior and other marks on the formation of a growing city.

David and Carol Iley have done much research prior to beginning the restoration of the significant home and they continue to spend much time, effort and resources to make this one of the most significant homes in the “original townsite” of our city.