



YOUNG - SAVAGE HOME
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK
Site Medallion No. 33
1902 Fort Worth Street

Built circa 1914, this two story frame house at 1902 Fort Worth was one of the original homes in the town of Dalworth Park. The plot for this area was filed by the Dalworth Co. and the Dalworth Realty and Improvement Co. of Dallas County on November 24, 1914. This property was originally platted as Block 18, Lots 17-20 on the corner of Fort Worth and East 17th, now N.W. 19th.

The original owners are not known, but the house was owned for sixty years by Wesley B. Young and his wife Myrtle Lee Patterson Young. The Young's purchased the property (actually all of Block 18) from Fred T. and Jessie D. Myers on December 10, 1918.

Wesley Young was a prominent citizen of Dalworth Park. By trade he was a milkman and served as head of the local dairyman's association. He and his sons delivered milk in the area. He was a deacon of the First Methodist Church and served as mayor of the town of Dalworth Park. The house was apparently used for many large social gatherings and parties, including outdoor barbecues, as evidenced by a large U-shaped picnic table once built around an outdoor barbeque pit.

At the deaths of Wesley and Myrtle Young, the estate left his property to their two sons, Wesley B. Young, Jr. and Pat Young. Bobby J. Miller purchased the house from Pat Young of Longview. The current owners, Lauren L. Cook and his wife Rhonda Cook Savage, purchased the house in 1976, from Miller.

The house contains four bedrooms, two full baths and two half baths, a 500-square-foot living room, kitchen, den three walk-in closets, utility room, three bay window areas and one bay room. A four-car barn-shaped, detached garage is also located on the property. The total footage is approximately 4,900 square feet.

Originally the house was lighted by gas, but has since been converted to electricity. Five original brass light fixtures and a dining room chandelier have been restored.

The interior boasts several unique features. The fireplace is original. Inside walls and ceilings are all wood and the studding in the front part of the house is oak. One built-in hutch in the breakfast room was restored by removing 17 layers of paint. It has the original glass knobs. Many of the interior doors have glass knobs and nearly all have skeleton keys and locks that still work. Originally, there were seven sets of double French Bay doors, four sets of which have been preserved. There are 65 windows and doors. The stairway is unique, similar in style to the period, with an upstairs railing that is completely walk-around.

The exterior has been restored to the original as much as possible. The original siding was 8" lapped wood which had been replaced with 12" asbestos siding. The Savages have restored the original appearance by installing 8" steel siding. The original wood porch columns had been replaced with brick columns. These have now been replaced with steel columns designed to restore the original appearance. Likewise, the exterior paint, white with black trim, retains the original appearance.

Neighbors tell of the large root cellar buried on the property, probably under the barbeque pit area. A huge underground Cistern was found on the west side of the house, near the kitchen.

The Savages continue to restore and renovate the interior, decorating with period-piece furniture. Research also continues on the history of the house and the town of Dalworth Park.