



GRAHAM – PAXTON HOME
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANCE LANDMARK
Site Medallion No. 30
509 College Street

The Graham-Paxton home was built in 1918 by Charles McDowell for Jonathan and Charlene Chase. Mr. Chase was a local merchant in town owning a furniture store. From 1920 to 1932, there were six owners of the property. During the depression in 1932 the house was given back to the Common Wealth Building and Loan Company of Dallas. In March 1934, W.H. "Daddy Bill" and Izora Graham bought the house, raising their family in this home that was located only one block west of the large red schoolhouse at 202 College. Mr. Graham operated the local Barber Shop on Main Street and Mrs. Graham was the first owner of the Beauty Shop in a business establishment in the city. After the deaths of the Mr. and Mrs. Graham, the house was given to their daughter, Irene Graham, Paxton who still resides in this comfortable, past-history home.

The home consists of a large entry way with an open staircase, living room, dining room, sun room, two bedrooms and a bath downstairs, and four bedrooms and a bath upstairs. In 1946 the sun room was added to the front and a den and two rooms to be rented were added to the back of the home.

Since Mrs. Paxton inherited the home from her parents much of their furniture still remains in the home, along with the many other family collectables.