

SPIKES/WOLF HOME GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK Site Medallion No. 36 1826 Fort Worth Street

Built around 1912, this house was originally the home of M.L. (Luther) Spikes. Spikes, along with his brother, J.J. Spikes, operated the Spikes Broom Factory which was located at Main Street and 13th Street.

The Spikes were instrumental in the development of Dalworth Park which was a planned real estate development generally bound by the present day Carrier Pkwy on the east, Sherman Street on the south, 23rd Street on the west and Hill Street on the north.

The one story rectangular frame house features gable dormers on the east and west faces and a hipped double dormer on the south. An entry porch is attached to the south face and originally extended along the east side in the area that had been enclosed as a sunroom. An original stain glass window enhances the west face

Originally owned by M.L. Spikes, the house was transferred to Mrs. Grace Spikes in 1933. W.R. Lewis purchased the house in 1951 and at his death, ownership transferred to his wife, Addie Lewis. Mrs. Lewis sold the property to Kim R. Wolf in 1980. Wolf restored the house and lot. The house had experienced periods of being vacant when neighborhood children believed it to be haunted. At some point in its history, one of the back bedrooms had been converted to a one-room apartment with separate entry.

Many of its original features remain including the living room fireplace with built-in firewood boxes, wood columns supporting the front overhanging porch, a wooden sliding door dividing the living room and dining room, and a claw foot bathtub and china pedestal lavatory.