



SPIKES-OWEN HOME
GRAND PRAIRIE SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK
Site Medallion No. 40
401 NW 16th Street

This one-and-a-half-story brick house with its huge L-shaped porch was originally owned by George W. Spikes. The property was included as part of an inducement by the community of Dalworth Park. George W. Spikes, along with his brothers Paul and Luther, owned the Spikes Broom factory, originally located on Marilla Street in Dallas. Offered land for the factory and for homes for their families, the three brothers moved their factory operation to a block of land located on U.S. Highway 80, approximately thirteen blocks west of Center Street of the city of Grand Prairie.

The Spikes Broom Factory had a major impact on the local economy of the new city of Dalworth Park, employing around 40 employees, many of whom also brought homes in Dalworth Park. The Spikes brothers' factory manufactured brooms, mops and feather dusters at their Dalworth Park location from 1912 until 1942 when they sold the enterprise to United Broom Co.

The house on N.W. 16th is thought to have been built around 1916 when the Spikes took title of the land. Although the architect is not known, the house is distinctive because of its inset L-shaped entry porch, its low-pitched hop roof with hipped dormers wood sash multiple light windows and its brick piers supporting the porch. The property reportedly originally sported a matching brick archway over the drive way entrance.

The current owners, Barbara and Karl Owen, have restored and remodeled the interior of the home. They researched the history of the home and completed the application process for the Grand Prairie Significant Landmark. Marker number 40 has been installed in the brick support pier on the right side of the front door.