

WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY
SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: _____ ADDRESS: 902 Austin
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision _____ Original Township _____ Block 187 Lot 2 & N 20'
PRESENT OWNER: Vera & P. G. Bickley of 3

and MAILING ADDRESS: 904 Austin

CATEGORY: District _____ Building X Structure _____ Site _____ Object _____

ORIGINAL USE: residential PRESENT USE residential ~~ZONING~~

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 1/2-story wood frame residence; rectangular shape with gable roof; 2-bay; single front door with transom; 2/2 windows; attached porch with shed roof; fretwork frieze, simple brackets.

MATERIALS: wall wood frame/asbestos siding roof composition

CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: good

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: major - asbestos siding but structure appears unaltered otherwise.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Gable cottage; most intact, only example left in Wichita Falls.

SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: Lot was bought in 1899 by W. L. Robertson; he is listed at address in 1909 directory; sells property in 1913.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: In downtown vicinity; seems out of place with present surroundings.

CURRENT TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PRESENT DESIGNATION: _____

RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION: National Register _____ Registered Texas Landmark _____

Local Landmark Consider

If within a district: Significant _____ Contributing _____ Compatible _____ Intrusion _____

OTHER COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS: One of oldest houses remaining intact in Wichita Falls. May be house that should be moved if necessary and if can be done for reasonable amount.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See research sheet.

PHOTO DATA: Roll 4 Frame 27

RECORDED BY: Ellen Beasley Date March, 1982

Much of the information above may be transferred directly to survey cards of the Texas Historical Commission. The following information would need to be added, using the THC computer codes, to complete the State cards:

COUNTY: _____ PERIOD: _____
CITY: _____ STYLE: _____
DATE: _____ THEME: _____
CODED SITE NUMBER: _____

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Research sheet: Survey of the City of Wichita Falls

Name of property: _____ Address: 902 Austin
 City Tax #: _____ Addition: Original Townsite Block: 187 Lot: 2 + N20'3
 Present owner: P.G. Bickley + Vera
 and address: 904 Austin, Wichita Falls, 76301

Year of construction: 1909 (as estimated in the city tax records)
1909 (first listed in the City Directory)
c.1900 (estimated from deed or tax records)
 (other sources -)

Chain of title:

Owner	Volume	Page	Date of transaction	Price	Other
<u>P.G. Bickley + Vera</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>7/27/49</u>	<u>\$8,500</u>	
<u>A.V. Adams + Rose</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>7/23/48</u>	<u>\$6,600</u>	
<u>Birdie Alexander</u>	<u>Will Book 32</u>	<u>p. 461</u>	<u>9/10/40</u>		<u>left to Birdie by Oma Welch</u>
<u>Oma C. Welch</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>left to Oma by Zula</u>
<u>Zula Coates</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>6/12/20</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>Release</u>
<u>" "</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>6/26/18</u>		
<u>Frank Collier</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>1/31/14</u>		
<u>R. H. McCorkle</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>2/1/13</u>		
<u>W. L. Robertson</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>578</u>	<u>1/17/99</u>		<u>Lot 2</u>
<u>" "</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>2/25/99</u>		<u>Lot 3</u>

W.A. Knott + J.A. Kemp

Documentary photographs: none

date: _____

Source: _____

Other information about the property or the people associated with it:

W. L. Robertson listed as a notary public and cashier at City National Bank.

Sources: City Directory-1909

Recorded by: Kathy London

Date: 2/12/81