

WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY
SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: Oechsner Electric ADDRESS: 1405 Bluff

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Original Township Block 219 Lot 8

PRESENT OWNER: Nick Oechsner, Jr.

and MAILING ADDRESS: 1405 Bluff (business); 4637 Karla (residence)

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

ORIGINAL USE: commercial PRESENT USE commercial ZONING _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: One-story wood frame commercial building; rectangular with ^{hip}roof; false front with attached canopy; double entrance doors flanked by large plate glass windows; shed addition to rear.

MATERIALS: wall wood frame roof tin

CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: good

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: moderate: windows & canopy are replacements

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: May be only intact example of false front commercial building in Wichita Falls.

SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: Probably built C. 1910.

1913 City Directory lists John Black, a grocer, living at 1405 Bluff. Also lists a retail grocery, "John Black" at the same address. "R. W. Black Meat Market" is also listed at 1405 Bluff, with R. W. Black residing at 1407 Bluff.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: In essentially residential area; seems out of place although scale is acceptable.

CURRENT TAX ASSESSMENTS:

| Year | Land | Improvements | Total |
|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

PRESENT DESIGNATION: _____

RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION: National Register _____ Registered Texas Landmark _____

Local Landmark _____

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

OTHER COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See research sheet

PHOTO DATA: Roll 2 Frame 28

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

Nick Oeschner Jr.
Name of property: Electric Company Address: 1405 Bluff
City Tax #: 0030-166-0000 Addition: Original Townsite Block: 219 Lot: 8

Present Owner: Nick Oeschner Jr.
and address: 1405 Bluff (business)
4637 Karla (residence)

Year of construction: 1910 (as estimated in the city tax records)
1913 (first listed in the City Directory)
(estimated from deed or tax records)
(other sources -)

| Chain of title: | Owner | Volume | Page | Date of transaction | Price | Other |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------|---------------------|----------|---|
| | Nick Oeschner Jr. | 1247 | 430 | 5/30/78 | | |
| | Harry B. Black & Edna I. Osborne | 732 | 431 | 1/6/78 | | |
| | G. H. Black & Ray Black | 337 | 344 | 11/21/35 | \$250.00 | (Deed also renounces all claims on estate of John Black, deceased.) |

Can find no deed listed in reverse index prior to this time.

George Black bought 364 acres in Cherokee County School Lands from J. A. Kemp on 7/22/87 (Book K, p. 564). Doubt that the property at 1405 Bluff was part of that transaction or that George Black was even of the same family.

Documentary photographs: _____ Date: _____

Source: _____

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

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Sources: _____

Recorded by: Nancy Sherrill Date: 4/7/81