

WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY
SURVEY FORM

No. on Master List: 75

NAME OF SITE: _____ ADDRESS: 906 Bluff
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Original Townsite Block 235 Lot S 50' X 150'
of Lot 2
PRESENT OWNER: Art Davis or c/o J. Arthur Davis, 9308 Cherry Hill Rd. #207, College Park,
and MAILING ADDRESS: 906 Bluff Md. 20740

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

ORIGINAL USE: residence PRESENT USE residence ~~ZONING~~ _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1½ story wood frame residence; square shape with hip roof; center
dormer with hip roof and window opening; attached porch supported by Ionic columns; 3-
bay with single front door and 1/1 windows.

MATERIALS: wall wood frame roof composition

CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: good

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: none discernible

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Example of early 20th century cottage.

SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: Built 1911-12 by M.M. Cooke and
rented by him. See research sheet.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: In mixed use area; next door to Kell House; important as
buffer to latter.

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: Property should be purchased by Wichita County Heritage Society as protection for Kell House.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See research sheet.

PHOTO DATA: Roll 4 Frame 36

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: 906 Bluff
City Tax #: 0030-355-0000 Addition: Original Townsite Block: 235 Lot: South 50' x 150' of Lot 2

Present Owner: Art Davis
and address: 906 Bluff or c/o J. Arthur Davis
9308 Cherry Hill Rd. #207, College Park,

Year of construction: 1912 (as estimated in the city tax records) Md. 20740
1913 (first listed in the City Directory)
1912 (estimated from deed or tax records)
(other sources -)

Chain of title:	Owner	Volume	Page	Date of transaction	Price	Other
	Art Davis	189	393	10/25/22	\$6,000.	
	Mrs. E. F. Kemp	120	186	2/3/19	3,750.	(for 50' x 150')
	J. A. Kemp	93	63	1/16/18	4,750.	(for 50' x 250')
	M. M. Cooke	54	538	1/30/11	1,600.	
	Frank Jackson (Jeanne)	47	152	2/15/07	1,000.	
	A. Zundelowitz(Rebecca)	S	143	7/29/90	450.00	for all of Lot 2
	T. B. Jones(Luzetta S.)	M	34	3/15/89	500.00	for Lots 2 & 3
	Joseph A. Kemp	m	34	3/12/89		Part of a considerably larger tract of land

Documentary photographs:

Date:

Source:

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

Was Mrs. E. F. Kemp the mother-in-law of Frank Kell, who lived next door at 900 Bluff? Or perhaps the sister-in-law of J. A. Kemp? Have not been able to identify her.

Presume house was constructed by M.M.Cooke and rented by him. (OVER)

Sources:

Recorded by: Nancy Sherrill

Date: 4/6/81

Back of 906 Bluff

1913 City Directory shows a physician, J. E. Daniel, who was the medical director of Wichita Southern Life, in residence at 906 Bluff.