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"Experience The Beauty of Christmas and Warmth of History" theme for Candlelight



Freeman Plantation

With thousands of candles to light their way, visitors to historical Jefferson's tenth annual Christmas Candlelight Tour will be able to truly experience the Beauty of Christmas and the Warmth of History as they fill their senses with the sights, sounds, and scents of Christmases past. The quaint historic town of Jefferson, Texas, is expecting, again, thousands of visitors the first two weekends of December to enjoy a "back in time" Christmas, when four antebellum homes, decorated in traditional Christmas finery are opened for tour. In addition to thousands of candles, the homes will be adorned with natu-

ral greenery, fresh flowers, unique handmade decorations, as well as the smells of hot gingerbread, cider, or porpourri.

Along with the home tour, there will be an exhibit at the town park featuring dozens of lighted and decorated Christmas trees and lighted park gazebo. Christmas music will be performed in historical churches by regional choirs and English Handbell ringers. The Handbell Ringers, directed by Dr. Jim Smith, will be dressed in period costumes and will also be performing throughout the town. The town and its businesses will be glowing with lights and deco-

ration as they remain open for dining and Christmas shopping.

The four homes featured this year are some of Jefferson's finest historical jewels. They pre-date the Civil War and are noted for their historical value and graceful beauty.

FREEMAN PLANTATION

The Freeman Plantation, was built in 1850, by Williamson Freeman, a prominent Jefferson merchant, shipper, and planter. It was the center of a cotton and sugar cane plantation prior to the Civil War.

The house has a Louisiana raised-cottage style with fine Greek Revival details and is furnished with antiques

of the American Empire and Victorian periods, many of which come from the DeWare and Rowell families in Jefferson.

During Reconstruction, a Federal army officer and his family were quartered here after it had been a place of refuge for some local citizens who escaped the Federal stockade in Jefferson.

In 1872, title to the plantation passed to Dr. Robert E. Rowell, a pioneer medical doctor and county treasurer who used it for a home until the social opportunities for his young daughters caused them to move into town. The home is presently occu-

pied by descendants of Dr. Rowell.

In the late 1930's, oil tycoon, L.S. Flannery and wife, Augusta, restored the home in fine fashion, including the addition of metal protective bars to the downstairs dogtrot entrance and windows, ensuring the safe enjoyment of Mr. Flannery's high stakes gambling pastime.

The Freeman Plantation Home was first recognized in 1934 by the Historic American Building Survey of the U.S. Department of the Interior in its first list of historic American buildings and has been designated as

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The Beard House
BUILT 1860

This unique home was built by Noble Birge, a prominent Jefferson merchant when Jefferson was a busy inland port. Located in the downtown area, on the walking tour, in the heart of the Historic District, it has the distinction of having received three significant citations: The Historic American Buildings Survey plaque, issued by the Department of the Interior in 1936, The Texas State Historical Commission plaque, and it is listed in the national Register of Historic Places.

The style of architecture, as described in The Magazine Antiques in its June, 1948, Texas Issue, is "a one story Neoclassic Form that has taken on Victorian trimmings". Its spacious rooms are furnished with antiques of the Federal, Empire and Victorian periods.

Owned by Dr. and Mrs. Jesse M. DeWare III, the house, at the corner of Henderson & Vale Streets is open 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., daily except Wednesday and Sunday and by appointment.

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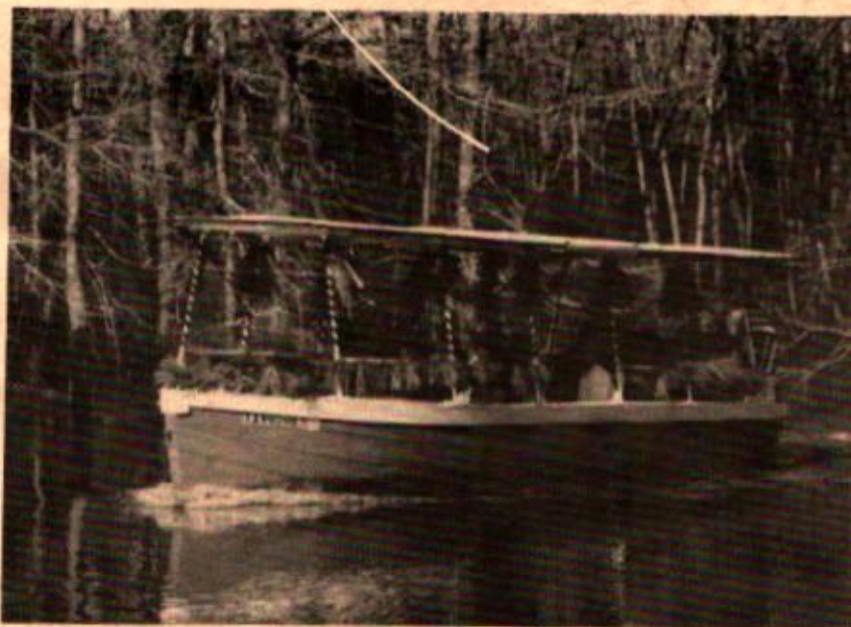
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This plantation house was built by Williamson M. Freeman on one thousand acres of land in the Greek Revival style architecture. Built by slave labor, the 14-inch thick brick walls of the lower floor were made of clay molded by hand. Framing timbers, exposed in the ceilings on the lower floor, were cut, notched and pegged by hand. Where necessary, square, hand-made blacksmith nails were used. The outside walls on the upper, main floor are cy-

press. Across the wide gallery, centered by the staircase, are four tapered columns made with hand-made pie-shaped bricks. The Freeman Plantation was cited in 1934 by the Historic American Building Survey Committee as worthy of preservation and possessing exceptional architectural interest. Listed in the National Register, it also bears a State Historical Medallion.

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Role in Civil War

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Down the bayou and away from the center of the town, officers in "Confederate Grey" directed the construction of three matching brick buildings for the storage of gunpowder. They were told to lay the locally made brick in "Flemish bond" for added strength. Eight feet of the walls would be twelve inches thick. Circulation in the buildings would be air passages built into the walls.

The powder magazines were constructed away from town as a safety measure and was across the river from Jefferson, on the Marshall side, since most of the gunpowder was brought from manufacturing plants by wagon from Marshall. Steamboats transporting powder were not allowed at the Jefferson riverfront with this highly volatile material on board. Thus, boats loading cargos of powder did so as they left town, heading downriver for Confederate forces in Louisiana.

Pitched tents surrounded the work area, as Confederate troops were posted for duty. Twin cannons guarded the waterway approach. Stacked rifles placed all on notice that Jefferson was an armed city.

Near the magazine site, slaves
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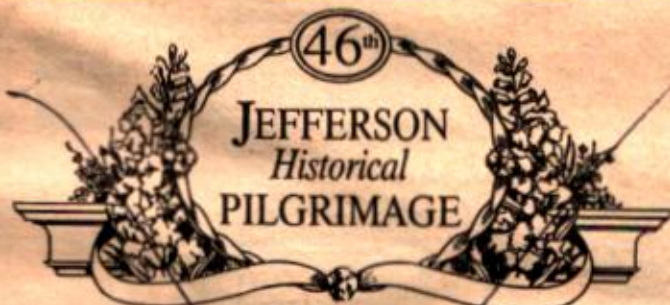
Newly formed coalition promotes "Trail of Lights"

The cities of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Shreveport-Bossier, Louisiana, Marshall and Jefferson, Texas have formed a coalition to promote tourism during the Christmas season. The economic impact of tourism on these cities has been tremendous and appears to be growing each year. The coalition is working together to market and promote each city to increase overall tourism.

A name and logo were needed to identify the group. The decision was made to call it the "Holiday Trail of Lights". A logo was selected and is being used on all brochures. Sixty-five thousand brochures are being printed which list the top 15 events in each city. A second, colored brochure for national distribution has just been completed. These 100,000 brochures contain information and a color picture of each city.

The coalition meets bi-monthly to coordinate efforts to effectively market and promote the "Holiday Trail of Lights". The group is not aware of any other effort in the nation with a bi-state and multi-city group joining to produce such a spectacular package of events for everyone's enjoyment during the Christmas season.

For more information on Christmas activities in Jefferson, write the Chamber of Commerce at 116 W. Austin or call 903-665-2672.



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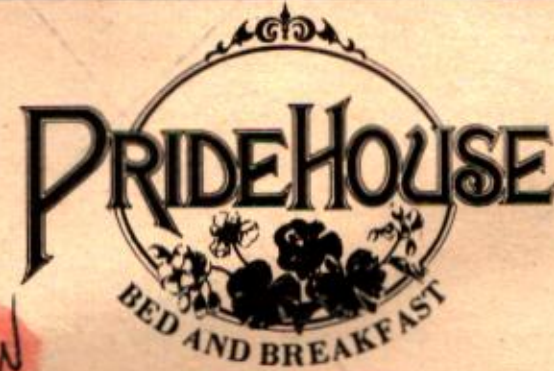
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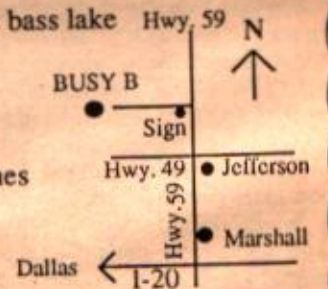
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The Freeman Plantation is located on highway 49 west.

ALLEY-McKAY HOUSE

The Alley-McKay House was built in 1851 by Daniel N. Alley, co-founder of The City of Jefferson. The Greek Revival Architecture of the house is emphasized by its high-raised cottage styling. The charm of the house is revealed by authentic restoration and exquisite furnishing accomplished by the owners, Peggy and Rom Taylor.

Captain Hector McKay, a veteran of the Civil War, purchased the house in 1884 for \$800. He was an attorney for the defense in the notorious Diamond Bessie murder trial that is reenacted each May for the Jefferson Pilgrimage. The McKay Family enjoyed the homestead until 1954 when Hector's son, Archibald, died. Arch's wife, "Aunt Bess" is remembered fondly for her civic leadership, her motherly nurturing of neighborhood teenagers, and gardening. Aunt Bess's gardens have been restored by Tom.

After restoration by the Taylors, The Alley-McKay House received its Texas Historic Medallion during the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial celebration. Also, the house has been designated a "Certified Historic Structure" by the National Park Service and is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. More recently the Taylors restored a 100 year old cottage to replace the original garden cottage that had burned. The cottage is called the "Sunday House". A "Sunday House" offered devout rural settlers a night's rest after a day of "trading" on Saturday, before worship service on Sunday, and before the long wagon ride back home.

Both The McKay House and The Sunday House garden cottage will be on tour. Room decor varies from a four poster canopy bed in the McKay Room to the primitive furnishings in the Sunday House. The Keeping Room features a stone fireplace equipped for cooking, a feather bed, and an indoor privy. Including the sunburst fireplace in the garden conservatory, the Alley-McKay House and the Sunday House are complemented with seven fireplaces for Christmas glow and winter-time warmth.

Tom and Peggy were attracted to Jefferson by its warm hospitality and historic values, both of which they share with welcomed visitors to the Alley-McKay House.

The Alley-McKay House is located at 306 E. Delta.

ROWELL HOUSE

The Rowell House was built c. 1858 and purchased in 1879 by J.H. Rowell, businessman and later mayor of Jefferson. He and his family lived in the house for nearly 50 years.

The house was originally two rooms with an open "dog-trot" separating them. Rooms opening onto porches were added over a 20 year period. Eventually the porches were enclosed, and the architecture be-

came a modified Greek Revival style. The original two rooms have 14 foot ceilings, and some interior walls have the original siding.

The current owners are Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Parker. The house has a State Historical Marker and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Rowell House is located at 301 S. Alley.

ALLEY-CARLSON HOUSE

The Alley-Carlson House Museum was built in 1861 by Dan N. Alley, Sr., co-founder of Jefferson. The structure is of Greek Revival Architecture.

The Cottage is designated as Texas Historic Landmark; entered in the National Register of historic places; awarded a medallion by Texas Historical Survey Committee; and located in the Jefferson Historic District.

Until December, 1991, the house was owned continuously by three generations of the Alley family. The cottage was a wedding gift to Dan N. Alley II and his bride Mary Hannah Moore Rembert.

The furnishings of the home depict three generations of ownership. Many of the original furnishings were purchased by the couple while on their wedding trip to New Orleans and brought up river to Jefferson. The furnishings consist of Rosewood, walnut and cherry.

A wooden shipping box in the entrance way bears the name and address of Dan Alley, Jr., Jefferson, Texas. Other items of interest include, a half teester bed, Mallard dresser, lovely marble top pieces, cut glass, tiffany and other family heirlooms.

Mary B. Alley Carlson and husband Charles Carlson returned to the family home in 1932 to care for her mother. Mrs. Carlson continued living in the cottage until her death at age 93. Nione Carlson of Houston owned the home until acquired by Jefferson Historical Museum.

The cottage is now owned and shown as a house museum by the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum. The House Museum is supervised and maintained by a permanent curator and seven member committee.

The Alley-Carlson House is located at the corner of Walker and Main Streets.

Tour dates are Dec. 3, 4, 5 and Dec. 10, 11, 12 from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the downtown ticket headquarters on these days. For advance tickets or information, call (903) 665-8683, 665-8229, or 665-2672, Chamber of Commerce, or write Candlelight, P.O. Box 668, Jefferson, Tx. 75657. Free tour guides are provided for groups of 20 or more. This tour is sponsored by the Historic Jefferson Foundation.



Alley - McKay House



Alley - Carlson House



Rowell House





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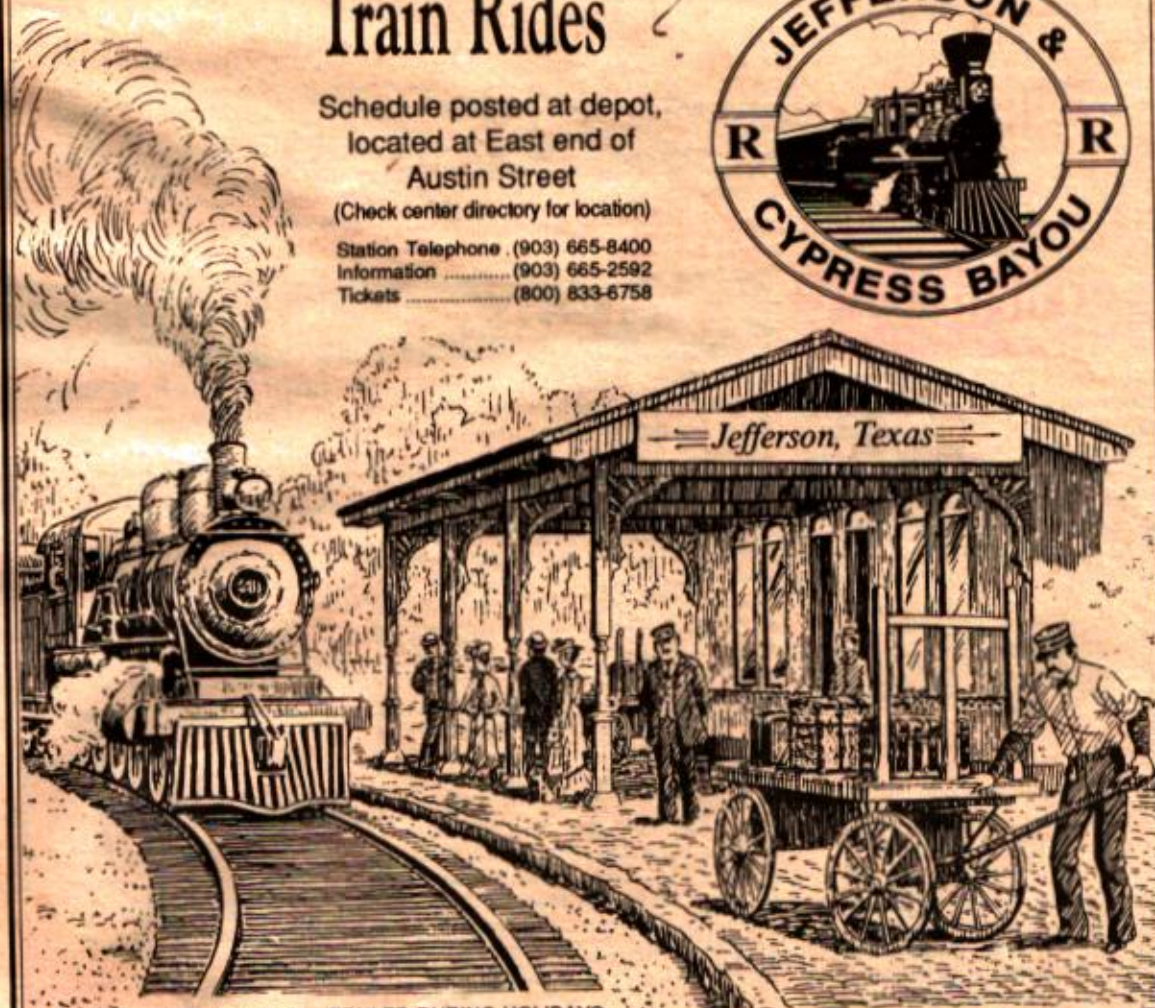
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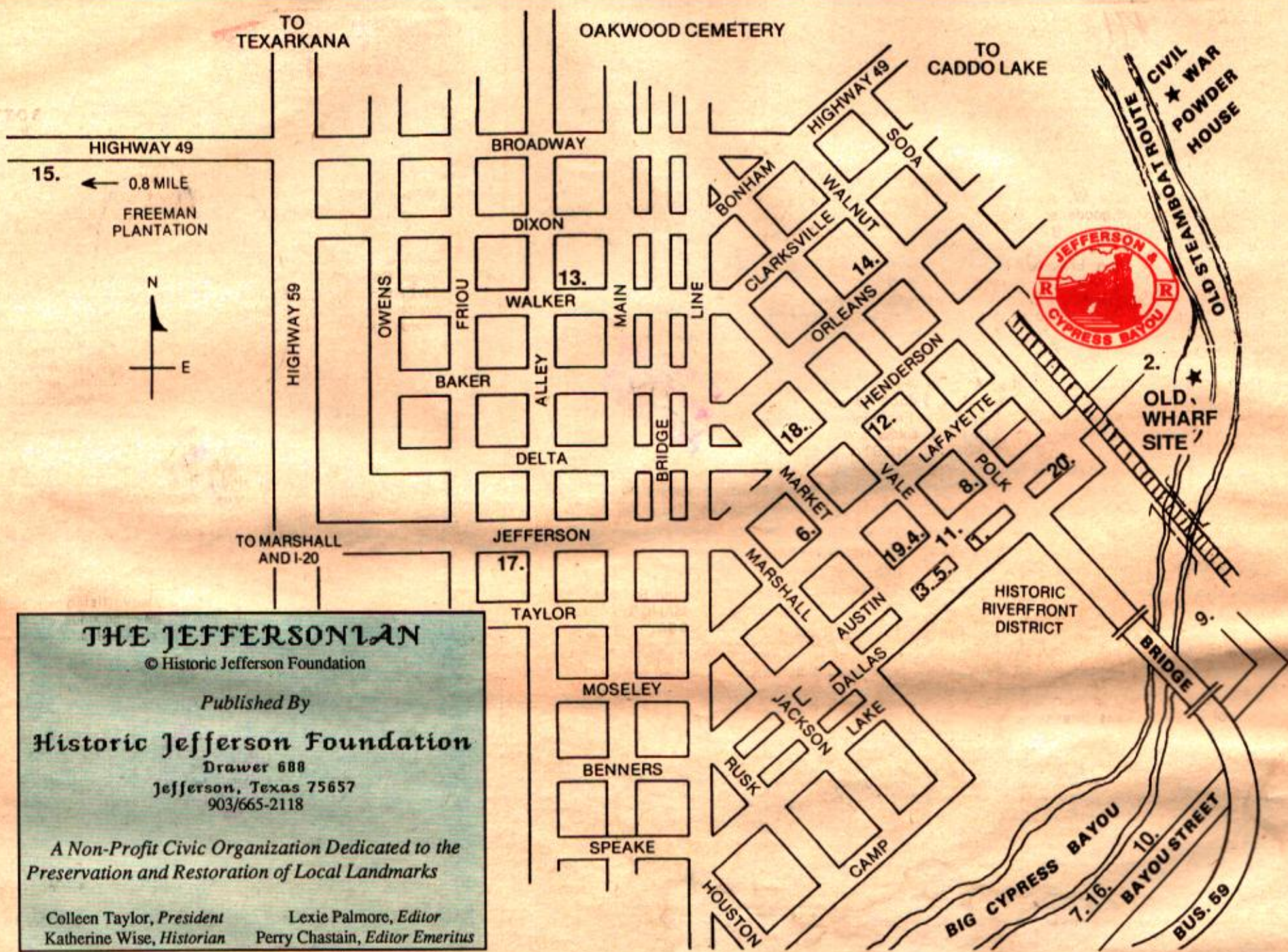
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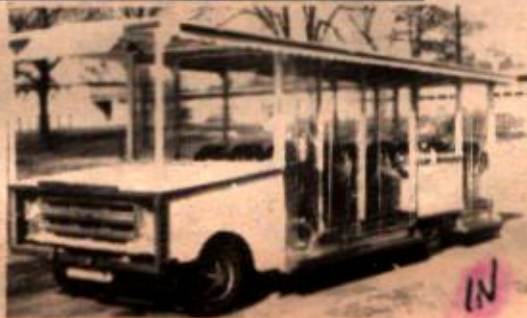
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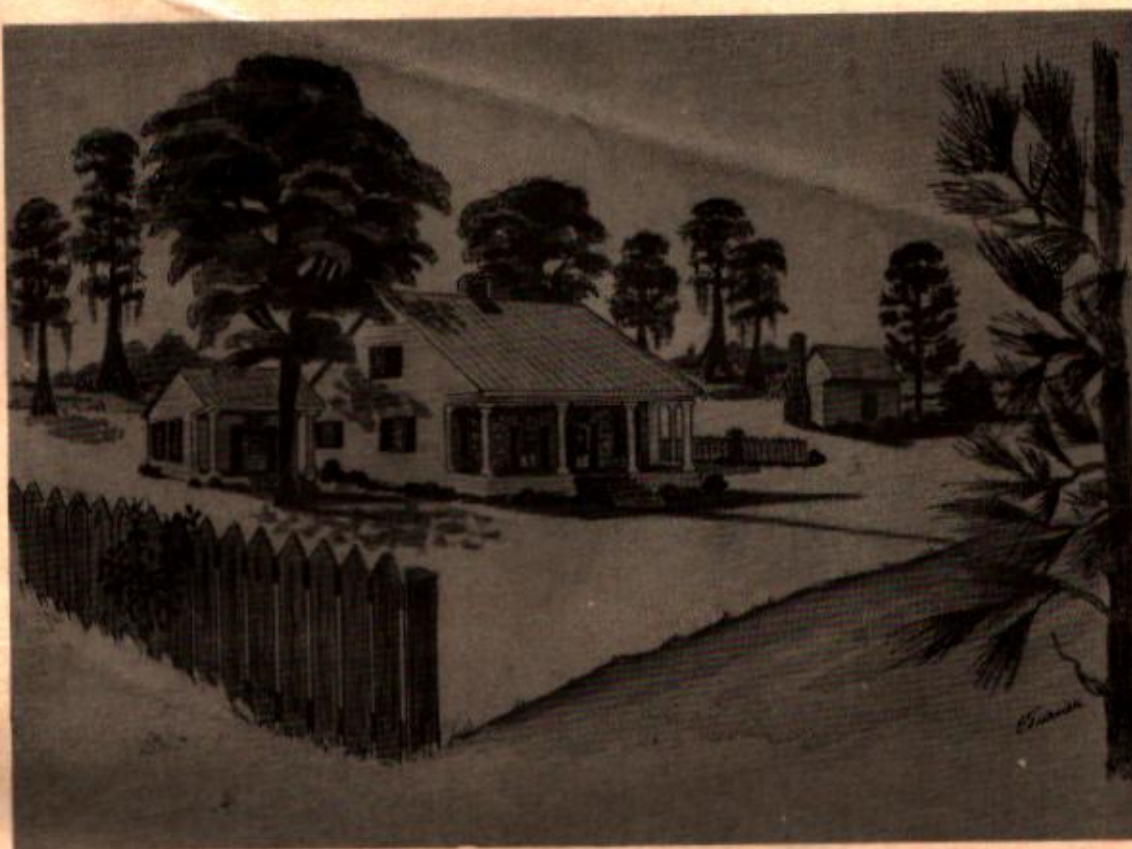


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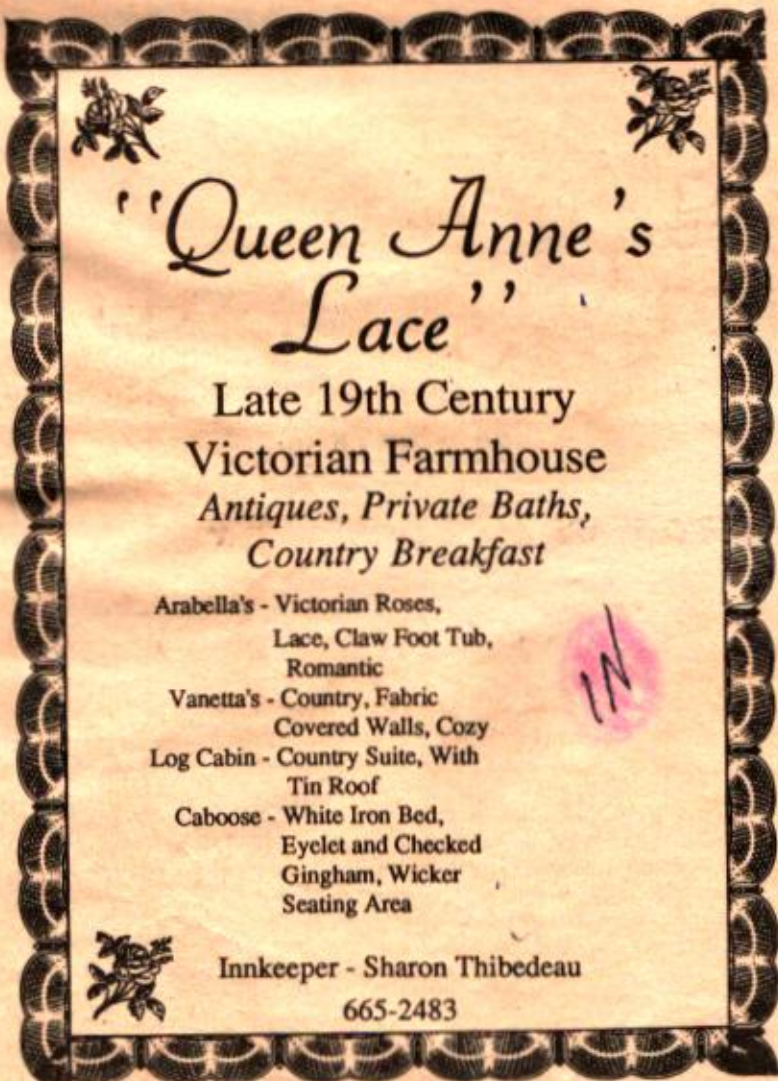


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4. The Great Red River Raft, its removal and affect on Jefferson is thoroughly explained using numerous maps and diagrams, some of them rare and otherwise impossible to find.

Many other interesting tid-bits are offered, and it is hoped that carefully touring this museum will not only inform but bring about an understanding of a period of history that is unique, wonderful and unlike anything else on earth. We look forward to seeing and visiting with you. If you are doing any research on this subject, as much help as possible will be freely given.

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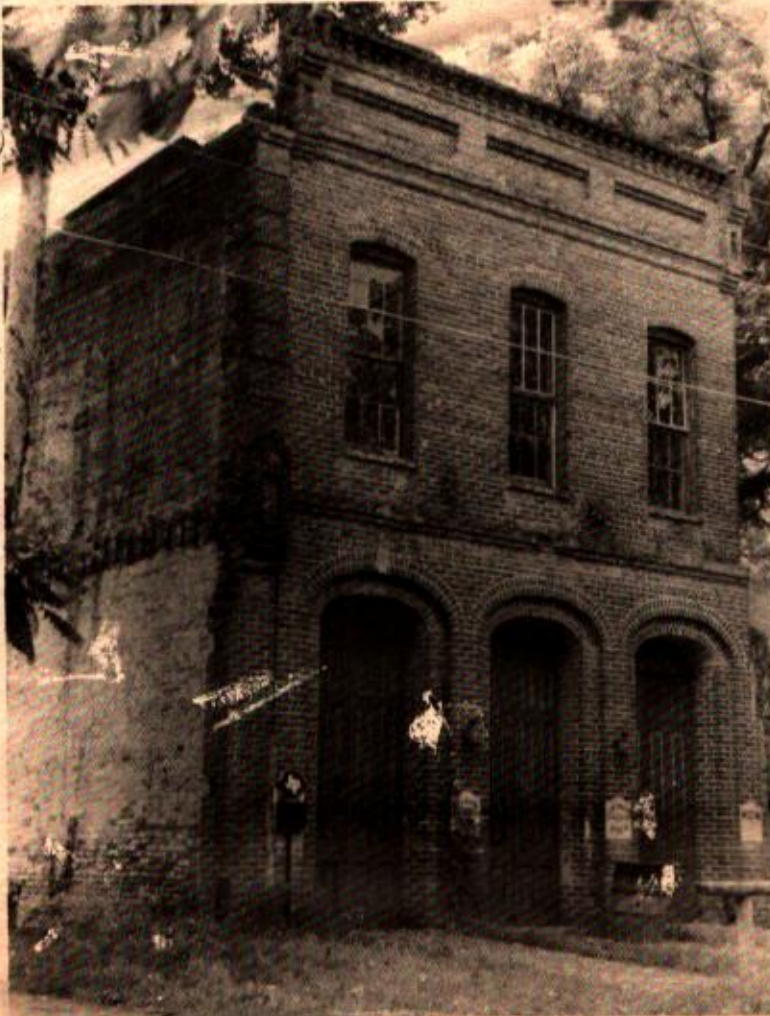
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the Jefferson Junior Historians, their adult advisory #61 Dallas Street, Inc., their Board of Directors, the Marion County Historical Commission and the Texas Historical Commission clasped hands to dedicate this mid 19th century structure. The facility

was originally constructed for commercial use but has been occupied during most of its recent past by local community organizations. The formal dedication took place on May 2, 1992.

In addition, a second plaque was inscribed by the State Historical Commission recognizing the 17 year effort to restore this building by its present owners, the Jefferson Junior Historians.

The Junior Historians are a group of ever changing local youth entering their third decade of activity in historic Jefferson. Organized during February, 1971 under the direction of David Robertson, with 13 charter members, the organization has continued a local and state program annually for hundreds of Jefferson and Marion County youth. The Junior Historians are renowned for their lively, toe tapping performances which will take place during Mardi Gras Up River, February 19, 20, 21, 1993, and the annual Historical Pilgrimage, April 30, May 1 and 2, 1993.

The 21 year Junior Historian program in Jefferson has experienced many honors via hard work, talent, interest and dedication. Community productions, state and national awards in various areas of historical and educational pursuits, continue today and involve exhaustive hours and efforts by the youth, their families and local community supporters.

Performers, with few exceptions, are either current or past members of the Jefferson Junior Historians. A 20 year program inevitably produces both traditions and memories of exceptional note. David Robertson and Beverly Broussard Bradley are the only two "Riverboat" performers to participate in every Pilgrimage production held at the historic building.

The McGarity Saloon Can Can Line began operation in 1973 with only three members. This year we are working with approximately 25 members with the Can Can line having been instructed by numerous directors throughout the years. The Can Can line will "kick'em high" during the annual Mardi Gras and Pilgrimage presentations.

All youth activities at #61 Dallas Street are supervised by an outstanding Board of Legal Advisors, many of whom are parents of participating youth.

The 1991-1992 #61 Dallas Street Board of Directors are David Robertson, President; Carol McKenzie Harrell, Vice President; Eddie Hobbs and Beverly Broussard Bradley, both former Junior Historian members; Daisy Meyer of the Marion County Historical Commission; and Junior Historian parents Sandra Guinn, Ginger Womack Hall, Colleen Taylor and Pam McGregor.

The Junior Historians also have a Board of Officers participating in the planning and organization of their programs.

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Powder Magazine

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were working with pick and shovel digging out an inlet for ships to dock. Other slaves were chopping and stacking wood for ships' boilers.

In 1864, General Nathaniel Bank's Union Army embarked on a flotilla of gunboats up the Red River. His plan was the destruction of the Trans-Mississippi as an effective fighting force. Special target areas were towns with military depots and arsenals,

such as Jefferson.

On April 8, 1864, General Richard Taylor's defending army met and defeated the invaders at Mansfield, La., only 70 miles from Jefferson. Victory celebrations were tempered with gloom, for in other parts of the South the Confederacy was being brought to its knees. By the second day of June, 1865, all Confederate armies had surrendered. Legend has

it that before the Confederate soldiers left Jefferson for home they buried the cannon in an unknown spot and hid the powder in the graveyard.

Soon after, the initial elements of the victorious Union Army arrived from Shreveport and marched into the undefeated and unconquered Jefferson. It would shortly be Reconstruction time, and "Union Blues" would prevail.

The occupation troops remained in Jefferson for about six years. After this departure in 1871, one of the magazines was taken over by local hardware dealers. They used it to store blasting powder. The other magazines remained unoccupied. Over the years, slowly, brick by brick they vanished to make patios, walks, floors and walls. Finally the need for the remaining building lessened and it too was abandoned. In succeeding years, it was used for storage and there were times when people lived in its cramped quarters.

Today, the Historic Jefferson Foundation is moving to restore the remaining powder magazine, stabilizing the structure and preventing further deterioration. Archaeological research will also shed more light on this period of Jefferson's history. It is also anticipated that the building will be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, as it is one of only a few of these structures still standing.

The powder magazine may be seen on one of three different tours in Jefferson: the Turning Basin Boat Ride, Jefferson Landing Boat Ride, and the Jefferson & Cypress Bayou Railroad.

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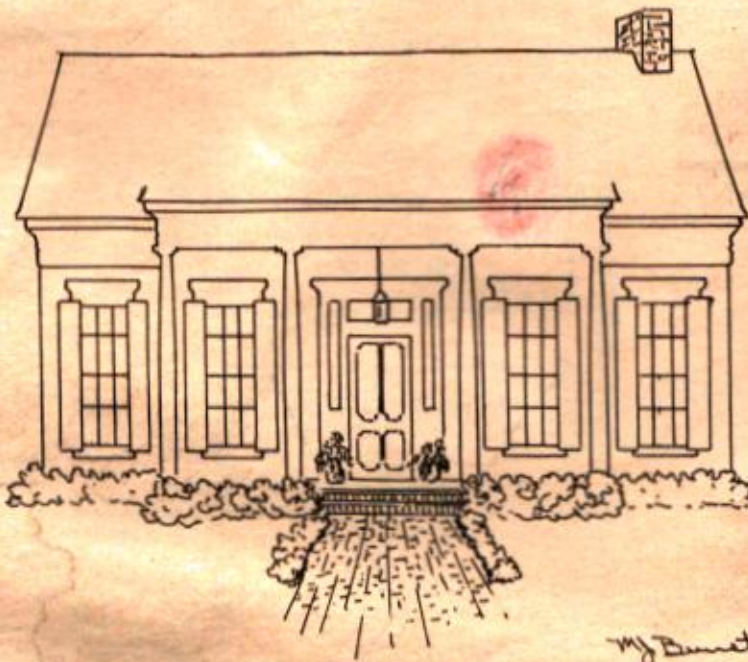
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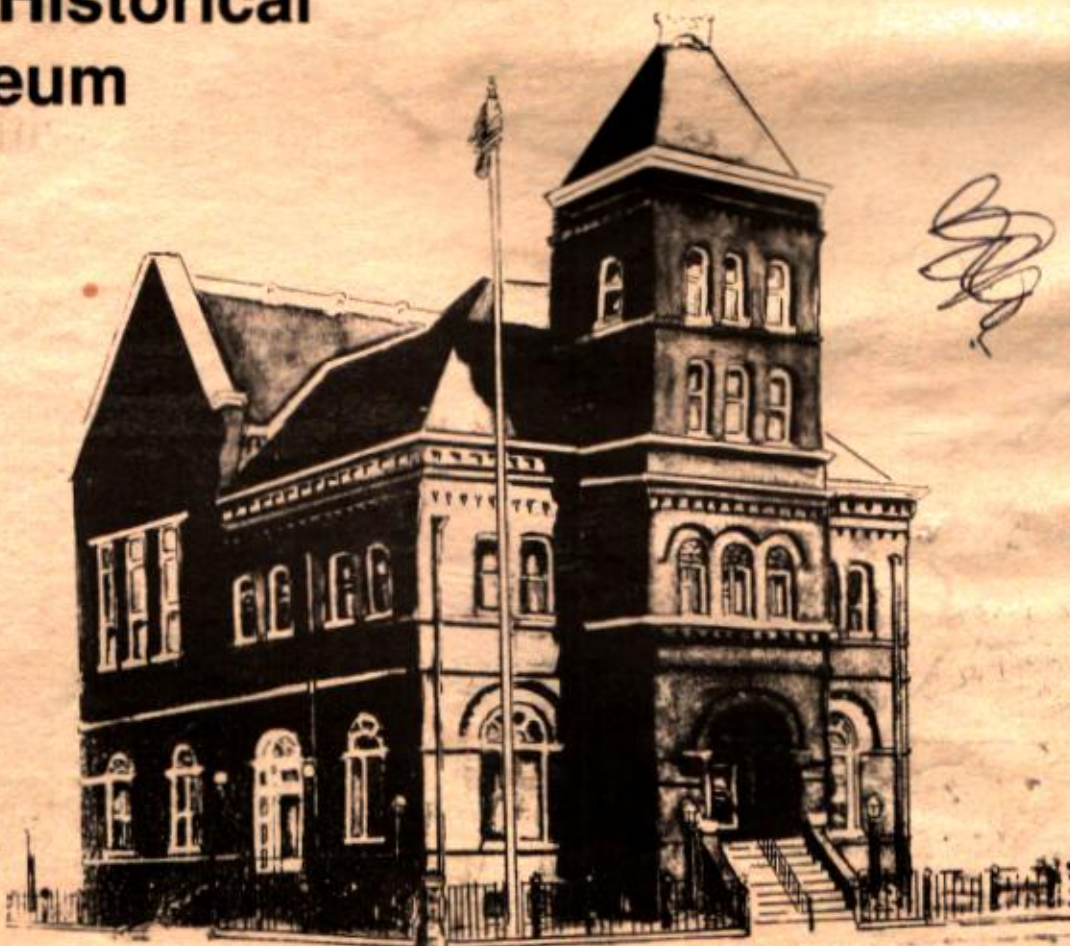
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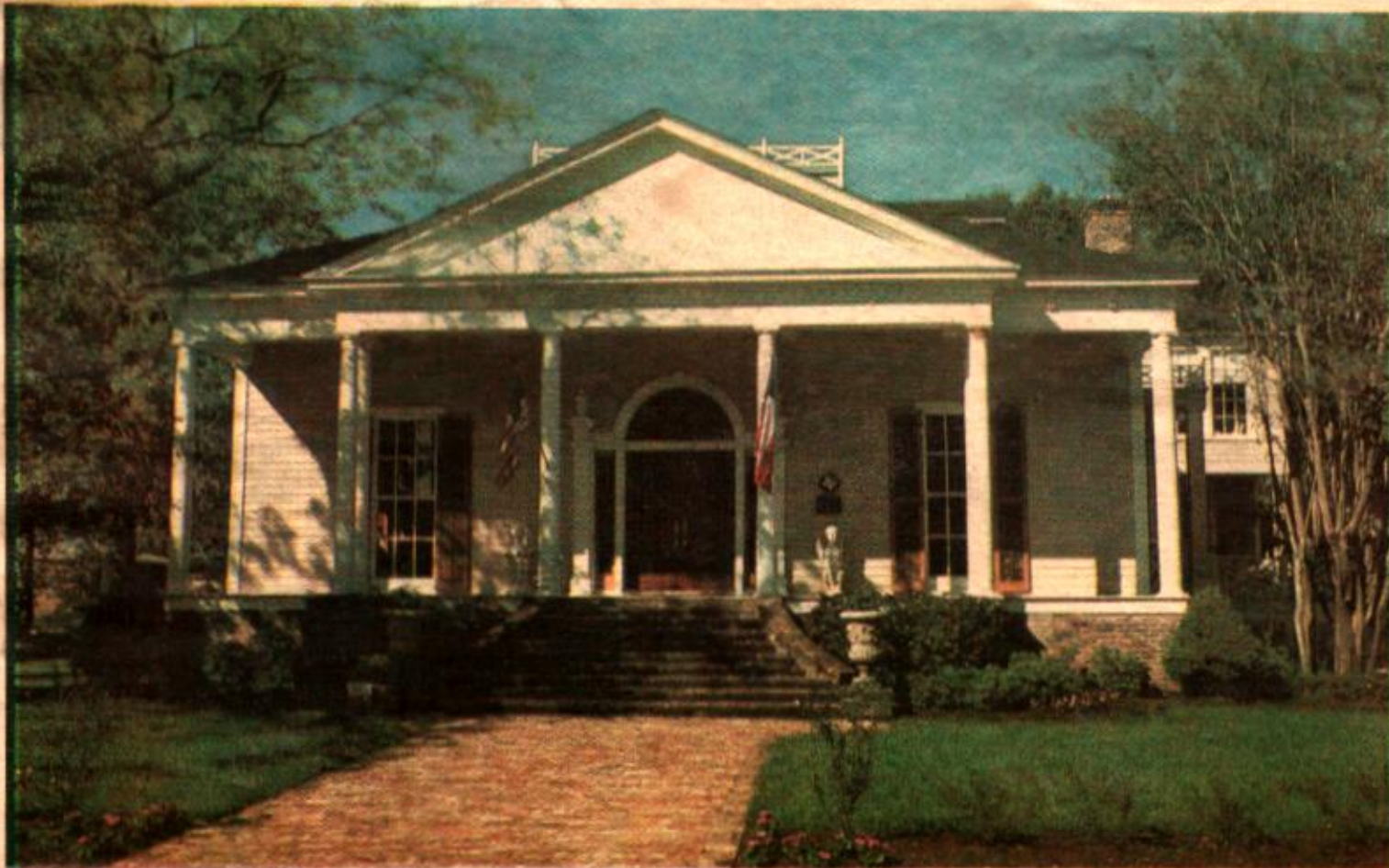
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Noted Attorney, David B. Culberson (1830-1900) built this Greek Revival style residence in 1880. Mr. Culberson served as State Senator and Representative, and U.S. Congressman. He defended Abe Rothschild in the famous Diamond Bessie murder trial. One of his sons, Charles A. Culberson (1855-1925), was Governor of Texas (1895-1899) and later, U.S. Senator (1899-1923). The House has 14-foot ceilings, five fireplaces, and a secret passageway. Floors are original six inch wide heart of pine boards cut and planed in Jefferson. All the interior doors are original to the house and are wood pegged. Completely restored in 1988 by Mr. & Mrs. John F. Stewart, the present owners and residents, the house has classical architectural detailing throughout, and 17th - 19th Century English and Continental furnishings.

The Culberson House
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