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ALL ABOARD!

New Edition Of Railroad Begins Service

Riverboat trade on the Cypress Bayou during the 1800's placed Jefferson on the map as the largest inland port and fifth largest city in the state of Texas.

After efforts to improve navigation in 1873 went awry, the water levels decreased and riverboat trade ceased. The railroads quickly replaced riverboats, despite the fact railroad tycoon Jay Gould predicted "the end of Jefferson" because city fathers refused to allow his Texas and Pacific Railroad into the city.

More than 100 years later, the railroad has become a vital part of the riverport city's tourism industry with the operation of the Jefferson and Cypress Bayou Railroad, located at the east end of Austin Street.

The railroad has been leased by the non-profit Historic Jefferson Railway Foundation, Inc. and is presently building steam for its highly anticipated full six mile run, scheduled to be open by Pilgrimage, which is May 4, 5 and 6.

Prior to the railroad's opening in Jefferson during Pilgrimage, 1987, the railroad was located in an amusement park in Ocala, Florida. When the park and land were purchased by Tri-Towers Development, Inc., the railroad was put up for sale and advertised nationally.

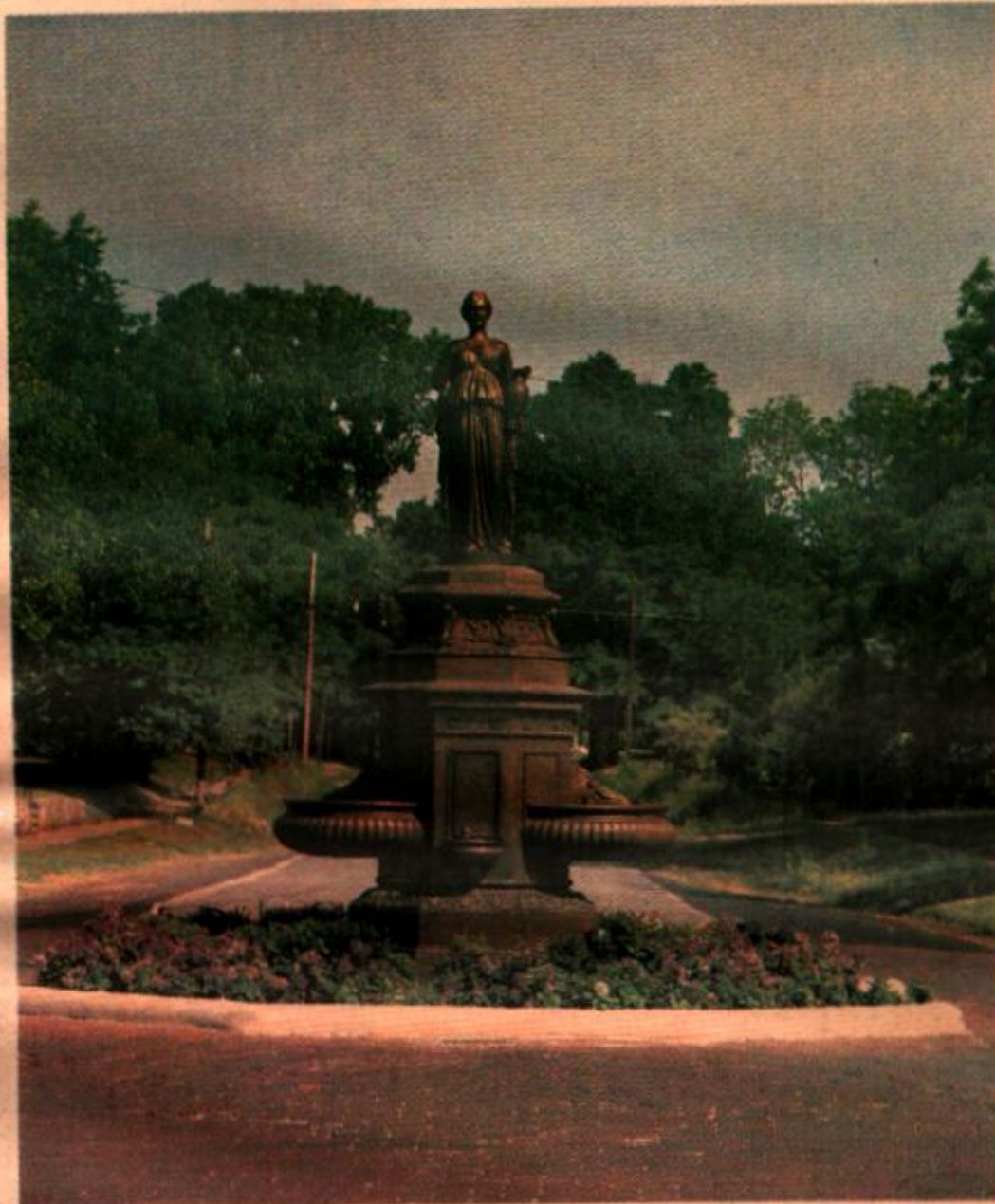
Twenty-three prominent citizens in the Jefferson area attended an initial meeting where the purchase of the train was discussed. Reports indicate by the time the meeting was over, the citizens had pledged \$18,000 to attempt the purchase of the train. The interest of these citizens prompted the local banks to put up \$100,000 and residents to raise \$60,000.

Steam engine authority, the late Paul Geisking, assisted in the actual transport of the railroad. He went to Florida and supervised the removal and loading of the engine and railcars on 18 flatbed trucks, which carried the train to Jefferson.

A grant administrator was hired to seek a matching grant of federal funds after the train reached Jefferson. The grant was obtained and the money was to eventually be paid back to the city of Jefferson to be used as city fathers deemed fit.

While the first 2 1/2 miles of track were being placed, the old L&A Station, which was previously situated on Soda and Lafayette streets, was moved to the end of Austin Street to serve as the railroad's general offices and train station.

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The Sterne Fountain

PHOTO: JACK McCORMICK

In 1913 the children of Jacob and Ernestine Sterne had a bronze fountain cast by J. L. Mott in New York in honor of their parents. The Italian sculptor, Guiseppe Moretti, recreated Hebe, the mythological Greek Goddess of Youth, who serves nectar from her urn that rejuvenates the old and makes them young again. Beneath this elegant re-creation of Hebe a functional series of basins were placed to quench the thirst of humans, horses and canines.

Phoebe Dent Weil, an internationally known conservationist and expert in outdoor sculpture, along with her associates, Bob Marti and Rich Worthington of Washington University in St. Louis, in March 1981 restored the fountain to its original beauty. In 1982 bronze faucet fixtures were obtained from New Hampshire and installed, making the fountain functional once more.

Beautification work has continued on this focal point at the corner of Market and Lafayette. Live oak and dogwood trees have been planted to enhance the general area; "Turn-of-the-Century" street lights, purchased from Sternberg Lanterns of Chicago, have been placed at the intersection; the corners have been bricked to form an octagonal pattern to balance the base of the foundation; the Historic Jefferson Foundation, in 1988, enhanced the sculpture with soft spotlights and miniature flower gardens fore and aft of the fountain, and a Texas Historical Commission marker has been placed on the southwest corner.

Jeffersonians are proud of their sculpture, and it is truly one-of-a-kind. We are happy to share it with all who come to visit, and hope that it will touch your life in some way as it has touched ours.

ANTIQUES

Shops Played Major Role In Town's History

Jefferson has been a primary destination for antique collectors and a center for antique dealers for more than 25 years. The antique business in Jefferson, however, goes back at least 25 years before that.

In the 1930's, Milton Fort began buying furniture and other pieces in the area and selling them from his store south of the Cypress Bayou on the east side of old route 59. Marvin Echols and Millard Chastain also became involved in refinishing and selling antiques at this time.

These were particularly good times for the antique business. The discovery of the giant East Texas Oil Field brought prosperity to the area. Many families were selling off their old things and buying new furnishings for new home.

By 1940, renewed interest in traditional design and craftsmanship was creating a market for the antique dealer's product. New citizens of fast-growing East Texas communities were looking for something old to decorate their homes.

After World War II, the number of antique dealers in Jefferson began to increase. Two previous residents of New York state began the expansion.

A Mr. Murphy brought a selection of furniture and copperware to his store in the building currently housing Auntie Skinners. In a short time, he sold out and Milton Fort moved his business to this Austin Street address.

The reputation of Jefferson as a center for fine antiques became widespread when Lester Smith came to town in 1946. Smith, a native of Woolcott, New York, brought a large and varied collection to his new store. The business was housed in a two-story building on Polk Street near the present Perry's store.

Smith's collection included antebellum furniture and other early American material. He maintained the stock with regular visits to the northeast. The quality and extent of his stock attracted many collectors and dealers to Jefferson.

The attraction of the sleepy river town was increased by the Excelsior House Hotel. The ballroom, guest rooms and lobby areas provided a perfect setting for the antique furnishings.

The Excelsior House became even more of an antique showplace after 1950, when Mrs. Stella Peters purchased the Hotel. Since 1960, the See ANTIQUES on Page 16

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The House of the Seasons was built in 1872 during the heyday of Jefferson, then the largest inland port in Texas. Benjamin H. Epperson, the builder of the house, was a prominent lawyer, political leader, entrepreneur and confidante of Sam Houston. The house is a fine example of the transition period between the Greek Revival and Victorian styles of ar-

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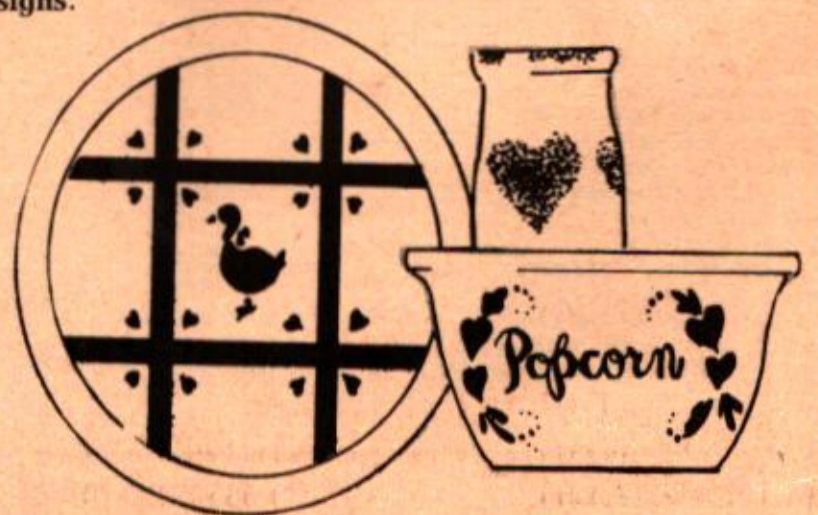
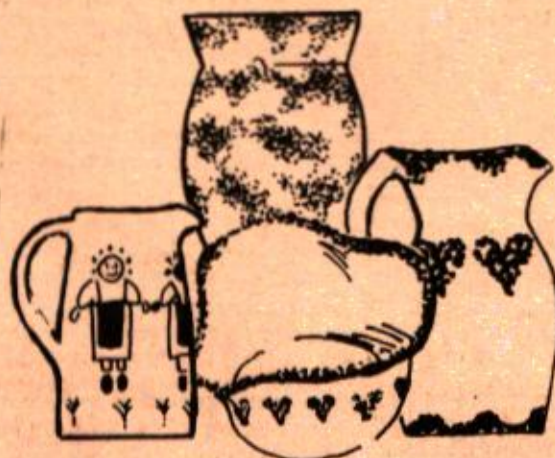
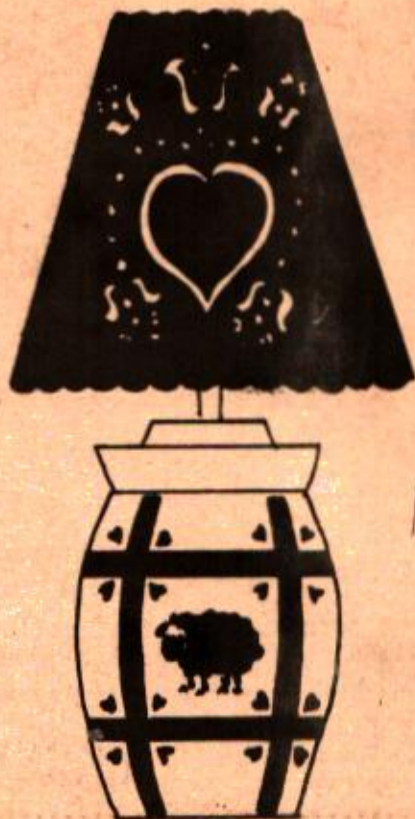
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Six Homes Featured on 2 Tours

The 43rd annual Historical Pilgrimage, scheduled for May 4, 5 and 6, will feature six of Jefferson's finest homes.

The morning and afternoon tours, sponsored by the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club, will showcase three homes each morning and afternoon. "Jefferson, Riverport to the Southwest," will be the theme of this year's Pilgrimage.

The Morning Tour:

The Ruth Lester Memorial, adjacent to Jefferson Playhouse at the corner of Market and Henderson, was built about 1860 by Robert W. Nesmith, a contractor of stage lines. After several changes in ownership, the house was purchased in 1869 for the Sisters of Charity and used as their convent, hospital

and school. Restoration by the Garden Club was completed and dedicated April 30, 1970. It is furnished with lovely antiques.

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The French Townhouse at 502 E. Walker was designed and begun by Thomas Owens Alley and Lucy Owens Alley. Numerous families owned the home with Mr. and Mrs. Perry M. Woods acquiring it in 1932. The Daigle family bought the home in 1973 and the family was in-

involved in the task of total restoration. The Alley-built residence was designated by a team of architects in 1939 as a French-gothic architectural style worthy of preservation.

The Afternoon Tour:

The Culberson House, 403 N. Walnut, was built by noted attorney David B. Culberson in 1880. The Greek Revival style residence 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. and Mrs. John F. Stewart, the present owners and residents, the house has classical architecture detailing throughout.

Americana, 209 E. Clarksville, is a two-story Dutch Colonial Revival built by Dave M. Smith for his family in 1890. The house was purchased by Michael and Karen Collins in 1986, and the couple did most of the restoration work themselves. The home is constructed of oak two-by-fours and held together with square nails. It contains three beautiful oak mantels and two cypress doors of Eastlake design, one with stained glass and the other with etched glass. The house also features several heart of pine doors and is mostly furnished with American Oak.

Secession Hall, 310 Jefferson Ave., was built in 1856. The house, presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Montgomery, stands as stately and genteel as the Old South itself. Furnished with 19th century antiques, Secession Hall reflects the culture of a fashionable society of the Victorian Era. The house is marked with a State Medallion from the Texas Historical Commission and is listed in the National Register of historic places.

Morning tours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon tours are between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 per tour of three homes.

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The Garden Club was formed in 1939 and since has been the leader in many social and community activities. Sponsors of the Annual Historical Pilgrimage, they began by sponsoring a Dogwood Festival. When the dogwoods failed to bloom one year, the ladies decided to open some of the many historical homes instead. Thus developed what is now an annual event. The Garden Club purchased the Excelsior House in August of 1961.

It is believed that the northwest portion of the hotel, originally known as "The Irving House," was constructed shortly after William Perry acquired the property, probably about 1858-59. The southwest wing was thought to be added sometime between the end of the Civil War and 1872.

After Captain Perry's death, the hotel changed hands several times.

It was known briefly as the Exchange Hotel and Commercial Hotel. In 1877 the hotel was acquired by Mrs. Kate Wood and again became known as the Excelsior House.

Mrs. Kate Wood and her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Wood McNeely, operated the hotel jointly until 1902. From 1902 until 1920 the hotel was operated by Mrs. McNeely, who bequeathed the property to George S. Neidermeir and the Neidermeir family operated the hotel from that time until it was sold to Mrs. James I. Peters in 1954. Mrs. Peters began the restoration work that the Garden Club continued when they bought it following her death. Mrs. Peters brought in the beautiful fountain in the already famous courtyard.

When the Garden Club purchased the Excelsior House from Mrs. Peters' heirs, they began their restoration work. Although in good general repair, the lean years of the Depression had taken their toll.

The Garden Club then went to work to make the Excelsior House a showplace of the South, which it is today. The Garden Club formed the Jefferson Historical Restoration and Preservation Corporation, and they began by selecting "documentary" wallpapers. These papers are reproductions of authenticated papers from the era.

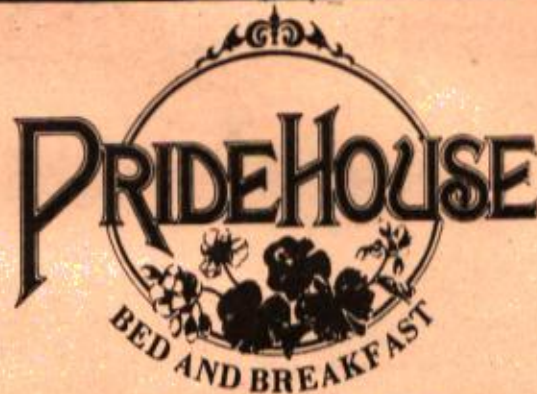
"Transportation" paper was chosen for the Jay Gould Room, and so on throughout the hotel.

Most of the furnishing in the hotel at the time it was purchased by the Garden Club had been in the hotel originally. The ladies then went to work refinishing each piece to restore it to its original beauty.

In the 1870's, social life was gay in Jefferson and the Excelsior House with its beautifully appointed drawing and dining rooms was the scene of many of the famed "Queen Mab" balls, a part of Jefferson's own Mardi Gras.

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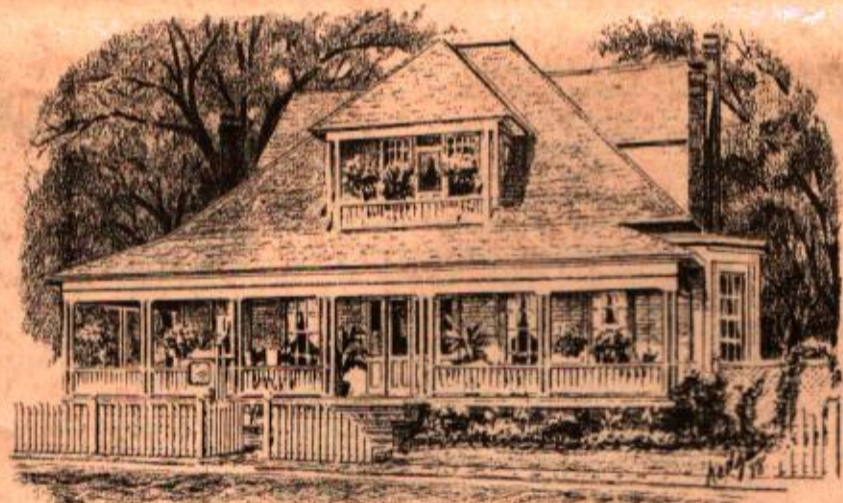
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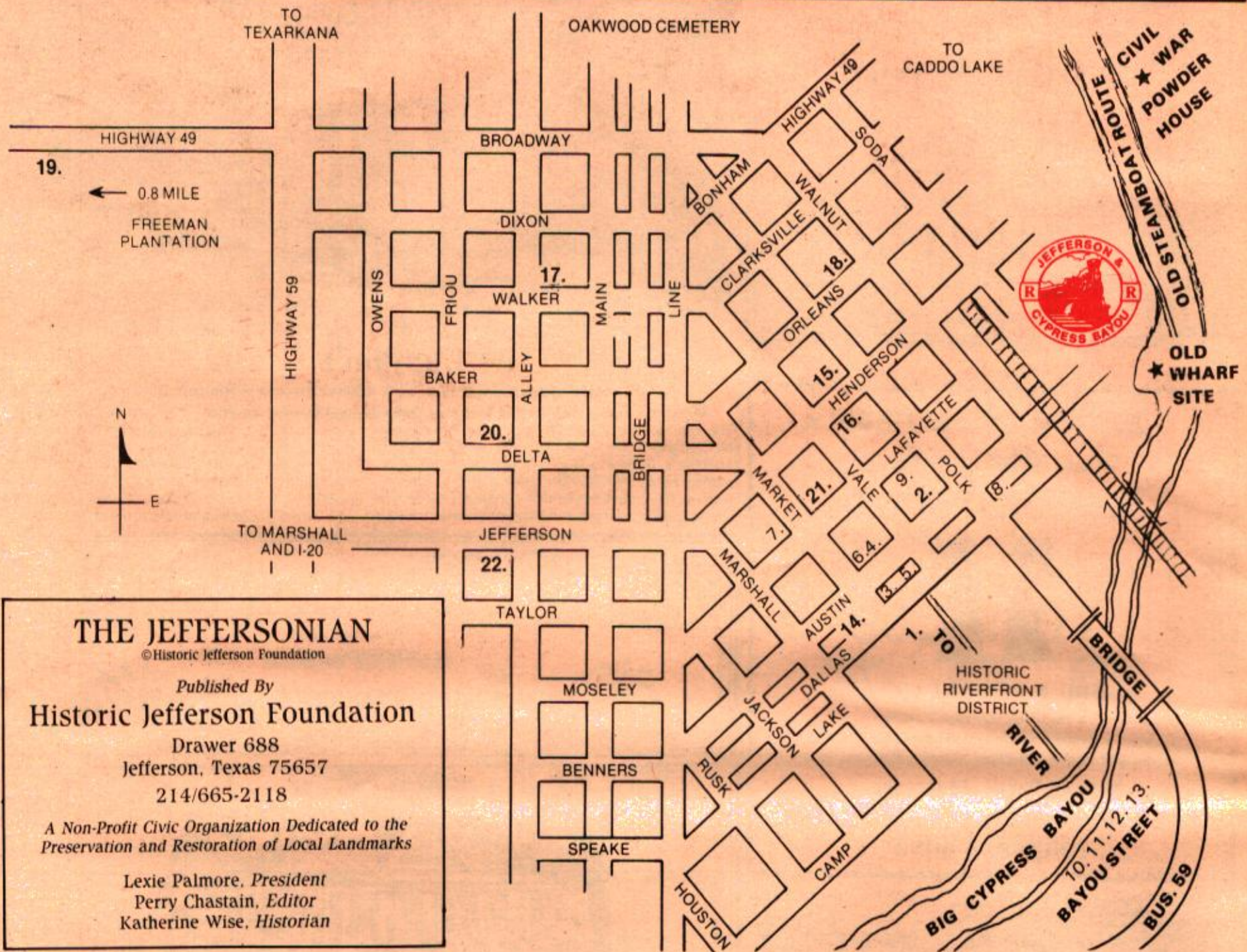
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The house was built by Adin Powell around 1860. Although the land had prior owners, Jefferson co-founder Allan Urquhart first, and then William Perry, Powell was apparently the first to improve on the property. The house was originally constructed in the single story Greek Revival design, with two short porches covering the entrances on Market and Lafayette Streets. Powell and his brother Charles were from Geor-

gia, and during the early years of the Civil War, sometime around 1862, at least part of their business involved furnishing supplies to the Confederate Army. The present owners of Roseville Manor incorporated as much as possible of the original design into their plans. The result is a tribute to Jefferson's past and a promise for its future.

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selection on Texas and East Texas. Researchers on Jefferson and Northeast Texas history will find titles in this collection missing from many college libraries. The newest library in town is the Thomas Jefferson Library and Research Center, sponsored by the Historic Jefferson Foundation at 107 Vale street. The Historic Jefferson Foundation was formed in 1984 and began the library in 1987. The Foundation library includes nearly 300 volumes with a particular focus on the life and thought of Thomas Jefferson, for whom the city of Jefferson is named. This collection also includes material on the Revolutionary and early Constitutional history of the United States. Each of the three libraries in Jefferson encourages students and interest patrons to take advantage of the research material. Each library has working space and facilities available, and welcomes researchers to use them during their open hours.

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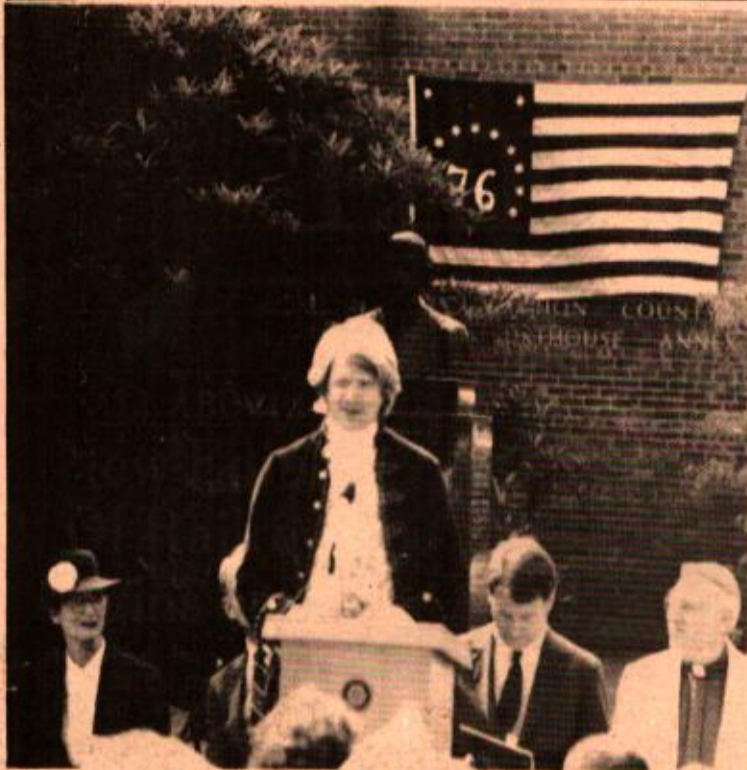
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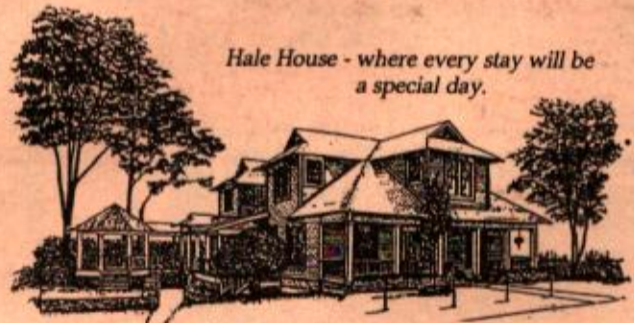


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The Jefferson Museum, operated by the Jefferson Historical Society, offers something for everyone. From European masterpieces to early-day toys, to pioneering exhibits, there is a little bit of everything housed here. The Museum continues to expand available space and hopes to offer even more items of interest in the future.

The building once served as a Federal courthouse and post office before being renovated for its present use. Authorized by an act of Congress in 1887, money for the structure was appropriated by three different acts. The work was begun in May of 1888 and continued for over a year. The building was converted from the U.S. Post Office into a museum in 1965.

The Museum is one of the most interesting sites in the city. An integral part of that interest culminates in the Moseley Art Gallery, located on the second

floor. Filled to capacity with great European paintings, as well as a sampling of some of America's greatest artists, the gallery displays bronzes, once in the collection of George Churchill, cousin of Sir Winston; woodcarvings, Cloissone, Capo-di-Monte, French bisque, Belleek China and other art glass.

Other articles included in the appointments of the room are lamps of Venetian glass, a Dresden carriage with occupants pulled by lovely white horses; a Flemish tapestry, and Bokhara rugs. Notable and of great beauty is a delicate 19th Century French desk with folding top and extra panels. The top of the desk and panels are inlaid with landscape scenes of mother of pearl. Other French pieces include an open-back French settee and matching chair, with hand-painted designs on the back panels, and upholstered in pink satin, a French bisque clock

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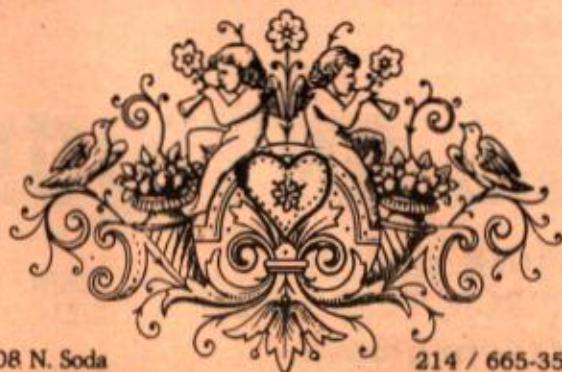
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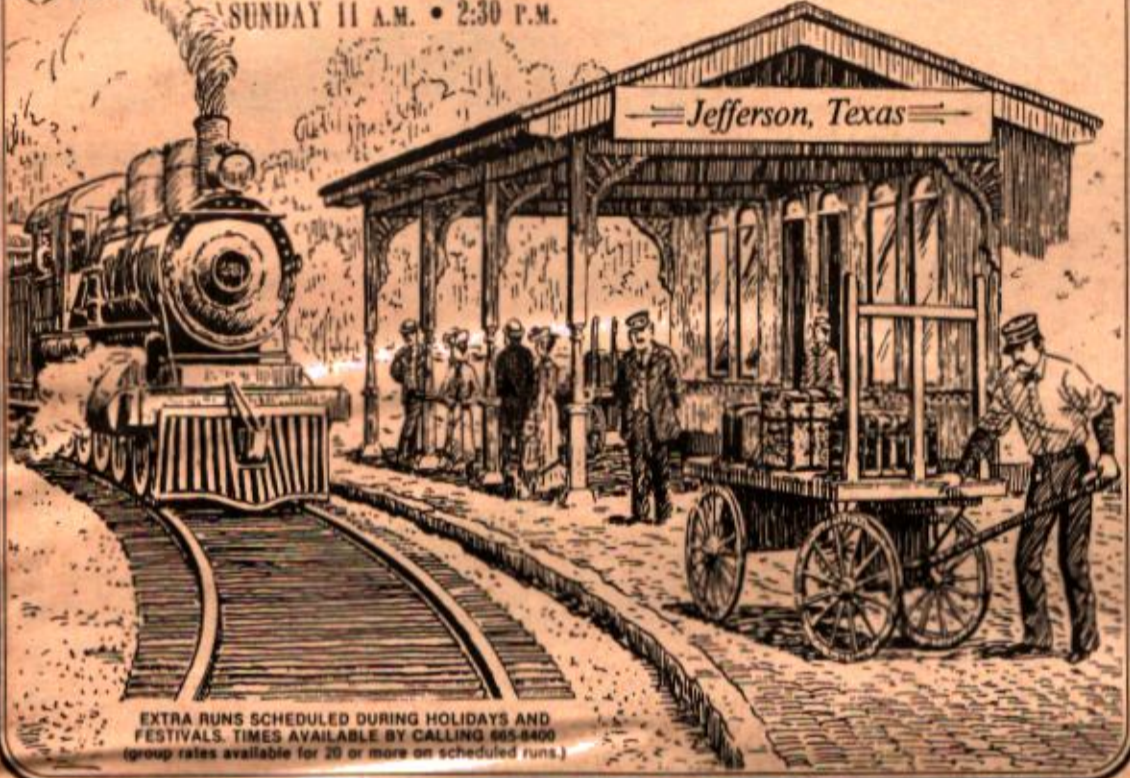
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(closed Tuesday & Wednesday)

THURSDAY 2:30 P.M. • 4:00 P.M.
FRIDAY 2:30 P.M. • 4:00 P.M. • 5:30 P.M.
SATURDAY 11 A.M. • 2:30 P.M. • 4:00 P.M. • 5:30 P.M.
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ANTIQUES

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Jesse Allen Wise Garden Club has maintained and enhanced the attractiveness of the 130-year-old hostelry. Many antique buffs are attracted by the hotel's reputation and find the numerous antique dealers in town an added bonus.

As collectors increased the focus on Jefferson in the 1950's and 60's, other dealers began to expand the choices available in the community. Ruth Lester and Mary Ogburn opened their shop in the Magnolias on Broadway in 1960.

A year or two later, Norman and Ruby Callison moved their antique business from their country store in Lodi to a Polk Street location. The Callisons operated their business in this location and across Polk Street on the southeast corner of Henderson for more than 20 years.

Dealers specialize in Early Stratfordshire ware, Rosepoint, copper, brass and iron were pieces, early American music machines and every sort of collectable memorabilia and nostalgia items. The shops include guns and knives as well as antiquarian prints, hand carved birds and animals, etched glass and every furniture design from elegant to primitive.

The current antique businesses in Jefferson are built on a fine tradition and dedicated to providing the best antiques to new and established collectors in the future.

TRAIN

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The Jefferson and Northwestern Depot built in the 1860's was also moved on site halfway down the track. Plans include restoration of that structure for use as a steam engine museum.

The spring opening of the railroad is scheduled for March 17, 1990. Tours will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays only through May 27.

The summer schedule will start May 28 and run through August 19, with trips scheduled Thursday through Monday (closed Tuesday and Wednesday).

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