

WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY  
 WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY  
 SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: 2014 11th  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Lilly Block 1 Lot 6-8  
 PRESENT OWNER: Reuben E. & Vivian Arnold, Jr.  
 and MAILING ADDRESS: same  
 CATEGORY: District \_\_\_\_\_ Building X Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_  
 ORIGINAL USE: residential PRESENT USE residential ZONING \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 1/2 story brick residential building; rectangular shape with  
 clipped gable roof; center dormer with clipped gable roof, half-timbering, and 2  
 sets of paired windows; attached porch with balcony over entry; large squared brick  
 columns; single entrance door with transom and sidelights; triple window arrangements;  
 port-cochere on west side.  
 MATERIALS: wall brick roof tile  
 CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: good  
 ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: none visible

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Related to Prairie style.

SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: House was built 1918-1920 by Noros  
 H. and Nellie Martin. House gains importance because of Martin association. See  
 attached history.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Large corner property; one of dominant structures in  
 neighborhood.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Research sheet: Survey of the City of Wichita Falls

Name of property: Address: 2014 - 11th  
City Tax #: 2020-006 Addition: Lilly Block: 1 Lot: 6,7,8-

Present Owner: Reuben E. Arnold, Jr. (Rocky) & Vivian  
and address: same

Year of construction: 1920 (as estimated in the city tax records)  
1920 (first listed in the City Directory)  
1918 (estimated from deed or tax records)  
(other sources - )

Chain of title:

Owner	Volume	Page	Date of transaction	Price	Other
J. W. Du Val	1/51		8/13/1912		Plat
<u>N.H. Martin</u>	87/231		9/23/1917	2,600.	Deed lots 6,7
Also Wm. Priddy to N.H. Martin	87/232		same	1,1200.	lot 8
Nellie C. Martin			12/10/1933	N.H. dec.	Probate
Nellie C. Martin Ind. & exr.	385/389	12/31/41			assn't Und. $\frac{1}{2}$ int.
to Jack H., Wm H., Mildred Rutledge					commu. est.
to Martin Properties	385/389		1/1/1942		partnership
to Moral Rogers et ux	412/277		8/1/1945	23,250.	(10,750. cash)
(Opal)					
to P.A. Smulcer	515/219		11/26/1949		40,000. cash
to Mae Smulcer	542/351		12/14/1950		
P.A. Smulcer et al to	1093/428		2/4/1971		
1st Wich. Nat'l Bank Trustee					
Smulcer Heirs					
1st WNB Trust Smulcer to					
Reuben Arnold, Jr. et ux			3/9/1971	35,000	

Documentary photographs:

Date:

Source:

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

Sources: Ann C. Hunter

Recorded by:

Date:

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## OTHER COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See research sheet.

PHOTO DATA: Roll 8 Frame 8RECORDED 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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Noros H. Martin and his wife Nellie came to Wichita Falls in January, 1917 from Clarinda, Iowa. The family was active in oil, ranching, and real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. were significant contributors to the building of the educational building at First Methodist Church. Martin and W. B. Hamilton combined to develop the Country Club Estates. They donated 40 acres as part of the site of Midwestern State University. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Martin donated \$50,000 to the university for the building of the college library as a memorial to her husband, in 1947. That was the original library, designed by Ray Arnhold, but the present library is also named for the Martin family. The name is also recognizable in Martin Plaza at Harrison and Ellingham.

In 1965, Mayor Wallander proclaimed June 6 as "Nellie Martin Recognition Day." The occasion was Mrs. Martin's retirement after 14 years as representative of First Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service to the Red Cross Community Council for Sheppard Air Force Base Hospital. She was commended for her service in that capacity during World War II. One of the speakers was Leoti Deaton who referred to Nellie Martin as "a woman with a practical religion whose works come not from duty but from the heart."

Mrs. Martin died in 1970 at age 89. The above information is from the files of the Wichita Falls Times. A portrait of N. H. Martin by Emil Hermann was unveiled at the library dedication in 1947.