

WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY

SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: _____ ADDRESS: 2014 11thLEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Lilly Block 1 Lot 6-8PRESENT OWNER: Reuben E. & Vivian Arnold, Jr.and MAILING ADDRESS: sameCATEGORY: 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 tileCONDITION OF EXTERIOR: goodALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: none visibleARCHITECTURAL 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 X

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

205 xX

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		Flat
N.H. Martin	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.	335/393	12/31/41			assn't Und. $\frac{1}{2}$ int.
to Jack H., Wm H., Mildred Rutledge					commu. est.
to Martin Properties	385/339	1/1/1942			partnership
to Moral Rogers et ux	412/277	3/1/1945		23,250.	(10,750. cash)
(Opal)					
to F.A. Smulcer	515/219	11/26/1949		40,000.	cash
to Mae Smulcer	542/351	12/14/1950			
F.A. Smulcer et al	to 1093/423	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 & 7 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.