

616 N Church Street - Walker House - Built 1913









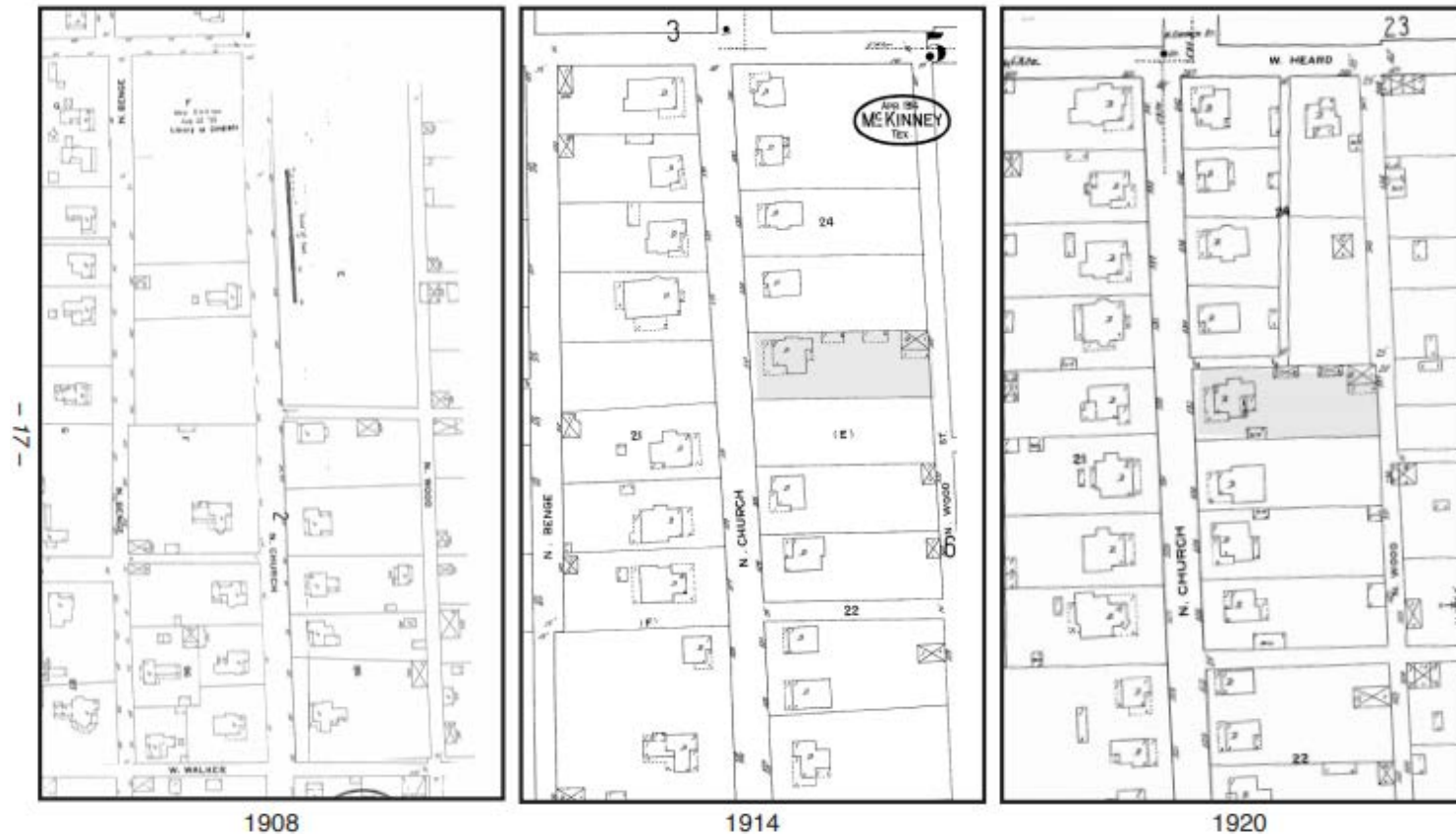




Surrounding Neighborhood



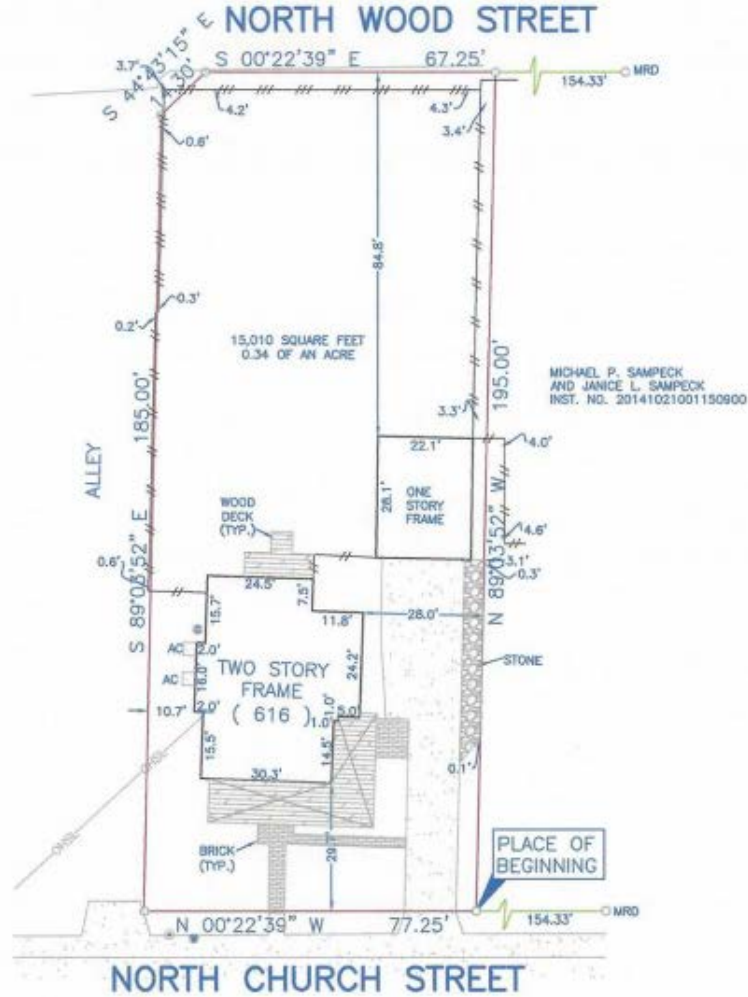
Sanborn Maps



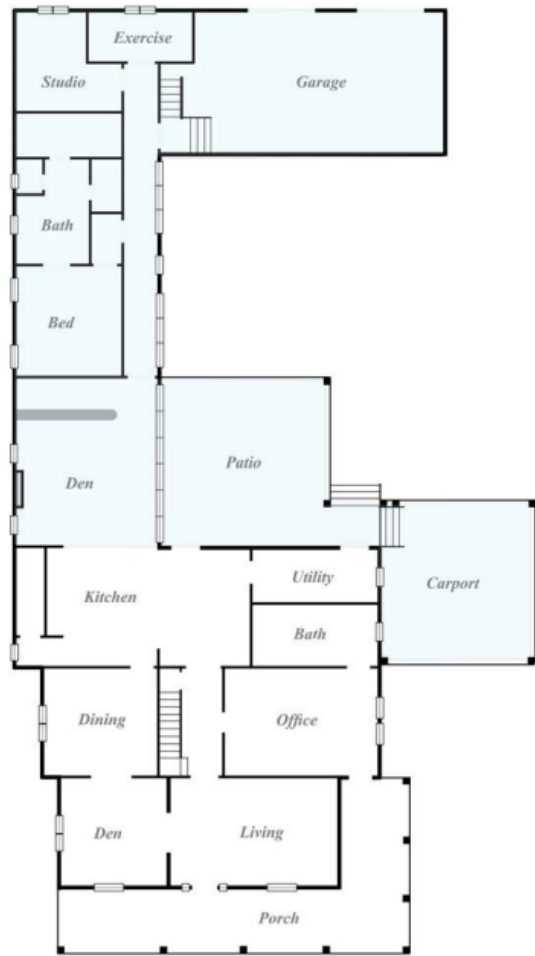
■ McKinney Outlots (CMC) Lot 679

The Sanborn Maps above show that the Silas E. Waler House was one of the last to be built on Church Street.

Site Plan




Floor Plans



First Floor



Second Floor

 Recent construction

Architectural Accents



Work of A.W. Dowlen

When Arthur Dowlen came to McKinney in 1893, he spent the next seven years working as a teacher. He left that profession to become a contractor and quickly became one of McKinney's most popular builders. It is not known who designed the homes that he build but they all have a distinctive flourish that seems intended to catch a person's attention. Exaggerate eave returns and jerkinhead roofs are good examples of some of attention-getting elements he constructed.

(continued)



F.M. Thompson House
1207 W. Louisiana St.



J.F. Ferguson House
607 N. Church St.



Ben Oates House
1908
621 N. Church St.



Pearson & Merritt
211 N. Kentucky St.

1912

Arthur Dowlen built homes during a time when interest in the Victorian Style was nearly all but gone, replaced by the more popular Craftsman Style and the stately Prairie Style. Mr. Dowlen seemed to have no difficulty understanding how to respond to the different construction techniques each of these styles required. His success as a builder in McKinney allowed him to tap into the building market in Dallas which lead him to move there in 1920. NOTE: The house at 1215 Tucker St. is often called the Richard Bass house in many historical writings, however, it was originally built for LeRoy Fitzgerald in 1915.



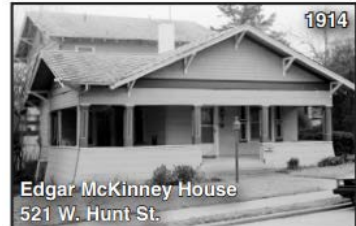
W.E. Ditto House
313 N. Bengé St.



Joe Barnes House
1914
620 W. Virginia St.



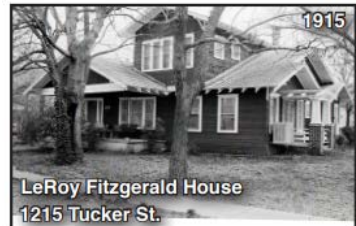
J.W. Fields House
1914
602 W. Louisiana St.



Edgar McKinney House
1914
521 W. Hunt St.



Fred Coffey House
1915
215 N. Morris St.



LeRoy Fitzgerald House
1915
1215 Tucker St.



Dr. Joe Knight House
1915
1208 Tucker St.