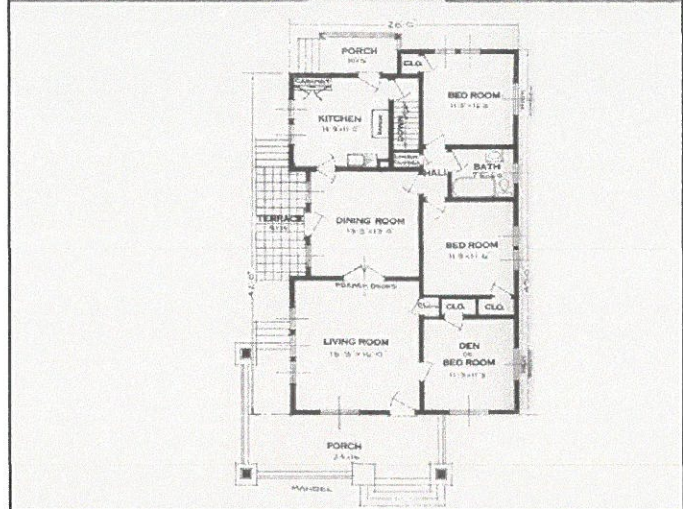


The Craftsman Style

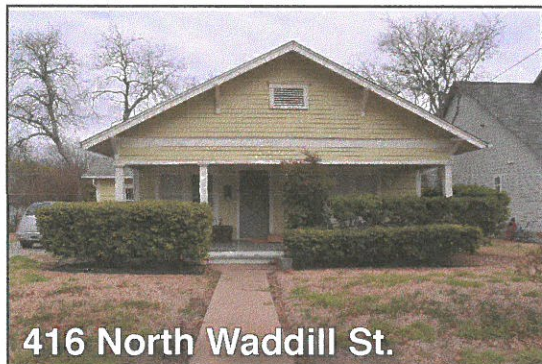
The elements that characterize the Craftsman Style are:

- low-pitched roof with broad eaves
- typically 1 to 1½ stories
- spacious, wide front porch
- tapered columns supported by piers
- exposed structural beams & rafters
- broad, horizontal elevations

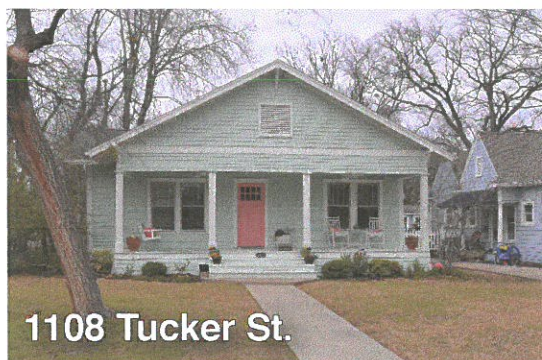
The Craftsman Style evolved from the Arts & Crafts Movement in England in the second half of the 19th Century. The style was a conscious reaction to the overly elaborate Victorian Styles. Though the quintessential Craftsman home expressed artisan-crafted accents, a sub-type of the style developed known as the Bungalow Style which was simpler and more affordable to the middle-class. It was also popular because its floor plan better suited the lifestyle and ventilation needs of the early 20th Century.



The above illustration is from a pattern book of 1923 showing a typical Craftsman Bungalow home design.



416 North Waddill St.



1108 Tucker St.



606 Foote St.

The Alice Taylor house is one among several homes in McKinney to express a scaled-down, economical version of the Craftsman Style. These “bungalow” houses feature a front-gable roof, large porches, and knee bracing. This front-gable construction necessitated a ventilation grill be placed in what amounts to the focal point of the home’s front elevation, providing a design opportunity for carpenters. Some expressed it. Some repressed it.

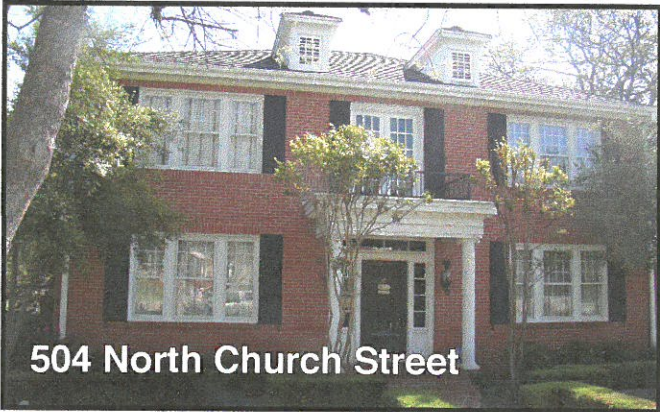


607 West Hunt Street

The Work of Andrew J. Martin

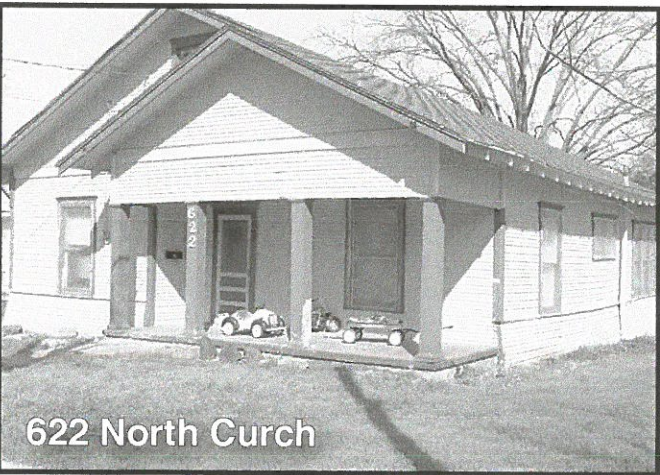
Andrew J. Martin came to the McKinney area as a young boy with his family around 1890. Martin worked on farms until going to work for J. Perry Burrus in the Collin County Mill & Elevator Company around 1900. His work at the mill gave him the skills to contract for carpentry work in McKinney. Soon he became one of the best known builders in town. Though he built many wood-frame bungalows (including his own home at 607 W. Hunt St.), his commercial and residential brick structures show off his skills best. This page shows known examples of his extant work.

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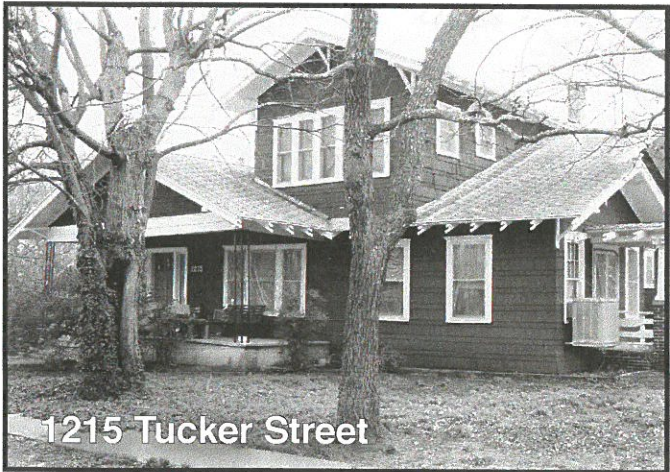
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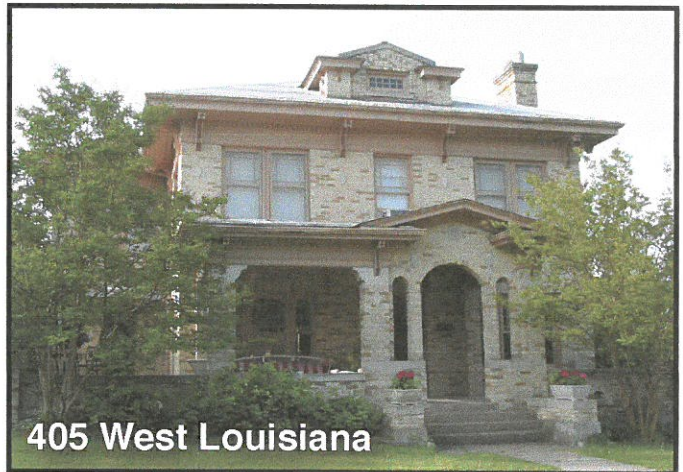
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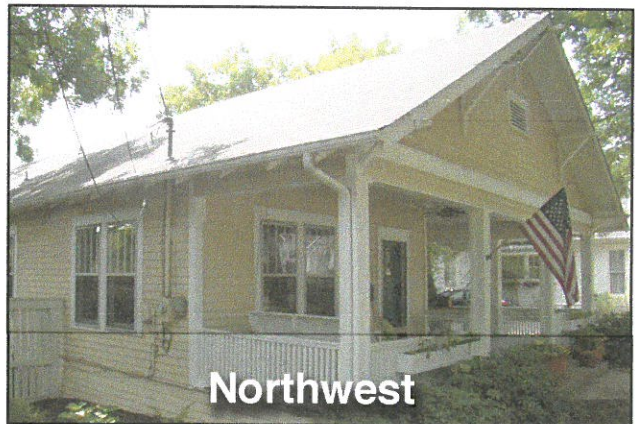
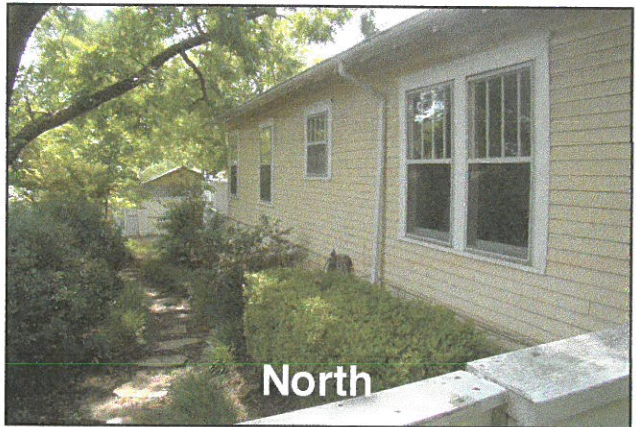
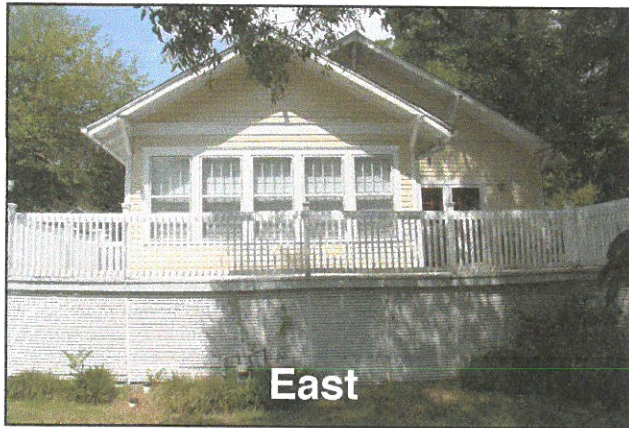
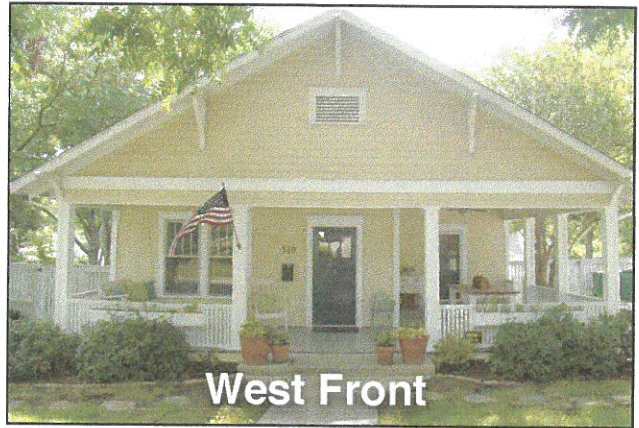


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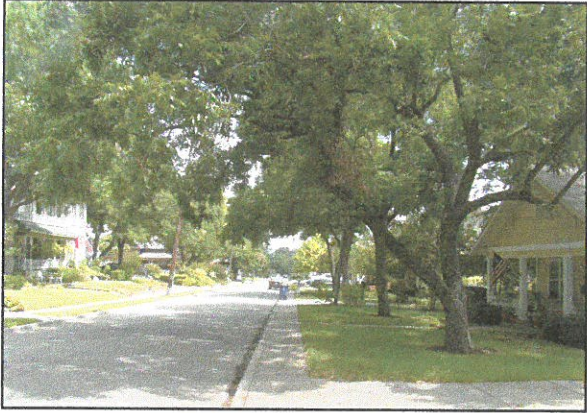
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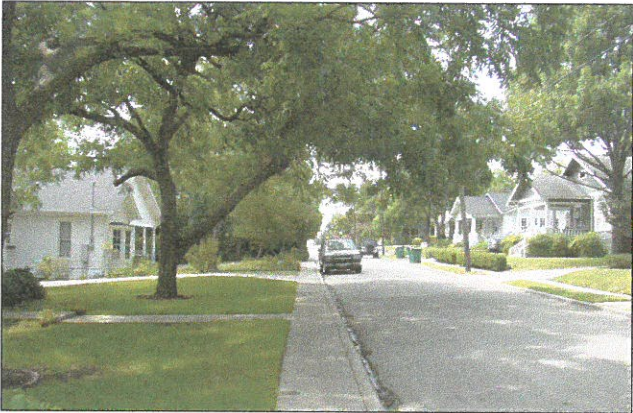


Neighborhood Context (2018)

510 North Church Street neighborhood context

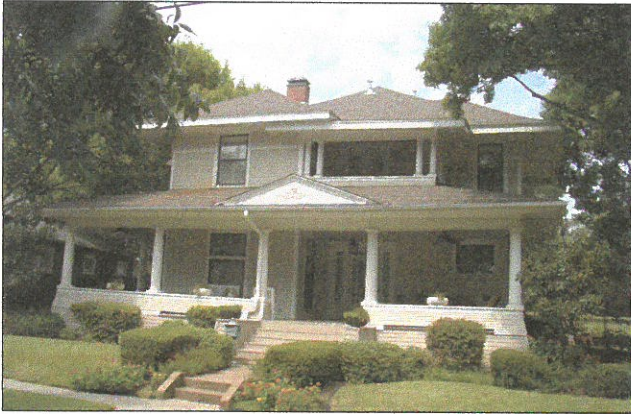


View looking North on N. Church Street

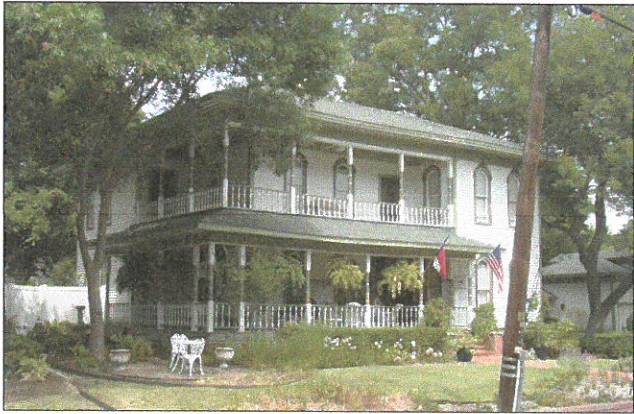


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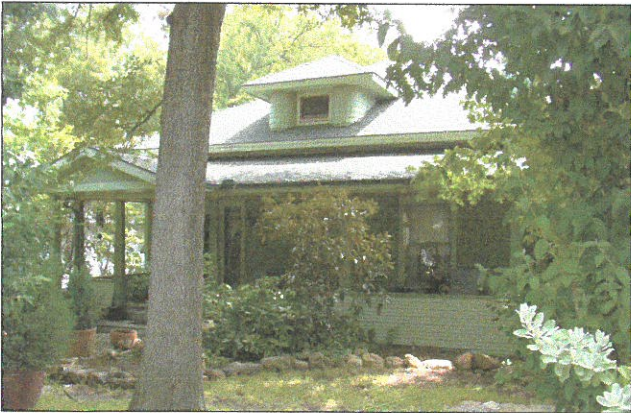
Homes near 510 North Church Street



509 North Church Street



601 North Church Street



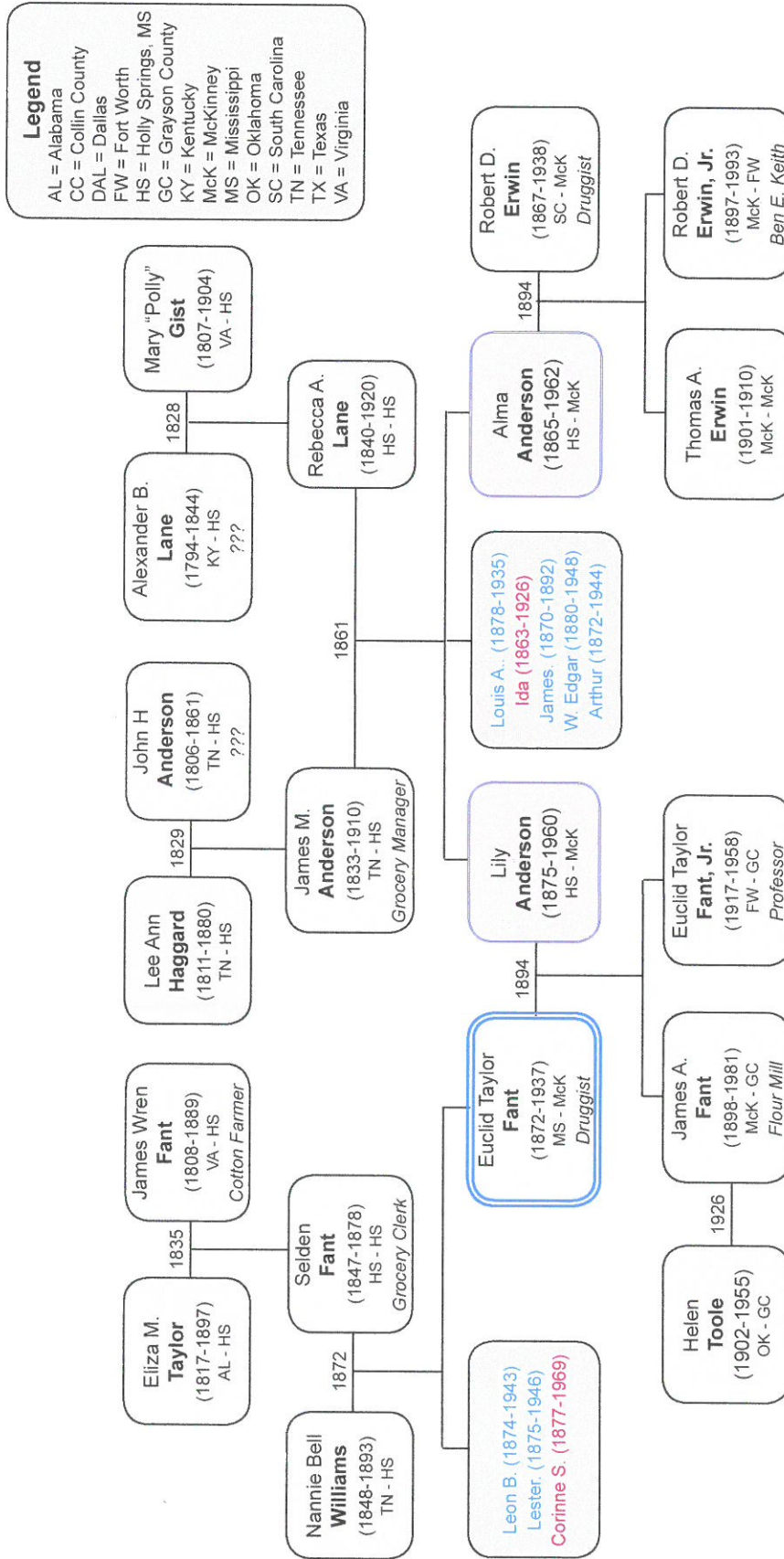
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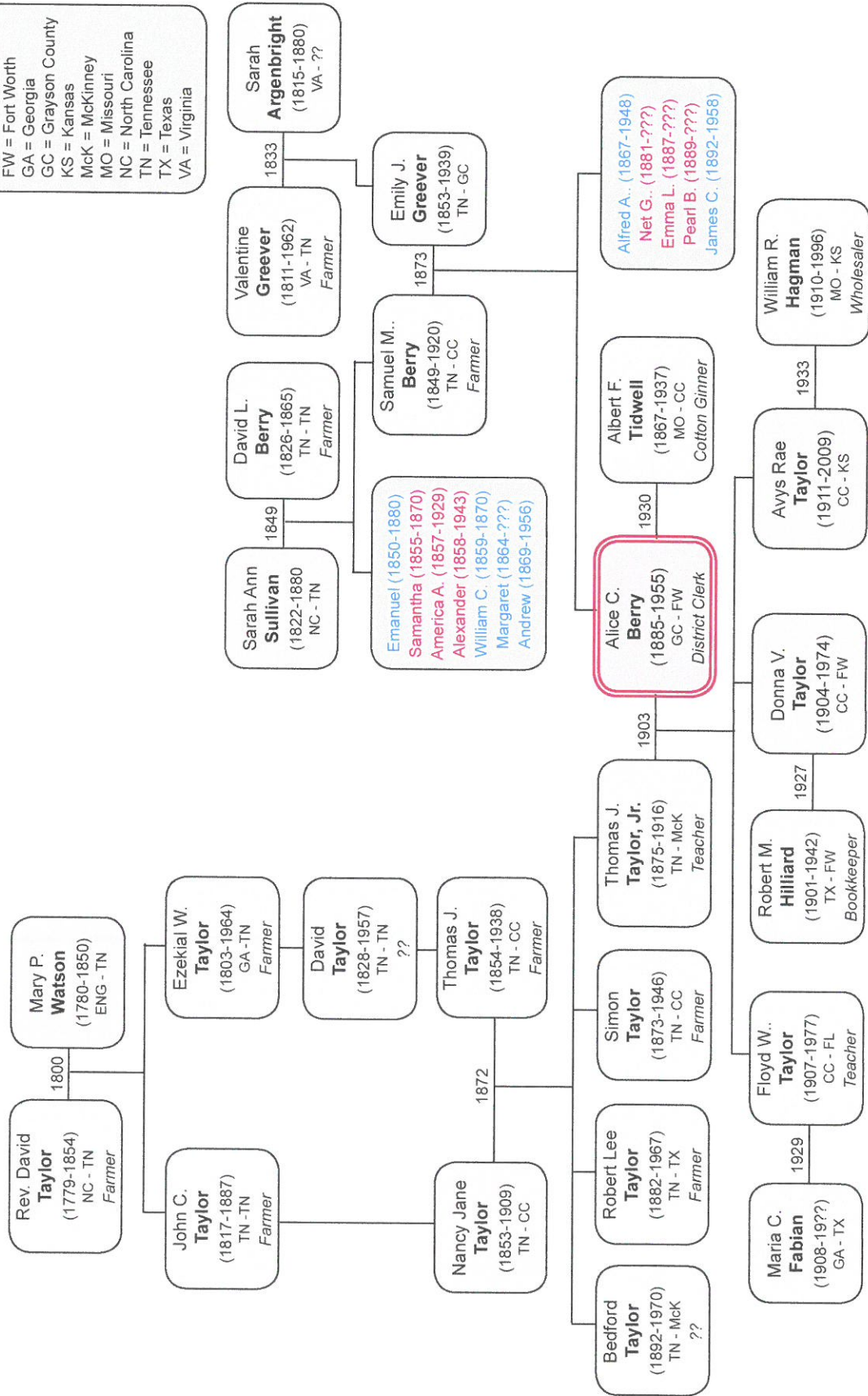
Fant Family of Early McKinney*



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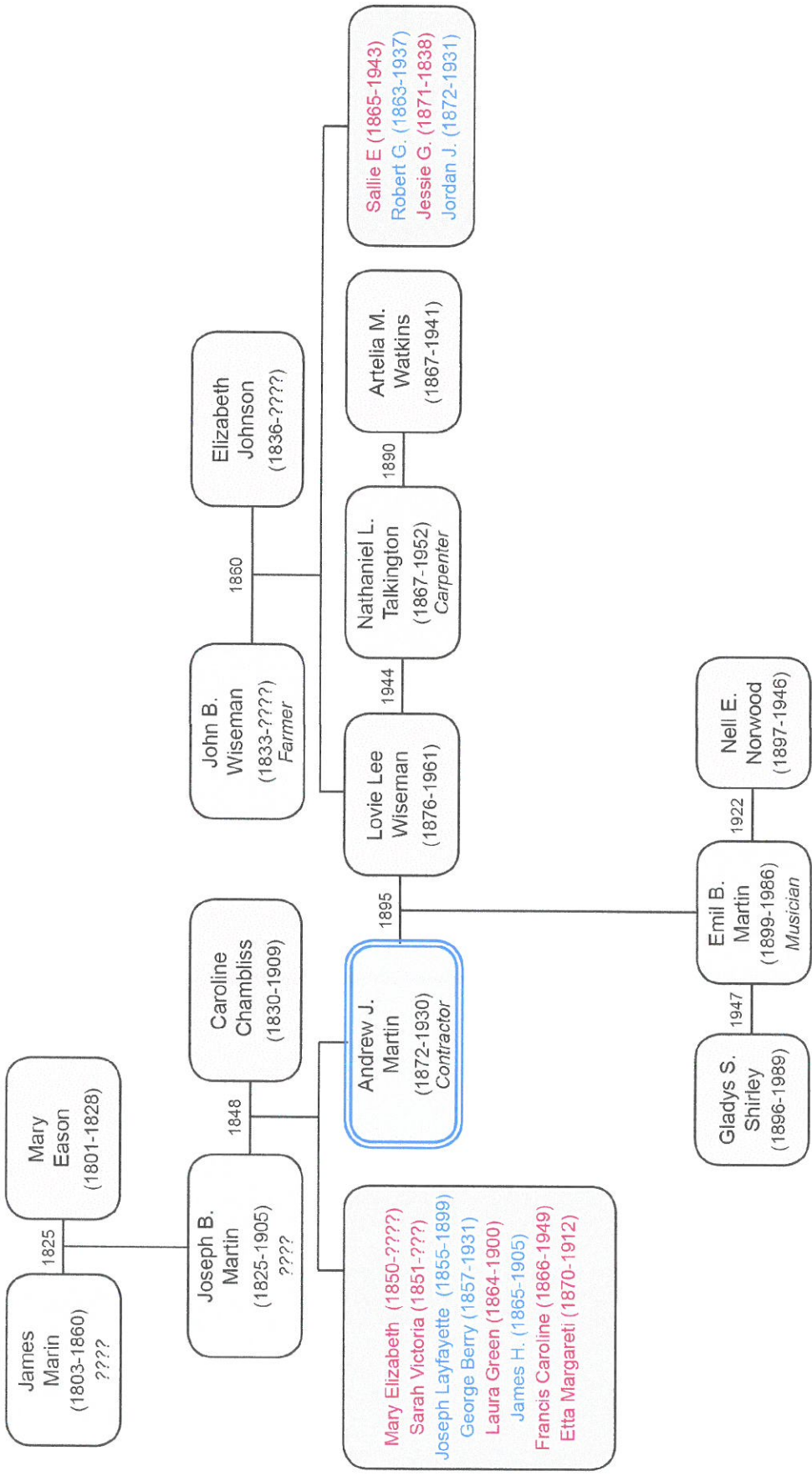
Taylor Family of Early McKinney*

Legend
 CC = Collin County
 DAL = Dallas
 ENG = England
 FL = Florida
 FW = Fort Worth
 GA = Georgia
 GC = Grayson County
 KS = Kansas
 McK = McKinney
 MO = Missouri
 NC = North Carolina
 TN = Tennessee
 TX = Texas
 VA = Virginia



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Andrew J. Martin Family Tree*



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