



Historic Marker Application

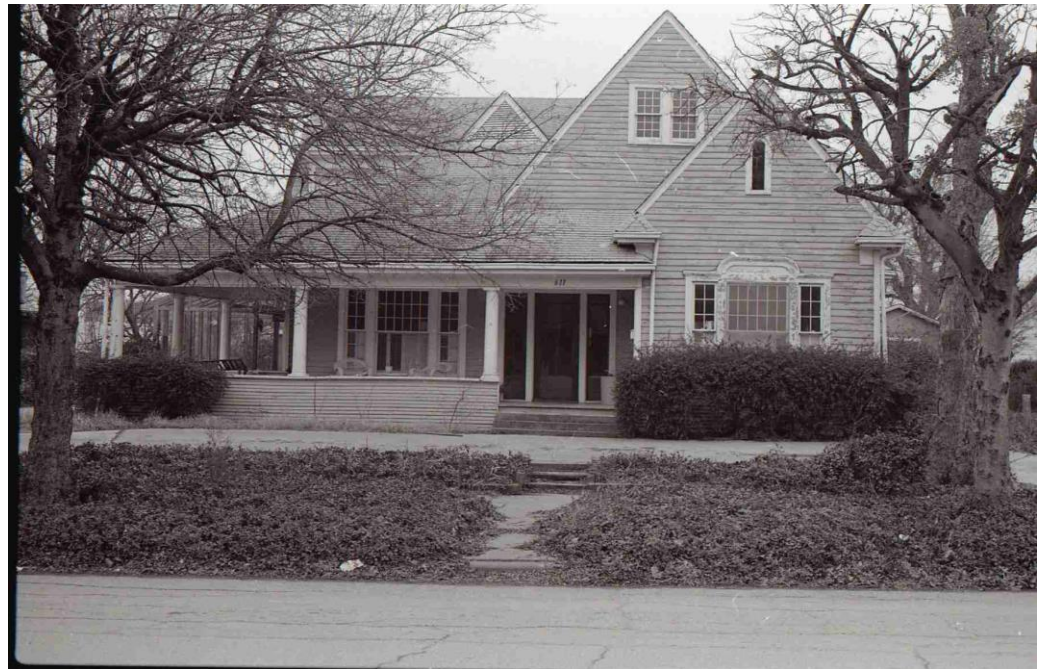
611 W Virginia Street
Gerrish-Johnson House

Historic Preservation Advisory Board
Meeting
January 15, 2026
5:30 pm



Construction and Preservation Priority

- Constructed: c. 1898
 - Wood frame construction
 - Gable roof
- Priority: High
- Style: Folk Victorian



Above: 1985

Historical Information

- Owned by Dr. Scott Harrison Abbott who used it as a rental property until 1911
- Purchased in 1911 by Wellington Charles “Will” Garrish and used as a permanent home for his family
- Between 1908-14, rear additions and a second story were added
- Property changed hands several times in the latter half of the twentieth Century

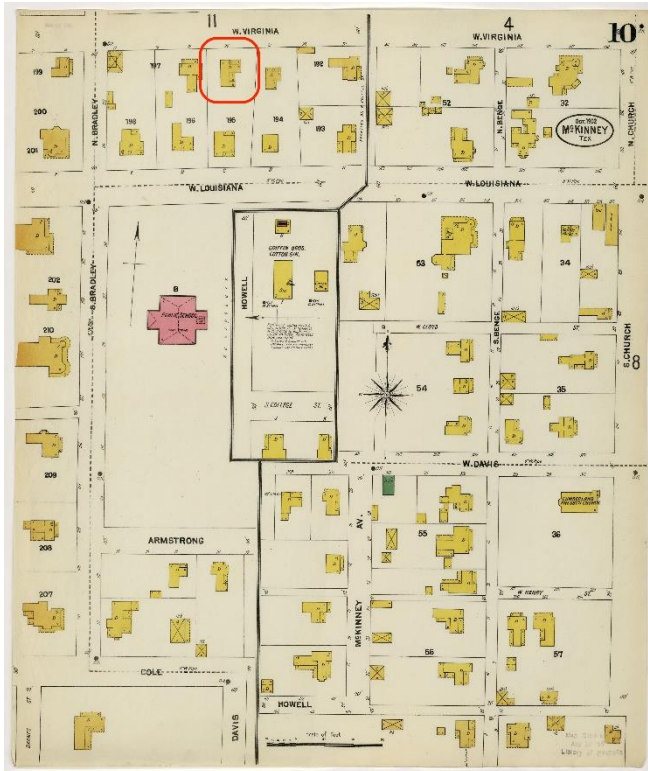


Historical Information

- Substantial rehabilitation by Tom & Barbara Swing in 1979
- Several changes between 1985 2005 including removal of a carport, a third peak on the roof, and a set of upstairs windows
- Interior and exterior preservation efforts in 1996 by owners William and Rosie Huges
- Property purchased by current owners in 2024

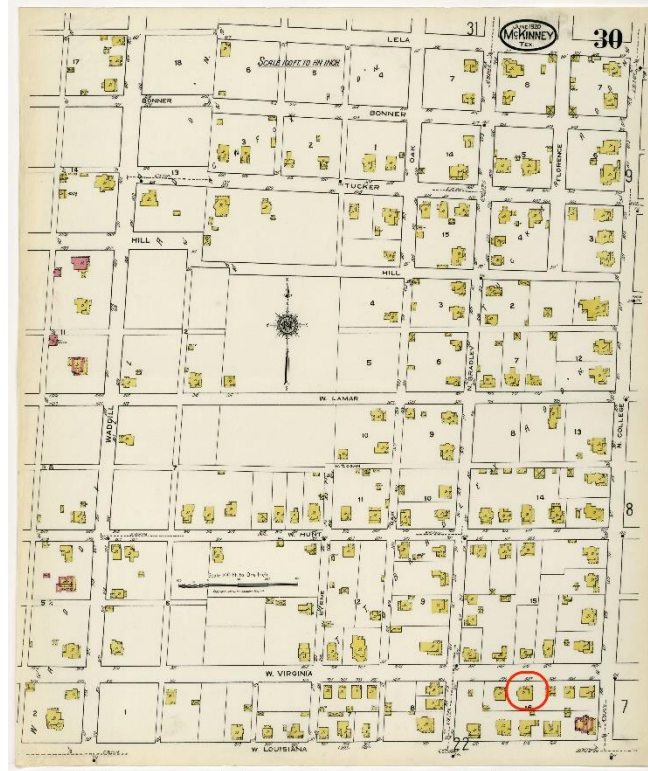


Historic Images



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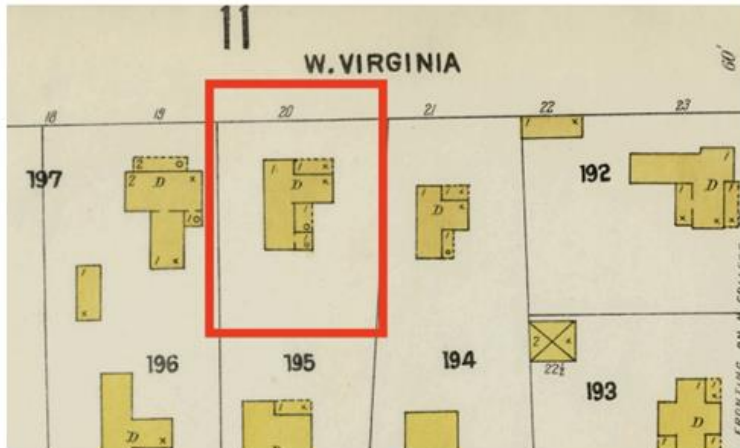
Above: 1902 Sanborn Map



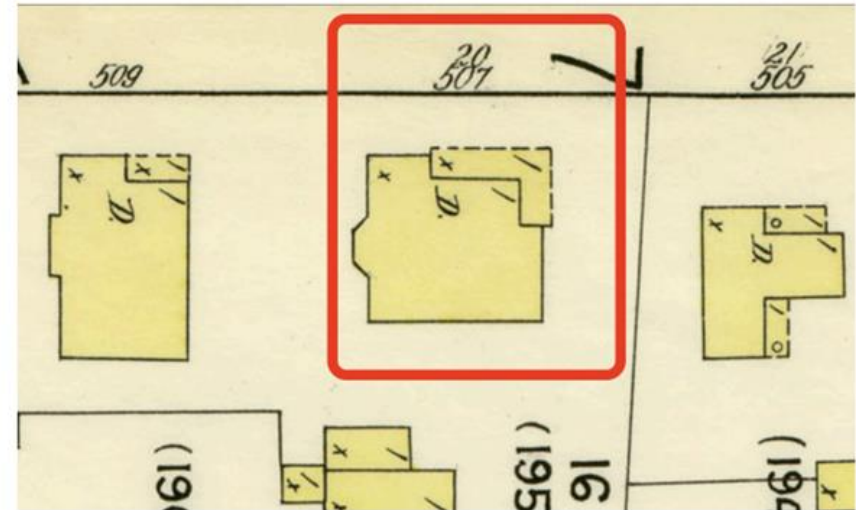
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Above: 1920 Sanborn Map

Home was originally a one-story T-shaped structure and was added to between 1908 and 1914, per the Sanborn maps.



McKinney Sanborn Map 1902, sheet 10. showing original footprint



McKinney Sanborn Map 1914, sheet 11. showing updated footprint

Elevations - Past

Elevations - Current



