



Historic Marker Application

404 N Church St
Honeymoon House



Historic Preservation Advisory Board
Meeting
August 6, 2026
5:30 pm

Construction and Preservation Priority

- Constructed: c. 1914-16
 - Wood frame
 - Pier and beam foundation
- Priority: High
- Style: Arts & Crafts



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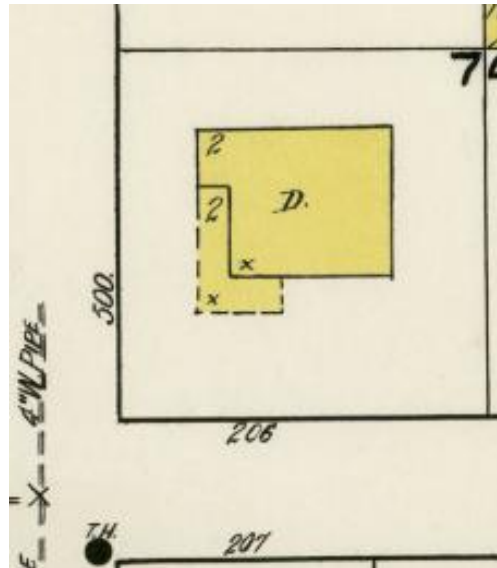
Character Defining Features

- Original woodwork
- Notable Oriental influence
- Asian-style trusses along roofline
- Wrap-around porch
- Over-sized door with original beveled glass

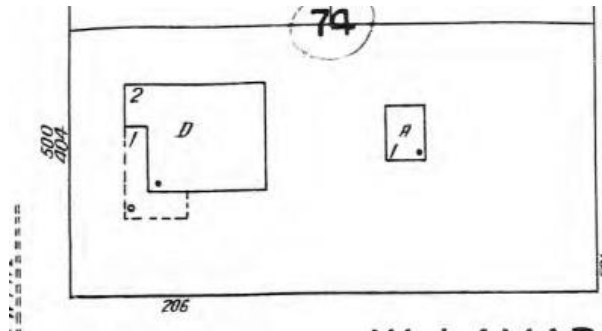


Historic Information

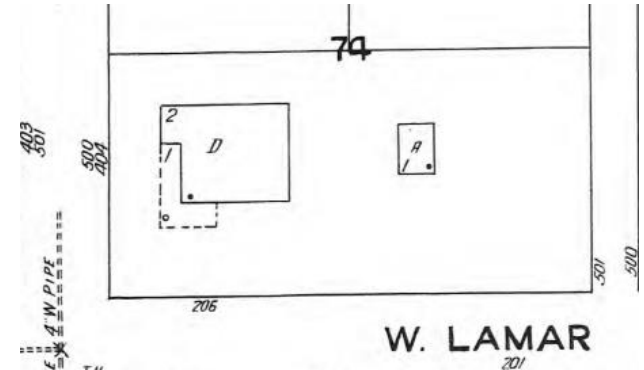
- Commissioned for newlyweds Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Craig by Mrs. Craig's parents – Mr. & Mrs. Heard – thus affectionately known as the Honeymoon House
- Both Mr. & Mrs. Craig were involved in the design of the house
- First structure built on the plot
- Very little structural changes since its construction



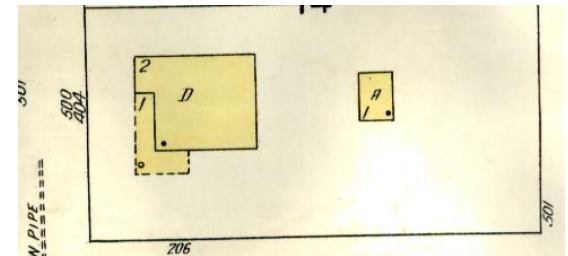
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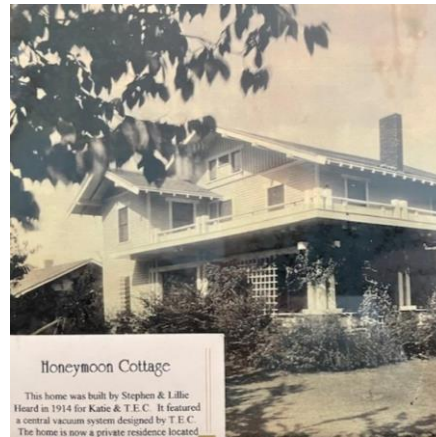
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Notable Historical Figures & Property Owners

- Thomas & Kathryn Craig
 - Mr. Craig came to McKinney in 1907 to institute the city's first electric system and maintain the Interurban (Texas Electric Railway)
 - Kathryn Craig was a charter member and president of the McKinney Art Club, as well as President of the city's original women's civic group, the Owl Club
 - Upon the death of Kathryn's father, she and Thomas moved into the Heard family home and set aside Honeymoon House for use by the Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Robert L Cowan
 - After the Craigs set aside their home for use as a Presbyterian manse, Rev. Cowan occupied the residence from 1927-1944
- Rick Johnston and Kerry Randol-Johnston
- Thomas T Tolan and Magda Dia (current owners)





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Elevations - Past



Left: 2015



Right: 1985

Elevations - Past



Elevations - Current



Elevations - Current