



OLD SIXTH WARD, HOUSTON DEMO ON HOLD

THE SIXTH WARD HISTORIC DISTRICT NOT ONLY HAS THE LARGEST INTACT COLLECTION OF MID TO LATE 19TH CENTURY STRUCTURES IN HOUSTON, IT HAS IN MANY CASES BECOME A SAFE HAVEN FOR STRUCTURES BUILT ELSEWHERE. OFTEN TO SAVE A STRUCTURE FROM DEMOLITION THE LAST REMAINING CHOICE IS TO RELOCATE IT OUT OF HARM'S WAY. WHILE MANY MAY SEE THIS MEASURE AS TOO MUCH TO HANDLE, THE COLLECTION OF HOMES SHOWN HERE WERE ALL LOVED BY THEIR OWNERS ENOUGH TO SAVE THEM. THE STORIES EACH OF THE STRUCTURE'S TELL THROUGH RESEARCH SHOW THAT VIRTUALLY NO STRUCTURE SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.





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THE OLD SIXTH WARD HISTORIC DISTRICT IS FURTHER ENHANCED BY STRUCTURES THAT HAVE BEEN RELOCATED INTO THE DISTRICT. MANY OF THEM ARE UNIQUE AND/OR THE LAST REMINDERS OF LOST COMMUNITIES AND THEIR PRESERVATION IS IMPORTANT TO HOUSTON WELL BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE OLD SIXTH WARD.





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**CURRENT LOCATION:
1808 LUBBOCK STREET**

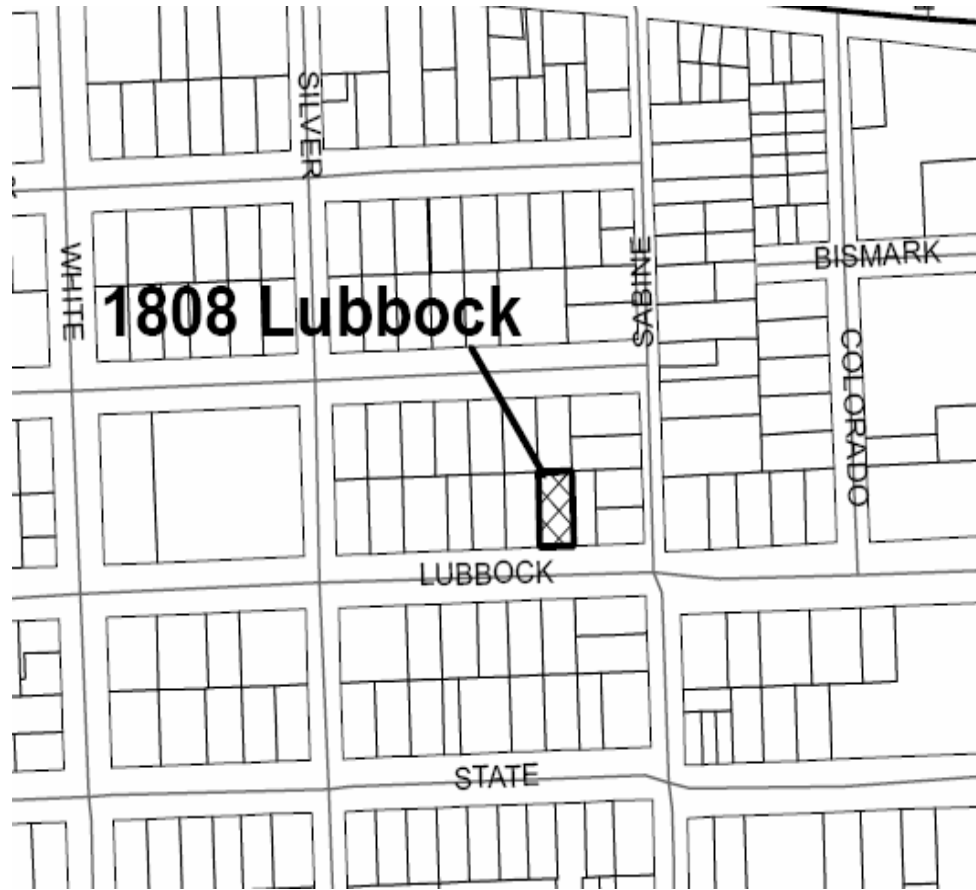
**PREVIOUS LOCATION:
1806 NORTH MEMORIAL WAY
(OLD SIXTH WARD
HISTORIC DISTRICT)**

**REASON FOR MOVE:
TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1996.**



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*THE HOME SHORTLY AFTER RELOCATION FROM
1806 N. MEMORIAL WAY TO 1808 LUBBOCK*





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THE SPRING HOUSE AT ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION AT 1806 NORTH MEMORIAL WAY. PICTURED HERE AT TIME OF MOVE IN 1996.

THE SPRING HOUSE WAS BUILT IN A PERIOD IN WHICH THE COLONIAL REVIVAL STYLING OF HOMES WAS COMMON. THE COLONIAL REVIVAL STYLE WAS A REMEMBRANCE OF EARLIER GREEK REVIVAL AND COLONIAL HOMES. THE GENERATION OF 1900 WAS NOSTALGIC FOR THE HOMES OF THEIR GRANDPARENTS OF THE 1850'S TO 1860'S AND REVOLTING TO THE TASTE OF THEIR PARENTS' VICTORIAN DETAILED HOMES (1870'S TO 1880'S). IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THIS PARTICULAR STRUCTURE WITH ITS MAIN FRONT GABLE IS SHOWING HINTS OF THE INCOMING BUNGALOW MOVEMENT WHILE ITS FLOORPLAN LOOKS BACK TO THE 1850'S WITH A WIDE CENTRAL HALL BOUND BY A PAIR OF ROOMS ON EACH SIDE. SINCE THE STRUCTURE WAS RELOCATED IT HAS BEEN FULLY RESTORED AND NOW IS BOTH A LANDMARK AND PROTECTED LANDMARK IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON.



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**CURRENT LOCATION:
2214 KANE STREET**

**PREVIOUS LOCATION:
2313 CENTER STREET
(SIXTH WARD)**

**REASON FOR MOVE:
TO PREVENT DEMOLITION
IN 1978**



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- SAVED FROM DEMOLITION IN 1978 BY THE ROEDER FAMILY, THIS HOME IS A RARE SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF QUEEN ANNE STYLING. THE MOST DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF THE HOME THE FRONT PORCH WAS BUILT TO REMIND THE NEW BRIDE OF HER CHILDHOOD ON HER FATHER'S STEAMBOAT AS IT PLIED THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FROM NEW ORLEANS. IT IS ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVORS OF THE SIXTH WARD'S SILK STOCKING DISTRICT. THE CURRENT OWNER, THROUGH RESEARCH, WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THE ORIGINAL COLORS AND CONFIGURATION OF ORNAMENT ON THE FAÇADE.
- TWICE THE HOME HAS BEEN A WEDDING GIFT. THE HOME HAS BEEN NATIONALLY PUBLISHED AND IT BOTH A LANDMARK AND A PROTECTED LANDMARK IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

2210 KANE STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

2004 DECATUR STREET

REASON FOR MOVE:

**NEW HOUSE CONSTRUCTED
ON SITE BEFORE 1907**

A TESTAMENT TO THE MANNER IN WHICH EARLIER RESIDENTS DID NOT WASTE MATERIAL BY DEMOLISHING BUILDINGS, THE LEVY-MCAULIFFE HOUSE WAS RELOCATED IN THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 20TH CENTURY TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE ORIGINAL LOCATION TO BUILD A NEW 2 STORY COLONIAL REVIVAL HOUSE (BURNED 1986). LUCKILY BECAUSE OF THE EARLY MOVE THE ORIGINAL HOUSE STILL STANDS.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

2010 LUBBOCK STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

1520 STATE STREET (OSWHD)

**REASON FOR MOVE: TO PREVENT
DEMOLITION IN 1995.**

**A SIGNIFICANT AND LARGE LATE
VICTORIAN HOME, THE DIEHL HOUSE
WAS SAVED THROUGH THE HELP OF
THE AVENUE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

THE HOME IS THE EARLIEST DOCUMENTED TO HAVE INTERIOR PLUMBING AND TODAY MANY OF ITS UNIQUE INTERIOR ELEMENTS ARE INTACT. THE HOUSE WAS SLATED FOR DEMOLITION FOR A PARKING LOT. THE HOME IS AN EXAMPLE OF SIXTH WARD'S GOLDEN AGE IN WHICH MANY LARGE, ELEGANT HOMES WERE BUILT BETWEEN 1895 AND 1910. BEHIND IT AT THE ORIGINAL SITE STOOD THE MCGOWAN HOUSE, ALSO SLATED TO BE RELOCATED UNFORTUNATELY WAS LOST DUE TO ARSON. A PARKING LOT NOW IS LOCATED AT BOTH LOTS.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

1819 LUBBOCK STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

1700 BLK SPRING (FIRST WARD)

REASON FOR MOVE:

**TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN 2006
(DATE OF COMPLETION FALL
2007)**



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THE GUESE HOUSE IS AN EXTREMELY HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE. THE STRUCTURE IS SHOWN IN THE 1869 WOODS MAP AND IS THE ONLY STRUCTURE SHOWN IN THIS MAP IN THE FIRST WARD KNOWN TO EXIST. THE GUESE HOUSE PRE-DATES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST WARD AND THE PLATTING OF SABINE STREET. THE HOME IN FACT HAD TO BE MOVED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO ALLOW SABINE STREET TO BE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1875. THE STRUCTURE WAS SAVED AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR PRIOR TO DEMOLITION THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS. IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE HOME WILL BE COMPLETED AND HOUSTONIANS WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE OLDEST PRIVATELY OWNED LANDMARK HOUSE IN HOUSTON IN NEW FULLY RESTORED GREEK REVIVAL GLORY.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

1717 LUBBOCK STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

1801 LUBBOCK STREET (OLD
SIXTH WARD HISTORIC
DISTRICT)

REASON FOR MOVE:

TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN 2006
(DATE OF COMPLETION FALL
2007)



TAJAN HOUSE AT ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION.



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*TAJAN HOUSE UNDERGOING
RESTORATION AT CURRENT LOCATION*

THIS HOUSE WAS BUILT BY MR LOUIS TAJAN, A SICILIAN IMMIGRANT WHO MADE HIS FORTUNE DABBLING IN SIXTH WARD REAL ESTATE. HE BUILT OVER 8 HOUSES ALONG STATE AND SABINE STREETS AND SOLD THEM TO FELLOW ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS. HIS PERSONAL RESIDENCE WAS KNOWN FOR ITS PROGRESSIVE FLOOR PLAN AND HIGH DEGREE OF WORKMANSHIP. IT WAS RELOCATED ACROSS THE STREET TO A SITE THAT WAS ALSO OWNED BY MR TAJAN.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

2114 STATE STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

1517 LUBBOCK STREET

**(OLD SIXTH WARD
HISTORIC DISTRICT)**

REASON FOR MOVE:

**TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1996**



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2114 STATE~ THIS RESIDENCE WAS BUILT BY MR JOHN MCGOWAN WHO OWNED A RESTAURANT ON WASHINGTON AVENUE, 'RUBY'S' THAT WAS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BRAZOS HOTEL. HE AND HIS WIFE, BARBARA, RAISED THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS IN THE HOUSE. HE ALSO DABBLED IN REAL ESTATE AND OWNED NEARLY THE ENTIRE BLOCK THAT THE HOUSE ORIGINALLY STOOD. IN 1905 HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AND DECIDED TO BUILD A SPLENDID HOME FOR HIS FAMILY TO LIVE OUT THE REST OF THEIR LIVES MORTGAGE FREE. THE RESULTING HOUSE STOOD NEXT DOOR AT 1519 LUBBOCK, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE MCGOWAN HOUSE. IT WAS MARKED BY A GRANITE STEPPING STONE IN ITS FRONT YARD EMBLAZONED WITH THE MCGOWAN NAME. IT BURNED DOWN ON NEW YEAR'S DAY OF 2001.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

511 HENDERSON STREET AT
STATE STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

2214A LUBBOCK STREET (OLD
SIXTH WARD HISTORIC
DISTRICT)

REASON FOR MOVE:

TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1996



THIS STOREFRONT BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1934 BY SAM ALEXANDER AS A GROCERY MART NEXT DOOR TO HIS PERSONAL RESIDENCE (DEMOLISHED 1998). IT REMAINED IN BUSINESS UNTIL THE LATE 1980'S. IT WAS RELOCATED TO EVADE DEMOLITION AND CONVERTED INTO A STUDIO APARTMENT.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

601 HENDERSON

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

1804 KANE STREET (OLD
SIXTH WARD HISTORIC
DISTRICT)

REASON FOR MOVE:

TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
2006

THE SIXTH WARD HISTORIC DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING AREAS IN HOUSTON THAT THE OBSERVER CAN FIND THIS TYPE OF HOME COMMONLY KNOWN AS A 'SHOTGUN' TYPE HOME. THE SIXTH WARD IS ALSO THE ONLY COMMUNITY IN HOUSTON WITH PROTECTIONS FOR STRUCTURES OF THIS TYPE. THIS LOVELY COTTAGE WAS MOVED IN 2006 TO PREVENT DEMOLITION.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

1820 LUBBOCK STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

**RIESNER STREET (SIXTH
WARD)**

REASON FOR MOVE:

**CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL
COURTS BUILDING.**

MOVED BY AN EARLIER RESIDENT TO UTILIZE HIS VACANT PROPERTY, THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1820 LUBBOCK ORIGINALLY WAS CONSTRUCTED ON RIESNER STREET. THE STRUCTURE WAS RELOCATED DUE TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. SEVERAL OTHER BUILDINGS WERE RELOCATED FROM RIESNER BUT THIS IS THE ONLY ONE KNOWN TO BE LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT. AT THIS TIME, THE HOME IS ONE OF THREE KNOWN HOUSES TO BE IN EXISTENCE OF THE SIXTH WARD FROM THE EAST SIDE OF HOUSTON AVENUE.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

705 SABINE

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

FOURTH WARD HISTORIC
DISTRICT

REASON FOR MOVE:

TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1993





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CURRENT LOCATION:

2007 KANE STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

HARVARD AND CENTER STREETS

REASON FOR MOVE:

**TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1990**

PRIOR TO 1990, A NEIGHBORHOOD SOMETIMES KNOWN AS CHANEYVILLE EXISTED BETWEEN STUDEMONT AND HEIGHTS BOULEVARDS. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD WAS MOSTLY DESTROYED FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. LATER THIS AREA BECAME KNOWN AS MEMORIAL HEIGHTS. THIS IS THE ONLY STRUCTURE FROM THIS AREA LOCATED IN THE SIXTH WARD. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF ANY OTHER STRUCTURES WERE MOVED PRIOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEMORIAL HEIGHTS. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE MAJORITY WERE DEMOLISHED.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

2110 DECATUR STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

**GREATER HEIGHTS (NORTH
OF 21ST ON HARVARD)**

REASON FOR MOVE:

**TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1994 BY DEVELOPER**



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CURRENT LOCATION:

2106 DECATUR STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

**GREATER HEIGHTS (NORTH OF
21ST ON HARVARD)**

REASON FOR MOVE:

**TO PREVENT DEMOLITION IN
1994 BY DEVELOPER**



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- 2110 AND 2106 DECATUR WERE RELOCATED BY A DEVELOPER CONSTRUCTING NEW RESIDENCES IN THE HEIGHTS. INSTEAD OF DEMOLISHING THE STRUCTURES, THE DEVELOPER ASKED THE CITY PRESERVATION OFFICER, RANDALL PACE TO HELP DETERMINE THE TWO BEST OF SEVERAL STRUCTURES TO BE RELOCATED INTO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE OLD SIXTH WARD HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE DEVELOPER THEN SOLD THE NEWLY RELOCATED STRUCTURES TO NEW OWNERS AND CONTINUED WITH DEVELOPING HIS HEIGHTS PROPERTY.
- BOTH STRUCTURES BLEND WITH THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF THE OLD SIXTH WARD HISTORIC DISTRICT. 2110 IS A “PEDIMENTED” BUNGALOW. THE STRUCTURE AT 2106 DECATUR IS OF THE MORE TYPICAL GABLE FRONTED BUNGALOW FORM.



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CURRENT LOCATION:

1810 LUBBOCK STREET

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

UNKNOWN

REASON FOR MOVE:

TO PREVENT DEMOLITION

(PRE-1990)





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CURRENT LOCATION:

1807 DECATUR ST

PREVIOUS LOCATION:

1811 STATE STREET

REASON FOR MOVE:

TO PREVENT

DEMOLITION IN

1999





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1807 DECATUR ~ THIS BUNGALOW-STYLE RESIDENCE BEGAN ITS LIFE AS A ELL-WING FOLK VICTORIAN ON 1811 STATE STREET. IT WAS PURCHASED BY THE PHILLIP HELFRICH FAMILY IN THE EARLY 1900'S. THE HELFRICH FAMILY RAISED TEN CHILDREN IN THIS HOUSE. MR HELFRICH TENDED TO ROSES AS A HOBBY AND SOLD CUTTINGS. THE HOUSE WAS UPDATED IN THE BUNGALOW MOVEMENT IN 1925 IN PREPARATION OF THE ELDEST HELFRICH DAUGHTER, MARGARET TO MR EDWARD WESTERMAN. MRS WESTERMAN WORKED AS THE CITY SECRETARY FOR MANY YEARS AND THE CITY HALL ANNEX IS NAMED AFTER HER. HER PERSONAL RESIDENCE STILL STANDS AT 2212 KANE IN THE OLD SIXTH WARD. ONE OF THE HELFRICH SONS MARRIED ELLA RICE WHO LATER INVENTED THE TUNNEL OF FUDGE CAKE, WHICH WON THE NATIONAL PILLSBURY BAKE OFF CONTEST IN THE 1960'S.



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WHAT'S NEXT?

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON FINDING A LOCATION FOR A CIRCA 1870 FARM COTTAGE FROM FIFTH WARD. WHILE THE HOME IS IN NEED OF CARE, IT IS RARE TO FIND A HOME OF THIS VINTAGE IN HOUSTON. THE STRUCTURE WHEN RESTORED WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE STRUCTURE AT 1910 DECATUR, THE 1866 BETTIE E WILLIAMS HOUSE.



SIDE ELEVATION



MAIN ELEVATION