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**Understanding the Architecture of Old Sixth Ward**

**1. Structure Types**

**A. Structure Types versus Styles**

There are many structure types and styles to be found within the Old Sixth Ward Historic District. While there is a great variety of housing stock within the area, a general environmental harmony exists between all of the historic structures. To follow are descriptions of what makes each of the types unique.

There are several ways to understand the historic architecture of the Old Sixth Ward. One manner is to separate the structures into types of buildings based on size, shape and general form. Examples of a type of structure include shotguns, L-cottages and Corner Stores. Another way to analyze the structures is by Style. It is not uncommon for a type of structure to be built and altered over time to coincide with then popular architectural detailing. Thus a single type of structure can be found in the district with several stylistic treatments. Since style is not as strong an identification tool as structure type, we in these guidelines will focus first on structure type.

It is the intention with the creation of the historic district to preserve these changes that occurred to the structures within the pre-WW II period and allow the community to show how it evolved over time.

**NOTE:**

The structure types reflected in the design guidelines are representative of structures found within the boundaries of the historic district. Efforts have been taken to include structure types represented by at least two known examples within these boundaries.

## 2. Structure Types

### Definitions:

The structure type of a building determines the age and basic framework that creates the general form of the building. The following is in alphabetical order.

- A. Bungalow
- B. Central Hall
- C. Church
- D. Corner Store
- E. Cross Gable
- F. Dog Trot
- G. Double Tenant Cottage
- H. Duplex
- I. Extended Shotgun
- J. Five Bay
- K. Garage Apartment
- L. I-Cottage
- M. L-Cottage
- N. Raised Cottage
- O. Sidehall
- P. Single Room Storefront
- Q. Shotgun
- R. Three Bay
- S. Other

## Structure Types:

### Bungalow:

Built within the district: 1905-1945

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across entire front.
- Low-Pitched Roof with rafter tails often exposed.
- Decorative beams or brackets under gable eaves
- Porch roof typically supported by tapered square columns.
- Often a large front facing gable spanning entire front façade.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story.
- Windows of wood and 1 over 1 type occasionally with decorative upper sashes or screens.
- Brick or wood cladding



Elevation of 2106 Decatur    Elevation of 606 Hemphill    Typical Floor Plan of a Bungalow

Part of a general movement towards the simplification of the excesses of the Victorian Period. The typical Bungalow floor plan is not as formal in nature as earlier plans. One generally enters directly into the main living area of the home. There is an emphasis on hearth in homes of this type and generally a fireplace is visible upon entry into the home.

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**Structure Types:**

**Bungalow:** Examples of Bungalow Structures within district.



Dr. Moer Residence  
Circa 1918



804 Sabine Street

## Structure Types:

**Central Hall** also known as Dog Trot or Five Bay

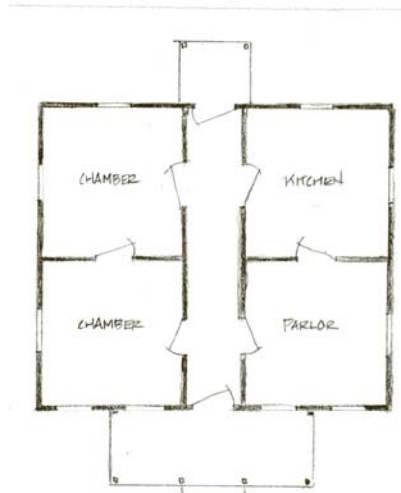
Built within the district: 1850-1890

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch can be inset as in a Gulf Coast Colonial or applied to the front. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are more simple.
- High-Pitched Roof with side gables and enclosed eaves.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work
- Rarely with hipped roof or front gable.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story.
- Windows of wood and any of the following types. 6 over 6, 4 over 4, 2 over 2, or 1 over 1
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Front Elevation of residence located  
At 2219 Decatur Street



Typical Floor Plan

## Structure Types:

**Central Hall** also known as Dog Trot or Five Bay

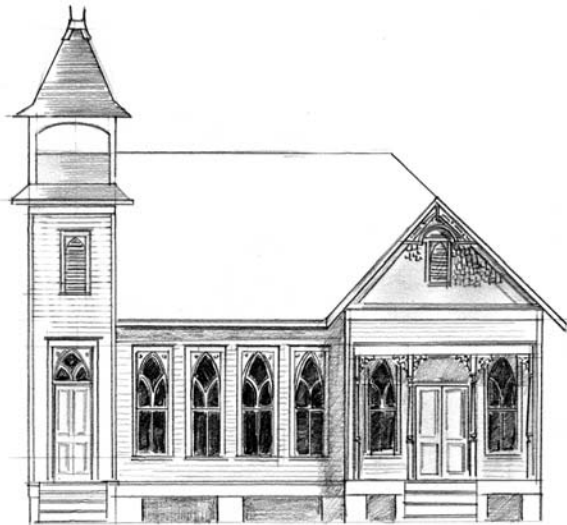
Examples of Center Hall Structures:



2203 Kane Street  
William Pasche Residence  
Built circa 1888

## Structure Types:

### Church



**Mt. Pilar Missionary Baptist Church  
Stood at Hemphill and State Streets**

Prior to World War II, the Sixth Ward had many churches. Two surviving examples in the area are St. Joseph Catholic Church on the 1500 block of Kane and Tabernacle Baptist (now offices) on the 1900 block of Decatur. A church is an edifice consecrated for public worship especially one for Christian worship.

## Structure Types:

### Corner Store

Built within the district: 1850-1950

Distinctive features:

- Storefront located on a corner lot.
- Often with housing attached for owners of store. Housing can be on the side or on the upper level.
- Constructed of Brick or Wood.
- Large Shop Windows along front or Main Facade
- One or Two Stories

Built throughout the neighborhood. These structures served the local community prior to the prevalence of the automobile. The businesses were often grocery stores but a few were drug stores, hardware stores, and one candy store.

## Structure Types:

### Corner Store

Examples of Corner Store Structures:



Albert Keller Grocery Building 1913



Trapolino Grocery Store Building 1924

## Structure Types:

### Cross Gable

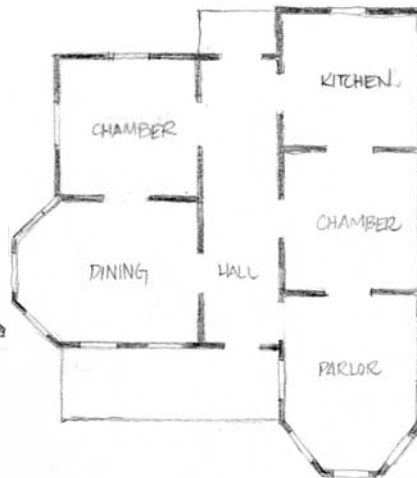
Built within the district: 1890-1920

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch generally applied to the front and not inset under main roof.
- High-Pitched Roof with side gables and enclosed eaves. One front facing gable.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Sometimes stained glass.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story and occasionally 2 story
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
2 over 2, or 1 over 1.
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding. Sometimes decorative shingle-work in gables.



Elevation of Residence at 1803 State



Typical Floor Plan of  
A Cross-Gable Residence

An interesting characteristic found within the Old Sixth Ward of L-cottages and Cross-Gable structure types. The porches are located almost always on the East side of the home. Thus homes on the north side of the street have porches on the right side of the main elevation and houses on the south side of the street have porches on the left side. There are notable exceptions such as 2114 Lubbock which was originally constructed in a different type and the porch is in the addition.

## Structure Types:

### Cross-Gable

Examples of Cross Gable Structures:



Luckie-Etkind Residence 1910



Bammel Residence 1903

## Structure Types:

### Dog Trot

Built within the district: 1850-1880

Description see Center Hall



Ilfrey Residence 1889

## Structure Types:

### Double Tenant House

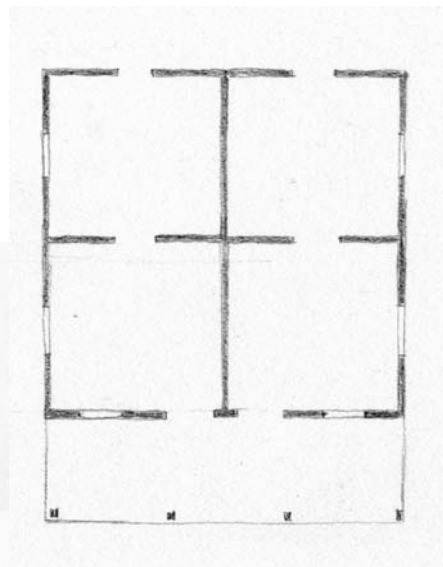
Built within the district: 1860-1880

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch usually inset as in a Gulf Coast Colonial but can be applied to the front.
- Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- High-Pitched Roof with side gables and enclosed eaves.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Seldom with decorative bracket and frieze work
- Never with hipped roof or front gable.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story.
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
6 over 6, 4 over 4.
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of Residence  
at 1909 Decatur



Typical Floor Plan  
of Double Tenant House

## Structure Types:

### Double Tenant House

Examples of Double Tenant House:



McEvine House  
Circa 1876

## Structure Types:

### Duplex

Built within the district: 1910-1940

Distinctive features:

- Often a small bracketed porch over entry doors.
- Low-Pitched Roof with open eaves. Often one front facing gable. Rarely with hipped roof.
- Small windows or vents in gables.
- Porch typically supported by simple Brackets.
- Generally of 1 story.
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
2 over 2, 1 over 1.
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens (Plain or Decorative)
- Horizontal wood siding. Lap or Tear drop (105)

## Structure Types:

### Duplex

Examples of Duplex House:



1818 Lubbock Street



1918 State Street

## Structure Types:

### Extended Shotgun

Built within the district: 1880-1920

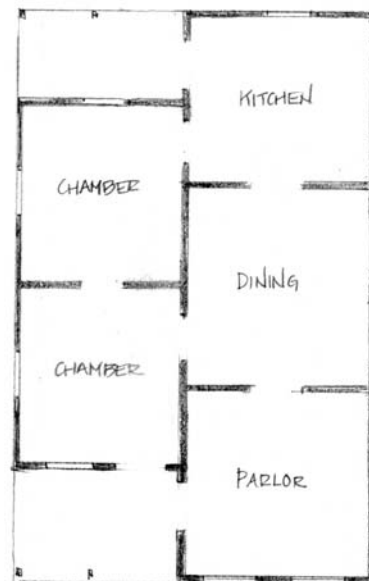
Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch usually inset.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. One front facing gable.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Sometimes stained glass.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Rarely with hipped roof.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story .
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
4 over 4, 2 over 2
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of  
2015 Kane Street

Elevation of  
1805 State Street



Typical Floor Plan

## Structure Types:

### Extended Shotgun

Built within the district: 1880-1920



Mueller Tenant House B



Raia House

## Structure Types:

### Five Bay

Built within the district: 1880-1900

See Center Hall



Bettie E Williams House

## Structure Types:

### Garage Apartment

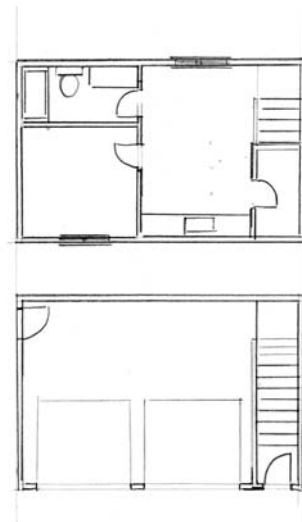
Built within the district: 1910-1950

Distinctive features:

- Low-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed or open eaves.
- Rarely with hipped roof.
- Generally of 2-story height .
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
1 over 1, 6 over 1
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of a  
Garage Apartment



Typical floor plan

Houston had one of its largest building booms in the 1920's. During this period it became common for property owners to build garage apartments to add to their income or for relatives to occupy.

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**Structure Types:**

**Garage Apartment**

Examples of Garage Apartment



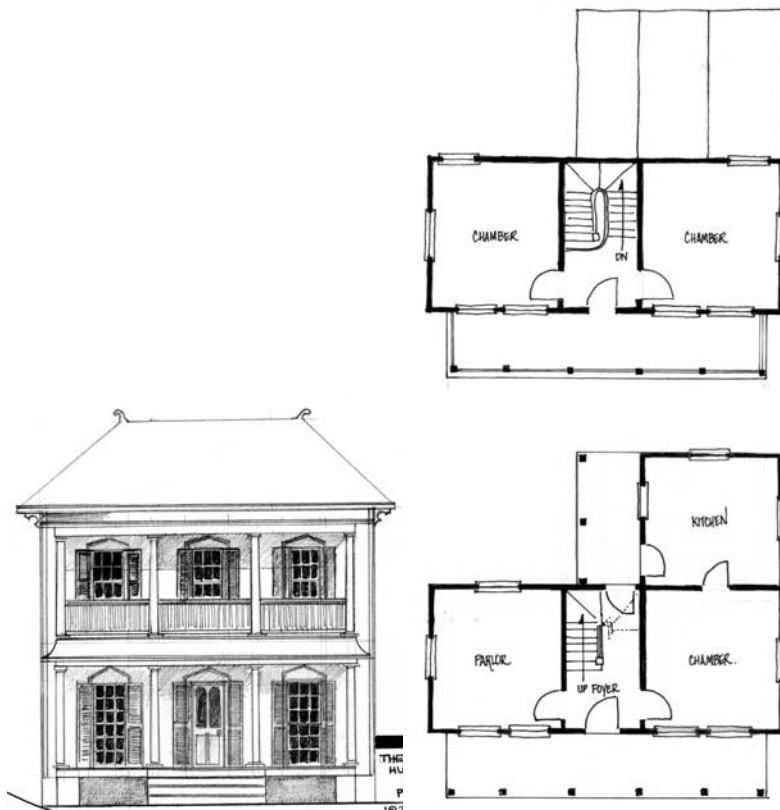
## Structure Types:

### I-Cottage

Built within the district: 1870-1890

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch can be generally applied to the front.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. Side facing gables.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Sometimes stained glass.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Rarely with hipped roof.
- Generally of 2 -story height. (For one story see 3-bay)
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
6 over 6, 4 over 4, 2 over 2
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of 1918 Kane St.

Typical Floor Plan of an I-House

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**Structure Types:**

**I-Cottage**

Examples of I-Cottage Structures within district.



The Parsonage Circa 1881



Openshaw-Hutton House Circa 1878

## Structure Types:

### L-Cottage

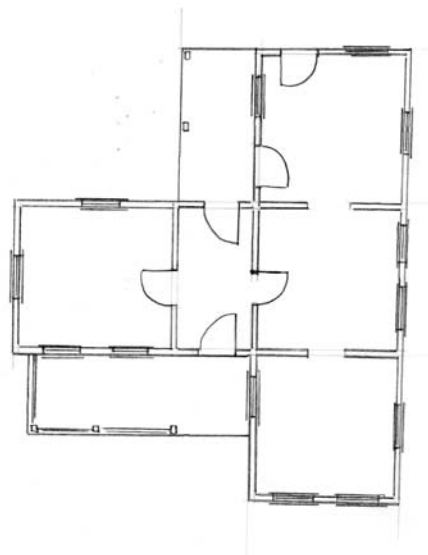
Built within the district: 1880-1890

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch can be inset or applied to the front.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. One front facing gable.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Sometimes stained glass.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Rarely with hipped roof.
- Generally of 1 story height.
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
4 over 4, 2 over 2, 1 over 1.
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



The structure that once stood at 1807 Decatur  
Was an L-cottage.



Typical floor plan of an L-cottage.

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side of the street have porches on the left side. There are notable exceptions such as 2114 Lubbock which was originally constructed in a different type and the porch is in the addition.

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## Structure Types:

### L-Cottage

Examples of L-Cottage Structures within the district



The Beazley-Telschow House  
Built 1883 with 1888 addition



Justin Whyte House

Built 1885

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## Structure Types:

### Raised Cottage

Built within the district: 1880-1900

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch can be inset or applied to the front.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. One front facing gable or side gables.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Sometimes stained glass.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story .
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.
- 4 over 4, 2 over 2, 1 over 1
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



2312 Decatur (demolished)

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**Structure Types:**

**Raised Cottage**

Examples of Raised Cottages within district



Himsteadt-Wagner House Circa 1875

## Structure Types:

### Sidehall

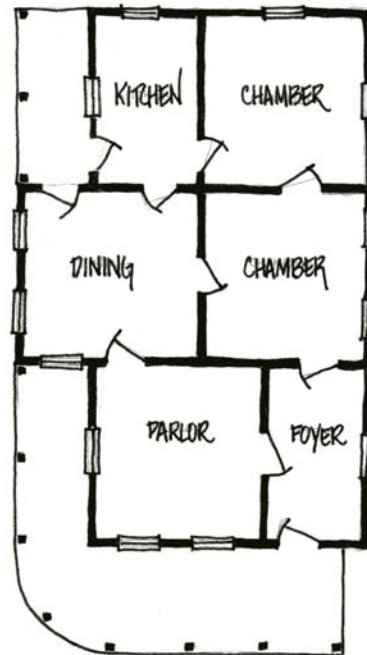
Built within the district: 1880-1900

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch can be inset or applied to the front.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. One front facing gable.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Sometimes stained glass.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornated. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story .
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
4 over 4, 2 over 2, 1 over 1.
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of Residence at 2214 Kane Street



Typical Floor Plan of a Side Hall Residence

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**Structure Types:**

**Sidehall-** Examples of Sidehall Structures:

2214 Kane Street



Andrew and Josephine Kuhn House  
Built 1883; 1893



2018 Kane Street  
Henry Lighthouse Residence  
Built Circa 1906

## Structure Types:

### Shotgun

Built within the district: 1870-1890

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch can be inset or applied to the front.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. One front facing gable.
- Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Rarely with hipped roof.
- Generally of 1 story . (There was a 2-story shotgun now demolished).
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
6 over 6, 4 over 4, 2 over 2.
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of the two houses on 2000 Block of Decatur



Typical Floor Plan

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**Structure Types:**

**Shotgun**

Examples of Shotgun structures within district

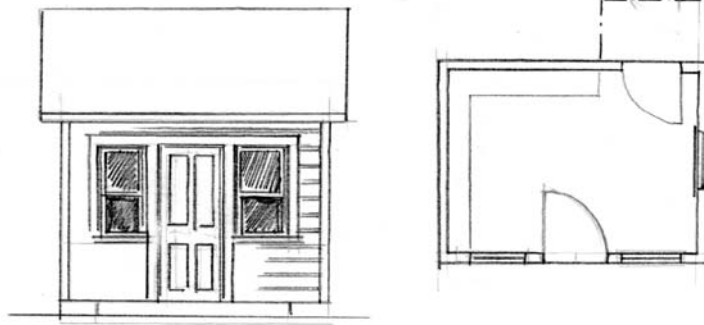


Panzram House



## Structure Types:

### Single Room Storefront



A single-room storefront  
located on the corner of  
Decatur and Henderson Streets

Built mainly during the late 1920's and early 1930's, buildings of this type usually serviced small businesses such as barber shops and tailors and are generally no greater than 150 square feet.

Several of these structures can still be found in the district. This type of structure is usually located along the street property line at the sidewalk.

**Structure Types:**

**Single Room Storefront**



Raia Print Shop 1935-mid 1940's

## Structure Types:

### Three-Bay

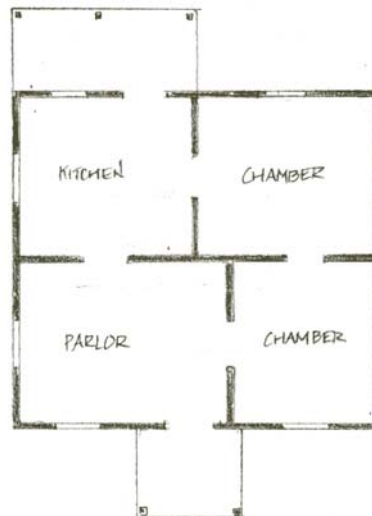
Built within the district: 1860-1880

Distinctive features:

- Often a deep porch across front. This porch generally applied to the front.
- High-Pitched Roof with gables and enclosed eaves. Usually side facing gables.
- Decorative trim under eave overhang with small windows in gables. Porch typically supported by square chamfered or turned posts. Often with decorative bracket and frieze work. Later Porches highly ornamented. Earlier Porches are simpler.
- Rarely with hipped roof.
- Generally of 1 to 1 ½ story . (For 2-story see I-house).
- Windows of wood and any of the following types.  
6 over 6, 4 over 4, 2 over 2
- Shutters or Wood Framed Screens
- Horizontal wood siding.



Elevation of Residence  
at 2119 Kane Street



Typical Floor Plan  
of a Three-Bay House

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**Structure Types:**

**Three-Bay**

Examples of Three-Bay Structures within the district



The Kohlman House Circa 1883



Thomas O'Leary House 1892

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**Structure Types:**

Other



Openshaw-Hutton Horse Barn

**Structure Types:**

Other

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**Structure Types:****Structure Types:** Known Examples

House Name	Year Built/Remodeled	Structure Type
The Frank Bergeron House	1873	Double Tenant House 1904 Kane
The Himsteadt-Wagner House	1875	Raised Cottage 617 Silver
The Herman Looock House	1875	Central Hall 908 Taylor, formerly 2219 Union
The McEvine House	1876	Double Tenant House 1909 Decatur
The Stephens House	1876	Three Bay 2016 Kane
The Bettie E. Williams House	1878	Central Hall 1910 Decatur
The Openshaw-Hutton House	1878	I-House 1920 Kane
The Anderson-Westerman House	1878	L-Cottage 2212 Kane
The Schoell-Palmer House	1878	Three Bay 811 Hemphill, formerly 2203 Decatur
The Armbruster-Coulter House	1878/1893	Central Hall 2109 Kane
The Riordan/Herzog House	1879	1817 Decatur 1817 Decatur
The Roemer House	1879/1890	Sidehall 1910 Kane
The William Hill House	1879	Central Hall 2117 Decatur
The Peter Stiedel House	1880	Sidehall 2205 Decatur
The Harvey and Amanda Byrd House	1881	Three Bay (Bungalow Detailing) 2018 Decatur
The Jacob & Emily Schoell House	1881	Three Bay 2119 Kane
The Parsonage	1881	Three Bay 609 White
The Samuel Hunter House	1881/1903	L-Cottage (Originally 3 Bay) 2009 State
The Rachel Rodley House	1882	L-Cottage 2209 Union
The Kohlmann House	1883	Three Bay 2018 Lubbock
The Condon House	1883	Central Hall 2115 Decatur
The William Hopkins House	1883	Three Bay (Originally) 2116 Kane
The Adolph Carl House	1883	Central Hall 2118 Decatur
The Jacob Gorny House	1883	Three Bay 2303 Union
The Nickerson Ellis House	1883	I-House 605 White
The Beazley-Telschow House	1883/1888	L-Cottage 1816 Kane
The Andrew & Josephine Kuhn House	1883/1893	Sidehall (Originally Central Hall) 2214 Kane, formerly 2309 Center
The Gustav Wiese House	1885	Originally L-Cottage 1807 Kane
The Urbin Valentine House	1885	L-Cottage (Originally Central Hall) 1814 Lubbock
The W. Charles Doering House	1885	Sidehall 1820 Kane
The Justin White House	1885	Central Hall (Gulf Coast Colonial) 1910 State
The Josiah Melvin Tenant House	1885	Sidehall 707 Sabine
The Donlen-Powers House	1886	Three Bay 1913 Lubbock
The Hafer-Evansich House	1886	Central Hall 2113 Union
The Hunt - McCloud House	1886	Three Bay 806 Sabine
The Albert Gaedke House	1887	606 White, formerly 2019 State 606 White, formerly 2019 State
The Frank Tajan House	1888	L-Cottage 1719 Lubbock
The Weber House	1888	L-Cottage 2003 Kane
The William Pasche House	1888	Central Hall 2203 Kane
The Louis Kolbe House	1888	L-Cottage (Originally 3-Bay) 2204 Decatur

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The Reverend James Green House	1888	Extended Shotgun	802 Sabine
The George Carl House	1888	Extended Shotgun	906 Hemphill
The John Costley House	1889	Three Bay	1813 Kane K
The Schmidt House	1889	Three Bay	1909 Lubbock
The William Fuchs House	1889	L-Cottage	1914 State
The Proehl-Barbato House	1889	L-Cottage	2010 Decatur
The William Bohlae House	1889	Five Bay	2102 Lubbock
The Charles F. George House	1889	Sidehall	2115 Lubbock
The Ilfrey House	1889	Central Hall	812 Sabine
The Skorupinski House	1890	(originally Raised Cottage)	720 Sabine
The Gehring House	1891	Sidehall	1817 Lubbock
The Schoellkopf House	1891	L-Cottage	2119 Lubbock
The Henry Wichman House	1892	Shotgun	2015 Decatur
The Schulze House	1893	Extended Shotgun	1803 State
The Jacob Luke House	1893	L-Cottage	1812 Lubbock
The Thomas J. & Ida Atwood House	1893	Cross-Gable	1820 Decatur
The Three Sisters Tenant Houses	1893	Sidehall	2010/2012/2014 Kane
The Reverend Pfaeffle House	1893	L-Cottage	2112 Lubbock
The William T. House Residence	1893	Raised Cottage (Enclosed)	2218 Kane
The Stear-O'Connor House	1893	Central Hall	2219 Decatur
The Frank T. Jones House	1893	L-Cottage	2313 Union
The Erichson-Klueger House	1894	Cross-Gable	1801 State
The Telschow House	1894	L-Cottage (Originally Central Hall)	1916 Kane
The Schmeideberg House	1894	L-Cottage	2008 Lubbock
The William Telge House	1894	Five Bay	2015 Union
The Holm House	1894	Cross Gable (2-Story)	2111 State
The Rheinhold Huebel House	1894	Three Bay	2119 State
The Hodgkins House	1894	L-Cottage	2211 Decatur
The Franck-Tutwiler House	1894	L-Cottage	2215 Decatur
The Panzram House	1895	Three Bay	2020 State
The Emil Schmidt House	1895	Three Bay	2117 State
The Phillip Helfrich House	1896	Cross Gable (Bungalow detailing)	1809 Decatur, formerly 1812 State
The Laird House	1896	L-Cottage	1818 State
The Hillendahl House	1896	Sidehall	1912 Kane
The Alderton House	1896	Central Hall	2108 Lubbock
The Golding House	1896	L-Cottage	2115 Kane
The Conway-Cotney House	1898	Sidehall	1815 Kane
The Valentine House	1898	Cross-Gable (2-Story)	1908 Decatur
The William and Matilda Diehl House	1898	Cross-Gable (2-Story)	2012 Lubbock
The Robinson House	1898	Sidehall	2315 Union
The Falke House	1899	Cross Gable	2003 Decatur
The Abraham Stott House	1900	Cross Gable (2-Story)	1912 Decatur
The Burton-Diaz House	1900	Cross Gable	2215 Kane
The Albertine Stear House	1901	Extended Shotgun	2217 Decatur
The Bammel House	1903	Cross Gable	2004 Decatur
The Vollmer Tenant House	1904	Cross Gable (2 Story)	2218 Decatur
The Arthur & Katherine Spring House	1905	Central Hall	1808 Lubbock

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The William H. Lighthouse Residence	1906	Sidehall	2020 Kane
The Dorfman House	1908	Central Hall	1813 State
The Victor Daniels House	1908	Sidehall	1815 State
The Gross-George House	1908	Sidehall	1817 State
The Luckie-Etkind House	1910	Cross Gable	2120 Lubbock
The Stephen Reneau House	1913	Cross Gable (2 Story)	2203 Decatur
The Epstein Tenant Houses	1913	Extended Shotgun	2315/2317/2319 Kane
The Tutwiler Tenant House	1921	Bungalow	2213 Decatur
The George Henderson House	1926	Bungalow (2 Story)	2216 Kane
The M.A. Conway Tenant House		1929 Bungalow (Originally Duplex)	