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July 26, 1985

Duane Gage
TCJC NE Campus
828 Harwood Road
Hurst, TX 76054

Dear Duane:

Enclosed please find a marker application we recently received. Since it does not have your signature, I was not sure you had the opportunity to review the material. Even if you have, there are other reasons for us to return the material. First, our policies require that homes be reviewed only if they are in a "good state of repair." Second, the narrative mentions major renovations planned for the building. Since it is not in a good state of repair at this time, the State Marker Committee will need to wait for final photos of the restoration work. In the meantime, if the owners would like technical assistance, they can contact our National Register department with specific questions.

Sincerely,

Dan K. Utley, Director
Research and Markers

DKU/lm To: David Motheral
From: Duane Gage 8-11-85
Enclosures Re: William M. Graham House, 401 West Leuds St., Fort Worth

David, I am assuming that the Texas Historical Commission will not accept your application until the house's exterior is in good repair (trim painted, etc.). Please let me know what you wish to do in this matter.....

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

KLINE & LASKO

commercial & investment realtors

101 South Jennings Suite 103
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Telephone (817) 332-6678

July 8, 1985

Duane Gage
Tarrant County Junior College
Northeast Campus
828 Harwood Road
Hurst, TX 76054

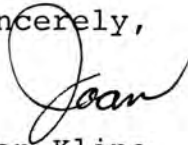
RE: Graham House

Dear Duane:

Thank you for the copy of the Graham House historic research.

Fort Worth is fortunate to have you, and I for one greatly appreciate your work and dedication to our historic heritage.

Sincerely,



Joan Kline

JK:cjb

July 1, 1985

Mr. David F. Motheral
4224 Lanark
Fort Worth, Texas 76109

Dear David:

Enclosed please find your copy of the documented narrative for the official Texas historical marker application recently completed by Tarrant County Historical Commission member Ruth Reiter Stone. If you have no changes or corrections to make, we will send the original copy to the Texas Historical Commission, who will evaluate it within the next four to six weeks.

The Texas Historical Commission will then notify us if the application has been approved, at which time you will be asked to send them a check for the cost of the marker. Once the Texas Historical Commission receives payment, then they will draft a proposed inscription and send copies to you and to our County Commission for approval or proposed changes.

We are pleased that we have been able to develop this historical marker application for you and are glad that you want to preserve your historic property. We do not charge for conducting the necessary research, writing, photographs, etc., for we are primarily interested in promoting historical preservation. We do have certain expenses, however, which must be met from contributions, since the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, who appoints us, provides funds to us only for limited administrative expenses. If you are interested in sending us a donation at this time, please make it payable to the Tarrant County Historical Commission. It can be listed as a tax-deductible contribution.

We look forward to completing this marker application successfully with you, and appreciate your support of historical preservation.

Sincerely,

Duane Gage
Chairman

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM - TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev. 8-82)

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1. County TARRANT TAR
FW 5. USGS Quad No. _____ Site No. _____
 City/Rural FORT WORTH UTM Sector _____
 2. Name _____ 6. Date: Factual _____ Est. 1915
 Address 401 W. LEUDA ST. 7. Architect/Builder _____
 Contractor _____
 3. Owner _____ 8. Style/Type _____
 Address _____ 9. Original Use RESIDENCE
 4. Block/Lot _____ Present Use SKULE
 10. Description A LARGE 2-STORY HOUSE WITH RECTANGULAR PLAN, FLARING HIP ROOF, CLAD IN YELLOW BRICK. FULL FLAT-ROOFED PORCH ALONG FRONT, SUPPORTED BY MASSIVE BRICK COLUMNS, BRICK PORCH WALL, SUBSIDIARY PORCH ON EAST WALL, PLANNED BY CHIMNEY. CERAMIC HIPPED DOWNER. COPPER ROOF CRESTING. DOUBLE-HUNG WINDOWS.
 11. Present Condition FAR; CRACKING IN BRICK WALLS, NEEDS PAINTING.
 12. Significance _____
 13. Relationship to Site: Moved Date _____ or Original Site (describe) PROMINENT CORNER SITE IN MULTOR DISTRICT OF HISTORIC HOUSES; BRICK AND CAST-STONE RETAINING WALL.
 14. Bibliography _____ 15. Informant _____
 16. Recorder WOODY MASON Date 11 OCT 83

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____ B&W 4x5s _____ Slides _____
 RTHL HABS (no.) TEX- _____ 35mm Negs.
 NR: Individual Historic District
 Thematic Multiple-Resource
 NR File Name _____
 Other _____

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME

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to
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BUILDING DESCRIPTION

CLASS	ROOF	EXTERIOR WALLS	HEATING	LIGHTING
Shack	Flat Hip	Brick	Fire Place ³	Lamps
Cottage	Gables, Dormers	Brick Veneer	Wood, Coal, Oil	Gas
Duplex	Cut up, Ordinary	Stone	Gas Furnace	Electric
Bungalow	Plain, Gravel	Stone Veneer	Steam	
Residence	Tile Shingle	Plastered	Stove	
Apartment	Metal, Tile	Stucco on Wood	Gas	
Hotel	Corr. Iron	Stucco on M. Lath	Hot Water	
Office Building	Composition	Hollow Tile		INSIDE FINISH
Store	Wood	Terra Cotta		Unfinished
Storage	Saw Tooth	Adobe		Sheetrock
Factory		Box		Beaverboard
Filling Station		Frame	No. of Fixtures ^{1/2}	Sealed
Garage		Weather Board	Toilet	Papered
Shed		Sheet Iron	Bath Room ²	Plastered
Barn		Concrete	Shower	Plaster M. Lath
Servants House	Whole		Sink	Plaster W. Lath
Sign Board	Part			Pine Floors
	Finished	TRIMMINGS		Hardwood Floors
	Unfinished		BUILT-IN FEATURES	Cement Finish
				Tile Floors
	FOUNDATION			Marble Floors
		Cobblestone	Buffet	Dirt Floors
Stone		Brick, Plaster	Patent Beds	
Concrete	Good	Stone, Wood	Refrigerator	CONDITION
Brick	Medium	Plain	Bookcase	Poor
Posts	Cheap	Ornamental	Kitchen Cab.	Fair
Piers	Mixed	Cornice	Break. Room	Good
No Foundation				Built Year 1904

No. Rooms **11-2** Remodeled Occupied Owner Renter Vacant

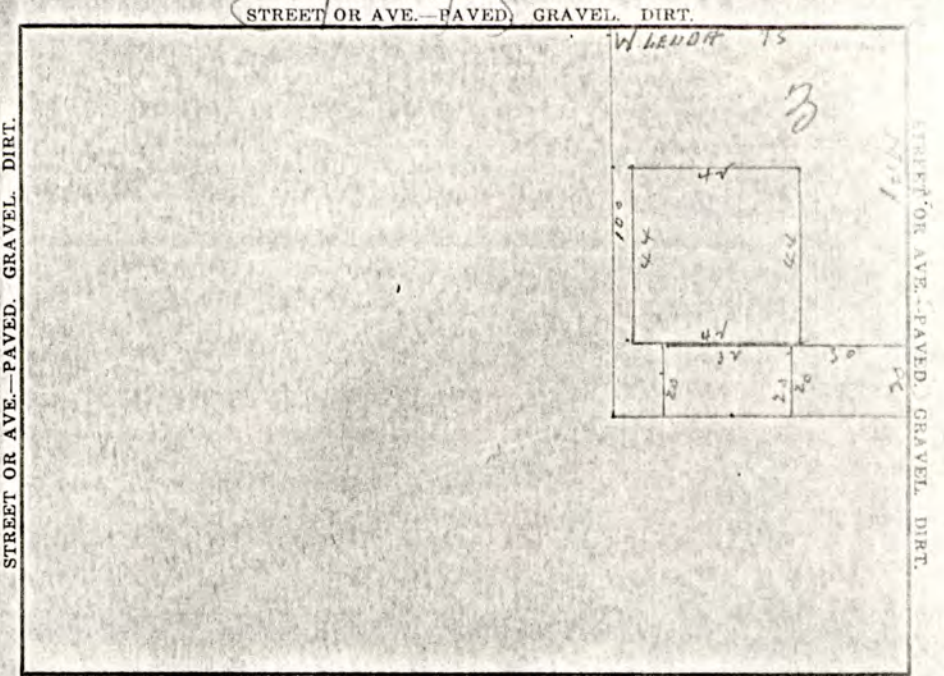
SIZE OF BUILDING						
Wide	Deep	No. Stories	Wide	Deep	No. Stories	
42	x	44	2	x		
20	x	30	2	x		
20	x	32	1	x		

No. Sq. Ft.	3796	Class 0	Price Per Sq. Ft.	2.50	\$	8240.00	
	1200		0	2.00			2400.00
	640		60	.523			336.00
						\$10,976.00	

RENDERED FOR TAXATION

YEAR	LOT	VALUATION	VALUATION CHANGED TO	VALUATION FINAL	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE
1937	3	3500 00				

PLAT



Building Permit No. _____ Date _____

Purpose: Add. Edgs. \$ _____ Repairs \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Value Before Add. Imp. \$ **10976⁰⁰** Value After Add. Imp. \$ **10976⁰⁰**

Per Cent Depreciation **41-46** Net Value All Edgs. \$ **6479⁰⁰**

Mo. Revenue \$ _____

Zone No. _____

LAND VALUATION

SIZE OF LOT	FRONT FT. VALUE	TOTAL
75 x 140	✓	1760
X		
X		
X		
X		
X		

UNIT VALUE _____ FACTOR _____

SUMMARY

Total Land Valuation \$ 1760

Total Improvement Valuation 6479⁰⁰

Grand Total 8239⁰⁰

This version has the
legal details, but the
amount of money is not
mentioned.

Also description of house
not given.

GRAHAM HOUSE
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The Graham House at 401 West Leuda Street was built in 1910. It is a two-story brick house, rectangular in plan, with flaring hip roof and full porch supported by stout brick piers. The roof retains original copper cresting. A two-story brick garage at the rear has arched openings with green terra cotta keystones; it was converted to a store around 1920. The house and garage are substantially built and situated on a prominent corner site. Constructed in 1910 by contractor William M. Graham, the house served as his own residence until 1919. Graham was a partner in the Innis-Graham Construction Co., a major building firm in Fort Worth, contractors for nearby Hogg School in 1909 and the old Fort Worth High School in 1910-11. The house appears to be eligible for the National Register for its architectural quality and for its association with a major builder. ¹

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Emmie Paddock, who had purchased the property as her separate estate, sold it to William M. Graham on January 8, 1910. ⁴

William Graham was Secretary-Treasurer of the Innis-Graham Construction Company with an office at 2419 Hemphill Street. T. M. Innis was President

of this brick contracting and building business. His office was located at 808 Magnolia Avenue. ⁵ The Hogg school in which they built was two blocks north of the Graham home. All these locations were in close proximity to one another.

The Hogg school and his home were built of Thurber bricks at the same time. It is possible they shared the same architect, Marion L. Waller. Both structures are large, square and of solid construction. The staircase at the Graham house is ^{facing} ~~at~~ the May Street entrance. The house is austere with unpainted wood paneling.

In 1910 there was no 401 West Leuda. ⁶ By 1911 William Graham was living at the house. ⁷ Leuda was paved April 7, 1911, ⁸ and May Street was paved November 22, 1912. ⁹ Graham and his wife, Carrie lived in the house until 1918. ¹⁰

By September 29, 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Graham had been married 32 years and they and their seven children had lived in the house continuously since purchasing it. ¹¹

Mrs. Stanley Abbott said it was general knowledge the Grahams came from Breckenridge, Texas. ¹²

September 29, 1919 A. J. Jones of Breckenridge, Texas paid \$10,000 for a promissory vendor's lien note from the Grahams on the property. W. M. Graham and his wife, Carrie sold their home to C. E. Dansby on this date. ¹³ A note on the property was acquired by C. E. Dansby from A. J. Jones by a Deed of Conveyance. ¹⁴ This was the same property a note was acquired by W. M. Graham from E. M. Rogers and Annie Lee Rogers by Deed of Conveyance dated January 11, 1910. ¹⁵

C. E. Dansby was living at the house in 1920. ¹⁶

February 13, 1920 Charles E. Dansby leased a store 18 X 20 feet for a year to C. C. Wright for a grocery store. It was located in Block 25 in the Northeast corner at May and Leuda Streets. The store faced on May Street. ¹⁷

September 17, 1920 C. E. Jansby and his wife, Amy sold the house to D. T. Shirley and his wife, Sallie H. with the vendor's lien retained. ¹⁸

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas made a loan to the Shirleys on a Deed of Trust dated September 17, 1920. ¹⁹

April 4, 1916 D. T. Shirley had made a will leaving all of his property to his wife. He died July 28, 1922. ²⁰

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas gave a release of the vendor's Lien on September 9, 1922. ²¹

October 29, 1923 C. B. Potter recovered judgment against L. J. Hawkins, W. W. Keith, the estate of D. T. Shirley, J. B. Haynie and E. B. Long on a loan. ²²

November 14, 1923 C. B. Potter and Mrs. Francis Metts recovered judgment against these same defendants and the estate of D. T. Shirley on 67½ acres of land in Denton County, Texas. ²³

July 17, 1927 Mrs. Shirley was sole owner of the homestead at the corner of Leuda and May Streets. ²⁴ March 16, 1931 Mrs. Sallie H. Shirley declared this her homestead since September 17, 1920 and that all debts against the estate of D. T. Shirley had been paid. ²⁵

October 31, 1929 Sallie H. Shirley filed a Deed of Trust to U. M. Simon, Trustee and Dina Abramovich, a widow as beneficiary. ²⁶

March 5, 1931 Dina Abramovich released and transferred the Deed of Trust to J. E. Foster and Son of Fort Worth, Texas. ²⁷ Sallie H. Shirley agreed to pay 14 promissory notes to J. E. Foster and Son. ²⁸ J. E. Foster and Son transferred this indebtedness to the Hibernia Mortgage Company, Inc. of New Orleans, Louisiana all on March 5, 1931. ²⁹

May 19, 1931 the Hibernia Mortgage Company, Inc. transferred the Deed of Trust to the Missouri State Life Insurance Company of St. Louis, Missouri. ³⁰

September 8, 1933 the Missouri State Life Insurance Company transferred the Deed of Trust to the General American Life Insurance Company of St. Louis,

Missouri. This was the Deed of Trust Sallie H. Shirley executed March 5, 1931. ³¹

Mrs. Shirley was in default of payment for the indebtedness on the property and on December 4, 1935 the house was sold at public auction. At the foreclosure General American Life Insurance Company took possession. ³²

From 1922 to 1934 Mrs. S. H. Shirley had resided in the house. ³³ In 1935 the house was vacant. ³⁴

June 22, 1936 N. J. Isbell and his wife, Rosa bought the house from the General American Life Insurance Company, Inc. ³⁵

June 22, 1936 N. J. Isbell and his wife, Rosa gave a Deed of Trust to the General American Life Insurance Company, with F. K. Schlosser, Trustee on a note on the house. ³⁶ July 12, 1945 General American Life Insurance Company gave a Release to the Isbells as the indebtedness was fully paid. ³⁷

Newton J. Isbell lived in the house from 1936 until 1948. ³⁸

On April 22, 1947 N. J. Isbell and his wife, Rosa sold the house to Roy Shortt. Roe H. Martin paid off the note for Isbell and Isbell was to pay Roe Martin monthly installments. ³⁹ When Roy Shortt sold the house to S. W. Abbott, Roy Shortt's wife, Mary didn't join him because the property conveyed was never a homestead. S. W. Abbott bought the house on a warranty deed with a promissory note payable to Roy Shortt. ⁴⁰ The note was secured by a vendor's Lien and a deed of trust lien against the property conveyed. ⁴¹

On May 21, 1980 S. W. Abbott and his wife, Josephine sold the house to Dean Conlin and his wife, Wanda on a vendor's lien. ⁴²

When S. W. Abbott got out of the service from WW11, he worked for American Airlines. In 1944 he opened a grocery store, but soon sold the equipment. He bought the equipment back in 1947 and operated the grocery store at 800 May Street until 1966. He rented out the store until 1980. In 1980 he sold the store building, along with the house, to Conlin; who then ran an art studio in the store building. Conlin tore down two garages in back

of the store that had been condemned. Abbott carried the note for Conlin. ⁴³

The Abbott's lived upstairs, and the downstairs was rented out. Mr. Stanley Abbott put in sheetrock partitions around the woodwork that could be removed at a later date without damaging the architecture of the house. This will soon take place in the renovation. ⁴⁴

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FOOTNOTES

- 1 Tarrant County Historical Survey.
- 2 Home Abstract Company.
- 3 Paddock, p. 752.
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- 10 1918 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 11 Affidavit of Homestead, File #196929
- 12 Mrs. Abbott.
- 13 General Warranty Deed, File #1196899.
- 14 Transfer of Conveyance File #48060.
- 15 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 343, p. 162.
- 16 1920 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 17 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 640, p. 166.
- 18 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 674, p. 99.
- 19 Tarrant County Affidavit Book 797, p. 137.
- 20 Probate Will Book 104, 291.
- 21 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 749, p. 162.
- 22 Tarrant County Abstract of Judgment Volume 26, p. 232.
- 23 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 802, p. 234.
- 24 Probate Court Minutes Book 125, p. 439.

- 25 Tarrant County Deed Record Affidavit Book 1133, p. 192.
- 26 Tarrant County Deed of Trust Book 404, p. 51.
- 27 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 1133, p. 219.
- 28 Tarrant County Deed of Trust Book 419, p. 71.
- 29 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 1133, 219.
- 30 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 1168, p. 199.
- 31 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 1205, p. 306.
- 32 Tarrant County Deed Record Volume 1259, p. 1.
- 33 1922-1934 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 34 1935 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 35 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 1298, p. 186.
- 36 Tarrant County Deed of Trust Book 478, p. 395.
- 37 Tarrant County Deed Record Book 1763, p. 217.
- 38 1936-1948 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 39 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 1898, p. 127.
- 40 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 1897, p. 506.
- 41 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 3200, p. 194.
- 42 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 6937, p. 12293.
- 43 Mrs. Abbott
- 44 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 8021, p. 1373.
- 45 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 8021, p. 1376.

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This Prairie style home is most imposing on a corner lot. It has equally important and identical entrances on the north and east sides of the house. These doors have big panes of beveled glass, leaded side light and transoms. There is a full porch on the north and east side with a solid brick railing that arcs around with cast-stone capping. Stout brick piers support the flat roofed porches. The house is smooth yellow brick. Large sash windows are divided into eight panes on the upper sash.

On West Leuda is a bay with three windows over the upstairs porch; a hipped dormer is centered above this. Tall straight chimneys pierce the roof. The flaring hipped roof has enclosed wide eaves. On the south side are upstairs and downstairs sleeping porches that have a shed roof under the main roof. They have walls of sash windows, and appear to have been added at a ~~much earlier~~ ^{much earlier} time. Centered on the west of the house is a bay.

The halls, approximately ten feet wide, starting at the doors at May and West Leuda Street, intersect in a perfect square defined by four big square posts. This hall contains a fireplace and the stairs. The stairs have square newel posts at each level and turned balusters. They go straight up, across the landing containing the west bay, and straight up again. The ceilings are twelve ⁰⁰foot high, and all the walls are plaster. All the wood is dark varnished pine, and the floors are pine. There are pocket doors between the downstairs rooms. French doors are used in the back part of the house. The room on the southeast has a beam ceiling.

There are three coal burning fireplaces in the house. The mantles have Ionic pillars, and beveled mirrors. They have hearths of small rectangular glazed tile. The two downstairs fireplaces are in the hall and northeast room. Upstairs, the fireplace is located in the northeast bedroom.

All the rooms, upstairs and downstairs, seem to be square. The small square bedrooms and bath are off of a wide "L" shaped hall. In the upstairs bath, the floor is white hexagon tile with a blue Greek key design border. The basin and tub on legs are original to the house. The house has a 720 square foot attic.

The carriage house had two large arched entrances on the north side. These brick arches have terra-cotta keystones that have been fired and stained green. Imprinted on both is "3362" and below it "C2". These entrances have since been bricked over, and a brick extension ^{was} added on the back of the building many years ago. The store front windows, on May Street, are outlined in glazed white tile; above is a fan light just under the eaves, with a hipped roof to top it off.

Architect Marion L. Waller, "The builder of schools", was working with William Graham on the Hogg school, one block ^{south} ~~up~~ the street from the Graham house, about the same time the Graham house was built in 1910. The house appears as a small school inside, and most probably Waller had a strong

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- 28 Mrs. Abbott.
- 29 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 8021, p. 1373.

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Paddock IV, Fort Worth and The Texas Northwest.

Page, Anderson and Turnbull, Inc. 364 Bush Street, San Francisco, California.

Tarrant County Deed Records, Mechanic Liens, affidavit of homestead.

Interviews:

Mrs. Stanley W. Abbott	3044 Gardenia Drive	534-6483
Raymond Graham, grandson	3620 Meadowbrook Drive	535-7088

APPENDIX II

WILLIAM MARSHALL GRAHAM

William Marshall Graham was born August 17, 1861 in Jonesbrough, Lee County, Virginia. He married Miss Carrie Elizabeth Sheppard of Salisbury, North Carolina in 1881. They moved to Greenville, Texas; and in 1902 came to Fort Worth. In 1903 he entered the contracting business with T. M. Ennis, and they built many houses and buildings, In 1925 they dissolved the partnership. William Graham lost his money in the depression, and the whole family then lived at 3620 Meadowbrook, in a house he built. Two grandsons live there today.

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Mr. Graham was a member of Polytechnic Masonic Lodge #925. He died on October 25, 1933 at the age of 72. Moore Funeral Home handled the arrangements. ¹ He was interred in Rose Hill Burial Park October 27, 1933. ¹

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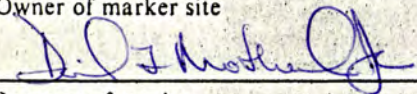
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APPLICATION FORM FOR OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

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Texas Historical Commission
Research and Markers Department
P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711

Title of marker (subject to revision by THC staff)		
William M. Graham House		
Marker location (street address or highway number; include name of cemetery, building, park, etc., if applicable; if on highway right-of-way or in a small community, briefly explain how to get there from the nearest town)		
401 West Leuda Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76104		
City or nearest city shown on Texas Highway Department road map	County	
Fort Worth	Tarrant	
Distance and direction of subject from marker site For example, "Subject is 1/2 mile SW of marker site."	Surface to which marker will be attached (if not on post)	
front facade is marker site	brick front	
Owner of marker site	Address	City, Zip Code
X 	4224 LANARK	Ft Worth TX 76109
Sponsor of marker	Address	City, Zip Code
X DAVID F. MOTHERAL	4224 LANARK	Fort Worth TX 76109
Person to whom marker is to be shipped	Address	City, Zip Code
X DAVID F. MOTHERAL	4224 Lanark, Fort Worth, Texas	76109
NOTE: Freight companies cannot ship to route or box numbers. If street address is unavailable, please provide a phone number. If marker is to be placed on highway right-of-way, it will be shipped to your district highway engineer.		
Signature of County Chairman	Address	City, Zip Code
"I have reviewed the narrative for this marker and attest to its accuracy."		
% TCJC NE Campus, 828 Harwood Road, Hurst, Texas 76054		

Please consult the back of this page for specifications of the markers available. Check the items desired below. Approval of the application and narrative history *must* be obtained from the county historical commission, as indicated by the county chairman's signature on this form, before forwarding the material to the Texas Historical Commission. Please *do not* send payment if ordering subject or building markers; funds will be requested once the application has been approved by the State Marker Committee.

5% state sales tax must be added to the price, except if purchased by a tax-exempt organization.

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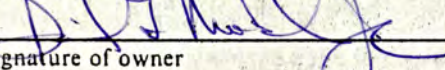
- 16" x 12" grave marker (comes with mounting bar) ~~\$175~~ ~~\$183.75~~ ^{With tax}
- 27" x 42" subject marker with post ~~\$575~~ ~~\$603.75~~
- 27" x 42" subject marker without post ~~\$525~~ ~~\$551.25~~
- 18" x 28" subject marker with post ~~\$325~~ ~~\$341.25~~
- 18" x 28" subject marker without post ~~\$250~~ ~~\$262.50~~

I (We) request RTHL designation be considered for this marker.

BUILDING MARKERS

- 16" x 12" building marker with post ~~\$225~~ ~~\$236.25~~ ^{With tax}
- 16" x 12" building marker without post ~~\$175~~ ~~\$183.75~~ ^{364.45}

Applications for building markers will automatically be considered for the RTHL designation. Please read carefully Texas Marker Policies 11 through 13, and indicate that you have done so by signing below.

X 
Signature of owner

PAPERWEIGHTS

Please indicate quantity desired.

- 3" x 4" plastic paperweight mounted with replica of marker ~~\$75~~ ~~\$78.75~~ ^{With tax}
- Allow 2 months from completion of marker for receipt of paperweight.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Please indicate quantity desired and give location(s) on form above:

- 24" x 24" Historical Markers In City sign \$65 ~~\$68.25~~ ^{With tax}
- These will be shipped to and placed on your town's city limits signs by the District Highway Engineer.*

- Black and White (for farm-to-market roads, state and U.S. highways)
- Green and White (for interstate highways)

- 18" x 22" Historical Marker directional sign \$65 ~~\$68.25~~ ^{With tax}

In black and white only. For city and county roads. Applicant must supply post and be responsible for placement.

- With arrow pointing straight ahead
- With arrow pointing left
- With arrow pointing right

OTHER

- National Register plaque \$35 ~~\$36.75~~ ^{With tax}
- 12" x 6" supplemental plate \$65 ~~\$68.25~~
- 16" x 12" building marker plate only (see policy 11) \$110 ~~\$115.50~~
- Replacement medallion (see policy 11) \$65 ~~\$68.25~~
- Bronze stars (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$10 ~~\$10.50~~
- Bronze wreaths (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$10 ~~\$10.50~~
- Bronze seals (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$50 ~~\$52.50~~
- Bronze plates (for replacement on 1936 granite markers) \$135 ~~\$141.75~~

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The Graham House at 401 West Leuda Street was built in 1910. It is a two-story brick house, rectangular in plan, with flaring hip roof and full porch supported by stout brick piers. The roof retains original copper cresting. A two story-brick garage at the rear has arched openings with green terra cotta keystones; it was converted to a store around 1920. The house and garage are substantially built and situated on a prominent corner site. Constructed in 1910 by contractor William M. Graham, the house served as his own residence until 1919. Graham was a partner in the Innis-Graham Construction Company, a major building firm in Fort Worth, contractors for nearby Hogg School in 1909 and the old Fort Worth High School in 1910-11. According to the Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey, the house appears to be eligible for the National Register for its architectural quality and for its association with a major builder.¹

This Prairie style home is most imposing on a corner lot. It has equally important and identical entrances on the north and east sides of the house. These doors have big panes of beveled glass, leaded side light and transoms. There is a full porch on the north and east side with a solid brick railing that arcs around with cast-stone capping. Stout brick piers support the flat roofed porches. The house is smooth yellow brick. Large sash windows are divided into eight panes on the upper sash.

On West Leuda is a bay with three windows over the upstairs porch; a hipped dormer is centered above this. Tall straight chimneys pierce the roof. The flaring hipped roof has enclosed wide eaves. On the south side are upstairs and downstairs sleeping porches that have a shed roof under the main roof. They have walls of sash windows, and appear to have been added at an early time. Centered on the west of the house is a bay.

The halls, approximately ten feet wide, starting at the doors at May and West Leuda Street, intersect in a perfect square defined by four big square posts. This hall contains a fireplace and the stairs. The stairs have square newel posts at each level and turned balusters. They go straight up, across the landing containing the west bay, and straight up again. The ceilings are twelve feet high, and all the walls are plaster. All the wood is dark varnished pine, and the floors are pine. There are pocket doors between the downstairs rooms. French doors are used in the back part of the house. The room on the southeast has a beam ceiling.

There are three coal burning fireplaces in the house. The mantles have Ionic pillars and beveled mirrors. They have hearths of small rectangular glazed tile. The two downstairs fireplaces are in the hall and northeast room. Upstairs, the fireplace is located in the northeast bedroom. All the rooms, upstairs and downstairs, seem to be square. The small square bedrooms and bath are off of a wide "L" shaped hall. In the upstairs bath, the floor is white hexagon tile with a blue Greek key design border. The basin and tub on legs are original to the house. The house has a 720 square foot attic.

The carriage house had two large arched entrances on the north side. These brick arches have terra-cotta keystones that have been fired and stained green. Imprinted on both is "3362" and below it "CC2". These entrances have since been bricked over, and a brick extension was added on the back of the building many years ago. The store front windows, on May Street, are outlined in glazed white tile; above is a fan light just under the eaves, with a hipped roof to top it off.

Architect Marion L. Waller, "The builder of schools", was working with William Graham on the Hogg school, one block south from the Graham house, about the same time the Graham house was built in 1910. The house appears as a small school inside, and most probably Waller had a strong influence as to the plans of the Graham house. Both structures are large, square and of solid construction.

The property on which the Graham house stands is described as part of Block

No. 25 in the Tucker Addition to the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas beginning at the Northeast corner of said block No. 25.²

Captain B.B. Paddock, a well known editor and historical figure of Fort Worth, had married Miss Emmie Harper on December 10, 1867 at Fayette, Mississippi.³ Emmie Paddock, who had purchased the property as her separate estate, sold it to William M. Graham on January 8, 1910.⁴ William Graham was Secretary-Treasurer of the Innis-Graham Construction Company with an office at 2419 Hemphill Street. T.M. Innis was President of this brick contracting and building business. His office was located at 808 Magnolia Avenue.⁵

According to Fort Worth city directories in 1910 there was no 411 West Leuda.⁶ By 1911 William Graham was living at the house.⁷ Leuda was paved April 7, 1911,⁸ and May Street was paved November 22, 1912.⁹ Graham and his wife, Carrie lived in the house until 1918.¹⁰ By September 29, 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Graham had been married 32 years, and they and their seven children had lived in the house continuously since purchasing it.¹¹

W.M. Graham and his wife, Carrie sold their home to C.E. Dansby on September 29, 1919.¹² C.E. Dansby was living at the house in 1920.¹³ He leased the store, 18 x 20 feet, to C.C. Wright for a grocery store on February 13, 1920 for a year. It was located in Block 25, in the Northeast corner, at May and Leuda Streets. The store faced on May Street.¹⁴

On September 17, 1920 C.E. Dansby and his wife, Amy sold the house to D.T. Shirley and his wife, Sallie H., with the vendor's lien retained.¹⁵ On April 4, 1916 D.T. Shirley had made a will leaving all of his property to his wife. He died July 28, 1922.¹⁶ Mrs. Shirley was sole owner of the homestead at the corner of Leuda and May Streets July 17, 1927.¹⁷ She declared that all debts against the estate of D.T. Shirley had been paid.¹⁸ Sallie H. Shirley executed a Deed of Trust on March 5, 1931.¹⁹ She was in default of payment for the indebtedness on the property, and on December 4, 1935 the house was sold at public auction. At the foreclosure, General American Life Insurance Company took

possession.²⁰ From 1922 to 1934 Mrs. S.H. Shirley had resided in the house.²¹

In 1935 the Graham house was vacant.²²

N.J. Isbell and his wife, Rosa bought the house from the General American Life Insurance Company, Inc. on June 22, 1936.²³ Newton J. Isbell lived in the house from 1936 until 1948.²⁴ On April 22, 1947 N.J. Isbell and his wife, Rosa sold the house to Ray Shortt.²⁵ The same day S.W. Abbott bought the house on a warranty deed, with a promissory note payable to Ray Shortt.²⁶ On May 21, 1980 S.W. Abbott and his wife, Josephine sold the house to Dean Conlin and his wife, Wanda.²⁷

When Stanley W. Abbott got out of the service after World War II, he worked for American Airlines. In 1944 he opened a grocery store, but soon sold the equipment. He bought the equipment back in 1947, and operated the grocery store at 800 May Street until 1966. He rented out the store until 1980. In 1980 he sold the store building, along with the house, to Conlin; who then ran an art studio in the store building.²⁸

The Abbotts lived upstairs, and the downstairs was rented. Mr. Abbott put in sheetrock partitions around the woodwork, that could be removed at a later date without damaging the architecture of the house.

David F. Motheral, Jr. bought the house on April 28, 1984 from the Conlins.²⁹ The house has recently been rezoned for business, and an extensive renovation is taking place.

FOOTNOTES

- 1 Tarrant County Historical Survey. See Appendix.
- 2 Home Abstract Company.
- 3 Paddock, p. 752.
- 4 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 343, p. 162.
- 5 1909-1910 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 6 Ibid.
- 7 1911 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 8 Mechanic's Lien, Book 29, p. 11.
- 9 Mechanic's Lien, Book 29, 512.
- 10 1918 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 11 Affidavit of Homestead, File #19692J.
- 12 Tarrant County Deed Record, General Warranty, File #119689J.
- 13 1920 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 14 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 640, p. 166.
- 15 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 674, p. 99.
- 16 Tarrant County Probate Will Book 104, p. 291.
- 17 Tarrant County Court Minutes, Book 125, p. 439.
- 18 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 1133, p. 192.
- 19 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 1205, p. 306.
- 20 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 1259, p. 1.
- 21 1922-1934 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 22 1935 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 23 Tarrant County Deed Record, Book 1208, p. 186.
- 24 1936-1948 Fort Worth City Directory.
- 25 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 1898, p. 127.
- 26 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 1897, p. 506.
- 27 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 6937, p. 2293.
- 28 Mrs. Abbott.
- 29 Tarrant County Deed Record, Volume 8021, p. 1373.

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Tarrant County Deed Records, Mechanic Liens, affidavit of homestead.

Interviews:

Mrs. Stanley W. Abbott	3044 Gardenia Drive	534-6483
Raymond Graham, grandson	3620 Meadowbrook Drive	535-7088

APPENDIX II

WILLIAM MARSHALL GRAHAM

William Marshall Graham was born August 17, 1861 in Jonesbrough, Lee County, Virginia. He married Miss Carrie Elizabeth Sheppard of Salisbury, North Carolina in 1881. They moved to Greenville, Texas; and in 1902 came to Fort Worth. In 1903 he entered the contracting business with T.M. Ennis, and they built many houses and buildings. In 1925 they dissolved the partnership. William Graham lost his money in the depression, and the whole family then lived at 3620 Meadowbrook, in a house he built. Two grandsons live there today.

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post-and-beam west porch, and extensive wood wainscotting in the interior make the house an unusually ambitious example of a style rare in Fort Worth. With restoration the house could be eligible for the National Register.

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NR/JLCD

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65. 409 W Leuda Street Bryan House c. 1901
NR*/JLCD

A one and one-half story wood-frame house clad in channel rustic siding. The house is quaintly composed and miniature in scale. A hipped dependency projects forward, supported by Tuscan columns framing a recessed porch. This is balanced by a gabled bay with bracketed eave returns and shingled pediment. A tiny double-gabled dormer is set high on the house's hip roof. The house was built around 1901 for Morgan Bryan, a socially prominent attorney. His wife was Helen Daggett, member of the pioneer Fort Worth family. The house may be eligible for the National Register following documentation of its architect or builder.

66. 201 Lipscomb Street National Biscuit Co. c. 1921
Ind(NR) Warehouse

A small, one-story rectangular brick warehouse, with central garage entry. Ornamentation is simple, including brick string course and curved parapet. Built around 1921, the structure was first occupied by the National Biscuit Co. A manufacturer of draperies now occupies the building.

67. 319 Lipscomb Street Stephen F. Austin Elementary 1892; 1909;
NR School/Williamson-Dickie Mfg. 1958
Co. Headquarters

A large two-story Romanesque Revival school building, generally rectangular in plan, with interlocking hip roofs and red-brick walls trimmed in quarry-faced white limestone. A symmetrical composition: two-story entry wings, hipped with triangular parapets, project forward near each end of the front facade. A large Romanesque arch frames a recessed entry at the base of each wing. Regularly spaced double-hung rectangular windows are set in the walls. Stone trim includes base, arch

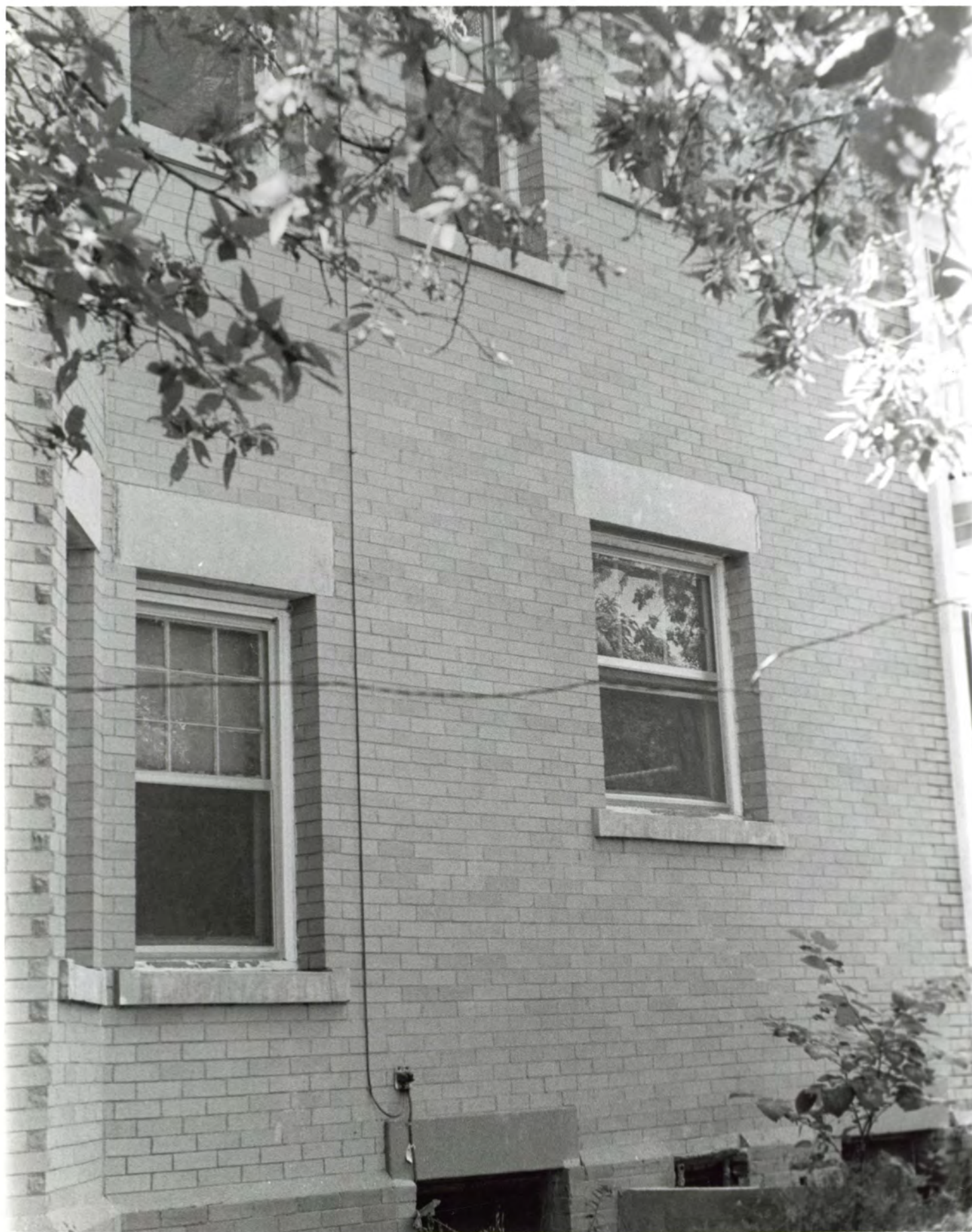


















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Mr. Duane Gage
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RE: The Graham House
410-2012

Dear Mr. Gage:

We are in the process of finalizing a joint venture to begin the rehabilitation of the Graham House. We plan to begin on the exterior first. As soon as this work is completed, we will resubmit photos to you.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Hopwood
Vice President