

Attachment A:

Narrative on the history, owners and knowledge of this structure

The four-square prairie-style home at 801 W. Oak was built in 1895 by James Frank (J.F.) and Ada Margaret Raley. J.F. Raley (October 25, 1868 – July 5, 1926) was a Denton County pioneer and businessman who owned a building and drugstore on the south side of the square and later was a director of Denton County National Bank.

Born in Sullivan, Indiana, James parents, S.G. Raley (a City Alderman) and mother Lucinda Bates, moved to Denton County a year later. They first settled in Pilot Point, then moved to Stony and at age 15 his family moved to the City of Denton. James graduated from Denton High School in 1887. After attending college, he taught school for three year. On July 19, 1893, he married Ada Moreman (March 7, 1875 – March 17, 1953) who was born in Plano and whose parents, CR Moreman and mother Mary Yarbrough, moved to Denton in 1885. They planned their new home and he started his drugstore on the Square in a building he owned next to Ever's Hardware they owned and operated for about 20 years. In 1912, he became a director of Denton County National Bank, becoming the vice-president of the Bank in 1915 until his death. Ada was elected a director of Denton County National Bank in September 1926 following J.F.'s death. She subsequently became the chairman of this board of Denton County National Bank until her death.

J. F. Raley purchased the property at 801 W Oak in 1895 for \$1500 cash and a note of \$750, payable in \$7.50 monthly payments plus 10% interest. Ada Raley was an avid gardener improve the home and grounds until she died in 1953. Many of the back yard features were originally installed by Mrs. Raley. Ada became a leading citizen in the City of Denton, providing funding for the City Parks Department and other civic activities. She left funds to construct a new wing on the Flow Hospital in her will and to improve a city park with a swimming pool. She also donated two concrete picnic tables in Quakertown Park next to the library that are still there today. The plaques bear her name and are dated 1948.

On Valentine's Day of 1955, the house was purchased from the Raley estate by Ed and Mary Jane Lane, owners of Lane's Ice Cream on Congress St. between Locust and Elm, next to the current location of Loco Cafe. The Lanes lived in this home for almost 50 years, raised 4 children, and remained active in the community after they closed their store in 1972. The Lanes both had second careers with the local school system in later life, and Mary Jane served as the Denton athletic director's secretary for many years. The press box at Denton High's Bronco Field is named in her honor.

In 2005, Dr. Greg & Jane (Lane) Naugher, Ed & Mary Jane's daughter, purchased the home from Mr. Lane after Mrs. Lane's passing and extensively renovated the home and grounds.