

## Attachment A:

### Narrative on the history, owners and knowledge of this structure

The prairie-style home at 924 W. Oak was built in 1914 by Paul and Margery Bird. Paul R. Bird (January 15, 1891 – September 16, 1972) was a businessman who worked as a real estate abstractor and in the real estate business.

Born in Illinois, Bird moved to Denton and was employed as an abstractor by the Denton Trust Company until August 1912. He met his wife, Margery Gladys (Bell) Bird (September 21, 1891 – August 22, 1918) and they married on September 2, 1911.

The Bell family moved to Denton from Roswell, New Mexico in July, 1911. Margery's mother, Bianca Babb Bell, was captured by Indians in 1866 and was released two years later after a ransom. Her father, J.D. (Jefferson Davis) Bell was also an abstractor.

Both J.D. Bell and Paul Bird worked for the Duggan Abstract Company in 1913. Bird later worked as the Secretary at the Land Mortgage Bank, a position previously held by his father-in-law. In addition to working together, Paul and Margery Bird bought part of their lot from the Bell family and built their home next door to her parents. Margery died in 1918 and Paul sold their home to Mrs. Martha E. Davis later that year. Bird worked for Mr. Blewett, living at 903 W. Oak, at the Land Mortgage Bank after the sale of his home and later lived in Waxahachie and Dallas, running his own abstract company.

Martha E. Davis lived in the home from 1918 to 1950 where her three children, two daughters named Mary and Ruth and a son named Charles. Her sister, Stormy Jackson, lived at 717 W. Oak and their sons, Hal Jackson and Charles were playmates. Mary was married in the Davis home in June 1936. Charles was a decorated war hero in France for his role as Corporal in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division dropped behind German lines at Saint Mere Eglise, France as part of the D-Day invasion. Charles married LaVerne Yowell from Ft. Worth in March 1947 and they lived behind Martha at 912 Gregg Street. Mrs. Davis moved to 2042 Scripture after she sold her home in 1950 to Louis and Mylrain House who lived in this home from 1950 to 1983.