

## WICHITA FALLS CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

## WICHITA COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY

## SURVEY FORM

NAME OF SITE: Griffin's ADDRESS: 1601 11th  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Original Township; Canfield Block 263 C Lot N 105' Lot  
 PRESENT OWNER: J. Frank Griffin  
 and MAILING ADDRESS: 3314 Kessler Blvd  
 CATEGORY: District \_\_\_\_\_ Building X Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_  
 ORIGINAL USE: commercial PRESENT USE commercial ZONING \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Two-story brick commercial structure; rectangular with flat roof;  
tile parapet and cabling decorate parapet; various window and door openings; primary  
entrance at corner is recessed archway; sculptured motifs frame second-story French  
door openings.  
 MATERIALS: wall brick roof flat  
 CONDITION OF EXTERIOR: good  
 ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: moderate - first floor openings altered; some enclosed, others  
enlarged.  
 ARCHITECTURAL STYLE/TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE: Notable example of commercial structure out  
of downtown; Mediterranean style.  
 SIGNIFICANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: Built circa 1926; in 1926,  
Wilford Harrison Drug Co. listed at address.

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Good corner building; holds own across from large  
hospital; busy area.

## CURRENT TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Year	Land	Improvements	Total
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PRESENT DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED DESIGNATION: National Register \_\_\_\_\_ Registered Texas Landmark \_\_\_\_\_

Local Landmark Consider

If within a district: Significant \_\_\_\_\_ Contributing \_\_\_\_\_ Compatible \_\_\_\_\_ Intrusion \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS: Lower floor too altered in present condition to be designated, but renovation could be tied to local tax benefits to encourage its being done. Structure is worth it.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: See research sheet.

PHOTO DATA: Roll 6 Frame 27

RECORDED BY: Ellen Beasley Date March, 1982

Much of the information above may be transferred directly to survey cards of the Texas Historical Commission. The following information would need to be added, using the THC computer codes, to complete the State cards:

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ THEME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CODED SITE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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Research sheet: Survey of the City of Wichita Falls

Name of property: Address: 1601 11th  
City Tax #: 0030-150 Addition: Original Townsite Block: 263C Lot: N 105 FT of  
Canfield Subdivision LOT 1  
Present Owner: J. Frank Driffin  
and address: 3314 Kessler Blvd.  
Year of construction: 1930 (as estimated in the city tax records)  
1926 (first listed in the City Directory)  
(estimated from deed or tax records)  
(other sources - )

Chain of title:

Owner	Volume	Page	Date of transaction	Price	Other
Leah Morrison	458	25	5-17-47	35,000	12,500
"	513	301	16-27-49	"	
Adelle Thayer	513	303	10-31-49	43,000	17,875
Walter G. Powell, Phil Powell	734	615	2-5-58		
J. Frank Driffin, Joy Powell	822	302	2-24-61		\$ 950
Natl Life & Accident Ins.	102	446	7-1-36	25,500	15,775.94
J. J. Young	392	367	5-18-43	35,000	11,500
C. B. Higley	421	191	1-15-46		
Homer H. Morrison	437	209	7-2-46		
<del>Leah Morrison</del>	<del>575</del>	<del>535</del>	<del>3-24-52</del>		

Documentary photographs:

Date:

Source:

Other information about the property or the people associated with it:

1917 W. B. G. Co.  
1919 L. C. G. Co.  
1926/1928 W. B. G. Co. Co. #2 627,26

Sources:

Recorded by:

Date:

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