

school and church to provide a place for her family to stay in inclement weather. Mrs. Guest's family kept the house until 1940. The front wing of the house appears to have been added in the 1890s.

7. Troy Hackler House c. 1880; c. 1900 507 E. Broad

This multi-gabled house was the residence of Troy Hackler, a native of Virginia raised in Missouri and a veteran of the Confederate Army who moved to Tarrant County in 1865. He eventually procured a farm and went on to accumulate land in and around Mansfield. It is not clear whether the original core of the house (built about 1880) was constructed on the site or moved from Hackler's farm. At any rate, the house was added to continually and probably achieved its present appearance by 1900. The house remained the Hackler family until 1964. It is unusual in its play of gabled forms, and is one of the key contributors to a potential historic district along E. Broad and E. Elm Streets.

8. Pyles-Hubbard House c. 1886; 1945 309 E. Broad

An impressive house with two-story portico, the present structure was built around a one-room brick house constructed around 1880 for W.S. Nuckolls. In 1886, Abner and Mattie Pyles bought the property. Abner, the Mayor's brother, came to Texas from Alabama with his father. They enlarged the house to accommodate the large family of ten children. Abner was a successful farmer and merchant and engaged in the building trade. Thus, he made many trips to Fort Worth in his wagon. In 1897, Abner was found murdered in the Fort Worth wagon yard. Mattie rented rooms to boarders to provide for her children. She moved in 1909. There were three owners prior to 1932, when John and Jessie Hubbard bought the house. Their son, Lon T. Hubbard inherited the house in 1942. Lon served as mayor of Mansfield twice during 1960-1969. It was said that Lon T. was born and died on Broad Street (1902-1973). The house is one of the focal points of Mansfield's Historic District. It is registered as a Mansfield Historic Landmark. In 2008, Harris and Cook, law firm, (Senator Chris Harris and Mayor David Cook) purchased the house and renovated it for their second office. David Cook has served as mayor of Mansfield from 2008-2020. This house is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

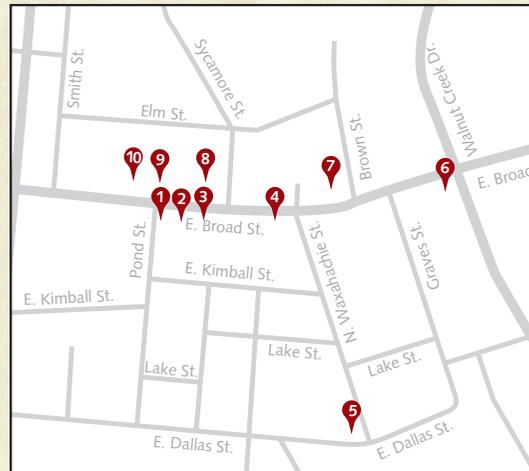
9. Wallace-Lamb House c. 1900 305 E. Broad Street

This house was built for the Wallace family by Byrd Hoover in 1905, and sold two years later to Mary Jane

Lamb. The lot was originally the garden plot of the Pyles-Hubbard House at 309 E. Broad Street. The widow's walk was removed from the peak of the house around 1923, and, in 1940, major alterations were undertaken, including the removal of the east porch, the addition of a new room in its place, and the reconstruction of the front porch with a concrete slab and wrought iron posts. In spite of these alterations the house contributes to the potential historic district along E. Broad and E. Elm Streets.

10. Chorn House 1913 303 E. Broad Street

An unusual variation on a common residential type in Tarrant County, this house was built in 1913 by contractor J.B. Wilson for Lester and Mabel Chorn. It replaced a house built on the same site in the 1880s. The house is part of a potential historic district along E. Broad and E. Elm Streets. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.



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Please cross streets at marked intersections, for your safety. Also, use sidewalks, where available. If there is no sidewalk available, then please remember to “walk on the left, facing traffic”.

Out the door, left across Broad Street, follow the sidewalk eastbound (go by the city’s parking lot and up towards Pond Street.)

1. Buttrill-Nifong House c. 1905 302 E. Broad

The Buttrill-Nifong House is the most prominent historic residence in Mansfield, due to its size, design and conspicuous site. The two-story colonnade which extends along the two principal facades is particularly impressive. It was designed and built by local contractor Jay Grow around 1904 for David G. Buttrill, farmer and owner of a general merchandising business who came to Mansfield from Alabama in the 1890s. Subsequent owners included George Casstevens and Dr. Harry D. Nifong.

2. Hayter-Witherspoon House c. 1879; c. 1895 306 E. Broad

This house was first owned by the Rev. Andrew Shannon Hayter (1818-1900), pastor of the Walnut Creek Church (later called the Cumberland Presbyterian Church) from 1879 until at least 1881, and is considered to be the church’s first parsonage. A.S. Hayter was prominent in the early history of Arlington, where he founded a Presbyterian church, served as the first master of the Masonic Lodge, and worked as a surveyor to help plan the route of the Texas and Pacific Railroad through the area in 1876. It was built in the 1800s for the Witherspoon family, who lived there for many years. Around 1895 the house was altered and probably enlarged. The ornament added to the porch at that time has since been removed.

3. Bratton House c. 1895; c. 1910 310 E. Broad

This house was built about 1895 for Andrew “Cap” and Emma Doughty Bratton. Andrew Bratton owned a furniture store and, as was the custom in the 19th century, sold coffins and conducted funerals. After Mrs. Bratton died in 1955, the residence was sold to Samuel A. Rowlett, a Baptist minister. The house is interesting visually for combining a bungalow-era porch with a Victorian structure. It sits on a large wooded lot and forms part of a potential historic district.

4. J.H. Harrison House 1915 404 E. Broad

On this site a Methodist circuit preacher, Rev. Jackson Crabbe, built his brick home circa late 1850s. It was destroyed by fire. In 1905, John Henry Harrison, owner of a local hardware store, built a large two-story frame house. Again, fire destroyed this house circa 1914-15. The present house was built by the Harrisons on the same foundation. Upon Mrs. Harrison’s death in 1946, the house was sold to Dr. Raymond Thomas. It was known as the “Thomas House” with a wrap-around veranda, surviving plaster ornament over the entry, and large oak trees. It was an impressive presence on East Broad Street. In 1984, a Senior Citizen’s Center occupied the house, and the detached carriage barn became the pottery class barn. Charles Morales bought the house and has remodeled the first floor to accommodate a popular sandwich shop. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic landmark.

5. Nugent-Hart House c. 1892-1893 312 S. Waxahachie

Joseph Nugent was the second mayor of Mansfield. When the town was incorporated in 1890, his house and lot were inside of the southern boundary of the city limits. Joseph Nugent, born in 1829 in Canada to Irish immigrants, attended college to become a teacher. In 1851, he came to Texas to join his brother, John, in north Ellis County. John obtained a section of land under the Peters Colony Act. In 1852, Joseph traded his pony for fifty acres of land, and continued to buy more land, until he had 2,000 acres of ranch land. In beginning, he taught school in Dallas County for two years, then in Tarrant County for twelve years. During this period, he opened a private school and taught at the Mansfield Male and Female College. Prior to the Civil War, Nugent returned to Canada. He returned in 1868 with his brother, Richard. In 1889, Nugent moved to Mansfield. He bought the land for this house at a

Sheriff’s sale for \$55.50. In 1891, at age 62, he married for the first time. He died childless in 1903 and was buried in the Mansfield Cemetery. When his widow, Christina, visited his grave, she found sheep grazing on it, and she had him moved to Dallas. Joseph Nugent was a Royal Arch Mason.

In 1907, the Galloways from Tennessee, bought this house as their “city” home to school their twelve children during the fall and winter months. Dora Galloway and children lived here while father lived on the farm.

The next owner, Johnathan H. Hart and wife Nancy, had six children. Their son, J.N. Hart, assumed residence after his parents died. J.N. Hart died in 1938, from injuries by a “hit and run” incident as he was walking across Main Street from City Council meeting to his car. A massive search for the driver ensued with a posse of 75. J.N. Hart’s son, Clyde N. Hart and wife, Myrtle, resided here in the 1940s. Clyde served on the City Council, was a livestock broker, and owned a large dairy farm. The house was built in the early rural frame and Victorian style. It was a one-story house with the “H” plan and a porch facing each direction. Original out-buildings included a bathhouse and a windmill over the well. In 2006, the Hart family deeded the house to St. Jude’s Catholic Church. The congregation and others restored the house over a two-year period, as an all-volunteer crew. In 2008, the house with windmill, became the rectory for St. Jude’s and home of Father George Foley. This house is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark, and it received a rare Texas Historical Marker in 1984.

6. Chorn-Guest House 1886; 1919 608 E. Broad

A two-story rectangular house with central dog trot was constructed here in 1886 by Mansfield contractor William Bratton for Ebenezer Chorn and Hannah Bratton Chorn. Ebenezer Chorn was educated at the Mansfield College under Dr. John Collier. Ebenezer and Hannah had seven children. He operated a freighting business for a while, and later became the proprietor of a drug store on Main Street. Two of his sons later became pharmacists, as well. The house at 608 E Broad sold in 1919 to Anna Patterson Guest, at which time the house was remodeled, including the addition of the front porches. Mrs. Guest owned a large farm southeast of Mansfield, and maintained this residence near the