

## HALBERT - HALL HOME

The beautiful old Halbert home was built in 1892 by Joshua Lucius Halbert, Esq., an attorney, for his mother Mrs. Fannie Jones Halbert, widow of pioneer Corsicana attorney Joshua Long Halbert.

Mrs. Halbert occupied the house in its youth with her daughter Annie, and son, Josh, who later brought his bride here and reared his family.

The original house plans, drawn by C.A. Logan, architect, are still in the possession of various descendents of J.L. Halbert. Copies of some of these plans are on display in the foyer hall. Also shown is a family photograph in front of this house of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Halbert, Esq., and family.

The house, originally painted yellow with white trim, once occupied an entire block to itself with a garden spot, barns, stables, chicken houses, and servants house.

Jennifer and Jack Hall, the present owners, are restoring the home in their off-time hours. Extensive work on the outside is in progress to bring back its original beauty.

Entry Hall - Inside the leaded glass doors, the Doric columns are repeated in the spacious curly pine-paneled entry and the adjoining living room, dining room and parlor. The seating alcove is cushioned in the original red velvet. The chandelier is also original. Turn to room at right.

Living Room - This room features original chandelier and fireplace mantel. The sofa and adjoining chairs are French Victorian. In the left corner of the room is a hand painted Italian screen. Featured in the room is a beautiful hand carved teak double desk.

Dining Room - In the dining room is a 18th Century English carved dining table made of scarlet oak. Above the table hangs a signed Tiffany lamp. Notice the cut glass collection on the sideboard. Along the inside wall is an American Country Cupboard with stained glass doors. Turn left to room across foyer.

Parlor - The chandelier, ornate fireplace mantel and wallpaper are part of the original decor. The sofa is Chippendale with end tables from France. In the far corner of the room is a hand painted and signed curio cabinet. The French writing desk, near the doorway, is also hand painted and signed. The Bush and Gerts piano was built in Chicago in 1828. On the piano is a Bavarian porcelain lamp of a ballerina. Take the hall to the milk room.

Breakfast Room - Originally this was the milk room. The Halls have furnished it with a country oak table and matching Victorian Parlor chairs. Notice the large old ceiling fan, Exit back door.

## Old Home Bodies

Members of Old Home Bodies are owners of older (not necessarily historic) homes in Corsicana. They are basically people interested in saving "the old" of Corsicana. This is apparent by the love in which most are working in their own homes and the helping of their fellow members.

The first meeting in September of 1980, came about when 4 couples, the Barnes, the Buskes, the Nobles, and the Royses, expressed a need for sharing friendship and ideas of re-doing or restoring their homes. Also a sharing of work by way of a co-op was discussed.

Members take turns once a month meeting in each other home. Usually there is a guest speaker talking on a subject pertaining to the problems of old homes.

The membership has grown to 23 couples. Anyone is welcome to join.

### List of current members:

#### Name

Mary Anderson	1408 W. 3rd	
Gayle & Steve Barnes (Past President)	2121 W. Collin	1926
Carol & Ed Bateman	1446 W. 4th	
Pauline & George Bulen	640 W. 4th	
Shirley & Bob Buske (President)	420 W. 6th	1882
Karen & Mike Case	1004 W. 3rd	
Teresa & Larry Certain	1020 W. 3rd	
Nancy & Mike Eddlemon	1921 W. 5th	
Linda & James Fahey	602 N. 25th	1925
Betty & Delbert Gerhart	1542 W. 4th	1915
Kathy & Sherlin Gerhart	1531 W. 5th	1900
Glinda Grier	1452 W. 2nd	Circa 1900
Jennifer & Jack Hall	1250 W. 3rd	1892
Elaine & Bennie Hand	2019 W. 5th	1922
Karla & Mike Jezek	614 N. 25th	
Barbara & Mark Jones	1239 W. 3rd	1933
Susan Noble	1418 W. Collin	
Iana & Charlie Orsak	212 N. 30th	1912
Carllice & Dick Prater	510 N. 25th	1917
Lina & George Royse	1235 W. 3rd	Circa 1909
Valara & Robert Shaw	1300 W. 3rd	1923
Glenda & Steve Terry	1547 W. 5th	1924
Mary Lou & Tommy Wardell	745 W. 3rd	

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