

1908 Decatur; lot 5, block 426

The large imposing Queen Anne style house at 1908 Decatur is on lot 5, block 426. The principal question that we will investigate is when this house was built and by whom. It is called the Valentine House, and it is commonly alleged that it was built by Mrs. Pierre Valentine. It was not built by her. She did live in it for a few years when it was owned by her son-in-law Marcus Clarke.

The chain of title to lot 5 is as follows:

Chain of Title:

On May 23, 1861 W. R. Baker sells all of block 426 to H. P. Levy except for lots 7 and 8, which have already been sold (Y289). On March 22, 1870 the heirs of H. P. Levy (more specifically, Francis Levy and Ella Levy represented by their attorney M. A. Levy) sell lots 1, 4, and 5 to James E. Foster for \$150 cash (8/381). On the same day J. E. Foster sells lots 4 and 5 to Bettie E. Williams for \$150. A note for 40 coin dollars is due 90 days from date (8/366). On June 11, 1870 he sells lot 1 to James Terry for \$100 cash (8/589). So he made a tidy profit in a short period of time.

On January 28, 1890 B. F. Williams and Bettie E. Williams, husband and wife, of Victoria Co. sell lots 4 and 5 to Mat Moreland for \$1000 (\$500 cash and 2 promissory notes of \$250 each). (48/18)

On May 31, 1897 M. T. Moreland and Annie Moreland, his wife, sell lots 4 and 5 to Chas. Clappart for \$1300 cash. (100/188)

On July 18, 1902 Chas. A. Clappart sells lot 5 to M. S. Clarke for \$2050 (138/588). The purchase price is composed of \$50 in cash plus 26 notes for \$75 apiece and one note for \$50 "payable on or before October 20, 1902 to April 9, 1909" at 8% interest.

The phrase "together with the improvements thereon" is in the deed, and the deed specifies that the buyer is to keep the premises insured. On May 27, 1908 Charles A. Clappart sells lot 4 to M. S. Clarke for \$2250 (220/271). The purchase price consists of \$450 in cash plus 36 notes for \$50 apiece at 8% interest. The buyer is required to keep the improvements on the property insured, and "together with all improvements thereon" appears in the deed.

On November 25, 1916 M. S. Clarke and Rose Clarke, his wife, sell lot 4 to Coleman Wiggins for \$2900. The purchase price consists of \$500 in cash plus 120 monthly installments consisting of \$20 plus one month's interest at 10% on the unpaid balance. The first note of \$36 is to be paid January 1, 1917. Each payment will be 13 1/3 cents less than the previous payment. The last payment will be \$20.12 1/3. The buyer agrees to insure the improvements. (374/368)

On September 1, 1918 M. S. Clarke and wife Rose Clarke of Harris Co. sell lot 5 to the Tabernacle Baptist Church for \$3744. The purchase price consists of \$394 in cash plus 13 promissory notes of \$250 and one of \$100 at 8% to be paid every 6 months starting March 1, 1919. (411/101)

On July 7, 1936 lot 5 is sold at public auction for \$1800 to American National Insurance Co. On July 1, 1930 Tabernacle Baptist Church had executed a deed of trust to ANIC. See 510/440. (1025/97)

On December 22, 1938 ANIC sells lot 5 to Theresa E. Hutton, a widow of Harris Co. (1114/795). On the same date she sells to Tabernacle Baptist Church lot 11 in block 427. The deed recites that Theresa E. Hutton is the widow of Frank R. Hutton, who died February 27, 1937, that they purchased lot 11 (1915 Decatur) in May of 1925, and that they rented and maintained it continuously for 13 years (1113/213). Lot 11 adjoins the church on the east. See also 1111/118, 1111/119.

Theresa E. Hutton died December 18, 1954. Her estate was probated in Harris Co., but the records have been discarded. The legacy applicants were Cora S. A. Smith, 1920 Kane, and Frank R. Hutton. Theresa Hutton and her husband Frank R. Hutton lived for many years at 1920 Kane.

On January 6, 1993 1) Marguerite Hutton, owner of a life estate interest in lot 5, 2) Richard F. Hutton, a remainderman of the said life estate interest, and 3) the administrator of the

estate of Cora S. Smith, dec'd, sell lot 5 to John Phillip Huval and Mark Richard Serafin as joint tenants. The buyers have the same address, 1141 Arlington. Part of the compensation is a note for \$23000 to 1) and 2) and a note for \$20000 to 3) (118-57-3617). In the 1940 census Marguerite F. Hutton (WF, 35) is the wife of Frank R. Hutton (WM, 42).

On May 15, 1998 Mark R. Serafin sells lot 5 to John P. Huval, whose address is 1908 Decatur. (518-68-1124)

On May 16, 1998 John Phillip Huval sells lot 5 to Crystal W. Huisin 'T Veld and Robert A. Huisin 'T Veld, wife and husband. (518-70-0695)

On May 23, 2003 Robert A. Huisin T' Veld and Crystal W. Huisin T' Veld sell lot 5 to Salvador V. Guercio and Ann C. Guercio, husband and wife, whose address is 1908 Decatur. (568-39-1804)

On August 27, 2008 Salvador V. Guercio and wife Ann C. Guercio sell lot 5 to Martin R. Medina and Leisha S. Medina. (RP059-54-1971)

Dramatis Personae:

The following individuals will play a significant role in the story of the house. They are described in considerable detail. You may wish to skip forward to the discussion of the house and come back to them as you encounter their names.

Bettie E. Williams:

Bettie E. Williams bought lot 4 and 5 in 1870, and she and her husband sold those lots in 1890. There is no evidence that she ever lived there. In the 1880 census Mrs. Hester D. Needham (56, WF, NC NC NC), a widow, runs a boarding house at 239 Washington St. Benj. F. Williams and Betty E. Williams are living there with their 4-year-old son John R. Williams. Benjamin (34, WM, Tx Tx Tx) is a 34-year-old white male who is a deputy sheriff and who was born in Texas. His parents were also born in Texas. His wife Betty (31, WF, Tx Tx Tx) is a 31-year-old white female who was born in Texas and whose parents were born in Texas. Harris Co. marriage records show that B. F. Williams and Bettie E. Needham were married in Harris Co. January 23, 1868.

In 1850 Hester Neidham, a 25-year-old female born in North Carolina (25, F, NC), is living in Houston with 3 children: Ruthven (9, M, Tx), Josephine (5, F, Tx), and Elizabeth (2, F, Tx). The value of Hester's real estate is \$2000. I cannot find the family in 1860, but Ruthven (18, WM, Tx, machinist) is living in Houston in the 4th Ward in the household of L. C. Stanly, a brickmaker. In 1870 Hester Needham (42, WF, NC) is keeping a boarding house in Houston in the 4th Ward. Josephine Moody (25, WF, Tx) and her 2 children are living with Hester. I cannot find Benjamin Williams or his wife in 1870. In 1880 they are, of course, living in Bettie's mother's boarding house. The deed cited above indicates that in 1890 they are living in Victoria Co. I cannot find them in 1900.

Except for 1872 and 1874-76 city directories exist for all the years between 1870 and 1890. In that time period there is no evidence in city directories that anyone named Williams lived anywhere on Decatur St. The first 3 of the following 5 entries in Houston city directories clearly refer to the husband of Bettie E. Williams. The last 2 may or may not refer to him. These entries suggest that Bettie and her husband had left Houston by 1886 and perhaps by 1882.

1877-78 pgs 259-61: **"William Benjamin F., deputy marshal, res Mrs. Hester Needham."**

1879-80 pgs 260-62: **"Williams Benjamin F., carpenter, bds Mrs. H. Needham."**

1880-81 pgs 358-61: **"Williams Benjamin F., dep'y sheriff, bds Mrs. H. D. Needham."**

1882-83 pgs 206-08: **"Williams Benjamin, shipping clk Sanborn & Warner, bds H. B. Sanborn"**

1884-85 pgs 156-58: **"Williams Benjamin, shipping clk Sanborn & Warner, bds Dr. Louis A. Bryan, rms S. R. S. Andres."**

Peter Valentine:

In the 1860 census P. Valentine (22, France, carpenter) and his wife Angeline (15, La) are living in Houston in the 4th Ward (the 6th Ward was created in 1876). In 1870 Peter Valentine (32, Fr, carpenter), his wife Angeline (25, La), and 3 children continue to live in the 4th Ward. In the 1870-71 city directory he is a carpenter working in the railroad shops. In the other two city directories available for the 1870's (1873, 1877) he is not present.

He is in the 1880 census, and after 1880 he is in each issue of the city directory until his death in 1888. He is always a

carpenter or cabinet maker, and the city directories often say that he works in the H. & T. C. shops.

Peter Valentin died in November 1888. He is buried in Glenwood in Section C-4 Lot 158. A newspaper clipping posted on Find-a-Grave describes the circumstances of his death. His tombstone reads "Pierre Valentin 1839-1888". The clipping is from the *Galveston Daily News*, November 14, 1888, page 5.

The census and city directories do not indicate that he was ever a valet or a chauffeur or that he had any relationship with William Marsh Rice. He is consistently described as a carpenter. Harris Co. deed records indicate that he made four real estate purchases. On March 1877 he bought a tract of land on the south side of the Washington Road and on the east side of Young St. (17/195). It fronted 98' on Young St. This is undoubtedly the tract that is referred to in the directories and in the census as 195 Washington and later as 1317 Washington. Peter lived there until he died, and his widow Angeline continued to live there until 1905-06. At times one or another of her grown children were living there with her. In particular in 1897-98 Marcus Clarke and his wife Rose (nee Valentine) were living at 1317 Washington with Rose's mother. The 1900 census indicates that they were married about 1896; in 1900 they are still living with Rose's mother.

In 1885 Pierre Valentine bought a lot in the 1800 block of Lubbock, which he sold to his eldest son Urbain in 1887 (32/282; 41/660). In 1866 he bought a lot between the Washington Road and the railroad, which he sold in 1879 (3/481; 20/42). In 1868 Peter and his wife sold 2 lots in block 2 of the Castanie survey (on an eastward extension of present-day Robin St. east of the Pierce elevated) (8/538). Other than the 4 tracts/lots just mentioned Pierre Valentin was uninvolved in real estate transactions.

After her husband's death in 1888 Angeline Valentin continues to live at 1317 Washington until 1905. On November 16, 1905 Angeline Valentin, widow of Pierre Valentin, dec'd; Rosalie Clark, joined by her husband M. S. Clark; Noame Faure, joined by her husband Peter E. Faure; Seraphine Luckie, joined by her husband J. S. Luckie; Alex T. Valentin joined by his wife Fannie C. Valentin; and Urbain Valentin, all of Harris Co. sell for \$5600 to C. O. Ralston the Valentine Homestead located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Young's Avenue. The deed recites that Camill Valentin, son of Pierre, died about 3 years previously. He was not married (183/180). There is no

indication as to how the proceeds of the sale were distributed. Presumably Alex did not get any because on February 8, 1904 he sold his interest in the Homestead to his mother for \$600 (159/158).

Very soon after Mrs. Valentin sells the Valentine Homestead, she purchases a house at 2309 Center St. On December 7, 1905 she purchases lot 10, block 382 from E. J. Jarrard and his wife for \$1700 cash. The lot fronts 50' on Center. The sellers purchased the house December 28, 1904 from Andrew and Josephine Kuhn (184/52).

In the 1907 city directory Angeline Valentin is living at 2309 Center. There is no one named Faure in the directory, but in 1908 her son-in-law Peter E. Faure is also living at 2309 Center. Mrs. Valentin continues to live there until 1911-12. In 1913 she is living at 1908 Decatur with her daughter Rose and her husband Marcus S. Clark(e). Peter E. Faure has moved to the Woodland Heights. Mrs. Valentin continued to own 2309 Center, presumably as rental property. After her death it was sold by the administrator of her estate, M. S. Clarke (476/188). Mrs. Valentin lived at 1908 Decatur with Rose and her husband until 1917 and maybe 1918 (she is not present in the 1918 directory). In 1919 Mrs. Valentine is living at 608 Euclid in the Woodland Heights with her daughter Tina and her husband John S. Luckie. In the 1920 census Angeline is still living with Tina. Angeline Valentin died in October 1920, and she is buried in Glenwood in the same plot as her husband. Also buried in that plot are her children Tina/Sarah (1960) and Camille P. (1902) along with James Valentin (1902), who may also be her son. According to the 1910 census Angeline had 7 children, 5 of whom were alive in 1910.

Marcus S. Clarke:

According to the 1900 census Marcus S. Clarke was born in Missouri in November 1870. On November 25, 1896 he married Miss Rosa Valentin, and in the 1900 census they are living with her mother at 1317 Washington. He is a blacksmith. He is in the city directory for the first time in 1897-98. He is living at 1317 Washington Ave.; he is a blacksmith in the H. & T. C. shops. He continues to live at 1317 Washington until 1902-03. In 1900 and later he is a foreman blacksmith. In 1903-04 he is living at 1908 Decatur. 1908 Decatur is lot 5, block 426, which he had purchased July 18, 1902. He and his wife Rose live there until 1918. In 1919 he is living at 301 Hathaway St., which is

the former name of Lower Westheimer. Rose's mother, who lived with them on Decatur from 1913 until 1917 or 1918 did not move to Hathaway St. with them. In 1913 Marcus is still a foreman blacksmith; in 1915 he is marked as "traveling". I assume that means he is a salesman.

Remember that Marcus S. Clarke bought lot 5 in 1902. He bought lot 4 to the west in 1908. He sold lot 4 in 1916 and then lot 5 in 1918.

Charles A. Clappart:

According to the 1900 census Charles A. Clappart was born in Illinois in July 1865. In 1900 he has been married to his wife Josephine for 11 years, and they have 2 children. They are living at 1910 Decatur on the property which he purchased in 1897. He is a railroad engineer. He is in the city directory for the first time in 1897-98; he lives at 1910 Decatur, and he is an engineer for the H. & T. C. R. R. He is an engineer until 1900-01; in 1902-03 he is an engine inspector. He continues to live at 1910 Decatur until 1902-03. In 1903-04 he is living at 1502 Kane. Although he sold lot 5 (1908 Decatur) in 1902, he retained lot 4 (1910 Decatur) until 1908. He sold both lots to Marcus S. Clarke.

On September 10, 1906 a divorce was granted to Josephine Clappart. She gets \$5000, and he gets lot 4 in block 426, another lot in the Blount Addition, and a commercial lot in Corsicana. He gets custody of their 2 children (Deed Records 197/288,289,290). On February 9, 1906 Charles Clappart shot and killed his brother-in-law (Ernest J. Bannerman, husband of his sister) in a house at 416 Houston Avenue. The main front-page story in the *Houston Post* on February 10 is about the killing. Clappart was charged with manslaughter, but the charges were later dismissed (June 17, page 8).

Charles Clappart remains at 1502 Kane until 1907. In 1908-09 he is living at 1520 Kane, and in 1910-11 he is a roomer at 1220 Washington. In 1907 he and his brother Emile E. Clappart buy a 100'x100' lot at the corner of Capitol and Jackson (203/350-51). I don't find any other real estate transactions prior to his death in 1912.

Thomas A. Averitt:

Thomas A. Averitt is an engineer for the H. & T. C. In 1897-98 he is living on Houston Avenue. In 1899 he is living at 1906 Decatur. In 1900-01 and in 1902-03 he is living at 1908 Decatur. In 1903-04 he is living at 14 Stanley Pl. In the 1900 census Thomas A. Averitt (WM, Apr 1843, 57, M30) is living at 1908 Decatur with his wife and daughter and 2 boarders (husband & wife). He and the boarder are engineers, and he rents the house.

M. T. Moreland and Augustus C. Moreland:

M. T. Moreland owns lots 4 and 5 for 7 years from 1890 until 1897. During that period he is not in city directories. He appears only twice -- as Matthew Moreland in 1880-81 and in 1882-83. He is an employee of the railroad, and he is a boarder in Mrs. Needham's boarding house. He is Mad T. Moreland in the 1880 census, which also shows him to be a boarder with Mrs. Needham. He is 24 and is an apprentice boilermaker. He is in the 1870 census as Madison Moreland. The 1870 and 1860 censuses make it clear that Augustus C. Moreland is his father.

In 1880 Aug. C. Moreland lives at 72 Decatur with his wife, a son Walter, 2 drivers, and a servant. He is a dealer in wood. In the city directories he lives at 72 Decatur from 1880-81 until 1884-85, then at 20 Decatur (corner of Silver) from 1886-87 until 1887-88, and then at 223 Washington in 1889-90. In 1890-91 his wife Sallie is in the directory as a widow.

When was the house built?

The significance of the above-mentioned people is that they provide some evidence as to when and by whom the house currently at 1908 Decatur (lot 5) was built. According to the 1896 Sanborn map no structure was on lot 5 in 1896. There was a house on lot 4 (1910 Decatur). Our task is made more difficult by the fact that the house numbering system was changed about 1892. In city directories from about 1880 until about 1888 Augustus C. Moreland lived at 72 Decatur. 72 Decatur is probably 1910 Decatur. For reference, in 1880 Abraham Stott lived at 78 Decatur. He owned lots 2 and 3. Somewhat strangely M. T. Moreland did not own lots 4 and 5 when his father lived there; he bought them in 1890 about the time his father died. There is no evidence from city directories that he ever lived there.

As mentioned above, there is no evidence that Bettie E. Williams ever lived on lot 4 or on lot 5. She owned them from 1870 until 1890.

After Charles A. Clappart bought both lots in 1897, he quickly occupied the house at 1910 Decatur (lot 4), and he continued to live there until 1902-03. We know that there was a house on lot 5 during this time period because we find Thomas A. Averitt in city directories. He is a railway engineer, and he lives at 1908 Decatur in 1900-01 and in 1902-03. In the 1900 census he is living at 1908. The 1899 city directory says that he lives at 1906; I suspect that the difference between 1906 and 1908 is due to indecision about what number to use for the house. That indecision could be interpreted to mean that 1908 had just been built; there might naturally be indecision about what number to use for a new house on the block. The house on lot 6 was 1904.

When Marcus Clarke bought lot 5 from Charles Clappart in 1902, he paid \$2050. At that time an undeveloped 50'x100' lot was worth about \$350. Thus the house on lot 5 in 1902 was worth about \$1700. When Charles Clappart bought both lots 4 and 5 in 1897 he paid \$1300, and there was a house on lot 4. It seems clear that lot 5 was still undeveloped in 1897 and that Charles Clappart built a house there, which he rented to Thomas Averitt. He was living on lot 4. It seems strange that he would build a grand house and then rent it instead of living in it. His marriage was troubled, and it MIGHT be that he built the house on lot 5 with the intention that he and his wife would live in it and then decided not to live there. It is possible that Clappart built a modest house on lot 5, which he rented to Averitt and which Marcus Clarke later demolished or moved in order to build the grand house that is on lot 5 today, but it seems unlikely that Clarke would pay \$2050 if all he wanted was a buildable lot.

I think the preponderance of the evidence is that Charles Clappart built the current house on lot 5 at 1908 Decatur in about 1898.

Abraham Stott's house at 1914 Decatur is very similar in form to 1908 Decatur; one is the mirror image of the other, and it seems very likely that one of them was the inspiration of the other. Because of the following building permit issued March 16, 1897 we can be reasonably sure that Stott's house was constructed in 1897.

A. Stott, 2-story frame, block 426, Decatur street; \$1000

Stott presumably knew what sort of house he was going to build when he got the permit. His house was presumably built first because Clappart did not buy lot 5 until May 31, 1897.

On June 22, 1897 C. A. Clappart and his wife Josephine Clappart, being desirous of making improvements upon lots 4 and 5 in block 426, have become indebted for those improvements to A. L. Metcalf in the sum of \$562.50 as evidenced by their 59 promissory notes for the sum of \$9.35 and one note for \$10.80 all dated that day. The Clapparts convey a materialman's lien on the property to Metcalf and agree to insure the improvements to be constructed for no less than \$400. (8/51, Harris Co. Contract Records)

\$562.50 is about \$17000 in today's money. Chuck Stava had the opportunity to closely observe 1910 Decatur when it was being restored by Matthew Cox. He states that there was abundant architectural evidence that the house was extensively remodeled around 1900. The original windows were replaced and Victorian trim was installed inter alia. The contract between Clappart and Metcalf mentions both lot 4 and lot 5. Presumably it mostly covers the remodeling of 1910 Decatur. It is not clear what work was done on lot 5.

The following permit was issued to M. S. Clarke on July 30, 1902:

M. S. Clarke, repair house, Decatur Street; \$62

\$62 is about \$1800 in today's money.

Old newspapers are becoming increasingly accessible online. The *Houston Post* is available from 1893 onward. OCR has been applied to these newspapers, and they are searchable. Around 1900 there was a regularly occurring feature in the *Houston Post* entitled "Building Permits". It did not appear every day, and it did not appear at regular intervals. Sometimes it was there, and sometimes it was not. It did not report every building permit issued. For example, July 1901 has newspapers for every day of the month. I was able to find 57 permits issued in July. A news article on August 2, 1901 states that 116 permits were issued in the previous month. A building permit was probably issued for the construction of 1908 Decatur, but I did not find it.

Building permits give us an idea of the cost of different sorts of houses. Six permits for 2-story houses in 1901, 1902, and early 1903 in this area had costs from \$800 to \$1800. Those costs are consistent with costs for 2-story houses in other parts of the city. Clearly there is lots of variation. Since 1908 Decatur and 1914 Decatur are essentially identical, we can assume that 1908 cost about \$1000.

However, the costs that appear in building permits are just estimates. The costs in contracts represent real money. Here too there is a lot of variation. In 1903 Samuel D. Forman spent \$1893 to build his 2-story house now at 901 Taylor. He had a building permit for \$1800. In 1892 John Sweeney spent \$2092 for a 2-story house at 2103 Kane (burned in 1956). In 1907 Herman Wottrich spent \$2650 on the 2-story house at 1907 Decatur. Based on the data that I have, the price that Marcus Clarke paid in 1902 (\$2095) seems low but not implausible.

Tabernacle Baptist Church:

After the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 1919 Decatur bought 1908 Decatur in 1918, it was used as the church's parsonage until about 1939. In 1919 Rev. W. R. Brown lives at 1908 Decatur. In the 1930 census Robert W. McCann (57, M25, pastor/Baptist Church) is renting 1908 Decatur for \$50/month. He lives there with his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. Rev. Louis B. Quarles lives at 1908 Decatur in 1939. In the 1940 census Lewis B. Quarles (pastor/church) is living at 1912 Kane.

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Neal Parker, 1816 Lubbock St.
updated 3/10/2020

Chuck Stava, 2214 Kane

Online report:

[http://singlepropertysites.com/display/images/properties/32949/H
istory_of_Valentine_House___OSW.pdf](http://singlepropertysites.com/display/images/properties/32949/History_of_Valentine_House___OSW.pdf)

Census:

1860 4th Ward, Houston
P. Valentine 22 Fr carpenter
Angeline " 15 La

1870 4th Ward, Houston

Peter Valentine 32 MW Fr Carpenter
Angeline " 25 FW La Keeping House
Arvon " 7 FW Tx at Home
Albin " 9 MW Tx at Home
Alexander " 9/12 MW Tx Sept

1880 195 Washington

Peter Valentine WM 40 M Fr Fr Fr Cab Maker
Angeline " WF 35 M La Fr Fr
Urban " son WM 19 S Tx Fr La Ap Machinist
N_____ " dau WF 17 S Tx Fr La
Eliek " son WM 10 S Tx Fr La

Sarah " dau WF 5 S Tx Fr La
 Rosa " dau WF 3 S Tx Fr La

1880 72 Decatur (Abraham Stott is at 78 Decatur)
 Aug C. Moreland WM Fa Ga Ga Ga deals in wood
 Sallie E. " WF Mo
 1 son, 15, 2 drivers, and a servant

M. T. Moreland (WM, 24, ap boilermaker) is a boarder in Hester
 D. Needham's boarding house at 239 Washington.

1900 1315 Washington
 Alex T. Valentine WM Sep 1870 29 M5 RH Tx Tx Tx
 Grocery dealer
 Fanny " wife WF Mar 1878 22 M5/1/1 La La La
 Quida " dau WF Dec 1897 2 S Tx Tx La

1900 1317 Washington
 Angen Valentine Head WF Jan 1844 56 W OFH La La La
 Tina " dau WF Oct 1874 25 S Tx Fr La
 Marcus S. Clark s-i-l WM Nov 1870 29 M4 Mo Mo Mo
 Blacksmith
 Rose " dau WF Oct 1876 23 M4/1/1 Tx Fr La
 Carnelle " son WM Jan 1883 17 S Tx Fr La
 Machinist
 Velma " gr-dau WF Oct 1898 1 S Tx Mo Tx
 Henry May boarder WM Mar 1883 17 S Tx Tx Tx
 Blacksmith

1900 1814 Lubbock St.
 Urbain Valentine Head WM May 1861 39 M17 OFH Tx Fr Unk
 R. R. Carpenter
 Georgiana " wife WF Jan 1864 36 M17/8/6 Tx Aus Pa
 Cornelius " son WM Sep 1883 16 S Tx Tx Tx
 at school
 Norine " dau WF Sep 1886 13 S Tx Tx Tx
 at school
 Rosalie " dau WF Sep 1888 11 S Tx Tx Tx
 at school
 Georgiana " dau WF Jan 1893 7 S Tx Tx Tx
 Urbain, Jr. " son WM Nov 1896 3 S Tx Tx Tx
 Clarence " son WM Nov 1899 6/12S Tx Tx Tx

1900 1910 Decatur

Charles A. Clappart (WM, July 1865, 34, M11, Il Bel Fr, R.R. Engineer, OMH) with wife Josephine (WF, 30, M11/2/2) and 2 children

1910 1814 Lubbock

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| Urbane | Valentine | Head | MW | 49 | M1/27 | OF | Tx | Fr | Fr | |
| Machinist/Shops | | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgia | " | wife | FW | 46 | M1/27/11/7 | | Tx | Aus | Aus | none |
| Cornelius | " | son | MW | 27 | S | | Tx | Tx | Tx | none |
| Georgia | " | dau | FW | 16 | S | | Tx | Tx | Tx | |
| scholar | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urbane | " | son | MW | 13 | S | | Tx | Tx | Tx | |
| scholar | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarence | " | son | MW | 11 | S | | Tx | Tx | Tx | |
| scholar | | | | | | | | | | |
| Myrtle | " | dau | FW | 2 | S | | Tx | Tx | Tx | none |

In 1910 Angeline Valentine (66, W/7/5, La Fr Fr) is living with her daughter Naomi Faure, married to Peter E. Faure, at 2309 Center St.

In 1910 M. S. Clark (42, M1/13, Mo Mo Mo, OF, machinist/shop) is living at 1908 Decatur with his wife Rosa (32, M13/3/2, Tx Tx La) and 2 daughters.

In 1920 Angeline Valentin (75, La Fr Fr) is living with her daughter Tina S. Luckie (45, Tx Fr La) and her husband John S. Luckie (50, Mo Mo Mo, OM, electrician/city) at 608 Euclid Ave.

In 1920 Marcus S. Clarke (49, Mo Mo Mo, OF, salesman/supply co.) and his wife Rose (43, Tx Fr La) and one daughter live at 301 Hathaway St.

In 1940 Rose V. Clark (63, Tx) is a widow living at 1748 North Boulevard, probably with her daughter.

1930 1910 Decatur

3 households as renters (\$37, \$20, \$25)

1930 1908 Decatur

1 Household as renter (Robert W. McCann, pastor Baptist Church, \$50)

Find-a-Grave:

Naomi Valentin Sep. 24 1862--Sep. 21, 1927; married Pierre Ernest Faure in 1892; buried in Washington Cem. Sec B Lot 97.

Pierre Ernest Faure died Nov. 18, 1938 and is buried in Washington Cem. Sec B Lot 97 with his wife.

Seraphine Valentin Luckie Oct. 28, 1874--Oct. 13, 1960; buried in Glenwood Sect. C-4, Lot 158; spouse John Stanford Luckie (1868-1945)

James Valentin unknown--May 14, 1902; buried in Glenwood Sec. C-4, Lot 158

Angeline Silvestre Valentin Jan. 30, 1844--Oct. 31, 1920; buried in Glenwood Sect. C-4, Lot 158

Jean Pierre ("Peter") Valentin 1839--Nov. 13, 1888; buried in Glenwood Sect. C-4, Lot 158. Cemetery records show a burial date of November 12, 1888. A newspaper clipping describes the circumstances of his death.

Charles A. Clappart 17 Jan 1865 -- 18 July 1912 Hempstead Cem., Waller Co.

Josephine Johanna Ernst Clappart 5 May 1870 -- 3 Oct 1950 Forest Park

Ernest J. Bannerman Dec 15, 1856 -- Feb 9, 1906 Oakwood Cem., Austin, Travis Co.

Leonie Palmere Clappart Bannerman July 29, 1859 - Jan 28, 1940 Oakwood Cem., Austin

Texas Death Certificates:

Mrs. Leonie Palmere Bannerman, 804 Merrill, married, wife of E. J. Bannerman; died Jan 28, 1940 at age 61 yrs 6 mos 1 day; born July 27, 1878 in Illinois; father Frank E. Clappart born in Belgium; informant E. E. Clappart, Houston, Texas

Charles A. Cloppart, machine inspector, married; died Feb 17, 1912 in Travis Co. at age 46 yrs 6 mos 25 days; born July 22, 1865 in Illinois; father F. E. Cloppart born in Belgium; informant E. E. Cloppart per H. J. B., Austin, Texas

Emile Eugene Clappart, 804 Merrill St., railway employee, 33 yrs in Houston; died 4/3/1958 at age 86; born 9/16/1871 in Illinois; father Frank E. Clappart, mother Hortense Verdeaux

Marriage:

I cannot find a marriage record for Peter Valentine.
Marcus S. Clarke m. Miss Rosa Valentin 25 Nov 1896 in Harris Co.
P. E. Faure m. Noemie Valentin Aug 17, 1892 in Harris Co.

August Fashion m. Louisa Ernst Jan 18, 1894 in Harris Co.
Charles A. Clappart m. Josephine Ernst Mar 6, 1889 in Harris Co.

City Directories:

1867-68 W. A. Leonard's City Directory; 184 pages
pg 89
Peter Valentine not present

1870-71 Murray's City Directory; 97 pages
pg 61
Valentine P. carpenter, C R R shop, res near _____

1873 Houston City Directory; 93 pages
pg 80
Peter Valentine not present

no directory between 1873 and 1877

1877-78 Mooney & Morrison's City Directory; 301 pages
pg 189
no Moreland
pg 236
Stott Abraham, machinist, res ss Washington bet Sabine and
Silver.
pg 247
Peter Valentine not present

1879-80 C. D. Morrison & Co.'s City Directory; 288 pages
pg 186
no Moreland
pg 236
Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. R'y, res ns Decatur bet
Silver and White.
pg 250
Valentine Peter, cabinet maker, res ss Washington bet Youngs ave
and Stanley.

1880-81 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 394 pages
pg 262

Moreland August C, wood dealer, res 72 Decatur.
Moreland Matthew P., boilermaker H. & T. C. shops, bds Mrs. H. D. Needham.

pg 324

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. R'y, res 78 Decatur.

pg 339

Valentine Peter, carpenter, res 195 Washington.

1882-83 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 248 pages

pg 164

Moreland August C., wood dealer, r. 72 Decatur.

Moreland Matthew F., fireman H. & T. C. R'y, bds Mrs. H. D. Needham.

pg 195

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. 78 Decatur.

pg 201

Valentine Peter, carpenter H. & T. C. shops, r. 195 Washington bet Young's ave and Stanley.

Valentine Ulby, machinist, home Peter Valentine.

1884-85 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 235 pages

pg 115

Moreland Anna (Mrs. Matthew), h. Mrs. F. Steiner.

Moreland August C, policeman and night clk Recorder's Court, r. 72 Decatur bt Silver, White.

pg 143

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. Ry, r. 78 Decatur bt Silver, White.

pg 150

Valentine Peter, carp H. & T. C. shops, r. 195 Washington.

Valentine Urbain, carp H. & T. C. shops, r. 13 Union bt White, Henderson.

1886-87 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 255 pages

pg 124

Moreland August C, policeman and night clk Mayor's Court, r. 20 Decatur cor Silver.

pg 153

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. 24 Decatur.

pg 159

Valentine Alexander T., clk E. H. Renisch, h. Peter Valentine.

Valentine Peter, carp H. & T. C. shops, r. 195 Washington.

Valentine Urabin J., wood machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. ns Lubbock bt Sabine, Silver.

1887-88 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 200 pages

pg 128

Moreland Augustus C., notions, confectionery, cigars, tobacco,
223 Washington bt Stanley, Clay, r. 20 Decatur bt Silver, White.
pg 162

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. 24 Decatur.
pg 173

Valentin Urabain J., wks H. & T. C. Ry shops, r. ns Lubbock bt
Sabine, Silver.

Valentine Alexander, h. Peter Valentine.

Valentine Peter, carp H. & T. C. shops, r. 195 Washington bt
Young, Stanley.

1889-90 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 264 pages
pg 167

Moreland Augustus C., toys, notions, fancy goods, confections,
cigars, tobaccos, 223 Washington, r. 233 Washington.
pg 207

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. 24 Decatur bt
Silver, White. ['24' is clear]
pg 216

Valentin Hugh, millwright, r. ns Lubbock bt Sabine, Silver.

Valentine Alexander, blksmith C. Schwarz, h. Mrs. A. Valentine.

Valentine Angeline (wid Peter), r. 195 Washington.

Valentine Noame Miss, h. Mrs. A. Valentine.

Valentine Urabain J., wood machinist H. & T. C. shops.

1890-91 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 311 pages
pg 137

Ford, Peter, bartender, bds Mrs. A. Valentine.
pg 205

Moreland Sallie (wid A. C). h. J. F. Morriss.
pg 254

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. 24 Decatur bt
Silver, White.
pg 265

Valentin Hugh, millwright, r. ns Lubbock bt Sabine, Silver.

Valentine Alexander T.V., cashier F. C. Colby, h. Mrs. A.
Valentine.

Valentine Angeline (wid Peter), r. 195 Washington.

Valentine Naomi Miss, h. S. J. Girardeau.

Valentine Urabain J., wood machinist H. & T. C. shops.

1892-93 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 364 pages
pg 194

Moreland Sallie E. (wid Augustus C.), h. Jno. F. Morriss, 2408
San Jacinto.
pg 245

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. ns Decatur bt Silver, White.

pg 256

Valentin Urabain J., wood machst H. & T. C. shops, r. ns Lubbock bt Sabine, Silver.

Valentine Alexander T. V., cashier Moss Rose restaurant, h. Mrs. Angeline Valentine.

Valentine Angeline (wid Peter), r. 1317 Washington.

Valentine Naomi Miss, seamstress, rms Philip Thompson.

1894-95 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 348 pages

pg 213

no relevant Moreland

pg 276

Stott Abraham, machinist H. & T. C. shops, r. 1916 Decatur.

pg 288

Valentin Urabain J., wood machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentine Alexander T. V., cashier F. C. Colby, h. Mrs. A. Valentine.

Valentine Angeline (wid Pierre), r. 1317 Washington.

Valentine Valentine, pantryman F. C. Colby, h. Peter Faure.

1895-96 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 263 pages

pg 65,66

no Marcus Clark(e), no Clappart

pg 174

Stott Abraham, machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1916 Decatur.

Stott Lizzie D. Miss, stenographer F. C. Taylor, h. A. Stott.

pg 181

Valentin Alexander (Genora & Valentin), r. 1317 Washington.

Valentin Urbain J., machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentine Angelina (wid Peter), r. 1317 Washington.

1897-98 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 213 pages

pg 39

Averitt Thomas A., engr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1107 Houston ave.

pg 57

Clappert Charles A., engr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1910 Decatur.

Clark Marcus S., blksmith H. & T. C. shops, r. 1317 Washington ave.

pg 153

Stott Abraham, machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1914 Decatur.

Stott Annie C., slslady Levy Bros., h. 1914 Decatur.

Stott John E., bkpr Robert Tilbrook.

pg 159

Valentin Alexander G. V., r. 1707 Dart.

Valentin Urban J., wood machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814
Lubbock.

Valentine Angeline (wid Peter), r. 1317 Wash'n.

1899 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 281 pages

pg 17

Averitt Thomas A., engr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1906 Decatur.

pg 37

Clappart Charles A., engr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1910 Decatur.

pg 38

Clarke Marcus S., blksmith H. & T. C. shops, r. 1317 Washington.

pg 165

Valentin Alexander T., groceries, 1315 Washington, r. same.

Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), r. 1317 Washington.

Valentin Camille, appc candymkr H. Alexander, h. 1317

Washington.

Valentin Urban J., wood mchst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentine Valentine, propr Union restaurant, 607 Prairie ave, r.
same.

1900-01 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 275 pages

pg 12

Averitt Thomas A., engr H. & T. C., r. 1908 Decatur.

pg 36

Clappart Charles A., engr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1910 Decatur.

pg 37

Clarke Marcus S., foreman blksmith H. & T. C. shops, bds 1317

Washington.

pg 181

Valentin Alexander T., groceries, fruits, 1315 Washington, r.
same.

Valentin Angelina (wid Pierre), r. 1317 Washington.

Valentin Camille P., appc machst H. & T. C. C. shops, h. Mrs. A.
Valentin.

Valentine Urbain, carp H. & T. C. car shops, r. 1814 Lubbock.

1902-03 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 385 pages

pg 36

Averitt Thomas A., engr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1908 Decatur. 3.

pg 69

Clappart Charles A., engine inspr H. & T. C. R. R., r. 1910
Decatur. 4.

Clarke Marcus S., foreman blksmith H. & T. C. shops, r. 1317
Washington. 3.

pg 257

Valentine Alexander T., groceries, 1315 Washington, r. same. 3.

Valentine Angeline (wid P.), r. 1317 Washington. 2.

Valentine Camille P., appc machst H. & T. C. shops, h. 1317
Washington.
Valentine Cornelius E., appc machst H. & T. C. shops, h. 1814
Lubbock.
Valentine Urbain, carp H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814 Lubbock. 7.

1903-04 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 381 pages
pg 75

Averitt Thomas A., engr H. & T. C., r. 14 Stanley pl. 2.
pg 116
Clappart Charles A., engine inspr H. & T. C. and H. E. & W. T.,
r. 1502 Kane.
Clarke Marcus S., foreman blksmith H. & T. C. and H. E. & W. T.
shops, r. 1908 Decatur. 3.
pg 306
Valentine Alexander T., r. 1410 Dart. 3.
Valentine Angeline (wid P.), r. 1317 Washington. 2.
Valentine Cornelius E., appc machst H. & T. C. shops, h. 1814
Lubbock.
Valentine Tenie Miss, seamstress Levy Bros., r. 1317 Washington
Valentine Urbain J., wood machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814
Lubbock. 7.

1905-06 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 348 pages; no street
directory

pg 96
Clappert Charles A., chief clk master mechanic's office H. & T.
C., r. 1502 Kane. 4.
Clark Marcus A., foreman blksmith H. & T. C. shops, r. 1908
Decatur. 3.
pg 247
Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), r. 1317 Washington.
Valentin Cornelius, appc machst H. & T. C. shops, 1814 Lubbock.
Valentin Urbane J., machine wood worker H. & T. C. shops, r.
1814 Lubbock. 8.
Valentine Alexander T., clk J. P. Moon, sr., r. 1903 Decatur. 3.
Sw. ph. 3900.

1907 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 317 pages; no street
directory

no Faure
pg 96
Clappart Charles A., clk H. & T. C. roundhouse, r. 1502 Kane. 3.
Clappart Frank E., caller H. & T. C. shops, h. 1502 Kane.
Clappart Josephine Mrs., bds 1520 Center.
Clark Marcus S., foreman H. & T. C. shops, r. 1908 Decatur. 4.
pg 242

Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), r. 2309 Center.
Valentin Cornelius E., machst H. & T. C. shops, h. 1814 Lubbock.
Valentin Urban J., r. 1814 Lubbock. 8.
Valentine Alexander T., restaurant, 1213 Congress ave, r. 1204
Congress ave. 3.

1908-09 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 376 pages; street
directory starts at pg 57

pg 178

Faure Peter E., bartender, r. 2309 Center. 5.

pg 155

Clappart Charles A., clk H. & T. C. roundhouse, r. 1512
Washington. 2.

Clappart Frank E., appc machst H. & T. C. shops, h. C. A.
Clappart.

Clappart Hortense (wid F. E.), h. 1512 Washington.

Clappart Josephine Mrs., shademkr Wm. Volker & Co., r. 1520
Center.

Clark Marcus S., foreman blksmith H. & T. C., r. 1908 Decatur.
4.

pg 306

Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), r. 2309 Center.

Valentin Cornelius E., h. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin Urbain J., r. 1814 Lubbock. 7.

Valentine Alexander T., restaurant, 1213 Congress ave, r. 2006
Decatur. 4.

1910-11 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 547 pages; street
directory starts at pg 51

pg 178

Clappart Charles A., trav car inspr H. & T. C. Ry, rms 1220
Houston ave. 2.

Clappart Frank E., appc machst H. & T. C. shops, h. 1520 Center.

Clappart Josephine (Mrs. Chas.), r. 1520 Center.

pg 179

Clark Marcus S., foreman blksmith H. & T. C. shops, r. 1908
Decatur. 4.

pg 216

Faure Peter E., bartender Brazos bar, r. 2309 Center. 5.

pg 405

Stott Abraham, machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1914 Decatur. 2. Ph
Taylor 759.

Stott George W., stenographer Theo. Keller, h. 1914 Decatur.

Stott J. William, clk auditor's office H. & T. C, h. 1914
Decatur.

pg 422

Valentin Alexander T., restaurant, 1315 Congress ave, r 2314
LaBranch. 4.

Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), h. 2309 Center.

Valentin Cornelius E., machst, h. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin Urbain J., wood machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814
Lubbock. 6.

1911-12 Texas Publishing Co. City Directory; 724 pages; street
directory starts on pg 44

pg 197

Clarke Marcus S. (Rose), foreman blksmith H. & T. C. shops, r
1908 Decatur. (4).

pg 252

Faure Alexander, clk motive power and machinery dept H. & T. C.,
h 2300 Center.

Faure Peter E. (Noame), bartender Brazos Hotel Bar, r. 2300
Center. (4).

pg 593

Valentin Angelina (wid Peter), h 2309 Center.

Valentin Cornelius E., h 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin Georgia A. Miss, h 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin Urban J. (Georgia), wood machst H. & T. C. shops,
r_1814 Lubbock. (5). Valentine Alexander T. (Frances) (Valentine
& Moir), r. 2306 Center. (4). Ph. Taylor 925

Valentine & Moir (A. T. Valentine, Charles Moir), restaurant,
908 Texas av. Ph. Preston 6810.

1912 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 574 pages

pg 464

Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), h. 2309 Center.

Valentin Camille Miss, h. 2306 Center.

Valentin Cornelius E., wood machst, h. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin Georgia Miss, h. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin & Moir (Alexander T. Valentin, Charles Moir) proprs
Oriental cafe, 908 Texas ave. Ph. Pr. 6810.

Valentin Urbain J., wood machst H. & T. C. shops, r. 1814
Lubbock. 5.

1913 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 700 pages; street guide
starts on pg 65

pg 218

Clark Marcus S., foreman blksmith S. P. shops, r. 1908 Decatur.
4.

pg 265

Faure Peter E. (French Bar), r. 616 Highland ave, Woodland hts.
5. Ph. Aut. A3023.

pg 538

Valentin Alexander T. (Valentin & Moir), r. 2310 Center. 4. Ph. Aut. A4207.

Valentin Angeline (wid Peter), h. 1908 Decatur.

Valentin Cornelius E., wks Houston infirmary, h. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin Georgia A. Miss, seamstress C. W. Scott Mfg Co., h. 1814 Lubbock.

Valentin & Moir (Alexander T. Valentin, Charles Moir, Robert Maves), proprs Oriental cafe, 908 Texas ave. Ph. Aut. A3210.

Valentin Urbain J., wood machst, r. 1814 Lubbock. 4.

Valentin Urbain J., jr., driver I. S. Lewis, h. 1814 Lubbock.

1915 Houston City Directory; 527 pages

I searched only for Marcus Clarke. 'trav' means 'traveling'.
Street directory present.

pg 160

Clarke Marcus S trav res 1908 Decatur

1917 Houston City Directory; 717 pages

pg 174

Clarke Marcus S trav res 1908 Decatur

pg 486

Valentin Angeline (wid Pierre) bds 1908 Decatur

" Cornelius E nurse bds 1814 Lubbock

" C Lee bds 1814 Lubbock

" Georgia A Mrs res 1814 Lubbock

" Jas bds 1814 Lubbock

" Urbain J millwright res 1414 Ashland

Valentine Alex T res 2309 Center

1918 Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 717 pages; has street-by-street

pg 179

Clarke Marcus S trav res 1908 Decatur

pg 493

Valentin Clarence L appr bds 1814 Lubbock

" Cornelius E mach bds 1814 Lubbock

" Georgia A Mrs res 1814 Lubbock

" Urban H pipemn Fire Sta No 10 bds 1814 Lubbock

" U John janitor Chronicle bldg res 1414 Ashland

Valentine Alex T waiter Acme Restaurant res 4 Walker Flats

Angeline Valentin(e) not present

1919 Houston City Directory; 786 pages

pg 202

Clarke Marcus S mgr Oxweld Supply Co r 301 Hathaway av

pg 251

Faure Peter E (Midget Cafe) r 616 Highland av Wd Hts

pg 378

Luckie John S line foreman City Electrical Dept r 608 Euclid av
Wd Hts

pg 542

Valentin Cornelius E florist h 1814 Lubbock

" C Lee car hlpr h 1814 Lubbock

" Georgia A Mrs r 1814 Lubbock

" Urban H h 1814 Lubbock (USN)

" Urban J janitor Court House r 1414 Ashland

Valentine Alex T (Midget Cafe) r 4 Walker Flats

" Angeline (wid Peter) bds 608 Euclid av

pg 612

1908 Decatur: Brown W R Rev

1920-21 Houston City Directory; 916 pages

pg 471

Rev. Charles S. McKinney at 1908 Decatur. He is the pastor of
the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

1922 Houston City Directory; 963 pages

1923-24 Houston City Directory; 1055 pages

1926 Houston City Directory; 6 files

Bettie Williams:

In 1873 on page 83 no one named Williams resides on Decatur St.
"Williams Betty, col cook and laundress, res cor Preston and
Caroline sts."

In 1877-78 on pages 259-61 no one named Williams resides on
Decatur St.

"Williams, Mrs Bettie, (col'd), res ne cor Preston and Austin."

In 1879-80 on pages 260-62 no one named Williams resides on
Decatur St. There is no Betty/Bettie Williams.

In 1880-81 on pages 358-61 no one named Williams resides on
Decatur St.

"Williams Bettie (col'd), home J. Brown."

In 1882-83 on pages 206-08 no one named Williams resides on
Decatur St.

"Williams Bettie (c), r. 268 Walker bet LaBranch and Crawford."

In 1884-85 on pages 156-58 no one named Williams resides on
Decatur St. There is no Betty/Bettie Williams.

In 1886-87 on pages 166-67 no one named Williams resides on
Decatur St. There is no Betty/Bettie Williams.

In 1887-88 on pages 182-84 no one named Williams resides on Decatur St.

"Williams Bettie (c), wks W. R. McKee, r. same."

In 1889-90 on pages 226-29 no one named Williams resides on Decatur St. There is no Betty/Bettie Williams.

In the 20 year period in which lots 4 and 5 were owned by Bettie E. Williams I was never able to find anyone named Williams living on Decatur St. I was amazed at the number of people named Williams in the city directories. The occurrences of 'Betty/Bettie Williams' that I found in the directories may or may not have been the owner of lots 4 and 5.

Contracts:

none for Marcus Clarke; 8/51 for Charles Clappart

Find-a-Grave, October 23, 2019:

The History of the Valentine House, (National Register of Historic Places) says that Peter Valentin, as he was commonly known, was the long time chauffeur of William Marsh Rice. Receiving a large financial gift from Rice upon his retirement, Peter invested in rental property. Catholic baptismal records at St Vincent's and Annunciation give his full name as Jean-Pierre Valentin and his wife as Angeline Silvestre. His widow built a home at 1908 Decatur with the proceeds of his estate. which still exists. He died while out on a walk the evening of Nov 12, 1888, and was found by his sons at Trentem's Bend, a wooded area.

The above bio information given by FAG member, KatieMac #46896687