

## Capt. William G. Hunt House

The land on which this house sits was originally owned by Bluford DeWees, founder of Columbus. Based on a deed transfer in the amount of \$1,350.00, a house was located on the lot when **Richard V. Cook** purchased it on December 10, 1858. Cook's obituary from August 1877 states that he was educated at Lebanon, Tennessee, where he was born. He emigrated to Texas in 1853, and settled in Fayetteville, Fayette county, where he remained until 1856. That year, he removed to Columbus, Colorado county, and engaged in the practice of the law. In 1862 he raised a company of soldiers that was attached to Col. Griffin's regiment and served until the final dismemberment of the Confederate army. Cook returned to Columbus after the Civil War, and he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1866, he was elected to the State Senate.

Richard V. Cook sold the house on August 23, 1859 to William G. Hunt for \$1,500.00. Capt. William G. Hunt (1813-1898) lived here until his death.

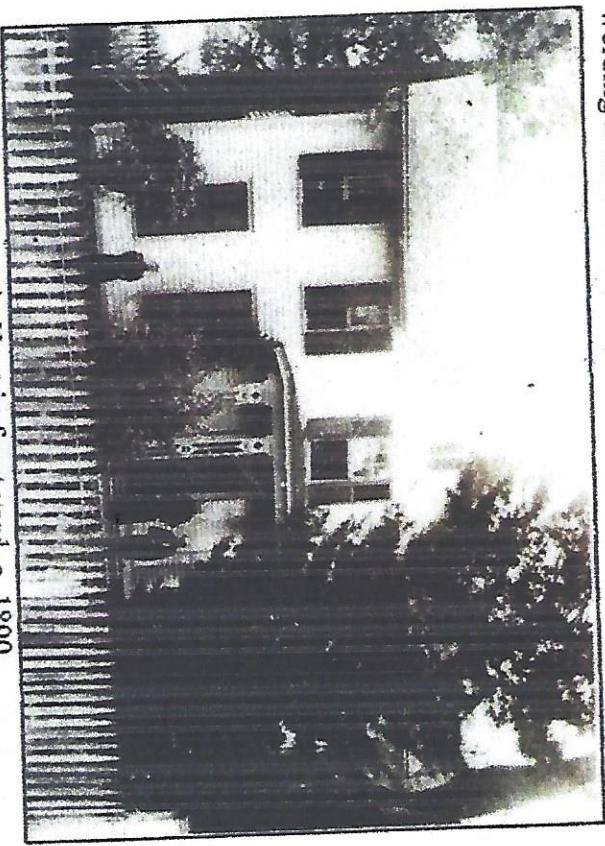
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Hunt was a Virginian who came to Columbus around 1831, fought in the 1835 "Come and Take It" Battle of Gonzales, and participated in the subsequent siege of Bexar that resulted in the capture of San

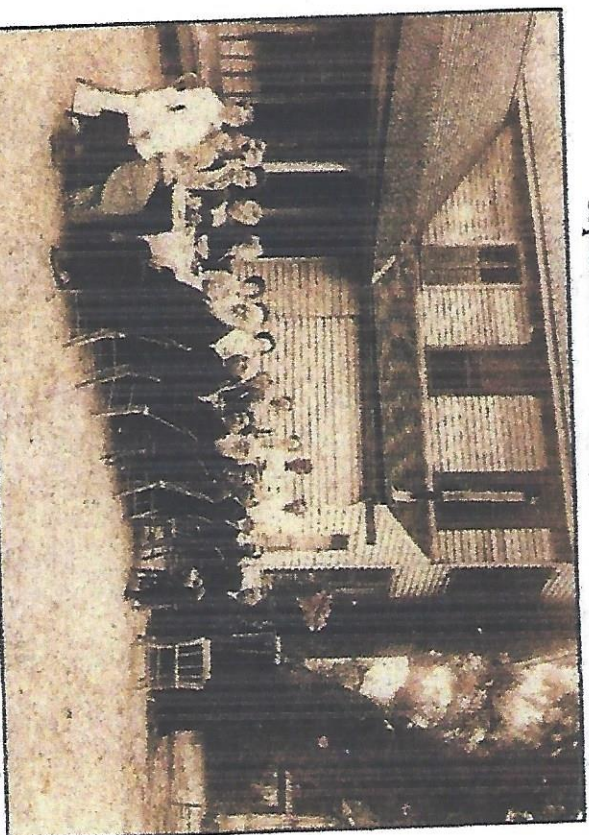


Antonio. A farmer and trader by occupation, he also served in the Thirteenth Texas Infantry during the Civil War. He was a vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church and donated land for the original church on Milam Street (currently the Milam Street Church of Christ). This house is considered to be the oldest

residence in Columbus. It was first listed as a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark in 1973. The historical marker was removed several years ago, and a new one with updated wording is on order.



Captain Hunt in front yard, c. 1890



Mahon golden wedding anniversary February 11, 1916



## **904 Travis Street Features**

### **(Captain William G. Hunt House)**

#### **Upgrades and features**

**Main House (Built in 1858, with kitchen extension added in late 1800s; laundry room/half bath, mudroom/office, and garage added in 2020)**

1. All windows have been replaced with energy efficient double-paned windows
2. All new wiring, plumbing and HVAC. New roof
3. Hot water on demand and mini-split HVAC systems to reduce utility costs
4. All toilets are new and raised for comfort
5. Entire house was raised one foot to improve access and airflow under house
6. Front hall/foyer has original flooring, stairs, and bannister
7. Front hall/foyer has storage room under stairs
8. Master bedroom has original wood floor and ceiling with operating wood fireplace
9. Master bathroom has double vanities with touch light mirrors
10. Master bathroom has custom shower with linear drain
11. Living room has antique wood floors that are not original. Wood ceiling is original.
12. Living room has operating wood fireplace
13. Second floor bedrooms have original floors and ceilings
14. All new second floor bathroom with venting and touch light mirror
15. Second floor fireplace is not operational. Brick in firebox is from original fireplace and placed to show historical manufacturers of brick used in fireplace over time
16. Kitchen has all new appliances including refrigerator, gas cook top, oven, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal and trash compactor
17. Kitchen and mudroom/office have new Caesarstone counters
18. Kitchen, laundry room/half bath and mudroom/office have new waterproof luxury vinyl tile flooring
19. Laundry room/half bathroom off kitchen
20. Mud room desk has 4 USB ports for easy charging
21. Mud room electrical outlet for freezer
22. Garage has pull down stairs for accessing HVAC infrastructure in attic
23. 5+ inch open cell, spray foam insulation to floor deck under house. R19 value.

#### **Cottage/Guest House/Office (Built 2000)**

1. All new appliances including refrigerator, electric stove and cook top, washer and dryer
2. Hot water on demand and mini-split HVAC systems to reduce utility costs
3. New countertops and waterproof luxury vinyl tile flooring

### **Antique Fixtures Installed with renovations**

1. Pendants above peninsula in kitchen
2. Semi-circular window above garage doors
3. Front hall ceiling pendant
4. Stairwell ceiling fixture
5. Mirror in laundry room/bathroom

### **Furniture remaining with house**

1. Armoire in upstairs bedroom
2. Chest in laundry room/half bath
3. Other furniture is for sale to anyone, with all proceeds going to the Live Oak Art Center.

### **Location**

1. Large city lot in residential environment with fantastic live oak trees.
2. Property is zoned commercial and ideally suited for professional use
3. Easy access to downtown commercial areas.
4. Both houses have termite protection