

## J. T. Engineering, Inc.



Foundation Design & Inspection • Structural Evaluation

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REFERENCE: CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE INSPECTION
1714 Seven Maples

The property at 1714 Seven Maples was repaired by Medrano Foundation and supervised by John B Thornton, a Registered Professional Engineer, and Allen Thornton, Engineering Assistant on July 1,2, and 3, 2014. Mr. Michael Cooper of Texas Best Holdings LLC was present.

Medrano Foundation probed the ground to find the location of the existing piers. Thirty-five piers were located. Each pier was excavated so the vertical blocks and the transition block were exposed. The presence of pushed piers was documented. Their locations are on Drawing 2. There is a significant void under the house. A drain line from the center of the house is to be installed.

Two piers, one on the front right corner (A on the Drawing 2) and the other at the rear left of the garage (B on the Drawing 2) were excavated to find the depth of the penetration of the pushed piles. The soil at the front excavation was a very still grey clay. The rear however had softer clay stiff gray clay. At both locations there were three

concrete pushed cylinders for a total penetration of 4'8" A twenty ton hydraulic jack was installed and pressure applied to see f the house would move upward at that penetration. The front right pushed up holding the load. The rear garage did not. Additional piers were pushed till refusal of the jack to push any further in and the house would rise. The number of cylinders added and the hydraulic jack pressure reading at refusal is shown on Drawing 2. Upon redriving a new transition block was added because the existing ones were not acceptable and two cylinders were added above the transition block (the previous foundation installation had only one which is not acceptable. Two new piers were installed under the two columns on the front porch.

The concrete slab was level as close to level as the structure of the house would permit. This has reduced the stress on the superstructure. The house is now structurally sound. Final slope readings are shown on Drawing 2 and are within acceptable tolerances

Photos 1 and 2 shows the collar beams that were installed to return the structural integrity of the roof structure. Photos 3 and 4 shows where sheetrock cracks had been taped and floated. The void under the house was drained by installing a 4" drain line from the center of the house, under the lawn, and to the street

The repairs to the structure including foundation, roof structure, and sheetrock have been successfully completed in accordance with the engineers directives.

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This Inspection Report reflects only the items listed and only the condition of those items at the time and date of inspection. This Report reflects only if the items inspected are observed to be "functional" or "nonfunctional" at the time of the inspection, that is, whether such items at this time are observed to serve the purpose for which they are ordinarily intended. This Report reflects only those items that are reasonably observable at the time of inspection. NO REPRESENTATION OR COMMENT is made concerning any latent defects or defects not reasonably observable at the time of the inspection or of

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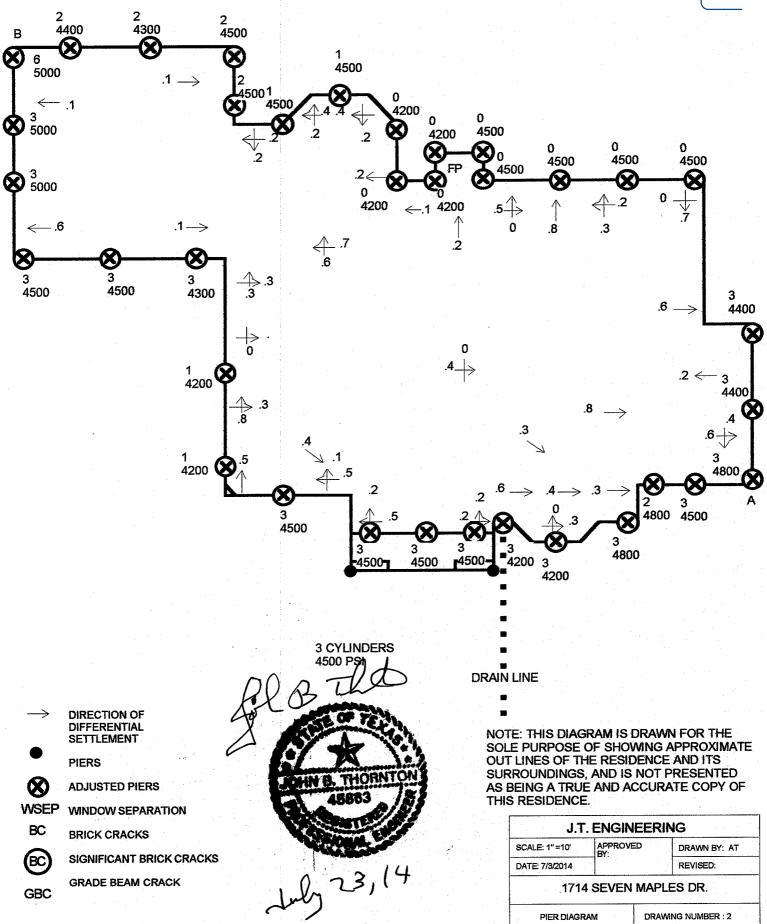
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Very truly yours,

J. T. ENGINEERING, INC.

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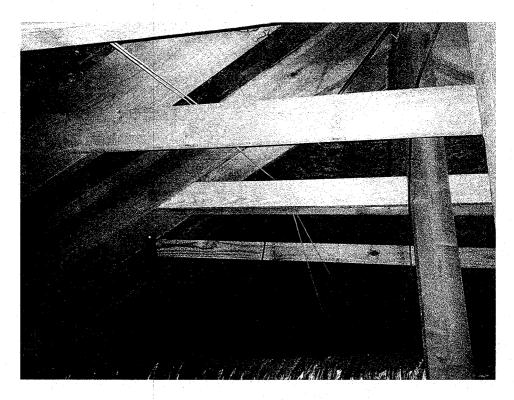


Photo 1: New Collar Beams Installed.

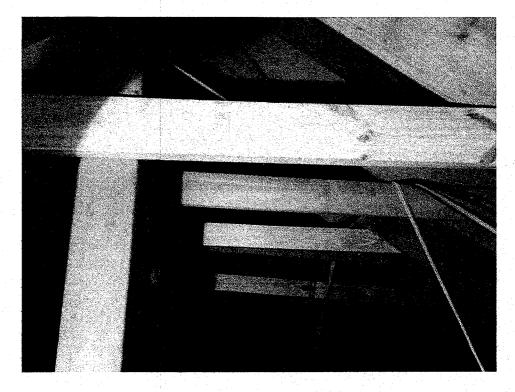


Photo 2: New Collar Beams Installed.

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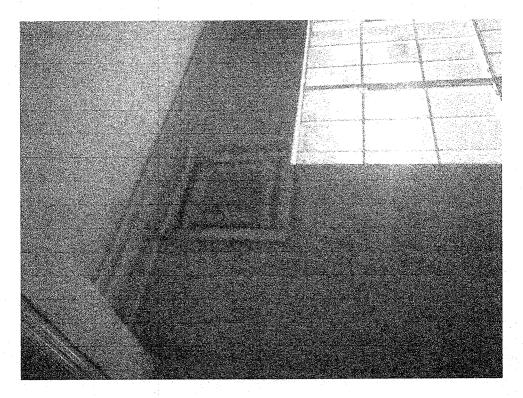


Photo 3: New Tape and Floating of Sheetrock.



Photo 4: New Tape and Floating of Sheetrock