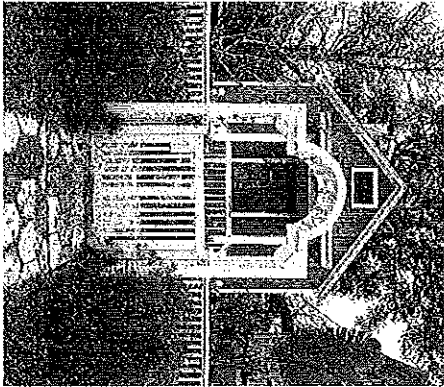


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Henry M. Stringfellow Auxiliary House
 • 1513 20TH STREET •

One of the original houses on the Stringfellow property, this home is simple in design and elegant in its representation of American folk-architecture. With clean lines and intricate millwork on the exterior, it is an excellent example of a shingled style house. Built in 1867, the Stringfellow House sits in an area of Galveston Island once called the "flats" due to it once being a low-lying coastal marsh area. A successful horticulturist and published author, Henry Stringfellow was one of the most prolific gardeners on the island and cultivated ten acres that included vegetables, berries, grapes, roses and other flowers and plants.



The original property was in the southwest quarter of the northwest block of Quarter No. 44 comprised of lots 8, 9, 10 and one half of 11 and was purchased by Henry M. Stringfellow. Stringfellow died the land in 1869 to his Frank M. (Elizabeth) Spencer for \$1,500. In 1885, W. A. Shaw declared the same lots 8, 9, 10 and east of one half of 11 as that property and selling it to J. S. Rogers for \$6,000. Rogers subdivided the property and sold half of lot 10 and the east half of lot 11 to Joseph Blum and part of lot 9 and the remaining half of lot 10 to Henry Charles Henck. Henry and Miriam Henck built two raised Victorian cottages on their property.

The early Stringfellow house on corner lots 8 and east one quarter of 9, were sold by J.S. Rogers to William A. and Mollie Hutchings. Bertha and A.R. Hutchings lived there from 1895 to 1900 and then Pauline and Edward Cooper lived there until 1909, when it was sold to Theodore Chruschek and finally to August J. Henck to be inherited later by his widow.

In 1974, Housatowns David and Verlyn Campbell purchased the other Henck cottage at 2008 Avenue N1/2 with plans to restore it as a weekend retreat. However, once the damaging and costly restoration was complete, the Campbells decided to reparate their investment by leasing the property to tenants. The Campbell's goal of an island getaway was put on hold temporarily. The Campbell's property resided next door to the Stringfellow property at the corner of 2002 Avenue N1/2.

In 1977, the Stringfellow house suffered tremendously from a fire that left barely any of the original structure. The remainder of the Stringfellow house was demolished leaving only the auxiliary structure in the back of the lot that is now 1513 20th Street. The Campbells discovered their plans were being made to build an eight-unit apartment complex at 2002 Avenue N1/2. Between 1977 and 1978, David Campbell, along with two Galvestonians, contracted to preserving the island's historic architecture, formed the E.W.C. Partnership to purchase lot 8 and portions of lots 9 and 10.

After acquiring the property, plans began to restore the original structure at 1513 20th Street that was at the rear of the property. The restoration made notable changes, such as moving the entry to the east wall from the south side of the living room. The alter portion of the house was added, consisting of hall, bath, closets and bedroom. Old materials were used as much as possible. In the addition to replicate the authenticity of the original structure. When the house was moved further north on the lot, space was made in the house for a peacan tree that the owners did not want to cut down. The current owner purchased the home in 1995 and added the interior personal touch to the interior and beautiful handpainted the exterior. Additions including a back deck area and outdoor shower give the grounds an inviting Caribbean flare.

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