

## *The Allardyce Cottage*

*As well as researchers can tell, the basic structure of the Allardyce home was built between 1859 and 1860. John Allardyce was first listed in the city directory in 1868 as a caulker by trade. John passed away in 1872 in an underwater accident leaving a wife, Catherine, and his son, S.G. Allardyce.*

*John moved from New Orleans to Galveston and designed this home on Avenue H and 13<sup>th</sup> street with flooding in mind. He constructed his home using eight-foot tall brick columns and one-foot cypress beams on an island five foot above sea level.*

*The house survived the Union Navy's cannon fire during the Civil War, the 1885 Galveston fire, the 1900 Storm, the 1915 Storm, Hurricane Carla, Hurricane Alicia, and Hurricane Ike.*

*The Allardyce home over the past 160 years has been thru several renovations. The original cottage floorplan consisted of only five rooms. The addition of an east, west, and front porch, along with two upstairs rooms were added. The main hallway that ran from the front door to the back door was walled off, and the stairway was added to access the second floor. On the southeast corner of the property a small workshop and a second-floor apartment were constructed, but all those renovation dates are unknown.*

*A garage was constructed on the southwest corner of the property facing 13<sup>th</sup> street in the 1950's based on the age of the concrete.*

*Sometime in the 1960's, a renovation to the second floor was completed by adding a jack and jill bath and two identical bedrooms. The floorplans for this renovation still exist with the home.*

*In the 1970's the west porch facing 13<sup>th</sup> street was enclosed and turned into a sunroom. Around that same time a potting shed was built, today we would call this a "she-shed". The shed was built on the east side of the property adjacent to the workshop with only a dirt floor.*

*In 2006, the east porch was converted into a master bath and walk-in-closet. The kitchen was re-configured into a master bedroom and the dining room was converted into an updated kitchen. The front west parlor became the dining room. A partition wall was removed in the front east parlor creating a large living room with a fireplace.*

*The latest renovations began in 2018 and were recently completed. The interior of the home has been completely updated, and all outlying buildings have been re-built keeping with the original historical aesthetics.*

*160 years later, surviving catastrophic storms, devastating fires, and carpet bagging yankees, stands one of Galveston's oldest majestic homes.....The Allardyce Cottage.*