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Womack Farm

The house at Womack Farm was built in the 1860's by William Grimes Womack and wife, Anne Tabitha Springer Womack on 2000 acres of land that were part of a Spanish Land Grant. Anne Springer had three brothers who fought in the Battle at San Jacinto and after the defeat of Santa Anna and the decisions regarding the boundaries of the State of Texas were made, land was granted to the participants of the battle as compensation for their service. When Anne Springer married William Womack, they settled on about 2000 acres of this land that had been granted to the Springer Family. Evidently, land was not as important to people then as it is now as there are tales of people exchanging their hectares of land for a few horses!

The home was built in the southern style called a "dog-trot house" with a wide center hall and two rooms on each side. Later, a dining room and kitchen were added. The Womack's had a farming business and five young children when Anne died in 1893. Mr. Womack continued his farming business, raised his children without re-marrying and lived in this farm house until his death in 1928. Both Anne and William are buried in the small cemetery at the entrance of the property. Upon William's death the property was divided among his 5 children.

Annie Womack, Anne and William's youngest daughter, married Philip H. Berkley from Montgomery, Texas and together they had a grocery/butcher/candy/feed store in Montgomery (now the Liberty Bell Antique Store), raised 3 daughters and managed to purchase back 1000 of the original acreage. Their daughter, Ruth, married William P. Terrell and he and Philip Berkley began a ranching business of the property that continues today. Upon the death of the Berkley's it was divided into three portions among the Berkley daughters.

Through the efforts of Annie & Ruth, The Womack Farm has had a historical marker for the house since 1950 and was recognized as a Century Farm in 1972, a designation for land used in farming and/or ranching by the same family for 100 continuous years. Today the portion inherited by Ruth Berkley is owned and operated by her children and grandchildren. The property around the house is owned by their daughter Carol and her husband Pete Palmer and they operate the cattle business left by her parents, The Terrells.

Each generation of the family has made changes to the home over the years, of course. The oil lamps and wood heaters were replaced in 1950 by electricity and propane gas. The only water supply in the original house was a rainwater cistern and bucket until 1974 a water well was dug 1974. In 2002 the house was completely renovated by the 4th generation descendents to accommodate central heat and air conditioning. It now has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a larger living room, new kitchen with built-in cabinets, etc. We have tried to maintain the ambiance of an 1800's farm home while adding conveniences of the 21st century by retaining as much of the inside wooden walls, floors and furniture, much of which is original to the home.