

2008 Historic Resource Survey
North Side, City of Granbury
Property No.: 131
700 Reunion
Bird House

Preservation Priority:

High—Contributes to Recommended Historic District
Recommended Historic Landmark/RTHL/National Register Listing

These are the most significant resources in the survey area and they contribute to local history or broader historical patterns and possess strong association with (a) historic context(s). High priority properties are outstanding or unique examples of architecture, engineering or crafted or vernacular design. These properties retain a high degree of architectural or physical integrity, having few alterations, or can be easily returned to their original character. High priority properties may meet one or more criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; they are likely to qualify to be designated as Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and City of Granbury Historic Landmarks.

Construction Date:

Early 1950s



Resource Type/Subtype:

Building/House

Current Owner(s):

Frances Umphress Bird

Stylistic Influence:

Ranch

Brief History:

Ira D. Bird and his grandson, Donald Bird, built this house. According to Frances Umphress Bird, Donald Bird added the limestone to this house in the early 1970s. The late Donald Bird learned his craft from older masons, and honed it restoring buildings on Granbury's courthouse square, including the Granbury Opera House.

Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture, Craft of Donald Bird

Description of Resource:

Frame construction, limestone veneer—cut stone interspersed with whole pieces
Gable roof, composition shingles
One interior limestone fireplace
Double-hung wood windows
Inset porch with limestone column
L- plan, Pier and beam foundation, and partial basement or cellar
One story, 1,472 square feet

Large lot or goat farm that extends from Reunion Court north to East Moore, beautiful long limestone wall built by Donald Bird, two wrought iron gates

Integrity:

Location, design, materials, workmanship, setting, feeling, association

Possible Threats:

None

Existing Historical

Designations/Protections:

None