THE POLASEK HOUSE, CALDWELL, TEXAS

Built in the second half of the 19th century, the house was one of several owned by the Hodding family, one of many prominent Czech families in the county. It was rented to other Czech families over the years, and verbal reports suggest that the room behind the living room was even used as a separate rental. The house was sold to Mrs. Lillie D. Kramer in 1950. Jennie Polasek grew up in the house, and he and his wife, Annie purchased it in 1993 and gave the house to the Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum in 1996.

The house is a five-roomed wood-framed structure, with cypress siding, windows and doors. The 1896 Sanborn map indicates a wood shingle roof, and shows a porch west side. The interior has painted wood walls and ceiling, though the large south room was always papered over wide cedar boards. The east room has an elegant beaded ceiling, and evidence of two corner closets from floor to ceiling. County records do not indicate a date for the house, but it is likely to have been started in the later half of the 19th century, perhaps as a two-room structure.

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FAWN STREET

Caldwell, Texas

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Location Map

Site Plan

Key

Botanical Name

Common Name

LSGP Liquistrium Sineense

Chinese Privet

LYCM Lacydostrobus Indica

Cedar

TIGAR Thuya Occidentalis

Western Hemlock

KRPRT Koelreuteria Paniculata

Rosebud Tree

COSCH Celtis Occidentalis

Common Hackberry

CIPN Carya Illinensis

Pecan

PPRH Prunus Persica

Peach

QRBO Quercus Reticulata

Shrub Live Oak

Approximate Location of Well

Current Property Line

North Arrow from Sanborn 1/10

Feet = 1'-0"  
Meters = 1'-0"

Scale: 1" = 50'  
Scale: 1" = 150'