

26. **Dow Home.** 320 North Kansas. c. 1910-1912. This Queen Anne style, one-and-half-story frame home is enhanced by a turret on left side. It has an attached front porch supported by round columns, and a wrap-around back porch. It was once the residence of local grocer T. M. Snell. A movie, "Eye of the Tiger," starring Ann-Margret, was made at this location. Townspeople gathered daily to watch the production being filmed.

27. **Fairview Cemetery.** North Kansas Avenue at Clear Creek. c. 1907. A. W. Snider and J. H. Lynch began the Fairview Cemetery Association after purchasing the property along the creek for a cemetery. "Ghosts of the Past" takes place here each October as local thespians, dressed in costume, portray well-known settlers and other deceased persons of distinction for visitors taking cemetery tours. For tickets call 281-554-2994.

28. **Hayes Home.** 1004 Fourth Street. Built by a local rancher, John E. Hayes, for his bride, Maggie. The house was originally a typical turn-of-the-century cottage, with a dog-run down the middle. Three fireplaces furnished heat for the house. The original cupola was restored when the house was renovated in the 1990's.

29. **Walter Hall Home/Butler Longhorn Museum.** 1220 Coryell. Once a modest 5-room cottage built by J. A. Beerwort, the house has been enlarged three times and raised. Barbecues honoring Volunteer Firemen throughout the Bay Area were held here for more than 30 years. After the death of Mr. Hall, the City of League City purchased the estate for the Butler Longhorn Museum, expected to open in 2006. The Museum will focus on the rich history of the Longhorn cattle industry in our area.

30. **Parker Home.** 820 East Main. This house was built in 1909 and was once owned by rancher Ralph Parker.

31. **Farrow Home.** 821 E. Main. c. 1909. This early 20th century frame vernacular one-story pitched roof home has fish scale embellishment on the front gable and balustrade. It has remained in the Farrow family since it was built in 1909.

32. **Friends Parsonage.** 814 East Main. c. 1909. Church services were once held in this building, which was owned by the Friends Quarterly Meeting of the Friends Church. It also served as the parsonage for many years.

33. **Butler Ranch Railhead/Helen's Garden.** 701 East Main. The remaining 1.7 acres of the original 35-acre tract purchased in 1875 for George W. Butler's ranch headquarters was developed into a garden in 1994 by W. G. Hall in memory of his wife. The large oak trees in the garden were planted in 1907.

34. **St. Mary Catholic Church.** 620 East Main. This simple Gothic Revival style church was built in 1910. Bolts, rather than nails were used to assemble the rafters. Records show Mr. League gave the land at corner of Main and Colorado for the construction of a church at the same time as the League Park and Little Green School House sites, ensuring the citizens of League City places to worship, learn and play.

35. **Scott House.** 104 N. Michigan. Located on the northeast corner of East Main and North Michigan Streets. This property was carefully restored and is now Schroeder's Book Haven, carrying rare books and volumes with a Texana flavor.

36. **Stewart Home.** 815 East Main. Built in 1886 by Henry Platzer, possibly of North Carolina dunnage from old sail boats, the building was moved from its original site at Texas and East Main (Hwy 518) to its present location in Founders Square at 815 East Main.

37. **Dr. Leander W. Dallas Home.** 210 East Wilkins. This 2-story, 10-room Queen Anne style house with hipped-roof and wrap-around porch was built of cypress by a local craftsman, Robert Parke, in 1911 for Jacob and Ann Ingle. The house has had numerous owners, including Dr. Leander W. Dallas, local physician and county coroner, who purchased it for his home and clinic in 1928.

38. **Lothrop Home.** 1512 E. Walker. Built in 1895 by Mr. Smithson at 1425 East Main. The home was moved to the present location in 1956.

39. **Cox/McQuirk Home.** 1518 East Walker. c. 1901. Arlendo and Julia Vashti Cox built this cross-gable house after the 1900 hurricane on 18 acres purchased from J. C. League. They used wood found after the storm for much of the construction. The property was sold in 1908 to Richard E. McQuirk, a fruit farmer who worked for the G.H. & H. Railroad. At Katie McQuirk's death in 1969, the property was deeded to Ella Faulkner, then changed hands several times. The current owners have worked extensively to restore its original glory.

40. **Walker Home.** 822 Lewis. Three generations of Walker families lived in this circa 1937 6-room house constructed by R.L. Parks for Chester and Ruby Gem Walker. The house was sold in 1996, and has been remodeled by new owners.

41. **Galveston County Poor Farm.** Highway 3. Now Walter Hall Park, the Poor Farm was established in 1887 by the Commissioners Court to house and care for the county's indigent residents on what was then a 213 acre site. Colonel George Washington Butler, County Commissioner, served on the site selection committee. The first building constructed was designed by local architect Nicholas J. Clayton. Due to lack of funds the county closed the farm in 1913, sold off some of the land, and dedicated the remaining 78 acres as a county park in 1928. The name was changed to Walter Hall Park in 1985.

42. **Milby Butler Home.** 1908 Carolina. This was the ranch home of Milby Butler, son of George Washington Butler, who became a cattle rancher and breeder of Longhorn cattle. Milby and his wife, Ceole, reared their children in this house on Calder Road. After their deaths it was moved to its current location, and fell into disrepair. The current owners have lovingly restored its original beauty, retaining and refinishing the original floors and layout. It is decorated with Texas-flavored memorabilia.

43. **Magnolia Creek Cemetery.** Apple Lane. Rustic Oaks subdivision. The oldest cemetery in League City traces its origins to four ranching families that arrived in the area in 1855: The Perkins, Butlers, Cowards, and Smalleys. They and their descendants account for most of the people buried here, including four veterans of the Civil War. The first recorded burial was that of Samuel J. Perkins in 1859. During the 1870's and the 1880's, George Washington Butler arranged to have several family members interred in the cemetery grounds. Butler's prominence in the community and burial here in 1921 are believed to have led many local citizens to refer to this graveyard as the Butler Cemetery.

## Majestic Century Old Oaks League City, Texas

Trees at these addresses have been officially registered and measured as Majestic Oaks.

### Location Address of Tree

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| 219 East Galveston Street                             | 300 points |
| 528 South Iowa Street                                 | 284 points |
| 220 Houston Avenue                                    | 281 points |
| 1612 East Walker                                      | 260 points |
| 1504 Seventh Street                                   | 242 points |
| 925 East Walker Street                                | 241 points |
| 110 Oak Creek Lane<br>(Rustic Oaks - beyond map area) | 238 points |
| 400 Oaklawn   | 237 points |
| 720 Third Street                                      | 236 points |
| Louisiana @ Hwy 518<br>(beyond map area)              | 235 points |
| 406 Oaklawn   | 226 points |

League Park, Walter Hall Park and Helen's Gardens all have century old live oak trees.



= Majestic Live Oak Trees

See map on reverse side for tree locations.

League City Historical Society, Inc.  
West Bay Common School & Children's Museum  
P. O. Box 1642  
League City, Texas 77574  
281-554-2994



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# HISTORIC League City

An illustrated walking or driving tour to view historic homes & century old oaks.



The T. J. Dick Home - Built in 1904

Photo courtesy of Peggy Fenimore

## League City's Victorian and Early 20th Century Architecture and Historic Sites

The original League City town site was laid out in the 1890's by J. C. League of Galveston. Local residents named the town for him in appreciation of his donating land for churches, a park and a school.

1. **League Park.** Park & Main Street. The original park and band stand were given to the City by Mr. J. C. League in the late 1890's. A great place for a picnic or event. See Historical Marker.

2. **Railroad Section House.** Park & Second Street. Built next to the depot between 1887 and 1897 by the G.H.&H. Railroad for the superintendent of the railroad section gang. The appliquéd sunbursts on the gables offer an outstanding example of architecture relating to the railroad industry. The home serves as offices for the Parks and Recreation Department.

3. **League City Pharmacy.** 500 block of Second Street. Built in the late 1920's of molded concrete bricks produced locally, the drug store faced Second Street. Dr. Patton had his office in the rear with a separate entrance. The building is being used by a church.

4. **The Butler Building.** 102 N. Michigan. In 1909, George Washington Butler witnessed the fulfillment of a dream — the completion of the Brick Building as town folk came to call it. Andrew Dow was engaged by Butler as the architect. Citizen's State Bank, a grocery, a drug store, and professional offices were housed here. King's Trail, as Second Street was known, gave the impression that League City had become a center of trade and commerce. After falling into disrepair, the property was purchased and renovated by a local architect. Once again it houses professional offices, as well as Butler's Courtyard, helping bring life and vitality back to the historic center of town.

5. **Site of Schenk's Bakery.** 611 Second Street. The bakery is gone from the site but fragrance of fresh baked goods throughout town remains a memory. German immigrants, Mr. and Mrs. August Schenk, established a bakery both here and in Galveston around 1900. It is now an open space and a site for beautiful weddings & events at Butler's Courtyard.

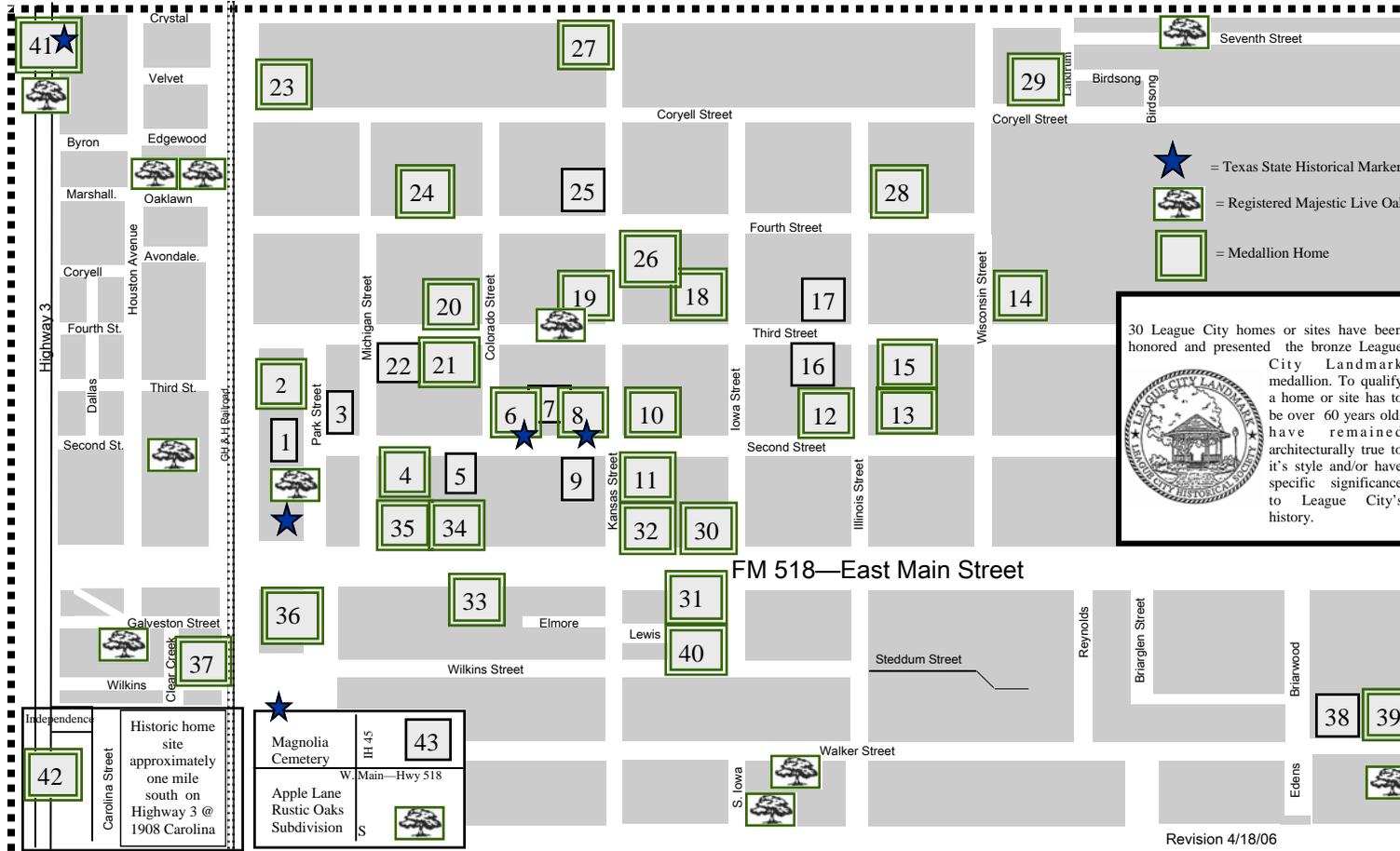
6. **Baptist Church.** 700 Second Street. Faith Temple now occupies the site of the Baptist Church, the first Mission of the Union Baptist Association organized in Galveston County. The original building was destroyed in the 1900 storm. See Historical Marker.

7. **714 Second Street.** This is a good example of a typical ranch style house built in the early 1900 timeframe, which has been beautifully restored.

8. **T. J. Dick Home.** 720 Second Street. In 1904 County Commissioner T. J. Dick built this residence primarily of cypress timbers. The steps and foundations are of granite. The hitching post at the front of the house was also used by the ladies for ease in dismounting. A relative of the Dick family resides here.

9. **Scholes Homes.** 721 Second Street. Built in 1898 by Mr. Rifle, grandfather of Mrs. Walter G. Hall, this home was later sold to the Scholes family. Mrs. Scholes taught school at the Little Green School - now the site of West Bay Common School. The original architecture has been modified over the years.

## HISTORIC HOMES & CENTURY OLD OAKS - LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS



10. **Site of the Little Green School House.** Kansas & Second Street. J. C. League gave this property to the town for a school. The original wood frame structure was L-shaped with a small porch in the angle. As late as 1961, CCISD still used it for kindergarten classes. It is now the site of the West Bay Common School Children's Museum, which houses local artifacts. On this same property is the **Salmon Ice House/Barbershop**. This unique building, originally on Second Street, was used as an ice house/barbershop and several other businesses through the years. Both sites are available for tours. Call 281-554-2994.

11. **King/Atkinson Home.** 803 Second Street. In 1901, King, a local contractor, built this home of cypress and debris from the 1900 storm. Within are fine examples of Mr. King's artistic craftsmanship.

12. **Josh McFaddin Home.** 924 Second Street. A rancher, the senior McFaddin built this home in 1900 of cypress timbers. The interior of the home showcases the original woodwork and trim.

13. **McMaster Home.** 1010 Second Street. Martha McMaster, sister-in-law to George W. Butler, lived in this well constructed home. It served as a safe harbor for many during the storm of 1915. Among those sheltered overnight was G.I. Butler, then just a small boy. The home has recently undergone restoration.

14. **Sneighr Home.** 300 North Wisconsin. c. 1905. The house was constructed by J. A. Beerwort on a 10 acre plot purchased from J. C. League in 1894. A previous owner began restoration in the 1990's. Restoration continues on lovely property.

15. **Medsger Home.** 1015 Third Street. The original lines and simple detail of this two story frame home remain intact today. The home is presently being refurbished.

16. **Friends Church.** 923 Third Street. Formerly the Methodist Church, it was a simple frame building which burned and was re-dedicated in this present structure in 1936. Local artisan King crafted an altar for church which is still in use today.

17. **Perry McFaddin Home.** 920 Third Street. Son of Josh McFaddin, Perry followed his father's footsteps, becoming a rancher. Escaped convicts once hid in the attic of this home, often alternating between it and the Methodist Church across the street. This home has been restored.

18. **Salmon/White House.** 820 Third Street. This two story frame with intersection pitch roof and fish scale shingles on the gables is an outstanding example of preservation. It is a favorite home in the neighborhood because of its simple architectural detail and symmetry.

19. **Dibrell/Coons Home.** 720 Third Street. Built for Galveston County Judge Charles Dibrell, this home features two floors of wrap-around porches, which enhance its Victorian flavor. Current owners purchased this home in 1979 and renovated it during the 1980's. The home is lovely throughout.

20. **Ferrell Home.** 620 Third Street. Traveling to League City for a honeymoon, Bertha and Jesse Ferrell decided to build their house here. The land surrounding the home boasted eighty orange trees but not a single shade tree, prompting Jesse to plant the oaks along this block. The present owners have restored and enhanced the property.

21. **Carter/Crow Home.** 615 Third Street. This cottage was built and occupied by Dr. Carter's parents. Later, it became the home of Ezra and Luella Crow, who came to town in 1910 to open the drugstore. Luella Crow may have been the first woman pharmacist in Texas!

22. **Carter/Patton Home.** Third & Michigan. Built by Dr. Carter in 1904, this two-story frame structure offered an open porch along the front, wrapping down the Michigan Street side of the home. The Carter family occupied the first floor; the second floor was used as an infirmary. In 1918, Dr. Patton bought the home for their family residence. Refurbishing continues on this home.

23. **Fig Preserving Plant.** 495 Coryell. Located next to the G.H. & H. Railroad. The property was purchased in 1923 from the League Estate for construction of a fig preserving plant. Operating from 1923 until 1954, it employed as many as 100 people during peak production times. In 1994, new owners restored the exterior using most of the original materials, and converted the interior to a private residence.

24. **First Parsonage for League City Methodist Church.** 612 Fourth Street. This cottage-style home was built around the turn-of-the-century and moved to its present location in 1947. It was restored in the 1980's.

25. **Snell/Kilgore Home,** 403 North Kansas. T. M. Snell, owner of a local grocery, built this home, and later sold it to the T. A. Kilgore family. The Kilgores started a hardware and lumber store, which is still in business today. This is one of the few bungalow style homes remaining in League City.