



709 N. 7th Street

This home with essentially the same footprint is shown on the Sanborn Map of 1896. There were no records to be found prior to the City Directory showing the first resident in 1875 to be Henry Hagerman, a city policeman. He lived there until 1898 when Adolph Kern, a tailor, became the resident. Mr Kern lived there until 1905 when Hary W. Shinn, a lab technician, lived there briefly.

In 1906 two tenants were listed, F. H. Baker, a plumber, and Albert Williamson. It was presumed there were two apartments at that time, upstairs and downstairs. In 1907, a shoemaker, Julius Norforth, moved in and lived there until 1910. City directories show the building vacant in 1910. In 1911 Theresa Schneider moved into the upstairs apartment. The main floor was occupied by Hugh Pritchett, a switchman on the railroad. Mr. Pritchett married his wife Josephine while living at 709 North 7th Street. The Pritchetts made their home there until 1917. Various tenants lived there briefly until 1918 when Leonard Dawson and wife, Vera, moved there. Mr. Dawson was a clerk at the R. M. Dockum dry goods store. The Dawsons lived there until 1921 when Louis Hagel and wife Anna moved in. Mr. Hagel was a carpenter. They only lived there for a year. Carl F. Wiedlocher and wife Evelyn lived there for two years. He was employed by Wiedlocher and Sons, a flour and feed store.

The residence was vacant in 1924 before being purchased by Cletus J. Berberet and Wife Pauline. They were part owners of Berberet Brothers, a phonograph

and radio store that sold records. Mr. Berberet was also a radio repairman. They made it their home until 1948 when the Thomas Griffin family moved there. Daughter Margaret Griffin married Patrick Joseph Allison who died sometime in the late 1900's. The widow Margaret Allison lived there until she moved to a nursing home. She died in 1984.

Meanwhile, Gerald and Wanda Overby purchased the home in 1971. At that time Mr. Overby was a driver for Coca Cola. The Overbys presently live in the home.

