## Center Passage House, c. 1885 400 S. 2nd Avenue

This one-story, wood frame, center passage house appears to have been built about 1885. Alterations include changes to windows and the application of asbestos siding over the original wood. The house retains a moderate degree of integrity.

Amechanic's lien dated June 14, 1949, reveals when some of the modifications were made, including leveling the house, foundation repair and adding asbestos siding to the exterior walls. The owners at the time, Edmond and Hattie Johnson, engaged B.R. Hamilton as their contractor for this work.

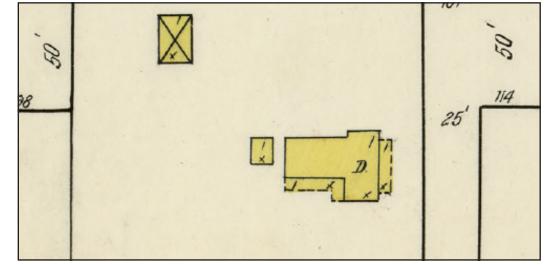
The Johnson family owned the property until sold by Mrs. Johnson's estate in 1998.

This house is potentially significant as an example of a once common plan type (center passage) that is becoming increasingly rare.

This house is an officially recognized historic resource of the City of Mansfield.

| ns<br>of | THE STATE OF TEXAS:<br>KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:<br>COUNTY OF TARRANT:  |
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| se       | That I, We, Edmond E. Johnson and wife Hattie Johnson<br>of Tarrant County, Texas, hereinafter called Owners, whether one or more, and<br>B. R. Hamilton of Tarrant County, Texas, hereinafter<br>called Contractor, have this day entered into the following contract: |
| en       | WHEREAS, the Owners are desirous of building, erecting and constructing<br>certain improvements, to-wit:  |
| ng       | Level house, repair foundation and apply asbestos siding to all exterior walls,<br>all in accordance with plans and specifications agreed upon between the parties.   |
| ng       | to be built, erected and constructed by Contractor, upon the following described tract, lot or parcel of hand belonging to Owners,  |
| ers      | Being all of Lots 1 & 2 in Block 46 of the Town of Mansfield, Tarrant County,   |

Extract from a 1949 mechanic's lien describing work to be done at 400 S. 2nd Avenue.



Detail showing 400 S. 2nd Avenue from the 1921 Sanborn Insurance Map