

French Mansard House  
San Antonio, Texas. (Dr. B.F. Kingsley House)  
Bexar Co.

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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Historic American Buildings Survey  
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FRENCH MANSARD HOUSE  
ELM & HOUSTON STREETS  
SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

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(The present ownership is vested in J. L. Mistrot and Tom Poynor, Fort Worth, Texas.) The house is unoccupied. PRESENT OWNER: (Mrs. J. E. White, BRADY, TEX.

The property was sold to Messrs. Mistrot and Poynor by Mrs. B. F. Kingsley in 1928. Dr. and Mrs. Kingsley moved out of the house Nov. 1, 1917, when their two sons went to war. It was leased out and run as a rooming house until it was sold in 1928. Dr. Kingsley's death in 1924 led to the disposal of the house by Mrs. Kingsley in 1928.

Dr. and Mrs. Kingsley acquired the property April 11, 1890 from F. J. Beitel. An old photograph in Mrs. Kingsley's possession shows that the house sported a Front Porch until comparatively recently. Mrs. Kingsley says this Porch was removed shortly after the year 1900. The fact that the Porch existed is further attested to by the fact that the crown mouldings over front door treatment are open on top. Other changes and alterations since 1890 were largely replacements of windows, etc., and the addition of a few temporary partitions.

Information relative to ownership and occupancy prior to 1890 is vague. It is said that the house was built in 1854, but no record of Architect or Builder exists.

It is difficult to establish further facts regarding the house. Mrs. Kingsley is responsible for most of the information given herein, and she knows nothing of its history prior to 1890. Its value in this Survey is primarily architectural.

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