

The Vance House  
Austin, Texas

Simms-Vance House

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The present owner and occupant is Julia E. Vance, who acquired the property on September 20, 1908.

The property upon which the house stands was originally patented from the State of Texas to E. Sterling Robertson on November 6, 1851. On February 24, 1859, Mr. Robertson sold the land to Milton W. Simms, who built the house between that date and November 27, 1860. No record of architect or builder on the original house is available.

The rear wing of the house was added by S. J. Scott and wife Mary P. Scott, then the owners, in 1883. Mary P. Scott willed the property to Julia Vance, upon her death in 1908. No record of architect or builder for the addition exists, but the wing is just as good architecturally as the original house.

The limestone used in the house was quarried from Shoal Creek, immediately back of the house. Framing lumber is full dimension long leaf yellow pine, mill work is soft pine and the interior finish is lime plaster over cypress lath. Mantels are red cedar; the original shingle roof was cypress, but the present roof is cedar shingled.

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