

A. Seward Home  
Independence, Washington County, Texas

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THE SEWARD HOUSE  
INDEPENDENCE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS

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The house is owned and occupied by Oscar A. Seward, who bought the property from his mother in 1913.

Previous owners were J. H. <sup>JOHN BOLETT</sup> Seward and Sam A. Seward. While exact dates are not available, the house has always been in the hands of the Seward family.

The two-story part of the house is the original structure. The one-story additions in the rear were added shortly after the original construction, probably at various intervals. Dates of additions are not available.

The house was originally built about three-quarters of a mile east of its present location. A year later it was moved because of unhealthful surroundings.

The original house was built in 1856, with slave labor, including carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, etc. There was no Architect, so far as is known.

There is no record of any historical events of note in connection with the house.

The <sup>CEDAR</sup> logs for the lumber used in the house were all cut on the premises, and hauled fifty miles by ox teams to be milled. This journey took a week each way. When the house was moved, it was rolled on cottonwood logs.

The present owner, Oscar A. Seward is the source of the information contained herein.

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