

BIRGE, NOBLE A., HOUSE  
(Old Beard Home)  
Jefferson, Texas

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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Historic American Buildings Survey  
Birdsall P. Briscoe, District Representative  
4301 South Main Street, Houston, Texas

Old Beard Home  
Jefferson, Texas

Owner Miss Mamie Goetzman, Jefferson, Texas

Date of Erection 1860

Architect Unknown

Builder Unknown

Number of Stories One

Present Condition Excellent

Materials of Construction Frame

Other Existing Records None

Additional Data This place has the same excellent scale that is found in most of the work done in Jefferson at this time. There is a variation however in this place in that it is a departure from the rut of classic tradition. There is an early Victorian place that is not without beauty. It is really an example of what might have prevailed if later houses of the same school had not collapsed into meaningless scrolls, spindles and jigsaw.

Originally built by Charles Beard a cotton factor. It survived the disastrous fire of 1866 being one of the few buildings left standing in, or near the business center of the town.

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