Historic Landmark Commission - Regular Meeting
April 21, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
1200 E. Broad St., Mansfield, TX 76063

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-2111 Minutes - Approval of the March 17, 2026, Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes
Attachments:
1. 03-17-26 Meeting Minutes

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to address the Commission on non-public hearing agenda items and items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Once the business portion of the meeting begins, only comments related to public hearings will be heard. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

26-2117 HLC#26-002: Discussion of Historic Properties Deemed Deserving of Official Recognition although not Designated as Historic Landmarks
Presenters:
Attachments:
1. Location Map
2. Supporting Information

26-2122 HLC#26-003: Discussion and Possible Action on the “Letters to 2076” Time Capsule
Attachments:
1. Draft Letter to 2076

5. PRESERVATION EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

26-2113 Minutes - Approval of the March 17, 2026, Preservation Education Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
Attachments:
1. 03-17-26 Sub-Committee Minutes

6. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT

7. COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURN

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above agenda was posted on the bulletin board next to the main entrance of City Hall on April 14, 2026,

prior to 5:00 p.m. in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer

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March 17, 2026 - 5:30 PM
Draft
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 1200 East Broad Street, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving date, place, and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Staff present:
Art Wright, Planning Manager/HPO

Commissioners:
Present: Jennifer Johnston, David Littlefield, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker, Eric Walraven
Absent: Bob Klenzendorf, Anne Weydeck

2. WORK SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

A. First Street Initiative Community Asset Survey

Mr. Wright made a presentation on the First Street Initiative Community Asset Survey and the Commissioners reviewed preliminary survey information.

3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORK SESSION - RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Leach called the regular session to order at 6:40 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

26-1969 Minutes - Approval of the February 17, 2026, Historic Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes
Attachments:
1. 02-17-26 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Leach called for a motion on the minutes of the February 17, 2026, meeting.

Commissioner Littlefield made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5	Jennifer Johnston, David Littlefield, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker, Eric Walraven
Nay: 0	None
Abstain: 0	None

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None.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

26-1994 HLC#25-007: Discussion and Possible Action on an Historic Preservation Outreach Program to Encourage Landmark Designation
Presenters:
Attachments:
1. Historic Preservation Outreach Plan

Mr. Wright made a presentation on Phase 4 of the Historic Preservation Outreach Program and was available for questions.

Chairman Leach called for a motion on adopting the plan.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adopt the Historic Preservation Outreach Program to Encourage Landmark Designation. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5	Jennifer Johnston, David Littlefield, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker, Eric Walraven
Nay: 0	None
Abstain: 0	None

7. PRESERVATION EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

26-1970 Minutes - Approval of the February 17, 2026, Preservation Education Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
Attachments:
1. 02-17-26 Sub-Committee Minutes

Commissioner Leach called for a motion on the minutes of the February 17, 2026, sub-committee meeting.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3	Jennifer Johnston, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker

Nay: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None

8. HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT

None.

9. COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Leach announced that the Mansfield Historical Society would host a murder mystery show on April 11, 2026.

10. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

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Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer

City of Mansfield
Staff Report

Item ID: 26-2117

Agenda Date: April 21, 2026

Title
HLC#26-002: Discussion of Historic Properties Deemed Deserving of Official Recognition although not Designated as Historic Landmarks

Description/History
Section 155.069 of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances requires the Historic Preservation Officer to submit a list of structures and other features deemed deserving of official recognition, although not designated as historic landmarks, to the Historic Landmark Commission for public hearing and approval and take appropriate measures of recognition. The Commission must hold a public hearing before official recognition takes effect.

Architectural Evaluation
The Historic Preservation Officer submits the Morison-Blissard House at 204 Tarrant Street for consideration as an officially recognized historic resource. The house, constructed c. 1880, is a center-passage residence now clad in modern siding. It is classified as a Medium-priority resource.

The original front portion of the house remains intact, while the side porches have been enclosed and extended toward the rear. These alterations are evident when comparing the current aerial imagery to the building footprint shown on the 1921 Sanborn Map. The house is one of four remaining in the historic downtown that retain their historic forms.

Medium priority resources usually have less architectural and physical integrity than High priority or Selected Medium priority properties. They are almost always characterized by alterations or deterioration of materials that removed, changed or obscured original design features, or by less significant associations with the historic context. They are not usually eligible for listing as an RTHL. If included in a National Register historic district, they are almost always considered Contributing resources to the district.

Historic Associations
The house was originally the residence of Robert Emmett Morison and his wife, Florence. Emmett Morison served as Constable for Precinct 8, which included Mansfield, from 1890 to 1916, with the exception of one term. In 1916, he was fatally shot on Main Street by Claude Patterson.

In 1936, the property was acquired by Elbert “Doc” and Stella Blissard. The Blissards were the parents of Harry D. Blissard, chief of Mansfield’s volunteer fire department, who died in 1968 while responding to an explosion at the Red Ball Gas House in Kennedale.

Designation Criteria
In reviewing these properties, please keep the following criteria in mind when choosing a building or area to officially recognize:

- Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural

characteristics of the City of Mansfield, State of Texas, or the United States.

- Embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen.
- Embodiment of elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship, which represent a significant architectural innovation.
- Relationship to other distinctive buildings, sites or areas which are eligible for preservation as described based on architectural, historic or cultural motif.
- Portrayal of the environment of a group of people in an area of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.
- Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture or development of the City, County, State or Nation.

Preservation Plan Goals

The proposed incentive supports the following goal of the Historic Mansfield Preservation Plan 2035:

GOAL (Education and Awareness): Recognize and foster understanding and appreciation of Mansfield's history, architecture, and cultural heritage.

1A. Promote public awareness and understanding of the city's history.

Strategic Initiative

Recommendation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Prepared By

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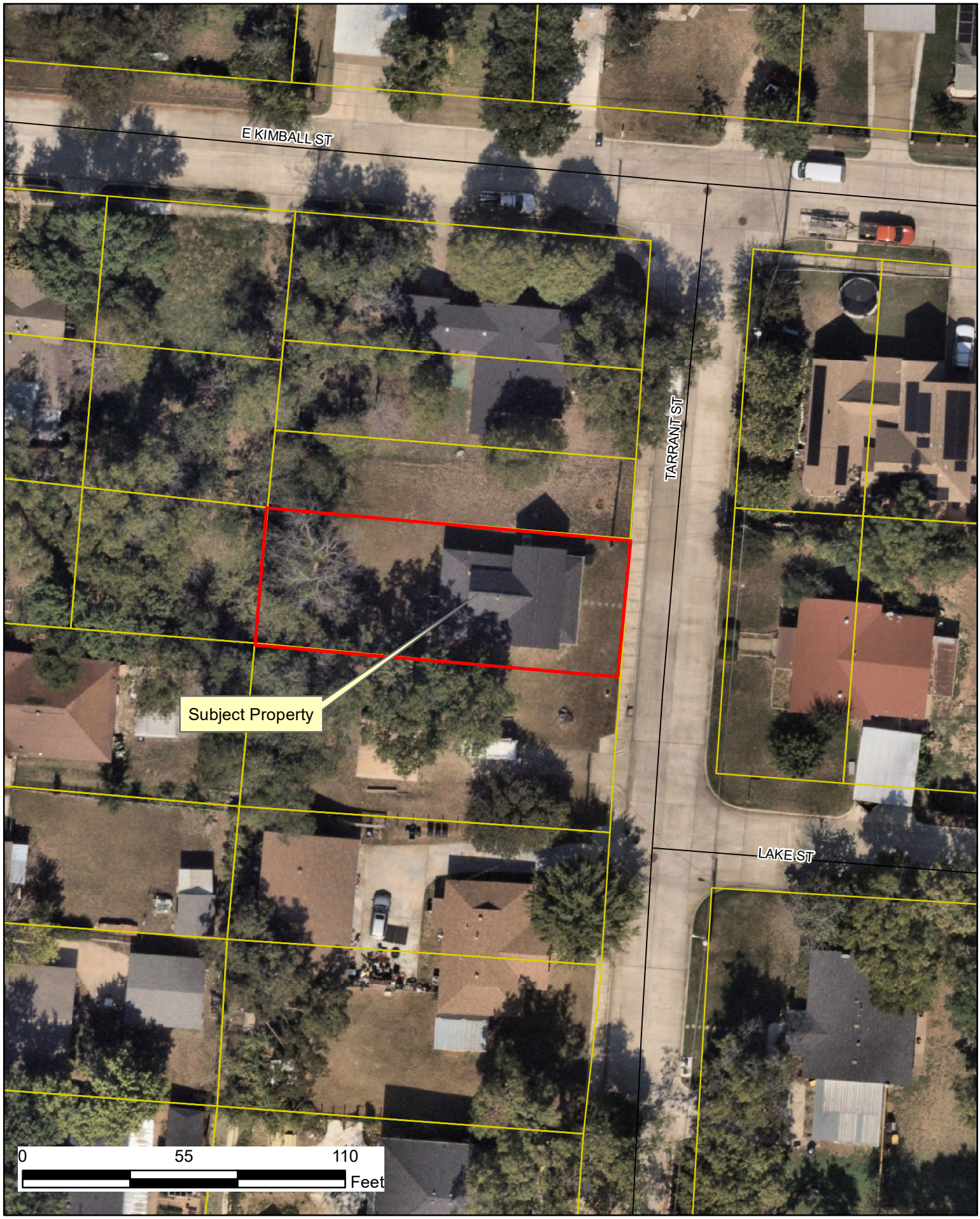

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Mansfield Historic Resources Inventory (By Address) **Diane E. Williams & Associates**

Address	Priority					Photographic Reference		Date	Identification			Exterior	I.D.
Street Number and Name	H	SM	M	SL	L	Roll : Frame	Slide		Property Type	Subtype	Stylistic Influence	Materials	No.
0 ? N. Sycamore			X					1940	Religious	Church		Asbestos	550
107 N. Sycamore			X					1935	Domestic	Side Gabled Bungalow		Asbestos	281
209 N. Sycamore			X					1940	Domestic	Cross Gabled Bungalow		Asbestos	282
213 N. Sycamore			X					1935	Domestic	Cross Gabled Bungalow	Tudor Revival	Stone	283
217 N. Sycamore			X					1930	Domestic	Duplex		Wood	284
200 S. Tarrant					X			1950	Domestic			Vinyl Siding	349
204 S. Tarrant			X					1880	Domestic	Center Passage		Asbestos	350
300 S. Tarrant					X			1930	Domestic			Synthetic Siding	351
300 blk. S. Tarrant					X			1940	Domestic	Cross Gabled Bungalow		Vinyl Siding	355
311 S. Tarrant			X					1935	Domestic	Side Gabled Bungalow		Asbestos	352
313 S. Tarrant					X			1940	Domestic	Side Gabled Bungalow		Vinyl Siding	353
314 S. Tarrant					X			1930	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Wood	354
800 blk. N. Tate St.				X				1910	Domestic	Massed Plan Pyramidal		Wood	506
800 blk. N. Tate St.					X			1950	Domestic			Wood	507
800 blk. N. Tate St.					X			1940	Domestic	1 Room		Wood	508
100 blk. W. Van Worth St.				X				1895	Domestic	I-House		Vinyl Siding	257
100 blk. W. Van Worth St.					X			1925	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Wood/Stucco	259
106 W. Van Worth St.					X			1900	Domestic	L-Plan		T-111/Corrugated	256
107 W. Van Worth St.					X			1940	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Wood/Stucco	258
110 W. Van Worth St.					X			1925	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Wood	255
200 blk. W. Van Worth St.					X			1930	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Wood/Aluminum	251
301 W. Van Worth St.					X			1940	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Asbestos	252
305 W. Van Worth St.					X			1910	Domestic	Massed Plan Pyramidal		Wood	253
309 W. Van Worth St.					X			1950	Domestic	Side Gabled Bungalow		Wood	254
100 blk. N. Walnut			X					1930	Industrial	Lumber Yard		Wood/Corrugated	218
100 blk. N. Walnut					X			1940	Commercial	Garage		Yellow Brick	219
201 N. Walnut Creek					X			1900	Domestic			Wood	313
100 blk. N. Waxahachie					X			1950	Domestic	Garage Apartment		Stone	285
100 blk. S. Waxahachie			X					1905	Domestic	L-Plan		Wood	362A
100 blk. S. Waxahachie (rear)			X					1950	Domestic	Garage Apartment		Wood	362B
108 S. Waxahachie					X			1950	Domestic	Cross Gabled Bungalow		Wood	374
200 S. Waxahachie			X					1925	Domestic	Front Gabled Bungalow		Asbestos	373
200 blk. S. Waxahachie					X			1930	Domestic	Garage Apartment		Wood	365
200 blk. S. Waxahachie			X					1945	Domestic			Wood	366A
200 blk. S. Waxahachie (rear)			X					1935	Domestic			Wood	366B
201 S. Waxahachie					X			1935	Domestic	Cross Gabled Bungalow		Wood	363
203 S. Waxahachie					X			1945	Domestic	Side Gabled Bungalow		Wood	364
300 S. Waxahachie					X			1940	Domestic			Vinyl Siding	372
300 blk. S. Waxahachie					X			1910	Domestic	Center Passage		Red Brick	369
300 blk. S. Waxahachie					X			1950	Domestic	Side Gabled Bungalow		Wood	371

MANSFIELD ROOTS

Capt. Thomas Orville Moody (1821-1877)

Fifth in a series
BY JAN ANTON

This footnote in Mansfield's first family history should be of special interest as the surname "Moody" is familiar in Mansfield's current history.

Captain Thomas O. Moody is best remembered as the leader of Mansfield's Company K, Seventh Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers of the Sibley Brigade, CSA. Historical society records do not pinpoint the time of Moody's arrival in Mansfield, but records indicate that he enrolled his Confederate company in Mansfield on Oct. 26, 1861.

The unit mustered out on Nov. 15 of 1861 at Camp Pickett near San Antonio, and although the bulk of the Sibley Brigade was sent west, Company K was ordered to remain behind to escort the brigade paymaster. The unit caught up with its counterparts in Confederate Arizona in April or May of 1862, forming part of Colonel William Steele's rear guard ordered to evacuate Arizona and far West Texas in July, 1862.

John Peter Smith, distinquished Fort Worth educator and businessman, was listed as a second lieutenant in the company.

Capt. Moody resigned his commission Sept. 2, 1863 because of an old gunshot wound.

Before the war, Moody distinguished himself in Tarrant County affairs. One account of his life sets his migration to Texas somewhere between Oct. 1, 1837 and Jan. 1, 1842, landing in Tarrant County during the early 1850's. Masonic Lodge records verify that Moody joined the Fort Worth Lodge 148 in March, 1856, serving as Worshipful Master the following year. He transferred his membership to the Mansfield Lodge 331 Nov. 5, 1870 and was still a member when he died Jan. 1, 1877.

He, along with Julian Feild, A. D. Johnson and Dr. Carroll Peak, was a trustee of the first Fort Worth public school, established in 1856. Likewise, Moody joined Feild, Charles Turner and 35 other men in getting the Tarrant County seat moved from Birdville to Fort Worth by guaranteeing to build a courthouse at their own expense if voters concurred.

Thomas O. Moody was the fourth of five children of Epps Moody and his second wife, Matilda Johnson Rawlings Moody (married in 1811), having been born in Franklin County, Ala. on Nov. 13, 1821.

Epps Moody was described in one account as a sixth generation Virginian. Another piece of historical information may link Moody with a Thomas Moody of Derry County, Ireland.

Epps Moody married his first wife, Sarah Tabb, in Franklin County, N. C. in 1793. He relocated in Alabama where Capt. Moody was born and shortly thereafter moved to LaGrange in Hardeman County, Tenn.

As influential to Fort Worth and Mansfield history as Capt. Moody was, little information has surfaced pertaining to his family life. The name of his wife is unknown to the Mansfield Historical Society, however, an 1895 account says they had 12 children, all but three living at that time. The same account sets his wife's death at 1884.

Although Capt. Moody died at the age of 55, the longevity of his family line has proven remarkable, with a number of his relatives living and remaining active until their late nineties and beyond.

Capt. Moody was buried in the northwest corner of Mansfield Cemetery in a section where several graves are marked only with small nameless stones. A Confederate marker adorns his grave.

The whereabouts of his children, with the exception of his daughter Florence, remain a mystery.

The historical society has gleaned much of its information from Capt. Moody's great-grandson, Col. Thomas Orville Morison, Jr., USAF,Ret. His grandmother was Florence Moody (1864-1952).

In 1888, Florence Moody married Robert "Emmett" Morison (1858-1916) of Mansfield. Morison, already a successful landowner and merchant (Piles and Morison), was also city marshal. His father, J.W.S. Morison of Virginia, had brought his family to Texas in 1860, settling first in Johnson County, then Hood County and finally Tarrant County in 1865.

Col. Morison related the following description of his grandfather, Emmett Morison. He had been about five feet, 10 inches tall, sandy haired and slightly built. He was fond of children, didn't smoke or drink, and had an even temperament — firm, fair and impartial in his conduct and treatment of others.

Morison served as marshal in Mansfield from 1881 until his death in 1916, with the exception of one term.

The years around the turn of the century were "wild and wooly," and on several occasions, Marshal Morison found himself dodging bullets. One such incident involved Oliver P. House (1846-1926) and his son, Richard "Dick" House (1869-1900). Details are sketchy, but according to the Mansfield Historical Society, "Uncle Ol" House ran a saloon. During the Christmas season of 1900, on Water St. (Main St.) near where the Episcopal Church currently holds services, Morison shot and killed Dick House and wounded his father. After that, the House family kept their men away from town during Christmas.

The Oliver House family lived where the new Lee's Super Market is now located. Several House families lived in Mansfield at that time, and there is a road north of town named House Road.

Morison's luck ran out when he was shot and killed by Claude "Wampus" Patterson in 1916. He is buried in Mansfield Cemetery near the grave of his father-in-law, Capt. Moody.

Florence Morison moved to Fort Worth in 1917 or 1918 and died there Jan. 25, 1952, but she was buried next to her husband. They had two sons, John W.S. Morison and Thomas O. Morison (1893-1936). Both sons and their wives are buried in Mansfield Cemetery.

Emmett and Florence Morison lived at 204 Nugent St. (Tarrant St.) in a home that, according to abstract records, dates back to 1842. It was probably built near Britton by Joseph Nugent and moved to Mansfield at a later date.

In 1936, "Doc" and Stella Blissard pruchased the home and their daughter, Jane Lancaster, currently lives there. Mrs. Lancaster said the house remains much the same as it was originally, with the exception of two porches that have been closed in.

She said her father, a county employee, built the garage from a packing crate that housed the first bulldozer Tarrant County ever bought.

The Moody family history would be incomplete without mention of the black Moody families who got their start here.

As affluent whites migrated to Texas, many brought slaves with them and Epps Moody was a slave-owner. A copy of his will showed that his estate included 45 Negros valued at $15,881, who were to be divided equally six ways upon his death. His son, Capt. Moody, was to have received seven on those slaves.

It was customary for slaves to take the name of their owners, and, consequently, the black Moody families still in Mansfield can trace some of their roots through the pages of white history.

Nathan Moody, although bequeathed to L.H. Millikin (possibly Epps Moody's son-in-law), is remembered in Mansfield as Capt. Moody's slave. The will, dated Oct. 9, 1847, listed him as 20-years old.

Uncle Nathan was Capt. Moody's head carpenter and

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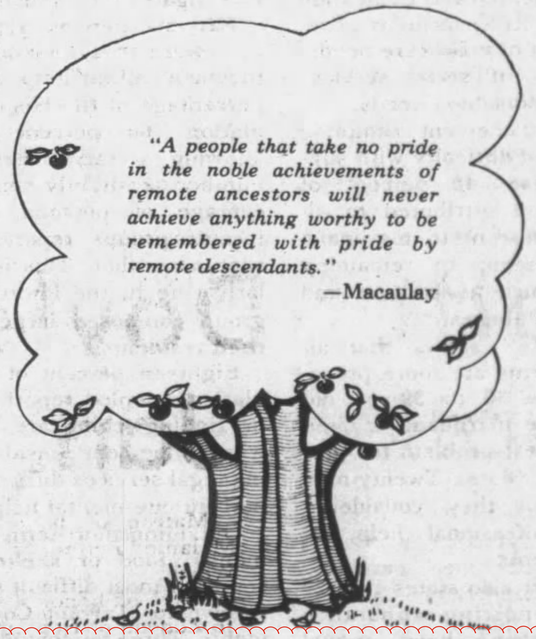
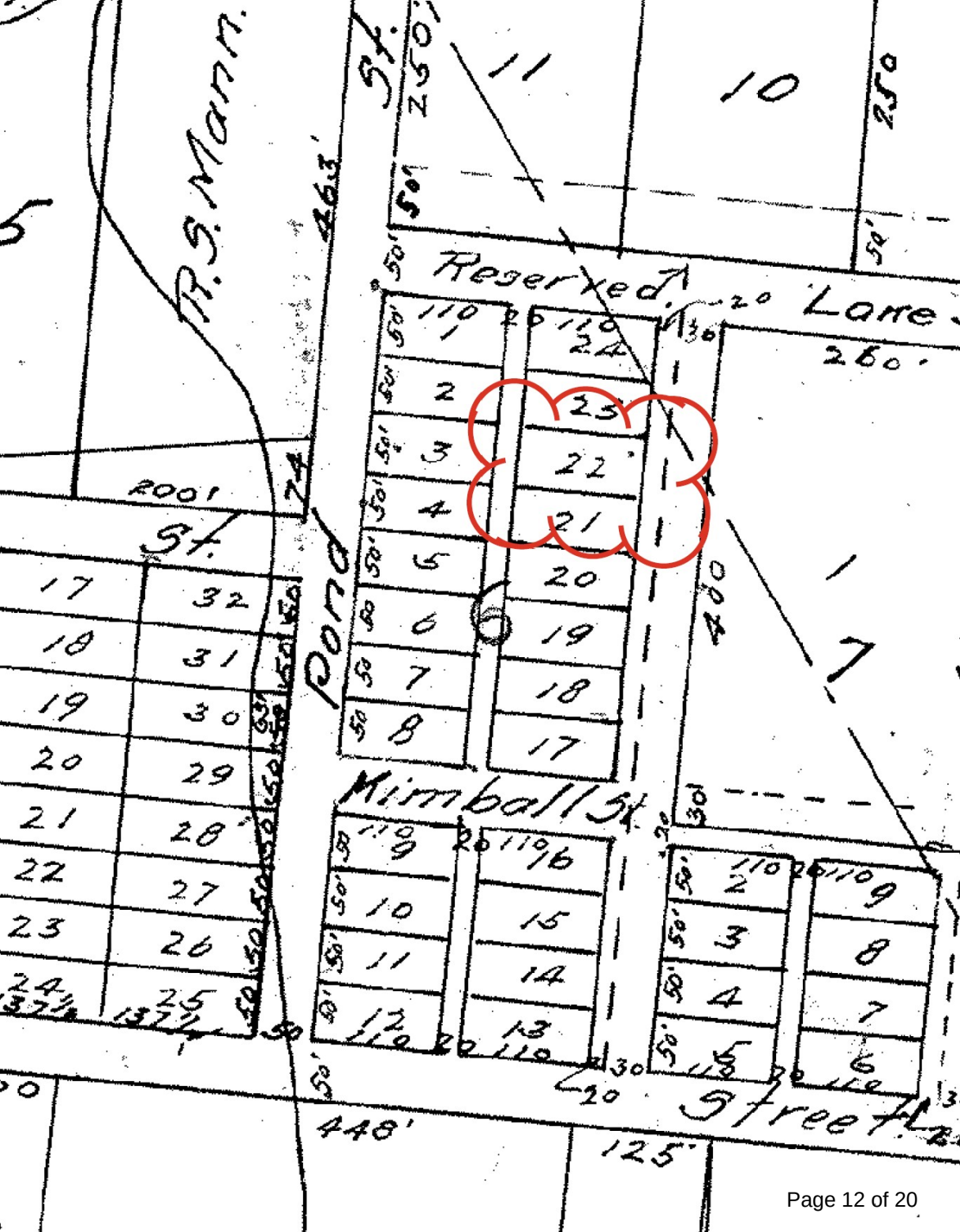


MORISON-BLISSARD HOUSE — Early Mansfield landowner, merchant and marshal Robert "Emmett" Morison lived with his wife, Florence Moody Morison, in this house at 204 Tarrant St. The home, much the same as it was, is now occupied by Jane Lancaster, daughter of Doc and Stella Blissard.

—News-Mirror Staffoto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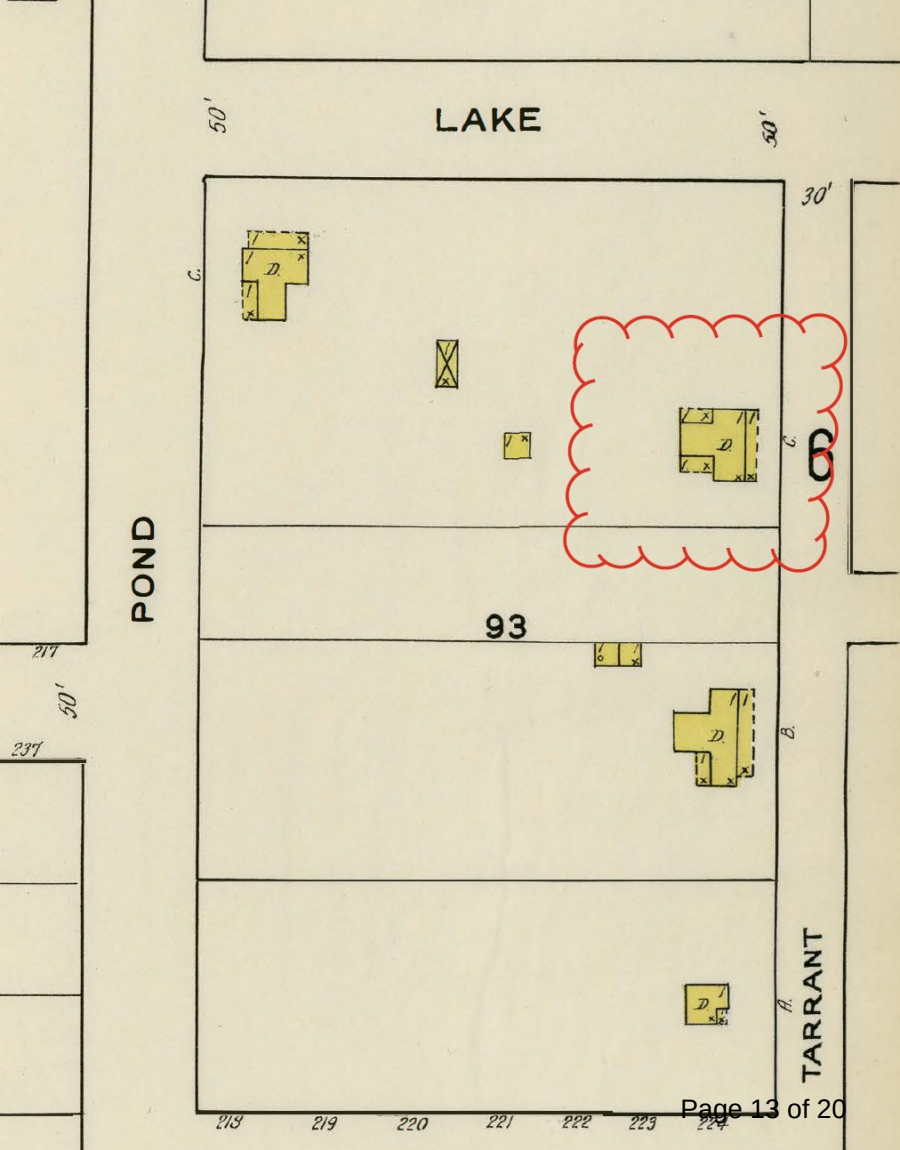
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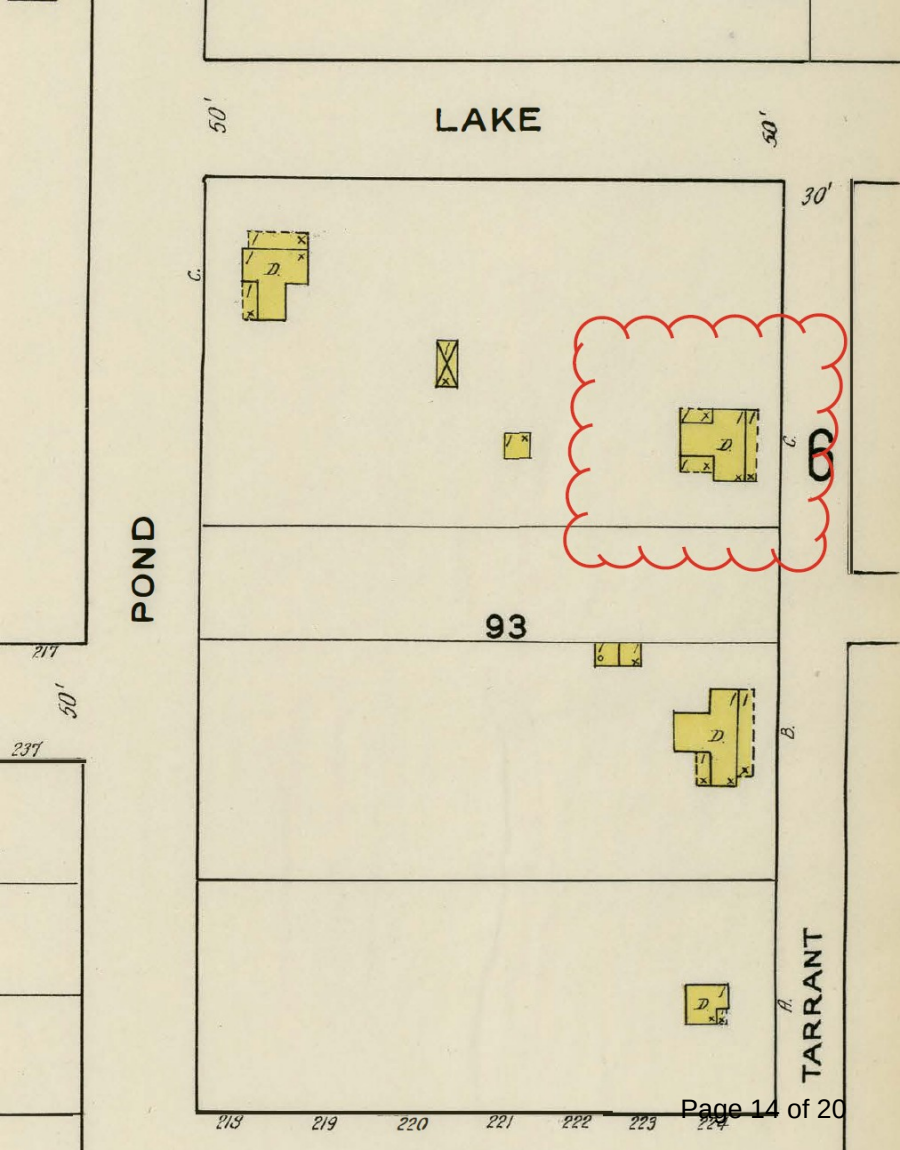
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11				Mary Jane	Wife wf	F	W	47	M1	27			
12				Cennie O	Daughter	F	W	20	S				
13				Fannie B	Daughter	F	W	17	S				
14				Ora M	Daughter	F	W	15	S				
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20				Lorena A	Wife wf	F	W	66	M3	2	11	3	
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58							—, Harry D.	Son	2	M	W	12	S	Yes	6	6	Texas		
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City of Mansfield
Staff Report

Item ID: 26-2122

Agenda Date: April 21, 2026

Title
HLC#26-003: Discussion and Possible Action on the “Letters to 2076” Time Capsule

Description/History
The Historic Landmark Commission is sponsoring a “Letters to 2076” time capsule for Mansfield’s America 250 celebration. This program invites residents write short letters to people living in 2076, the United States’ 300th anniversary. Letters can be personal, reflective, funny, hopeful, or focused on local history. The letters will be collected and sealed in a city time capsule that will be opened in 2076.

The purpose of the program is to accomplish the following:

- Encourage residents to reflect on local history and the nation at 250 years.
- Capture community voices for future generations.
- Create a long-term legacy project that connects 2026 to 2076.
- Engage schools, libraries, and civic organizations.

In addition to inviting residents to participate, staff recommends extending an invitation to the following groups to submit a letter:

- The Mayor and City Council
- City departments and employees
- The Historic Landmark Commission, as program host

A draft letter has been prepared for the Commission’s review.

Strategic Initiative

Recommendation
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

Prepared By
Art Wright, Planning Manager - (817) 276-4226

April 21, 2026

To the residents of Mansfield in 2076,

Greetings from the Mansfield Historic Landmark Commission of 2026. As we place this letter into the “Letters to 2076” time capsule, we do so with a sense of pride, curiosity, and hope for the future you now inhabit.

Our commission is entrusted with preserving the places, stories, and character that define Mansfield’s history. In our time, Mansfield is a growing and vibrant community, one that values its past even as it embraces change. We work to protect historic buildings, document meaningful sites, and share the stories of those who shaped this city long before us. We believe that preservation is not just about saving old structures, but about maintaining a connection between generations.

This time capsule project reflects that belief. “Letters to 2076” was created to give our community an opportunity to speak directly to you, to share who we were, what we valued, and what we hoped Mansfield might become. It is our way of extending a hand across fifty years.

In 2026, our city is experiencing growth and transformation. New neighborhoods, businesses, and infrastructure are reshaping the landscape. Yet even amid that progress, we remain committed to protecting the historic core of Mansfield, the places that tell the story of our beginnings. We hope that in your time, those efforts have endured, and that you continue to see value in preserving the physical and cultural heritage of your community.

We are curious about your Mansfield. What does downtown look like? Which historic places have stood the test of time? What new stories have been added to the city’s narrative? Have you found new ways to honor the past while building your future?

Above all, we hope that the spirit of community we experience today remains strong in your time. Mansfield in 2026 is defined not only by its buildings, but by its people, their commitment to one another, their pride in their city, and their willingness to invest in its future.

As you read this, know that we were thinking of you, imagining your lives, your challenges, and your successes. We hope this letter serves as both a glimpse into our present and a reminder that you are part of a long and continuing story.

Take care of Mansfield, just as we have tried to do.

With respect and anticipation,

Mansfield Historic Landmark Commission

HLC - Preservation Education Sub-Committee - Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026 - 4:15 PM
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Development Services Conference Room
1200 E. Broad St., Mansfield, TX 76063

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in the Development Services Conference Room of City Hall, 1200 East Broad Street, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Staff Present:
Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer
Jessica Baber, Museum Manager
Amanda Brown, Museum Education and Engagement Specialist

Preservation Volunteers:
Amanda Kowalski
Carolyn Wright

Commissioners:
Present: Jennifer Johnston, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker
Absent: None

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion regarding preservation activities, educational events, outreach events and other programs for 2026, events for Historic Preservation Month, America 250 events, educational videos for the Mansfield Independent School District, and the Decade Days festival for 2027.

The sub-committee discussed the following items:

- *Ms. Kowalski stated that she would invite a video technician from the University of Texas at Arlington to the next meeting to discuss the MISD video project.*
- *The sub-committee reviewed a draft budget for the 2027 Decade Days festival.*
- *Mr. Wright presented the stops and activities for the Mansfield History Hunters Scavenger Hunt on April 25, 2026. Volunteers are needed to help at the stops.*
- *Options for awards for the Historic Downtown Mansfield Car Show were reviewed, as well as a proposal to relocate the show to a different site.*
- *Awards for the Chalk the Walk on Historic Main Street have been designed.*

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

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Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer