

**Collinwood House Fact-Finding**  
**Based on Professional Reports & Heritage Commission Memorandum Dated 04/11/16**

#### HISTORIC OVERVIEW

- Constructed circa 1861.
- Annexed into the city in 1984.
- Located on its original site of 124-acres of agriculture landscape in the Blackland Prairies ecoregion.
- One of two surviving pre-railroad structures in the current city limits of Plano. The second existing pre-railroad structure is the Forman House (Wooden Spoon), located at 1617 K Avenue and constructed in 1867.
- Remnant of early settlement of the Peters Colony, a land grant issued by the Texas Congress, which was later on organized into four different counties with the establishment of Collin County. It is one of the oldest surviving structures in the current city limits of Plano.
- Property appears to have been used for agriculture production during its history.
- View [Historical/Archeological Chronology](#) of Collinwood House site.

#### NATIONAL, STATE, & LOCAL LANDMARK STATUS

- The structure and site do not currently have local, state, or national landmark status.
- The [Intensive Cultural Resources Survey](#) concludes the Collinwood House and the site not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in its present condition due to lack of historic integrity and significance.
- If the Collinwood House were to be restored to its period of significance, the structure could be eligible for a NRHP listing and a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark (RTHL) state designation. The city is currently completing a similar process of restoration and national/state designation with the Saigling House.
- The structure, in its current condition, is eligible for local designation as it meets the criteria for a local heritage resource designation as outlined in the current City of [Plano's Preservation Ordinance](#).

#### ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

- The form of the structure is classified as an 'I-house' - a two story, vernacular 'T' shaped layout with an enclosed center hall with stair, and rooms on each side. The cross-gabled roof with gothic details makes the architectural style similar to a Cross-Gable Carpenter Gothic style. Many portions of the structure appear to be original.
- With most of the historic fabric covered under the existing cedar shingles, the later alterations such as the sunroom (built in 1970s) do not detract the original house layout and construction period.
- The structure has a half cellar, which is unusual in the Blackland Prairie region of Texas.

#### CIVIC LEADERS

- W.O. Haggard, Sr., the father of Haggard Library namesake W.O. Haggard, Jr., was born in the house in 1880.
- Plano's first international businessman, J. W. Shepard, was married in the house in 1880.

#### CURRENT LISTINGS

- 2016 - Preservation Texas listed the structure as one of its [2016 Most Endangered Places in Texas](#).
- 2015 - Collin County Historical Commission recognized the [Collinwood Farm](#) by listing the structure on the Collin County Historical Assets Survey map.
- 2015 - Preservation Dallas endorsed the structure as a heritage resource worth saving.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

- [Asbestos Sampling](#)
- [Physical Inventory and Structural Assessment](#)
- [Texas Antiquities Permit Review](#)

