



## A BRIEF HISTORY

This property is truly a piece of Kerrville history. We were so thrilled when we had the opportunity to purchase the property and keep its history alive and share it with others. My grandparents lived around the corner and I remember as a young kid going into the store to buy ice cream and candy - so it has a special place in my heart.

In the late 1800's, cowboys would bring the herds through Bandera Pass and let the cattle 'scatter' in the shallow water - this area is located upstream on Guadalupe Street (below the Dietert Senior Center), where the river is very shallow. This was an area of the river known by the cowboys as 'The Scatters'.

Some 20-30 years later, where Dietert Senior Center and Palacios del Guadalupe condos are located, was where a 'Tent City' was set up. Families who could not afford to rent lodging would stay in tents as they visited their loved ones in the TB hospital. Healing revivals and baptismal were held in the river.

The building was at one time called 'the last station till Junction' because Guadalupe Street (a dirt road back then) was the main route between San Antonio and Junction. This building served as the filling station for those passing through.

Guadalupe Street was the main road for many years and, when the City built the River Trail bridge across Town Creek, it has been told that you could feel the wagon tracks etched in the rock bottom of Town Creek - discovered during the cleanup of the newly acquired property for the Riverside Nature Center (July 1992).

The front half of the building is constructed from river rock and petrified wood and the rear half from limestone blocks (18-20 inches thick) culled from the Guthrie Building

located in downtown Kerrville. The rear portion of the building was constructed sometime in the early 1890's and the first deed of record was April 22, 1892.

The front and rear sections were constructed at different times and sealed together with concrete as evidenced by the seam between the two sections.



The lentils over the front and side windows are old truck frames!

At one point, this property served as a gas/filling station. The front porch is actually where vehicles would pull in to get gas and you can still see the round outline (underneath the blue porch swing) where the visible gas pump was located. The rock pillars still have the hookups for air and water.

Word has it that the building once housed a fish hatchery, OC Child's Grocery Store and a repair shop throughout its existence.

Etchings can be found on the left-front corner of the building that read 'Herb Johnson, 1927' and 'Otto Kittle, 1933'.



The transom above the front double doors has faded wording 'OC Child's Grocery' as a reminder of its prior life.

The rafter tails above the turquoise side door have faded wording 'Cold Drinks, Candy, Fruit' - some of the left over reminders of bygone days.





The curved black staircase was removed from the former Swiss Chalet Discotheque - a hopping place in Kerrville back in the day ... 40 plus years ago!

Today, 300 Guadalupe Street lives on as the Filling Station Bungalow. Relax and unwind in Kerrville's little piece of history!

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