



Historic Landmark #11

**Cogdell House
616 Thorp Spring Road**

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The Cogdell House was built in 1905 for First National Bank President, D. C. Cogdell and his family after their 22 room Victorian Mansion was completely destroyed in a fire.

Daniel C. Cogdell, along with his wife and children settled in Granbury in 1872. In 1883, Mr. Cogdell and fellow businessman John Traylor formed their own private bank and loan company. The venture was so successful that, in 1887, with three other businessmen they founded the First National Bank of Granbury. Mr. Cogdell served as President of the Hood County Milling Company, Granbury Quarry Company, and owned thousands of acres of ranchland, cattle and race horses. He lived in Granbury until his death in 1945 and is buried with his wife, Lucy, and several of their children in the Granbury Cemetery.

The Cogdell House was designed by Mr. Cogdell's friend, Wyatt Hedrick. Wyatt Hedrick was a famous architect, the Will Rogers Coliseum, the Texas Hotel and the Shamrock Hilton in Houston are just a few of the designs to his credit. It took three master cabinetmakers to build this fifteen room home.

The home has its original maple wood floors downstairs, along with the original loblolly yellow pine floors upstairs. The home has most of its original windows and its original electric lights. The home was built with two bathrooms and the 6 ½' clawfoot bathtubs are still in the home. Central Heat from a coal furnace was part of the original plans for the Cogdell House, and it was piped up from the limestone basement (part of the original 1885 mansion). The 1885 fence that surrounds 2/3 of the house is still present, as is the original storm cellar.

The Cogdell House was designated a Granbury Historical Landmark by the City of Granbury Historic Commission December 5, 2000