



Historic Landmark #4

**Estes-Green House
319 West Pearl Street**

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The Estes-Green House was built in 1911, it is a High Style House with Prairie Stylistic Influence. It is a Four-square home by design with a five bay wrap porch and porte-cochere.

The home was built by attorney B. M. Estes who also served terms on the Granbury City Council, as Mayor and County Attorney. Records indicate that Mr. Estes replaced a Victorian House with this larger, more unusual home. Mr. Estes and his family moved into the new home December 11, 1911. This home was also the first of its style in Granbury. Some of the typical features of American Foursquare, Prairie influence are: low pitched, symmetrical roof, many windows (the Estes-Green House has 53), and hipped roof dormers. The Estes-Green House was designed and built with all of these features.

Built after the turn of the century, the B.M. Estes House was more stylish, Victorian style was not en vogue anymore, and less expensive to build due to lack of elaboration and ornamentation. B. M. Estes also saw this design as more masculine because it lacked all the frills. Mr. Estes must have been a perfectionist because he hired a builder, then another builder to oversee the work of the first builder, then another builder to oversee the work of the first two!

Originally from Tennessee, B. M. Estes married an Arkansas girl and moved her to Granbury in 1874. That same year he began practicing law in Granbury and continued until 1938, a total of 64 years. Mr. Estes served as District Court Clerk and County Attorney during his lifetime. He served as chairman of the executive committee on the behalf of prohibitionists in 1887, as a city councilman and later served as acting mayor of Granbury. Mr. Estes is also listed as one of the founding members of the Presbyterian Church in Granbury. Along with being a prominent landowner in Hood County, Mr. Estes began the first Title Company in Hood County, his son Roy managed it. After he was elected County Judge, he became known for being particularly opinionated. He was known as conservative, fair and wise, but could not be swayed in his beliefs in any way. For example, he did not believe that his daughters should have to ride their horses sidesaddle, and he also believed that his daughters should be educated; he sent two of them to Texas Wesleyan.

The Estes-Green House is currently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Caraway. Mr. Caraway is currently a Councilman on the City of Granbury City Council.

**The Estes-Green House was designated a Granbury
Historic Landmark by the City of Granbury Historic
Commission November 16, 1999.**