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The Hannaford House was built 1881-2 by prominent drugstore merchant, E.A. Hannaford. This High Style House is of Italianate stylistic influence. This house is a Granbury Landmark as well as being listed in the Register of Texas Historic Landmarks.

This two story, L-plan home has a highly ornamental front porch with two pilasters and jig sawn brackets. Above the porch, on the balcony, there are turned wood balusters that match the balusters above the two round bay windows on the bottom floor. The sidewalks and curbs in front of the house are original and made of limestone. The original lawn, four times its present size, was surrounded by as picket fence, included a carriage house, barn, stable, rose garden, tennis court, and a greenhouse.

Edwin Augustus Hannaford was a druggist and opened the first drugstore on the Granbury Square. The original drugstore was in a canvas tent until he built a two story stone structure on the west side of the Square. "Doc" Hannaford as he became known was also very involved in the Granbury education system. "Of the thirty schools in Hood County, Hannaford helped build twenty-nine of them. Many of the students knew him personally, because it was in his store that they purchased their school books" (Beth Calhoun). Mrs. Nettie (Brous) Hannaford was involved in community affairs as well, she was a charter member of the Women's Wednesday Club and the Eastern Star. Doctor Hannaford was also very involved in the establishment of several churches in Granbury. In his youth, Doc Hannaford fought on the Union side of the Civil War, but upon his death in 1915, "... the Confederate Veterans Camp requested to be honorary pallbearers at his funeral. For four years they had been on opposite sides of the war, but in peace they had worked together for forty-four years. He was now a fallen comrade and deserved honor as a true Texas citizen and a real pioneer Texan" (Vance Maloney, Granbury Newspaper, November, 1915).

The Hannaford House was designated a Granbury Historical Landmark by the City of Granbury Historic Commission November 16, 1999.