



Historic Landmark #10

**Holderness-Aiken House
321 West Bridge Street**

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Built in 1896 by local Master Builder/Carpenter, E. J. Holderness, this house is just one of many that he designed and constructed in the city of Granbury.

This Vernacular house, (indigenous to the region), is one and one-half story and features a two bay, inset porch with turned wood posts, turned wood balusters, jig-sawn brackets, jig-sawn porch frieze, and turned work frieze.

E. J. Holderness designed and built this house as a family residence. The Holderness family resided in the house until 1913, when it was sold to A. J. Gordon. Nothing is known about what happened to the Holderness family after the sale of the home, as they left Granbury. After Mr. Gordon sold the home, it changed hands several times until Mrs. Ed Aiken bought the house in 1927. She purchased the house from her son two years after he purchased it. Mrs. Aiken's family name was Rylee, another prominent name in Granbury. The Rylee-Aiken House, Mrs. Aiken's family home is regarded as the oldest standing home in Granbury. After the purchase of the Holderness House, Mrs. Aiken lived there until her death in 1931. Her daughter, Miss Mattie Aiken inherited the house and lived there until her death in 1963. Her younger sister then bought their brothers' and sisters' share of the home and moved in the house with her husband George Bayer.

There have been few changes made to the house since the construction of the home, a bathroom has been added to the west side of the home. Other than that, the structure remains basically the same.

The Holderness-Aiken House is listed in the Register of Texas Historic Landmarks along with listing as a Granbury Landmark.

The Holderness-Aiken House was designated a Granbury Historical Landmark by the City of Granbury Historic Commission October 3, 2000.