



# OLD SIXTH WARD, HOUSTON

## TRIVIA

**FUN TRIVIA THAT WE HAVE COME  
ACROSS WHILE RESEARCHING OUR  
HOUSES, SCOURING OLD  
NEWSPAPERS, READING  
BIOGRAPHIES, AND HEARING ORAL  
HISTORIES ABOUT PEOPLE AND  
PLACES IN THE OLD SIXTH WARD**



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- SIXTH WARD WAS KNOWN AS FOURTH WARD NORTH UNTIL DECEMBER 9, 1895 WHEN IT WAS FORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT AS A SEPARATE NEIGHBORHOOD.



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- THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE NEWSPAPER HAILED THE SIXTH WARD (FOURTH WARD NORTH) AS ONE OF THE FINEST NEIGHBORHOODS TO LIVE IN HOUSTON.



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- SIXTH WARD WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED BY SEVERAL NAMES INCLUDING “NORTH, HIGH FOURTH, UPPER FOURTH, OLD SABINE, AND OF COURSE, THE SIXTH”.



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- MANY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S EARLIEST HOMES WERE BUILT AS 'SUNDAY HOMES' IN KEEPING WITH THE GERMAN TRADITION WHERE FARMERS NEEDED A PLACE NEAR TOWN SO THEY COULD ATTEND CHURCH, SELL THEIR PRODUCE DOWNTOWN, OR PICK UP SUPPLIES. THE FOUNDING FAMILY OF SPRING BRANCH, TEXAS, THE KOLBES BUILT A SUNDAY HOUSE AT 2204 DECATUR. THE VOLLMERS OF VOLLMER, TEXAS, ALSO HELD A SUNDAY HOUSE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL. THE TELSCHOWS AND HILLENDAHL FAMILIES OF WHITE OAK (NOW THE ROSSLYN AREA) EACH HELD SUNDAY HOUSES ON KANE STREET.





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**KANE STREET WAS  
ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS  
REISNER STREET AND  
LUBBOCK STREET AS CAMP  
STREET.**

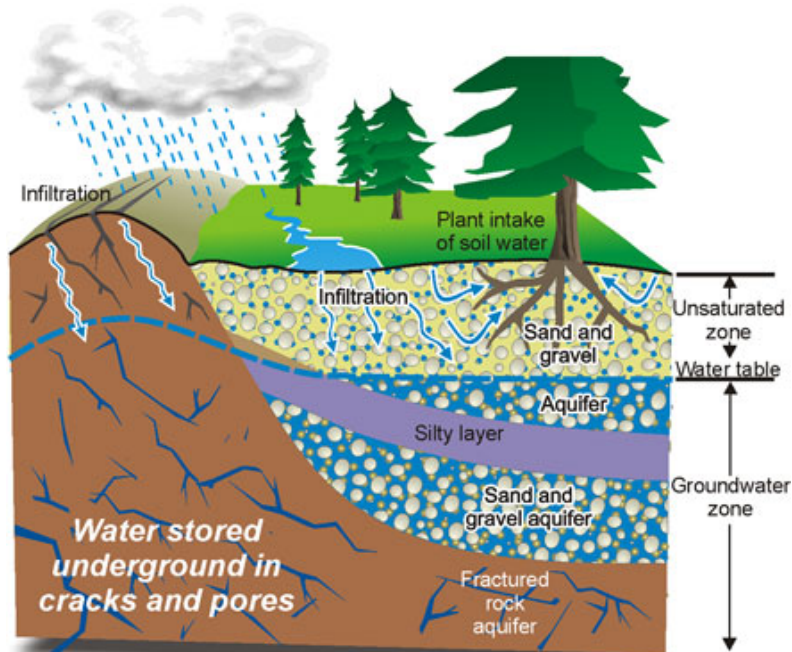




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- THE NEIGHBORHOOD SITS ON A VAST UNDERGROUND AQUIFER THAT PROVIDED PLENTIFUL WATER FOR ITS RESIDENTS FOR THE FIRST 30 YEARS.





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- **SIXTH WARD BOASTS THE OLDEST DOCUMENTED PRIVATELY OWNED RESIDENCE IN HOUSTON, THE HEINRICH AND HANNAH GUESE HOUSE, BUILT IN 1854. IT ALSO HAS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF ANTEBELLUM HOUSES IN THE AREA OUTSIDE OF SAM HOUSTON PARK.**





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● GLENWOOD CEMETERY WAS ORIGINALLY AN ANTEBELLUM PLANTATION OWNED BY ARCHIBALD WYNN. SEVERAL OF ITS HOUSES HAVE BEEN RELOCATED TO THE SIXTH WARD WHEN THE LAND WAS CONVERTED TO A CEMETERY.



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- DUE TO AN OLD GERMAN SUPERSTITION THAT BRAND-NEW HOUSES WERE CONSIDERED UNLUCKY, MANY OF THE EARLY PROSPERING GERMAN FAMILIES BUILT NEWER ADDITIONS IN FRONT OF THEIR EXISTING HOMES, OR BROUGHT AN EXISTING HOUSE FROM ELSEWHERE TO ADD ON TO THEIR HOMES.



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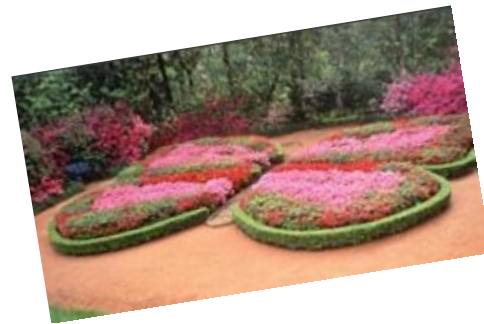
- SIXTH WARD ONCE CONTAINED 12 CHURCHES, THREE SCHOOLS, 9 STORES, AND AN INFIRMARY.



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- AN EARLY SIXTH WARD HOMEOWNER, ROSALIND BROSIUS, CO-FOUNDED THE FORUM OF CIVICS, NOW THE RIVER OAKS GARDEN CLUB.





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- ANOTHER EARLY SIXTH WARD HOMEOWNER, TEENIE VALENTINE LUCKIE, WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF HAR, HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. SHE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST FEMALE REALTORS IN HOUSTON TO OWN AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY.



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- THE WILLOWBROOK MALL AND PART THE ADJOINING GREENWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION IN NORTHWEST HOUSTON WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF A LAND-GRANT RANCH OWNED BY AN EARLY SIXTH WARD FAMILY, THE KUHNS. THE OTHER PART OF GREENWOOD FOREST WAS PART OF THE VAST BAMMEL RANCH, AND THE BAMMELS ALSO LIVED IN THE SIXTH WARD AT 2004 DECATUR.



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- THE FAMED JAZZ PIANIST, PECK KELLY, WAS BORN IN THE SIXTH WARD IN 1898 AND LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE AT 2003 STATE (NOW AT 1900 N. MEMORIAL WAY) THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE LIFE UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1980. THE ANDREWS SISTERS' BIG HIT SONG "BEAT ME DADDY, EIGHT TO THE BAR" IS SAID TO BE ABOUT KELLY.



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- THE FAMED COSMETIC QUEEN, MARY KAY WAGNER ASH, SPENT MOST OF HER CHILDHOOD IN THE SIXTH WARD, LIVING AT 2111 KANE.





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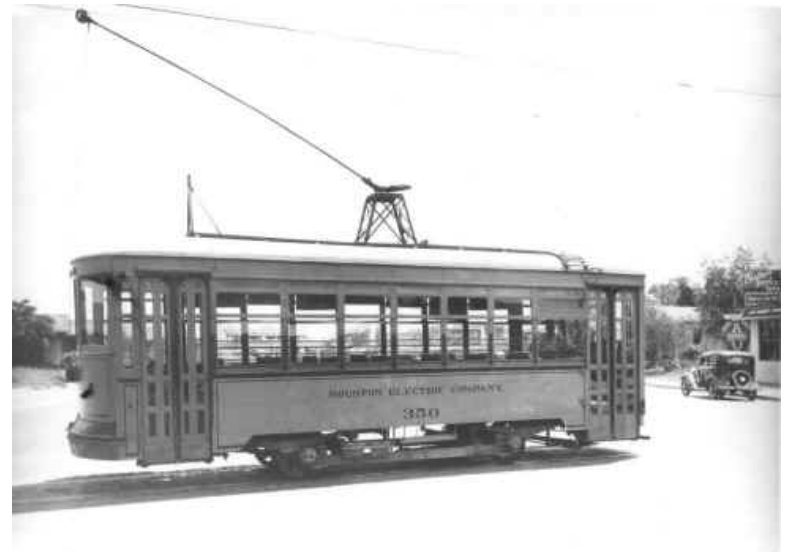
- THE HENRY T. LIGHTHOUSE RESIDENCE WAS DESIGNED BY OLLE LOREHN, THE SWEDISH-IMMIGRANT ARCHITECT WHO ALSO DESIGNED THE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL AND DAKOTA LOFTS DOWNTOWN. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE ONLY ONE OF TWO SURVIVING RESIDENCES DESIGNED BY HIM IN HOUSTON.



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- CENTER STREET BETWEEN SAWYER AND SABINE STREETS, WAS KNOWN AS FORTH WARD NORTH'S 'SILK STOCKING DISTRICT' BECAUSE IT SAT ON THE HIGHEST ELEVATION AND ENJOYED STREETCAR SERVICE.





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- AN EARLY SIXTH WARD HOMEOWNER, MR. ANDREW KUHN, OWNED THE 18TH AUTOMOBILE SOLD IN HOUSTON, A CURVED DASH 1903 OLDSMOBILE. HIS LICENSE PLATE AS “0018”.



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- THE BLUE BOOK OF HOUSTON, THE CITY'S SOCIAL REGISTER, LISTED A FEW SIXTH WARD FAMILIES ON A REGULAR BASIS FROM THE EARLY 1900S TO THE 1920's.



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- SIXTH WARD IS BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD IN HOUSTON TO DISPLAY POINSETTIAS AS CHRISTMAS DECORATION, COURTESY OF KUTSCHBACH'S NURSERY OF 2526 WASHINGTON. DURING THE 1930'S AND 40'S THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ABLOOM WITH THOUSANDS OF EASTER LILIES, COURTESY OF COTNEY FLORISTS, ALSO OF WASHINGTON ST.





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- THE FAMED AVIATRRESS, AMELIA EARHART, USED TO VISIT WITH A PATERNAL UNCLE WHO LIVED IN THE SIXTH WARD, WHILE SHE WAS A CHILD.





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- THE ALLEGED MURDER OF A SIXTH WARD STONECUTTER, MR. THOMAS GOLDING, WAS THE INSPIRATION OF ANN SLOAN'S NOVEL, MURDER ON THE BOULEVARD



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**SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.**  
**CHICAGO**

- THE WALTER AND CASSIE HENDERSON HOUSE AT 2216 KANE IS ONE OF EXTREMELY RARE SEARS & ROEBUCK 'HONOR BILT' CATALOGUE HOMES BUILT IN HOUSTON. IT IS A PROTECTED LANDMARK.





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- THE HAYBARN BEHIND 1920 KANE IS BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY SURVIVING DOCUMENTED 19TH CENTURY HAYBARN REMAINING IN THE HOUSTON AREA.





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- THE DOW SCHOOL,  
HOME OF MECA  
HOUSTON AND URBAN  
HARVEST IS ONE OF  
THE OLDEST SCHOOL  
BUILDINGS REMAINING  
IN HOUSTON.



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- THE INVENTOR OF THE FAMED “TUNNEL OF FUDGE” CAKE WAS A MEMBER OF AN EARLY SIXTH WARD FAMILY, THE HELFRICHS OF 1811 STATE, NOW 1807 DECATUR.





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- MRS. MARGARET WESTERMAN, THE BELOVED LONG-TIME CITY SECRETARY, WAS A RESIDENT OF SIXTH WARD. THE CITY HALL ANNEX WAS NAMED AFTER HER.





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- THE WASHINGTON AVENUE AREA WAS KNOWN AS HOUSTON'S FIRST 'UPTOWN' AREA, THE PREDECESSOR OF TODAY'S GALLERIA AREA.



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