

## 1808, 1810 Decatur; lot 6, block 444

### Block 444:

W. R. Baker sometimes sold individual lots, and sometimes he sold a whole block to one person. In the case of blocks 441 through 444 he sold them as whole blocks. He thought they were 400' long and contained 16 50' x 100' lots. The deeds state that the buyer is getting 16 lots. Later it was realized that the blocks are really about 455' feet long and contain two extra lots. W. R. Baker could have said, "My bad. I was confused. Just take the whole block.", but he didn't. He was hard-nosed and sold the extra lots himself. In the case of blocks 441, 442, and 443 those extra lots all front on Sabine. The presence of the extra lots creates ambiguity in the enumeration of the lots within a block. Relative to lots 1-8 there is no ambiguity. In the 16-lots-per-block case lot 9 is the 50' x 100' lot north of lot 8; in the 18-lots-per-block case lot 9 is the extra 55' x 100' lot east of lot 8. There is ambiguity relative to lots 9-16. HCAD (Harris County Appraisal District) uses the 18-lots-per-block method.

Block 444 has the same enumeration problem as blocks 441-443, and there is an additional complication. On July 8, 1859 William R. Baker sold block 444 between Decatur and Washington and between Silver and Sabine to Herman Killitz for \$600 (V500). On September 19, 1859 Killitz sold lots 7-10 to Rosalia Vienegar (W30), and on August 6, 1861 the administrator of the estate of Herman Killitz sold the remainder of the block to Charles Huebner (Z271). On October 8, 1866 Huebner's heirs sold it to William Hartley (3/521). Hartley sold individual lots based on the 16 lots/block enumeration method; more specifically he sold 12 lots (1-6, 11-16) on the western end of the block. Lots 7-10, which Rosalia Vienegar had purchased from Killitz, are on the east end of a 16-lot block, so she took possession of the east end of block 444. In a series of transactions her lots came into the possession of W. H. Peregoy (lots 8 and 9 fronting on Decatur, Sabine, and Washington) and Ida E. Lang (lots 7 and 10) (1/233, 17/600, 17/601, 17/602, 18/14, 18/601). The fact that block 444 was longer than originally thought and the fact that some lots were located based on the west end of the block and other lots were located based on the east end left a void in the middle. Daniel C. Green had purchased lots 6 and 11 from C. L. Bethje, who had purchased them from William Hartley (4/223, 4/263); they formed a tract 50' wide from Washington to Decatur.

Green fenced in another 30' to the east, and on September 11, 1882 he paid W. R. Baker \$30 for that additional land (25/388). That 30' was the westmost 30' of the void. Ida E. Lang owned a tract 50' wide from Washington to Decatur on the east side of the void. She fenced in an additional 12.5' on the west side of her original tract, and she purchased that additional land from W. R. Baker on September 13, 1882 for \$50 (25/416). Irregular lot sizes in the eastern part of block 444 are due in part to the above described confusion. See the HCAD map.

### **Daniel Green:**

On May 2, 1867 C. L. Bethje sells to D. C. Green for \$300 cash lots 6 and 11 in block 444, fronting on Washington and running back through the block (4/263). In modern terms Green buys lots 6 and 13. On September 11, 1882 W. R. Baker sells an additional 30' running from Washington to Decatur to D. C. Green for \$30. Green says that he has enclosed and is in possession of 80' (25/388).

In the 1870 census Daniel Green (30, Mo, clerk in sawmill), his wife Elizabeth (26, Tx), and their daughter Alie (6/12) live in Houston in the 4th Ward. In 1880 Dan'l C. Green (39, Oh, grocer), Eliz (33, Tx), their daughter Alize (10, Tx), and 8 others reside at 311 Washington. In 1900 Daniel C. Green (60, M38, Oh, health inspector, OFH) and Elizabeth (55, M38/1/1, Tx) reside at 1808 Decatur. In 1910 they continue to live at 1808 Decatur, and in 1920 Elizabeth A. Green (75, Wd, OF) lives at 1808 Decatur with 3 grandchildren.

Daniel C. Green is in the city directory for the first time in 1873. He lives somewhere on Washington St. In subsequent directories he lives on the south side of Washington between Sabine and Silver; finally in 1880-81 the directory is more specific. He lives at 311 Washington, and his store (groceries and provisions) is at 309. Subsequent directories until 1889-90 show that he lives at 311 and that his store is at 309. In 1890-91 Daniel Green lives at 8 Decatur.

The 1890 Sanborn map indicates clearly that 309 is a commercial building ("S" for 'store') and that 311 is a house ("D" for 'dwelling') facing Washington immediately to the west and on Daniel Green's property. The store is on the additional 30' that Green bought in 1882, and the house is on lot 11, which Green bought in 1867. On November 24, 1887 D. C. Green and E. A. Green, his wife, contract with J. H. Jagermann to build a

house on lot 11 for \$625 (2/383, Harris Co. Contract Records). Green has lived there since at least 1880-81 so presumably a small house was demolished or moved in order to build a larger house in 1887.

Today there is an old house on lot 11, hidden behind a small commercial building facing Washington. That house is probably the house which was built for Green in 1887 and which was later moved back to make it possible to construct a small building in front of it.

Another possibility is that the house which is today at 1808 Decatur and which occupies 10' of lot 6 and the additional 30' that Daniel Green bought east of lot 6 is the house that Green contracted with J. H. Jagermann to build in 1887. In this case "lot 11" is an error in the contract, and the house on lot 11 today is the older house that Green lived in prior to 1887.

In 1890-91 Daniel Green lives at 8 Decatur. In 1892-93 he lives on the north side of Decatur between Sabine and Silver, and in 1894-95 he lives at 1808 Decatur. In about 1892 the house numbering system was changed; 8 Decatur became 1808 Decatur. 1889 was an important year in the life of Daniel Green and his wife. According to Find-a-Grave their only daughter Alice married William H. Howell May 8, 1889. In 1890-91 they are living with Daniel and his wife at 8 Decatur. They are still living there in 1895-96. In 1897-98 they are living at 1811 Washington (formerly 311).

In 1894-95 Daniel C. Green is a grocer. In the next 3 city directories his occupation is unspecified, and in 1900-01 he is a city health inspector. He was born in 1838 in Ohio, and he died in 1919. He and his wife Elizabeth, who died in 1924, are both buried in Glenwood. From 1890-91 until their deaths they lived at 1808 Decatur.

In the 1890 and 1896 Sanborn maps there is a house where 1808 Decatur is today. It is close to Decatur and presumably faces it, although the house is unusual in that there is no porch on the front (south) side. There is a service porch all the way across the back (north) side. Chuck Stava has told me that occasionally a house had only an overhang to protect the entrance door and no porch and that the Sanborn maps do not show such an overhang. The 1907 map shows the front of the house as it is seen today; the original entrance on the SW corner has been abandoned, and a part of the interior of the house has been converted into a porch on the SE corner. Daniel Green's grocery

store on Washington is now a tin shop. The house and the tin shop are the same in 1924. By 1950 a small addition has been added to the back of 1808 and the original wooden siding has been covered with asbestos siding. The tin shop is larger and seems to be used for motor repair.

The house at 1810 Decatur is not present in 1890 but is present in 1896. It has a porch on the SE corner and a service porch on the NE corner. It was probably built by Daniel Green between 1890 and 1896 to rent to tenants.

### **Division of the property:**

Based on the will of Elizabeth A. Green, three different people inherit a part of the 80'x170' tract that Daniel C. Green and his wife had owned. They had one daughter, who married William H. Howell.

On March 20, 1924 W. H. Howell, independent executor of the estate of Elizabeth A. Green, dec'd, conveys to Nadine Howell Sikes the west half of the south half of the 80'x170' tract. It fronts 40' on Decatur and is 85' deep. (568/440)

On March 20, 1924 W. H. Howell, independent executor of the estate of Elizabeth A. Green, dec'd, conveys to Milda Howell Thrift the east half of the south half of the 80'x170' tract. It fronts 40' on Decatur and is 85' deep. (568/440)

On March 20, 1924 W. H. Howell, independent executor of the estate of Elizabeth A. Green, dec'd, conveys to Alice Green Howell the north half of the 80'x170' tract. (568/439)

Daniel Green's property was a right trapezoid 80' wide east-west. Subsequent deeds refer to the north-south dimension as 170', but they do not clarify whether 170' refers to the east side of the trapezoid or the west side. I believe the west side is 170' long. The terms 'north half' and 'south half' are ambiguous. The original trapezoid could be divided into two smaller trapezoids, a right trapezoid on the south and a non-right trapezoid on the north. Or the north part could be a parallelogram and the southern part a right trapezoid. Or the southern part could be a rectangle and the northern part a right trapezoid. What is not possible is a rectangle on the south side and a parallelogram on the north side, but some subsequent deeds present the division in this way.

### **Northern half:**

On October 22, 1928 W. H. Howell and wife Alice Green Howell of Bexar Co. sell to Mrs. Ola M. Smith, a feme sole, for \$12000 (\$8000 cash plus a \$4000 note) a parallelogram fronting 80' on Washington Avenue and 85' deep. It is located relative to the SE corner of lot 5, which is 252.25' from the corner of Decatur and Silver. It is said to be "the north 1/2 of the 80' by 170' of lots 6, 7, 10, and 11 of block 444, said north 1/2 having been bequeathed to Alice Green Howell by Elizabeth A. Green." (781/33). See also 770/417.

Mrs. Ola M. Smith mortgaged her property to secure a promissory note, and on March 5, 1935 Harry P. Radcliffe, holder of the note, buys at auction for \$3000 the tract previously described. (974/706)

On January 27, 1941 Harry P. Radcliffe and wife Arabelle G. Radcliffe sell the tract to A. E. England for \$5000 (\$1500 cash plus a \$3500 note) (1110/777). On September 20, 1943 a correction deed describes the property more precisely and states that A. E. England is deceased and that Mrs. H. M. Crenshaw is the executrix of his estate. The tract is a parallelogram whose east and west sides are 85' long, whose north side is 80' long, and whose south side is 80.23' long. (1302/74)

On September 28, 1943 Hattie Crenshaw joined by her husband H. M. Crenshaw sell the tract to A. W. Perez. It is said to be the north half of an 80' x 170' tract in lots 6, 7, 10, and 11 of block 444 and is more precisely described by metes and bounds as in 1302/74. (1302/75)

On February 26, 1970 Norma Maxine Perez, a widow, individually and as executrix of the estate of A. W. Perez, dec'd, sells the tract to Jose Ramirez and wife Rosa A. Ramirez. It continues to be described as in 781/33. (114-28-1935)

On September 28, 1987 Rosa Alderete Ramirez sells 2 tracts to Ralph Thomas and wife Janice Thomas. One of them is a parallelogram fronting 23.98' on Washington Avenue, 85' on the east side, 84.76' on the west side, and 24.75' on the south side. It is described in terms of W. R. Baker's 16-lots-per-block numbering scheme (193-34-0292). It is the NE corner of Daniel Green's property where his grocery store, that was later a tin shop, was located. The building located there today (2016) is a restaurant called the Caddyshack. That building probably evolved from the grocery store. The second tract sold

by Rosa Alderete Ramirez in 1987 is today the outdoor area used by the Caddyshack.

On January 8, 1979 Jose Ramirez and wife Rosa A. Ramirez sell to their son Nicolas Alderete a parallelogram 50.22' east-west by 42' north-south being a part of lot 11, again using the 16-lots-per-block numbering scheme. The sellers retain a 4' easement for access to the property immediately south of the property conveyed (117-99-0232). Today (2016) a small dilapidated building occupies this tract. Behind it on property still owned by Rosa A. Ramirez is an old house, which is probably the house that Daniel Green contracted to have built in 1887. It appears to have been modified between 1896 and 1907. In 1924 it has the same form as in 1907 and faces Washington. In the 1950 Sanborn map it has been moved back to make room for a building on Washington marked "Auto Rep".

In 1979 the sellers retained a 4' easement for access to the house, and in 1987 the seller only sold 24' out of 30' available to be sold. Thus a 10' driveway provides access to the house.

### **Southern half:**

#### **1808 Decatur:**

A Certified Copy of Order dated April 13, 1942 states that A. F. Thrift is the executor of the estate of Milda Thrift, dec'd, and is entitled to the east half of the south half of the 80' x 170' tract. (1243/479)

On April 18, 1942 A. F. Thrift and wife Mrs. Lillian C. Thrift sell the tract to H. Smyrl and wife Grace Feal Smyrl. It is the same property described in 568/440 fronting 40' on Decatur and 85' deep. (1245/423)

On March 8, 1999 Louis J. Nowaski, an unmarried person whose mailing address is 1808 Decatur, buys a tract of 3400 sq. ft. measuring 40' by 85' in lots 6 and 7 of block 444 from Grace Seals Smyrl, a single person, acting through her attorney-in-fact Margaret N. Benton. The SW corner is 40' east of the SW corner of lot 6. (524-30-0383).

City directories indicate that 1808 Decatur was rented to a variety of people from 1924 until 1954 and that Louis Nowaski lived there for many years from 1955 onward.

On April 30, 2013 Louis John Nowaski sells the 3400 sq. ft. tract to Jerry Dan Nowaski and Joe David Nowaski. (RP086-90-1619)

Louis Nowaski died July 11, 2013 at age 87. A lengthy obituary published in the Houston Chronicle July 14, 2013 can be read at Find-a-Grave.

On June 17, 2015 Jerry Dan Nowaski and Joe David Nowaski sell the 3400 sq. ft. tract to DKL Interests (ER070-85-0393), and on the same date DKL Interests sells it to Robert Edwards (ER070-92-1109).

### **1810 Decatur:**

On November 23, 1934 H. J. Skinner, a substitute trustee, conveys to Farm and Home Savings and Loan Association of Missouri the west half of the south half of the 85' x 170' tract. It had been sold at public auction for \$772.92 on November 6, 1934 because Nadine Howell Sikes and husband P. E. Sikes had defaulted on a promissory note dated July 20, 1927 and delivered to F&HS&LAM. (964/587)

On August 19, 1938 F&HS&LAM sells the 40' x 85' tract to Lula Lewis, Pauline Salvato, and Carlo Salvato, Jr. (sisters and brother) for \$1700 (\$100 cash and a note for \$1600). The note is signed by Lula Lewis and husband Felix Lewis, Pauline Salvato, and Carlo Salvato, Jr. (1103/54)

In a somewhat complicated fashion Carlo Salvato, Jr. and Lula Lewis convey their interest to Pauline Salvato, who becomes the wife of Joe Vetrano. By November 16, 1946 the lot belongs to Pauline Salvato Vetrano as part of her separate estate. (1180/597, 1152/513, 1155/197, 1526/538)

City directories indicate that all of them lived at 1810 Decatur at one time or another in the late 1930's and early 1940's. From 1946 until his death in 1961 Joseph Vetrano is the occupant; his wife continues to live there until 1964. In 1968 and later renters live there. It appears that from about 1941 onward there were two separate dwellings in the house. According to Find-a-Grave Joseph "Joe" Vetrano (1880, Italy -- 1961) and his wife Pauline Salvato Vetrano (1906-1998) are buried in Holy Cross Cemetery and Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery, respectively.

On February 15, 1977 Pauline Vetrano, a widow, sells 1810 Decatur, described as the west 40' x 85' of lot 6, and other property to Emmanuel Joseph Vetrano, Carlo Salvato Vetrano, and Innocent Marie Cangelosi (165-05-1175). Emmanuel Joseph Vetrano purchases the west 40' x 85' of lot 6 from the other 2 heirs (523-17-1671, 503-93-0214), and on June 22, 2007 he sells the tract to Sandra Boughal and Edward B. Boughal (RP046-18-1466). They sell it in 2009 to M. Fox Curl (RP064-44-2109).

### **Evolution of the house at 1808 Decatur:**

In 2016 the house at 1808 Decatur was renovated/restored/modified/augmented in a major way. Removal of sheetrock and paneling from the interior walls provided a clearer idea of how the house had evolved.

The house was originally in the middle of a 40' lot. In order to build a driveway on the west side of the lot the house was moved eastward a few feet. The original brick piers were replaced by concrete piers. Additional sills were added under the interior of the building. The joists are 2x8's. The widths vary slightly, but generally the joists are 2 full inches wide. There was a cistern under the room on the NW corner. Since I did not see it until after the house had been moved, I cannot say exactly where it was relative to the house, but it was probably immediately under a hole in the floor of the NW room. An aluminum extension ladder **found** in the cistern could only have been put there through the hole. It was about 13' deep and about 8' wide. Chuck Stava says that it is one of the earliest cisterns that he has seen in the neighborhood. It was presumably dug before the house was built about 1889. In 2016 the cistern was filled with sand and dirt. It is below the west wall of the house a few feet south of the NW corner of the original house.

The interior wall sheathing and the flooring throughout the house is 6" tongue and groove (5 1/8" x 7/8" or 13/16"). Studs are about 1 3/4" x 3 3/4". The walls are green throughout the house. Presumably they were originally Prussian blue, which fades to green. The walls in the room on the SE corner are a lighter shade of green than the walls in the rest of the house.

Cuts made in the wall sheathing reveal that the original front door was in the SW corner of the house and that there was a hallway about 8'8" wide from the front entrance to the middle room on the west side of the house. The window and door casings

in this room were somewhat more decorative than in most of the rest of the house. There were rosettes on the top corners. A door in the east wall of the hallway led to a room on the SE corner of the house which between 1896 and 1907 was converted into the present porch and a small entrance foyer. To convert the hallway into a larger room the east wall of the hallway was moved eastward. The position of the doorway and the door casings with rosettes on both sides were preserved. The door from the foyer to the middle room on the east side of the house had rosettes on the south side but not on the north side. It appears that the room originally in the SE corner of the house, like the hallway, had more decorative door and window casings than the rest of the house. Specifically the casings had rosettes on the corners. The baseboards throughout the house are 1x8's. In the new foyer, and only in that room, decorative molding was placed on top of the 1x8's

The east wall of the hallway that was moved was structural. There was a sill under it. After being moved it became non-structural. One of the reasons it was possible to remove the structural wall is that the 2x4 ceiling joists (2 full inches wide) are continuous from one side of the house to the other. Further back there is a structural wall between the two rooms on the west side of the house and the two rooms on the east side. Both of these structural walls were thin, that is, the studs were rotated 90 degrees from the normal position of studs in a wall.

The ceiling joists and the rafters are 2x4's. A deep bird's beak was cut into each rafter, but that cut does not rest on the top plate of the wall; it rests on a board (probably a 1x8) which is nailed onto the ends of the ceiling joists. Actually it is nailed onto shims of varying thicknesses (2" or so) nailed onto the tops of the ceiling joints. The fascia is then nailed to the square ends of the rafters, which causes it to be non-vertical, and the soffit is nailed to the bottom of the rafters, which causes it to be non-horizontal. The framing of the Dutch gable on the front of the house indicates that it is original. By 2016 the wood shingle roof (probably original) was covered by multiple layers of composition roofing. The wood shingles and the purlins were removed, and I was told that they were covered by 5 layers of composition roofing, which was also removed. The rafters were not braced, but amazingly the roof did not appear from the outside to sag. I did not see the attic before the composition roofing was removed. A square hole in the ceiling of the NW room provided access to the attic.

The original house had 6 rooms, including the side hall on the west side. The room on the SE corner was wider than the others because the side hall was narrow. Between 1896 and 1907 the present porch and a small foyer were created from the room on the SE corner. Part of that room was also used to convert the original side hall into a room. The original front door was probably moved to its present position. Note that the rosettes of the present front door are slightly different from the others in the house. A window with 1-light sashes and colored glass in the upper sash and more decorative casings was added to the east wall of the new entrance foyer.

The interior doors are 34" x 89 1/2". They have rim locks. The front door is 36" x 84". The ceiling height is 10'7". The original sashes are 4 over 4, and there is no strip of wood between the upper sash channel and the lower sash channel. They are not double-hung, and with the exception of the window on the west wall of the original side hall they do not operate with window weights. They are all single windows. The double windows on the front side of the house and the two windows that open onto the porch were added when the house was modified between 1896 and 1907. They are double-hung, they have window weights, and there is a separation between the upper and lower sash channels. All of the sashes are 29" x 39".

There was a brick flue on the center wall of the middle room on the west side of the house. A stove pipe could enter the flue from either of the two rooms to the side of it. A hole in the ceiling covered by sheet metal in the NW corner of the NW room and some framing in the attic above it presumably accommodated a stove pipe. A similar hole and framing are above the room created from the original entrance hall. It appears that there could have been 4 stoves in the house.

I never saw the addition to the back of the house made between 1924 and 1950. Probably the rear porch shown in the Sanborn maps was converted into rooms.

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Neal Parker  
1816 Lubbock St.  
last update: 1/7/2019

Chuck Stava, 2214 Kane

## Census :

1870 Houston, Ward 4

Daneil Green 30 Mo clerk in sawmill

Elizabeth " 26 Tx

Alie " 6/12 Tx

Julia McMillian 70 SC

1880 311 Washington Street

Dan'l C. Green WM 39 Oh grocer

Eliz " WF 33 Tx

Alize " WF 10 Tx

8 others

1900 1808 Decatur

Daniel C. Green WM Dec 1839 60 M38 Oh Health Inspector  
OFH

Elizabeth " WF Jul 1844 55 M38/1/1 Tx

1810 Decatur

James Bancroft WM Mch 1856 44 M22 Cabinet Maker RH  
wife, 4 children

1910 1808 Decatur

D. C. Green WM 75 M1/48 Oh none OFH

Eliza " WF 65 M1/48 Tx

1810 Decatur

D. M. Treuble WM 49 M2/10 Police/City RH  
wife, no children

1920 1808 Decatur

Elizabeth A. Green FW 75 Wd Tx none OF

3 grandchildren, Randle G., Mary, and William L. Howell

1810 Decatur

Frank M. Van Horn MW 64 M Agent/Insurance R  
wife, no children

## Texas Death Certificate:

Daniel C. Green, 1808 Decatur, married, retired; died March 27,  
1919 at age 80 yrs 8 mos 11 days; born Dec. 16, 1838 in Ohio;  
informant Mrs. Elizabeth Green, 1808 Decatur

## **Find-a-Grave:**

Elizabeth A. Green Jul 1844 -- Jan 1924, Glenwood; no marker  
Daniel C. Green Dec 16, 1838 -- Mar. 27, 1919, Glenwood

## **City Directories:**

**1870-71** Murray's City Directory; 97 pages  
pg 37  
no D. C. Green

**1873** Houston City Directory; 93 pages  
pg 42  
Green D C, res Washington st.

**1877-78** Mooney & Morrison's City Directory; 301 pages  
pg 135  
Green Daniel C., res s s Washington bet Sabine and Silver.

**1879-80** C. D. Morrison & Co.'s City Directory; 288 pages  
pg 122  
Green Daniel C., res s s Washington bet Sabine and Silver.  
pg 160  
no reasonable Lang

**1880-81** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 394 pages  
pg 175  
GREEN DANIEL C., Groceries and Provisions, 309 Washington, res  
311 Washington.  
pg 229  
no reasonable Lang

**1882-83** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 248 pages  
pg 123  
Green Daniel C., groceries and beer, 309 Washington, r. 311  
Washington.  
pg 148  
no reasonable Lang

**1884-85** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 235 pages  
pg 79  
Green Daniel C., groceries, 309 Washington, r. 311 Washington.

skip 1886-87

**1887-88** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 200 pages  
pg 86  
Green Daniel C, groceries, 309 Washington bt Sabine, Silver, r.  
311 Washington.

**1889-90** Morrison & Fourmy's Directory; 264 pages  
pg 117  
Green Daniel C., groceries, feed, 309 and r. 311 Washington.  
pg 133  
no William H. Howell

**1890-91** Morrison & Fourmy's Directory; 311 pages  
pg 146  
Green Daniel C., r. 8 Decatur bt Sabine, Silver.  
pg 166  
Howell William H., r. 8 Decatur bt Sabine, Silver.  
[WHH & AG married 8 May 1889]  
pg 184  
no reasonable Lang

**1892-93** Morrison & Fourmy's Directory; 364 pages  
pg 126  
Green Daniel C., r. ns Decatur bt Sabine, Silver.  
pg 149  
no William H. Howell

**1894-95** Morrison & Fourmy's Directory; 348 pages  
pg 135  
Green Daniel C., grocer, r. 1808 Decatur.  
pg 159  
Howell William H., printer, bds D. C. Green.

**1895-96** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 263 pages  
pg 94  
Green Daniel C., r. 1808 Decatur.  
pg 109  
Howell William H., printer, r. 1808 Decatur.

**1897-98** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 213 pages  
pg 81  
Green Daniel C., r. 1808 Decatur.  
pg 95  
Howell William H., printer, r. 1811 Wash'n.

**1899** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 281 pages  
pg 67  
Green Daniel C., r. 1808 Decatur.

**1900-01** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 275 pages

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Green Daniel C., city health inspr, 9 Sterne bldg. r. 1808  
Decatur.

**1907** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 317 pages; no street  
directory

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Green Daniel C., collector, r. 1808 Decatur. 2.

**1910-11** Morrison & Fourmy's City Directory; 547 pages; street  
directory starts at pg 51

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Peregoy Allen L., bkpr. h. 1803 Washington.

Peregoy William H. treasr Union Compress & Warehouse Co. . . .  
r. 1803 Washington . . .

pg 63 -- Decatur

1806 Hartman Henry G.

1808 Green Daniel C., rental agt.

1810 Trimble Doke M.

pg 99 -- Washington

1802 Houston Memorial Place, monuments

1803 Peregoy William H.

1804 Carstens Lavinia V. Mrs.

1805 Wood O. Perry.

1806 Klinger Max, shoemaker.

1807 Cook Gussie Mrs., dressmkr.

1807 Carlton Harry W., incandescent oil lamps.

1808 Daley Andrew J.

1809 White-McGregor Mfg. Co., oil cans.

1810 Hodgson William M.

1811 Hoeflich Carl W., physician.

1811 Hoeflich Frank

1812 Johnson Bertha M. Mrs.

**1919** Houston City Directory; 786 pages

pg 612 -- Decatur

1804 Peterson A L

1805 Smith E F

Sonnen Louis Jr

1806 Mishefsky Frank

1807 Frick E J

Alessandro A D

Henderson E L

Fife J E  
Burkett M C Miss  
1808 Green Elizab Mrs  
1809 Garrett W A Dr  
1810 Van Horn F M  
1812 Taggart Nellie Mrs  
1813 Miller Peter  
1813 1/2 Dodgen J D  
1815 Telschow G F  
1816 Beale G S  
1817 Herzog R R  
1818 Watson J P  
1819 Herzog G A  
1820 Gillespie F C

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1802 Favinger M S monuments  
1803 Peregoy A L  
    rear Jackson Jack (c)  
1804 Favinger M S  
1805 Souchard Emma Mrs  
1806 French J M  
1806 1/2 Geringer Isadore  
1807 Allen N E grocer  
1808 Schimmel Adolph  
1809 White R Mfg Co tanners  
1810 Rosselli J P  
1811 Sweeney J W

In the 1920 census Allin L. Paregoy (34, S, OM, farmer) lives alone at 1803 Decatur. Emma Souchard (79, widow, OF) and son William (52, S) and daughter Clara (57, S) live at 1805.

By 1930 Allen Paregoy has moved.

**1955:**

1808 Decatur: Louis J. Nowaski

**1963:**

1810 Decatur: Jos. Vetrano (O); 1810.5 Eddie E. Hall

**1968:**

1810 Decatur: Ethel McClendon, Wm. I. Sternidel

**Find-a-Grave:**

Pauline Salvato Vetrano Jan 13, 1906 -- Jan 18, 1998 Forest Park Westheimer; daughter of Carlo Salvato Joseph "Joe" Vetrano Feb 7, 1880, Italy -- May 18, 1961 Holy Cross Cem.  
Carlo Salvato Nov 2, 1869, Italy -- Nov 22, 1949 Marlin, Falls Co.; Calvary Cem., Marlin; father of Pauline Salvato Vetrano

## **Obituary:**

Birth: Jul. 28, 1925  
Marlin  
Falls County  
Texas, USA  
Death: Jul. 11, 2013  
Houston  
Harris County  
Texas, USA

Louis John Nowaski was born July 28, 1925, in Marlin, Texas. He was the first born son of four children to David H. and Eva S. (Kuzniarek)Nowaski. He was baptized July 30, 1925. Louis left us to join his heavenly father July 11, 2013, just 17 days short of his 88th birthday.

At an early age, Louis left the farm and went to Houston, World War II had broke out and business was booming. He originally went to work in the shipyard, and even his father joined him for some years. Later, when the shipyard closed, Rheem Manufacturing purchased a portion and Louis remained with Rheem until his retirement.

During this time, he met the love of his life, Lena Marie DeMarco. They married July 24, 1948 and Freddie Louis Nowaski, their only child was born February 15, 1949.

Louis loved to dance, and was well known for his dancing skills. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and sitting on his front porch enjoying the activities of his kitty.

He was preceded in death of his dad (1970), his mom (1995), his son (1983), and his wife (1985).

He leaves behind his two brothers, Bruno Nowaski of Houston, and Daniel Nowaski and his wife, Shirley of Riesel, TX.

He has one sister, Florine Nowaski, who dedicated her life to Louis after he lost his family. Through many years, she lived next door to him and then only two blocks away. She always kept a constant vigil to be sure that Louis was okay. Even when both of their health failed and were sent to hospitals and convalescence facilities, she always requested to be close so that she could watch him.

Louis also had three nephews, Jerry Dan Nowaski, of Riesel, Joe David Nowaski, of Houston, and Bill Daniel Nowaski, of Houston.

Louis was very outgoing. He had a mulitude of lovely neighbors that would always check on and cared deeply for him.

Visitation services for Louis will be Monday, July 15th at Heights Funeral Home from 6-8PM. The funeral service will be Tuesday, July 16th at 10AM. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Garden of Memories.

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