

Texas Historical Commission staff (BB), 3/9/2011, rev 3/16/11
18" x 28" Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker with post
Aransas County (Job #10AS02) Subject (Atlas) UTM: 14 691538E 3101703N
Location: Rockport, 409 N. Magnolia

BRACHT HOUSE

ADOLPH L. BRACHT (1872-1961) WAS BORN IN ROCKPORT AND WORKED AT LUMBER AND GROCERY STORES BEFORE ESTABLISHING HIS OWN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCERY IN 1899. HE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE INTRACOASTAL CANAL ASSOCIATION AND ACTIVE IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH. FOR MANY YEARS HE SHIPPED VEGETABLES RAISED BY GROWERS IN THIS AREA AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY. HE RAN HIS GROCERY BUSINESS UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1947. ADOLPH AND HIS WIFE GERTRUDE (PROPHET) HAD NINE CHILDREN. THEIR PRAIRIE-STYLE TWO-STORY HOUSE (BUILT c. 1898-1902) FEATURES LAP SIDING, A LOW-PITCHED HIP ROOF WITH DORMERS, WRAPAROUND PORCH WITH DORIC COLUMNS AND CAST STONE FOOTINGS, AND AN ASYMMETRICAL FAÇADE WITH BAY WINDOW.

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK – 2010
MARKER IS PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKERS:
2010 Official Texas Historical Marker
Sponsorship Application Form**

Valid September 1, 2009 to November 30, 2009 only

This form constitutes a public request for the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to consider approval of an Official Texas Historical Marker for the topic noted in this application. The THC will review the request and make its determination based on rules and procedures of the program. Filing of the application for sponsorship is for the purpose of providing basic information to be used in the evaluation process. The final determination of eligibility and therefore approval for a state marker will be made by the THC. This form is to be used for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (building marker) requests only. Please see separate forms for either Historic Texas Cemeteries or subject markers.

Proposed marker topic (official title will be determined by the THC): Adolph L. Bracht Home

County: Aransas

Town (nearest county town on current state highway map): Rockport

Street address of marker site or directions from town noted above: 409 N. Magnolia

Marker Coordinates:

If you know the location coordinates of the proposed marker site, enter them in one of the formats below:

UTM Zone Easting Northing
Lat: Long: (deg, min, sec or decimal degrees)

Otherwise, give a precise verbal description here (e.g. northwest corner of 3rd and Elm, or FM 1411, 2.6 miles east of McWhorter Creek): Lots 4-6, block 27 Smith & Wood Subdivision

NOTE: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers must be placed at the structure being marked.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers definition: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) markers are awarded to structures deemed worthy of preservation for their historical associations and architectural significance. RTHL is a legal designation and comes with a measure of protection; it is the highest honor the state can bestow on a historic structure, and the designation is required for this type of marker. The RTHL designation becomes effective upon approval by the THC. Official Texas Historical Markers signify the RTHL designation, which comes only through application to and approval by the THC and must include public display of an Official Texas Historical Marker. Owners of RTHL-designated structures must give the THC 60 days written notice before any alterations are made to the exterior of the structure. RTHL status is a permanent designation and is not to be removed from the property in the event of a transfer of ownership. Only the THC can remove the designation or recall the marker. The marker must remain with the structure and may not be removed or displayed elsewhere until or unless the THC gives express approval in writing for such action. Once designated as RTHL, properties are subject to provisions of Texas Government Code, Section 442.006(f).

Criteria:

1. **Age:** Structures eligible for the RTHL designation and marker must be at least 50 years old.
2. **Historical significance:** Architectural significance alone is not enough to qualify a structure for the RTHL designation. It must have an equally significant historical association, and that association can come from an event that occurred at the site; through individuals who owned or lived on the property; or, in the case of bridges, industrial plants, schoolhouses and other non-residential properties, through documented significance to the larger community.
3. **Architectural significance:** Structures deemed architecturally significant are outstanding examples of architectural history through design, materials, structural type or construction methods. In all cases, eligible architectural properties must display integrity; that is, the structure should be in a good state of repair, maintain its appearance from its period of significance and be considered an exemplary model of preservation. Architectural significance is often best determined by the relevance of the property to broader contexts, including geography. Any changes over the years should be compatible with original design and reflect compliance with accepted preservation practices, e.g., the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.
4. **Good state of repair:** Structures not considered by the THC to be in a good state of repair are ineligible for RTHL designation. The THC reserves the sole right to make that determination relative to eligibility for RTHL markers.

Special National Register considerations for RTHL marker applications: If a structure has been individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under either Criterion A or B **and** Criterion C (Architecture), the historical text compiled as part of the National Register nomination process may be submitted as part of the marker process, provided it includes the required reference notes and other documentation. Acceptance of the National Register information for the purposes of the marker process will be up to the sole determination of the THC. Listing in the NRHP does not guarantee approval for an RTHL marker. See the THC web site at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markerdesigns/madnrcrit.html> for National Register criteria.

Check this box if the property is individually listed in the NRHP.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Any individual, group or county historical commission (CHC) may apply to the THC to request an Official Texas Historical Marker for what it deems a worthy topic. Only complete marker applications that contain all the required elements and are submitted online as required can be accepted or processed by the THC (for RTHL markers, the required elements are: sponsorship application form; narrative history; documentation; legal description of the property; site plan; floorplan; historic photograph; and current photographs clearly showing each side of the structure—please resize photographs to 1-2 MB, or approximately 1024 x 768 pixels).

- Completed applications must be duly reviewed, verified and approved by the county historical commission (CHC) in the county in which the marker will be placed.
- The sponsorship application form, narrative history and documentation must be submitted as Microsoft Word or Word-compatible documents and sent via email attachments to the THC by no later than November 30, 2009.
- Required font style and type size are a Times variant and 12-point.
- Narrative histories must be typed in a double-spaced (or 1.5-spaced) format and include separate sections on context, overview, significance and documentation.
- The narrative history must include documentation in the form of reference notes, which can be either footnotes or endnotes. Documentation associated with applications should be broad-based and demonstrate a survey of all available resources, both primary and secondary.

- Upon notification of the successful preliminary review of required elements by the THC, a non-refundable application fee of \$100 is required. The fee shall be submitted to the THC within ten working days of application receipt notification.

APPROVAL BY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The duly appointed marker representative (chair or marker chair) noted below for the county historical commission will be the sole contact with the THC for this marker application. To ensure accuracy, consistency and efficiency, all information from and to the THC relative to the application—and throughout the review and production processes—will be via direct communication with the CHC representative. All other inquiries (calls, emails, letters) to the THC will be referred to the CHC representative for response. By filling out the information below and filing the application with the THC, the CHC representative is providing the THC with notice that the application and documentation have been reviewed and verified by the CHC and that the material meets all current requirements of the Official Texas Historical Marker program.

As chair or duly appointed marker chair, I certify the following:

- Representatives of the CHC have met or talked with the potential marker sponsor and discussed the marker program policies as outlined on the THC web site. CHC members have reviewed the history and documentation for accuracy and made corrections or notes as necessary. It is the determination of the CHC that the topic, history and documentation meet criteria for eligibility.

CHC comments or concerns about this application, if any: Home of community leader; family still active in Rockport affairs; current owner from founding family also

Name of CHC contact (chair or marker chair): Linda Valdez

Mailing address: 1919 Hwy35 N, PMB #365 **City, Zip:** Rockport 78382

Daytime phone (with area code): 361 463-1985 **Email address** (required):

lindavaldez66@yahoo.com

PERMISSION OF PROPERTY OWNER FOR MARKER PLACEMENT

Property owner: Janet Taylor

Address: 409 N. Magnolia Street **City, state, zip:** Rockport TX 78382

Phone: 361 729-2148 **Email address:** janettaylor@yahoo.com

Legal Description of the property (metes and bounds, lot and block, etc.): lots 4-6, Block 27, Smith & Woods Subdivision

Upon receipt of the application, the THC will provide the owner with a letter that outlines the legal responsibility of ownership under the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark statute. The letter must be signed by the owner and returned to the THC before the evaluation can be completed.

NOTE: The property owner will not receive any additional copies of correspondence from the THC. All other correspondence—notice of receipt, request for additional information, payment notice, inscription, shipping notice, etc.—will be sent via email to the CHC representative, who is encouraged to share the information with all interested parties as necessary. Given the large

volume of applications processed annually and the need for centralized communication, all inquiries about applications in process will be referred to the CHC for response. The CHC is the sole liaison to the THC on all marker application matters.

SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT INFORMATION

Prospective sponsors please note the following:

- Payment must be received in full within 45 days of the official approval notice and must be accompanied by the THC payment form. The THC is unable to process partial payments or to delay payment due to processing procedures of the sponsor. Applications not paid in the time frame required may, at the sole discretion of the THC, be cancelled or postponed.
- Payment does not constitute ownership of a marker; Recorded Texas Historic Landmark markers and other Official Texas Historical Markers are the property of the State of Texas.
- If, at any time during the marker process, sponsorship is withdrawn, a refund can be processed, but the THC will retain the application fee of \$100.
- The Official Texas Historical Marker Program provides no means of recognizing sponsors or property owners through marker text, incising or supplemental plaques.

Marker sponsor (may be individual or organization): Aransas County Historical Commission

Contact person (if applicable): Linda Valdez

Mailing address:1919 Hwy 35 N, PMB #365 **City, zip:** Rockport TX 78382

Email address (required):lindavaldez66@yahoo.com **Phone: 361 463-1985**

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

In order to facilitate delivery of the marker, neither post office box numbers nor rural route numbers can be accepted. To avoid additional shipping charges or delays, use a business street address (open 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Name: Janet Taylor

Street address:409 N. Magnolia **City, zip:** Rockport TX 78382

Daytime phone (required): 361 729-2148 **Email** (required): janettaylor@yahoo.com

TYPE AND SIZE OF RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKERS

As part of its review process, the THC will determine the appropriate size marker and provide options, if any, for the approved topic based on its own review criteria, including, but not exclusive of, historical significance, replication of information in other THC markers, relevance to the Statewide Preservation Plan and the amount of available documented information provided in the application narrative. In making its determination, however, the THC will also take into account the preference of the CHC, as noted below.

The sponsor/CHC prefers the following size marker:

- 27" x 42" RTHL marker with post (\$1500)
- 27" X 42" RTHL marker without post* (\$1500)

- 18" x 28" RTHL marker with post (\$1000)
- 18" x 28" RTHL marker without post* (\$1000)
- RTHL medallion and 16" x 12" plaque with post (\$750)
- RTHL medallion and 16" x 12" plaque without post* (\$750)

*For an RTHL marker without post, indicate to what surface material it will be mounted:

- wood
- masonry
- metal
- other (specify)

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION (via email required)

When the CHC has determined the application is complete, the history has been verified and the topic meets the requirements of the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, the materials should be forwarded to the THC via email at the following address:
markerapplication@thc.state.tx.us.

- The CHC or marker chair should send an email containing the following attachments (see attachment function under file menu or toolbox on your computer):
 - This application form
 - The narrative history (including documentation)
 - Legal description of the property
 - Detailed floor plan for each floor of the structure
 - Detailed site plan of the property
 - At least one historic photograph
 - Current photographs clearly showing each side of the structure

RECORDS RETENTION BY CHC: The CHC must retain hard copies of the application as well as an online version, at least for the duration of the marker process. The THC is not responsible for lost applications, for incomplete applications or for applications not properly filed according to the program requirements. For additional information about any aspect of the Official Texas Historical Marker Program, see the Markers page on the THC web site (<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/markerdesigns/madmark.html>)

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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RTHL narrative

ADOLPH L. BRACHT HOUSE

409 N. Magnolia

Lots 4, 5, & 6; Block 27, Smith and Wood Subdivision Aransas County TX

Official Map or Plat in Volume E, pages 272-273, Aransas County

I. CONTEXT

House: The Bracht house built between 1898 and 1902 is Prairie style with a low-pitched hipped roof, two stories with one-story porch wrapping the south and east sides of the house. There are cast stone footings under vertical elements that support Doric columns. The front (east) is asymmetrical with the porch on the south/front and a large bay window on the north/front. The bay window is a three-sided bay with large central window, one-over-one. There is wood detail and molding. The balustrade around the porch is vertical pairs with diamond cut-outs. The walls have lap siding as do the dormer windows. There are 10 dormer windows into the second-story roof. On the first story there are 5 outside doors and 24 windows. (McAlester, Virginia and Lee, *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf, 2009, pp. 439-451)

Local history

Cattle exporting and packeries 1865 - 1875

Rockport was identified as an important landing in the 1860s when James Doughty and Richard H. Wood, ranchers looking for a means to market their cattle, built the first cattle pens in 1866. (Huson, *History of Refugio County*, 2:157) When the cattle shipping business was extended by Coleman, Mathis and Fulton, the "Big Wharf" was built on Rocky Point (the natural harbor). It stretched 1,100 feet in to the bay and was forty feet wide. (Guthrie, Keith. *Texas Forgotten Ports: Mid-Gulf Coast Ports From Corpus Christi to Matagorda Bay*. Austin TX: Eakin Press, 1988, p.91) Initially the cattle were shipped on the hoof but this changed as packeries (hide and tallow factories) grew. The 1871 Texas almanac stated: "Rockport and Fulton are but two or three years old; but the former is now doing most of the trade of this and several other counties, and promises to become one of the most important marts of West Texas." (*Texas Almanac 1871*, 144) As many as a dozen large packeries were doing business in the Rockport-Fulton area with six or so smaller concerns. (Guthrie, 93)

Resorts and shipping 1888 - 1919

The coming of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad started a new era for the coastal town. Several resort hotels were built and as many as four trains a day brought tourists to Rockport. Bailey's Pavilion was one of several bathhouses that also featured entertainment. The community began to gain an infrastructure. Sacred Heart Church was built in 1889 and First National Bank in 1890. Electric lights, telephone and streetcars came to Rockport during this era. (Wood, Alpha Kennedy. *Texas Coastal Bend: People and Places*. Second Edition, copyright 1979 by Kathryn Holmes Wood. Printed in the United States of America.

p. 122)

Ships docked at Rockport with lighters (shallow draft vessels) carrying goods to other coastal towns and freighters hauling goods overland to Mexico. The 1919 Hurricane destroyed many landmarks along the waterfront and wrecked the cattle industry. Recovery was slow. Rockport civic leaders sought a deepwater port to sustain the economy, but their efforts were unsuccessful as Corpus Christi gained the deepwater port in 1922.

Shipbuilding and commercial fishing 1900 - 2007

The first boat yard was started by Bludworth Company followed by Frandolig. (Wood, 127,133) The Heldenfels Brothers shipyard was built in 1917 from where the *Baychester* and *Zuniga* were launched in 1919. During World War II the US Navy took over the Rockport Yacht and Supply Company and in another shipyard Rob Roy Rice built wooden submarine chasers.

The Jacksons built vessels and maintained a seafood company until the 1970s. Commercial fishing flourished in the Rockport area as early as the 1890s and continued to expand. The seafood industry, including shrimp and oysters, developed in the 1930s and continues to be an important facet of the economy today.

II. OVERVIEW

Building - architecture

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Property lots 4, 5, & 6 in Block 27 of Smith and Wood Division, Official Map or Plat of Record in Volume E, pp. 272-273 of the Deed Records of Aransas County

1898 Adolph and Gertrude Bracht - Property deed: lots 5 & 6 in block 27 in Smith & Wood Division, Aransas County Court Record Vol. R, pp. 569-570, 4 May 1898, from M.E. Sheldon & B.M. Sheldon for \$1,400.

1906 Aransas County Records, Warranty Deed for lots 1, 2, 3 & 4, block 27, March 24, 1906

1910 Sanborn Insurance map

1948 C.D. Prophet and Hazel Helen Prophet

Aransas County Records # 28355: Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien 1 Sept. 1948 for lots 4, 5 & 6 in Block 27 Smith and Wood Division, for \$10 with \$5,000 lien, Volume S-3, pp. 502-503 of the Deed Records

Aransas County Records #28356: Release of Lien 20 March 1956. C.D. Prophet, release of Vendor's Lien 20 March 1956

1959 Daisy Prophet McLester and Elmer L. McLester

Aransas County Record # 35717 Warranty Deed for lots 4, 5, & 6 Block 27 Smith and Wood, filed 4 Dec. 1959, for \$10

1980-1992 Leased to ABC Learning Center

1993 Sold to Janet H. Taylor and Sarilyn Taylor (March 19, 1993)

III. HISTORICAL/CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Who were the owners

1898 Adolph L. and Gertrude Bracht

Adolph was the son of Viktor Fredrich Bracht who came to Rockport in 1869 to be bookkeeper for J.M. and Thomas Mathis, early cattle barons. In 1871 Viktor became deputy collector of customs and later postmaster. <"Viktor Bracht" <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/BB/fbr7.html>>

Adolph L. was born in Rockport October 25, 1872, younger brother to Leopold and Roland Bracht. Adolph first worked at Kohler Lumber Company then at Bracht Bros. Grocery. (Allen, William and Sue Hastings Taylor. *Aransas: The Life of a Texas Coastal County*. Austin, Tx. Eakin Press, 1977, p. 183) In November 1893, Adolph married Gertrude Isabel Prophet of New Orleans. (Bracht/Prophet Marriage Certificate, 7 November, 1893. Copy in files at ACHS) They had 9 children by 1912.

In 1899 Adolph L. established his own wholesale and retail grocery business, the first of many. ("A.L. Bracht Celebrates 85th Birthday," *The Rockport Pilot*, October, 1957, copy on file at ACHS) Adolph was a charter member of the Intracoastal Canal Association and active in the area Chamber of Commerce. "For a number of years he shipped vegetables raised by the growers in the area then in 1929 he signed a contract to manage the San Benito Vegetable Grower's Association and the following year took over the Rio Hondo Association. After several years in the valley, ... he returned home and again established a retail grocery business which he carried on until he retired in 1947." ("A.L. Bracht Celebrates 85th Birthday," *The Rockport Pilot*, October, 1957, copy on file at ACHS) His son continued the businesses. In October of 1947 his wife, Gertrude, died. December 11, 1948 he married Blanche, Gertrude's sister, and moved down the street. Bracht was a communicant of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and, in fact, donated property to the Corpus Christi diocese in 1950. (David, Ellis Arthur, ed. "Adolph L. Bracht." *The New Encyclopedia of Texas*, Vol. II, p. 727 and Aransas County Deed Records, Warranty Deed # 17360, filed Sept. 29, 1950) Adolph died in 1961.

1948 C.D. Prophet and Hazel Helen Prophet

Adolph Bracht sold the property to C. D. and Hazel Helen Prophet in September 1948. Their lien was paid off by March 1956. (Aransas County Records. Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien #28355, Sept. 1, 1948; Release of Vendors Lien #28356, filed March 21, 1956.)

Claude Dudley Prophet (b. 3 June 1904; d. 13 Sept. 1984) and Hazel Prophet (b. 10 June 1904; d. 1 July 1989) lived in the house for over ten years then gave it to their daughter. (Aransas County Deed Records: 1959 Daisy Prophet McLester and Elmer L. McLester, Aransas County Record # 35717 Warranty Deed for lots 4, 5, & 6 Block 27 Smith and Wood, filed 4 Dec. 1959, for \$10) The Prophets had a service business, Prophets Rockcrete Products, that their son, Dudley, continued.

1959 Daisy Prophet McLester and Elmer L. McLester

The property was deeded to the McLester daughter, Daisy Prophet McLester in 1959 but Hazel Prophet continued to live in the home. The McLesters were overseas where Elmer worked in the oil industry in Caracas, Venezuela. They reared their daughters, Linda and Joan, abroad until the late 1960s when Linda returned to Rockport to live with her grandmother and attend high school. (Interview with Jeanie Lofgrin, October 5, 2009)

The property was leased to the ABC Learning Center from 1980 to 1992. The Learning Center was officially opened at the Magnolia Street house on October 1, 1980 (Pilot Photo by Pat Blair, copy in ACHS files) A fund drive raised the \$10,000 needed to upgrade the structure to meet standards for a preschool. ("ABC Learning Center Plans Fund Drive," *The Rockport Pilot*, September 1980, copy in ACHS files) The Center was organized in 1976 and operated by the Rockport Christian Services Association, Inc., an association of six area churches. (flyer for ABC Learning Center, copy in files of ACHS) The ABC Learning Center continues "to provide quality, affordable preschool education within a Christian environment." ("ABC Learning Center an affordable, quality preschool," *The Rockport Pilot*, Aug. 7, 1991, copy in files of ACHS)

1993 Janet H. Taylor and Sarilyn Taylor

Janet Taylor and her daughter bought the house in 1993 and began a restoration of the building. Janet is the great, great granddaughter of two Rockport pioneer families: Hannah Hollinworth and George Albert Brundrett who came to the Rockport area in 1845 and Mary Flavilla Bludworth and James Frederick Madden who were in this area a generation earlier. James Frederick Madden was a medical doctor and a circuit preacher between Rockport and Refugio. He timed his sermon location to correspond to deliveries of babies. Her great grandfather, George Albert Brundrett Jr., and his family lived on the Blackjacks and had an 8,000 acre ranch on Matagorda Island where they ranched. Janet is a native Rockportian who lived in South America for four years as a child then grew up in Corpus. She taught school for 35 years, 30 of them in Aransas County.

The era of significance for the house was the time that it was owned by the Adolph L. Brachts, 1898-1948. It continued to be known as the Bracht house during other ownerships. Bracht was an established family and Adolph contributed significantly to the community through his business ventures, his civic responsibilities with the Chamber of Commerce and the Intracoastal Canal board, and his support of the Catholic Church. The Bracht family is still active in community affairs.

IV. REFERENCES

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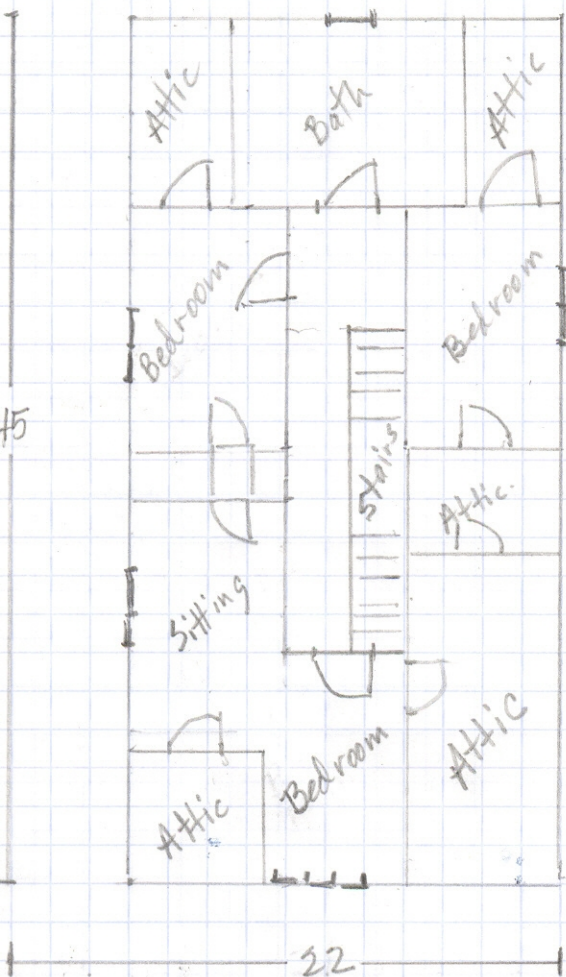
ATTACHMENTS

1. A. Bracht house, front (east) ca. 1915
2. Front (east) A Bracht house, 2009
3. A. Bracht house, south side, ca. 1915
4. Southeast corner, A. Bracht house, 2009
5. Southwest corner, Bracht house, 2009
6. North side, A Bracht house, 2009
7. Adolph and Blanche Bracht, ca. 1948

A. Bracht House

409 N. Magnolia, Rockport

Second Floor



North

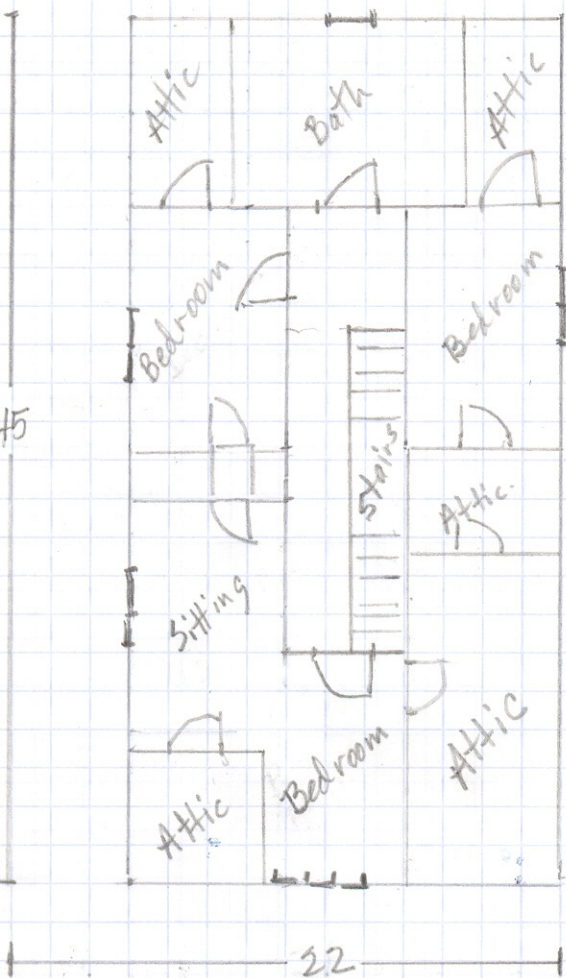
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North

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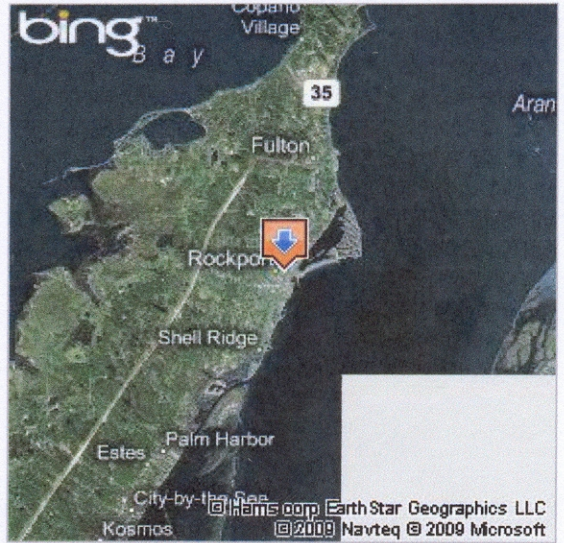
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Bing Maps

409 N Magnolia St, Rockport, TX 78382-2754

House is north of indicator

FREE! Use **Bing 411** to find movies, businesses & more: **800-BING-411**



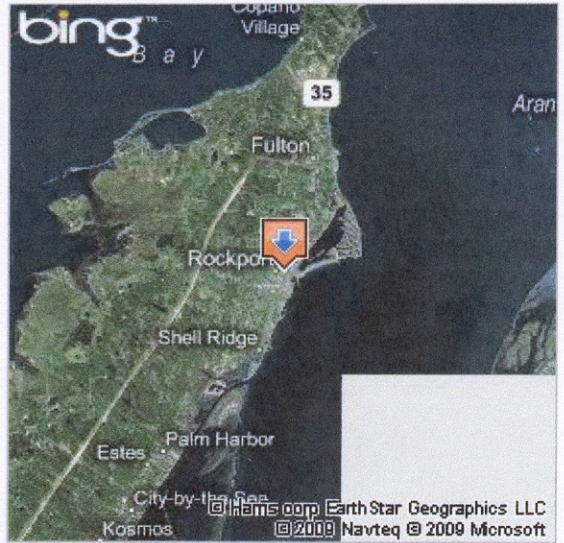
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A. Bracht house, front ca. 1915





A.L.Bracht, Resd, Rockport, 6/14/15



Adolph & Blanche Bracht ca.1948