

# THE TURLEY-FAW-WILLIAMS-MARSHALL HOUSE

## AT 1003 WEST MAIN

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Of the many beautiful homes along West Main Street, the home of Andy and Jan Marshall at 1003 has a most interesting history that needs to be told. The first home on this lot was that of Rev. James H. Otey, headmaster of Harpeth Academy (1821-1834), founder of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1827) and first Episcopal bishop of Tennessee (1834). In 1825, Otey moved the academy from its Del Rio Pike location, two miles north of the Square, to the lot next door to his home. Harpeth Academy remained there until moving to Hardbargain Hill in 1856, presently, Mt. Hope Cemetery.



Theodore Jones Turley and Genevieve Marshall Turley

Fast forward to 1880, Theodore and Genevieve Marshall Turley purchased the Otey lot and built their dream home in a mixture of the popular architectural styles of the time. Sadly, Mr. Turley got caught up in the Franklin Sugar & Syrup Mill debacle of

1885, losing his home and a future in Franklin. He was forced to flee to Nashville with his family and died there bankrupt.

Astute gentleman farmer-financier Samuel Fielding Glass secured the house and lot in 1886 and rented the property until his death in 1896. In 1900, Judge Walter W. Faw of Johnson City purchased the house from the Glass estate for \$3,800. He had married Mattie Kernan of Thompson's Station in 1890 and they were the parents of Kernan Pointer, Margaret Cannon, Elizabeth Regen and Sara Winfree, who were reared in the Turley home. The four beautiful and sociable Faw daughters made their West End home the social center of Franklin in the first two decades of the 20th Century. Tragedy struck in 1926 when a fire broke out in the attic from a faulty flue. The fire's damage on the second floor resulted in Judge Faw making significant alterations to the exterior. Most recognizable, when comparing

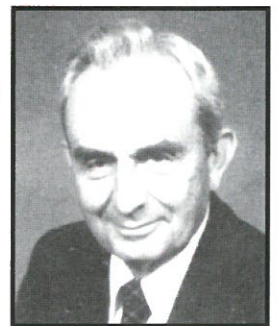


the old photographs, was the removal of the entrance tower, alterations to the front and side porches, removal of the Victorian trim and Italianate corbels, and covering the weather boarding with brick.

With the passing of Judge Faw in 1956, the Turley-Faw Place became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trice and

Col. Hensley and Josephine Trice Williams. Col. Williams survived his wife and in-laws by several years and became a notable citizen in Franklin as he walked his dog to the post office and retold his fighter-pilot exploits in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to all who expressed any interest.

Since Col. Hensley Williams's death in 2002, three transitory families have called 1003 West Main Street home. Today, Andy and Jan Marshall have certainly placed their mark on this handsome brick in recent years. The addition of an iron fence and tasteful landscaping makes it an eye-catcher for all who pass by. So, the next time you pass 1003 West Main, enjoy the pleasing exterior and remember the joys and sorrows this house has witnessed.



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