The well-maintained home at 821 E. Jackson Avenue typically represents the average size frame structural residences constructed in many parts of Harlingen in the 1920s. The location was one where the city was expanding as it started to outgrow the original Lon. C. Hill Town and Improvement Company subdivision.

Many structures built in this period have deteriorated as their original middle class buyers/builders and/or their descendents moved outward to those populated in upper-mobile neighborhoods. Still others involved in community redevelopment projects have been torn down and replaced with newer buildings.

What sets 821 apart from the neighborhood at large is that it hasn't been greatly modified in its exterior and is well-landscaped. Its siding exhibits no neglect, and the house is tastefully painted in a color almost reflective of preferred colors of its original construction period.

Without doing extensive research of real estate abstracts it is impossible to determine exactly when the house was constructed and by whom. The first record of its occupants is to be found in the 1930 Harlingen telephone directory. That year Henry C. Ware and his wife Fannie E. resided at 821. The directory is unusual in that it does not provide the usual occupation for Mr. Ware. In fact other historical research turns up that the Wares in 1909 occupied a house adjacent to the old Adventist church. This historical building later served various Protestant denominations before they built their own sanctuaries and as one of the earliest schools for the Anglo children of the town.

Mr. Ware was Texas born in September 1884. The 1900 US Census tells us that his father Bural E., then 38 was a farmer in Bell County, Texas. His mother Clara A. was 37. Henry, then, 15, was one of six siblings. These were: Ella M. 17; William N. 13; Ula M. 11; Roy L. 8; and Lonata 6.

For whatever reason the Wares are missing in the 1910 US Census but do show up in the 1920 where they are renting their early house on E. Jackson. Mrs. Ware is noted to be Georgia born. In a 1927 history note, Ware is listed as one of the city commissioners who approved the expenditure of $125,000 to construct a grand Municipal Auditorium, the one that still stands today. In the 1930 census the Wares are shown to own the house at 821 and list a value for it of $4,500. She, born in 1885, has no children, and he still lists no occupation.

The Wares resided at 821 likely into 1978. In 1979 there was no phone listing at the address. In 1980 and 1981 a Mike Hampton is listed by phone directories at the 821 address.
In 1980 the house's next owner and resident is living at 214 S. 6th Street. This is E.(laine) Flores who will be listed at the house in 1982 under E. L. Flores. This same telephone listing will continue at least through March 2010.