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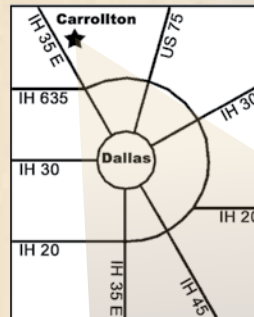


Wednesday-Saturday
10 a.m. - noon
1 - 5 p.m.

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THE A. W. PERRY HOMESTEAD



A. W. Perry Homestead Museum

1509 Perry Road,
Carrollton, Texas 75006
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cityofcarrollton.com/museum



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Discover the Past

Stones mark the site of the 1857 Perry home. These remnants of its foundation and stone-walled kitchen are still visible, along with the spring fed well. In 1904, a son of A. W. and Sarah, DeWitt Perry inherited the family home. DeWitt, his wife Francis and their daughter Pearl constructed the current one and a half story home in 1909, using materials salvaged from the original homestead. A small light plant building that housed the acetylene gas generator, which produced light for the home, examples of a root cellar, smokehouse and barn can also be viewed.

Arriving from Illinois in 1844, Alexander Wilson (A. W.) and Sarah Perry were drawn to north Texas by the offer of free land. The Peters Colony Company, through an agreement with the Republic of Texas, granted 640-acre sections of land to pioneer settlers. The Perrys first settled in the community of Trinity Mills and later built a home on this site in 1857, which they purchased from another original Peters Colony settler, Joshua B. Lee. By 1890, Mr. Perry was a well established and prominent Dallas County citizen. He donated land for public schools, railroad right of ways, churches and Carrollton's first public cemetery.



The Perry family occupied the site for nearly 120 years. Pearl Perry Gravley donated the house and ten acres of surrounding property to the City of



Carrollton for use as a museum and park in 1975. Today, visitors can enjoy the home and its outbuildings within a tranquil 12-acre setting. The home's wide porches and its restored and fully furnished interior give a glimpse of life as it was in north Texas at the turn of the 20th Century.



Interior photos by Allen Crenshaw