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Texas History Scheme  
Fairfield, Texas

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## The Old Lott House

The old Lott house was built in 1847 by Judge Walker. It is now one hundred and eighteen years old. The lumber was hauled by ox cart from Houston or Galveston.

1. Mr. Condie Robertson, Personal Interview, May 9, 1965  
It is located on the W. F. Moody estate.

2. Mr. Willis Young, Personal Interview, May 6, 1965  
3. Dr. Billy Sneed, Personal Interview, May 8, 1965  
It has five rooms and a hall. It is believed that the slaves helped to build it. Each room has very high ceilings. An old grand piano is in the hall way. On the hill behind the house was a well which the Confederate Soldiers used to water their horses during the Civil War.

4. Ibid, Mr. Willis Young

The west side of the house, toward town, is known as the Walker prairie. Billy Watson, who was the great-grandfather of the present Jenny Watson, and

Bib Watson had a circular one-mile race track. It was known as the Watson Brothers Race Track. Dr. Billy Sneed, the grandfather of the present Billie Sneed, and other younger boys then took their speedy horses on weekends and raced them on the track. The weeds outside the race track were very tall and jack rabbits were plentiful. Dr. Sneed's horse chased the rabbits like a cutting horse would chase a stealing.

5. Dr. Sneed, Ibid.

North of the house was a gin. It was operated by a horse hitched, going around in circles. The man, who rood the horse when he was a very small child, was Mr. Tonahill, who recently died in Jacksonville. They generally bailed about one bail of cotton a day.

6. Mr. J. E. (Son) Lott Personal Interview, May 13, 1965

Years later Judge Walker moved away from Fairfield. Different people have owned and lived in it since then. Mrs. Edwards, the mother of Mrs. Morris Sneed, owned it after her husband was killed over a debt he owed to a merchant in town. Mrs. Edwards then married Mr. Jim Lott, a double first cousin of my grandfather Mr. Floyd Lott, who became the owner of the house and property after she died. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lott had two sons, Jim and Loyd Lott, the grandfather of the present Loyd Lott. Little Jim Lott died of D. Sneed, Dr. Sneed diphtheria, a common disease among people then. When Mr. Jim Lott died, the house and property went to Mr. Loyd Lott. When he died, the house and property was given to his wife who died in 1964. It

then went to Mr. J. E. (Son) Lott, on insurance man in Fairfield.

That is why it is called the old Lott house because it has been in the Lott line since early years.

Rent houses were along the old road which now goes by the slaughter house. Mr. Willis Young's parents lived in one of the rent houses. Mr. Condie Robertson's parents also lived in one of the rent houses and worked for Mr. Jim Lott. Mr. Loyd Lott, J. E. (Son) Lott's father, had a pet deer named Billy deer.

Mr. Jim Lott raised hundreds of hogs. He and the men who worked for him drove the hogs to Wotham and shipped them by train to the sale in Fort Worth, Texas. He also raised cows and horses.

Near the house was a very large orchard. They raised

apples, peaches, pears, and other fruits. The old house with all  
S. Mr. C. N. Williford Personal Interview, May 9, 1965  
its surroundings was almost  
like a plantation or a small  
town.

Pictures  
of the  
house