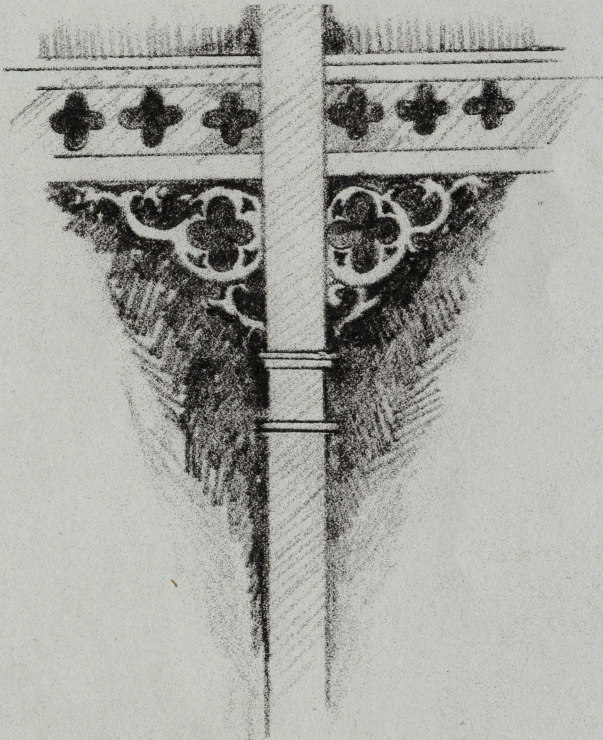


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Maverick-Carter House - 1893
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Built by William Maverick in 1893, this Richardsonian Romanesque house, designed by Alfred Giles, was sold in 1914 to Judge H.C. and Aline Badger Carter. Mrs. Carter was a Texas Poet Laureat and an astronomer, hence the added roof top observatory. This house is a mix of Romanesque forms and those more commonly used in the 1870's and 1880's. Most openings are rectangular with massive stone lintels and sills. A round-arched quasi-Palladian window on the second floor over the main entrance confirms this grand mixture of styles.

The house gives the impression when you enter that the lady of the house had just stepped out to do an errand. All of the furnishings in the house are original. It is a virtual house-museum. After the home was bought in 1914 by the Carters, it has remained in the hands of the Carter family. Judge Carter died in 1948 and the residence fell into a state of poor repair. Mr. David Carter, a son and an attorney, began major restoration in 1978.

Extensive foundation and corrective repairs were undertaken to halt the moisture damage to the stone. In 1999, measured drawings of the Maverick-Carter House were produced by students from the School of Architecture and Interior Design at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Their efforts won the prestigious Charles Peterson Prize which is awarded annually by the National Park Service, the Athenaeum of Philadelphia and the American Institute of Architects to recognize the best set of measured drawings prepared for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS).

