



ROSE HILL

Rose Hill was built in 1906 on 11 acres of land for Rome Woodworth and his family. Woodworth came to Port Arthur in 1895 and made his fortune in real estate. He served as mayor from 1902 to 1905.



THE MASONIC TEMPLE

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872 cornerstone was laid in 1927, according to Lodge Secretary E.W. Sweeney, Jr. The lodge was chartered in 1903 according to the "Old and Sold Antique Digest."



THE GRAND TOUR

OTHER FACTS ON HISTORIC HOMES

The Vuylsteke Home was later rented out and remodeled during World War II and Navy wives stayed at the residence. The home was acquired in 1979 by LSC-PA and restored after it fell into disrepair. It is now used for luncheons and committee meetings on campus and other functions.

George Craig bought Pompeii Villa from Hopkins in 1903 with \$10,000 worth of Texas Company, forerunner of Texaco, or 10 percent of the company's capitalization. Today, that stock would be worth \$1 billion. Craig bought and sold land to oil companies and he started Merchant's Bank.

The White Haven house is done in a Victorian style because Victorian furnishings were available to the American public since the mid-1800s and it was relatively economical. Womack said her favorite piece is the spiral music box with the burrell oak case.

Phebe, the Woodworth's only daughter, lived in the Rose Hill house with her mother until her death in 1946. Phebe donated Rose Hill to the city in 1947 and moved to Houston. Rose Hill was designated a historical landmark in 1978. The Department Club manages it.

The Masonic Temple consists of the lodge office, the grand master's room and a display case on the first floor. The second floor features a 4,000 square foot dining hall. The third floor is used for the Red Room which is the lodge for Eastern Star for women. The Blue Lodge for men is on the fourth floor.