

# THE SHEPHERD HOUSE

837 JEFFERSON PLACE  
COLONIAL HILL SUBDIVISION  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA



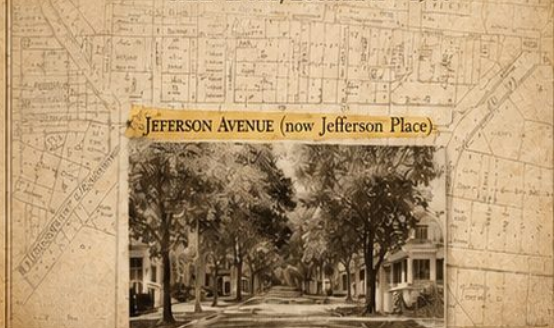
## Then & Now — The Shepherd House

Built in the early twentieth century by contractor J. C. Shepherd, the residence at 837 Jefferson Place stands within the Colonial Hill Subdivision, established in 1906 during Shreveport's boom.

1906 — Colonial Hill Subdivision Platted — 1925 — J. C. Shepherd Listed as Owner  
1931 — Preserved Historic Residence

## Colonial Hill Subdivision

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA — 1906



Among them was Jefferson Avenue — later renamed Jefferson Place — a quiet residential street that would soon be lined homes.

## Jefferson Avenue (now Jefferson Place)



J. C. Shepherd  
Plastering  
Contractor

One of the craftsmen who lived on Jefferson Avenue was J.C. Shepherd.

Shepherd owned and lived at the residence located at.

## Then & Now



Though decades have passed, the home he lived in still stands.

# THE SHEPHERD HOUSE AT A GLANCE

This research packet gathers the history we have documented so far about The Shepherd House at 837 Jefferson Place in Shreveport, Louisiana. It brings together family history, architectural notes, archival references, and newspaper findings while the home's historic research continues.

## QUICK HIGHLIGHTS

- Built around 1915 by contractor J. C. Shepherd, likely as his own residence.
- Located in the Colonial Hill Subdivision, platted December 10, 1906.
- The house first appeared in the Shreveport City Directory in 1916.
- Recognized as Mediterranean / Italian Renaissance Eclectic in style.
- The property remained in the Shepherd family for more than four decades, later passing out of the family in 1957.
- Current historic research is ongoing and in the pre-approval / eligibility stage.

## TIMELINE

- ❖ 1906, Colonial Hill Subdivision is platted.
- ❖ c. 1915, J. C. Shepherd builds the house at 837 Jefferson Place.
- ❖ 1916, the residence appears in the city directory.
- ❖ 1931, ownership records explicitly connect the property with Katie Stricklin Shepherd.
- ❖ 1957, the property transfers out of the Shepherd family.



*Prepared as a living archive, updated as research grows.*

# THE SHEPHERD FAMILY

At the heart of this house story are John C. Shepherd and Katie Stricklin Shepherd, the couple most closely tied to the history of 837 Jefferson Place. The home appears to have been built by J. C. Shepherd around 1915 and remained connected to the family for decades.

## WHO WERE THE SHEPHERDS?

- ◆ J. C. Shepherd was a local contractor and plastering craftsman active in Shreveport during the early twentieth century.
- ◆ Katie Stricklin Shepherd was his wife and is specifically named in later ownership records.
- ◆ Their long family connection helps anchor the home's early history.

**J. C. SHEPHERD**

**PLASTERING  
CONTRACTOR**

**P. O. Box 1056  
Phone 2776**

*Plastering advertisement*

## ARCHIVAL NOTES

- 1 Period newspaper items connect J. C. Shepherd directly to 837 Jefferson and to his plastering work.
- 2 Later notices document the deaths of both J. C. Shepherd and Katie Stricklin Shepherd and help confirm the family's residence at the property.

### *Called by Death*



J. C. Shepherd, local plastering contractor, who died at his home, 837 Jefferson street, Sunday afternoon after a brief illness.

*J. C. Shepherd obituary portrait*

### **MRS. KATIE STRICKLIN SHEPHERD**

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Stricklin Shepherd were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, 837 Jefferson Place, with Rev. J. A. Price officiating. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery.

*Katie Stricklin Shepherd funeral notice*

# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS & NEWSPAPER DISCOVERIES

Newspaper research adds color and documentation to the story of the property. These clippings help place the Shepherd family and their home within the everyday life of Shreveport.

## HIGHLIGHTED FINDS

- A 1933 newspaper item reports that the first local home loan to be made by the Caddo unit would go to Mrs. Katie S. Shepherd on her home in Colonial Hills.
- A 1940 building permit notice records repairs to the residence at 837 Jefferson.
- Additional archival material continues to strengthen the story of the house, its owners, and the neighborhood around it.

## KEY RECORDS IN THE ARCHIVE

- 1 Then & Now visual history
- 2 Exhibits A–H, including the 1906 plat map and assessor history
- 3 Historic house photographs and research notes

### FIRST LOAN ON LOCAL HOME TO BE MADE BY CADDO UNIT MONDAY

B. F. Roberts, chairman of the Caddo parish unit of the Federal Home Owners Loan corporation, said that the unit was to make its first loan Monday. This loan will be made to Mrs. Katie S. Shepherd on her home in Colonial Hills. The loan is for \$8,035.30. The Continental-American Bank & Trust Co. was taking a government bond for the loan.

*1933 home loan notice*

### BUILDING PERMIT

Repairs and painting to residence 837 Jefferson Place. New roof, rewire, and interior improvements.

Owner: Mrs. K. S. Shepherd

Contractor: J. C. Shepherd

Permit No. 4127 May 8, 1940

*1940 building permit notice*

