

TEXAS PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM



Bishop's Palace

Galveston • Galveston County • Texas • 1892

Bishop's Palace was designed by Galveston's premier architect of the time, Nicholas Clayton, for Colonel Walter Gresham and his wife Josephine, with whom he had nine children. While the house is generally considered Victorian, it is more specifically described as Chateausque given the intricate combination of materials, cast iron galleries and complex roof system. Nicholas Clayton, however, expanded on the style by using varicolored and irregularly shaped stone, round Romanesque and depressed Tudor arches with heavily articulated carvings of vegetation, animals, people, and imaginary creatures. Miraculously, Bishop's Palace survived the Great Storm of 1900 virtually unscathed.

FY 2020 Development Grant.

The Galveston Historical Foundation, which owns the building, sought a \$30,000 Architecture – Development grant to address the roof and conservatory. While the majority of the building's materials and systems are in good condition, time and Galveston's salt air degraded the conservatory's roof and windows. The project scope included reconstructing the copper roof with in-kind materials and design, and repainting the conservatory's windows.

DESIGNATION:

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and National Register of Historic Places

HISTORIC USE: Residence

CURRENT USE: Historic House Museum

PROJECT COST: \$140,000

TPTF GRANT AMOUNT: \$66,259

DATE OF APPROVED

TPTF COMPLETION REPORT:
December 2020

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