

Haltom Mansion History

G. W. Haltom began with the purchase of 512 acres from the Sawyer survey in 1932. He was a successful Fort Worth Jeweler and diamond merchant. He turned that purchase into a 3000-acre cattle ranch. He began to build his dream home on a grander scale than anything yet seen in the town. Haltom chose Joseph R. Pelich, an important Fort Worth architect known for his period revival structures, to design a house in the Georgian Classical design.

Along Denton Highway, rusticated cast stone columns with wrought iron entrance gates form an impressive entrance to the estate's spacious grounds.

The symmetrical composition of the frame two-story house features a five-bay façade punctuated by a front entry with a broken pediment. Shuttered French doors surround the front door. Shuttered second-story windows are set on either side of a central balcony with French doors. A massive two-story full porch with Tuscan columns screens the façade, flanked by a columned porte-cochere on the west and a sunroom on the east. Chimneys on both gable end walls and three dormer windows on the roof complete the balanced composition.

Two other houses on the property were built for Haltom's sons Evander P. and Chester A., including a smaller Georgian Revival house also by Pelich that are no longer extant.