

CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING
Gift of the Smoot home to the Heritage Society



Jane Smoot First Individual To Deed Historic Home to Heritage Society

The deeding by Miss Jane Smoot of the historic Smoot home and its spacious grounds to the Heritage Society recently is a real cause for Thanksgiving celebration, not only in Austin but all over the state. In the years to come this home with all its beautiful furniture and family memorabilia will become a mecca for old and young who want to enjoy an intimate acquaintance with the past.

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More important than the gift itself is the spirit of the giver.

For 20 years the Heritage Society has tried to make Austin people aware of the importance to the community of the preservation of historic structures beside

contemporary buildings erected by Austin's very fine modern architects.

Some businesses have realized that the use of an older building is an asset to their operation. Some organizations have successfully adapted historic

structures to their needs.

Some individuals have bought and restored older houses for their own use; others have continued to live in and cherish the family home built generations ago.

But Jane Smoot is the first individual to make such a gift to her fellow citizens. Through her generosity the past will become part of the future. The gratitude that we all feel may hopefully inspire others to follow her example.