

Center-passage houses, likewise, have side-gabled roofs but have three- or five-bay fronts with central entrances. Porches are similar to those on the two-room houses and rarely extend the full breadth of the front. The windows are double hung and have wood sashes with 1/1 2/2 or 4/4 lights.

Bungalows, the third common subtype of *Domestic Building* in the district, have front-gable roofs and small inset porches. The primary entrances are set within the porches and usually include a single door. The double-hung windows have wood sashes and 1/1, 2/2 or 4/4 lights. These structures are usually only two or three rooms deep.

The Zion Hill Baptist Church, which is at the intersection of Bois d'Arc and Lanana streets, is the only nonresidential building in the district and it differs in scale and level of craftsmanship and architectural sophistication than the modest residential buildings in the district. The church features a cruciform plan with basement and sits at an angle from the street corner where it stands. The church has a steeply pitched hip roof with gable extensions and corner towers. The corner at the east corner, which fronts onto Lanana Street, is two stories and has a steeply pitched eight-sided roof that is the most dominant physical feature.

The only post-1941 structure is on Lanana Street, and though it was not built within the building's period of significance, it is compatible in scale, size and materials to Contributing properties. The most intrusive elements are the vacant lots where, according to Sanborn maps, small houses once stood. Most were victims of neglect and were razed because they failed to comply with housing codes and standards. Nevertheless, these lots are not numerous, and the area retains its historic character to a remarkable degree.

Though cemeteries ordinarily are not considered eligible for listing in the National Register, the Park Road Cemetery is an integral part of the district and is considered a contributing element because it adds to the district's overall historic character.

DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

Contributing. Properties in this category include structures that add to the district's overall historic character. To be included in this category, a building must be at least 50 years old and must retain most of its historic character. More recent post-1940 changes that can affect historic integrity include the partial infill of porches, the application of aluminum or vinyl siding over the original wood siding or the addition of new rooms and wings. These alterations often detract from the original character of the structure, but if the dwelling's basic form remains intact and adds, if only to a small degree, to the district's overall historic ambiance, the property is classified as a contributing element.

Noncontributing. Properties in this category are those that detract from the district's historic character. The majority are less than 50 years and have little or no architectural or historic significance. An example includes the residence at 417 N. Lanana. Noncontributing structures also include pre-1940 structures that have been so severely altered that little, if any, of their original or historic fabric is recognizable. Examples include 400 Richardson and 421 N. Lanana.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTIES - ZION HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

The following inventory is organized by address and includes basic information about all extant structures in the district. The inventory indicates each structure's date of construction, category, legal description and survey site number. A physical description and, if applicable, a statement of significance are also provided. The descriptions for the historic properties were prepared by Victor & Victor during their 1985 historic resources survey of the city and were revised by Solamillo in 1992.

Address 713 Bois d'Arc **Date** ca. 1930 **Site No.** 356
Category Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 10-C
Description 1-story wood frame shotgun house with gabled sheet metal roof; horizontal clapboard siding; 4/4 double-hung windows; wood panel entry door off wood porch with shed roof; red brick piers.

Address 715 Bois d'Arc **Date** ca. 1910 **Site No.** 359
Category Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 12-C
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow with composition shingle gabled roof; horizontal drop siding; 4/4 double-hung windows; interior brick fireplace.
Significance This vernacular residential building served for a time as district resident Casz Donegan's Dry Cleaning Shop.

Address 717 Bois d'Arc **Date** ca. 1890 **Site No.** 358
Category Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 10-C
Description 1-story wood frame double pen residence with sheet metal shed roof; asbestos siding; small 4/4 double-hung windows; hall parlor plan with two wood panel doors off wood pent roof porch with 4 x 4 posts; fireplace on north wall.

Address 720 Bois d'Arc **Date** ca. 1910 **Site No.** N/A
Category Non-Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** N/A
Description 1-story ell-shaped wood frame house with composition shingled gabled roof, horizontal clapboard siding, 2/2 double-hung windows with corbeled hood molds, brick fireplace on projecting bay on north wall; gable over door beside fireplace; shed roof addition on west wall.

Address 721 Bois d'Arc **Date** ca. 1920 **Site No.** N/A
Category Non-Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 10
Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.

Address	724 Bois d'Arc	Date ca. 1910	Site No. 360
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 12-D
	Description 1-story wood frame bungalow with clipped gable sheet metal roof; horizontal drop siding; 1/1 double-hung windows; inset wood porch with three grouped 4 x 4 posts at outside corner; two glazed panel entry doors.		
Address	727 Bois d'Arc	Date ca. 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 10-D
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	728 Bois d'Arc	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 361
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 12-E
	Description 1-story rectangular wood frame residence with composition shingle cross-gable roof with some clipped gables; horizontal drop siding; 4/1 double-hung windows; small wood gabled porch roof with arch, plain columns.		
Address	804 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 624
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-C
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	807 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 625
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-A
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	808 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 624
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-C
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	812 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 624
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-C
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	813 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 625
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-A
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	816 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 624
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-C
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	817 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 626
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		

Address	824 Ernest	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 627
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18
	Description 1-story frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	806 Gene	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 731
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-A
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun		
Address	807 Gene	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 733
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-F
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun with addition		
Address	810 Gene	Date ca. 1920-39	Site No. 732
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-B
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	811 Gene	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 733
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-F
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	814 Gene	Date ca. 1920-30	Site No. 732
	Category Non-Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-B
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	816 Gene	Date ca. 1920-30	Site No. 732
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-B
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	819 Gene	Date ca. 1920	Site No.
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-F
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow		
Address	900 Gene	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 734
	Category Non-Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-B
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling		
Address	902 Gene	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 734
	Category Non-Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-B
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling		
Address	321 N Lanana	Date ca. 1900-20	Site No.
	Category Contributing	Block 4	Lot 5-A
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		

Address 324 N Lanana **Date** 1914 **Site No.** 854
Category Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 12-A

Description 1-story; wood frame with beveled wood siding; brick foundation with basement; irregular plan with two corner towers; intersecting pyramidal hip-and-gable roofs with wood shingles, flared eaves, cornice return, octagonal dome with fixed window atop the main roof, towers and dome with metal finials; corners of the church have blind pilasters; small entry porch with gable roof with bargeboards resting on simple boxed wood columns over brick piers, double wood entry door paneled with arched transom above, three trefoil lights in the transom; windows are wood frame double-hung and center pivot awning-type, 1/1 and 2/2 lights, windows around the sanctuary have lancet arch heads with colored obscured glass, other windows have obscured glass; basement windows are 3/3 awning-type; rear entry to the basement with double wood panel doors, ornate brackets under the eave.

Significance Local department store owner, John Schmidt, sold the land for the Zion Hill Baptist Church as well as financing the cost of its construction with no down payment to a its African American congregation. The well-known Nacogdoches architect, Dietrich Rulfs, designed the church combining Victorian styling with Gothic Revival detailing. This monumental structure in the black community was completed in 1914. It became the third church building occupied by the membership.

Address 325 N Lanana **Date** ca. 1900-20 **Site No.** 853
Category Contributing **Block** 4 **Lot** 4-B

Description 1-story wood frame; rectangular plan; gable asphalt roof; drop siding; windows are 4/4 double-hung, 6/6 and 8/8; brick foundation; small concrete stoop at front; attached garage on north facade.

Address 401 N Lanana **Date** **Site No.**
Category Contributing **Block** 4 **Lot** 4-A
Description 1-story wood frame bungalow

Address 405 N Lanana **Date** ca. 1925-30 **Site No.** 855
Category Contributing **Block** 4 **Lot** 3-A

Description 1-story; wood frame with drop siding; brick foundation; rectangular plan; gable roof with composition shingles, extended rafter ends, faceted beam ends; inset porch with boxed wood columns, single entry door, paneled wood with upper glass light; windows 1/1 wood double-hung with shutters on the front, half screens; lattice attic vent at gable end.

Address 406 N Lanana **Date** ca. 1890 **Site No.** 856
Category Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 10-A

Description 1-story; double pen wood frame with drop and board and batten siding; brick pier foundation; 2 bays, shed roof at front with 4 x 4 posts, windows 4/4 wood double-hung; two entry doors wood paneled.

Address 412 N Lanana **Date** ca. 1920-30 **Site No.** 857
Category Contributing **Block** 5 **Lot** 9-B

Description 1-story wood frame bungalow with drop siding; massed plan; asphalt clipped gable roof with extended eaves and braces; vent dormer on front facade; projecting wood porch upheld by fluted columns on brick base; windows are 6/1 wood double-hung; 2 entry doors paneled with six lights opening onto porch.

Address	416 N Lanana	Date 1930	Site No.
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9-A
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	417 N Lanana	Date 1930	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 4	Lot 3-B
	Description 1-story wood frame bungalow.		
Address	418 N Lanana	Date 1920 - 1930	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9-A
	Description 1-story frame shotgun with addition, hipped composition shingle roof		
Address	421 N Lanana	Date 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Non-contributing	Block 4	Lot 2-J
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	422 N Lanana	Date 1920	Site No. 858
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 4
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow with drop siding; asphalt clipped gable roof with extended rafter ends; inset wood porch; rectangular plan; brick pier foundation, 6/6 wood double-hung windows; 1 brick chimney stack at rear.		
Address	500 N Lanana	Date ca. 1920-30	Site No. 859
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 4-A
	Description 1-story wood frame bungalow with drop siding; asphalt clipped gable roof; 1 brick chimney at rear; windows are 6/6 and 6/4 wood double-hung; projecting front porch upheld by boxed columns; painted bright blue like three other surrounding structures; extended rafter ends.		
Address	504 N Lanana	Date ca. 1920-30	Site No. 860
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 4-A
	Description 1-story; wood frame double shotgun bungalow with beaded wood siding; rectangular plan; clipped gable roof with composition shingles; porch across front with battered boxed wood columns; windows 6/6 wood double-hung; 2 wood paneled entry doors.		
	Significance Operated for many years as a small store by sisters Lela and Ellen Rolligan, this was one of the few commercial establishments in the district.		
Address	505 N Lanana	Date ca. 1943	Site No. 861
	Category Contributing	Block 4	Lot 2D,2G
	Description 1-story; wood frame dwelling with board and batten siding; brick foundation; rectangular plan; gable roofs with shed at porch, composition shingles; windows 6/6 wood double-hung with hood mold and shutters.		
Address	506 N Lanana	Date ca. 1920-30	Site No. 862
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 3
	Description 1-story; wood frame bungalow with novelty siding; concrete pier foundation; L-plan; clipped gable roofs with composition shingles, extended rafter and beam ends; inset porch on northwest corner with oversized boxed wood columns and plain railing; windows wood 4/1 double-hung in pairs and triples; 2 entry doors at 90 degrees; wood paneled with 3 upper glass lights; detached single-car garage.		

Address	512 N Lanana	Date ca. 1890-1900	Site No. 863
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 2
	Description 1-story wood frame Queen Anne house with drop siding; massed plan; asphalt hip-and-gable roof with cornice returns pierced by one brick chimney stack; 1 gable dormer on front facade; projecting wood porch upheld by boxed columns; windows are 4/4 and 1/1 double-hung; brick pier foundation.		
	Significance This home, perhaps the most architecturally imposing in the district, was built as the residence of Rev. Lawson Reed, founding pastor of the Zion Hill Baptist Church. Reed descendants still reside in the house.		
Address	512 N Lanana (outbuilding)	Date 1920	Site No. 863
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 2
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun with board and batten siding; hipped roof in corrugated metal; 4/4 double-hung windows; central brick chimney.		
Address	714 Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun with board and batten siding; gable roof covered in composition shingles; 4/4 double-hung windows; brick piers.		
Address	714-A Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun.		
Address	714-B Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9-F
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun.		
Address	714-C Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun.		
Address	714-E Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No. N/A
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 10-C
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.		
Address	716 Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 1092
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9-E
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	716-A Mast Alley	Date ca. 1920	Site No.
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 10-C
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.		
Address	805 Ola	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 1087
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 7
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun.		

Address 816 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**1090
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-G
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address 821 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**1091
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-G
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address 903 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**1091
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-H
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address 904 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**1090
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-G
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address 905 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**1091
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-H
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address 906 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-H
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address 908 Ola **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.**1090
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 11-G
Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow.

Address Park Street Cemetery **Date ca.** 1890 **Site No.**1138
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 8

Description Fenced cemetery with granite, marble, and concrete gravestones. Earliest marked graves date to ca. 1900; it is said that earlier graves are not marked or markers have deteriorated over the years; early black church built around 1879 once stood near this site.

Address 716 Park **Date ca.** 1910-20 **Site No.** 1137
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 1 or 5

Description 1-story; wood frame double shotgun bungalow with drop siding; galvanized metal foundation skirt; rectangular plan; gable roof with galvanized metal roofing; inset porch with narrow wood post supports; 4/4 wood double-hung windows; wood panel door.

Address 314 N Richardson **Date ca.** 1920 **Site No.** 1253
Category Contributing Block 5 **Lot** 18-B

Description 1-story; wood frame double shotgun bungalow with gabled sheet metal roof; drop siding; small 4/4 double-hung windows; inset wood porch with wood panel door; 4 x 4 porch post.

Address	315 N Richardson	Date 1920	Site No. 1254
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 12-F
	Description 1-story wood frame bungalow.		
Address	318 N Richardson	Date 1920	Site No. 1244
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-B
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow with addition; sheet metal gable roof; novelty siding; 4/4 double-hung windows; inset wood porch with wood panel door; 4 x 4 porch post.		
Address	319 N Richardson	Date 1920	Site No. 1255
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 12-E
	Description 1-story wood frame bungalow.		
Address	322 N Richardson	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 1245
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 18-A
	Description 1-story rectangular wood frame double shotgun bungalow with novelty siding; gable wood entry porch on west wall; glass panel entry door with dentils below glass.		
Address	400 N Richardson	Date 1920-70	Site No. N/A
	Category Noncontributing	Block 5	Lot 11-A
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	407 N Richardson	Date ca. 1930	Site No. 1256
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 10-B
	Description 1-story T-plan wood frame residence with composition shingle crossed-gable roof; drop siding; 6/6 double-hung windows; small pent roof wood porch; six-light wood panel entry door.		
Address	408 N Richardson	Date 1920-70	Site No. 1246
	Category Noncontributing	Block 5	Lot 11-C
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	410 N Richardson	Date 1920-70	Site No. 1247
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 11-D
	Description 1-story wood frame dwelling.		
Address	411 N Richardson	Date ca. 1910	Site No. 1257
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9-C
	Description 1-story wood frame pyramidal with composition shingle hip roof; drop siding; 1/1 double-hung windows; full-width wood porch with box columns; dormer with clipped gable over porch.		
Address	415 N Richardson	Date ca. 1920	Site No. 1258
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 9-D
	Description 1-story wood frame residence with hipped composition shingle roof; drop siding; 12/12 double-hung windows; full-width wood porch with box columns; gabled dormer over porch; central porch; central brick chimney; brick piers; multi-light entry door, off center.		

Address	501 N Richardson	Date 1910	Site No. 1259
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 5
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun.		
Address	504 N Richardson	Date 1920	Site No. 1251
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 6
	Description 1-story wood frame double shotgun bungalow,		
Address	505 N Richardson	Date ca. 1890	Site No. 1260
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 5
	Description 1-story wood frame saddlebag with sheet metal saltbox roof; vertical board and batten siding; 4/4 double-hung windows; shed porch roof; 4 x 4 porch columns with stopped chamfers; two-room plan; central interior brick chimney.		
Address	508 N Richardson	Date 1900	Site No. 1252
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 6
	Description 1-story wood frame pyramidal house with hipped sheet metal roof; horizontal V-groove siding; 4/4 double-hung windows; central brick chimney; with wood panel entry doors off full-width porch supported by 4 x 4 posts.		
Address	509 N Richardson	Date ca. 1910	Site No. 1261
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 5
	Description 1-story wood frame pyramidal house with hipped sheet metal roof; drop siding; 4/4 double hung windows; central brick chimney; hall parlor plan with wood panel entry doors off full-width porch supported by 4 x 4 posts.		
Address	514 N Richardson	Date 1910	Site No. 1264
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 6
	Description 1-story wood frame shotgun.		
Address	526 N Richardson	Date 1890	Site No. 1268
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 6
	Description 1-story wood frame pyramidal house incorporating original saddlebag.		
Address	527 N Richardson	Date 1890	Site No. 1267
	Category Contributing	Block 5	Lot 5
	Description 1-story wood frame saddlebag with sheet metal roof; vertical board and batten siding; 4/4 double-hung windows; skirt-roof wood porch; 4 x 4 porch posts with stopped chamfers; hall parlor plan; central interior brick chimney.		

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Section number 8

The Zion Hill Historic District, northeast of the central business district of Nacogdoches, is an intact collection of modest domestic buildings that date to the late 19th and early 20th centuries and that best represents the nearly self-contained communities of African-Americans that developed in Nacogdoches around the turn of the century. Excepting the Zion Hill Baptist Church, buildings in the district lack much individual architectural significance. When viewed together, however, they comprise what may be Nacogdoches' most cohesive grouping of residential architecture, for they represent a preponderance of vernacular frame dwellings typical of the period. Consequently, the district is nominated to the National Register under Criterion C. In addition, the district is nominated under Criterion B for its historical associations with local African-American history. The area represents the most intact surviving traditionally black community in Nacogdoches, its developmental history reflecting typical establishment and expansion patterns of African-American urban neighborhoods in East Texas. These settlement and development patterns, while affected by circumstances unique to the social and economic environment experienced by blacks in post-Civil War East Texas, are related to the context *Community Planning and Development in Nacogdoches: 1830 - 1940*.

The origin and development of the Zion Hill Historic District closely parallels the establishment of many such entirely African-American enclaves near and in cities in East Texas and throughout the South after emancipation. The exclusionary housing attitudes of whites during the late 19th century, which often were institutionalized by law in the early 20th century, created circumstances whereby black communities sprang up on the fringes of urban areas, on land often owned by blacks themselves. This uniquely African-American "suburban" growth phenomenon had little in common with the unfolding of transit-related white suburbs during the period. Black communities grew on the edge of established, predominantly white communities, the black residents settling in areas as proximate as possible to places of employment. This economic dependence on housing location choices, made based on job accessibility, may also have contributed to a strong social hierarchy in black communities: the job one had, as well as educational attainments

and fraternal associations, helped define one's standing on the social ladder among African-Americans in early 20th century Nacogdoches.

The approximately ten acres upon which the Zion Hill community was established was originally part of the large land holdings of the Haden Edwards family. Sometime after the Civil War, freedman Frank Walton, born a slave of the *empresario's* daughter-in-law Sarah in about 1835, settled on the property and farmed there on the west bank of Lanana Creek. Walton's "homeplace," as he later described it in a deed transaction, was located some one quarter mile east of the Washington Square site of the old Nacogdoches University, which itself was still considered on the edge of town. The Walton property's western edge was the as yet undeveloped Lanana Street, a north/south road shown on the original 1846 town plat of Nacogdoches.

In 1881, Sarah Edwards' children Peyton F. Edwards and Belle Edwards Raguet gave the ten acre tract between "Bayou Lanana" and Lanana Street to Walton for his "lifetime services" to their mother. By 1885, Walton had transferred ownership of one acre in the southwest corner of the property to Millie Rolligan, a relative living with him, his wife Ellen Rolligan Walton and son Peyton; and the adjacent acre in the northwest corner to Annie McNeil, evidently a single African-American woman.

It was at this time that Walton and his wife also offered some two acres of land, just east of the present day Park Street cemetery in the Historic District, for the construction of the first permanent building of the newly formed Zion Hill Baptist Church. The Waltons were original members of this, the first black Baptist congregation in Nacogdoches, which had been chartered in 1879 upon the arrival in the community of Rev. Lawson Reed, a minister from Louisiana. The Zion Hill Baptist group had formed out of the long-established Union Church, a Methodist and Presbyterian assembly of African-Americans led by Rev. Horney Cleaver. Several of the original members and deacons of the Zion Hill congregation appear to have lived near the Walton, Rolligan and McNeil families, indicating that a substantial community had already grown up on and near Frank Walton's 10 acres.

The community that was to become Zion Hill began to grow at the edge of the city near the end of a time of somewhat racially mixed housing patterns, for blacks and whites had uneasily co-existed during the first decades following emancipation. Census records for the City of Nacogdoches in 1870 and 1880 show residences of many blacks and mulattos scattered throughout the city, living near east Pillar, north Church, east Hospital and other nearby streets, among Anglo families of all economic circumstances. This mixed housing pattern was common in other Texas cities and communities throughout the South. In Dallas immediately following the Civil War, for example, black and white families lived