

## Union Springs mansion made TikTok famous

**By Felicia Farnsworth**

An abandoned 19th-century Union Springs mansion on South Powell Street, has made TikTok history. After making its rounds on the social media platform, many have pointed out it's resemblance to the 2004 romance film "The Notebook."

After having racked up nearly 700,000 views since being posted last week, many have wondered how a place so beautiful could be so neglected? Jeremy Abbott, the photographer who captured the property and spends his time discovering abandoned places, has some answers.

"The reason why it hasn't sold is because the neighbor-

hood it is located in is considered historic and there are regulations where they have to restore the house to its original form," he told the New York Post, "the buyer will end up spending more money repairing it than what it is worth."

The home was built in 1800 and listed for sale in 2011 for \$175,000. By 2012, the property value was slashed by half and listed at only \$70,000.

Without any offers made on the house, it was removed from the market and remains in limbo and abandoned. The home is beautiful with over 5,200 square feet, the foyer has a grand staircase with a stained

glass window looking over it, which leads to 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

The home has all the original pocket doors, a butler's pantry, and central heating and cooling in all the large rooms. The last known owner was an elderly woman that was considered to be in failing health.

Many users on TikTok have wondered if the house was haunted and if that was the reason behind it being abandoned for so long?

Abbott stated, "Sometimes when I walk into a house and it's spooky, I get a vibe that I shouldn't be there. This was not the case with this particular house." Infact Abbott felt so comfortable he took a nap on the deserted couch.

"It felt very inviting," stated Abbott.

The house has a lot of

damage on the inside as well as the outside, but despite it's bad shape, users on

TikTok say this home embodies a dreamlike "Great Gatsby" period.



Abandoned furniture in front living area.



Foyer with grand staircase and stained glass window.



Union Springs TikTok mansion on South Powell Street. Photos taken by Jeremy Abbott.

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- Confirmed cases in Bullock County - 1,249
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## America's Freedom remembered

**By Felicia Farnsworth**

This year on July 4, 2021, will mark 246 years that the United States of America has been declared independent from Great Britain. The years of 1775 and 1776 wore great conflict amongst the thirteen original colonies and very few colonists agreed to or desired complete independence from Great Britain.

In April 1775, when the Revolutionary War broke out, those that wanted independence were considered radicals. Thomas Pains, 1776 best selling pamphlet "Common Sense," and other revolutionary sentiments like it helped change the minds of several colonists.

On June 7, 1776, Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion which called for the colonies independence. This occurred, with the Continental Congress, at the Pennsylvania State House (later known as Independence Hall) in Philadelphia. Five men were appointed to draft a formal statement justifying the break in Great Britain.

Those men included; Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Mas-

sachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Robert R. Livingston of

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