



804 North 11th Street

Completed around 1910 for Dr. John S. McCelvey (1870-1964) and his then fiancée, Mary Horne (1881-1960), this house was erected of concrete blocks cast on the Horne family estate near Waco. The McCelveys added the north wing, garage and servants' quarters in 1927. The asymmetrical Gothic-style house is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

Dr. McCelvey was a prominent physician affiliated with King's Daughters Hospital. He served on the State Board of Health and as president and secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners. He also helped establish Temple Junior College in 1926.

Dr. McCelvey remained vigorous and active well into his 90s. For a Temple Daily Telegram feature story published on his 94th birthday in 1964, the reporter asked how younger men could stay healthy. He answered, "Don't eat too much and no smoking." The reporter noted that Dr. McCelvey chain-smoked Bull Durham cigarettes until he was 90, "ruining many a tie and shirt with hot ashes in the process."