

Judge T.E. Baldwin House, 1894 - 200 W. Washington St.



Judge T.E. Baldwin, father of Dr. Paul Baldwin, built this house in 1894. The home originally lacked kitchen cabinets, as food was prepared in the kitchen and carried through a pantry to the dining room. It features large sliding doors, hardwood floors, and much of the original brass hardware.

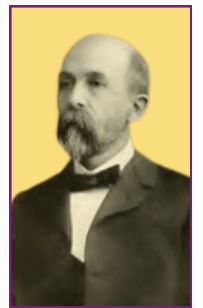
Born in Cape Girardeau, Baldwin lost his parents at age 10. He remained in Cape until he turned 21, then moved to Dunklin County, where he clerked in a Clarkton store before being appointed circuit and county clerk, which prompted his move to Kennett. In 1872, he married Mary J. Pankey.

By 1886, Baldwin had partnered with W.F. Shelton, one of Kennett’s earliest leaders, in a general store known as W.F. Shelton and Co. Four years later, he sold his share and purchased a drug store formerly owned by Dr. A.B. Mobley. Baldwin then constructed a brick building for the store, one of the first two brick structures in Kennett.

His next venture was in real estate, where he owned several thousand acres of swampland, including a 4,000-acre tract. He also co-founded the Bank of Kennett and served as its president until shortly before his death.



Mary Pankey Baldwin
b.1856-d. 1933



T.E. Baldwin
b. 1849-d. 1904



Wedding photo Dr. Paul Baldwin and Elizabeth Brassfield, 1914..



An acorn, a symbol of the Baldwin family crest can be seen in the arched window above the porch.

Sources: *History of Southeast Missouri*, Robert Sidney Douglass, 1912; *History of Dunklin County, Mo.*, Mary Smythe-Davis, 1895; *Dunklin County Historical Society*; *Dunklin Daily Democrat*, *Twice-A-Week Democrat*. Sketches by KHS Art Club, 1982. Scan the QR code for more information on Kennett’s history.

