



ARCHITECT'S GRANDSON...John C. Dougherty and his wife were in Granbury Tuesday when they learned that W.D. Dodson was the architect for Hood County's Courthouse. Dougherty is Dodson's grandson. The couple were visiting here from their home in Western Springs, Ill. (HCN Photo)

Builder's Grandson Views Courthouse

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dougherty of Western Springs, Ill. visited Granbury Tuesday during a recent visit with relatives in this area.

While in Granbury the couple read a brochure on the town and discovered that Hood County's Courthouse was designed by W.C. Dodson, Dougherty's grandfather.

The Illinois native explained that he knew that several central Texas courthouses were designed by Dodson and that they had visited several of them but they did not know

Hood County's courthouse was one of them.

Dodson was known as "Texas' leading architect" during the time he designed several courthouses and churches in Texas.

The Doughertys have researched their family and found that Dodson's father was a Methodist preacher who rode a circuit in Tennessee and his grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War.

Dodson is a Civil War veteran and was wounded at

the battle of Look-Out Mountain.

Mrs. Dougherty noted that in their research they have decided that Dodson was a self-taught man with his beginning in the lumber business in Alabama.

During their stay in Granbury the couple toured the square and courthouse.