



*Martin and Valda Terry, circa 1940s.*

### 3 Terry Residence 1940s

Helotes by the 1950s, though still rural, was a growing community, but had few rental properties. To make working in downtown Helotes at his various businesses feasible, James Riggs (1879-1964) had several small houses built for employees. This house, now the [J Gibson Salon and Spa](#), was built in the late 1940s. Its original floorplan consisted of two small bedrooms, a small living area, a kitchen, and a bathroom.

When Riggs' nephew Martin Terry (1920-2000) and his family moved to Helotes to run the Red and White Grocery Store in 1953, they moved in with Riggs in the Hileman-Riggs House, settling on the second story. Riggs lived on the first floor. Riggs' weekly poker games went into the wee hours of the morning and the family

had little sleep those nights. Uvalda was unhappy and Riggs told her he'd enlarge the cabin behind the store so that her family could move there.

Riggs enlarged the house with the flagstone addition on the right, which became a living and dining space. The family, including children Diane, Martin Jr., and Timothy, moved to the newly refurbished rock house in 1955, living there until 1962.

The Terry Residence has housed several families and businesses over the years. The roofline and different rock styles indicate where the original house (center portion) was located. The addition on the right was erected in the mid-1950s. The addition on the far left was erected in 2009.