

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
2906 CHERRY LANE
HDP-2012-0353

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story L-plan frame house with a projecting front gable at the left side of the front façade and an ornamental front gable in the center of the hipped roof; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; stone wainscoting at the foundation.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1948 for Dewey L. and Julia Welch, who moved here from a house at 904 :E. 34th Street. Dewey Welch was a realtor and mortgage banker with his own firm from the mid-1940s until his retirement in 1965. His firm was in the Gracy Building, home of the city's largest title company for many years. Welch also served as president of the Austin Real Estate Board. He and Julia lived in this house from the time of its completion in 1948 until around 1951.

From around 1951 to around 1960, the house was the home of Dr. William T. Guy, Jr., and his wife, Valaree. William T. Guy, Jr. was born in Abilene, Texas, and taught mathematics at the University of Texas for 60 years. The house then became a rental unit from the 1960s through the 1980s.

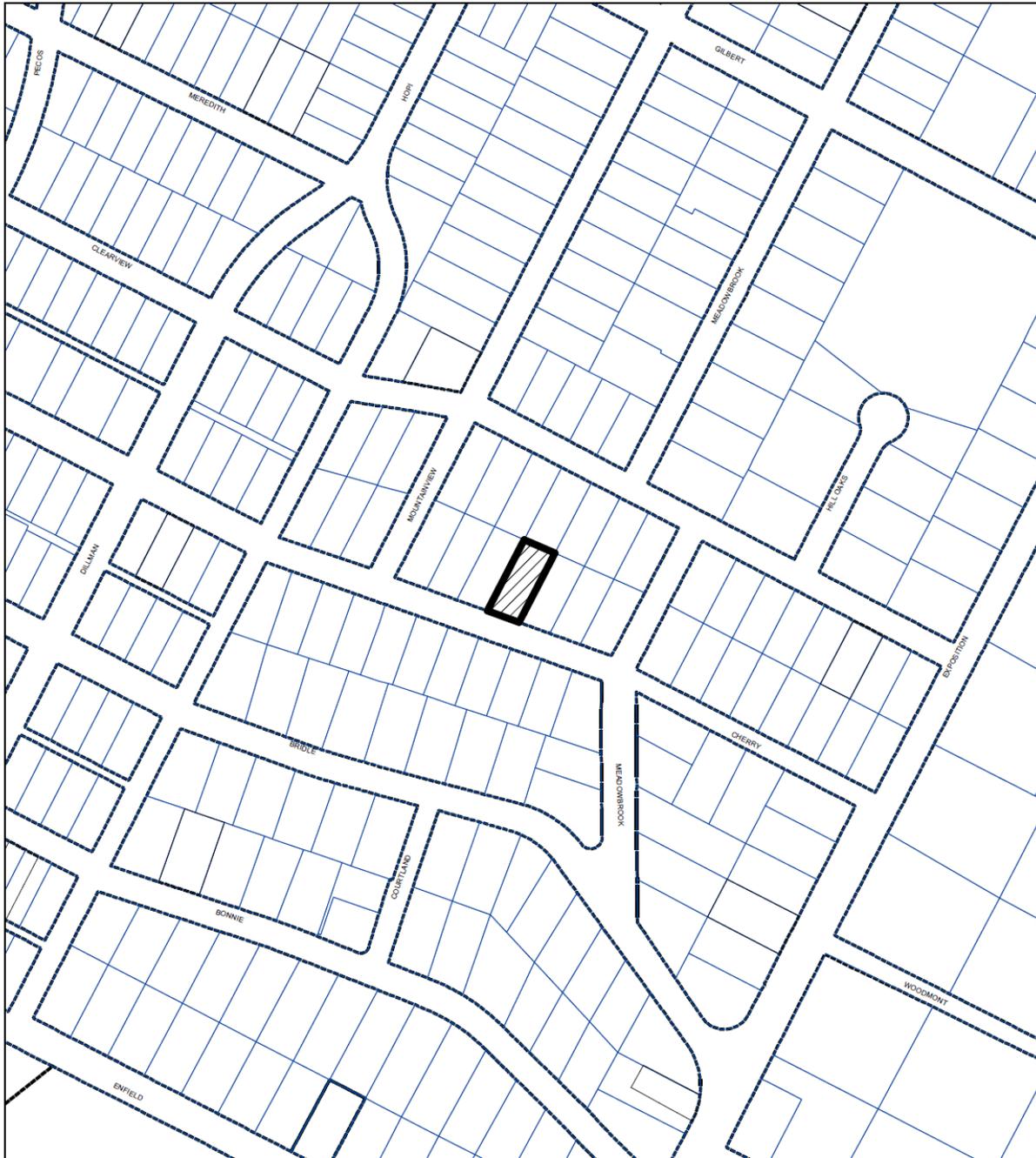
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any city survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit after completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the property. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

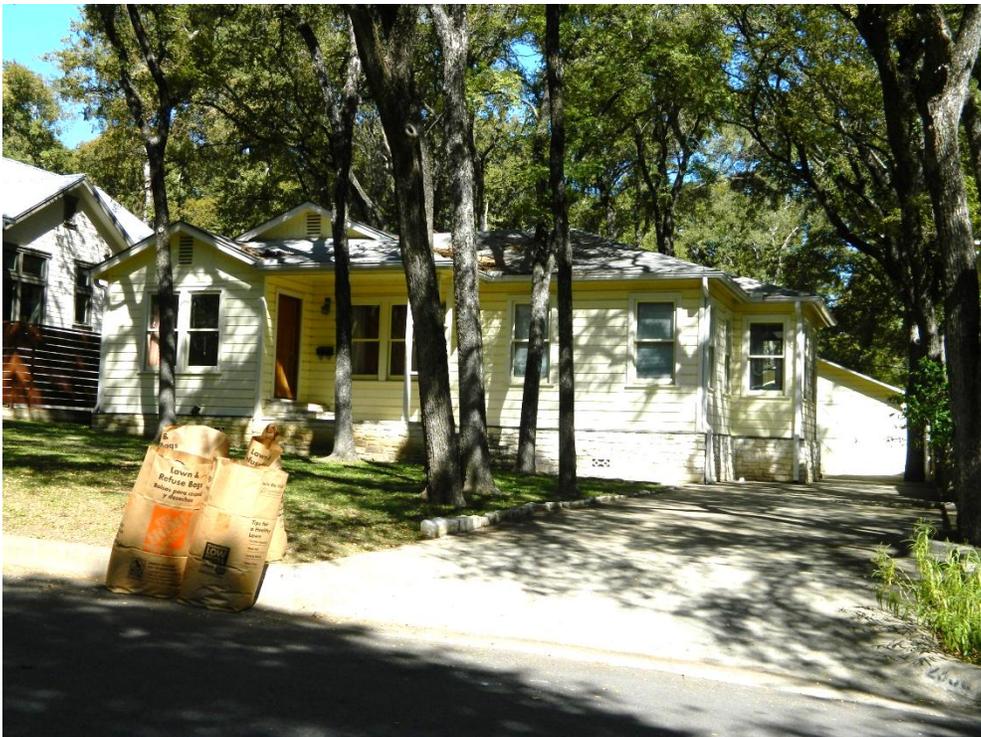
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LOCATION: 2906 Cherry Lane



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2906 Cherry Lane
ca. 1948



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2906 Cherry Lane

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2012

- 1992 James M. Wood, owner
Book seller
- 1985-86 James M. Wood (not listed as owner)
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that James M. Wood was a new resident at this address.
- 1980 John Williams, renter
Employed by the University of Texas
- 1974 Douglas Kellner, renter
Professor, University of Texas
NOTE: The directory indicates that Douglas Kellner was a new resident at this address.
- 1968 William H. and Patsy R. Locke, renters
Clerk, State Department of Health
- 1963 Edward J. and Eleanor L. Ward, renters
Edward: No occupation listed
Eleanor: Clerk, Austin State Hospital
- 1957 William T. and Valaree Guy, Jr., owners
Assistant professor, University of Texas
- 1952 William T. and Valaree Guy, Jr., owners
Teacher, University of Texas
- 1949 Dewey L. and Julia Welch, owners
President, D.L. Welch & Company, mortgage loans, Gracy Building, 207 W. 7th
Street.
- 1947 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Dewey and Julia Welch are listed as living at 904 E. 34th Street; he was
the president of D.L. Welch & Company, a mortgage loan company in the Gracy
Building.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

DEWEY L. and JULIA WELCH (ca. 1948 – ca. 1951)

D. L. WELCH

D. L. Welch, 68, 4608 Laurel Canyon Dr., died in a local hospital Tuesday. A resident of Austin for 22 years, he was a member of the Methodist Church, Austin Lodge No. 12, A. F. and A. M., and Ben Hur Temple.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Julia Welch, Austin; a daughter, Mrs. John M. Chapman, Leander; and six brothers, Jesse A. Welch, San Benito, Edgar Welch, La Habra, Calif., Lee Roy Welch, Fresno, Calif., Earl Welch, Raymondville, Roscoe Welch, Amarillo, and L. B. Welch, Texas City.

Funeral is pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Dewey L. Welch
Austin American, August 31, 1966

WELCH, Mrs. D.L. (Julia), 77, 4608 Laurel Canyon Drive, died Friday. Graveside services 10 a.m. Monday at Austin Memorial Park. Survivors: daughter, Mrs. John M. (Frances) Chapman of Leander; sisters, Mrs. M.E. Cox of Kempner, Mrs. E.D. Cunningham of Victoria; brother, R.E. Webb of Houston. (Cook-Walden)

Obituary of Julia Welch
Austin American-Statesman, July 16, 1978

Final Rites Today For D. L. Welch

Funeral services for Dewey L. Welch, prominent Austin realtor and mortgage banker who died Tuesday in a local hospital at age 67, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Welch, of 4608 Laurel Canyon Dr., was a past president of the Austin Real Estate Board and Austin Real Estate Board and the Austin Exchange Club, and past secretary of the Texas State Exchange Clubs. He was the owner of D. L. Welch Co. here from 1944 until his retirement in June 1965.

A resident of Austin for 22 years, Welch was a member of the Methodist Church, Austin Lodge No. 12, AF&AM and Ben Hur Shrine Temple. He was a veteran of World War II and a director of the Austin Club.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Julia Welch, Austin; a daughter, Mrs. John N. Chapman, Leander; and six brothers, Jesse A. Welch, San Benito, Edgar Welch, La Habra, Calif., Lee Roy Welch, Fresno, Calif., Earl Welch, Raymondville, Roscoe Welch, Amarillo, and L. B. Welch, Texas City.

Rev. Murray Johnson will officiate at Thursday's services. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Honorary pall bearers, will include officers and directors of the American National Bank, directors of the Austin Club, and B. J. Bartlett, Harold Reinhackle, Louis Scofield, Bob Bailey, Dr. C. B. Dildy, Jerry N. Wallace, and Dick Stahl, all of Austin.

Obituary of Dewey L. Welch
Austin American, September 1, 1966

DR. WILLIAM T. and VALAREE GUY, JR. (ca. 1951 – ca. 1960)

William T. Guy, Jr. William T. (Bill) Guy, Jr., age 91, died peacefully at his home in Austin, Texas on May 22, 2011. The son of Dr. William T. and Viola Guy, he was born in Abilene, Texas, on December 11, 1919. Dr. Bill Guy was one of the most well-known and beloved mathematics professors at The [University of Texas](#) at Austin, where he taught for 60 years. After graduating from Brady High School in 1936 at the age of 16, he attended [Texas A&M University](#). He earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1940. Bill was a scholarly student who also took full advantage of the opportunities at A&M. He was President of the Honor Society, Vice President of the Senior Class, a Ross Volunteer, head of the school's Freshman program, and as a Major in the Engineers he was the 2nd Battalion Commander. He was also two year Captain of the Rifle Team, a team that won the Southern Division Championships and went to the Nationals at Camp Perry, Ohio. In 1941 he married Valaree Commander, his high school sweetheart from Brady, Texas. After working as an engineer for Westinghouse in Pennsylvania and serving in the [Army](#) Corps of Engineers for over four years at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri during [World War II](#), Bill moved his bride to Austin. In 1948 he earned his Masters in mathematics from The University of Texas. After he earned his PhD in mathematics from California Institute of Technology in 1951, the family returned to The University of Texas where Bill began his long distinguished career as a professor extraordinaire. Soon he was wearing his trademark outfit: suit pants, bow tie, and white shirt with pens in the

pocket. In 1961 his old Brady coach and mentor, Earl Rudder, then president of Texas A&M University, offered Bill a position as a senior vice president. He politely declined because most of all he loved the classroom, loved students, and loved mathematics. Dr. Bill Guy was known throughout UT, all over Texas, across the US and beyond America's borders for his grace, for his teaching voice, and for his students learning a lot more than they had planned. His sons have met ex-students all over the country and heard such comments as "he was the best teacher I ever had," "Dr. Guy made math come alive" and "I still remember what he taught." He had the ability to express complicated ideas so people could understand and remember. Dr. Guy taught classes at every university level, including classes in Honors Calculus, Laplace Transforms, Fourier Series, and Vector and Tensor Analysis. He regularly taught four or five classes each semester. These classes were almost always full and had a waiting list, including his 7:00 a.m. summer classes. He supervised 19 mathematics PhD students and 81 master's degree students. He also taught a large number of engineering students in their required math courses, which vastly increased the number of students who have been influenced by his teaching. Among his many honors, Dr. Guy received the Scarbrough Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Student Association Teaching Excellence Award, the Cactus Outstanding Teacher Award, the Natural Sciences Council Outstanding Teaching Award, and the Minnie Stevens Piper Professorship. He has been recognized as an American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow and as a Texas Academy of Science Fellow. In addition he was inducted into the Mechanical Engineering Academy of Distinguished Graduates at Texas A&M University in 2001. The immense amount he contributed to The University of Texas was recognized in 1995 when he was one of the first twelve people inducted into the newly established Academy of Distinguished Teachers. The culmination of his career came in 2010 when the College of Natural Sciences created the William T. (Bill) Guy Excellence Endowment in Mathematics." Dr. Guy was proud of teaching 63 years-60 years at UT, ending in 2009 when he was 89 years old; and 3 years at Cal Tech-of working on the board of deacons at Hyde Park Baptist Church, of his tireless work on the board at the University Federal Credit Union, and of his three sons. But Bill was most proud that he was married to Valaree Commander Guy. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Valaree Guy; three sons Paul Guy and his wife Heidi of Chico, California, Gary Guy of Austin, and Greg Guy and his wife Cynthia also of Austin; grandchildren Joel Guy, Heather Troth, Kevin Guy, and David Guy; six great grandchildren; sister Monnajene Guy Knight and her family; and three cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the "William T. (Bill) Guy, Jr. Excellence Endowment in Mathematics" in the College of Natural Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the Chapel of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, North Lamar location. Interment will follow at Austin Memorial Park. Obituary and guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

Obituary of William T. Guy, Jr.
Austin [American-Statesman](#), May 25, 2011

D. L. Welch 2906 Cherry Lane

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Frame residence and garage

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Fox Bros.

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Building permit to Dewey L. Welch for the construction of the house (1947)

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. ^{#3}340
INDEXED 3-15-48

Received of Fox Brothers Date 3-15-48

Address 2906 CHERRY LANE

Amount TWENTY AND NO. 20

Plumber SAME Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 3-17-48

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made 3/4"

Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From W Prop. Line to Curb Cock 14'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 2.5'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 30'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 4/14/48

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5/8"
1	Elbow 3/4" COPR
1	St. Elbow 3/4" COPR
1	Bushing 3/4" COPR
1	Reducer 3/4" COPR TO COPR
32	Pipe 3/4" COPR
1	Lead Comp. 2" X 3/4" TAP
1	Nipples 2" X 3/4" TAP
1	Unions
1	Plug
1	TEE TILU
1	Stop
1	Box 1.0.0.0.0
1	Lid 1"
	Valves
	Job No. <u>11-323-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>11. Parker</u>

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Water service permit to Fox Brothers, the contractors for the house (1948)