

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

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CASE NUMBER: C14H-2012-0012

HLC DATE:

September 24, 2012

October 22, 2012

November 26, 2012

December 11, 2012

PC DATE:

APPLICANT: Historic Landmark Commission

HISTORIC NAME: Sellstrom House

WATERSHED: Johnson Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 2617 Pecos Street

ZONING FROM: SF-3-NP to SF-3-H-NP

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood plan (SF-3-NP) combining district to single family residence – Historic Landmark – neighborhood plan (SF-3-H-NP) combining district zoning.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

The house is an excellent and intact example of mid-century modern residential architecture and is associated with Leonard Lundgren, a world-renowned Austin architect, who designed this house for Dr. Albert and Eleanor Sellstrom in 1961. Dr. Sellstrom was a professor in the Department of French and Italian at the University of Texas and published several scholarly works on the French playwright, Corneille.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: September 24, 2012: Postponed to October 22, 2012 at staff's request. October 22, 2012: Initiated the historic zoning case. Vote: 4-0 (Limbacher, Leary, and Rosato absent). November 26, 2012: Recommended the proposed zoning change from SF-3-NP to SF-3-H-NP based upon the criteria for architecture and community value. Vote: 5-0 (Roberts and Rosato abstaining).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE:

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: West Austin Neighborhood Group

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1961 Sellstrom House is an excellent example of mid-century modern architecture, designed by Leonard Lundgren, a world-known Austin architect whose only residential designs are here in Austin, for A. Donald and Eleanor Sellstrom. Dr. Sellstrom is professor emeritus of French at the University of Texas, served as chair of the Department of French

DATE BUILT: ca. 1961

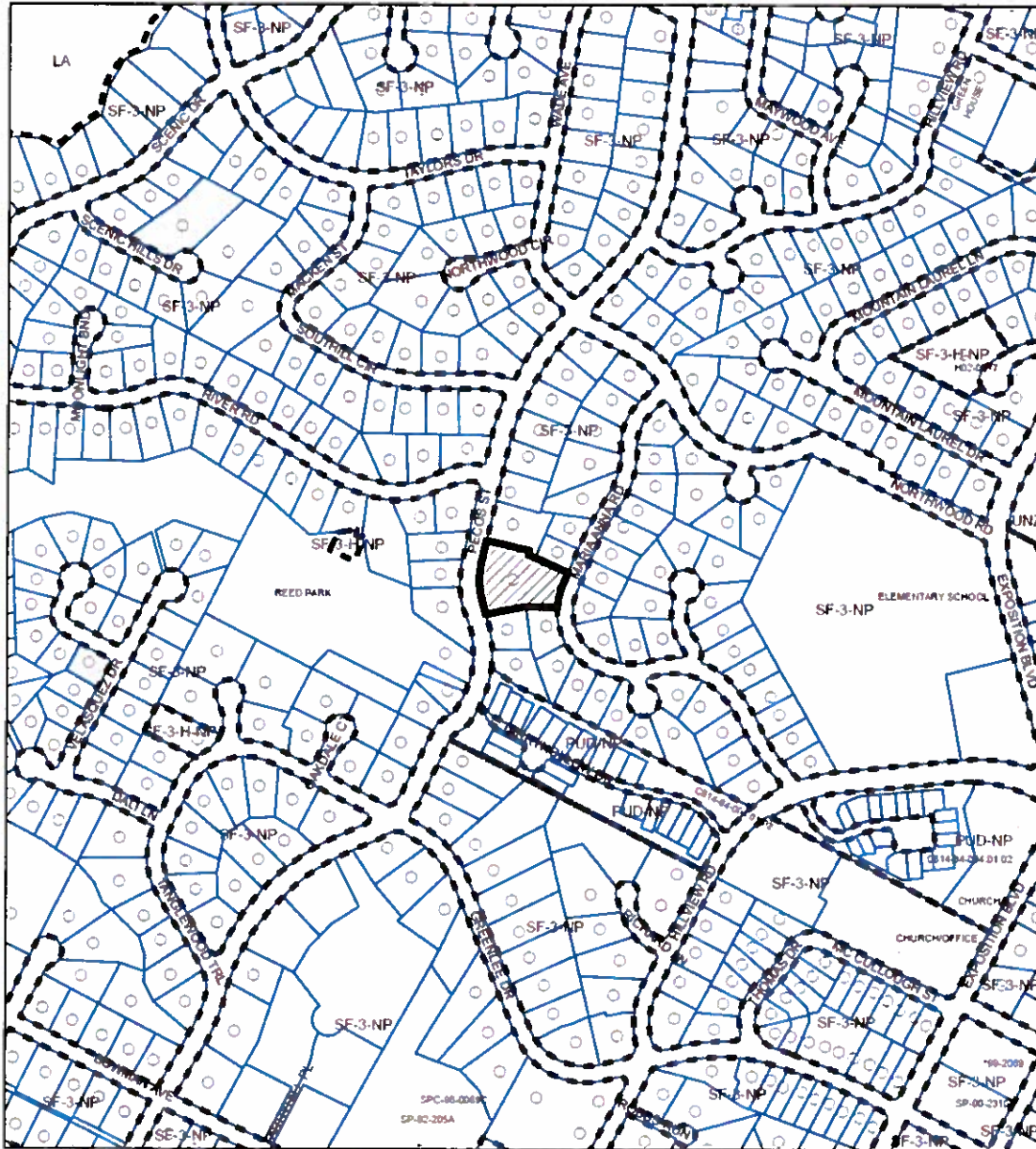
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

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: A pool was built in the back of the house.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Albert and Eleanor Sellstrom

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2012-0012



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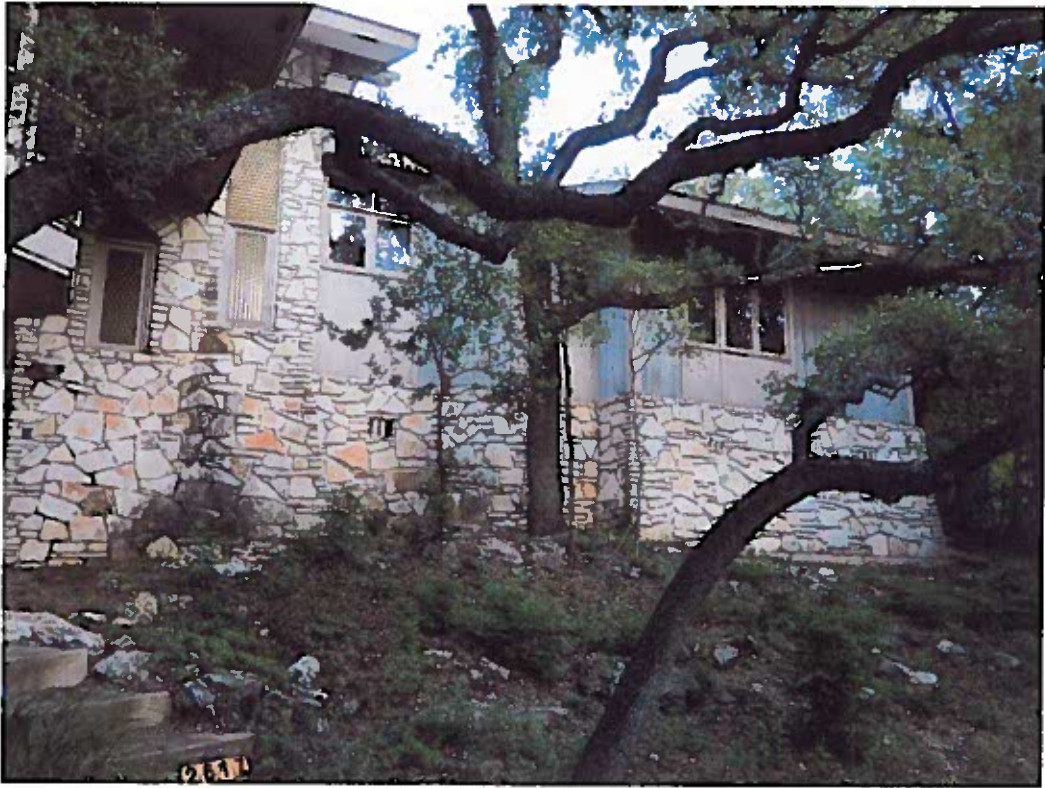


Detail of front entry and porch railing



Detail of front entry sidelights

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Detail of south wing

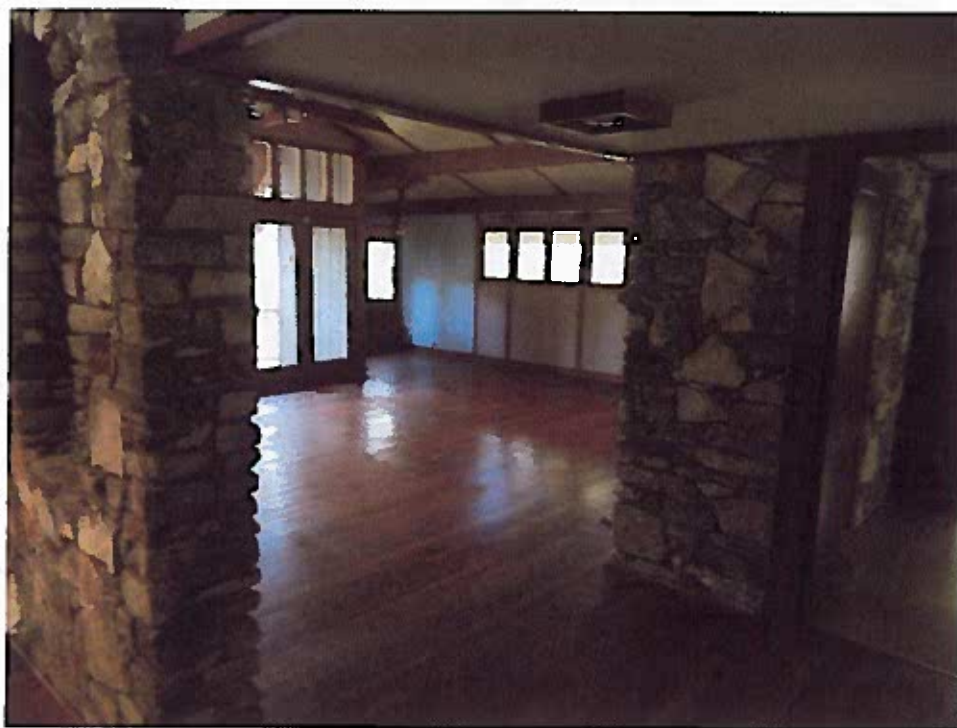


Detail of south wing

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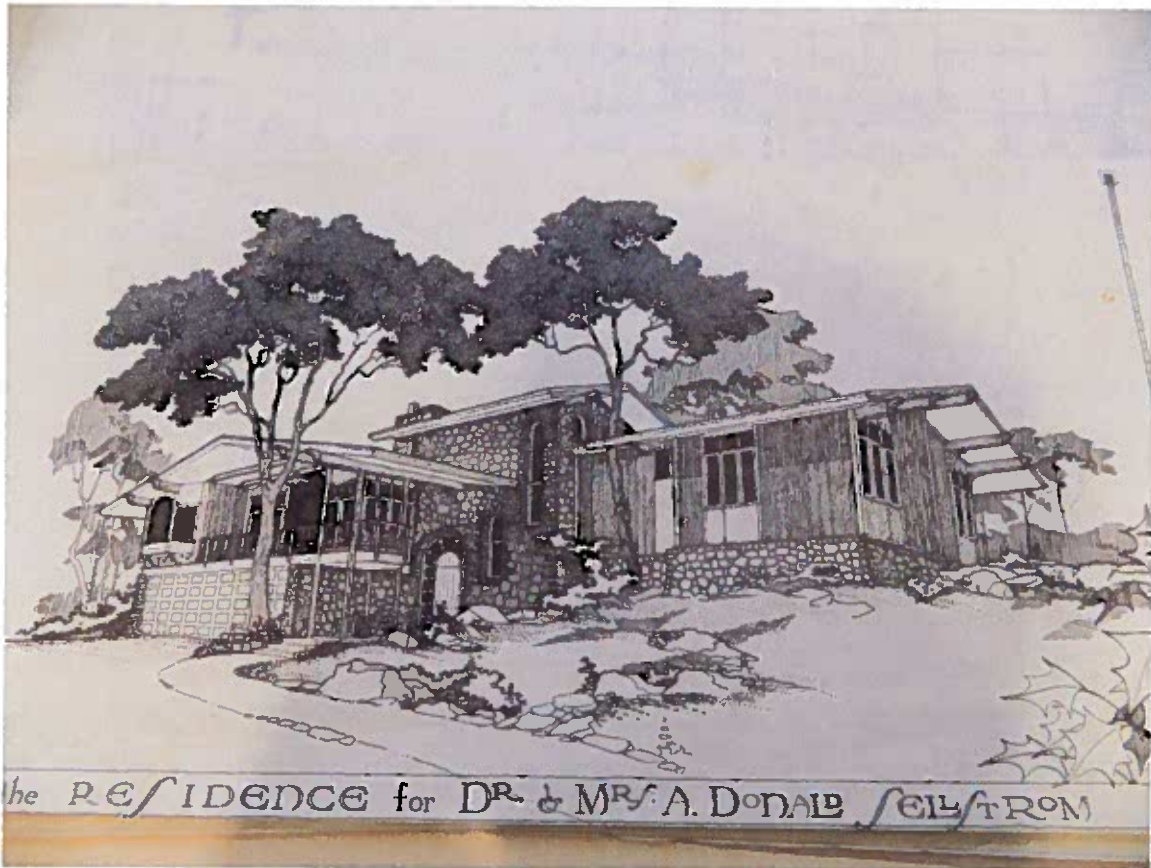


Details of the interior stone walls, a hallmark of mid-century modern design, incorporating traditionally outdoor materials into interior spaces and the open floorplan.



was born in Bastrop County, Texas in 1926. In 1937, the elder Albert Sellstrom passed away; Amelia and Albert Donald moved to Austin. Neither had an occupation listed in the 1940 census report. Albert Donald Sellstrom married his wife, Eleanor, in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1958. He is professor emeritus in the Department of French and Italian at the University of Texas, and has authored several books on the French playwright Corneille, including Corneille, Le Cid, and Corneille, Tasso, and Modern Poetics.

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1961 rendering of the house by Leonard Lundgren of Lundgren & Maurer, Architects



Dr. Donald Sellstrom

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Herman Brown # 2

Rock Veneer Residence and Garage and Mechanical Room Integral

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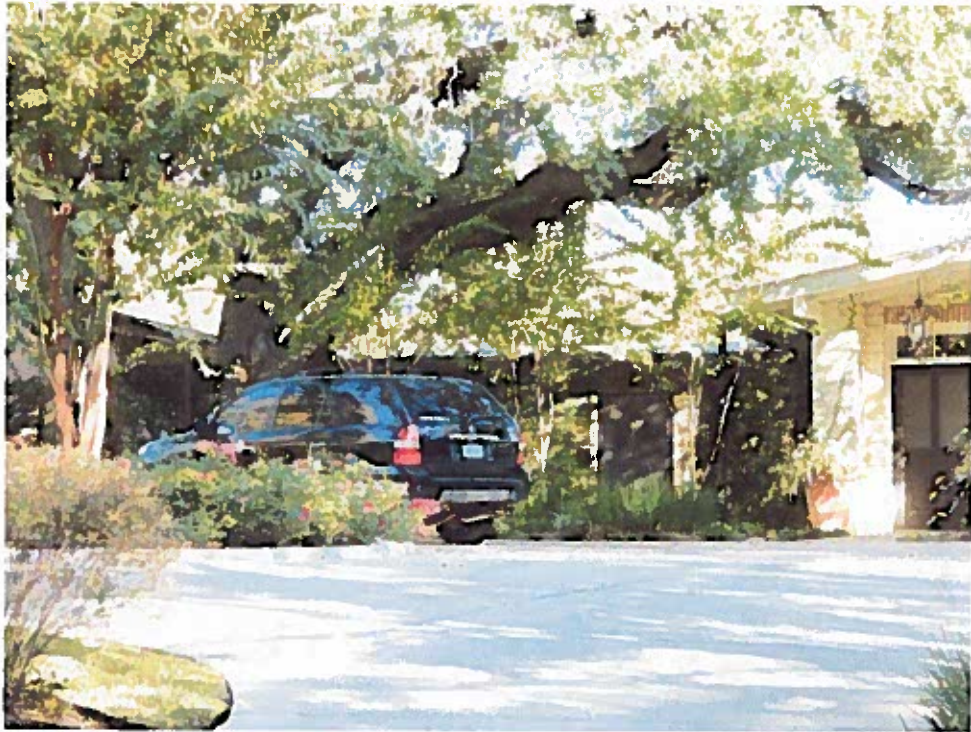
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RESIDENCE

5-15-78# 172941- Donald Selstrom- Pool
Private swimming pool & req. enclosure devices- 868sq.f
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Building permit to Donald Sellstrom for the construction of the house (1961)

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Thomas Residence, 3901 Balcones Drive (1956)



Overton Residence, 3408 Mount Bonnell Road (1959)

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Lochte Residence, 3401 Foothill Drive (1952)



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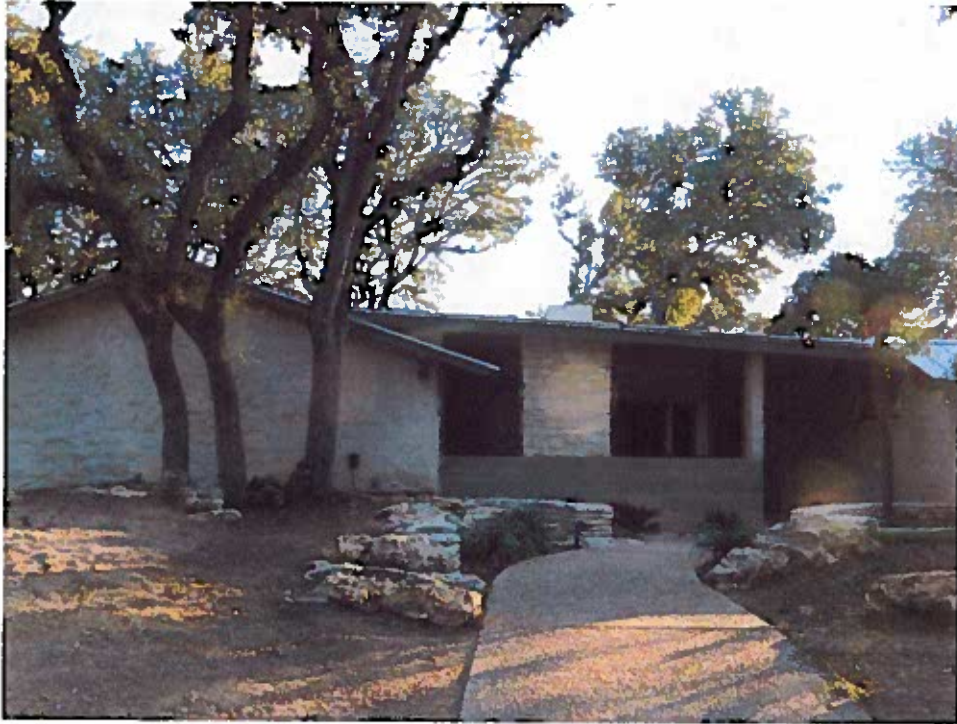
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Luedecke Residence, 3403 Foothill Parkway (1952)



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Lundgren Residence, 4401 Deepwoods Drive (1974)

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L&M Apartments, 1507 Pease Road (1958)

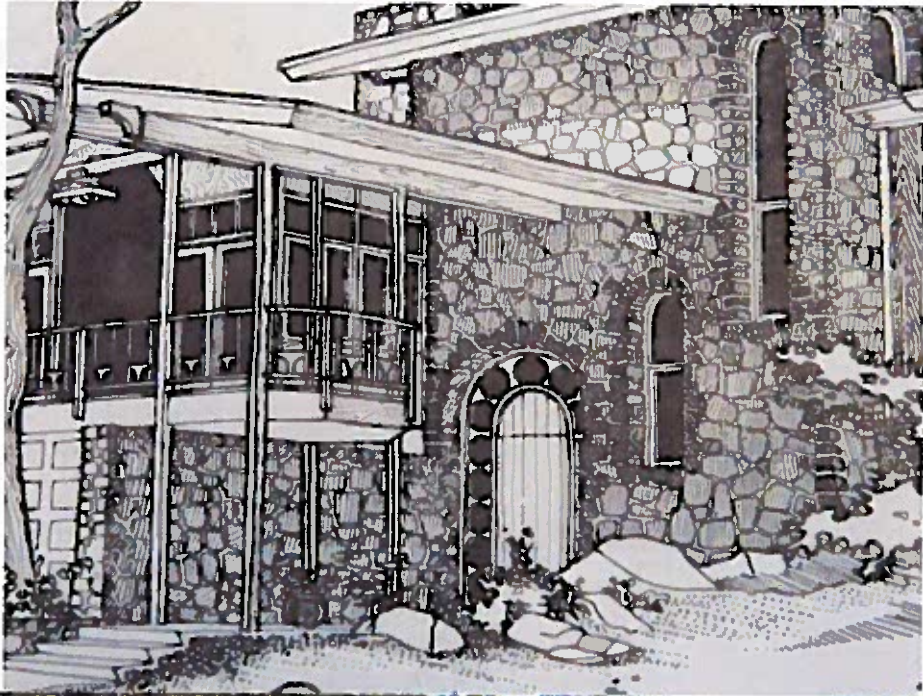
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St. George Episcopal Church, IH-35 and Crestwood Drive (1956)



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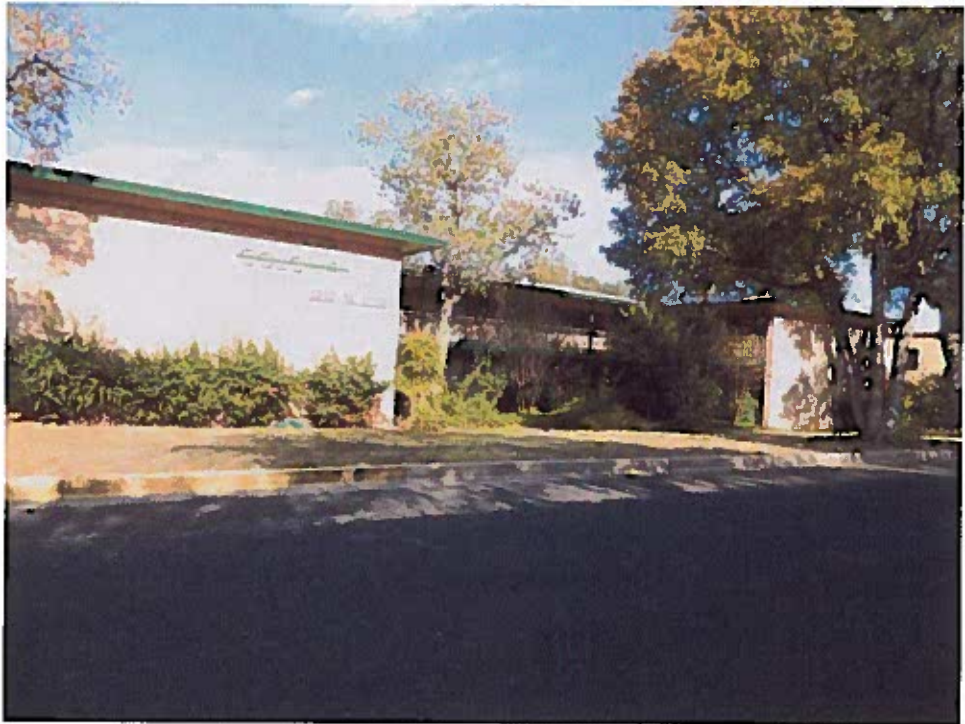


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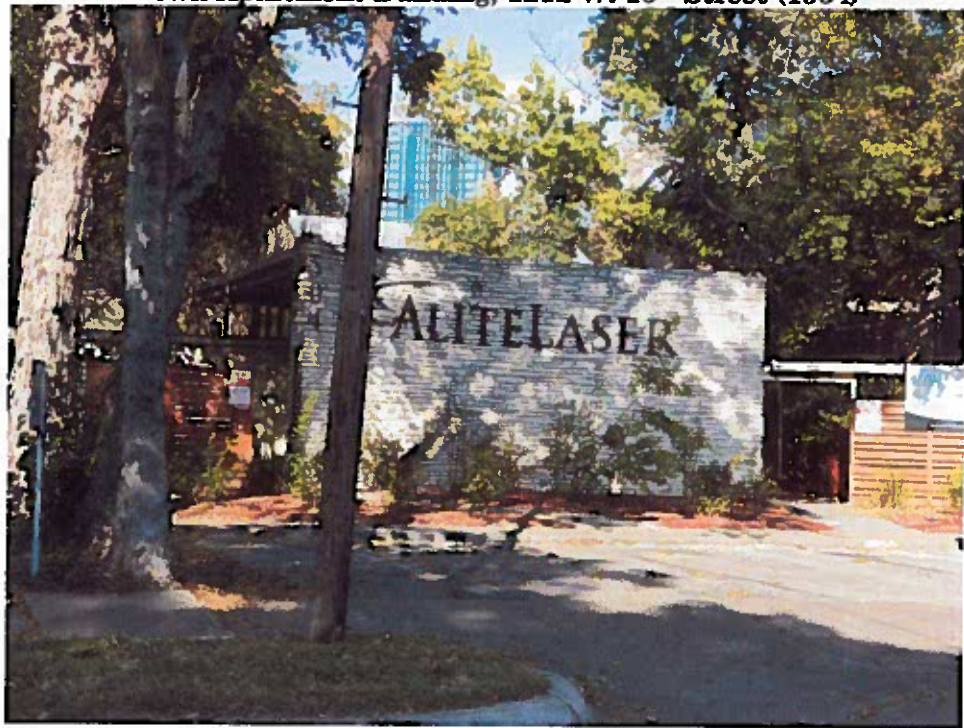


Hage Residence, 2613 Spring Lane (1960)

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Brown Apartment Building, 1212 W. 13th Street (1954)



Dildy-Bain Clinic, 504 W. 17th Street (1957)



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Fuller Residence, 1329 Bonham Terrace (1955)