

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 25, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
5512 MONTVIEW STREET  
HDP-2013-0093**

**PROPOSAL**

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Relocate a ca. 1938 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, cross-gabled weathered-wood shingled frame residence with a partial width, front-gabled, inset porch; single 1:1 fenestration on the sides, multi-light metal-framed casement-style picture windows on the front.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1938 by J. Clarence and Mary Crittenden, who lived next door at 5514 Montview Street. Crittenden was a carpenter. He rented the house to John O. and Ellen Baker in 1939, and by late 1940, his father, John T. Crittenden, and mother, Maggie Crittenden were occupying this house as tenants; they lived here until around 1948. The elder Crittenden was also a carpenter, but his obituary in the Austin American stated that he was a preacher in the Church of Christ, and had gone back to school at Abilene Christian University when he was in his 80s. He lived to be 104.

The house was then purchased by William Malcolm and Eula Ross, who had moved here from Bertram, Texas. Malcolm Ross was a grader operator for the Lower Colorado River Authority when he and Eula moved into this house. He later went to work for the Travis County Road Department until his retirement. After his death, Eula continued to live in the house for a few more years. The house has had at least three different owners since the mid-1970s, including an appraiser for the Travis County Assessor's Office, and an assistant professor at the University of Texas.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the relocation permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0093  
LOCATION: 5512 Montview Street



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**5512 Montview Street  
ca. 1938**





## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 5512 Montview Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
March, 2013

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| 1992    | Paul C. Hoffart, owner<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Paul C. Hoffart was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Michael J. and Sharon Jordan, owners<br>Assistant professor, University of Texas   |
| 1981    | Donald R. and Sue Bryant, owners<br>Appraiser, Travis County Assessor's Office   |
| 1977    | Donald R. and Sue Bryant, owners<br>Market consultant  |
| 1973    | Eula Ross, owner<br>Widow, William M. Ross<br>Retired  |
| 1968    | William M. and Eula A. Ross, owners<br>Retired   |

- 1962 William M. and Eula A. Ross, owners  
No occupation listed
- 1959 William M. and Eula A. Ross, owners  
Equipment operator, Travis County Commissioners
- 1955 William M. and Eula A. Ross, owners  
Machine operator, Travis County Road Department
- 1952 W. Malcolm and Eula A. Ross, owners  
Soil conservation
- 1949 John R. Crittenden, owner  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: William M. and Eula A. Ross are also listed as living at 5512 Montview Street. He was a grader operator for the Lower Colorado River Authority.
- 1947 John T. and Maggie Crittenden, renters  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: William M. And Eula A. Ross are not listed in the directory.
- 1944-45 No houses are listed on Montview Street.  
NOTE: Neither John T. and Maggie Crittenden nor J. Clarence and Mary A. Crittenden are not listed in the directory.
- 1941 John T. and Maggie Crittenden, renters  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: J. Clarence and Mary Crittenden are listed as living at 5514 Montview Street. He was a carpenter.
- 1940 John T. and Maggie Crittenden are listed as living at 1810 Nickerson Street. He was a carpenter.  
NOTE: J. Clarence and Mary Crittenden are listed as living at 5514 Montview Street; he was a carpenter.
- 1939 John O. and Ellen Baker, renters  
Rural mail carrier, Post Office  
NOTE: J. Clarence and Mary Crittenden are listed as living at 5514 Montview Street; he was a carpenter.  
NOTE: John T. and Maggie L. Crittenden are listed as living at 1810 Nickerson Street in South Austin. He was a carpenter.
- 1937 Montview Street is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: J. Clarence and Mary Crittenden are not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: John T. and Maggie Crittenden are listed as living at 1810 Nickerson Street; he was a carpenter.  
NOTE: John O. and Ellen Baker are not listed in the directory.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES****John T. and Maggie Crittenden (ca. 1940 – ca. 1950)**

John T. and Maggie Crittenden are listed in the 1910 U.S. Census as living on Fair View Drive in Austin. John Crittenden was then 44 years old, had been born in Alabama, and was a carpenter. Maggie Crittenden was then 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed in the census report. The couple had four children: Elmer, 13, Clarence, 11, Jewell, 7, and Ruth, 5.

By 1930, John T. and Maggie Crittenden were renting a house at 2819 Emmett Street in Dallas, Texas, where John was a house carpenter. With them lived daughter Jewell Vinson, a pre-adjuster for a mail order company, and Ruth Brockett, who was divorced, and worked as a feeder in a printing company. Ruth had a young son, Billy Brockett. By 1940, the Crittendens were living at 5512 Montview Street, and they are listed as renters. John T. Crittenden did not have an occupation listed. Their daughter, Jewell Vinson, lived with them, and worked as a stenographer for a building contractor. Billy Brockett, their 13-year old grandson, also lived with them.

# Almost 104, Crittenden Dies Here

J. T. Crittenden died Monday in a local hospital — less than a week before he was to celebrate his 104th birthday.

Crittenden, of 3405-A Tom Green, recently attributed his long life to abstention from smoking, drinking and other harmful practices and to his faith in God.

Born near Montgomery, Ala., April 4, 1867, he had resided in Texas since January, 1893 when he brought his family to settle on a farm near Lockhart.

He was an active member of the Church of Christ for more than 80 years, serving as deacon, elder and preacher. He was a member of the University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin.

When he was in his 80s, he decided to go to Abilene Christian College to study religion.

Besides serving as a preacher, Crittenden worked with farming, hauling cordwood, digging holes for fireplugs in water lines and in an oil mill. He was the son of a Church of Christ minister.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Dr. John C. Stevens, president of Abilene Christian College, officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Abilene Christian College.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Abraham and Mrs. Jewell Collins, both of Austin; one grandson, William E. Brockett of Houston; and three great-grandchildren.

Obituary of John T. Crittenden  
Austin American, March 30, 1971

### **J. T. CRITTENDEN**

Funeral for J. T. Crittenden, 183, will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Dr. John C. Stevens, President of Abilene Christian College, will officiate. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Dr. N. L. (Tim) McLeod, O. P. Schoolfield, Luke Robinson, Clayson Fuller, Newton Mitchell, Clarence Mobley, Gordon Hill, and John Watson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Abilene Christian College.

Funeral notice for John T. Crittenden  
Austin American, March 31, 1971

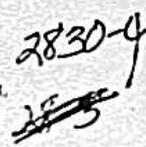
### **William Malcolm and Eula A. Ross (ca. 1950 – ca. 1975)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Malcolm and Eula Ross living in a rented house in Bertram, Texas. Malcolm Ross was then 43, had been born in Texas, and was a County road laborer. In 1935, he and Eula had been living in Nolan County, Texas. Eula Ross was then 39, and had been born in Texas. They had a 16-year old son, Edsel Odell Ross, who had been born in

Texas. The 1930 U.S. Census shows the family living on a farm in Nolan County, Texas, where Malcolm was a farmer. They had an older daughter, Laverne, who was then 11, and does not appear with the family in the 1940 census report.

Serial No. <u>58</u>	Registration No. <u>21</u>
1 Name in full <u>William Malcolm Ross</u>	Age in yrs. <u>21</u>
2 Home address <u>Bertram Tex</u>	
3 Date of birth <u>March 9<sup>th</sup> 1897</u>	
4 Where born <u>Burnet Co Texas U.S.A.</u>	
5 I am <input type="checkbox"/> 1. A native of the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. A naturalized citizen. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. An alien. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. A person who has been in the United States for less than one year.	
6 Is not a citizen of a foreign nation, a state or district?	
7 Father's birthplace <u>Texas U.S.A.</u>	
8 Name of employer <u>Self</u>	
9 Place of employment <u>Bertram Texas</u>	
10 Name of nearest relative <u>Mrs. Eula Ross (wife)</u>	
11 Address of nearest relative <u>Bertram Texas</u>	
I swear that I have verified above answers and that they are true.	
 W. M. C. R. Form 1 (1918) REGISTRATION CARD.	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	<u>42-1-18-1</u>
2	Color of eyes <u>gray</u> Color of hair <u>Light brown</u>
3	Has person had eye, leg, hand, foot, or is he probably physically disqualified (specify)? <u>no</u>
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read his own answer and that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
 H. A. Duncan (Signature of Registrar) June 5 <sup>th</sup> 1918 (Date of Registration)	
Local Board for the County of Burnet, State of Texas. 2830-4 	
(The stamp of the local board having jurisdiction of the case in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)	

William Malcolm Ross' World War I draft registration card (1918) shows that he had lived in Bertram, Texas and was self-employed. He was married to Eula at that time.

**W. MALCOLM ROSS**

**BERTRAM — Funeral for W. Malcolm Ross, 71, who died Sunday in an Austin hospital, will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Edgar Memorial Chapel here with Rev. Theodore McElroy of Austin officiating. Burial will be in Bear Creek cemetery with graveside rites under direction of Lodge 583 AF&AM.**

Survivors include his wife, Eula Ross, Austin; daughters, Mrs. Laverne Hass and Miss Mary Jo Ross, both of Austin; sons, Edsel Ross, Pasadena and Kenneth Ross, Austin; sisters, Mrs. Lillie Crumb, Robert Lee, Mrs. Vonnie Buckner, Bertram, Mrs. Senia Redd and Mrs. Mabel Huggins, both of Austin, Mrs. Irene Huggins, Bertram, Mrs. Beulah Huggins, Austin, and Mrs. Della Culpepper, Bertram; brother, W. David Ross, Austin; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ross was a resident and Travis County employe in Austin for 20 years and a former resident of Bertram. He was a member of Hyde Park Christian Church and Bertram Lodge 583 AF&AM.

Obituary of William Malcolm Ross  
Austin American, December 10, 1968

de la Luz Cemetery.

**ROSS, Eula, 93, of Bertram died Friday. Services 2 p.m. Sunday, Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home, Burnet. Burial Bear Creek Cemetery.**

Death notice for Eula Ross  
Austin American-Statesman, January 22, 1994

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

No. **10229**

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Received of **J. C. Crittenden** Date **3-31-38**

Address **5512 Montview St.**

Amount **Two and 50/100** \$ **2.50**

Plumber **Burnett** Size of Tap **1/2**

Date of Connection **4/1/38**

Size of Tap Made **3/4**

Size Service Made **3/4**

Size Main Tapped **2"**

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **5 1/2'**

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock **7'**

Location of Meter **at curb**

Type of Box **1-2-3-4**

Depth of Main in St. **18"**

Depth of Service Line **18"**

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **1'**

Checked by Engr. Dept. **4-16-38**

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 3/4"
1	Elbow 1/2"
1	St. Elbow 3/4"
1	Bushing 3/4"
1	Reducer 1/2" to 3/4"
1	1/2" Pipe 2'-0" Pipe
1	Lead-Comp. 3/4" x 1/2" x 5 ft.
	Nipples
1	Union 3/4" to 1/2"
1	Plug 1/2" x 1/2"
	Tee
1	Stop 3/4" x 1/2" x 1/2"
1	Box 1/2" x 1/2"
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <b>088-1016</b>
	Req. No. <b>23769</b>

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Water service permit to J.C. Crittenden (1938)