

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 19, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0177
3505 MOUNT BARKER DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1957 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, irregular-plan, shallow side-gabled to flat-roofed frame house with stone veneer wainscoting and wood siding in both vertical patterns on the front of the house and horizontal patterns on other walls. The house is noted for its many floor-to-ceiling plate glass walls framed with wood posts; other windows include horizontally-sliding aluminum-framed windows. The front door is glazed and double-leaf.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1957 by J.E. McKee for Charles H. Dent. The December 28, 1956 building permit is for a brick veneered house with an attached garage; what was built was a frame house with a stone wainscoting and garage that is attached to the house only minimally with a blank wall connecting the two. J. Eugene McKee was an architect and draftsman. The 1947 city directory, the first in which he is listed, shows him as an architect with Capital Prefabricators, a division of Capital City Lumber Company, which manufactured homes, tourist cottages, and vacation cottages. In the 1949 directory, he is listed as a trainee with the Coates Company, a tile business. By 1953, he is listed as an architect with his office at his home, 3907 Avenue G. The 1955 and 1957 directories show him as a draftsman with his own firm, the J.E. McKee Company, at 5243 [North] Lamar Boulevard. By 1959, he was listed as an architect, with an office at 915 W. 29th Street. He moved his office to 2701-A Exposition Boulevard by the time of the publication of the 1962 city directory, and then moved his office back to his home on Avenue G in the mid-1960s. In 1968, he was the construction supervisor for the State Department of Mental Health, and through the 1970s was the manager or associate in charge of the architectural firm of Brasher-Goyette-Rapier on E. Riverside Drive. He is not listed in Austin city directories after 1981. The 1940 U.S. Census report shows him as the son of Italy and Antoinette McKee of Fort Worth; he was a 14-year old popcorn seller; his father was a well-driller.

The owner of the house, Charles H. Dent, had been a school principal in Garland and Dallas, Texas; he and his wife moved to Austin in 1952 when he became a professor of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education at the University of Texas; he retired from that position in 1976.

STAFF COMMENTS

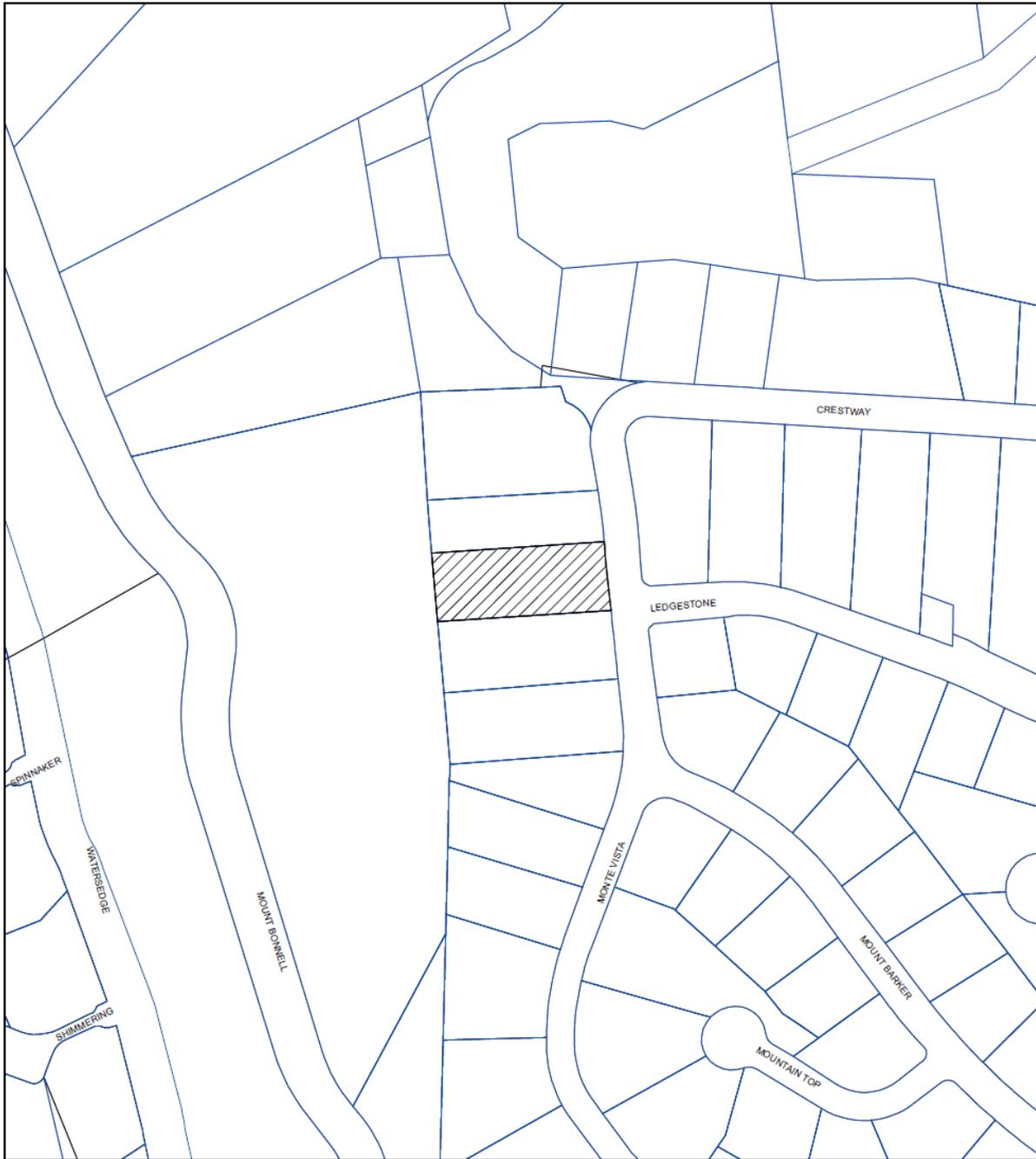
The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends release of the 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. This house is a very good example of mid-century Modern architecture in Austin, and has the rectilinear design, low profile, stone wainscoting, vertical wood siding, glazed double doors, and large walls of glass picture windows, which reflect ideals of mid-century Modern design. The owners have

attempted to retain the house and to build an addition, but the house suffers from structural issues that have forced the owners' decision to demolish and build new.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2014-0177
LOCATION: 3505 Mount Barker Drive



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3505 Mount Barker Drive
ca. 1957





OCCUPANCY HISTORY

3505 Mount Barker Drive

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
 By City Historic Preservation Office
 April, 2014

1992	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1985-86	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1981	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1977	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1973	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Associate professor, University of Texas
1968	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Associate professor, University of Texas
1962	Charles H. and Mary B. Dent, owners Associate professor, University of Texas

1959 Charles and Mary B. Dent, owners
Associate professor, University of Texas

1958 Charles and Mary B. Dent, owners
Associate professor, University of Texas

1957 The street is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Charles and Mary Dent are listed as living at 2104 Exposition Boulevard;
he was an associate professor at the University of Texas.



Charles Herger Dent

Charles Herger Dent of Austin, age 90, died in a local hospital on Monday, December 24, 2001.

He was born on November 14, 1911, the fourth of seven children of the Reverend Isaac and Sarah Williams Dent of Georgetown, Texas.

Mr. Dent received an Associate of Arts degree from Lon Morris Academy of Jacksonville; a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1931 and a Master of Arts degree in 1941; and a Doctor of Education degree from New York University in 1951.

From 1931 until he completed his DED degree, he was a principal in Garland and Dallas schools. From 1952 until retirement in 1976 he was Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at the University of Texas in Austin. During this tenure he had leaves of absence to serve two years in Belo Horizonte, Brazil as consultant to the Agency for International Development and one year at the American Community School in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He served as President of the Texas Elementary Principal's Association, the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum, and the National Board for Educational Development.

Dr. Dent was President of the Austin-Travis County Mental Health Society and was named Mental Health Man of the Year in 1958. He was a Danforth Fellow; a consultant in the Hogg Foundation; and an officer and life member of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Active for decades in the University United Methodist Church, he was a long-time Vice President of the Hickman Men's Bible Class who voted him to be the first recipient of the "Fisherman of Men" pin; he served as Sunday School Superintendent; and he was voted "Saint of the Church". Also, he served on the National Publication Board of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Dent served as President of the Texas Fine Arts Association. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and of Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary education fraternity.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary Brown Freeman Dent, formerly of Garland; a son, Laurence of Toronto, Canada; a granddaughter, Sabrina of London, England; a sister, Perla Dent Davis of Henderson, Texas; two nieces, a nephew, and many cousins. An older son, Charles Freeman, died in 1974.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2001 at Westminster Manor, Harris Belle Hall.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811

Obituary of Charles H. Dent
Austin American-Statesman, December 25, 2001

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES H. DENT

Dr. Charles Herger Dent was born on November 14, 1911, the fourth of seven children of the Reverend Isaac and Sarah Williams Dent of Georgetown, Texas, and died in Austin on December 24, 2001, at the age of 90. Mr. Dent received an associate of arts degree from Lon Morris Academy, Jacksonville, Texas, a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1931, and a master of arts degree in 1941. He received an Ed.D. degree from New York University in 1951. He was married to Mary Brown Freeman Dent for 64 years. They were the parents of two sons: Laurence of Toronto, Canada, and Charles, who died in 1974.

From 1931 until he completed his Ed.D. degree, he was an elementary teacher and principal in Garland and Dallas schools. From 1952 until his retirement in 1976, he was a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at The University of Texas where he specialized in social studies education. At the University, Dr. Dent was instrumental in promoting international understanding and public relations with particular reference to Central and South America and the University. Under his leadership, educational ties were strengthened between the College of Education and various educational institutions of Mexico. For example, he established a chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a national honorary society, in Saltillo, Mexico, and was involved in exchange teacher programs between cities in Texas and Mexico. During his tenure, he received several leaves of absence to serve two years in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, as consultant to the Agency for International Development and one year at the American Community School in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Additionally, he served as president of the Texas Elementary Principals' Association, the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum, and the National Board for Educational Development. Dr. Dent was also president of the Austin-Travis County Mental Health Society and was named "Mental Health Man of the Year" in 1958. He was a Danforth Fellow, a consultant to the Hogg Foundation, and an officer and life member of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and of Phi Delta Kappa, serving as chapter president for this honorary society for several terms. Active for decades in the University United Methodist Church in Austin, he was a long-time vice-president of the Hickman Men's Bible Class. He also served on the national Publication Board of the United Methodist Church.

No one who knew (or even briefly met) Dr. Dent would ever forget him and his positive, charming demeanor; he was the epitome of "hail fellow well met." Dr. Thomas Horn, former chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, called him the department's "prime doer of good things." Responding to Dr. Dent's retirement letter, Dr. William Bennie, Dr. Horn's successor, (paraphrasing Will Rogers) paid him this richly deserved compliment: "I never met a man who didn't like Charlie

Dent." Dr. Bennie went on to say in his letter that "your kindness, your pleasant disposition, and the interest which you have taken in the hundreds of young people during your tenure at the University will be remembered by all members of the faculty and by thousands of teachers in the field."

(University of Texas Memorial Resolution)

Chas. H. Dent **3505 Mt. Barker Dr**
Map **3** **Y**
283
424 **Balcones Park Section 8**
Br. Ven Res and Att Garage
65516 **12-28-56** **40,000.00**
J.E. McKee **15**
Water Tap Rec # 11582 **Sewer Tap Rec # 26769**

Building permit to Charles H. Dent for the construction of this house (1956)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT 424
Austin, Texas **E No 11582**

Received of CHAS H DENT Date 12-28-56
 Address 3505 MT. BARKER DRIVE LOT 3, BLK 4 (SEC 282)
 Amount FORTY & NO 100 \$400
 Plumber V. R. WATTINGER Size of Tap 1 1/2"

Date of Connection	<u>3-5-57</u>	No. Fittings Size Corp. Cock Elbow <u>1/2" COP TO IRON</u> St. Elbow Bushing Reducer Pipe <u>1/2" COP</u> Lead Comp Nipples <u>8" x 1/2" BRASS</u> Union Plug Tee <u>TIE</u> Stop Box <u>LOW</u> Lid Valves <u>1 1/2"</u> Job No. <u>MT 323700-502</u> Req. No. <u>W. R. K.</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>1 1/2"</u>	
Size Service Made	<u>1 1/2"</u>	
Size Main Tapped	<u>2" C.F.</u>	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7.5'</u>	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb-Cock	<u>NO. P.L.</u>	
Location of Meter	<u>2403</u>	
Type of Box	<u>LOW</u>	
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>	
Depth of Service Line	<u>3'</u>	

From Front Prop. Line to Tap on Main map stub
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 6-20-57
RM

2838-5-1100-11582

Water service permit to Charles H. Dent (1956)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

Nº 26769

Received of V. R. WATTINGER Date 12-28-56
 Address 3505 Mt. Barker Drive
 Amount TWENTY FIVE & NO/100 25.00
 Builder or Owner CHAS. H. DENT Plumber
 Lot 3 Block 9 Subdivision Falcone Park Sec 2 Plat No. 282

Date of Connection <u>5-6-57</u>	Price
By City	
By Plumber <u>2.5 - NO/500</u>	
Checked By	
Size Main <u>8"</u> Depth <u>5'</u>	
Main Assign. <u>14.5 EDWIL</u>	
Stub Depth <u>3 1/2'</u> Prop. Line <u>3.5</u>	
Stub Location <u>2 1/2' N/SIDE</u>	
Book No. <u>A-4029</u>	
Paving Cut No. <u>OR 5-2-57</u> <u>40</u>	
No. Fittings	
Pipe	
Wyes	
Bends	
Reducers	
Plugs	
Sand	
Gravel	
Remix	
Stoppers	
Castings	
Other	
Labor: <u>2.50</u>	
Total <u>2.50</u>	

Sewer service permit to plumber J.R. Wattering for the home of Charles H. Dent at 3505 Mount Barker Drive (1956)

The kitchen and master bedroom were remodeled in 2002.

From: kim vaughan [<mailto:kimpv65@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 4:26 PM
To: Bellissima Builders
Subject: Re: 3505 Mount Barker

We bought this property in December 2012. We spent the next 9 months planning to renovate the existing home with an addition that only slightly increased the footprint and added a second story that we felt was unobtrusive. At that point we encountered structural issues that changed the course of our project from renovation to demo/rebuild. We did NOT change our plans at that point though. We love the bones of the home and still plan to rebuild the living areas of the home as they are currently, with only minor changes. We have consulted with neighbors, with architects, with the neighborhood association and with an architectural historian, all of whom agree that we are being sensitive to the property and the neighborhood.

Here are the comments we received from the architectural historian (she holds an MS in Architectural History & Theory from UT Austin and she lives in the neighborhood):

- I think you're wise to keep much of the original floor plan intact. It's obviously well-sited on the lot. And from sneaking in the back, you've done a really fantastic job with the pool.

-Your desire to keep some of the original features (wood ceilings, fireplace) also indicate your intent to reuse as much as you can. Overall, the plans are sympathetic to the past without being restricted by the limitations of an older home.

-I don't see any reason to oppose what you have proposed. Your plans honor the intention of the original home while modernizing the interior, increase energy efficiency, and maximize the lot without compromising shade/sunlight or views on adjacent lots. The plans are well within setbacks, which I think demonstrates a sense of neighborliness not always seen on demo/rebuild jobs in this neighborhood.