

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
NRD-2016-0086
1004 Maufrais Street
West Line

PROPOSAL

Construct a second-story addition and a new detached garage.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of two additions – a 480-square foot ground floor addition to the front of the house under the existing front-gabled porch, and a second-story addition that will be 1,100 square feet. The applicant further proposes the construction of a one-story, 500-square foot detached garage at the back of the lot.

The proposed additions will match existing materials in terms of siding and window configuration; the second-story addition will have a hipped roof. The detached garage will have a front-gabled roof.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The West Line National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions. The existing house is not contributing to the historic district. General design principles for historic districts encourage second-story additions to be placed at the rear of the existing house with at least a 15-foot setback from the front wall, using materials that are compatible with the existing house and the traditional materials of the historic district, and not making changes to the front of the house. The general design principle in play here is to not make a non-contributing house even more non-contributing.

RESEARCH




The ca. 1950 house was built by Fancher and Evelyn Archer, a husband-and-wife team of attorneys, who lived here until the early 1960s. The house was then a rental property owned by the Archers until they divorced in 1968; in 1965, it was converted to a duplex. Renters since that time have included the proprietor of a small engine repair shop and his wife.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The house is currently non-contributing, and the addition will not affect that status. The appearance of the house seems to have been significantly modified over the years, so that the proposed addition will not obscure historic architecture. Staff recommends release of the permit as proposed.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
 PENDING CASE
 ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 167'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2016-0086
 LOCATION: 1004 Maufrais

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1004 Maufrais Street
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1004 Maufrais Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
November, 2016

1992	A:	Daniel and Paula Johnson, renters Proprietor, Dan's Small Engine Repair (not listed in the directory)
	B:	Brian Bilian, renter Student NOTE: The directory indicates that Brian Bilian was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	A:	Daniel Johnson, renter Manager, Buck & Brothers Small Engine Repair, 4718 Burnet Road.
	B:	Vacant
1981	A:	Daniel Johnson, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Daniel Johnson was a new resident at this address.
	B:	Vacant
1977	A:	No return
	B:	Terrill Birknes, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Terrill Birknes was a new resident at this address.

- 1973 A: Karen A. Kuddes, renter
 No occupation listed
 B: Claude Pollard, renter
 No occupation listed
- 1968 Jean Withers, renter
 Clerk
- 1965 W.T. McCown, Jr., renter
 Salesman, Jack Stableford Pontiac, 1014-20 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1961 Fancher S. and Evelyn Archer, owners
 Proprietors, Archer & Archer, attorneys, 206 Littlefield Building.
- 1957 Fancher S. and Evelyn Archer, owners
 Proprietors, Archer & Archer, attorneys, 206 Littlefield Building.
- 1953 Fancher S. and Evelyn Archer, owners
 Proprietors, Archer & Archer, attorneys, 824 Littlefield Building.
- 1952 Fancher S. and Evelyn Archer, owners
 Attorneys, 307 W. 12th Street.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Fancher and Evelyn Archer are listed at an un-numbered house on Little Walnut Drive; they were attorneys with offices at 307 W. 12th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Fancher S. and Evelyn Archer (ca. 1950 – ca. 1963)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Fancher S. and Evelyn L. Archer as the renters of a house in Rockport, Texas. Fancher S. Archer was 26, had been born in Texas, and was an attorney. Evelyn L. Archer was 26, had been born in Texas, and was an attorney. They had lived in Austin in 1935.

Fancher Samuel Archer and Evelyn lone Archer were married in 1938 and divorced in Travis County in 1968.

Evelyn lone Archer died in 1973 and is buried in Austin. Fancher Archer died in 2008 in Fort Worth, and is buried in Azle, Texas.

Mrs. Archer: Lawyer's Life, Lawyer's Wife

By NANCY PHILIPS JONES
Written for The American-Statesman

LAWYER Mrs. Fancher Archer has never been bothered by not being able to see the forest for the trees.

Her broad analytical mind cuts the details, photographs the overall picture and prints the sharp negative in an operation that moves smoothly from law office to home.

Husband and law partner Fancher Archer is the detail man. They have been a successful husband-wife team since they met in the University of Texas Law School and were married in 1938.

With the exception of the war years, that is over a decade of seeing each other every day, both at home and at the law firm office—now located in the Littlefield Building.

Archer and Archer do general practice. She is interested in appellate work and he likes taxation.

Proof of their even keel:

"I really miss him when he is not around," she says.

Evelyn Lincoln Archer takes the profession of law so seriously that, with L. Hamilton Lowe (attorney associated with the Archer firm) she wrote a back breaking law book, "Texas Practice—Injunctions and Other Extraordinary Proceedings."



Austin American-United Press
MRS. FANCHER ARCHER
 Attorney, author, authority on law.

It is a highly respected practice book for practicing lawyers and covers 12 extraordinary remedies (injunctions, receiverships, forcible entry, garnishments, etc.). The two lawyers spent five years researching every sentence, every phrase, covering 5,000 cases.

"The vertebra in my neck hurt for 18 months," Mrs. Archer remembers all too well.

Mrs. Archer does not look as if she ever saw a law book.

When the couple moved to Austin a relative invited them to dinner.

The worried hostess pictured Evelyn with beak nose, horn rimmed glasses, hair parted in the middle, the set jawed type.

"I had one baby two years old and another only three months old and I thought oh no why should this happen to me."

Who, she opened the door to the Archers the pressured hostess almost gasped with astonishment.

"There stood this lovely, petite brunette, with beautiful dark eyes and handsome clothes. She was so friendly I liked her immediately. She literally took over the kids and we have all loved her ever since."

The Archers have a gift for handling young people.

A couple of years before their son, Sammy, was born, the Archers took a 14 year old boy into their home to live with them until he finished high school.

"THEY really loved him and had a tremendous influence in directing his above average talents," a friend reflected.

The boy won one of the first scholarships from Austin High School to Yale. He worked his way through and will graduate from Yale Law School in June. He has a good position waiting for him in Houston.

The Archer's own pride and joy, Sammy, is seven and unusually mature.

"You are awfully smart," a grown-up told him, not quite daring to pat him on the head.

"Oh, I'm not smart," he answered. "I am an only child and very spoiled."

The five foot two woman lawyer was born in Corpus Christi in 1913. Her father, A. H. Lincoln Jr., was superintendent of public transportation. Evelyn was one of three children.

The Lincolns moved to El Paso in 1927 where Evelyn attended high school and the College of Mines (now called Texas Western).

Even as a child, Evelyn Lincoln was interested in law and her burning ambition was to be a lawyer.

She was never around lawyers and no close members of her family were lawyers.

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Austin American-United Press

EVELYN ARCHER WITH JEWELRY - MAKING SON, SAMMY

A successful career, a charming home and a happy life.

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However, she had a distinguished relative who did right well in that field.

Abe Lincoln was her father's great uncle.

Evelyn's father first frowned on her law ambitions.

"He was old fashioned and believed the profession was no place for a woman — that I should prepare myself to be a teacher. So I taught physical education and dramatics for two years while I took my BA degree."

By that time she had won her father's permission to study law at the University of Texas. In 1936-38, there were 21 girls in the Law School.

"On the first day the professor told us, 'Have a good look at the ones on the right

and left of you because two will be gone come spring.'"

The Archers hung their first shingle in Fancher's home town of Amarillo. The wind and sand almost blew away the shingle so the couple took it to Corpus Christi and finally bought the Abstract and Title Company in Rockport.

The war separated the couple in 1942, but Evelyn remained in Rockport, built up the company and became county attorney.

Business was good, building boomed.

"It was a grueling time . . . if I hadn't been in my foolish young twenties I would never have made it," she says now.

Just before Fancher returned home from service in India, Evelyn was chosen delegate from the State Bar to the

Inter-American Bar conference in Santiago, Chile. The object of the meeting was to facilitate tourist trade and better understanding among the American countries.

"I was amazed at the number of women lawyers. There are 300 in Santiago!"

Santiago spread the red carpet for the delegates and they were lavishly entertained by social and political leaders.

What Evelyn aptly describes as "the sweet smell of Austin" drew the Archers after the war and they opened a law office here in 1946.

Their present home, 13 steps up the hill at 1004 Maufra's, was designed and blueprinted by Fancher. No details were overlooked.

"I have enough electrical circuits to run a hotel," she says happily.

Built around a couple of giant oaks, the house reflects both the color and conservatism of Evelyn's personality. The bright orange of Mexican Artist Diego Rivera dominates one part of the house while the living room is basically practical and almost old fashioned.

By the front door is an antique mirror on a shelved stand, picked up at an auction. If Mrs. Archer had more time she would spend a great deal of it at auctions.

Tucked out of the way of little fingers are about 40 pieces of old glass.

Mrs. Archer's clothes are generally classic in design, and never black. The chemise dress . . . never. The pointed toe shoe . . . never.

"Evelyn gives of herself where human interest is involved," a friend said, pointing out Mrs. Archer's active interest in rehabilitating alcoholics. She also serves on the Seton Hospital Auxiliary.

"I like people who do things," Evelyn Archer says and surrounds herself with various professional people who have their feet firmly on the ground.

An off beat character . . . never.

Mrs. Archer's humor has been described as the "aside type or parenthetical . . . she likes a surprise element."

What Evelyn Archer doesn't like is injustice . . . anything unethical . . . television or addiction to time consuming habits . . . grocery shopping.

Fancher Archer does the grocery shopping but it is Evelyn who sees the picture of a pie or cake and makes it without bothering to even look at the recipe.

Mrs. Archer relaxes by gardening with an overall picture of variety firmly in view.

One opinion:

"Sometimes I think Evelyn might like to be frivolous by doing something silly and giddy but by the time she thought the action out step by step it would be no longer silly or giddy."

Austin American-Statesman, March 16, 1958

Evelyn Archer Will Speak At Services

Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln (Fancher) Archer, attorney, author, and civic leader, will be guest speaker at Wesley Methodist Church on Women's Day, Sunday, March 15.

Until September, 1963, Mrs. Archer was actively engaged in law, but since that time has been engaged in international travel promotion — with the Royal Carpet tours sponsored by the Austin American-Statesman as her pet project. This summer Mrs. Archer will direct a 28-day tour to Europe.

Mrs. Archer, a great grand-

niece of former President Abraham Lincoln, has been cited in both "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Texas." She was at one time executive director of the Austin Committee for Education on Alcoholism, and still works with the committee as a board member though it is now the State Commission for Education on Alcoholism.

Mrs. Novella Redd, chairman of the Women's Day activities at Wesley Methodist Church, promises that Mrs. Archer's rich and rewarding experiences and preparation as a civic and religious leader certainly warrant your presence on Sunday, March 15 at the eleven o'clock worship service. The public is invited.

There are no county governments in Alaska.

Austin Statesman, March 11, 1964

MRS. EVELYN ARCHER

Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln Archer, 60, 2410 Enfield Rd., died Sunday in a local hospital.

She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd and a graduate of the University of Texas Law School. Mrs. Archer had been practicing attorney in Austin for many years and recently served as a lawyer for the General Land Office. She was a member of the Travis County Bar Association.

Survivors include her son, Sam L. Archer, Austin; sister, Miss Elavaree Lincoln, El Paso and her mother, Mrs. Myrtle M. Lincoln, El Paso.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. Samuel Baxter officiating. Arrangements are under direction of Cok-Walden Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd or the American Cancer Society, 2813 Hancock Drive, Austin, Texas 78711, in lieu of flowers.

Obituary of Evelyn Archer
Austin Statesman, October 15, 1973

Fancher Archer 1004 Maufrais St.

92 18 and north 25' of 19 4 - -

Shelley Heights

Frame residence with garage integral.

45780 8-2-50

\$11,000.00

H. F. Green

Building permit to Fancher Archer for this house (1950)

194 N 25' of 19

194 N 25' of 19

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C N° 7089

Received of FANCHER ARCHER Date 8-22-50

Address 1004 MAUFRAIS

Amount TWENTY + NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber GROSS-MILLER Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 9-20-50

Size of Tap Made

Size Service Made

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOC

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. 10-12-50 AX

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Water service permit to Fancher Archer for this house (1950)

Receipt No. 15656 Application for Sewer Connection N° 27192

Austin, Texas, 10-30-1952

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by F. Archer at 1004 Maufrais Street,

further described as Lot 18 + N. 25' of 19 Block 4 Outlot Division

subdivision Valley View Plat 92 which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 40265

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 2' 3' at stub 11-1-50

Connected 18" No. 50 son curb 232' N of Gross-Miller

Date 11-7-50

By B. Hernandez

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6' Diameter in Alley to record

on depth, 6' in sewer 5' + 3' long - 1859

4" C.I. stub 25' N of SLL. B-1171

Sewer connection application to Fancher Archer for this house (1950)

replan min. Sds. 8-9-99
 OWNER Fincher Archer ADDRESS 1004 Maufrias St.
 PLAT 95 LOT 18 & No. 25' of 19 Apt 1 & 2
 BLK 4
 SUBDIVISION Shelly Heights #2
 OCCUPANCY Duplex
 BLD PERMIT # 94614 DATE 1-18-65 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$2,500.
 CONTRACTOR V. D. Sylvester NO. OF FIXTURES 5
 WATER TAP REC # X SEWER TAP REC # X
Remodel residence to create duplex/change partitions
change some doors/create kitchen in den
Building permit to Fancher Archer to create a duplex (1965)

There was a permit for a change of use from a duplex to a single family residence and remodeling in 1996. A bedroom was added to the rear of the house in 2001.