

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0914
1505 FOREST TRAIL**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, U-plan, hipped-roof, brick-veneered house; the house has “weeping” mortar as well as corners of rubble volcanic stone veneer; single 1:1 fenestration with wood screens with a 4:4 configuration; central, stone chimney.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1937 by Charles E. Green, the managing editor of the Austin American-Statesman newspaper while he was still single. Green lived here until he married in 1941, and moved to a house on Mountain View Road. Besides being the editor of the Statesman, Green was the founder of the Headliners Club, and a long-time supporter and friend of Lyndon Johnson. This house was purchased by George Davis Crow and his wife Olive, who had moved to Austin from Dallas. George Davis Crow was a native of North Carolina and had been a manager of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas for many years before he moved to Austin, but appears to have been retired here; he did not list an occupation in the Austin city directories. After he died in 1946, his widow, Olive, continued to live here until around 1951.

The house was a rental property in the mid-1950s, then purchased by Robert B. and Edna Mae Lindsey, who lived here from around 1955 to around 1970. Robert B. Lindsey worked for many years for the Texas Employment Commission, starting in Wichita Falls and moving to San Antonio before moving to Austin and this house. After Robert B. Lindsey died in 1962, Edna Mae continued to live here until around 1975, with a new husband, Richard Hernaund.

STAFF COMMENTS




The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone to February 27, 2017 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition and to further research the history of the house. The house is a unique example of its style and materials for construction and has probable historical significance that warrants further investigation.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 167'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0914
LOCATION: 1505 Forest Trail

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1505 Forest Trail
ca. 1936





Weeping mortar and stone corner





OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1505 Forest Trail

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2017

1992	John A. Bartte, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that John A. Bartte was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	No return
1981	No return
1977	No return
1973	Richard and Edna M. Hernaund, owners No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Richard and Edna M. Hernaund were new residents at this address.
1968	Edna M. Lindsey, owner Widow, Robert B. Lindsey Employed by the public schools
1965	Edna M. Lindsey, owner Widow, Robert B. Lindsey No occupation listed

- 1961 Robert B. and Edna M. Lindsey, owners
Department chief, Texas Employment Commission
- 1957 Robert B. and Mae Lindsey, owners
Assistant department chief, State Employment Commission
- 1955 Gifford E. and Sarah White, owners
Proprietor, White Instrument Laboratories, 203 Riverside Drive.
NOTE: Robert B. and Edna M. Lindsey are not listed in the directory.
- 1952 Corson L., Jr. and Jeannette Hilton, renters
U.S. Army
- 1949 Olive Crow, owner
Widow, George D. Crow
No occupation listed
- 1947 George D. Crow, owner
Teacher, University of Texas
Also listed is George D. Crow, Jr., a student at the University of Texas.
NOTE: Olive Crow is not listed in the directory.
- 1944-45 George D. and Olive Crow, owners
No occupation listed
Also listed is George D. Crow, Jr., U.S. Army.
- 1942 George D. and Olive A. Crow, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: Charles E. and Flora Green are listed at 2203 Mountain View Road; he was the executive editor of the Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
- 1941 Charles E. Green, owner
Managing editor, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper
NOTE: The house is listed as 1503 Forest Trail.
NOTE: George D. and Olive Crow are not listed in the directory.
- 1940 Charles E. Green, renter
Managing editor, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1503 Forest Trail.
- 1939 Charles E. Green, renter
Managing editor, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper
NOTE: The house is listed as 1503 Forest Trail.
- 1937 Charles E. Green, renter
Managing editor, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper
NOTE: The house is listed as 1503 Forest Trail.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Charles E. Green, the managing editor of the Austin American-Statesman, newspaper, is listed at 57 Enfield Road.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Charles E. Green (ca. 1936 – ca. 1941)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Charles E. Green as the owner of this house, which is listed as 1505 Forest Trail; it was worth \$6,000. Charles E. Green was 37, single, and had been born in Texas. He was the editor of the newspaper.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Charles E. Green living in a rented house at 3230 Harris Park Avenue in Austin. He was 28, had been born in Texas, and was the managing editor of the newspaper.

His 1967 death certificate shows that he died on Christmas Day. He was born in 1901 in Texas, and was living at 2705 Verde Vista at the time of his death. He was the executive editor of the newspaper. He had lived in Austin since 1929.



Charles E. Green (at the desk) in the Austin American-Statesman offices (1949)

Charles E. Green: Newspaperman

An Editorial

For nearly a third of a century, Charles Edward Green directed the editorial course of The American-Statesman newspapers and, by virtue of his personality and position, directed the course of the development of this city.

Editor Green began his Austin newspaper career in the midst of the Depression Decade of the 1930's, a troubled time in this nation and state, and continued through the exciting postwar years in which developments of all areas of importance came at such a fast rate that every editor was hard put to keep up with the times.

In the 30 years he served as principal editor of these newspapers, Mr. Green just must have been the most considerate editor a city ever had. He was thoughtful of his staff as he was of his city.

An attribute of a great editor is an adherence to a journalistic obligation established in the traditions of this country, and in the profession there are the requisites of personal and professional integrity that must go along with the other talents. Mr. Green possessed these requisites in abundance.

Another attribute of a great editor is a determination to foster professional excellence. During all of his working career, Mr. Green worked hard at the basic tool of the newspaper business—writing. He recognized writing talent when he found it, and it is a personal heritage he has bestowed upon Texas journalism through the Headliners Club Journalism Awards, so highly regarded that they have been described as the Pulitzer Prizes of the South.

More than any other business, a newspaper reflects the personality of the people who produce it. In this regard, Mr. Green made his unique contribution. This is a sorrowful '30', the journalistic symbol for the end of a story.



GREEN LAUGHS AND THROWS UP HIS HANDS AT THE DAILY WORK TO BE DONE
Books, letters, photos, magazines, newspapers and news copy always cluttered his office



CHARLES E. GREEN, AMERICAN-STATESMAN EXECUTIVE EDITOR
Until November, Green worked daily in his office at the newspaper



LYNDON JOHNSON WITH GREEN AND NEWS REPORTERS SAM WOOD AND LORRAINE BARNES
Johnson, then Senate majority leader, was leaving the Austin Airport on July 29, 1960



GREEN AS A YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR
Taken in 1939 a year after moving to Austin



STAN SLAWIK, HAL JENSEN AND GREEN AT HEADLINERS CLUB
In 1966 they were arranging for food service for new headquarters



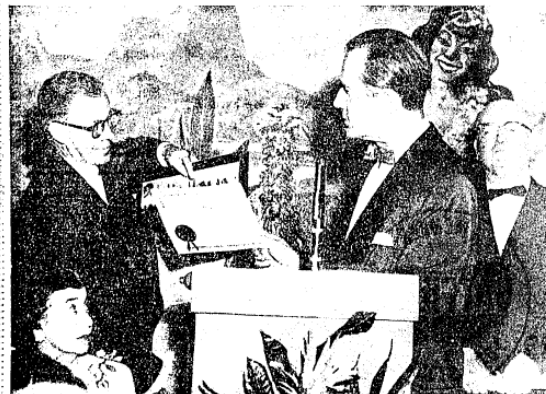
STARTING IN 1952, GREEN SERVED 15 YEARS ON CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
A 1955 session with city personnel head Phil Morgette, left, John D. Miller, Ed Robinson



ACTRESS GREER GARSON WITH GREEN
The scene: A 1955 party at Headliners Club



GOV. PRICE DANIEL IN 1959 PROCLAIMS EDNA GLADNEY DAY
Present were Wendell A. Schuler, Green and Frank P. Herlock Jr.



MRS. AND MRS. GREEN, GOV. ALLAN SHIVERS AND ACTOR GEORGE MURPHY IN 1956
This was the first Headliners Awards Party; Green was the first Headliners' president



DAILY TALKS WERE HELD IN CITY ROOM
Green and former city editor Fred Williams



CAPT. W. M. WILCOX READS NAVY CITATION FOR CDR. GREEN
Green retired in 1963 from Naval Reserves after 20 years service

George D. and Olive Crow (ca. 1941 – ca. 1951)

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that George Davis Crow was living in Dallas. He was the manager of the Federal Reserve Bank, Trust Department. He was married, had brown eyes and dark hair, and was of medium height and build.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George D. and Olive Crow as the owners of a house in Dallas. George D. Crow was 52, had been born in North Carolina, and was a clerk in a bank. Olive Crow was 46, had been born in Arizona, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: G. Davis, Jr., 20; Emily, 16; and Lois P., 11. All had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows George D. and Olive Crow as the owners of a house in Dallas, Texas. George D. Crow was 66, had been born in North Carolina, and had no occupation listed. Olive Crow was 59, had been born in Arizona, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

George Davis Crow's 1946 death certificate shows that he was living at this address at the time of his death. He was born in 1873 in Wilmington, N.C., and was a retired banker.

GEORGE CROW

George Davis Crow, 73, died at his residence, 1505 Forrest Trail, Tuesday. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olive Armstrong Crow of Austin; two daughters, Miss Emily Polk Crow and Mrs. Lois Crow Sheffield, both of Austin; two sons, John Armstrong Crow of Los Angeles and George Davis Crow, Jr., of Austin; two brothers, Randolph F. Crow of Houston and Emmet P. Crow of Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Crow was formally with the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, retiring about six years ago. The body is at the Cook Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements. Pallbearers will be Emmet Crow, Jr., William C. Crow, Jr., Calvin Garwood, Rudolf Renfer, Arthur E. Slinson, and Herman Jones. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Obituary of George Crow
Austin American, August 14, 1946

GEORGE DAVIS CROW

Funeral services for George Davis Crow will be held from the Cook Funeral Home Thursday at 5:30 p. m. with the Rev. Richard S.

Martin officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Funeral notice for George Crow
Austin American, August 15, 1946

MRS. GEORGE DAVIS CROW

Mrs. George Davis (Olive Armstrong) Crow died in Baltimore, Md., Saturday. Memorial services were held Monday in Baltimore. Graveside services will be held in Austin Memorial Park Thursday with Rev. Charles Sumners officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of the Cook Funeral Home.

A resident of Texas for the past forty years, she had lived in Austin from 1939 to 1945. Survivors are two sons, Dr. John A. Crow of Los Angeles and Dr. George Crow Jr. of Rock Hill, S.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Sekdon of Carbondale, Ill., and Mrs. Beverly Sheffield of Austin; three sisters, Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mrs. D. Armstrong King, and Mrs. Augustus Orbach, all of Baltimore; and eleven grandchildren.

Obituary of Olive Crow
Austin American, January 4, 1967

Robert B. and Edna M. Lindsey (ca. 1955 – ca. 1975)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Robert B. and Mary E. Lindsey living in a rented house in San Antonio, Texas. Robert B. Lindsey was 27, had been born in Texas, and worked in the personnel department for the Texas Employment Service. Mary E. Lindsey was 26, had been born in Texas, and was a secretary. They had lived in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1935.

His 1962 death certificate shows that Robert B. Lindsey was born in 1912 in Texarkana, Texas. He was living in this house at the time of his death from advanced tuberculosis. He was a state employee. His widow's name is listed as Mae Lindsey.

ROBERT B. LINDSEY

Funeral services for Robert B. Lindsey, who died at his home, 1505 Forest Trail, Monday, will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Lindsey was chief of the placement department of the Texas Employment Commission. He started to work for TEC at Wichita Falls in 1936, working his way up from junior interviewer to one of the commission's top positions.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mae Lindsey of Austin; four sons, Bruce Lindsey and Kirk Lindsey both of Austin, and Robert W. Lindsey and Richard A. Lindsey, both of Las Vegas, Nev.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Lindsey of Coronado, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. R. W. White of Coronado, Calif.

Obituary of Robert B. Lindsey
Austin American, August 15, 1962

Connect Charge \$ 12.00 N^o 13672 ✓

Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 30 1937

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Charles Green

at 1505 Forest Trail Street,
Chas. E. Green Tract, further described as lot 24, block A, outlet 10,
subdivision Wentworth, division 15B, plat 15B,
which is to be used as a res

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully J. W. Lawrence

1-DEEP
ATPL

Stub Out

Connected 8-31 1937 Q. 15.8-30-7

Size of Main 6 inches. L.B.

Size of Service 4 inches.

4 1/2 Feet Deep at Rear B. 1141 ✓

2 1/2 Feet from Property Line.

Feet from Curb Line.

Inspected by Boatright ✓

Connection made by Boatright ✓

Sewer connection application by Charles Green for this address (1937)
Note that the address on the application is 1505 Forest Trail, while city directories show Charles Green at 1503 Forest Trail and no address of 1505.

Gifford White

1505 Forest Trail

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Chas. E. Green Tract

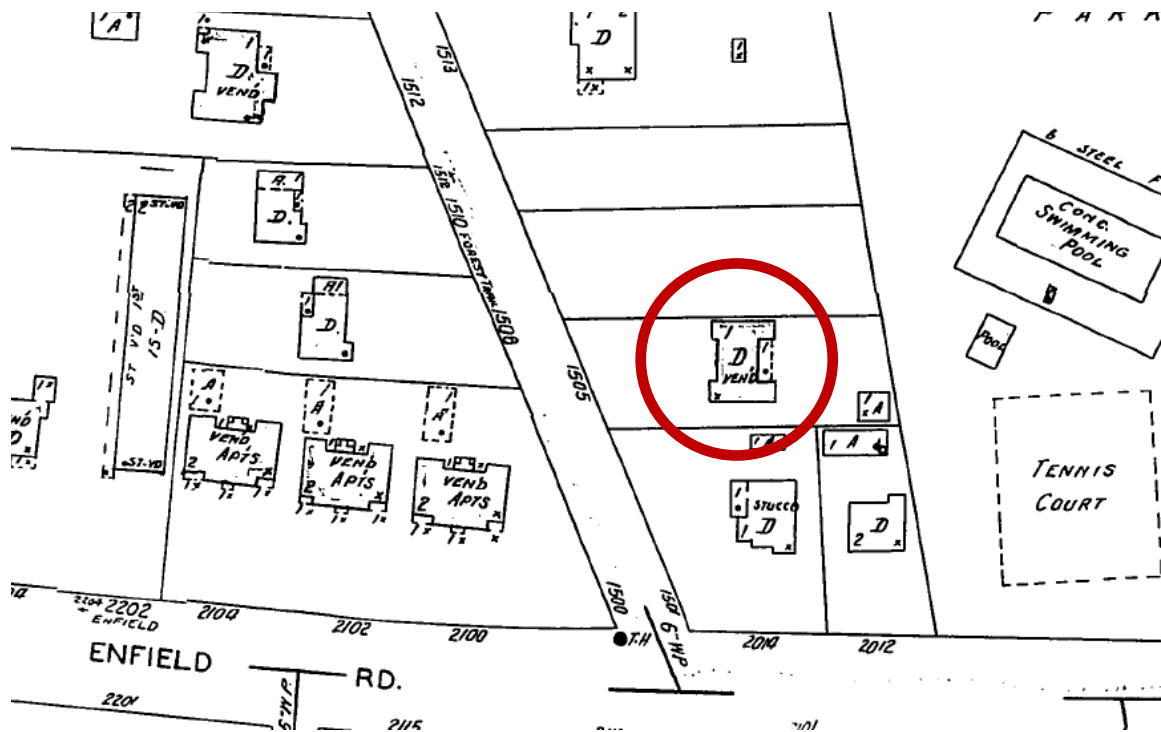
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Frame storage shed.

54608 8-1-53

\$500.00

M. V. Gartman



The May, 1962 Sanborn map is the first to show this section of the city. The house appears on this map with its current address of 1505 Forest Trail.