

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 11, 2017  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2017-0625  
2600 TANGLEWOOD TRAIL**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, L-plan, frame ranch house with board-and-batten siding above a stone foundation half-wall, metal-framed multi-lite and metal-framed casement windows on the elevations visible from the street. On the back of the house, the structure exhibits some of the hallmarks of mid-century modern architecture, with glass walls overlooking the back yard and pool, and a two-story glass-enclosed stairway. The mid-century modern sections on the back of the house could have been added in 1964. City records indicate a frame addition in 1964. Given the fairly standard appearance of the part of the house facing the street, that reflects a 1951 construction date, it is very likely that the mid-century modern section was a later addition.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built during the winter of 1950-1951 by Robert Bowman, a real estate agent-turned insurance man. Robert Bowman was with a real estate office at the time he and his wife built this house; beginning around 1953, he changed his focus to insurance, first working as an agent for Robert C. Heidrick and Robert L. Hatchett, Jr., then forming a partnership with Robert C. Heidrick and Thomas C. Wommack in the late 1950s. He became a partner in the Consolidated Insurance Company around 1960, and vice-president of the agency in the 1990s. He lived here until his death in 1993; his widow, Mary Ann, continued to live here until her death in 2016.

According to the real estate advertisement for this property, and confirmed by the legal description, this house was designed by the Bowmans on their own subdivision. There is no indication of an architect associated with the design of the house; the building permit references B.L. McGee as the builder. Boyd L. McGee is listed in the 1952 city directory as a general contractor with his office close to his house on E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street. By the end of the 1950s, B.L. McGee had a construction company on Research Boulevard that specialized in the construction of office, commercial, and industrial buildings. McGee built a number of buildings around the University of Texas and the State of Texas complex, according to Trey Wattinger, whose family purchased B.L. McGee Construction Company in 1978. McGee's most noteworthy commissions were likely the dormitory at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest (1954), the terminal building at the old Robert Mueller Airport (1959) and the undergraduate library at the University of Texas (1960). B.L. McGee died in San Antonio in 1980.

**REAL ESTATE AGENT'S DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:**

First time offered and now presented as lot value for this uniquely magical and private setting on a .55 Acre flat, cul de sac lot located in the sweet spot of Tarrytown. Loved and enjoyed by just one family--The Bowmans-- since developing the area and building their own personal home on the site in 1950. Because the existing improvements are obsolete, this exquisite lot is ready for a new home and a new family that will hopefully enjoy it almost as long as the Bowman family--almost 70 years!

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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

The house does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house displays mid-century modern aesthetics on the back of the house, but appears as a fairly typical West Austin ranch house from the street. From any public viewpoint, the house does not appear to have any architectural distinction.
- b. **Historical association.** The builders and owners of this house were Robert and Mary Ann Bowman, who lived here until their deaths. Robert Bowman was a partner in an insurance agency. There do not appear to be significant historical associations.
- c. **Archaeology.** The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
- d. **Community value.** The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release 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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 175'

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: HDP-2017-0625  
LOCATION: 2600 Tanglewood Trail

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2600 Tanglewood Trail  
ca. 1951



View across the front of the house



View inside the projecting front bay of the house with the steel casement windows



Principal entry to the house



Rear of the house overlooking the back yard



The two-story section of the rear of the house contains a spiral staircase.



View from close to the pool across the back of the house

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2600 Tanglewood Trail

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

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| 1992    | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners<br>Vice-president, Consolidated Insurance Agency (Peter Pincoffs, president),<br>general insurance, 101 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street. |
| 1985-86 | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners<br>Partner, Consolidated Insurance Agency, general insurance, 101 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.                                       |
| 1981    | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners<br>Partner, Consolidated Insurance Agency, general insurance, 101 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.                                       |
| 1977    | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners<br>Partner, Consolidated Insurance Agency, general insurance, 101 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.                                       |
| 1973    | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners<br>Partner, Consolidated Insurance Agency, general insurance, 101 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.                                       |
| 1968    | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners<br>Partner, Consolidated Insurance Agency, general insurance, 101 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.                                       |
| 1965    | Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners  |

- Partner, Consolidated Insurance Agency, general insurance, 101 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1960 Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners  
Proprietor (with Robert C. Heidrick and Thomas C. Wommack), Heidrick,  
Bowman & Wommack, insurance, 104 Brown Building, 714 Colorado Street.
- 1957 Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners  
Proprietor (with Robert C. Heidrick and Thomas C. Wommack), Heidrick,  
Bowman & Wommack, insurance, 104 Brown Building, 714 Colorado Street.
- 1954 Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners  
Agent, Heidrick & Hatchett (Robert C Heidrick and Robert L. Hatchett, Jr.,  
proprietors), insurance, 815 Brown Building, 714 Colorado Street.
- 1952 Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman, owners  
Salesman, First Trust Company, 612 Colorado Street.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman are listed at 3408 Windsor Road; he  
was a real estate salesman with an office at 1107 Rio Grande Street.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES****Robert H. and Mary A. Bowman (ca. 1951 – ca. 2016)**



MRS. ROBERT BOWMAN

***Mary Ann Lewis of Taylor Becomes Bride  
Of Robert Bowman in Episcopal Ceremony***

**TAYLOR, Nov. 16.—(Spl)—**The marriage of Miss Mary Ann Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powers Lewis of Taylor, to Robert Bowman, son of Mrs. John Tibault Bowman, 1508 Marshall Lane, and the late Mr. Bowman, took place at the St. James Episcopal Church in Taylor Saturday.

The Rev. Meade Brown read the double ring ceremony before the candle-lit altar, which was banked with white chrysanthemums and greenery.

The bride is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va., and an ex-student of the University of Texas. At the University, she is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Mr. Bowman, a graduate of Austin High School and the University of Texas, is employed by Emerson-Roche investment counselors here. At the University he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He received his discharge a year ago after three years service with the Army Air Forces.

Miss Cornelia Fraser sang and Mrs. E. R. Todd played organ selections, including "Ave Maria," "The Lord's Prayer" and "Annie Laurie."

#### **Choose Eggshell Satin**

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a gown of eggshell white satin, fashioned with fitted bodice trimmed with seed pearls and sequins, and full train. Her short veil was caught to a halo of illusion entwined with pearls and she wore a single strand of pearls. She carried white orchids on a white prayer book, showered with butterfly orchids and satin streamers.

She was attended by Mrs. Richard S. Slocumb of Taylor as matron of honor and by Miss Dorothy Kelley of Dallas, Miss Marguerite McKnight of San Antonio and Mrs. J.

T. Bowman Jr. of San Antonio. The attendants wore gowns of French blue satin with jeweled belts, and hats of matching maline. They carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums.

Young Paula Greenlee of Houston was flower girl, and wore a bouffant dress of white net with French blue satin belt. Marrs Bowman was ringbearer. Acolytes were Jack Roche and Campbell Rooth.

The groom's brother, John T. Bowman of San Antonio, was best man. Ushers were Robert F. Campbell of Houston, Buck Wynne of Wills Point, Lewis E. Bracy of Austin, Thornton H. Bowman of Austin, Charles C. Sublett of Beaumont, Louis B. Prewitt of Taylor, S. M. Leftwich of Dallas.

#### Reception At Home

The bride's mother wore a pearl grey dinner gown with light blue accessories. Her corsage was of blue-tinted gardenias. Mrs. Bowman, the groom's mother, chose a dove grey satin gown. Her accessories were pink and she wore a pink glabella corsage.

The bride's parents entertained with a reception at their home after the ceremony. White chrysanthemums and stephanotis were used in the reception rooms. The houseparty included Miss Bitsy Trigg of Dallas, Miss Patricia Clark of Georgetown, Miss Joanne Campbell of

Houston, Miss Lisbeth Young of Houston, Miss Martha Waugh of Taylor, Miss Barbara Soxwell of Amarillo, Miss Margaret Sheffield of Abilene, Miss Camille Manning, Mrs. John A. House of Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman will visit Nassau on their wedding trip. For travel, Mrs. Bowman chose a red and brown tweed suit with red accessories and a taupe hat.

The couple will make their home at 3408 Windsor Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Davidson entertained members of the wedding party and parents of the couple with a rehearsal dinner at their home Friday.

Story on the wedding of Mary Ann Lewis and Robert H. Bowman  
Austin American-Statesman, November 17, 1946



### Robert Hardie Bowman

Robert Hardie Bowman, age 69, a fourth generation Austinite, died Tuesday, March 16, 1993.

He graduated from the University of Texas and served in the armed forces during World War II. He was a partner in Heidrick, Bowman and Wommack and later a partner in Consolidated Insurance Agency. He had a lifelong interest and pride in Austin and land development.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Bowman; three children, Tibaut Bowman of San Antonio, Mrs. Bart Stephens and Powers Bowman of Austin; brother, William G. Bowman; eight grandchildren; one nephew; and five nieces. He was surrounded in life by loyal friends.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM Thursday in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Bell, Warren Freund, Robert Campbell, Frank Stephens, George Page, James Goodson, Charles Christensen and Feider Thornhill. Honorary pallbearers will be Dick Reynolds, Theo Painter and Walter Reifstager.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Andrews Episcopal School, 1112 West 31st, Austin, Texas 78705.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

Obituary of Robert H. Bowman  
Austin American-Statesman, March 17, 1993



Mary Ann Lewis Bowman, affectionately known as Weedie, passed away peacefully at her home in Austin on December 26, 2016 in the presence of her loving family. Her quick wit and playful sense of humor were a delight to her family and many friends of all ages. Anchored in faith, her life was a celebration of joy, a tribute to love and an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Mary Ann was born on March 25, 1925 in Taylor, Texas to Ray Powers Lewis and Eleanor Henderson Lewis. Her childhood was spent there and at Camp Verde in the Hill Country. She was a twirler for the Taylor High School Ducks, attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. There she met and fell in love with Bob Bowman, and they married in November, 1946.

Mary Ann always had a surprise up her sleeve and there was never a dull moment in the Bowman household. With sparkling eyes, she was always curious, always kind, and never without a rhyme or poem. She entertained with great style and flair, and her days overflowed with the laughter of friends and family. Her home was full of treasures from her travels, seashells from her favorite beaches, shelves of well-loved books and always a favorite cat. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews were the light of her life, and she loved spending time with all of them.

Full of life's magic, she shared her bright spirit generously. She and her husband were founding members of Good Shepherd Church, champions of Hospice Austin and devoted supporters of St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Mary's Hall. She was a loyal member of her Book Club and Open Forum, and she shared her creativity and artistic talents with family, friends and many organizations from the Junior League to Laguna Gloria.

Mary Ann loved being happy, and she showed us all the beauty of a life fully lived.

Mary Ann is predeceased by her beloved husband of 47 years, Robert H. Bowman (pictured above), and by her parents. She is survived by her two sons and her daughter and their spouses, R.H. Tibaut Bowman and Shelly, of San Antonio, Molly Bowman Stephens and Bart, of Austin, and Powers Lewis Bowman and Penny, of Austin; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Tibaut Bowman, Jr. and Heather, Forrest Bowman and Meriel, Wendy Bowman, Andrew Stephens and Erin, Shelby Stephens and Rachel, Marianna Stephens Elskes and Jimmy, Joseph Bowman, and Katy Bowman; and five great grandchildren, Lola Bowman, Townsend Bowman, Wynne Stephens, Mary Caroline Stephens, and Chambers Stephens.

The family expresses profound gratitude to those who made Mary Ann's life more comfortable and joyful through their extraordinary care and loving companionship, especially Marcella Davenport and Rafaella Urline.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2016 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd at 3201 Windsor Rd. in Austin, following a private family interment. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal School, 1112 West 31st Street, Austin, Texas 78705, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Road, Austin, Texas 78703, or the Austin Humane Society, 124 West Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78752.

**Robt. Bowman**  
 168 4  
 2600 Tanglewood Tr.  
 Bowman Place.  
 Stone Ven. & Fr. Res. With Carport Attache  
 46733 11-15-50 \$10,000.00  
 B. L. McGee

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Building permit to Robert Bowman for the construction of the house (1950), showing B.L. McGee as the builder.

4 **WATER SERVICE PERMIT** C No. <sup>168</sup> 7779  
 Austin, Texas  
 Received of B. L. MCGEE Date 11-22-50  
 Address 2600 TANGLEWOOD TR  
 Amount TWENTY + NO/100 \$ 20.00  
 Plumber FREY Size of Tap 3/4"  
 Date of Connection 12-14-50  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
 Size Service Made 3/4"  
 Size Main Tapped 2" C.T.  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 75'  
 From S - Prop. Line to Curb Cock 41'  
 Location of Meter CURB  
 Type of Box LOCK  
 Depth of Main in St. 3'  
 Depth of Service Line 2'  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main Other  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-19-50 108 man

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 3/4"
1	Elbow 3/4" COP
1	St. Elbow 3/4" Bore
1	Bushing 3/4" COP
1	Reducer 2" x 3/4" TAPER
4	Pipe 2" x 3/4" COP
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union
1	Plug T.I.C.
1	Stop 1/2" COP
1	Box 2" COP
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>777323-502</u>
	P. No. <u>N. P. folk</u>

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Water service permit to B.L. McGee, builder, for this house (1950)

Receipt No. 16667 stubb 42' long Application for Sewer Connection No. 28181A

Austin, Texas, 3-28-51

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 B. L. McGee at 2600 Tangelwood Street, further described as Lot 4 Block 168 Outlot 168 Division 168 subdivision Bowman Place 168 Plat 168 which is to be used as a Man  
In this place there are to be installed 8 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 41421  
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 2' 3 1/2' at stub 3-29-51  
Respectfully,

~~Sanitary~~ Connected } 41-50 NLL (Location) Frey

Date 4-9-51

By J. Swisher

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6" Sewer in St + 4' deep  
main 14.5' W of E.R. 6" stub @ NLL A 2899  
6" stub @ SLL.

Sewer connection application by B.L. McGee, builder, for this house (1951)

OWNER Robert H. Bowman ADDRESS 2600 Tangelwood Tr

PLAT 168 LOT 4 BLK 168

SUBDIVISION Bowman Place 1

OCCUPANCY Frame Addn to Res

BLD PERMIT # 92457 DATE 6-24-64 OWNERS ESTIMATE 2500.00

CONTRACTOR J. C. Peterson NO. OF FIXTURES 3

WATER TAP REC # \_\_\_\_\_ SEWER TAP REC # \_\_\_\_\_

BEDROOMS

Building permit to Robert H. Bowman for a frame addition (1964)