

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS (PARTIAL)
HDP-2018-0549
3301 Bowman Avenue

PROPOSAL

Alter a ca. 1940 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story, irregular-plan, side-gabled house with wood siding, 6:6 wood-sash windows, and a double-height entry porch with prominent Ionic columns. Other features include a Classical entryway with sidelights and a fanlight, dormers, and an exterior brick chimney. A 1½-story wing to the side and rear is clad in wood siding and features 6:6 wood-sash windows and a cross-gabled roof with dormers. A 1-story rear wing is a screened enclosure capped by a shed roof.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed project includes the following work:

- 1) Restoration work on the original house, including restoration of original windows, doors, siding, and trim. Existing shutters will be replaced with working shutters with the same appearance.
- 2) In-kind replacement of the existing standing-seam roof.
- 3) Demolition of the two-story wing and chimney at the rear of the house. This is the only change proposed to the original house.
- 4) Demolition of side and rear portions.
- 5) Construction of one- and two-story additions to the side and rear. All additions will be clad in wood siding to match the original house and have a total footprint of 3,726 square feet (including garage, carport, and patio).
 - a. A two-story addition to the side of the house will be capped with a side-gabled roof with the same pitch as the original house roof. It will include 6:6 wood-sash windows that are slightly smaller than the windows on the original house. The addition will be set back 15 feet from the front wall of the house, overlapping the side wall of the original house by 9 feet.
 - b. A two-story addition behind the side addition will be capped with a cross-gabled roof, with a ridge lower than the original house. It will include paired 6:6 wood-sash windows; 6-light, 9-light, and 15-light fixed and casement wood-sash windows, and a 14-light fixed wood-sash window.
 - c. A one-story rear addition will be capped with a flat roof. It will include a wide chimney at the east end, paired French doors on the middle portion, and a carport and garage at the southern end. The south garage wall will be clad in brick.
- 6) Construction of a one-story guest house at the rear of the property. The building will be clad in hardiplank lap siding and capped by a standing-seam metal roof, with casement and fixed wood-sash windows and banks of French doors. The building footprint is 1,855 square feet.

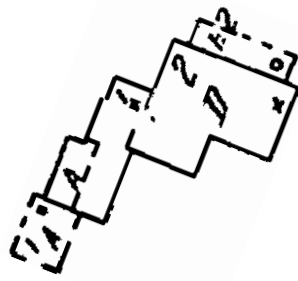
RESEARCH

Ronald and Tennie Byram built the house at a cost of \$11,000. They lived there for at least 46 years, from the time it was built until at least 1986. Ronald Byram founded R. W. Byram & Co., which produced oil reports and did other geological and petrochemical consulting. He was also involved in civic affairs, and served as the president of the Austin School Board, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the State Board of Education.

It is not known when the rear wing proposed for demolition was constructed. An aerial view from 1940 and a 1962 Sanborn Fire Insurance map show nearly the same building footprint for the addition, though the one-story “wraparound” and the rear dormers are not shown. This may or may not be the 1½-story wing that currently exists. Portions of the wing were reconstructed around 2005, according to building permits, which show that a rear addition was constructed at that time. The project architect has stated that the details and construction of the rear wing suggest a more recent construction date (ca. 1980s).



1940 aerial view



1962 Sanborn map



2017 aerial view

STAFF COMMENTS

The building may meet the criteria for designation as a historic landmark.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building retains a high degree of integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352).
 - a. **Architecture.** The building is a strong example of the Classical Revival style and may qualify under this criterion.
 - b. **Historical association.** Ronald and Tennie Byram lived in the house from 1940 until at least 1986. Ronald Byram was a successful businessman who served as the school board president in the late 1940s, during a time of substantial planning and expansion for school facilities; he also led major planning initiatives within the Chamber of Commerce around the same time. He may have contributed significantly to the history of the city, though he was not the only person who helped advance school expansion. The property's association with his school board activities is not clear. The building was designed by Mee M. Smith, according to contemporary newspapers; no information was found about the architect.
 - c. **Archaeology.** The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d. **Community value.** The property does not appear to have a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the

character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular group.

- e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

Project Evaluation

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate projects on historic and potentially historic buildings. Applicable standards include:

2. *The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.*
5. *Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.*
 - The project will retain and preserve the historic character of the property through restoration of original windows, doors, siding, and trim.
 - The project will remove an original 2-story wing at the rear of the house. This portion is not a prominent part of the house as seen from the primary right-of-way and will not have a significant adverse impact on the historic character.
 - The project will remove side and rear wings of the house. The construction date of these elements is not known. The overall footprint of the house remains much the same as it did in 1940, and the addition will be constructed on a similar footprint.

The proposed project largely retains the historic character of the property and complies with these standards.

9. *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.*
10. *New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.*

The proposed additions will have a minimal impact on historic fabric and will preserve character-defining features of the house, including the multiple smaller portions supporting the prominent Classical Revival façade and massing. They will be differentiated from the existing house through subtle differences in window sizes and lack of shutters on the front façade, different window patterns on secondary elevations, and subordinate rooflines. The front picture-sized window on the side portion is not in keeping with the historic character of the original house. The additions could be removed without damaging the essential form and integrity of the historic property.

The proposed additions will preserve the historic character of the property and comply with these standards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit, with the recommendation that the symmetrical window pattern on the primary (north) façade of the side addition remain, without the central picture window as depicted in renderings.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 219'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0549
LOCATION: 3301 Bowman Avenue



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Primary (north) façade of 3301 Bowman Avenue.



Side addition.

Occupancy History

Completed by Historic Preservation Office staff
October 2018

1940-86 Ronald W. and Tennie Dell (or Tenna) Byram and children
The Byrams are listed as renters (1941-47), then owners (1949-ca. 1973), then renters (1985-86). Ronald worked as the president of R. W. Byram & Co. (1941-47 and 1952-ca. 1973) and a geologist with no employer listed (1949, 1977, 1985-86). Tennie is listed as the vice president of R. W. Byram & Co. in 1962.

Background Research

Ronald Wesley Byram was born in 1902 in Harvey, Iowa, and moved to Falfurrias, Texas, with his family at age eight. He attended the University of Texas beginning in 1920, where he studied geology and was a founding member of the Cowboys, a men's service organization. In 1921, he started R. W. Byram & Co. to earn tuition money.

Byram was elected to the Austin School Board in 1944 on a platform of sanitary facilities, good teacher salaries, rapid building expansion, raising attendance, improving educational techniques, fiscal responsibility, and personal responsibility of school board members. He became president in 1946. During his tenure, the postwar Baby Boom led to substantial expansion of school facilities, and Byram championed ambitious 10- and 20-year building and improvement plans and related bond issues. By 1950, \$10.56 million were needed for school construction and renovations, with \$16.34 million needed over the next ten years.

Byram was appointed to the State Board of Education in 1957, where he served until his death. He also served on the city Planning Commission around 1944 and in the Chamber of Commerce, including as vice president (1947) and president (1947-48). As vice president, he led the first Chamber of Commerce Planning Bureau to study a \$15 million bond issue for public works and school facilities projects. In 1952, Byram led a Council-appointed citizens committee to develop a new zoning ordinance for Austin; however, the City did not have a planning engineer to staff the committee, and it is not clear if the ordinance was completed.

Byram was active in the leadership of charitable and religious organizations, including St. David's Hospital (chairman of the building committee during construction of the new hospital), St. David's Episcopal Church, and St. Andrew's Episcopal School (chairman of the board of trustees). He kept a hobby farm at Waters Park (near the intersection of Parmer Lane and MoPac), where he raised cows.

Ronald Byram died in 1968 in Austin.

Bolton, Bryam, Moos Elected Trustees By Huge Majorities



RONALD W. BRYAM



GUS J. MOOS



PAUL BOLTON

Austin voters turned out Saturday to cast 2321 votes in picking three out of five candidates for trustees of the public school board, giving overwhelming support to the bloc candidates, Paul Bolton, Ronald W. Byram and Gus Moos.

The total votes approached the record-breaking number of ballots cast in 1943, one of the liveliest balloting in many years. Paul Bolton led this year's voting, taking a total of 1,805 with

* Bryam and Moos close behind with 1,796 and 1,784 respectively.

Mrs. A. P. Robinson, the only incumbent in the election, received 648 votes. A. C. Bull and Louis Blenderman, other incumbent trustees, were not candidates for this term.

One Write-In Vote

Louis Bradshaw, supported by union labor, received 531 votes. One vote was written in for Bill Saunders in the first ward.

Bolton, Bryam and Moos were candidates on the same platform, urging citizens to show an interest in the affairs of the community by voting, whoever their choice may be. The points in their platform were enumerated as follows:

1. Austin's school buildings should immediately be cleaned up and made thoroughly sanitary; toilets, lunchrooms and lighting facilities should be examined and repaired or replaced where needed. Lunchroom meals should be adequate and wholesome even if this means selling them at a loss, with the difference paid by the school system.

Teacher salaries should be high enough, and working conditions good enough, that good teachers can't be hired away by other schools.

For Plant Expansion

3. Expansion of the physical plant should be on at least a 25-year projection of population trends to assure adequate distribution of school facilities to all groups, and all areas, of the city. Sites for new school plants should be selected and purchased as rapidly as possible.

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Bolton, Byram, Moos Elected

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sible to guard against inflated values.

4. Many Austin children are not now in school. Every child is entitled to the opportunity of an education. The school board should cooperate with the attendance officer in bringing about maximum attendance.

5. Serious deficiencies in secondary education in Texas have been disclosed by the war training program at the University of Texas. Students are found inadequately prepared in such fundamentals as arithmetic. Technical training, so important in today's college work, will be even more important in postwar education. Austin school trustees should be first to study these findings and apply the best of them.

6. The responsibility for financing the school system, properly rests upon, and should be assumed by the community. We pledge ourselves to be more cautious in spending your money than in spending our own, but we also believe that a job half-done were better left undone. You get what you are willing to pay for.

7. A school board member should accept personal responsibility for the office by making certain, through personal investigation, that policies fixed by the board are followed by the executive staff.

All Have Children in School

Paul Bolton, a graduate of the University of Missouri, is bureau manager for the International News service, is correspondent for other publications and gives a daily radio broadcast. He has lived in Austin since 1930, is a member of the Central Christian church and has two children, a daughter in high school and a three-year-old son.

Ronald W. Bryam is owner of the oil statistical company bearing his name. He is a member of the Rotary club, St. David's Episcopal church, and is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is on the city planning commission. He has a daughter in elementary school.

Gus J. Moos, owner of the Hydro Gas company in South Austin, is a member of the Lions club and

president of the South Austin Civic club. He is a member of St. Martin's Lutheran church. He has three children, one in elementary school, one in junior high school and one in high school.

The result by boxes with total vote for each box follows:

	Bolton	Bradshaw	Bryam	Moos	Robinson
First (376)	221	95	224	214	187
Second (221) ...	178	43	181	178	48
Third (446) ...	409	67	409	378	94
Fourth A (286) ..	251	38	257	222	64
Fourth B (533) ..	418	147	408	391	148
Fifth (191) ...	148	88	137	142	51
Sixth (133) ...	115	26	115	162	31
Seventh (118) ...	45	57	45	67	31
Totals (2221)	1805	531	1796	1784	648

"Bolton, Bryam [sic], Moos Elected Trustees by Huge Margins," The Austin American 4/2/1944.

Talk Points Up School Bond Need

With Austin's population figure set at 165,000 by 1956, the \$7,146,000 school proposition, largest of the 14 items to be voted on by citizens in the forthcoming bond election, will provide adequate educational facilities for the increasing number of children. R. W. Byram, president of the Austin School Board, declared Wednesday in addressing the Optimist Club.

The program covers a 10-year period and includes renovation of existing buildings, additions to present buildings and construction of new structures. Present buildings will be modernized and brought up to date in lighting, heating, ventilations and adequate toilet facilities. Seven new buildings will be

erected in Tarrytown, St. Elmo, Theodor Low Heights, Hyde Park, Govalle-Metz-Palm-Zavala neighborhood, and new junior high and senior high schools.

For the Negro schools, the building program includes a new senior high school, the completion of the L. L. Campbell Elementary School, abandonment of the antiquated Olive Street School, the conversion of the Anderson High School into a junior high school and the Kealing Junior High School to an elementary school.

As an example of reconstruction necessary Byram outlined work to be done on the old Allen school. Improvement will cost approximately \$93,979, and will include repair and repaint, installation of light diffusers, new electric wiring, modernized toilet facilities.

"For many years the school system has operated on a very small amount—it has certainly not helped the health of the students as the buildings are cold and damp in winter and too hot, in summer," Byram declared.

"Talk Points Up School Bond Need," The Austin Statesman 5/2/1946.

Byram Started in One Depression, Expanded His Business in Another

Ronald W. Byram has a business that started in one depression, and expanded in another. He runs an oil reporting concern started 26 years ago as a one man proposition. That was during the depression of 1921 when tall, gangling young Byram was a geology sophomore at the University of Texas.

His father took him aside and suggested he earn a little money if he wanted to stay in school. His father was in the trading and leasing end of the oil business and he

knew first-hand how hard it was to get information from the State. He suggested that if Ronald could find a way to get the state records on oil and distribute them, the oil companies might pay for them.

"Oddly enough," Byram says, "they did. And better still, they still do."

Byram, who was born in Harvey, Iowa, in 1902, is sometimes accused of being a damyankee. Recently

he was discussing the question of segregation with some Latin-Americans.

"I know what you're up against," Byram said. "I came to Texas at a time when people from above the Mason Dixon Line weren't welcome in the homes of people who had lived here all their lives. That wasn't exactly segregation, but it was pretty close to it."

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Town Talk

Byram Started in One Depression, Expanded His Business in Another

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His family moved to Falfurrias, when he was eight years old.

He came to the University in 1920 and was a member of the original Cowboys, along with Arno Nowotny. In 1926 he took a degree in geology.

His business grew to where he continued it after graduation. By-

ram had built a garage bungalow on Shoal Creek as a bachelor apartment. But one afternoon one of his fraternity brothers came calling and brought along an extra girl who changed his mind about that. She was Tennie Dell Boykin, a co-ed from Mart, and today they have a 14-year-old daughter, Carriela.

"I was always afraid to leave

Austin," Byram says. "No one would pay me as much to leave as they would to stay."

In the depression of the Thirties everyone was scratching their heads for money-making ideas. Byram started The Texas State House Reporter, which carries news of interest to oilmen. He is now associated in the venture with Vann Kennedy and Paul Bolton.

The original one-man oil and gas report has expanded to a 28 employee concern, handling 1,400 clients and occupying part of a large former residence. The offices include coffee making facilities because both the boss and the employees like their java. If you drop around Byram's office at the right time, you'll get coffee with your conversation.

The office walls are decorated with old maps which he collects. Another hobby is farming. His farm is located on the site of Waters Park, which old timers will remember as a spot on the railroad about 10 miles from the Capitol. They used to have the Sunday School picnics there, and Round Rock and Austin would meet for baseball games.

Byram raises Herefords—"But not fancy, just for me."

Byram is keeping busy this year, as president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Austin School Board. He's serving his second term on the board. He's also on the Community Chest and Home and Family Welfare boards and the board of St. David's Hospital.

Recently Byram and the School Board drew fire on two occasions. Last spring just before an unopposed election of Byram and two other board members, a write-in campaign sprang up, fanned by persons opposed to certain administrative changes. It failed.

And Byram adopted silent tactics to cope with criticism of the board over the controversial Gubels plan.

He believes in both the plan and the new administration and thinks that time will answer the critics.

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RONALD W. BYRAM

"Byram Started in One Depression, Expanded His Business in Another," The Austin Statesman 11/29/1947.

45-Cent School Tax Hike Needed for 'Efficient Job'

"Austin wants a school system that will compete with the best schools in the nation, but we do not intend to put a greater tax burden on the city than is necessary to do an efficient job," R. W. Byram, past president of the Austin School Board, said Tuesday.

He addressed the Austin League of Women Voters at the Calcasieu Auditorium, where they held an organization meeting to give active support to the proposed 45-cent increase in school taxes, which will be voted upon July 19.

Byram stated that the increase would bring the school tax rate up to \$1.15 on the \$100 evaluation, which is still considerably below the average rate for other Texas cities of Austin's size.

Teachers could be paid a beginning salary of \$2,200 a year, which

would allow Austin to compete with cities like Houston, which pays \$2,600, and other major cities which pay more than \$2,400 beginning salaries, Byram said.

Health, sanitation and proper lighting are the most urgent concern of the school board at this time, he said, explaining that \$40,000 would be used yearly for maintenance of buildings, but that the proposition does not provide for new buildings.

Revaluation of city property in Austin did not provide sufficient increase in revenue to operate Austin schools adequately, Byram said. The schools were \$190,000 short of funds last year and had to use a surplus fund to complete the year. It will take \$590,000 to do the work outlined for next year, Byram said.

He said that the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Austin Public Schools found the current budget inadequate to provide support of the schools in the coming year.

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, president of the Austin League of Women Voters, introduced Byram.

Instructions on "How to Telephone a List of People Effectively" were given by Mrs. Martin Kernacy.

Mrs. R. E. Nitschke Jr., chairman of the education committee, described the league's plan of action and supervised the distribution of telephone lists and postal cards to the 125 men and women in the audience.

"45-Cent School Tax Hike Needed for 'Efficient Job'," The Austin Statesman 7/7/1948.

State Board Gives Byram Bolton Seat

Ronald W. Byram, former president of the Austin School Board, Monday morning was elected by the State Board of Education to a place on the body.

Byram, named by the state board at its regular January meeting, will fill the unexpired term of Paul Bolton, who resigned in December.

Byram, a geologist and petroleum engineer, owns and operates the R. W. Byram Company, a reporting service to the state's oil companies.

Long interested in education, Byram served as president of the Austin School Board during the postwar era when the schools were suddenly faced with expansion and building problems. Last year he was elected chairman of

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RONALD W. BYRAM

BOARD

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the board of trustees of St. Andrew's Episcopal School.

In 1948 Byram was president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce. He has also been active on the board of St. David's Hospital.

Byram, 54, was born in Harvey, Iowa, but moved with his family to Falfurrias, Texas, when he was eight years old. He has lived in Austin since 1920 when he came to the University of Texas to major in geology. He was graduated in 1926.

His business, which has become one of the largest of its kind in the Southwest, was begun while he was an undergraduate at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Byram live at 3301 Bowman Road.

"State Board Gives Byram Bolton Seat," The Austin Statesman 1/7/1957.

Services Thursday For Ronald Byram

Funeral services for widely known oil and gas consultant Ronald W. Byram, 3301 Bowman Road, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. David's Episcopal Church.

Officiating will be the Rev. Charles Summers, Weed-Corley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Byram, a native of Harvey, Iowa, died Tuesday in St. David's Hospital after a brief illness. He was president of R. W. Byram and Company, which operates consulting, reporting and statistical operations in Austin with branch offices in Baton Rouge, La. and Santa Fe, N. M.

A registered professional engineer, Byram was one of the publishers of the Texas House Report's Oil Regulation Department and a member of the State Board of Education.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Association of Petroleum Writers, American Petroleum

Institute, Independent Petroleum Association of America, and the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

Byram was a member of the Rotary Club of Austin, St. David's Episcopal Church, past president of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's Episcopal School, past president of the Austin School Board and past president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his widow, the former Tennie Dell Boykin; a daughter, Mrs. Charles M. Christensen of Austin, and three grandchildren, Charles, Cariline and Byram Christensen.

Pallbearers will be Emory C. Thompson, Conrad P. Thornhill, William C. Milstead, Fred W. Catterall III, James G. Cooksey, Robert H. Bowman, W. H. Horn Jr., Douglas Wynn, Tom E. Nelson Jr. and Dan D. Candler.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Intensive Care Unit at St. David's Hospital or to St. David's Episcopal Church.

"Services Thursday for Ronald Byram," The Austin Statesman 9/25/1968.

Tennie Dell Byram (nee Boykin) was born around 1909 in Mart, Texas, near Waco. Her father worked as a railroad brakeman. She attended the University of Texas for one year, then married Ronald Byram by 1931. The couple had one child. The Byrams moved from 2830 Shoal Crest Avenue to the new house at 3301 Bowman Avenue by 1941. Tennie Byram died in 2003 in Austin.

48 Get Okeh For Building

\$11,000 Residence Planned by Byrams

A number of substantial residences were included in the list of 48 building permits issued during the week ending Thursday, Feb. 15, which aggregated \$148,903 and brought the total for the year to \$652,795.

The largest single residential permit was one for \$11,000 issued to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Byram for the construction of a two-story frame residence and garage attached at 3301 Bowman avenue on which Claude Traweck is contractor and Mee M. Smith is architect.

Other permits issued during the week included:

Sam Azar, box residence (duplex), 1606 East Fourth, \$1,100.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie E. Hornsby, frame residence and box garage, 2506 Quarry road, \$3,900.

"48 Get Okeh for Building / \$11,000 Residence Planned by Byrams," The Austin American 2/18/1940.

Ronald Byram founded R. W. Byram & Co. in 1921, when he was a student at the University of Texas.

Initially distributed state oil records to oil companies

1933—started Texas State House Reporter with two newsmen from International News Service: "a publication with wide interest among oil men" that provided updates on the activities of the Texas Railroad Commission, the State Legislature, the Governor, Attorney General, and others whose work affects the oil and gas industry.
oil reports/oil reporter at 104 E. 13th (1941), 202 W. 10th (1944-45), 302 E. 12th (1947), 302 E. 12th (1952-)

By 1957, the company had 30 employees and about 1,400 clients.

"One of the largest of its kind in the Southwest"

"consulting geologists, publishers of various specialized petroleum publications" (1962)

1968: consulting, reporting, and statistical operations; branch offices in Baton Rouge and Santa Fe

State House Reporter Is News Report

A publication with wide interest among oil men is the Texas State House Reporter, published here continuously since April 1, 1933.

Purpose is to provide a daily news report on the activities of the Texas Railroad Commission, the Legislature, the Governor, Attorney General and all other state officials who deal with the oil and gas industry.

The report was organized at the request of industry members who found no Austin newsmen technically trained as observers in the field. Paul Bolton and Vann M. Kennedy, representing International News Service, and Ronald Byram, a consulting geologist, began the publication at the time the Legislature

was engaged in the passage of the market demand statute, basis of the modern conservation law.

Byram and Bolton still live in Austin but Kennedy has moved to Corpus Christi. They retain an interest in the publication and contribute to it frequently.

James W. Forbis has been in charge as editor since 1948 when he was discharged from the Navy. He writes much of the copy and supervises the entire operation.

Because the Texas State House Reporter was organized in the hectic days of the East Texas Oil Field, still the largest in the world, it has seen the industry grow from the swash-buckling days of the gusher. Then operators swore at "regulation" by the government, ran "hot oil" in defiance of the Texas Rangers, and relied on oral or "gentlemen's" agreements in property trades involving millions of dollars.

"State House Reporter Is News Report," The Austin American 10/9/1955.



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ABOUT

Since 1921, R. W. Byram & Company has produced the most complete books available with current company data, including addresses, phone numbers, and other pertinent data updated annually. We currently work in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico, with more productions set to launch soon. Our publications differ in that we focus on one state instead of regional data, that way there isn't an overwhelming amount of information for customers to wade through. You can go to a particular state's publication and get information for those companies operating in that specific state.

R.W. Byram & Company publishes oil and gas rules & regulations for New Mexico, Louisiana, and Texas with updates done monthly. These volumes are the most comprehensive data that has been produced since the 1950's. No other company in the industry has this type of data, with complete histories of each field in the state of Texas. We also publish hearing data for the state of New Mexico that goes out to customers weekly. We have a correspondent who attends oil and gas hearings and reports to us any docket and hearing testimony information.

Ronald Wesley Byram founded R. W. Byram & Company in 1921, when he was a student at the University of Texas in Austin. The business was located at 302 East 12th St. until 1971 when the firm bought the 125-year-old Hale Houston House, located at 706 Guadalupe St. in downtown Austin, Texas.

As petroleum consultants we handled the oil and gas drilling data, which included daily oil and gas reports, and also put out publications regarding oil and gas hearings brought before the Texas Railroad Commission.

Mr. Byram's son-in-law Charles "Chuck" M. Christensen joined the flourishing business in 1956 and after the passing of Mr. Byram in 1968; Mr. Christensen became president of the company. Mr. Byram's grandson, Ronald "Byram" Christensen joined the company in 1985 becoming the President in 1997, when his father retired. Byram brought new innovation as well as moved the company forward with the introduction of computer-based systems and new publications.

Byram Christensen passed away on May 4, 2014, and Lisa Young, who joined the company in 1985, and Maria Felan, who joined the firm in 1980, bought the company. The company, LY & MF, LLC d.b.a R. W. Byram & Company was moved to its current location in the scenic hill country town of Elgin, Texas.

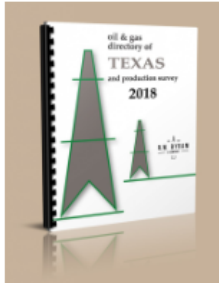
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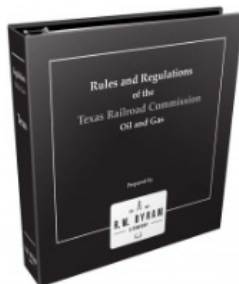
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Building Permits

Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Byram 3301 Bowman Ave.
 168 - C 10 & E.
 158 of 9 -
 Monte Vista
 2sty Frame Res. And Garage Attached
 18832 --2-12-40
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Building permit issued to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Byram for a 2-story wood-frame residence with attached garage, 2/12/1940.

OWNER	R. W. Byram	ADDRESS	3301 Bowman Avenue
PLAT	168	LOT	10 and 15' lot 9
		BLK	C
SUBDIVISION	Monte Vista		
OCCUPANCY	Greenhouse		
BLD PERMIT #	93998	DATE	Nov 6, 64
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$70.00
CONTRACTOR	Owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #	X	SEWER TAP REC #	X
Frame addn to res			
#144694	8-21-74	Mrs. R. W. Byram	Remodel
Exist. Res.	Bedroom & Bath	2000.00	
Douglas H. Hicks			

Building permit issued to R. W. Byram for a wood-frame greenhouse valued at \$70, 8/22/1974. The permit also includes a bedroom and bathroom remodel valued at \$2,000, 8/21/1974.

ADDRESS: <u>3301 Bowman Ave</u>				PER-MIT <u>93998</u>		PLAT <u>168</u>	
LOT: <u>10x15'89</u>				BLOCK <u>C</u>		SUB. <u>144644</u>	
FIRE ZONE <u>3</u>				USE DIST: <u>A</u>		OCCUPANCY: <u>Monte Vista</u> <u>Add to Res</u>	
<u>8-22-74</u>		LAYOUT		FRAMING		<u>10-18-74</u>	
<u>10/6/64</u>		PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.	<u>1/19/65</u>	PRINC. BLDG.
FOUNDATION		FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C.		NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.		ACC. BLDG.	
FR. SETBACK		CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C.		ROOM VENTILATION		PAVED PARKING	
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.		STUD SIZE & O.C.		STAIRS REQ. & NO.			
SIDE STREET YARD		MASONRY WALL		ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.			
OWNER: <u>R W Byrum</u>				CONTRACTOR: <u>Greenhouse</u>			
<u>7x10 = 70</u>							
<u>8-22-74</u>							
<u>OK</u>							
INSPECTOR <u>W A H</u>							

Building permit issued for greenhouse, 8/22/1974.

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT		No. 18935 A
Austin, Texas		
Received of	<u>W. O. Harper</u>	Date <u>6/8/44</u>
Address	<u>3301 Bowman Ave.</u>	
Amount	\$ _____	
Builder or Owner	<u>R. W. Byram</u>	Plumber _____
Lot	<u>10</u>	Block <u>C</u> Subdivision <u>Monte Vista</u> Plat No. <u>168</u>
Date of Connection	<u>6/14/44</u>	
By City	<u>14' S/W in Pecos St.</u>	
By Plumber	_____	
Checked By	_____	
Size Main	<u>16" in Pecos</u>	Depth <u>± 8'</u>
Main Assign.	<u>12' 2" W/EU</u>	
Stub Depth	_____	Prop. Line <u>3'</u>
Stub Location	_____	
Book No.	<u>B-1500</u>	
Paving Cut	_____	No. _____

No. Fittings	Size	Price
40' Pipe	4" conc.	4.00
Pipe		
1 w/tee	4" conc.	.20
2 Bends	4" conc.	.80
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other		
Air compressor		1.80
Labor:		19.04
Total		\$ 25.84

Sewer permit issued to W. O Harper for R. W. Byram (owner), 6/8/1944.