

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
OCTOBER 22, 2018
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2018-0532
1503 FOREST TRAIL / 2014 ENFIELD ROAD

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-and-a-half story, L-plan, Tudor Revival-styled house with a stuccoed exterior, a steeply-gabled catslide roof at the projecting front entry bay with a round-arched entry; gablets pierce the eaves; prominent exterior chimney on the front of the house; single 1:1 fenestration.;

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1935 by Ben Lewis Pillow, the son of Ben and Mary Pillow, who lived in an older house on W. 9th Street that has been designated as a historic landmark. Ben L. Pillow was an oil man who spent much of his adult life in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he managed an oil company. Upon his return to Austin in the mid-1930s, he built this house. Unfortunately, he was not able to enjoy it for long – he was struck by a car in 1938 and died as a result of his injuries.

Frank D. and Dorothy Kerbow purchased the house around 1940 and lived here until around 1943. Frank D. Kerbow was an attorney and an insurance adjuster with his office in the Littlefield Building. His first wife was Vivian Wimberley, daughter of a pioneer family; she died very young, and Frank married her younger sister, Dorothy, who had moved into Austin to help with Frank and Vivian's two daughters.

The longest-term owners and occupants of this house were Albert and Clementine Caster, who lived here for over 40 years, beginning around 1943. Albert Caster was a certified public accountant for many years, working for Tillman Trotter, and finally opening his own office. He later served as an accounting consultant to other firms in the city. Albert Caster was also active in civic activities, including sponsorship of the Austin Aqua Festival, and serving on the Austin Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

STAFF COMMENTS

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

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that the house may meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The house is a very good example of a large-scale Tudor Revival house, with the signature steeply-pitched and prominent gables, a round-arched entry, a catslide roof, and a stucco exterior. There have been additions to the house that are sensitively done and do not overwhelm or detract from the original architectural design of the house. The house could qualify as a historic landmark under the criterion for architectural significance.
- b. **Historical association.** The persons with the longest associations with this house are Albert and Clementine Caster, who lived here for 40 years and who made some of the modifications to the house, including the addition and the construction of an apartment over the garage to create a duplex. Albert Caster was a certified public accountant who was involved with a number of

civic activities in the city, including being a long-time sponsor of the Austin Aqua Fest, at one time, the biggest festival in the city.

- 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

Postpone to November 19, 2018 to evaluate alternatives to demolition of this house. If the Commission does decide to release the demolition permit, then staff recommends 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" = 221'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2018-0532
LOCATION: 1503 Forest Trail

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- 1962 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Proprietor, Albert W. Caster & Company, certified public accountants
- 1959 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Proprietor (with Stanley J. Peterman), Albert W. Caster & Company, certified public accountants, 201 Mutual Savings Building, 1011 Congress Avenue.
- 1957 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Certified Public Accountant, member, American Institute of Accountants, 1000 Lavaca Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1955 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Proprietor (with Tillman B. Trotter, resident partner, Houston, Texas), Trotter and Caster, certified public accountants, 910 Brown Building, 7th and Colorado Streets
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1954 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Proprietor (with T.B. Trotter), Trotter & Caster, certified public accountants, 910 Brown Building, 7th and Colorado Streets.
- 1952 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Proprietor, T.B. Trotter Company, certified public accountants, audits, systems and tax accountants, 910 Brown Building, 7th and Colorado Streets.
- 1949 Albert W. and Clementine A. Caster, owners
Proprietor, T.B. Trotter Company, certified public accountants, audits, system and tax accountants, 719 Brown Building, 7th and Colorado Streets.
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1947 Albert W. and Clementine Caster, owners
Proprietor, T.B. Trotter Company (T.B. Trotter, resident partner, Houston, Texas), certified public accountants, audits, systems and tax consultants, 719 Brown Building.
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1944-45 Albert W. and Clementine Caster, owners
Manager, T.B. Trotter, CPA, accountant, 719 Brown Building.
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1942 Frank D. and Dorothy Kerbow, owners
Proprietor, Frank D. Kerbow Claim Service, adjusters, 427-29 Littlefield Building.
NOTE: Albert W. Caster is listed at 1709 Enfield Road; he was an account manager for T.B. Trotter, CPA, 702 Brown Building, 7th and Colorado Streets.
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1941 Frank D. and Dorothy Kerbow, renters
Proprietor, F.D. Kerbow Claim Service, insurance claims, 428 Littlefield Building.
NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.
- 1940 Vacant

NOTE: Frank D. and Dorothy Kerbow are listed at 1601 Waterston Avenue. He was the proprietor of F.D. Kerbow Claim Service, and a lawyer with offices at 428 Littlefield Building.

NOTE: The house is listed as 2014 Enfield Road.

- 1939 Benjamin L. and Anna L. Pillow, owners
No occupation listed
- 1937 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Benjamin L. and Anna L. Pillow are listed at 4208 Red River Street; neither had an occupation shown.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Benjamin L. and Anna L. Pillow (ca. 1935 – ca. 1938)

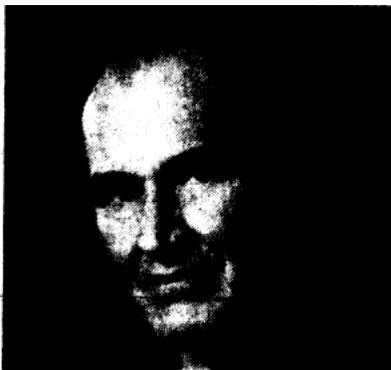
His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that Ben Lewis Pillow was living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was an assistant to the general manager of an oil company. His wife's name was Gwendolyn Taylor Pillow. He was born in 1878, and had blue eyes and dark hair; he had a medium build and was of medium height.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Benjamin L. and Gwen Pillow living in a rented house in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Benjamin L. Pillow was 40, had been born in Texas to a Louisiana-born father and a Kentucky-born mother, and was the manager of an oil company. Gwen Pillow was 30, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Benjamin F., 14; and Mary L., 11. Both children had been born in Texas.

Benjamin L. Pillow died in 1938 after being struck by an automobile. He was living in this house at the time of his death. He was born in 1878 to Benjamin S. and Mary Pillow, who owned the landmarked house at 1403 W. 9th Street. Benjamin L. Pillow was a retired oil man.

Frank D. and Dorothy Kerbow (ca. 1940 – ca. 1943)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Frank D. and Dorothy Kerbow as the renters of the house at 1601 Waterston Avenue in Austin. Frank D. Kerbow was 33, had been born in Texas, and was an attorney for an insurance claims adjuster; Dorothy Kerbow was 21, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Frank Kerbow had 2 daughters with his first wife, Vivian, Dorothy Kerbow's older sister, who passed away: Mary Sue, 10; and Virginia Rose, 8. Both girls were born in Texas. Dorothy Kerbow and the two girls had lived in New Braunfels, Texas in 1935.



Frank D. Kerbow

Frank D. Kerbow, age 90, born May 22, 1905, died Saturday, September 16, 1995, in Austin.

Mr. Kerbow was born in Cooper, Delta County, Texas, and after graduating from Ladonia High School, came to the University of Texas where he received his BA and Law degree. He remained in Austin in the private practice of law for more than 50 years. He had been a member of the University Presbyterian Church for more than 70 years where he had served as a Deacon and an Elder for many years.

Mr. Kerbow was active in civic affairs and fraternal organizations. He was a past Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F., a member of Masonic Lodge #1190, past Patron of Capital Chapter 803, Order of The Eastern Star, a member of Ben Hur Shrine Temple, president of the Patrol, a unit of that temple, and state president of the Patrol Association of Texas. For more than 60 years he was active in the Founders Lions Club of Austin, and served as president of that organization. After his retirement from the practice of law, he was actively engaged in his ranching business.

Mr. Kerbow is survived by four children, Mary Sue McGuire of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Virginia Kerbow, Karen Baker and David Kerbow, all of Austin; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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

Obituary of Frank D. Kerbow
 Austin American-Statesman, September 17, 1995

Dorothy Wimberley Kerbow was born in San Marcos, Texas in 1918 and died in 2013.

Dorothy Wimberley Kerbow was the daughter of Calvin Hickman "Hick" Wimberley and his wife Mabel Rose Saunders Wimberley. On her paternal side, she was the granddaughter of Zachariah Taylor Wimberley and Mary Elizabeth Franklin Wimberley. She was the great-granddaughter of Pleasant Wimberley and Amanda Julian Jackson Wimberley who owned the mill around which the village of

Wimberley grew. On her maternal side, Dorothy was the granddaughter of John Henry Saunders, Sr., and his wife Calladonia Williamson Saunders who were early settlers and civic leaders in Purgatory Springs, Texas; Wimberley, Texas; and San Marcos, Texas.

Dorothy was the youngest of Calvin and Mabel's three children. She was born in San Marcos but reared in New Braunfels where her parents moved so that her father could accept the position of manager of the city's water department. Louis, her brother, became a commander in the U. S. Navy and fought in WWII and Korea. Unlike her brother, her sister Vivien stayed close to home. She married Frank Kerbow when she was 18. The couple had two daughters before Vivian's tragic death from typhoid at the age of 25. After her sister's death Dorothy, with her take-charge personality, often took care of her two young nieces. She and the girls' father eventually married. Dorothy and Frank had two children of their own before divorcing.

Dorothy worked in the post office in Austin, Texas, from 1950 to 1972. She then moved to Wimberley, Texas, to accept the position of post master, serving from 1972 until retirement in 1978 when she was 60.

*After her retirement, Dorothy continued to live in Wimberley. She was rightfully proud of her lineage, so she began to write and edit articles for the Wimberley View and the San Marcos Daily Record. These articles chronicled the lives of her family and other pioneer families of Hays County, Texas. In 1986 the book *Clear Springs and Limestone Ledges: A History of San Marcos and Hays County* was published. The book focused not only on the county but also on the founding of San Marcos. Dorothy wrote the section about Wimberley for the book. In 1988 Dorothy edited the book *Cedar Whacker: Stories of the Hill Country* which was written by Charles Weldon Wimberley, a first cousin, who shared Dorothy's love of stories about the fiercely independent pioneers of Wimberley who gave up ranching and farming to take up axes. They became "cedar choppers" to fill the requests for cedar for railroad tracks, for ranchers' fences, and for the growing charcoal business. In 1989 Dorothy assisted another cousin Curlo Morris with his book *Skillet and Trophy Fishing*. In 1995 Dorothy's book *Wimberley: Historic Belle of the Blanco* was published. It is considered today to be the bible for information about Wimberley's pioneers, homes/buildings, and cemeteries with emphasis on the notables of the area in the 1930's.*

When she was in her late-80's, Dorothy decided to move to Austin, Texas, to be near her two children and her grandchildren. However, even after the move to Austin, she and her children and grandchildren assisted the Wimberley Institute of Cultures with its restoration of the Wimberley-Hughes House, the home of her grandparents. It was in Austin that Dorothy died at the age of 94. She left behind a legacy of civic and family responsibility well filled.

Albert W. and Clementine Caster (ca. 1943 – ca. 1984)

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Albert W. Caster as the 21-year old son of William W. and Ida Caster of Denton County, Texas. Albert W. Caster was born in Texas and was a clerk at a lumber yard. His father, William W. Caster, 52, was born in Michigan and was a house carpenter. His mother, Ida Caster, 41, was born in Louisiana, and had no occupation listed. Albert was the oldest of the Casters' 4 children, all of whom had been born in Texas. None of the younger children had an occupation shown in the census report.

His 1942 World War II draft registration card shows that Albert Wesley Caster was born in Fort Worth in 1899. He was employed by T.B. Trotter, CPA. He was 5'-8" tall, weighed 155, and had blue eyes and blond hair.

Albert W. Caster and Clementine Appling were married in Caldwell County, Texas on May 30, 1931.

Albert Caster was born in Fort Worth in 1899 and died in 1986. Clementine Frances Appling Caster was born in Luling, Texas in 1900 and died in 1988. They are buried in Pflugerville, Texas.



Albert W. Caster

Albert W. Caster, age 87, of Austin, died Saturday.

A native of Ft. Worth, he had attended Wesley College and Texas Christian University. He was a Certified Public Accountant and had been a partner in Albert W. Caster & Co., Certified Public Accountants and had also been associated with other accounting firms over the years. He has been a consultant with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company - CPA's.

Mr. Caster was a member of the University United Methodist Church, was past Master Blue Lodge affiliated with Austin Lodge #12 AF & AM and University Lodge #1190. He was a member of Ben Hur Shrine Temple, Austin Kiwanis Club and was a past member of the Austin Country Club and the Austin Club.

Active in Austin civic affairs, Mr. Caster had been vice-president and member of Executive Committee of Texas Rehabilitation Hospital and Warm Springs Hospital in Gonzales, Texas, Treasurer and member of Executive Committee of Greater Austin Association, member of Economic De-

velopment Council and Austin Chamber of Commerce. He had been a sponsor of Austin Aqua Festival since its inception.

Survivors include his wife, Clemmie A. Caster, Austin; sister, Estella Scoggin, Crowley, Texas.

Masonic graveside services under the auspices of University Lodge #1190 AF & AM, 2:00 PM, Tuesday, Capital Memorial Park, with Reverend Bruno Schmidt officiating.

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

Obituary of Albert Caster
Austin American-Statesman, September 15, 1986

Clemmie Appling Caster

Mrs. Albert (Clemmie Appling) Caster, age 87, of Austin, died Saturday.

Mrs. Caster was a member of University United Methodist Church since 1940, a member of the Fellowship Forum Class and lifetime member in the Southwestern Conference. She was one of the Founders of the Austin CPA Wives and was their First President in 1955. She was also a 50 year member of Order of the Eastern Star of Austin, Chapter #304, First President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, First President of the La Petite Chapeau of the 8 & 40, and Life and Charter Member in the Daughters of the Nile.

Other memberships include, the American Legion Auxiliary, Austin Women's Club, Austin Woman's Federation, National Society Daughters of American Revolution and Wednesday Morning Music Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert W. Caster, and several brothers and sisters, Francis Lee Appling, William Appling, Bess Appling Rabb and Colley B. Appling.

Graveside services 10:30 AM, Monday, Capital Memorial Park with Reverend Karen Vannoy of the University United Methodist Church officiating.

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

Obituary of Clementine Caster
Austin American-Statesman, June 13, 1988

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 29678

M. B. L. Pillow

Address 2014 Euclid Rd

Plumber F. S.

Size of Tap 1/2

Date 7-17-35

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Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 7-22-35

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 62

Location of Meter Curbline

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 30"

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 10

Checked by Engr. Dept. 2-21-35 W.P.A.

No. Fittings	Size	Description
1	5/8"	Curb Cock
1		Elbow
1		St. Elbow
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Bushing
1	3/4" x 1/2"	Reducer
10	3/4"	Pipe Copper
		Lead Comp.
		Nipples
1		Union
1		Cap
		Stop
1		Box
1		Lid
		Valves
		Access. No.

Foreman's Signature Danglor

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Water service permit to Benjamin L. Pillow for this house (1935)

Connection Charge \$ 1200 15133
Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, 12/27 1938

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 B. L. Pillow
at 2014 Enfield Rd Street,
further described as lot 1, block 10, outlot
subdivision Westfield, division, plat 151
which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed Coc fixtures.

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

2 1/2 DEEP Respectfully, Buster F...
AT-PL

Stub Out
Connected 12-30 1938 Permit Pll

Size of Main 4 inches.

Size of Service 4 inches.

5 1/2 Feet Deep Encement B-1141

4 Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line

Inspected by Bostight Con 9/20/67
of N. Corp

Connection made by Henry of Enfield
Road

10690

Sewer connection application by Benjamin L. Pillow for this address (1938)

OWNER	Albert Caster	ADDRESS	2014 Enfield Rd.
PLAT	153	LOT	S.W. part of Anna L. Pillow Tr. BLK --
SUBDIVISION	Unplatted		
OCCUPANCY	Create duplex & enl. bedroom & add 2 baths		
BLD PERMIT #	105466	DATE	10-16-67
CONTRACTOR	Thomas Bros. Const.	OWNERS ESTIMATE	8500.00
CONTRACTOR	Thomas Bros. Const.	NO. OF FIXTURES	15
WATER TAP REC #	--	SEWER TAP REC #	--
Frm. addn. to res. & add apt. over garage to create duplex			
1942 sq. ft.			

Building permit to Albert Caster to create a duplex by constructing an apartment over the garage, and to construct an addition to the house (1967)

City records indicate a building permit to remodel the kitchen and to convert the attic into a bedroom in 2003.