

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2020
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2020-0233
5512 SHOALWOOD AVE.

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1939 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story stone veneer residence with cross-gabled, composition shingle roof featuring shallow Minimal Traditional-style eaves, 6:6 wood windows, and a Tudor Revival-style arched entryway with peaked gable.

RESEARCH

The house at 5512 Shoalwood Avenue was built in 1939. Its first residents were renowned Texas landscape architect Charles Coatsworth Pinkney and his wife Evelyn. Pinkney, newly arrived in Austin from an apprenticeship under Olmstead Brothers in Boston, began his own firm that year. Pinkney designed the landscapes for Rosewood and Chalmers Courts, the Delwood Duplex and Allandale subdivisions, the French Legation and other high-profile historic sites in Austin including schools, trails, military and medical facilities, and private residences. 1945 City Council meeting minutes also list Pinkney as a City planning engineer consulting on the proposed interstate highway construction. Pinkney's clients included the Texas Historical Commission, Bergstrom AFB, IBM, the Texas State Hospital, and dozens of Austin's most prominent families; over a thousand projects have been catalogued at the Austin History Center. Of these, at least ninety date to within Pinkney's residence at 5512 Shoalwood Avenue. (Around three hundred entries remain undated.)

In 1948, the Pinkneys sold the house to Alice Stevens, a former schoolteacher employed as a bookkeeper at the State Liquor Control Board. Pinkney lived in the home until 1961, according to Statesman classified ads.

STAFF COMMENTS

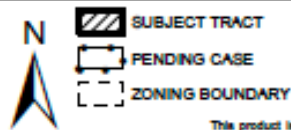
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). The property may demonstrate significance according to City Code:
 - a) *Architecture*. The building is constructed with Tudor Revival and Minimal Traditional stylistic influences. Stone-veneer houses from this period represent a rapidly disappearing regional building type.
 - b) *Historical association*. The building is associated with landscape architect Charles Coatsworth Pinkney.
 - 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 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

Consider initiating historic zoning based on the house's association with landscape architect Charles Coatsworth Pinkney. Otherwise, encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then release the relocation 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



1" = 333'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2020-0233

LOCATION: 5512 SHOALWOOD AVE

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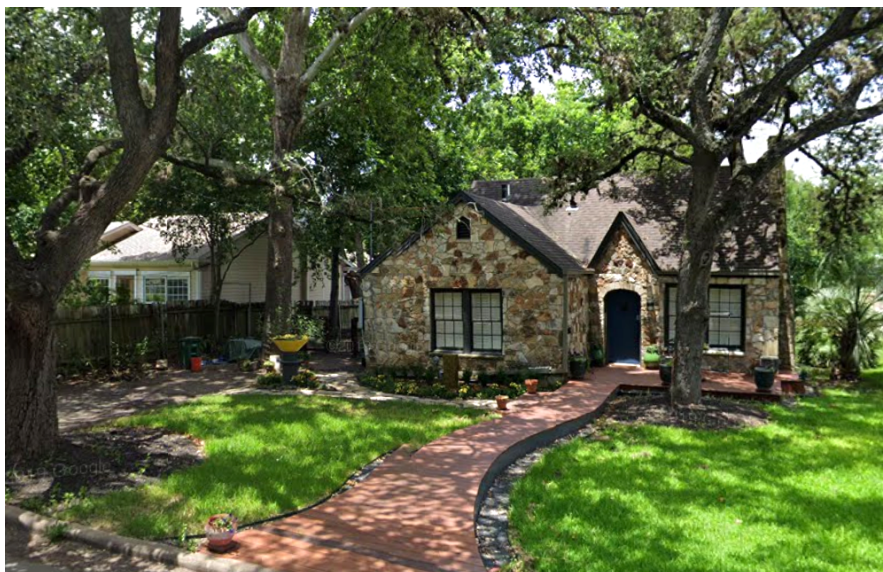


PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Source: Zillow.com



Source: Google Street View

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, July 2020

Note: Due to facility closure, post-1959 directory research is unavailable.

1959 Alice Stevens, owner
 1955 Alice Stevens, owner
 1952 Alice Stevens, owner
 1949 Alice Stevens, owner
 1947 Charles C. and Evelyn Pinkney, owners
 Landscape architect
 1944 Address not listed
 1941 Charles Coatsworth Pinkney, owner
 Landscape architect
 1939 Address not listed

*Biographical Information***MISS ALICE STEVENS**

Miss Alice Stevens, 65, 2405 Sonora Ct. died at her home Wednesday.

A resident of Austin since 1935, she had formerly taught school and for a number of years was employed by the Liquor Control Board. She was a member of the Methodist Church and formerly lived in Mexia.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Austin, and Mrs. Mary S. Campbell, Longview; three brothers, Kelly H. Stevens, Austin, Ernest L. Stevens, Sacramento, Calif., and H. B. Stevens, Abilene.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. The body will be taken to San Antonio for cremation.

The Austin Statesman: Dec 5, 1968

Charles Coatsworth "C.C." Pinkney / The Cultural Landscape Foundation

Born in Denver, Colorado, Pinkney graduated from Colorado A&M in 1927, majoring in horticulture and entomology. He then pursued graduate work in landscape architecture at Harvard, where he served as a field assistant to Morley Jeffers Williams, supervising excavations at Stratford Hall in summer 1932, and again from August to October 1934. Pinkney's discoveries were essential to the reconstruction of the east garden, as well as the stable, springhouse, and entrance west of the house. In 1934 Pinkney received his master's in landscape architecture and married Evelyn Robinson. The Charles Eliot Traveling Fellowship sent him for a year's study in Europe (1934-1935), and he apprenticed with Olmsted Brothers and worked for a time with Arthur Shurcliff.

Pinkney arrived with his family in Austin, Texas, in 1939. One of his earliest commissions was the landscape for the second phase of construction (1940-1941) at the Rosewood Courts housing project. He designed the gardens of several local estates and residences, including the Joseph Renfro, Jr., House, the Leach House, and the Stanley and Emily Finch House, all in the 1940s. He planned much of Austin's Allandale neighborhood between 45th street and Northland Drive, as well as bicycle trails running along Shoal Creek. He also designed the landscapes of several local schools, including Summit Elementary School, Perry Park Elementary, Murchison Junior High

School, McCallum High School, Reagan High School, and Rosedale School. In his design of the grounds of the French Legation Museum in 1953, Pinkney showed sensitivity to the history of the site, leaving the gently rolling grounds largely open and unobstructed. His career in Austin spanned five decades.

Source: [tclf.org /pioneer/charles-coatsworth-cc-pinkney](http://tclf.org/pioneer/charles-coatsworth-cc-pinkney)

Evelyn Robinson Pinkney passed away on December 10, 2004, in Austin, Texas, after a long and happy life of almost 94 years. She was the second of five daughters of Mary Frances and Hosea Shelby Robinson, arriving in this world on March 12, 1911, in Belton, Texas. Evelyn was the beloved wife of Charles Coatsworth Pinkney. They began their life together on November 17, 1934, with a ceremony at the Presbyterian Church in Brenham, Texas.

The granddaughter of a Presbyterian circuit rider minister, Evelyn followed a happy childhood by graduating from Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, Texas. She culminated her formal education with a degree from the Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas, and began her career in teaching as the Director of Home Economics at Gatesville High School in Gatesville, Texas. Evelyn was a brilliant and strong-willed woman who believed that God gave intellect to women as much as men.

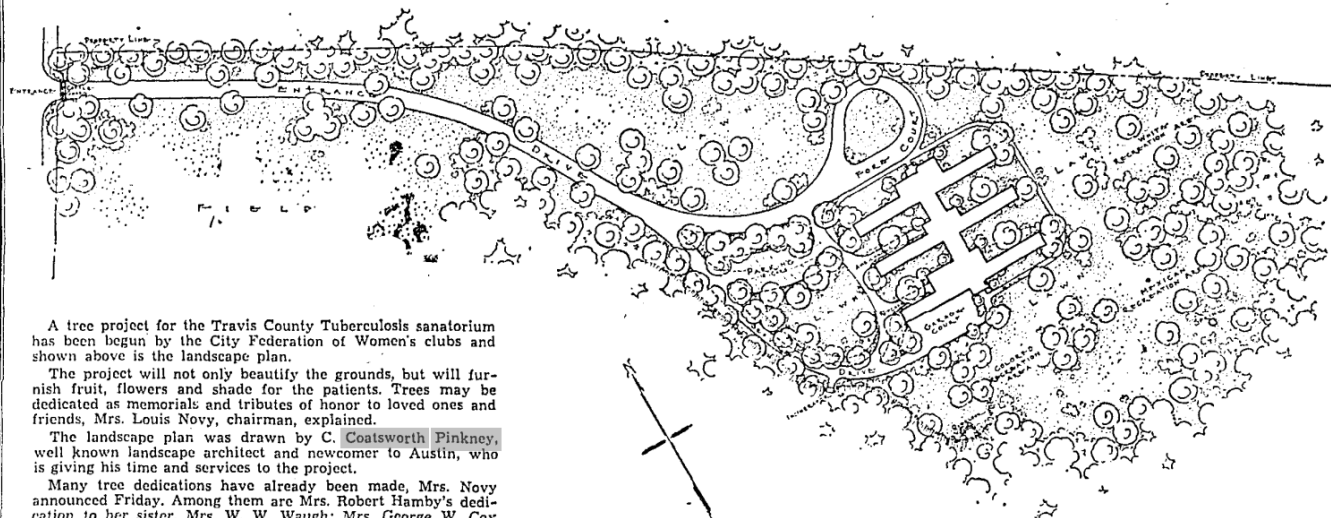
Evelyn joined her husband, Charles Coatsworth, in Boston, Massachusetts, where Charles completed his studies at Harvard University and served his apprenticeship as a Landscape Architect. The family moved to Austin in 1939 with their first daughter, Patti Lynn. Evelyn gave up a promising career installing Home Economics programs in public schools to work with her husband in his landscaping business and in raising their three children. Her creativity came out in sewing beautiful clothes for her family. In addition, she shared with others her love of God and her positive attitude. Evelyn loved music, UT football, and the University Presbyterian Church where she enjoyed Sunday school, church, and her Women's Circle. She was a stickler for good nutrition and good manners. She was proud to be an Austinite and a Texan, to live in a place where people were friendly. Everywhere she went, people loved her and her smile.

Evelyn has joined her husband in her loving Father's home. The joy of this reunion will be happily remembered by her children - Patti Lynn Schulle of Loveland, Colorado, Mary Elizabeth Pinkney Lee of Austin, and Fred Coatsworth Pinkney of Kansas City, Missouri, their families, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and surviving sister, Patti Jean Brennecke.

We will celebrate our love for Evelyn at the Weed Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Boulevard, at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, assisted by Evelyn's pastor, Dr. San Williams of the University Presbyterian Church. Evelyn will rest at the side of Charles Coatsworth at the Memorial Hills Cemetary, 14619 Interstate 35 North.

Source: Austin American-Statesman, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/document-view?p=NewsBank&t=pubname%3AAASB%21Austin%2BAmerican-Statesman%2B%2528TX%2529&sort=YMD_date%3AD&fld-base-0=alltext&maxresults=20&val-base-0=%22coatsworth%20pinkney%22&docref=news/106F8A3D255BCE36

Landscape Plan for Beautification of Tuberculosis Sanatorium Grounds



A tree project for the Travis County Tuberculosis sanatorium has been begun by the City Federation of Women's clubs and shown above is the landscape plan.

The project will not only beautify the grounds, but will furnish fruit, flowers and shade for the patients. Trees may be dedicated as memorials and tributes of honor to loved ones and friends, Mrs. Louis Novy, chairman, explained.

The landscape plan was drawn by C. Coatsworth Pinkney, well known landscape architect and newcomer to Austin, who is giving his time and services to the project.

Many tree dedications have already been made, Mrs. Novy announced Friday. Among them are Mrs. Robert Hamby's dedication to her sister, Mrs. W. W. Waugh; Mrs. George W. Cox for her mother, Mrs. Margaret Rabb French; Congregation Aghudas Achim; St. Edward's university; Mrs. David Reichman for David Reichman; Mrs. I. Frank for her son, Louis Benjamin Frank; Jim Novy for his mother, Mrs. Chyghzirl Novy; and Mrs. Louis Novy for Mrs. Charles Eichenbaum.

The Austin Statesman: Feb. 14, 1941

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Recessed Meeting

June 14, 1945
4:00 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

Present: Councilmen Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller - 3
Absent: Councilmen Alford and Wolf - 2

Present also: Walter E. Seaholm City Manager; J. E. Motheral, City Engineer; C. C. Pinkney, City Planning Engineer; Members of the City Plan Commission; Members of the Chamber of Commerce; and a large delegation of citizens.

The Mayor announced that the meeting was one of a series of informal meetings with the public to discuss postwar plans, the subject for discussion today being the proposed routes for the interstate highway through the City of Austin; and then called on the City Manager and the City Engineer to explain the routes under consideration.

Thereupon City Manager Seaholm stated that the Federal Government having placed Austin on an interstate highway route, the State Highway Department has recommended East Avenue as the most favorable route for said highway through the City, and in accordance with that recommendation, three routes for continuation of said highway through the City have been proposed by the State Highway Engineers and the City Engineers, as follows:

- (1) To cross the Colorado River at the foot of East Avenue, continuing south through the Blunn Creek area in South Austin, recommended by Engineer Manigault;
- (2) To cross the Colorado River at Harper's Branch, continuing south through South Austin, recommended by Engineer Gubbels;
- (3) To curve east at First Street, crossing the Colorado River at or near Chalmers Street, and continuing south on Summit Street through South Austin, recommended by the City Engineers, and also by Engineer Gubbels.

The City Manager stated further that the City objected to the route proposed by Engineer Manigault because it would necessitate changing the channel of Blunn Creek, destroy Stacy Park and Playground, locate the new bridge too near the Congress Avenue bridge, and serve an area of South Austin

already well-developed, whereas the route proposed by the City Engineers would serve South Austin better by developing an area now only partially developed, and be more feasible if the low water dam is built.

The following estimates of cost of acquiring the right-of-way for the highway through the City, from the northern city limits to the southern city limits, were submitted by the City Manager:

For Engineer Manigault's proposed route:

200-foot right-of-way	-----	\$858,500.00
160-foot	"	767,300.00
100-foot	"	505,000.00

For City's proposed route:

200-foot right-of-way	-----	\$717,000.00
160-foot	"	617,000.00
100-foot	"	355,000.00

For other alternate route:

Approximately the same as the City's route.

The meeting was then opened to general discussion, in which all present were given an opportunity to participate. It was declared to be the consensus of opinion of those present that the interstate highway should come through the City.

Mr. A. G. ADAMS, JR., President of the Chamber of Commerce, declared that at the present time the City's plan seemed the most feasible to him.

After considerable discussion, and announcement by the Mayor that there would be another meeting on the subject, following a meeting with the State Highway officials, and others, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30. P. M.

City Council minutes, June 14, 1945

Landscape Architect Pinkney To Discuss 'Planting Plans'

Drawings to illustrate his talk will be used by C. Coatsworth Pinkney, landscape architect, when he speaks before the Violet Crown Garden club at the meeting Thursday at 3 p. m. in the Crystal ballroom of the Driskill hotel.

Pinkney's subject is "Austin Planting Plans." Garden study group two, whose study is home beautification and landscaping, will be hostess for the meeting. A report on the fall meeting of the executive board of the Texas Garden clubs held in Waco Nov. 1 will be given by Mrs. J. W. Greene. Violet Crown Garden club members who attended the Waco meet were Mesdames G. B. Smedley, J. Frank Dobie, J. W. Bradfield, Miss Willie Birge and Jac L. Gubbels.

According to Mrs. J. W. Bradfield, president, those members not yet signed up for study groups may do so at the Thursday meeting. Study group two will meet in the Ordinary room at 2 p. m., Mrs. Joe Prowse, temporary chairman stated. Purpose of the meeting is to organize for the year's study.

The following members will organize for the study of home beautification and landscaping and will

also serve as hostesses at this meeting:

Mesdames R. B. Blake, W. Boswell, Seth Breeding, F. N. Clifford, A. B. Cox, O. R. Davis, Alfred Ellison, H. Fisher, W. R. Fristoe, J. P. Gibbs, W. W. Hart, A. L. Haynes, S. C. Hoyle, F. S. Jackson, G. F. Mayfield, R. H. McCauley, George McClellan, Max McCoun, Frank W. Moore, John Paschtag, J. W. Pritchard, Joe Prowse, J. M. Patterson, J. P. Rutledge, H. B. Satterfield, C. H. Schmidt, Paul Vollette, A. L. Zinser, and Lucile Turner. Also Lester Pruett.

McCallum School Plans Project for Beautification

"Campus Beautification" on a mass production basis is an undertaking to begin at McCallum High School Tuesday, under the leadership of C. Coatsworth Pinkney, co-chairman with Mrs. Pinkney, of the McCallum P-TA building and grounds committee.

During the usual activity period, all students will turn out to assist in the planting of the grass on the grounds of North Austin's new high school. They will set out grass donated by members of the P-TA and friends of the school.

Campus Partition

Principal N. H. Wittner, working with a student committee, has supervised the partition of the school campus into 39 separate plots, one for each of the 25 advisories in the high school and 14

advisories in the junior high. Each plot is centered with a placard bearing the name of the advisory teacher. Students from each advisory will work in their specified plot.

At the activity period on Tuesday, usually devoted to club proceedings, ticket sales, announcements and other extra curricular work, there will be a brief ceremony in the school, and all "hands" will then turn out for the spade work. Extent of the activity will be governed only by the grass available for planting.

Donations Requested

Principal Wittner has announced that all donations of grass of any variety, which may have been gleaned from the clearing of flower beds, sidewalks edges and driveways during the weekend's yard work, will be gratefully accepted. Contributions intended for specific advisories may be deposited at the indicated plots, and a central stockpile will be established at the curb in front of the school, at 5600 Sunshine Drive. Grass may be brought to the school prior to "Campus Beautification" Day. Arrangements have been made to keep it damp until planting time Tuesday.

In future plans for beautification, advanced students of the vocational agriculture classes at McCallum will plant several varieties of shrubs around the school, also under the supervision of Mr. Pinkney and the P-TA building and grounds committee.

A complete landscaping program was drawn up by Mr. Pinkney, when the school opened a year ago.

A new non-toxic, non-poisonous odorless paint is recommended especially for repainting such items as cribs, toys, playpens, etc.

C. C. Pinkney Designs Master Garden for Show

Visitors at the big flower show in the new Municipal Auditorium April 18 and 19 will behold a master garden, designed by one of America's foremost landscape architects, Austin's own C. Coatsworth Pinkney. There will be a mass of blooming roses and exotic orchids and eye-catching rockgardens. The visitor may choose to observe his own favorite garden project and every discerning visitor will see a pattern melding the finest of our countryside.

The over-all picture of the great floor will stretch out to bring in something for all tastes. It will be gathered under one sound roof (Remember the near tragedy of last year's closing night thunderstorm) blended into a delightful garden picture.

The design for the garden, which has been gratefully accepted by the Austin Area Garden Council, is the work of Mr. Pinkney, who lives at 5424 Shoal Creek Boulevard. He was born in Denver, Colo., but he married a Texas girl, Evelyn Robinson of Brenham, so he state can lay valid claim to him. They have three children.

His educational background is most impressive. He holds a bachelor of science in Entomology and Horticulture from Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo., and master's degree in landscape architecture from Harvard University followed by a fellowship giving him travel study in Spain, Italy, France and England.

Since he has been in Texas he has done some very interesting things. He created the master plan for the development of grounds and placing of future buildings for the Texas State Capitol. He made the plan for the City of Austin Plan Commission for the parks and parkways for the River Bank development.

Mr. Pinkney has designed the planting and the ground development for many private residences in Austin, as well as in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Taylor and other Central Texas towns. He is proud of the designs he made for the Texas State Teachers Build-

ing and the Texas Medical Association, Library and Headquarters Building both in Austin.

For a man who did a lot of studying and working up in Boston, his seasoning into a Texan has been most interesting. The plans he has laid out for the Austin Area Flower Show will be delightfully colorful and picturesque, according to the men and women who have seen them.



DESIGNER STUDIES FLOWER SHOW

—With a map of the floor spaces before him, C. Coatsworth Pinkney, landscape architect, stands on the balcony of the new Municipal Auditorium plotting where best to put the rock gardens. Austin has never been of-

Austin American-UPI

fered the comprehensive display of flowering beauty which the men and women of the Austin Area Flower Council will show them the weekend of April 18 and 19. Every garden club of this and surrounding towns will be represented.

The Austin American: Mar. 15, 1959

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The Austin Statesman: Sep 2, 1948 and May 18, 1961

Note: Charles Coatsworth Pinkney's architectural drawings can be viewed at the Austin History Center (collection: <https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/taro/aushc/00310/ahc-00310.html>) when facilities reopen.

Building Permits

Miss Alice Stevens 5512 Shoalwood Ave

196 4 and N 13 of Lot 3 5

Shoalwood Sub

Carport at side of att garage

65094 10-24-58 200.00

Building permit for addition, 10-24-58

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No. 14081

Received of John Dye Date August 24, 1939

Address 5512 Shoalwood

Amount Two and 50/100 - - - \$ 2.50

Plumber ??? Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 9-2-39

Size of Tap Made 3/4" COP.

Size Service Made 3/4" COP.

Size Main Tapped 6" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12"

From SOUTH Prop. Line to Curb Cock 14'

Location of Meter CURBLINE

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 24"

Depth of Service Line 18"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 5

Checked by Engr. Dept. 10-23-39 LE

No. Fittings	Size.
1 Curb Cock	1/2"
1 Elbow	3/4" X 1/2"
1 Bushing	3/4" X 1/2"
1 Reducer	3/4" X 1/2"
5 Pipe	3/4" COPPER
1 Lead Comp.	
1 Nipples	
1 Union	3/4" C. COPP.
1 Plug	3/4" C. COPP.
1 Tee	2" X 3/4" SLEEVE
1 Stop	LOCK METER BOX
1 Box	" LID
1 End	DRAIN TILE
1 Valves	" LID
Job No.	139401E
Req. No.	39528

Water tap permit, 8-24-39