# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS JULY 27, 2020 HR-2020-091383

## 3313 Bryker Drive/1705 W. $34^{\text{th}}$ Street Old West Austin National Register Historic District

#### PROPOSAL

Demolish a contributing ca. 1941-42 duplex and construct a new building.

#### ARCHITECTURE

The existing duplex is composed of two parts: 3313 Bryker Drive and 1705 W. 34th Street. The W. 34th Street building was constructed first; it is a side-gabled frame dwelling with gabled entryway, shallow eaves, and 6:6 wood windows. The Bryker Drive addition has a hipped roof, a partial-width covered porch, a gabled addition, and 6:6 and 1:1 wood windows. Both halves of the single-story duplex have horizontal wood siding and composition shingle roofs. A series of additions dating from the 1940s and '50s abuts the duplex's rear elevation.

#### PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Demolish existing duplex.
- 2) Construct a new two-story residence. The proposed new building faces Bryker Drive. It is clad in vertical wood siding and capped by a compound roof with composition shingles and exposed rafter tails. Its fenestration pattern and window sizes are irregular, with undivided clad wood casement windows and sliding glass doors. Its main elevation contains a covered front porch and horizontal-paneled garage door. The north elevation at W. 34th Street features a partial-width screened porch and stucco-clad chimney, as well as a pool. The building's front wall is set back 20 feet from Bryker Drive and approximately 15 feet from the W. 34th Street utility easement, with the pool's closest corner just over 11 feet from the W. 34th easement.

#### RESEARCH

The duplex at 3313 Bryker Drive and 1705 W. 34th Street was built in two phases in 1941 and 1942. During the historic period, both addresses were primarily owned by Alice T. D. Branyon, a clerical supervisor with the Texas Employment Commission. She was twice widowed; after the death of her first husband in 1941, she lived in the 3313 Bryker half of the duplex until 1947, when she moved into the 1705 W. 34th Street half. Upon her marriage to Roy J. Branyon, the couple moved out. After Roy Branyon's 1958 death, Alice Branyon moved back into 1705 W. 34th Street.

Branyon's daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Lee R. Maulding, occupied the Bryker Drive half of the duplex from 1947 to at least 1959. Lee Maulding was a National Guardsman and WWII veteran working at Camp Mabry. In 1949, Maulding's sister and brother-in-law, Imogene and Charles Morley, lived next door at 1705 W. 34th Street.

#### STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate new construction projects in National Register historic districts. Applicable standards include:

- 2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided. The existing contributing duplex will be demolished.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment. Most historic homes in the building's immediate vicinity are one story in height; however, the easement surrounding the property may mitigate the proposed building's potentially outsized appearance. Its form, massing, and use of wood cladding and windows are based upon traditional designs in the district and are thus compatible with their surroundings; however, its undivided casement windows, vertical siding, and irregular

fenestration patterns do not reflect the district's character. The siding's orientation and the windows' vertical emphasis may add to the building's incongruity with the streetscape. The pool's placement at the intersection of 34th Street and Bryker Drive will fundamentally change the property's relationship to the street, particularly when a secure fence is installed.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall 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. If the proposed building were removed in the future, the district's integrity would be unimpaired.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The duplex contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

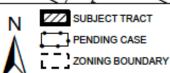
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate 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 house is constructed with Minimal Traditional stylistic influences.
  - b. Historical association. 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

Comment on and 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. Alternately, the Commission may choose to initiate a 180-day demolition delay, as the building contributes to a National Register Historic District.





## NOTIFICATIONS

Case: HR-2020-091383 Location: 3313 Bryker Drive

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Photos



Source: Realtor.com





Source: Google Street View

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, July 2020
Note: Due to facility closure, post-1959 directory research is unavailable.

Note. Due it	3313 Bryker Drive	1705 W. 34th Street
1959	Lee Roy and Jeanne Maulding, renters Mechanic, State Adjutant General's Department	Alice D. Branyon, owner
1955	Lee Roy and Jeanne Maulding, renters Employee, Camp Mabry	Address not listed
1952	Lee Roy and Jeanne Maulding, renters Chief warrant officer	Eugene and Mary Sams, renters Automotive service
1949	Lee Roy and Jeanne Maulding, renters Salesman	Charles and Imogean Morley, renters Calculator, George S. VanFleet Richard Morley, renter Student, UT
1947	Lee Roy and Jeanne Maulding, renters	Mrs. Alice D. Darcy (wid. T.E.) Clerk, State Unemployment Commission

1944-45 Mrs. Alice Texas Darcy, owner (wid. Thomas Ernest)

> Margaret Rogers, renter Clerk

Evangeline Lane, renter Correspondent, State Department of Public Welfare

1941 Address not listed

### Biographical Information

#### LEE R. MAULDING

Lee R. Maulding, 46, of 3313 Bryker Drive, died in a local hospital late Saturday. A lifetime resident of Austin, Naulding was a member of the Tarrytown Baptist Church and the North Austin Lions Club.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the 36th Infantry Division. Maulding was employed in the Adjutant General's Dept. at Camp Mabry and was a member of the Texas National Guard.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Joanne D. Maulding of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Judith D. Williams of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sons, Michael D. Williams of Corpus Chriti and Lee R. Maulding Jr. of Austin; mother, Mrs. Mary R. Maulding of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. Earl (Myrtle) Hambrick of San Marcos, Mrs. C. W. (Liberty) McMahan of San Antonio, Mrs. Claude (Lucy) Brown of Port Aransas and Mrs. C. R. (Imagene) Morley of Houston; two brothers, Gradie Maulding of Hollydale, Calif., and William C. Maulding of Austin; and one granddaughter, Michelle Williams of Corpus Christi.

Funeral services will be held at '4 p.m. Tuesday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Chaplain Arthur E. Rode will officiate Cemetery.

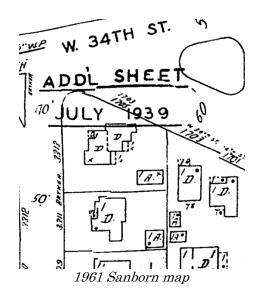
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Claxton and Fave Draper, owners Auditor, State Liquor Control Board

Note: The Austin American-Statesman lists the Drapers at 1709 W. 34th St.

BRANYON, Alice Darcy, 85, of Austin, died Sunday. Graveside services 2 p.m. and burial will be in Live Oak Tuesday at Bethany Cemetery near Keene. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. Mar-Honorary pallbearers will be garet Grant, Jeanne Maulding, both of members of the North Austin Austin; brother, James Clifford Duff of Cleburne; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. (Weed-Corley)



**Permits** 

Mrs. Alice T. Darcy ..

3313 Bryker Drive -1703 West 34th. St.

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