

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICTS**  
**AUGUST 24, 2020**  
**NRD-2020-0027**  
**2607 MCCALLUM DRIVE**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1941 contributing house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story house with stone veneer and horizontal wood siding. The two-story main house has a side-gabled roof clad in composition shingles, while the single-story southernmost bay features a front gable. The house has 6:6 single windows, mullied 4:4 and 8:8 windows, and second-floor windows obscured by louvered shutters. The second floor central bay features a shallow balcony with turned posts and a French door.

**RESEARCH**

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The house at 2607 McCallum Drive was built for Joseph McElroy Alexander, an office supply salesman with the Steck Company, and his wife Mildred. The Alexanders and their children lived in the home until at least 1952; by 1955, it had been sold to oilman Robert M. Payne and his wife Mary J. Payne, a dedicated United Fund volunteer.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house contributes to the Old West Austin National Register District. New construction plans will require Historic Landmark Commission review when submitted.

*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).
  - a. *Architecture.* The house is constructed with Monterrey-style 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**

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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 District.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
CASE#: NRD-2020-0027  
LOCATION: 2607 MC CALLUM DR



1" = 333'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

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*Photos*



*Source: Google Street View*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, July 2020

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

- 1959 Robert M. and Mary J. Payne, owners  
Independent oil operator
- 1955 Robert M. Payne, owner
- 1952 Joseph M. and Mildred Alexander, owners  
Salesman, Steck Co.
- 1949 Joseph M. and Mildred Alexander, owners  
Salesman, Steck Co.
- 1947 Joseph M. and Mildred Alexander, owners  
Salesman, Steck Co.
- 1944-45 Joseph M. and Mildred Alexander, owners  
Salesman, Steck Co.
- 1941 Address not listed

*Biographical Information***MRS. J. M. ALEXANDER**

Mrs. J. M. (Mildred) Alexander, 2101 Newfield Lane, died in a local hospital Tuesday. She had been a resident of Austin 40 years, was a member of University Methodist Church.

Survivors are one son, Jack Alexander of Waco; one daughter, Mrs. Joane Cronewell of San Francisco; one granddaughter, Mrs. Susan Musgrave of Beaumont; one grandson, William W. Robertson of Austin; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Dr. James W. Morgan will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

*The Austin Statesman: Dec 4, 1968*

# Austinite's Llano School Land Lease Bid Okayed

LLANO, Oct. 13 (CTS)—Robert M. Payne of Austin was successful bidder for oil and gas leaseings of Llano County school land located in Tom Green County.

The successful bid was \$20.11 per acre for 2,088 acres or a bonus of \$42,000 for the first year with a \$1 annual rental per acre for the next four years, County Judge R. P. McWilliams said.

Two other bids for the entire 10,837 acres placed for lease were not accepted. These bids were by Shell Oil Company for \$35,000 for the first year bonus and \$1 per acre annually for the next four years; and by Robert M. Payne for \$65,000 for the first year bonus, and \$1 per acre annually for the next four years.

The first oil and gas leasing of Llano County school land was made in June, 1945, for a 10-year period, and was for 30 cents an acre on 17,712 acres, totaling \$38,742.60.

No leaseings were made since that time until June, 1955, when 320 acres were leased for a five-year period for \$16,141.85; in December, 1955, 976.6 acres were leased for \$19,977 and 444.7 acres for \$5,349.76. In February, 1956, 2,640 acres were leased for \$32,955.35, all for five year periods, all with additional rentals of \$1 per year per acre.

In the 11-year period since the first land was leased, more than \$205,166.47 has been received through oil and gas leaseings for the Llano school permanent fund. Of this amount, \$75,000 was used to purchase Llano Independent School District bonds, payment on which was completed in 1955; \$46,600 was invested in government "G" bonds. The Llano County Commissioners Court agreed to use

the balance to purchase more Llano Independent School District bonds.

A new school building, combination gymnasium, administrative offices, homemaking department and band hall, is to be constructed in the very near future.

In addition to the \$205,166.47 added to the school's permanent fund through oil and gas leaseings, other revenue has been received. Included in this fund is \$4,271.60 received from caliche leasing in 1950, and \$889 for caliche leasing in 1956, 112.2 acres was sold to the federal government for the building of a dam, \$13,000 was received for this land. And in 1950, 44 acres were sold to the federal government for the construction of a highway for \$8,700. These amounts, too, have been placed in the school's permanent fund.

# UF Workers Will Ring Every Doorbell in Travis

Every doorbell in Austin and Travis County will be rung at least once during the 1959 United Fund campaign, according to Mrs. Robert Payne, chairman of the geographic division which annually conducts the house to house canvass winding up the city's annual federated fund raising drive.

"This must be done if we are to reach the \$388,152 goal, the largest in United Fund history," Mrs. Payne said.

"Last year 31,893 individuals contributed \$502,000 and it was estimated that at least 40,000 persons did not share in the support of the 26th health, welfare and youth organizations included in the United Fund. These are the persons we must reach this year."

To ring every doorbell will take about 3,000 women, Mrs. Payne pointed out to her nine area chairmen who have already started to recruit that many women for the house to house canvass which is scheduled for late October.

Area chairmen include Mrs. Noble Doss, 4207 Bradwood, Baker; Mrs. Robert Morrison, 2710 Stratford Drive, Eanes; Mrs. George Sandlin, 2113 Highgrove Terrace, O'Henry; Mrs. Raymond P. Me-

Elroy, 2319 Westoak Drive, T. N. Porter; Mrs. Ray Price, 1305 Cloverleaf Drive, University Junior High; Mrs. Margaret Munoz, 1000 Taylor, Allan Junior High; Mrs. Clarence Covert Jr., 3502 Arrowhead Drive, Lamar; Mrs. Fannie Mae Lawless, 1015 East 12th.

*The Austin American: Oct 14, 1956 and The Austin Statesman: Jul 24, 1959*

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## OPEN HOUSE

2607 McCALLUM

2 PM to 6 PM

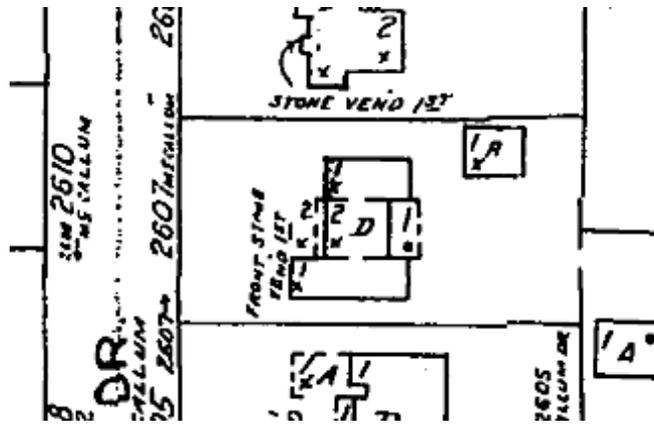
Monterry — Creole — Two Story — Pemberton — 3 or 4 bedrooms — formal dining room — family size kitchen — 20 x 24 living room — 2 baths and much more. Only \$26,700. For special appointment call Jerome Dorf at GR 8-5621 or GR 7-5144.



308 West 15th

GR 8-5621

*The Austin American: Feb 12, 1961*



Sanborn map, 1961

Permits

J.M.Alexander 2607 Mc/ Callum Dr.  
 159 - 17 S. 55' of 22 &  
 N. 15' of 24

Pemb. Hts.

Frame Rec & Frame Garage

22645 - 10-8-41

Building permit, 10-8-41

OWNER Mrs. Terry Bray ADDRESS 2607 McCallum Dr.

PLAT 159 LOT S. 55' of 22 & N. 15' of 24 BLK 17

SUBDIVISION Pemberton Hts. #8

OCCUPANCY remodel kitchen

BLD PERMIT # 107367 DATE 3-26-68 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$2,000.00

CONTRACTOR Tom Bowdye Sons NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --

remodel exist kitchen

Remodel permit, 3-26-68

OWNER Leon Chandler ADDRESS 2607 Mc Callum Drive

PLAT 159 LOT S 55' of 22 & 15' of 24 BLK 17

SUBDIVISION Pemberton Hts. # 8

OCCUPANCY Storage

BLD PERMIT # 130209 DATE 6-21-72 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$4,000.00

CONTRACTOR owner NO. OF FIXTURES several

WATER TAP REC #Exist SEWER TAP REC # Exist

Remodel and frm addn to residence 169 sq.ft

7-19-79 183971 private swimming pool and requited enclosure devic

Pool and addition permit, 6-21-72

