

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**APRIL 26, 2021**  
**PR-2021-038041**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**1710 MOHLE DRIVE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story side-gabled house with partial-width porch, 1:1 wood windows, and horizontal wood siding.

**RESEARCH**

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The house at 1710 Mohle Drive was constructed in 1939. Its first owner, salesman Jack Howell, stayed there only about four years before joining the Army. He sold the house to Joseph and Christine Terrill, who maintained ownership until their deaths in 1961 and 1975. Joseph Terrill, an engineer, worked for the United States Bureau of Roads and Texas Highway Department. Christine Terrill worked as an office secretary for the Texas Department of Banking.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The building is listed as noncontributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District; however, it retains integrity and appears to have been constructed during the district's period of significance. A non-original screened porch was removed in the 2010s, likely restoring the building to its historic appearance.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

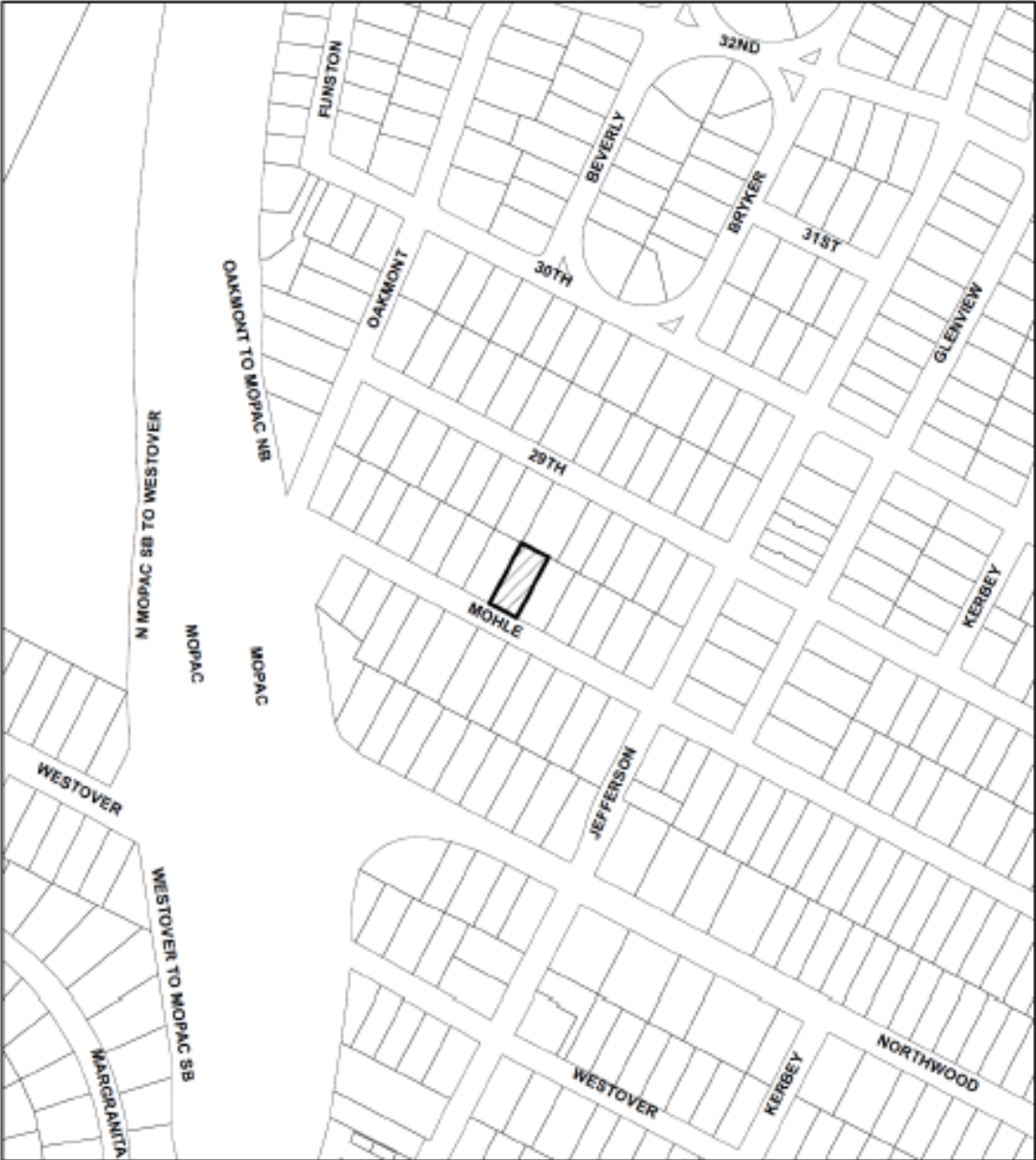
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. *Architecture*. The building does not appear to be architecturally significant.
  - b. *Historical association*. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
  - 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 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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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP







SUBJECT TRACT  
PENDING CASE  
ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 250'

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
CASE#: GF 21-050218  
LOCATION: 1710 MOHLE DR

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

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*Photos*

*Source: Google Street View, 2020*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, April 2021

1959      Joe C. and Christine H. Terrill, owners  
Engineer, US Bureau of Public Roads

- 1957 Joseph C. and Christine Terrill, owners  
Public roads, State Hwy Dept
- 1955 Joseph C. and Christine Terrill, owners  
Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads
- 1952 Joseph C. and Christine Terrill, owners  
Engineer, US Bureau of Public Roads  
Office secretary, State Department of Banking
- 1949 Joseph C. Terrill, owner  
Ann A. Terrill, renter  
Student
- 1947 Joseph C. and Caroline Terrill, owners  
Civil engineer, US Public Roads Administration  
Joseph C. Terrill Jr., renter  
Civil engineer
- 1944 Joseph C. and Caroline Terrill, owners  
Associate highway engineer, US Public Roads Administration  
Joseph C. Terrill Jr., renter  
USA
- 1941 Jack M. and Pauline Howell, owners  
Sales agent
- 1939 Address not listed

*Biographical Information*

Open For Inspection  
1708 Mohle Drive—  
1710 Mohle Drive  
3:00 p. m.—7:00 p. m.

1708—New 5 room modern bungalow. Complete, efficient, attractive, venetian blinds, tile, all the new features.  
1710—Six rooms, two tile baths, textured walls, one of the "show places" for the particular buyer—FHA terms.  
Don't lose a minute—See these today!  
G. E. LOVE  
Representing  
Geo. W. Sandlin Co.  
611 Norwood Bldg. Ph. 2249A

J. Howard Osborne Realty company announced that James M. Howell, who has volunteered for the army, has sold his home at 1710 Mohle drive to J. C. Terrill. Mr. Terrill is a U. S. highway engineer.

*The Austin American, Aug 20, 1939 and Aug 16, 1942*



# 'Lucky 13th' Seabee Back Home Now

Home from a year of hard work at Dutch Harbor and vicinity in the Seabees is Lt. (jg) J. C. Terrill Jr., who is visiting his parents at 1710 Mohle Drive.

This is Lt. Terrill's first glimpse of Austin in 14 and one-half months. After graduating from the university in June, 1942, he went immediately into the navy. Off and on while attending the university he worked for three years for the state highway department in East Texas.

The number 13 has pursued Lt. Terrill during his navy career—in a lucky sort of way.

He left Austin on June 13 to report for training, and was assigned to the "Lucky 13th" construction

battalion of the Seabees. From the time the 13th left its training station at Norfolk, Va., with three black cats as mascots, good fortune followed the fighting Seabees. They arrived at their West Coast embarkation port Aug. 13, 1942. They left Dutch Harbor on a Friday the 13th—in the 13th month of active duty. Furthermore, the battalion returned without a single casualty from accident, illness or enemy action.

During their stay at Dutch Harbor, the Seabees extended airport facilities, built a hospital, constructed a theater, completed breakwater, dock and warehouse projects, and built their own quarters known as "Sheep Ranch Village."

This camp consisted of pre-fabricated cabanas in place of the Quonset huts usually associated with

the Seabees at advance bases. In addition small detachments from the battalion performed many special assignments.

*The Austin Statesman, Sep 2, 1943*

## Professional Engineers Selected 17 Austin Men

Seventeen Austin men have recently been elected to membership in Travis Chapter, Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

They include Arthur F. Beck, Myron L. Begeman, George H. Edgerton, Theodore C. Ferris, Harrison D. Gorham, Jack Grynberg, Franklin B. Johnson, Harold L. Kiger, Mervin L. Klug, Roy R. Krezdorn, William J. Miles, William K. Shultz Jr., Robert L. Stone, Dr. Joe C. Terrill, Walter Wendlandt, Earl O. Wukasch and James G. Gross.

Beck, civil engineering graduate of Purdue University, is an associate design engineer with the Texas Highway Department, while Begeman, holder of three degrees from Michigan University, is chairman of the University of Texas Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Edgerton, University of Texas engineering graduate, is a partner in the firm of Edgerton and Stearns. Ferris, UT civil engineering graduate, is senior engineer in the Division of Water Pollution, Texas State Health Department, and Gorham, UT mechanical engineering graduate, is a power

plant engineer for the university campus.

Grynberg, petroleum engineering graduate of Colorado School of Mines, is owner of Jack Grynberg Associates. Franklin Johnson is an assistant professor in the University of Texas College of Engineering, from which he received his master of science degree.

Kiger, Texas Tech graduate in industrial engineering, has his own

firm in Austin, while Klug, University of Nebraska civil engineering graduate, is a local groundwater hydrologist.

Krezdorn, graduate of both UT and Texas A&M, is an assistant professor of electrical engineering at the University of Texas. William Miles, Texas A&M graduate, is assistant chief engineer of the LCRA here, and William K. Schultz, Texas A&M graduate also, is a senior design engineer with the Texas Highway Department.

Dr. Robert L. Stone, who received his doctorate from Ohio State University, is a UT professor of ceramics engineering. Dr. Terrill, Yale University and Sheffield School graduate, is prin-

cipal highway engineer with the US Bureau of Public Roads.

Walter Wendlandt, Texas A&M engineering graduate now in the UT Law School, is also a field engineer for the California Company. Earl Wukasch, UT electrical engineering graduate, is associated with Electro Mechanics Company.

James G. Gross, architectural engineering graduate of North Dakota State, is staff engineer in Austin for Clay Products Association of the Southwest.

*The Austin Statesman, Apr 10, 1957*

**TERRILL, CHRISTINE HAIR  
WOODWARD**

Christine Hair Woodward Terrill, 81, of 1710 Mohle Drive, died Monday. She had been a resident of Austin for 47 years and a former resident of Temple. Mrs. Terrill was the Secretary to the Commissioner of the State Banking Department for 26 years; a charter member of the Domestic Science Club of Temple, a member of the Thankful Hubbard Chapter of D.A.R., Pathfinders Club, Austin Women's Club, and St. Elizabeth's Guild and All Saints Episcopal Church.

Survivors include 5 children, Nick P. Woodward, Austin, Nancy Woodward Barnes, New Orleans, Joe C. Terrill, Jr., Amarillo, Mary Terrill Snell, Berkeley California, and Ann Terrill Moor, Beaumont; 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 AM Wednesday at All Saints Episcopal Church with Rev. Armistead Powell officiating. Graveside services, under the direction of the Weed-Corley Funeral Home will be 11:30 AM in Hillcrest Cemetery, Temple.

**JOE C. TERRILL**

Funeral services for Joe C. Terrill, 72, 1710 Mohle Drive, were held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Thursday. The Rev. Charles Sumners officiated and burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were James P. Hart, P. A. Rosprim, Lowell, S. Coy, Charles Ruckman, J. S. Cary, all of Austin and Fred W. Riley, San Antonio.

*The Austin Statesman*, Jun 8, 1961 and *The Austin American Statesman*, Nov 25, 1975

Permits

Connection Charge \$ 990 No. 154798

Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, 3-29 1939

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 Leslie Crockett at 1710 Mohle Dr. Street, further described as lot 21, block 2, outlot \_\_\_\_\_, subdivision Bryderwood Division \_\_\_\_\_, plat \_\_\_\_\_ which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 7 fixtures.

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

Respectfully,  
AT-PL R. W. D. Small

Sewer tap permit, 3-29-1939

Leslie Crockett

1710 Mohle Dr.

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Brykerwoods C

Frame residence & box garage

265n - 3/28/39

Building permit, 3-28-39

Joseph C. Terrill

1710 Mohle Drive

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Brykerwoods "C"

Enclose rear porch.

55202 10-14-53

\$450.00

L. D. Jolly

Rear porch enclosure, 10-14-53