

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2021
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
PR-2021-055337
2807 BONNIE ROAD

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house with a ca. 1985 two-story addition.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, hipped-roof stone veneered frame house with a projecting front-gabled street elevation containing a round-arched inset entry portico and two 1:1 windows with decorative wooden screens and a prominent attic vent; large one- and two story stucco non-historic addition to the rear right of the original structure.

RESEARCH

The house was built during the winter of 1936-37 by a local contractor who built a number of stone cottages in West Austin. The first owners and occupants were Bob and Ethel Dalton, who lived here from around 1937 until around 1948. Bob Dalton was a retail clothing salesman for a tailoring company out of Cincinnati, Ohio. He later opened a custom tailor shop in Austin; his wife Ethel was the co-owner of the business. After the Daltons moved to a house on Meadowbrook Drive in 1948, this house was purchased by Alton K. (Bill) and Marguerite Jarrell, who lived here at least through 1959. Bill Jarrell was in the home insulation business.

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 does not meet the criteria for landmark designation as set forth in City Code:

- a. **Architecture.** The original part of this house is a stone 1930s cottage, which was a style prevalent in this Tarrytown neighborhood, but which is rapidly disappearing. The original part of this house is intact, and could qualify for landmark designation under the architectural criterion, but the structure was added onto in the 1980s, according to city building permit records, significantly compromising its integrity.
- b. **Historical association.** The house had two owners during the majority of the historic period; the first was a clothing salesman who later established a custom tailor shop in Austin; the second was the owner of an insulation company; 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 original house was a stone cottage dating to the late 1930s, and is characteristic of the early phases of construction in Tarrytown, but has been compromised by a large two-story addition. The house does not otherwise 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition of the original part of the house, but 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. The house does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 155'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: PR-2021-055337

LOCATION: 2807 BONNIE RD

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2807 Bonnie Road
ca. 1937



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2807 Bonnie Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2021

1959	Alton K. Jarrell, owner No occupation listed
1957	Alton K. and Marguerite Jarrell, owners Jarrell Investors (not listed)
1955	Alton K. and Marguerite Jarrell, owners Insulating contactor
1952	Alton K. and Marguerite Jarrell, owners No occupation listed
1949	Alton K. and Marguerite Jarrell, owners Secretary treasurer, Comfort, Inc., air conditioning, heating, insulating, 905 W. 5 th Street. NOTE: Robert A. and Ethel Dalton are listed at 2100 Meadowbrook Drive; he was a salesman.
1947	Robert A. and Ethel Dalton, owners Salesman NOTE: Alton and Marguerite Jarrell are listed at 1202 W. 6 th Street; he was a salesman.

1944	Robert A. and Ethel Dalton, owners No occupation listed
1941	Robert A. and Ethel Dalton, owners Salesman
1939	Robert A. and Ethel Dalton, owners Salesman
1937	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Robert A. and Ethel Dalton are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Robert A. And Ethel Dalton (ca. 1937 – ca. 1948)**

Robert Dalton married Ethel Creager in Travis County in 1934.

Robert Arthur Dalton was living at this address at the time of his 1940 draft registration for World War II. He was born in 1907 in Wynne, Arkansas and was employed by the Hamilton Tailoring Company out of Cincinnati, Ohio. His next of kin was his wife, Ethel. He was 5'-11" tall, weighed 195 pounds, and had a ruddy complexion with brown hair and blue eyes.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Robert and Ethel Dalton as the owners of this house, which was worth \$5,500. Robert Dalton was 33, had been born in Arkansas, and was a retail clothing salesman. Ethel Dalton was 32, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

Her 1978 death certificate shows that Ethel Dalton was living in an apartment at 600 W. 10th Street in Austin at the time of her death; she was married to Bob Dalton. She was born in Eastland County, Texas in 1908 and was the co-owner and corporate secretary of a tailoring company.

DALTON, Ethel Creager, 70, 600 W. 10th St., Apt. 341, died Thursday. Services pending at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: husband, Bob Dalton of Austin; son, Richard Dalton of Austin; brothers, Elmer Creager of Corpus Christi, Prentiss Creager of Tyler, Ferrol Creager of Kaufman; sister, Mrs. Lee Miears of Houston; four grandchildren.

Obituary of Ethel Dalton
Austin American-Statesman, December 1, 1978

Robert A. Dalton married Carmen Smith in Travis County in 1980. He died in July, 1983.

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Austin Statesman, December 7, 1966

Alton and Marguerite Jarrell (ca. 1948 -)

His 1940 World War II draft registration card shows that Alton Kelly Jarrell was living in Brownfield, Texas where he worked for the Reed Roller Bit company, presumably a manufacturer for oilfield drilling machinery. He listed an address in Odessa, Texas as well, and his closest contact was a

friend in Odessa. He was 5'-7" tall, weighed 145 pounds, and had a sallow complexion with brown hair and blue eyes.

Alton Kelly Jarrell was born in 1913 in Augusta, Georgia, and was living at 2111 Vanderbilt Drive at the time of his death in 1966. He was a self-employed insulation contractor.

A. K. (BILL) JARRELL

A. K. (Bill) Jarrell, 52, 2111 Vanderbilt, Austin died in a local hospital Thursday.

He lived in Austin 39 years and was associated with Armstrong-Johnson at the time of his death. He formerly owned and operated Jarrell Insulations. He served in World War II as a captain in Ordnance Department, Army.

Survivors are his wife; son, Michael S. Jarrell of Dallas; one daughter, Miss Marguerite Jarrell, Austin; two sisters, Miss Louise Jarrell and Miss Mona Jarrell, both of Austin; two brothers, W. M. Jarrell Sr. of Houston, and C. A. Jarrell, Kirskville, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Dr. James William Morgan will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Alton K. Jarrell
Austin Statesman, April 7, 1966

Marguerite Mitchell Jarrell was born in Weatherford, Texas in 1908 and died in Austin in 2001.

Water service permit for this address (November, 1936)