

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
OCTOBER 25, 2021
HR-2021-126308
TRAVIS HEIGHTS-FAIRVIEW PARK NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
1505 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BOULEVARD

PROPOSAL

Partially demolish contributing residence to replace all siding, windows, railings, and roof. Convert attic into second floor and crawlspace into basement.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Convert attic to second floor: modify roofline, increasing pitch and replacing existing material with metal roof. Add shed-roofed stucco dormers to secondary elevations to create habitable attic space. Add rear balcony with metal guardrails, creating a flat-roofed rear porch below.
- 2) Partially demolish and remodel front porch: replace original wood handrails at porch with metal safety railings. Replace original box columns and masonry piers with painted metal posts. Remove original porch gable and replace with metal shed roof. Add built-in steel planters in front of porch.
- 3) Remove and replace original horizontal wood siding with fiber cement board-and-batten siding.
- 4) Remove and replace original 1:1 wood windows and screens with undivided fixed and casement windows.
- 5) Remove original wood front door and replace with fully glazed double doors.
- 6) Convert crawlspace into basement: construct rear deck and access stairs. Construct basement-level patio. The proposed basement walk-out is stucco, with sliding glass doors and horizontal metal handrails at stairs.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story Craftsman bungalow with gabled roof, horizontal wood siding, mulled 1:1 wood windows, and a full-width porch supported by boxed columns on brick piers. Intact decorative details include deep eaves with exposed rafter tails and triangular knee braces at gable ends.

RESEARCH

The house at 1505 Travis Heights Boulevard was built for Fred and Julia C. Penick before 1924. Fred Penick was a bank teller, cashier, and clerk at the American National Bank for most of his career. Julia Penick, active in various community-building and youth enrichment programs, ran a summer camp with her older children. Penick had previously been employed as a camp employee at Yosemite National Park.

DESIGN STANDARDS

The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects in National Register districts. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

Repair and alterations

1. General standards

The proposed project removes intact historic material from the building's exterior without attempting repair of deteriorated elements. Replacement elements do not look the same and are not made of the same materials as the original elements.

2. Foundations

The original building skirt, steps, and masonry cheek walls appear to have been removed without Historic Preservation Office review in 2020 during express-permitted foundation repair work. Instead of rebuilding these elements from photographic elements, per design standards, the proposed project obscures the foundation at the main façade with incompatible steel planters.

3. Roofs

While a shingle roof is the most appropriate option for replacement material, the proposed project's metal roof is allowed by the design standards. However, the proposed project alters roof configuration and pitch and removes historic decorative detailing. The shed-roofed dormers appear out of proportion with the main façade.

4. Exterior walls and trim

The proposed project removes all historic-age horizontal wood siding and trim, replacing historic elements with vertical board-and-batten fiber cement siding and minimal trim of different profiles, without considering repair.

5. Windows, doors, and screens

The proposed project removes all historic-age windows, doors, screens, and trim, without consideration of repair. The proposed replacement windows do not match the historic windows in configuration, size, profile, material, details, or finish. The proposed front door replacement enlarges the existing opening and removes the current door in favor of fully-glazed double doors.

6. Porches

The proposed project replaces historic-age porch piers, columns, railings, skirting, and trim with elements that are not compatible in style or materials. Additionally, it removes the original gable roof—including character-defining decorative details—replaces it with an incompatible shed roof, altering the porch’s original dimensions and height.

Summary

The project does not meet the applicable standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property contributes to the Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register Historic District.

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 is a good example of the Craftsman style.
 - 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.

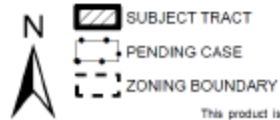
COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

Retain as many character-defining features as possible, including siding, gable vents, wood windows, piers, columns, and railings. Consider alternatives to raised roof ridge. Push back addition as much as possible from front of house.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Comment on and release the plans, encouraging the applicant to implement Committee feedback to the greatest extent possible.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 292'

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: HR 21-126308
LOCATION: 1505 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BLVD

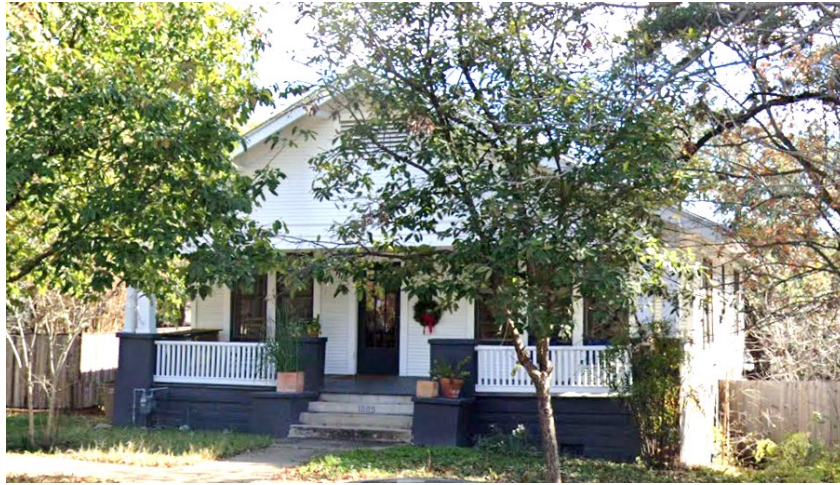
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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, 2020



Application, 2021



Occupancy History

City Directory Research, August 2021

1959	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, American National Bank
1957	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, American National Bank
1955	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, American National Bank
1952	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, The American National Bank Examiner, State Highway Department
1949	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, The American National Bank Examiner, State Highway Department
1947	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, American National Bank Saleswoman, Mathis Flower Shop
1944	Philip H. Sharnquist, renter Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Assistant cashier, American National Bank
1941	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank
1939	Fred M. and Julia C. Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank Joyce Penick, renter Student, University of Texas
1937	Fred M. and Julia C. Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank Manager, cafeteria, Fulmore School
1935	Fred M. and Julia C. Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank Manager, cafeteria, Fulmore School
1932	Fred M. and Julia C. Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank Manager cafeteria Fulmore School
1929	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank
1927	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Teller, American National Bank
1924	Fred M. and Julia Penick, owners Clerk, American National Bank
1922	Address not listed

Biographical Information

PENICK CAMP WILL OPEN JUNE 7

Camp Ah-Wah-Nee, exclusive camp for children at Dripping Springs, will open its second season under the direction of Mrs. Fred Penick June 7 with the first period of camping activities for young girls. The second period of camp life for boys will begin July 8 and continue through Aug. 5.

Assisting Mrs. Penick in directing the various activities, which comprise camp life will be a staff of outstanding counselors. Miss Joyce Penick will assist as director and Miss Elberta Stubbs will be in charge of training the children in horseback riding. Bill Clark, Red Cross life saver, will be in charge of swimming and Mrs. M. Holck, R. N. will be camp nurse. Miss Lucy Page Coulter will also assist as counselor.

Camp activities of every description will be featured during each period and include horseback riding, swimming, hand craft, archery, badminton, baseball, croquet, ping-pong, darts and other games. A camp fire will be held three times a week and tribe meetings, stunts and singing will occupy the campers providing an abundant scope for varied forms of self expression.

Sunday will be devoted to a program at the chapel on the hill with other services at twilight.

Plans are being made for an open house to be held June 2 to enable the campers and their parents to become acquainted with the camp and for all other interested in camp life.

Camp Open House

Open house will be observed Sunday at Camp Ah Wahnee, camp exclusively for younger girls, near Dripping Springs. Mrs. Fred Penick and Miss Annie Jen Felder are co-directors of the camp. Mrs. Penick, who has had six years experience with Twin Fire camp in Yosemite National park, will have charge of all crafts work. Mrs. Chester Kooch will direct the camp fire programs assisted by Miss Jean Hildreth of Dallas.

Miss Berta Stubbs, who will teach horseback riding and nature, is an interesting member of the staff, since she was reared in the vicinity and knows the whereabouts of Indian mounds and relics which abound near the camp.

B. B. Williams and Fred Penick, Jr., will have charge of swimming and junior and senior life saving at the camp.

Mrs. Penick and Miss Felder will be assisted in hostess duties at the camp on Sunday by the following girls:

Jo Anne Francis, Nancy Francis, Francis Evelyn Schneider, Ann Boyd, Virginia Davis, Martha Ann Kelly, Patsy and Kathryn Hughes.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jan 13, 1943 and The Austin American (1914-1973); Jun 11, 1939

Bank Re-elects Its Officials

Officials of the American National bank were re-elected at the meeting of stockholders held Tuesday afternoon.

Two new assistant cashiers were named, Miss Margaret Macken and Fred M. Penick.

Directors are A. C. Bull, W. S. Drake, Jr., J. E. Harrison; Theo P. Meyer, Tom Miller, J. R. Nichols, V. P. Patterson, Ben. H. Powell, A. B. Spires, E. R. L. Wroe and H. A. Wroe.

Officers are as follows: H. A. Wroe, chairman of the board; E. R. L. Wroe, president; V. P. Patterson, vice-president and trust officer; A. C. Bull, vice-president; L. D. Williams, cashier; W. W. Shropshire, W. R. Long, Jr., Ben M. Brigham, J. H. Meyers, Jr., Miss Margaret Macken and Fred M. Penick, assistant cashier; and E. C. Duke, assistant trust officer.

PENICK, Fred M., 83, of Austin, died Thursday. Services 4 p.m. Saturday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Julia C. Penick of Austin; daughters, Mrs. Chester (Joyce) Wheless of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Frank (Jean) Spiller of Austin; son, Fred M. Penick Jr. of Lockhart; brothers, Tinsley Penick, Tom Penick, Harvey Penick, all of Austin; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

The Austin American (1914-1973); May 12, 1940 and The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980); Oct 15, 1977

Permits

Connecting Charge \$ 12.00
Application for Sewer Connection. N^o **0473B**
 Austin, Texas, May 15 1931
 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 Fred M. Penick
 at 1505 Travis Blvd Street
Lot 10 - Bk 31 Res.
 which place is to be used as a _____
 In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.
 Respectfully, Fred M. Penick

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.
PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS N^o **9269** 133
 M. _____ Address 1505 Travis Heights Blvd
 Plumber _____ Size of Tap 3/4" Date 5/12/31
 Foreman's Report
 Date of Connection 5/12/31
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"
 Size Service Made 3/4"
 Size Main Tapped 2"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'
 From North Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'
 Location of Meter 11' inside curb
 Type of Box Laak
 Depth of Main in St. _____
 Depth of Service Line _____
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 22' main
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 6-15-31 J.C.D.
 Foreman's Signature A.L. Jacobson

No.	Fittings	Size
	Curb Cock	
	Elbow	
	St. Elbow	
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
	Pipe	
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	Tee	
	Stop	
	Box	
	Lid	
	Valves	
	Req. No.	

Sewer Connection Permit and Water Service Permit, 1931

Fred M. Penick

1505 Travis Blvd

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Travis Hts.

Re-roof Res.

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Building Permit, 1941