

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
DECEMBER 17, 2021
PR-2021-137925, GF-2021-154894
1505 FOREST TRAIL**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house and 1953 detached storage shed.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, U-plan, brick veneer house. The house has “weeping” mortar as well as corners of rubble volcanic stone and a central stone chimney. The moderately pitched hipped roof has brackets along the eaves. Windows are 1:1 wood sash with 4:4 screens and wood shutters on the facade.

RESEARCH

The house at 1505 Forest Trail was built in 1937 by Charles E. Green, the managing editor of the *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper, while he was still single. Green lived here until he married in 1941. Besides being the editor of the *Statesman*, Green was the founder of the Headliners Club, and a long-time supporter and friend of Lyndon Johnson.

This house was later purchased by George Davis Crow and his wife Olive, who had moved to Austin from Dallas. George Davis Crow was a native of North Carolina and had been a manager of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas for many years before he moved to Austin. George Crow taught at the University of Texas, where his son George Crow, Jr. was a student. After he died in 1946, his widow Olive continued to live here until around 1951.

The house was a rental property in the mid-1950s, then purchased by Robert B. and Edna Mae Lindsey, who lived here from around 1955 to around 1970. Robert B. Lindsey worked for many years for the Texas Employment Commission, starting in Wichita Falls and moving to San Antonio before moving to Austin and this house. After Robert B. Lindsey died in 1962, Edna Mae continued to live here until around 1975, with a new husband, Richard Hernaund.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2011 MoPac reconnaissance survey report lists the property as contributing to a potential historic district.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

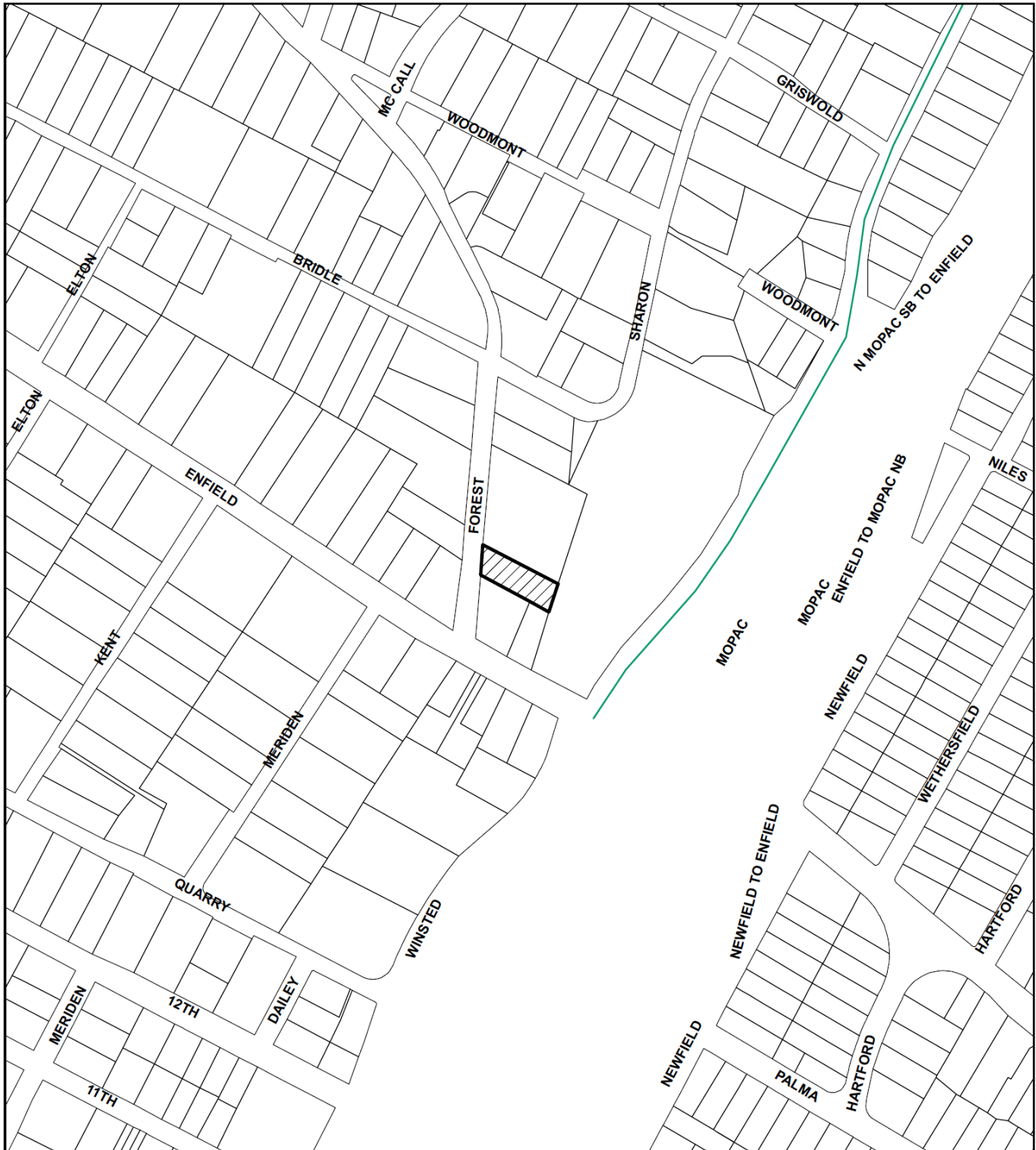
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that may meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The house is a unique example of its style and construction materials.
 - b. Historical association. The property was built for Charles E. Green, principal editor of the *Austin American-Statesman* for 30 years. Green lived in this house for only a few years between 1937 and 1941, but it appears to be the best surviving home closely associated with him. He and his wife Floy lived at 2203 Mountain View Rd. in 1942. That house is extant but appears to have been built on spec. Permits show Green built a house at 2705 Verde Vista in 1941. It was outside the area listed in city directories at that time and is first shown as his residence in 1947. It remained his home at the time of his death in 1967. The house was demolished in 2002.
 - 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 has stone landscape borders and a low stone wall at the street, but these elements appear to be limestone rather than the volcanic rock of the house. Further evaluation of the age and potential significance of the stonework is needed.

Note that the Historic Landmark Commission previously conducted a public hearing for demolition of this property but did not reach a resolution. The case was initially heard on January 23, 2017 (see [staff report](#)). After multiple applicant-requested postponements, the case did not reappear on the September 25, 2017 agenda.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider initiation of historic zoning based on architecture and historical associations. If the Commission does not choose to initiate, 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

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 21-154894

LOCATION: 1505 FOREST TRAIL



1" = 292'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Application, 2021





Photographs from 2017 staff report

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, September 2021; January 2017

1992	John A. Bartte, renter No occupation listed
1977–86	<i>No return</i>
1973	Richard and Edna M. Hernaund, owners No occupation listed
1968	Edna M. Lindsey, owner (widow of Robert B.) Employed by the public schools
1965	Edna M. Lindsey, owner (widow of Robert B.) No occupation listed
1961	Robert B. and Edna M. Lindsey, owners Department chief, Texas Employment Commission
1959	Robert B. Lindsay, owner
1957	Robert B. and Mae Lindsay, owners Assistant department chief, State Employment Commission
1955	Gifford E. and Sarah White, owners White Instrument Laboratories
1952	Corson L. Jr. and Jeannette Hilton, renters USA
1949	Olive Crow, owner (widow of George D.)
1947	George D. Crow, owner Teacher at the University of Texas George D. Crow Jr. Student at the University of Texas
1944	George D. and Olive Crow, owners George D. Crow Jr. USA
1942	George D. and Olive A. Crow, owners Note: Charles E. Green is listed at 2203 Mountain View Rd.
1941	Charles E. Green, owner Managing editor, <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> , newspaper Note: The house is listed as 1503 Forest Trail. Note: George D. and Olive Crow are not listed in the directory.
1940	Charles E. Green, renter Managing editor, <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> , newspaper. Note: The house is listed as 1503 Forest Trail.
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1935	<i>Address not listed.</i> Note: Charles E. Green, managing editor of the <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> , is listed at 57 Enfield Road.

*Biographical Information**Charles E. Green (ca. 1936 – ca. 1941)*

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Charles E. Green as the owner of this house, which is listed as 1505 Forest Trail; it was worth \$6,000. Charles E. Green was 37, single, and had been born in Texas. He was the editor of the newspaper.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Charles E. Green living in a rented house at 3230 Harris Park Avenue in Austin. He was 28, had been born in Texas, and was the managing editor of the newspaper.

His 1967 death certificate shows that he died on Christmas Day. He was born in 1901 in Texas and was living at 2705 Verde Vista at the time of his death. He was the executive editor of the newspaper. He had lived in Austin since 1929.



Charles E. Green (at the desk) in the Austin American-Statesman offices, 1949

Charles E. Green: Newspaperman

An Editorial

For nearly a third of a century, Charles Edward Green directed the editorial course of The American-Statesman newspapers and, by virtue of his personality and position, directed the course of the development of this city.

Editor Green began his Austin newspaper career in the midst of the Depression Decade of the 1930's, a troubled time in this nation and state, and continued through the exciting postwar years in which developments of all areas of importance came at such a fast rate that every editor was hard put to keep up with the times.

In the 30 years he served as principal editor of these newspapers, Mr. Green just must have been the most considerate editor a city ever had. He was thoughtful of his staff as he was of his city.

An attribute of a great editor is an adherence to a journalistic obligation established in the traditions of this country, and in the profession there are the requisites of personal and professional integrity that must go along with the other talents. Mr. Green possessed these requisites in abundance.

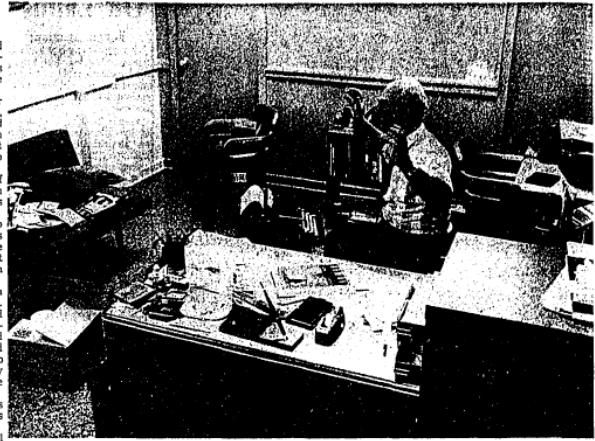
Another attribute of a great editor is a determination to foster professional excellence. During all of his working career, Mr. Green worked hard at the basic tool of the newspaper business—writing. He recognized writing talent when he found it, and it is a personal heritage he has bestowed upon Texas journalism through the Headliners Club Journalism Awards, so highly regarded that they have been described as the Pulitzer Prizes of the South.

More than any other business, a newspaper reflects the personality of the people who produce it. In this regard, Mr. Green made his unique contribution.

This is a sorrowful "30," the journalistic symbol for the end of a story.



CHARLES E. GREEN, AMERICAN-STATESMAN EXECUTIVE EDITOR
Until November, Green worked daily in his office at the newspaper



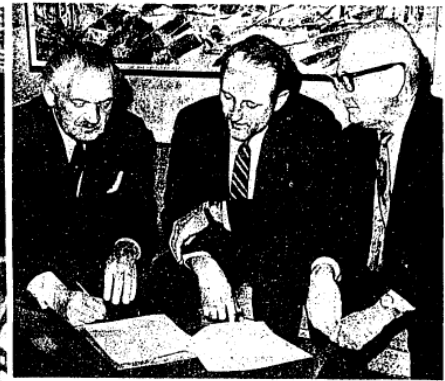
GREEN LAUGHS AND THROWS UP HIS HANDS AT THE DAILY WORK TO BE DONE
Books, letters, photos, magazines, newspapers and news copy always cluttered his office



LYNDON JOHNSON WITH GREEN AND NEWS REPORTERS SAM WOOD AND LORRAINE BARNES
Johnson, then Senate majority leader, was leaving the Austin Airport on July 29, 1960



GREEN AS A YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR
Taken in 1930 a year after moving to Austin



STAN SLAWIK, HAL JENSEN AND GREEN AT HEADLINERS CLUB
In 1966 they were arranging for food service for new headquarters



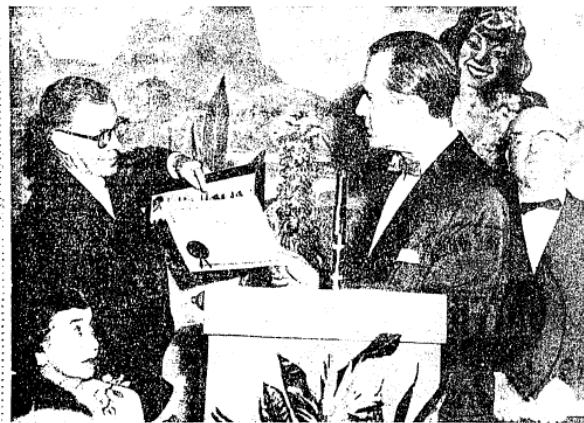
STARTING IN 1952, GREEN SERVED 15 YEARS ON CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
A 1965 session with city personnel head Phil Morgette, left, John D. Miller, Ed Robinson



ACTRESS GREER GARSON WITH GREEN
The scene: A 1955 party at Headliners Club



GOV. PRICE DANIEL IN 1959 PROCLAIMS EDNA GLADNEY DAY
Present were Wendell A. Schuler, Green and Frank P. Horlock Jr.



MR. AND MRS. GREEN, GOV. ALLAN SHIVERS AND ACTOR GEORGE MURPHY IN 1956
This was the first Headliners Awards Party; Green was the first Headliners' president



DAILY TALKS WERE HELD IN CITY ROOM
Green and former city editor Fred Williams



CAPT. W. M. WILCOX READS NAVY CITATION FOR CDR. GREEN
Green retired in 1963 from Naval Reserves after 20 years service

George D. and Olive Crow (ca. 1941 – ca. 1951)

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that George Davis Crow was living in Dallas. He was the manager of the Federal Reserve Bank, Trust Department. He was married, had brown eyes and dark hair, and was of medium height and build.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George D. and Olive Crow as the owners of a house in Dallas. George D. Crow was 52, had been born in North Carolina, and was a clerk in a bank. Olive Crow was 46, had been born in Arizona, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: G. Davis, Jr., 20; Emily, 16; and Lois P., 11. All had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows George D. and Olive Crow as the owners of a house in Dallas, Texas. George D. Crow was 66, had been born in North Carolina, and had no occupation listed. Olive Crow was 59, had been born in Arizona, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

George Davis Crow's 1946 death certificate shows that he was living at this address at the time of his death. He was born in 1873 in Wilmington, N.C., and was a retired banker.

GEORGE CROW

George Davis Crow, 73, died at his residence, 1505 Forrest Trail, Tuesday. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olive Armstrong Crow of Austin; two daughters, Miss Emily Polk Crow and Mrs. Lois Crow Sheffield, both of Austin; two sons, John Armstrong Crow of Los Angeles and George Davis Crow, Jr., of Austin; two brothers, Randolph F. Crow of Houston and Emmet P. Crow of Wilmington, N. C. Mr. Crow was formerly with the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, retiring about six years ago. The body is at the Cook Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements. Pallbearers will be Emmet Crow, Jr., William C. Crow, Jr., Calvin Garwood, Rudolf Renfer, Arthur E. Stinson, and Herman Jones. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

MRS. GEORGE D. CROW

Mrs. George Davis (Olive Armstrong) Crow died in Baltimore, Md., Saturday. Memorial services were held in Baltimore Monday. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Austin Memorial Park with Rev. Charles Sumners officiating. Burial will follow under direction of Cook Funeral Home.

A resident of Texas 40 years, she had lived in Austin from 1939 to 1945. Survivors are two sons, Dr. John A. Crow of Los Angeles and Dr. George D. Crow Jr. of Rock Hill, S.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Seldon of Carbondale, Ill. and Mrs. Beverly Sheffield of Austin; three sisters, Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mrs. D. Armstrong King and Mrs. Augustus Orbach, all of Baltimore; and 11 grandchildren.

*Obituaries for George and Olive Crow, The Austin American, August 14, 1946,
and The Austin Statesman, January 4, 1967*

Gifford E. and Sarah White (ca. 1955)

Women Voters Slate Meetings

The League of Women Voters has scheduled discussion group meetings this week as follows:

Morning Group, with Mrs. F. G. Bryant, 828 Harris Avenue, Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Tarrytown Group, with Mrs. G. E. White, 1505 Forest Trail, Monday at 8 p.m.

Mid-Austin Group, Mrs. Irwin Spear, 2005 Stamford Lane, Tuesday at 8 p.m.

North Austin Group, with Mrs. W. B. Pryatel, 702 Harris Avenue, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Mrs. G. E. White was involved with the League of Women Voters, The Austin American, May 15, 1955

Robert B. and Edna M. Lindsey (ca. 1955 – ca. 1975)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Robert B. and Mary E. Lindsey living in a rented house in San Antonio, Texas. Robert B. Lindsey was 27, had been born in Texas, and worked in the personnel department for the Texas Employment Service. Mary E. Lindsey was 26, had been born in Texas, and was a secretary. They had lived in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1935.

His 1962 death certificate shows that Robert B. Lindsey was born in 1912 in Texarkana, Texas. He was living in this house at the time of his death from advanced tuberculosis. He was a state employee. His widow's name is listed as Mae Lindsey.



RICHARD LINDSEY

R. A. Lindsey Teaching In Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Oct. 30—Richard A. Lindsey, Texas Christian University senior from Austin, is practice teaching this semester at Handley High School in Fort Worth. He is instructing physical education.

He is one of 77 TCU students who are enrolled in practice teaching courses at the University this fall. Twenty-three are elementary teachers, 40 are secondary education teachers, 13 teach all levels of music and art, and one, a special education major, works with mentally retarded children.

Mrs. Eva Wall Singleton is director of elementary student teachers at TCU, and Miss Allene Harder is director of secondary student teachers.

These students, who have completed most of their education courses at the university, teach every day in the Fort Worth schools. They have conferences and visitations with the student teaching directors at regular intervals to check their progress. The regular teachers at the schools supervise the students.

Lindsey, a physical education major, is the son of R. B. Lindsey, 1505 Forest Trail, Austin.

ROBERT B. LINDSEY

Robert B. Lindsey, 1505 Forest Trail, died at his home, Monday. He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and was chief placement officer for the Texas Employment Commission.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mae Lindsey; four sons, Bruce Lindsey and Kirk Lindsey, both of Austin, Robert M. Lindsey and Richard A. Lindsey, both of

Las Vegas, Nev.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Lindsey of Coronado, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. R. W. White of Coronado, Calif.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd with Rev. Samuel N. Baxter officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park, under the direction of Cook Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be W. G. Gwaltney, W. L. Worthington, Harold Townsend, J. M. Burleson, T. R. Herrington and R. M. West.

Honorary pallbearers will be commissioners and members of the TEC.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Organ Fund of the Good Shepherd Church or their favorite charity.

Martinec-Lindsey

Miss Catherine Martinec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee Martinec, 4010 Ave. H, became the bride of Bruce Smith Lindsey, son of Mrs. Robert Brown Lindsey, 1505 Forest Tr., and the late Mr. Lindsey. Saturday afternoon in the chapel of St. Mary's Academy, with Rev. Elmer Holtman officiating. A reception in the academy garden followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and has attended Southwest Texas State College. The groom, a graduate of Austin High

School, has attended the University of San Francisco. He is to receive a BA degree from the University of Texas in June.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a short white organdy empire gown with a scooped neckline and bishop sleeves. The bodice

featured folds of organdy. Her mantilla was of silk illusion and reembroidered lace, and her arm bouquet was of white tulips.

Her sister, Miss Michele Anne Martinec, was maid of honor, and wore a pale blue organdy gown complemented by a single white tulip.

Kirk Brown Lindsey was his brother's best man, and Donald Ray Gregg and Charles Haney Newell ushered.

The newlyweds will reside at 1505 Forest Tr. They will enter training for the Peace Corps in June.

The Austin Statesman, April 21, 1968

Permits

Connect Charge \$ 12.00

Application for Sewer Connection. No. 13672 ✓

Austin, Texas, Aug 30 1937

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 Charles J. Green

at 1505 Forest Tr. Street,
Chas & Green further described as lot 24, block 10, outlot

subdivision Wentfield, division, plat 15B,
which is to be used as a res

In this place there are to be installed 4 fixtures.

Sewer connection permit, 1937

Gifford White

1505 Forest Trail

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Chas. E. Green Tract

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Frame storage shed.

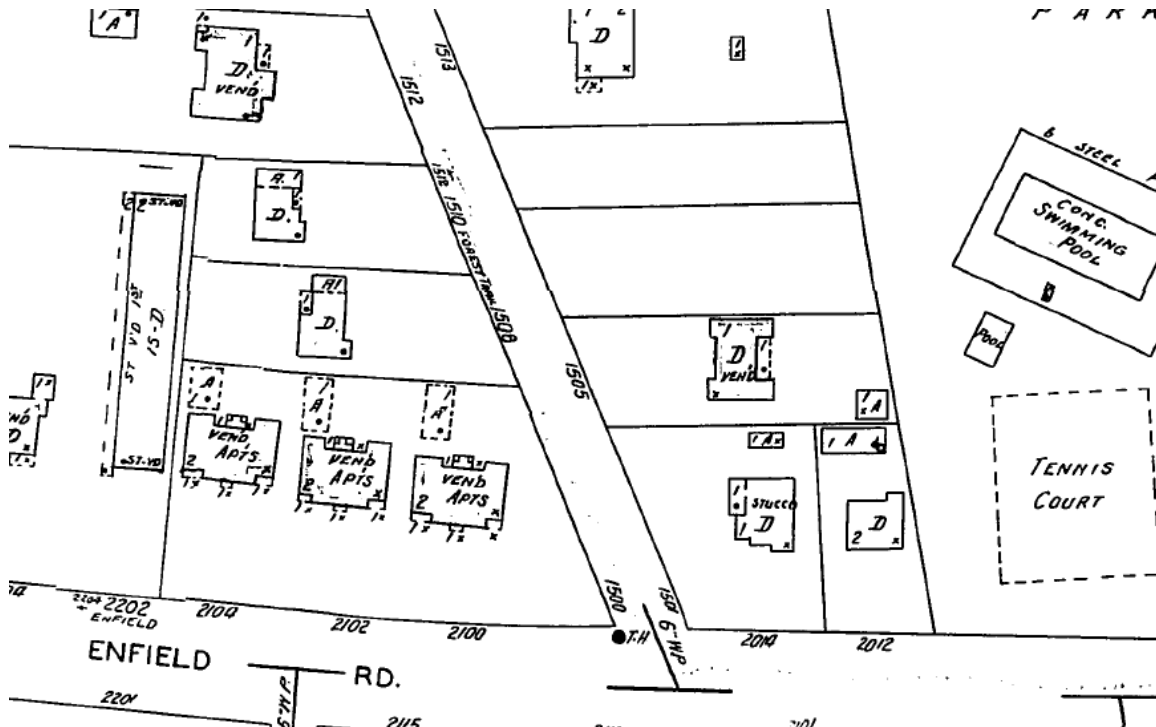
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\$500.00

M. V. Gartman

Building permit, 1953

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps



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