

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
DECEMBER 17, 2021  
PR-2021-171300; GF-2021-189004  
2307 LONGVIEW STREET**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 duplex.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story rectangular-plan duplex with mostly single 6:6 wood windows, apart from a single 8:8 window on the first-floor west façade, wood siding, front porch with balcony above, and an entrance on the first floor on the west side of the building. This building and the adjacent duplex at 2305 Longview have a similar design and layout, though this building remains more intact.

## **RESEARCH**

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The duplex at 2307 Longview Street was built in 1939 by Margery Hancock-Hanks. Margery was the daughter of Lewis and Attilia Hancock. Lewis Hancock was the son of George and Louisa Hancock who were both members of distinguished pioneer families in Austin. Lewis Hancock was associated with the State National Bank and funded the Hancock Opera House, constructed in 1880.

2307 Longview was occupied by white students, military personnel, and administrators throughout the 1940s and 1950s.

## **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The [Historic Building Survey Report for North Central Austin: West Campus, North University, Heritage, Bryker Woods, and North Hyde Park](#) (HHM, Inc., 2021) lists the property as contributing to a potential Carrington/West Campus Historic District, recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and as a local 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 criteria for landmark designation:
  - a. Architecture. The building has Colonial Revival influences.
  - b. Historical association. The property does not meet the criteria for 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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Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: PR-2021-171300

LOCATION: 2307 LONGVIEW STREET



1" = 292'

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

### Photos



*HHM, Inc., Historic Building Survey Report for North Central Austin, 2019*

### Occupancy History

City Directory Research, November 2021

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|------|---|
| 1959 | A. Gene S. Bowman, renter   |
|      | B. Edna Lott, owner   |
| 1957 | A. Carl M. and Florence Phillips, renters<br>Student                        |
|      | B. Ethel Holland, renter (widow of George)                                  |
| 1955 | A. Carl M. and Florence Phillips, renters<br>Student                        |
|      | B. Ethel Holland, renter  |
| 1952 | Lyle H., Jr. and Aubyn Kendall, renters<br>Student                          |
| 1949 | Cary and Lee Riddlehoover, renters<br>USA                                   |
| 1947 | A. John E. Harrison Jr., renter<br>Salesman, Harrison-Wilson-Pearson        |
|      | B. Leafy V. Hardy, renter<br>Clerk, US Selective Service State Headquarters |

- 1944 A. Lulu D. Ames, renter  
Tabulator, State Board of Control
- B. Robert J. and Genevieve Lingle, renters  
USA
- 1941 A. Aldro and Jessica R. Jenks, renters  
Specialist at the University of Texas
- B. Sydney O. and Margery Bonnick, renters  
Traveling salesman
- 1939 Address not listed

### *Biographical Information*

#### **Hanks-Hancock.**

The marriage on last Tuesday of Miss Margery Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hancock, to Major Stedman Hanks of Boston, Mass., was one of the season's most important events. The ceremony was performed at St. David's Church by Rev. Bishop Kinsolving, assisted by Rev. Mr. Cadman of All Saints' Chapel.

The church on this occasion was beautifully adorned with a floral embellishment of many Easter lilies with palms, ferns and smilax. Many burning tapers added to the attractiveness of the bridal setting. Southern smilax in festoons outlined the windows and formed a trellis around the chancel railing. The pews for the family were designated by a festoonery of smilax and groups of Easter lilies.

The bridal party came in at the side entrance of the church, marching to the beautiful strains of Lohengrin's bridal chorus, played by Leo Bonnell-Pomeroy, organist of the church.

The bridal party was headed by the bride's sister, Miss Dorothy Hancock, as maid of honor. She wore a beautiful gown of white sea foam tulle over satin with garniture of pearls. Her hat was a large white picture model and her corsage of white roses buds matched in beauty her snowy costume.

The bride entered with her father, who gave her in marriage. They were met at the chancel rail by the groom, Major Hanks, and his best man, W. C. Cadman of Boston.

The bride is a most attractive type

of beauty and in her exquisitely simple gown of white satin in combination with white tulle, was most beautiful. Her veil of tulle hung the length of her court train and was crowned with a wreath of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was an arm cluster of ascension lilies.

Mrs. Hancock, mother of the bride, wore a becoming gown of gray chiffon draped becomingly. Her hat was of black lace with aigrette trimmings.

Mrs. Hanks, mother of the groom, wore a becoming shade of gray with small black hat of ostrich feathers.

Major and Mrs. Hanks have gone to New York by way of St. Louis. From New York they will sail immediately for Europe where Major Hanks will supervise some construction work in France.

The marriage was of special interest not only in Texas and the South, but internationally as well, as she, with her sister, Miss Dorothy Hancock, have traveled extensively in this country and Europe, and have been recipients of much social attention. She comes from a family of Southern aristocracy on both sides, both families being long identified with the financial and social interests of the State.

Major Hanks is the son of the late Charles S. Hanks and Mrs. Hanks of Boston, and is a man of unusual ability. He is a graduate of Harvard University, in the class of 1912, and since that time has held many responsible and important position. He was first after graduation secretary to the American ambassador to Great Britain and later with the Department of State at the National Capital. At present Major Hanks is connected with the American International Corporation, an international banking and engineering enterprise whose interests encompass the entire world. It is with this company that Major Hanks goes to France. During the period of the war Major Hanks has been in the air service and for some months has been stationed at Kelly Field and recently has been in charge of the demobilization of troops.

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*Marriage announcement, Austin American Statesman, February 16, 1919*

Elighth street, \$150.

Mrs. Hancock Hanks, two-story frame duplex and frame garage, 2305 Longview street, \$5,200.

Mrs. Hancock Hanks, two-story frame duplex, 2307 Longview street, \$5,200.

Mrs. Hancock Hanks, two-story garage apartment, 2305 Longview, \$2,650.

Edgar A. Hamley, frame residence and box garage, 701 Nelray boulevard, \$2,360

Albert W. Wyrick, frame residence and frame garage 610 Cliff Drive, \$2,652.

Bradfield and Brush, brick veneer and frame two-story residence and frame

The Austin American Statesman, April 9, 1939

## Widow of Lewis Hancock, Austin's War I Hero, Will Launch Ship Named for Him

The USS Lewis Hancock, a destroyer, named in honor of a member of one of Austin's oldest and most distinguished families, is now under construction at Kearny, N. J., and when it is launched it will be sponsored by Hancock's widow, herself a naval officer and the first to be designated by the secretary of the navy as sponsor of a combatant-type U. S. naval vessel, the navy department announced.

The late Lt. Cdr. Lewis Hancock, Jr., for whom the vessel is named, was a brilliant submarine officer prior to and during the last World war, after which he was assigned to duty at the U. S. naval air station, Lakehurst, N. J., in connection with the fitting out of rigid airships. Subsequently he was assigned to duty aboard the Shenandoah as airship naval aviator and was killed when the big dirigible crashed in a storm near Dayton, O., Sept. 3, 1925.

His mother resides at 3401 Red River street with a sister, Mildred; and in addition there are two other sisters, Mrs. William Baylis and Mrs. Marjorie Hancock Hanks, also of Austin. A nephew, Roger Hanks, is with the navy air corps and when last heard from was stationed at Boca Raton, Fla., relatives said.

Hancock's death cut short a career that was near its peak, as the Austin man was to have assumed command of the Shenandoah on its next voyage, according to his sister Mildred.

Hancock's father, the late Lewis Hancock, Sr., although vice president of the then State National bank of Austin, is best known today for bestowing his name upon, as well as putting up the money for, the now legendary Hancock Opera house, the present Capitol

Built in 1880, the Hancock Opera House over the years was host to some of the greatest artistic talent of America and Europe, including Sarah Bernhardt of France and Madame Helena Modjeska of Poland.

Elizabeth Ney, famous European sculptress then living in Austin, watched performers from the auditorium of this structure. Most of the great musicians known to Americans have performed at the Hancock at one time or another.

Cdr. Hancock's grandfather, George Hancock, came to Texas from Kentucky, where his family had migrated from Virginia, in 1832, and fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. Later he moved to Austin and established this city's first trading post and bank, locating at a site now occupied by the Scarbrough building.

Appointed to the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis in 1910 by Sen. Charles A. Culberson, young Lewis Hancock completed his course with honors and soon afterwards entered the submarine service. During the World war he was in the thick of the sea fighting and was awarded the navy cross for distinguished service as commander of the submarine AL-4. The citation reads that "Under his command this vessel made numerous contacts with the enemy and on one occasion attempted the dangerous feat of diving at a submerged enemy submarine to ram her."

A navy man stationed here at present was one of Hancock's "buddies" during the war and commanded the submarine AL-3 stationed with Hancock's vessel for a time at Bantry Bay, Ireland. He is Lt. Cdr. D. J. Friedell, of the navy ROTC unit at the University of Texas.

Friedell said their subs were part of the fifth submarine division and made many raids on German shipping in English and Irish waters. He said he knew Hancock intimately.

"He was a grand officer, very popular," Cdr. Friedell said.

Hancock's widow at present is a lieutenant in the naval reserve and serves as liaison officer between the bureau of naval personnel and the bureau of aeronautics on all matters concerning women officers and enlisted personnel in the United States Navy.

A well-known author on naval aviation subjects, Lt. Hancock was the first woman member of the naval reserve of the present war to wear the Victory ribbon of the first World war. As a yeoman, first class, in 1918, she was on duty at the New York Shipbuilding corporation, Camden, N. J. Later, as chief yeoman, she was attached to the U. S. naval air station at Cape May, N. J., until mustered out of service in September, 1919. While a civilian employe of the naval air station at Lakehurst she met Lt. Cdr. Hancock and they were married June 3, 1924.

Lewis Hancock Jr., Austin American Statesman, July 15, 1943

# Lewis Hancock's Widow Dies In Local Hospital

**Funeral Services Are  
Planned Monday At  
4 P. M. for Pioneer**

Mrs. Attilia Aldridge Hancock, 84, prominent member of one of Austin's oldest and most colorful families, died Saturday at 2 p. m. in a local hospital.

Born in Milan county Dec. 14, 1859, Mrs. Hancock lived in Austin for more than 70 years, during which time she was a member of St. David's church. She was the widow of the late Lewis Hancock, former mayor of Austin, vice president of the State National bank, founder of the Austin country club and of the Hancock Opera House, now the Capitol theater.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hancock will be held at 4 p. m. Monday in the St. David's Episcopal church with the Rev. Charles Sumner officiating. The body will be at the Weed-Corley Funeral home until 3:45 p. m. Monday.

Mrs. Hancock is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William Baylis, Mrs. Hancock Hanks and Mildred Hancock of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Walter Bremond of Austin and Mrs. George C. Campbell of Dallas.

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*Death announcement, Austin American Statesman, December 10, 1944*

## Permits

# WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Sec. 47 N<sup>o</sup> 14892

Received of S. G. Posey

Date Dec 21, 1939

Address 2307 Longview

Amount Two and 50/100 - - -

\$ 2.50

Plumber Harton

Size of Tap  $\frac{1}{2}$

Water service permit, 1939

Received No. 3085 Application for Sewer Connection N<sup>o</sup> 41689

Replaced WP 1033 - 5323 Austin, Texas, 11-16-1949

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Mrs R. Hanks at 2307 Longview Street, further described as Lot 9 Block - Outlot 41 Division D subdivision Longview Terrace Plat 47, which is to be used as a ~~Residence~~ *garage*. In this place there are to be installed *Co.* fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 36331. I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3' 3'-at main

Connected } at NLL (Location)

Date 12-20-49

By William

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6' sewer at NLL, in St - 3' deep

Main 12.5' W 8 E 1 E

Respectfully, 12-15-49 W. O. Harper

A-1402

Sewer service permit, 1949

## RECONNAISSANCE-LEVEL FORM

HHM ID No. 110554

## 2307 LONGVIEW ST



Wed, 13 Nov 2019



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## IDENTIFICATION

Address	2307 LONGVIEW ST	Appraisal District ID	112400
Category	Primary resource	Addition/Subdivision	LONGVIEW TERRACE
Property Subset			
Legal Description	LOT 9 OLT 41&42 DIV D LESS W 5 FT LONGVIEW TERRACE		

## CLASSIFICATION

Resource Type	Building
Property Type	Single-family house
Form/Plan	Irregular
Stylistic Influence(s)	None visible

## MAJOR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

No. of Stories	2
Exterior Material(s)	Wood
Roof Form	Hipped
Window Type(s)	Double-hung
Window Material(s)	Wood

## HISTORY

Current use	Residential
Historic Use	Residential
Year built	1940 (source: Appraisal district)

## OCCUPANT HISTORY

1940: W E Stigler; 1944/45: Lili D Ames (Tabulator at State Board of Control) , Robert J Lingle; 1949: Riddlehoover, Cary; 1954/55: Adam, Viggie Mrs.; 1959/60: 2307a: Bowman, Gene S, 2307b: Lott Edna Mrs. (o); 1965-70: Follow up - Pending AHC Reopening

## INTEGRITY

Alterations	Doors replaced
Additions	
Relocation	
Notes	Alterations compatible

## PRIOR DOCUMENTATION

Designations	
Prior Survey Data	CHBS 2018 - Form: Residential /Detached/Duplex; Estimated Date: 1940; Style: Colonial Revival; Integrity Score: 3 / 1984 Survey - Site No: H-24-151; Est Date: 1935; Materials: frame; Priority:

## LOCAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Designation	Within district
Justification	Possesses integrity and contributes to district
District Name	Carrington/West Campus
Status (N/C)	Contributing

## NATIONAL REGISTER (NRHP) RECOMMENDATIONS

Designation	Within district
Justification	Possesses integrity and contributes to district
District Name	Carrington/West Campus
Status (N/C)	Contributing

## OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Tourism Tag