

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
JANUARY 24, 2022
PR-2021-200516/GF-2022-001167
TRAVIS HEIGHTS - FAIRVIEW PARK
512 E. MONROE STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1921 building.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story Craftsman bungalow with double front doors, 1:1 wood windows with 9:1 screens, exposed rafter tails and triangular brackets at gable ends, and a partial-width front porch. The cross-gabled roof is covered with corrugated metal, and the building exterior is clad in horizontal wood siding.

RESEARCH

The house at 512 E. Monroe Street was constructed around 1921 as a rental property, then sold to Buford and Mable Brown in 1928. Buford Brown worked as a life insurance salesman, a loan officer, and a cashier at the American National Bank; he held the latter position until shortly before his death in 1960. Mable Brown, a musician, was active in Austin's music clubs and Delta Kappa Sigma society.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

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

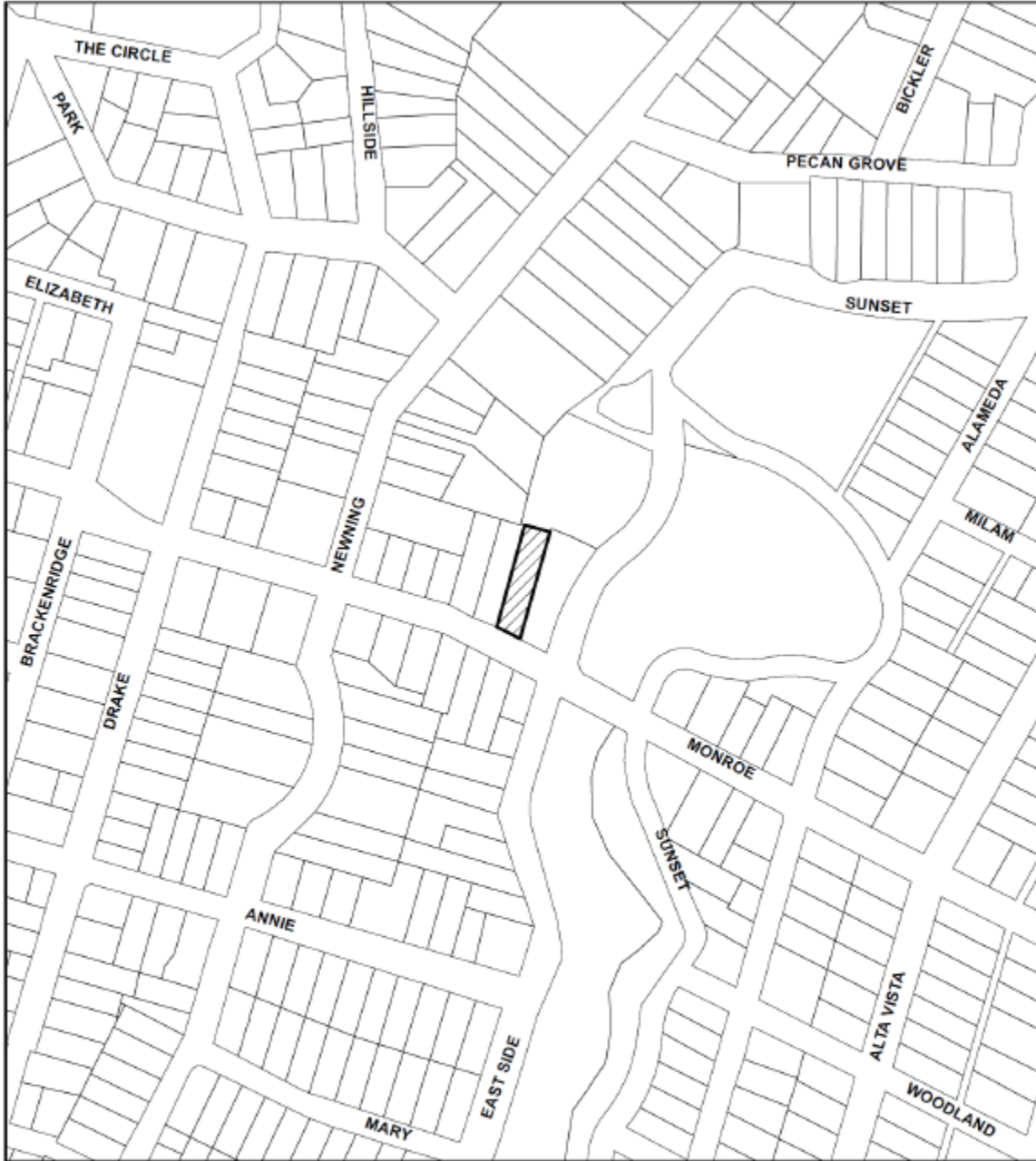
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation, over demolition, but approve the application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Plans for new construction must be reviewed by the Historic Landmark Commission prior to demolition permit release.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT
PENDING CASE
ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: PR 21-200516

LOCATION: 512 E MONROE STREET

1" = 250'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos





Demolition Permit Application, 2021

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, December 2021

| | |
|------|--|
| 1959 | Buford Brown, owner |
| 1957 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners |
| 1955 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners |
| 1952 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners |
| 1949 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners |
| 1947 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners Assistant cashier, Austin National Bank |
| 1944 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners Assistant cashier, Austin National Bank |
| 1939 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners Collector, Austin National Bank |
| 1937 | Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners Collector, Austin National Bank |

1935 Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners
Collector, Austin National Bank

1932 Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners
Collector, Austin National Bank

1929 Buford W. and Mabel Brown, owners
Loans, 911 Littlefield Building

1927 Vacant

1924 Vacant

1922 Ysidro Garcia, renter

1920 Address not listed

Permits

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.A 1497

M. Fred Malone Address 512 E. Monroe St. 125

Plumber Sam Ham Size of Tap 1/2" Date 12-13-27

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 12/27/27 31007

Water service permit, 1927

on See map - Buwv

Connecting Charge \$ 1.200 9268

Application for Sewer Connection. N^o 268

Austin, Texas, 3/5/30 192

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 Buford Brown

at 512 East Monroe Street

12Q - 12R

Sewer service permit, 1930

Buford Brown 512 East Monroe St

130 1 12R

Rebub 12Q and 12R

Frame Addition Rear of Residence

72205 3-23-59 2600.00

A.D.Palmie

Den

Building permit, 1959

Buford Brown

512-East Monroe St

130

1

12R

Boswell's

Resub of 12Q and 12 R

Frame Addition to Accessory Bldg

72244

3-25-59

275.00

A.D.Palmie

Storage

Building permit, 1959

Biographical information

REALTY DEEDS RECORDED.
 Fred C. Malone, County Clerk.
 C. Wendlandt to Mrs. Louise Rosentritt,
 lots 20, 21, 22, 23, block T, Bouldin addi-
 tion to Austin; consideration, \$250.
 Fred C. Malone and wife to Buford
 Brown and wife, lot 1, in the resubdivision
 of block R in Fairview Park addition to
 Austin; consideration, \$3850.
 Total consideration, \$4100.

GREAT SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Announces the Removal of Its Offices

From 507 Littlefield Bldg.

to

Suite 1104 Norwood Bldg

After September 1st, 1929.

—Representatives—

T. W. Cain

Buford Brown

Joe Jayne

A. L. Nelson

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Mar 5, 1928 and The Austin American (1914-1973); Aug 11, 1929

Mrs. Brown Leader

The regular meeting of Delta
 Kappa Sigma Delphian chapter
 will be held Thursday at 9 a. m.
 at the Driskill hotel. Mrs. Buford
 Brown will be leader and topics

The Austin American (1914-1973); Nov 18, 1934

Handsome Old Painting Loaned Museum Proves Attraction to Open-House Visitors

Portrait at Least 110 Years Old

On the east wall of the Texas Memorial museum's Pioneer room hangs a handsome old painting that has been attracting a great deal of attention and comment from recent visitors to the interesting new institution.

Central Texans who attend the museum's special "open-house" in their honor this Saturday or Sunday afternoon may view the painting as well as many other notable history, anthropology, botany, zoology exhibits in the state's "wonder house."

The painting, of two small girls, four and six years of age, was loaned to the museum by Mrs. Buford Brown of Austin. Subjects of the artist were the granddaughters of Robert Ralston, founder of the Ralston family in Philadelphia, and "a man of the largest possible distinction in his day, as one of the Quaker City's merchant princes, and as a philanthropist of nationwide celebrity. The little girls in the painting were Mrs. Ralston's grandmother and great aunt. The picture belonged to Mrs. Brown's mother, the late Mrs. William S. Dugat of Beeville.

Painted in Philadelphia between 110 and 115 years ago, it later was taken south with the Ralston family and graced the colonial mansion the Ralstons built just outside Natchez, Miss. The Civil war came and went and the picture was taken by the family to a new home in New Orleans after the Natchez house burned. Next it went to Los Angeles, Calif., and later was brought to the home of Mrs. Brown's mother at Beeville. It came to the museum here recently from the Nelson Art gallery in Kansas City.

The wonderfully preserved painting, apparently as fresh as the day it was finished is one of the numerous exhibits that form special attractions at the museum. Others of unusual popular interest include saddles for men and women of all periods in Texas history; irons for branding cattle and used on famous pioneer ranches of the Southwest;



This beautiful painting, the property of Mrs. Buford Brown of Austin, now hangs in the Texas Memorial museum.

The two young girls in the picture, painted more than 100 years ago, were Mrs. Brown's grandmother and great-aunt.

prison locks and keys used on New Orleans in 1874, presented by doors and gates during the periods A. S. Hull; a painting of William of Spanish and Mexican rule in Barrett Travis, commander of the Texas; arichly-carved mahogany Alamo heroes; and many other recently acquired displays on the desk used in the first supreme court office in Austin and brought three museum floors devoted to to the capitol in an oxcart from natural history.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Nov 15, 1940

Original Compositions To Be Presented

Mrs. Buford Brown and Mrs. W. T. Lyons will be presented Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. over KTBC in a program of their own compositions by the Wednesday Morning Music club, a member of the fifth district of the Texas Federated Music clubs.

The Austin American (1914-1973); May 11, 1941

The Austin National Bank

AUSTIN, TEXAS

At the Close of Business, June 30, 1945



LIABILITIES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$ 3,466,921.77 |
| U. S. Government Bonds, etc. | 31,985,314.29 |
| Municipal Bonds, State Warrants. | 372,952.07 |
| Banking House | 173,995.59 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 53,633.98 |
| Other Real Estate | 20,008.00 |
| Cash and Due from Banks | 10,851,296.60 |
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| | \$46,924,122.30 |

RESOURCES

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| Capital Stock | \$ 750,000.00 |
| Surplus | 750,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 352,089.85 |
| Reserved for Contingencies | 84,142.93 |
| Reserved for Accrued Expenses, etc. | 109,183.37 |
| Dividend Declared, Not Yet Payable | 30,000.00 |
| Deposits: | |
| Individuals | \$22,893,538.02 |
| Correspondent Banks | 6,136,617.37 |
| Time | 3,635,043.38 |
| Public Funds | 3,514,886.33 |
| United States Government | 8,332,186.16* |
| Other Deposits, Certified Checks, Cashier's Checks, etc. | 336,934.89 |
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| | 44,848,706.15 |
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| | 46,924,122.30 |

*Includes U. S. War loan Account of \$7,113,499.01

U. S. Government Depository

Deposits Insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Maximum Insurance for Each Depositor, \$5,000.00.

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The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jul 6, 1945

BUFORD BROWN

Buford Brown, 512 E. Monroe, died in a local hospital Saturday. He was a former employe of the Austin National Bank, having recently retired.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mable D. Brown, and one brother, James R. Brown, both of Austin.

Rosary services were read Saturday at Cook Funeral Home, Rev. Francis Sullivan, officiating. Burial will be in Assumption Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be William Dugat, Roy Short, George Meriweather, William Kay Miller and E. C. Bartholomew.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Oct 9, 1960