

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
HR-2022-003635
OLD WEST AUSTIN
1507 NORTHWOOD ROAD

PROPOSAL

Construct a two-story addition to a single-story ca. 1935 house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Construct a two-story addition. The proposed addition is located at the rear of the house and is clad in stucco.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story stone-clad Tudor Revival house with steeply pitched, compound-gabled roof, arched entryway, decorative stonework trim, multilight bay window with shed roof and exposed rafter tails, and 6:6 screened wood windows.

RESEARCH

1507 Northwood Road was constructed in 1935 as a rental property for Milton Burney.¹ It had few long-term residents for the first half of the twentieth century; occupants appear to have been mostly University of Texas students, lecturers, and employees. Other short-term residents include a Southern Union salesman, a contractor, and an insurance agent.

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:

Residential additions

1. Location

The proposed addition is appropriately sited at the back wall of the house. The applicant should consider retaining the unique river-rock finish at the rear gable when attaching the addition.

2. Scale, massing, and height

While the proposed addition is two stories in height, its substantial setback minimizes its visual impact to the street view.

3. Design and style

The proposed addition's design and style are appropriate, with compatible but differentiated exterior wall materials to delineate the new portion of the house.

4. Roofs

The proposed cross-gabled roofline is simple in design. The applicant should consider architectural shingles matching the existing shingle profile, rather than applying wood shakes where they did not previously exist, as well as omitting the exposed rafter tails at the addition. These changes will help to avoid the appearance of false historicism.

5. Exterior walls

The proposed stucco cladding is compatible with the existing stone.

6. Windows, screens, and doors

The addition's proposed fenestration is compatible with the historic portion of the house.

8. Chimneys

The proposed addition does not appear to modify existing historic-age chimneys.

¹ "Classified Ad 4 -- no Title." The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Apr 27, 1936. <https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/classified-ad-4-no-title/docview/1563702440/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Summary

The project meets most of the applicable standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property contributes to the Old West Austin 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 relatively modest pre-war Tudor Revival architecture popular in Austin during the FHA loan period of the 1930s.
 - 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

Comment on and release the plans.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT
PENDING CASE
ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 208'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HR 22-003635

LOCATION: 1507 NORTHWOOD

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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*







Occupancy History

City Directory Research, February 2022

1959	Ben M. Jeffery, renter
1957	John D. Archer, owner Physician, University of Texas
1955	Athena B. and Hernando Piedrahita, renters Assistant librarian, University of Texas Student
1952	John R. and Mary H. Cooke, owners Salesman, Southern Union Gas
1949	John R. and Mary Cooke, owners
1947	Richard N. and Rosa M. Lewis, renters Agency manager, Great National Life Insurance Co.
1944	Richard N. and Rosa Mae Lewis, renters Agency manager, Great National Life Insurance Co.

1941 Edwin B. and Anna L. Snead, renters
General contractor

1939 Vacant

1937 Dale E. and Pauline Bennett, renters
Assistant professor, University of Texas

1935 Address not listed

Permits

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinance, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS N^o 2943

M. Milton Burney Address 1507 Northwood Rd

Plumber F. Anwar Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7-8-35

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 7/9/35

Water service permit, 1935

Connection Charge \$ 12.00 N^o 12085✓

Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 20, 1935

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 Milton Burney

at 1507 Northwood Rd. Street,

further described as lot 6, block 4, outlot

subdivision Edgemont, division, plat 16a

which place is to be used as a residence

Sewer connection permit, 1935

Historical information

University Doctoral Class Of 142 Largest in History

The University of Texas Graduate School will confer 142 doctoral degrees in Saturday's commencement exercises, Dean A. P. Brogan announced Thursday.

This year's class of doctoral candidates is the largest in the University's history.

Doctor of education candidates include Willis R. Bodine, 706 East 43rd Street; Mary E. Buice, 3111 Grooms; and Frank L. Winship, 814 East 30th Street, Austin.

Doctor of philosophy candidates include:

From Austin — Earl U. Anttila, 1105 Nueces; Jim G. Ashburne, 3403 Sunshine Drive; Price R. Ashton, 4705 Fairview Drive; Minor W. Boyer, 1705-B Brackenridge Apartment; William N. Breswick, 1311-C Brackenridge Apartments; Olin B. Ceell, 707 Highland; Ju-Nam Chew, 1951-B Red River; Mark H. Clarkson, 3703 Hollywood; Stone D.

Cooley, 706 Graham Place; Lieutenant and Colonel Alvin E. Cowan, 2201 Mountainview Road; Martin J. Cramer Jr., 1404½ West 13th; Bruce H. Deatherage, 219 Archway; Malcolm E. Ennis, 5410 Shoalwood; Wayne W. Grannemann, 3411 Hollywood; Kenneth W. Hannah, 3705 Grayson; Robert M. Hutchinson, 2828 Salado; John L. Kelly, 1102-B West 22½; Mrs. Lillie B. Lamar, 1507 Northwood Road; David McAllister, 603 East 23½; William N.

McAnulty, 1405 Palo Duro Road; I. E. McNeill, 1003 West 38th; Lionel V. Patenaude, 201 East 34th; John W. Payne Jr., 2516 Hartford Road; Robert G. Rogers, 2905½ San Gabriel; Alton W. Sissom, 1608 Ethridge; Charles G. Skinner, 3117 Hemphill Park; and John M. Slye, 2710 San Pedro.

From Luling—Mrs. Empress Y. Zedler.

From San Marcos—Joe Harvey Wilson.

"University Doctoral Class of 142 Largest in History." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), May 28, 1953.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/university-doctoral-class-142-largest-history/docview/1559328573/se-2?accountid=7451>.



RETURN TO SAN JUAN—Mr. and Mrs. Lavoisier Lamar and their children May and John are en route to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where Mr. and Mrs. Lamar will resume their duties

at the University of Puerto Rico. The Lamar family, of 1507 Northwood Road, Austin, has just completed a two month statewide visit, spending the past month in Austin.

"RETURN TO SAN JUAN." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Aug 20, 1958.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/return-san-juan/docview/1528117131/se-2?accountid=7451>.

Talk Dated

Dr. John D. Archer of the US Food and Drug Administration will speak on "The FDA and Therapeutic Evaluation of New Drugs" during the University of

'Texas' 10th annual Postgraduate Pharmacy Refresher Course Friday and Saturday. His address will be given Friday at 3:15 p.m. in the College of Pharmacy Library.

"Talk Dated." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973), Nov 07, 1961.
<https://atxlibrary.idm.oclc.org/login?url=https://www.proquest.com/historical-newspapers/talk-dated/docview/1527811197/se-2?accountid=7451>.