

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
PR-2022-120739; GF-2022-120825
TRAVIS HEIGHTS-FAIRVIEW PARK
314 LE GRANDE AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1948 house. No plans for new construction are proposed.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story cut-stone veneer house with 2:2 and 6:6 windows behind wooden screens, a side-gabled roofline, and a metal roof.

RESEARCH

The house at 314 Le Grande Avenue, originally addressed as 409 Riverside Drive, was constructed in 1948. Its earliest occupants of record were Melba and Elva Holmes, who worked at the Southwestern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, along with their roommates Charlise Jordan and Margie Rolloff. The property sold during the late 1950s to the Dial family, who retained the home until 2021.

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 moderate 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 does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - 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

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 22-120825

LOCATION: 314 LE GRANDE AVENUE

1" = 250'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*



Occupancy History

City Directory Research, August 2022

- 1960 Listed as 409 E. Riverside
 Donald Bruce and Marie Dial, owners
 Assistant engineer, State Highway Department
- 1955 Melba C. Holmes, owner
 Service assistant
 Charlesie Gordon, renter
 Operator
 Margie W. Roloff, renter
 Clerk
 Elva Holmes, renter
- 1953 Melba C. Holmes

Sanborn Maps



Sanborn map, 1962

Historical information

any time. \$8,250.00. 2-2557.
409 RIVERSIDE DR.
CUTSTONE 3 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS
 Vacant. Large living room, real fireplace, each bedroom has outside entrance. Beautiful floors. Large kitchen. Will consider car, lot or house as part tradein. \$15,000.00. Shown any time. 2-2557.
TARRYTOWN

Classified Ad 3 -- No Title. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 24 Aug 1948: 18



EMPLOYEES HONORED — Fourteen traffic employees of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company were honored with a service anniversary party this week at El Matamoros. Guest of honor was Miss Lena Althaus, with 35 years of service. The top picture shows Miss Althaus receiving congratulations from H. D. Schodde, district traffic superintendent. In the bottom picture (left to right) are Mrs. Ruby Tarter, 25 years of service; Mrs. Jack

Fain, chief operator; Miss Althaus; and Mrs. Francis Piland, 25 years. Others honored at the dinner were Miss Elsie Jordan, 20 years; Mrs. LaVerda Fogle, 10 years; Miss Margie Roloff, 10 years; Miss Charlie Jordan, 10 years; Miss Ethel Johnson, 10 years; Mrs. Rebecca Slack, 10 years; Miss Imogene Parnell, 10 years; Miss Margaret Hansen, Mrs. Beverly Hall, Mrs. Mable Slack and Mrs. Loi Pacelli, five years each. — (Neal Douglas Photos.)

Elva Holmes and Roy Hart United in Double Ring Rites

Miss Elva Christine Holmes became the bride of Roy Nowel Hart in a semiformal wedding Saturday at the Congress Avenue Baptist Church.

The double ring nuptial services were performed by Dr. Durand H. Bonner. The altar was decorated with a basket of gladioli and chrysanthemums and white tapers in candelabra. Palms completed the decorations. The wedding music was furnished by Mrs. Pete West, organist, and Mrs. Frances Summers, soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie David Holmes of Jewett, where she graduated from high school. She attended business college in Waco, and is now employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Austin.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Burleson Hart of Smithville. A graduate of Smithville High School, he is now with the National Cash Register Company in San Antonio.

Bridal Attire

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white all-over Chantilly lace dress with waltz length skirt featuring a scalloped hemline that accented the design of the lace. A flounce of pleated nylon tulle underscored the scallops. The fitted bodice had a scoop neckline filled in with illusion and outlined with paillettes.

Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a half hat of paillettes. She carried a white prayer book with an arrangement of feathered white carnations centered with a white orchid on it. Her only jewelry was a gift of the bridegroom, pearl earrings.

Miss Melba Charlene Holmes was maid of honor and Miss Violet Annette Holmes was bridesmaid. Both were attired in waltz length gowns of ice blue silk crystalite.

Dewey Robert Turner of Bastrop. The reception was held in the educational building of the church immediately after the ceremony. The table was covered with a white organdy cloth and centered with silver candelabra. A silver punch bowl was at one end. The bride's three tiered cake was decorated with roses and lilies of the valley and topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Members of the house party were Misses Charlie Jordan, Barbara McLain, Marylou Draughon and Margie Roloff.

The bride's mother wore a grey shantung dress with navy accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds. The mother of the bridegroom was attired in a charcoal two piece dress with which she wore black and pink accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds. When Mr. and Mrs. Hart left for New Orleans, La., where they will spend their honeymoon, Mrs. Hart was wearing a suit of brown Italian cotton with brown lizard and winter white accessories. She wore a white orchid corsage.

The couple will make their home in San Antonio at 821 West Woodlawn, where they will live after Nov. 7.



EMPLOYEES HONORED. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 18 Feb 1954: A7.

Elva Holmes and Roy Hart United in Double Ring Rites. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 24 Oct 1954: F12.

MELBA HOLMES of Austin moves from chief operator to acting supervising chief operator for Southwestern Bell. Mrs. Dorothy Franklin goes from group to acting chief operator.

BUSINESS beat. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 01 Aug 1972: 40.