

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
NOVEMBER 2, 2022
PR-2022-145835; GF-2022-154626
4402 RAMSEY AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story house with asbestos siding, a cross-gabled catslide roof, an arched entryway to a covered stoop, shallow eaves, and 1:1 wood windows.

RESEARCH

The house at 4402 Ramsey Avenue was built in 1936 for Captain Truman G. and Gladys Holladay. Truman Holladay, an accountant and veteran, served as deputy state treasurer and chief clerk of the Texas Treasury Department while living in the home. In 1947, the Holladays moved briefly to San Saba, where they were part owners of a pecan shelling plant, though Holladay also served as assistant state auditor. By 1957, he was appointed as the deputy State Securities Commissioner. He was promoted to Commissioner in 1969, and served until his retirement in 1972, though the Securities Board members voted unanimously against his leaving the post. After the Holladays' departure, the home belonged briefly to Zue Gibbons, a secretary, and then passed to Cora Elam, a widow.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

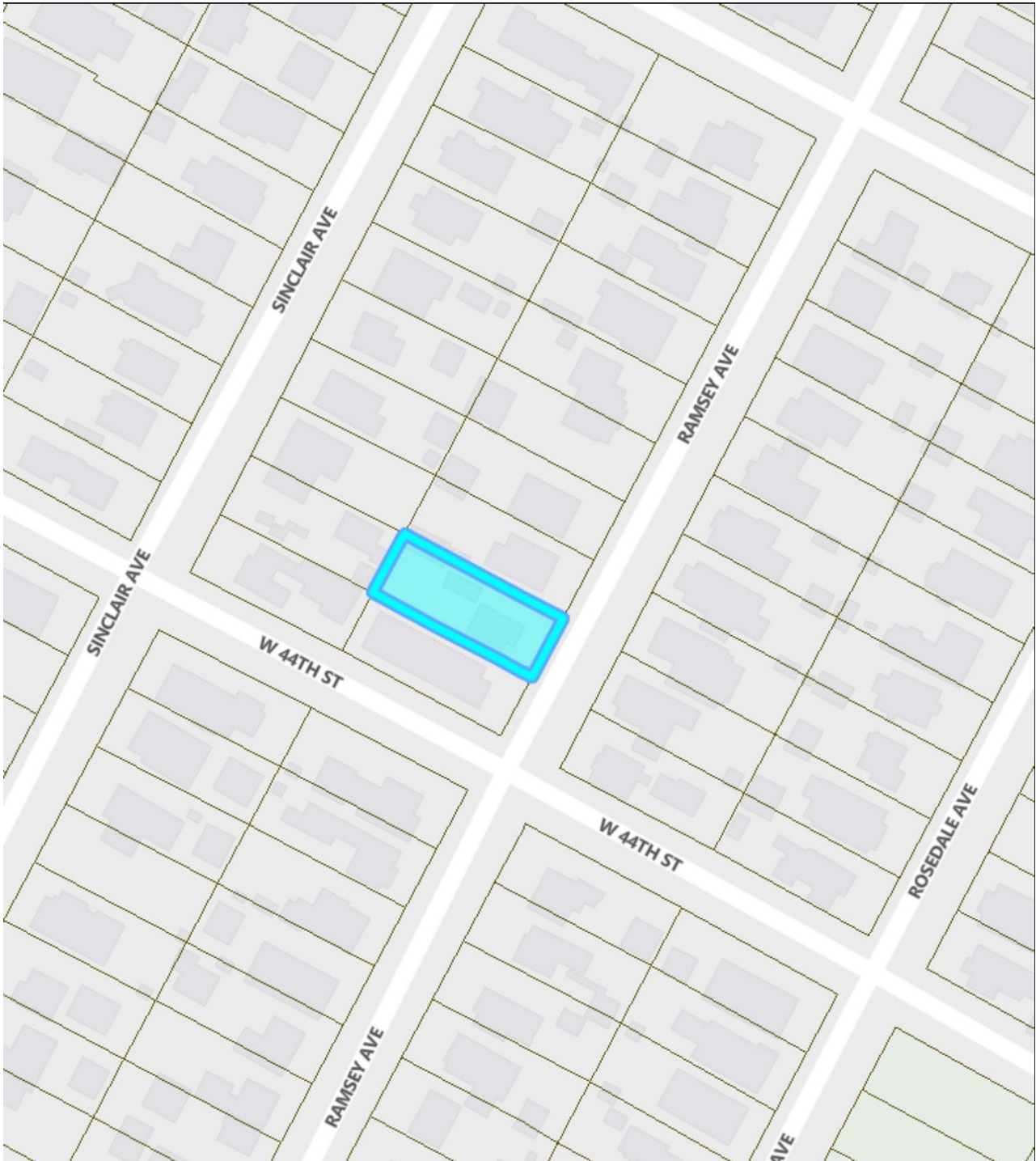
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 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 a Tudor Revival-styled Minimal Traditional house, characteristic of Austin's development during the 1930s and into the 1940s.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations, though the Commission may wish to consider the service of Truman Holladay as the Texas State Securities Commissioner.
 - 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation over demolition, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



1: 1200

Lot Lines

Lot Line

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Source: Zillow.com, 2022. https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/4402-Ramsey-Ave-Austin-TX-78756/29406163_zpid/

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2022

1959	Cora A. Elam, owner
1955	Cora A. Elam, owner (widow of Arthur L. Elam)
1952	Zue C. Gibbons, owner (widow of J. R. Gibbons) Office secretary
1947	Vacant
1944	Truman G. Holladay, owner Gladys Holladay Clerk, State Treasurer
1941	G. Trueman and Gladys Holladay, owners Chief bookkeeper, State Treasurer
1937	George T. and Gladys Holladay, owners Bookkeeper, University of Texas
1932	Address not listed

Holladay In New Post

By The Austin Statesman Capital Staff

State Treasurer Jesse James Friday announced appointment of Captain Truman G. Holladay as deputy state treasurer and chief clerk of the Texas Treasury Department. Capt. Holladay replaces Garland A. Smith, a Navy veteran, who has resigned to enter private business at Caldwell.

Emil L. Stryk, also a Navy veteran, was made head of the stamp tax division. He succeeds Hugh C. Webb, who is being moved up to chief accountant, the position formerly held by Capt. Holladay.

TAX AID OFFICE OPENS

SAN SABA, Jan. 11.—(Spl)—An income tax consulting office has been opened here with Truman G. Holladay, an experienced accountant, in charge.

Holladay, who is a co-owner of the San-Tex Pecan Shelling Plant, makes his home here, and will reopen the plant with the next pecan season.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 29 Mar 1946: 2. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 12 Jan 1947: 24.

Holladay Is Named To Securities Post

General Carl L. Phinney, chairman of the State Securities Board, announced Saturday the appointment of Truman G. Holladay as state securities commissioner.

Holladay, deputy securities commissioner for the past 12 years, succeeds William M. King, who resigned Nov. 15 to become vice president of the American First Corporation, a one-bank holding company.

Phinney also announced that the new deputy securities commissioner will be Roy W. Mouer III, an assistant attorney general with more than six years of service on the State Securities Board.

Appointments for Commissioner Holladay and Deputy Commissioner Mouer are effective this Sunday.

"Holladay has served with distinction," Phinney said, "as deputy commissioner since the formation of the State Securities Board in August, 1957. It gives the entire board a great deal of pleasure to announce the advancement of this dedicated public servant from the ranks to this highly important post in state government."

For two years prior to that time, he was the assistant director of the Insurance Securities Section of the State Insurance Board.

Holladay's duties and responsibilities for a dozen years as Commissioner King's chief executive officer extended to the entire scope of the detailed operations of the State funds on one hand and the



TRUMAN HOLLADAY
Securities chief



ROY W. MOUER III
Deputy chief

Securities Board, including protection of the public investor on the other can be achieved." The State Securities Board has grown from 18 employees in 1957 to 49 at present. Located here in the Sam Houston State Office Building, the board also has offices in Houston, Lubbock and Dallas.

His 14 years of experience in the field of regulating securities permits the State Securities Board's operation to continue without a break in the public service function of the agency.

"No changes will be made in our trained and technical staff," Holladay stated. "Vacancies, as they may occur, will be used to upgrade our personnel wherever possible so that our board's objective of maintaining that delicate counterbalance between the needs of industry for public verification of franchise tax

returns (1947-1951) and State Treasury Department audits (1951-1955).

A BBA graduate of the University of Texas, Holladay served as a captain with the U.S. Army in Italy during World War II. He is a past president of the Southern Securities Commissioners' Association and active in the North American Securities Administrators Association.

Holladay and his wife, Gladys, live at 1505 Hillmont Street in Austin. They have one daughter, Mrs. Ann Grozier, who lives in Bellevue, Neb.

Mouer has served for the past two years on the municipal bond desk in the attorney general's office. For the preceding six and a half years he was with the State Securities Board as an investigator, securities analyst, and enforcement division chief.

The 35-year-old deputy commissioner is a native of Fort Worth and a graduate of Jefferson Davis High School in Houston. He received his BA

degree (1959) and LLB degree (1961) from the University of Texas.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mouer and his wife, Marie, have two sons and live at 5401 Fairmont Circle in Austin.

Commissioner Holladay Quits State Securities Board Post

Capitol Staff
State Securities
Commissioner Truman G.
Holladay has resigned
effective April 1, Securities
Board Chairman Carl L.
Phinney announced Thursday.

Holladay, commissioner
since Sept. 1969, will be
succeeded by Deputy
Commissioner Roy W. Mouer,
37, Phinney said.

Phinney said that the
three-member securities
board had voted unanimously
to keep Holladay but that the
65-year-old Holladay wanted
to retire because of his age

and his long tenure — 36
years — with the state.

Phinney said Holladay isn't
decided on his future plans.

When Holladay became
commissioner in 1969 he
succeeded William A. King
who had served 12 years in
the job as the first
commissioner since the board
was reorganized. King joined
the American National Bank
of Austin after leaving the
state.

Holladay's state service
began in 1936 in the State
Treasurer's office where he
worked 10 years before

resigning as chief clerk to
become assistant state
auditor.

He was in the auditor's
office 10 years before going
into securities regulations
with the state.

Phinney said that Holladay
six months ago turned down
an offer of a vice presidency
of the New York Stock
Exchange.

Mouer comes to the
commissioner's job with 10
years state service. After
getting his law degree in 1961
he joined the securities board
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CORA ELAM

Mrs. Cora Elam, 78, of 4402
Ramsey, died Monday in a San
Antonio hospital.

Survivors include one
daughter, Mrs. Harold Graham
of San Antonio; five sons,
Edward Benton Elam of Bay
City, Elmer A. Elam of
Cumberland, R. L. Gilbert A.
Elam of Houston, A. L. Elam
and Victor O. Elam, both of
Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Eura
Saunders of Bradshaw, Mrs.
Annie Herrington of Tuscola,
Mrs. Minnie Poindexter of
Pierre, S. D., one brother, Joe
Traylor of Dallas; several
grandchildren and great
grandchildren.

Funeral services are pending
at Cook Funeral Home.

"Commissioner Holladay Quits State Securities Board Post." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 17 Feb 1972: A1.

"DEATHS and FUNERALS." *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 10 Sep 1968: A15.

Permits

Connection Charge \$ 1.40 No 12562A

Application for Sewer Connection.

Austin, Texas, May 11, 1936

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 G. T. Holladay
at 4402 Ramsey Ave Street,
Sewer service permit, 1936

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No 4011
M G. T. Holladay Address 4402 Ramsey Ave
Plumber M. E. Feltz Size of Tap 1/2 Date 4-16-36

Foreman's Report
Date of Connection 4-17-36

Water service permit, 1936

Miss Ruth Pickle 4402 Ramsey Avenue
187 2 13 - -
Rosedale "D"

Repair fire damages to residence.
44310 4-24-50 \$1800.00
Frank Moore

Building permit, 1950