

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
JANUARY 11, 2023
HR-2022-172625
TRAVIS HEIGHTS-FAIRVIEW PARK
409 E MONROE STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1910 house and construct a new residence.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Construct a three-story stucco and board and batten house with a metal roof and a detached two-story garage.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story rectangular plan house with Foursquare stylistic influences, including deep eaves, a boxy plan, and substantial brick piers at first-floor full-width porch.

RESEARCH

The house at 409 E Monroe Street (1600 Newning Ave.) was constructed in 1910. The house was owned by Shelton C. and Margaret Adrian. Shelton Adrian was a carpenter for the 40 years that he lived in the house, most frequently employed by the University of Texas. His wife Margaret and his daughter LaVerne, a music teacher and a graduate of the University of Texas, were socialites among the South Austin community, frequently holding gatherings at the residence. The Adrian residence also served as apartments and studios for a variety of Austinites throughout the '30s and '40s.

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 new construction

1. Location

The proposed building appears to be appropriately sited and set back.

2. Orientation

The proposed building's orientation is consistent with the design standards.

3. Scale, massing, and height

The proposed building's scale and height appears to be inappropriate when compared to the surrounding one and two-story houses.

4. Proportions

The proposed building's proportions, design, and style do not reflect those of the surrounding district.

6. Roofs

The proposed metal roof is compatible with the district.

7. Exterior walls

The proposed stucco and board and batten are somewhat compatible with the district.

8. Windows and doors

Proposed fenestrations are somewhat compatible with the district.

Summary

The project meets some of the applicable standards.

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 a high degree of 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 represents a house type that is unique to the district.
 - b. Historical association. The property is associated with Shelton and Margaret Adrian.
 - 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 and comment on plans.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, 2022

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, December 2022

- 1959 *1600 Newning Ave*
 Edward J. and Leah Purdin, owners
 United States Air Force
- *409 E Monroe St*
 Margaret Adrian, owner (widow of Shelton Adrian)
- 1955 *1600 Newning Ave*
 Richard and Ruby Houck, renters
 United States Air Force
- James E. and Maddie Yanero, renters
 Salesman Calcasieu Lumber
- *409 E Monroe St*
 Margaret Adrian, owner (widow of Shelton Adrian)
- 1952 *1600 Newning Ave*
 William F. and Mary A. Hair, renters
 United States Army
- Charlotte R. Bail, renter
- *409 E Monroe St*

- Margaret Adrian, owner (widow of Shelton C. Adrian)
- 1949 *1600 Newning Ave*
Lansing F. Craig, renter
Laby mechanic at the University of Texas
- Harold J. and Lucille Finley, renters
Forman Young & Pratt
- *409 E Monroe St*
Shelton C. and Margaret Adrian, owners
Cabinet maker at the University of Texas
- Thomas W. Todd, renter
Carrier for the Post Office
- 1947 *1600 Newning Ave*
Lansing F. Craig, renter
Helper Burkhalter Spring Service
- *409 E Monroe St*
Shelton C. and Carolyn A. Adrian, owners
Cabinet maker at the University of Texas
- 1944 Shelton C. and Margaret Adrian, owners
Carpenter at the University of Texas
- LaVern Adrian, renter
Music teacher
- 1941 Shelton C. and Margaret Adrian, owners
Carpenter at the University of Texas
- Louis and Iva Lou Sellers, renter
Chemical engineer / student
- Patrick Kelly, renter
Driver
- La Verne Adrian, renter
Music teacher
- Howard and Thelma Rix, renters
Technician at the Marlin Gross Dental Laboratory
- 1937 Shelton C. and Margaret Adrian, owners
Maintenance man
- La Verne Adrian, renter
Student at the University of Texas
- John H. and Ray Booth, renters
Employee at E. H. Perry
- Veris and Hazel L. Smith, renters
Bookbinder at the Steck Company

- Nathan and Charlcey Rosenthal, renters
Wallpaper department Bradford Paint Company
- 1932 Shelton C. and Maggie Adrian, owners
Carpenter
- John Shelby and Hilda Morgan, renters
Clerk at the State Highway Department
- Clark M. and Myra C. Estes, renters
Rate clerk at the State Board of Insurance Commissioners
- 1929 Shelton C. and Maggie Adrian, owners
Carpenter
- 1927 Shelton C. and Maggie Adrian, owners
- 1924 Shelton C. and Maggie Adrian, owners
Employee at Woodward Body Works
- 1920 Shelton C. and Maggie Adrian, owners
Carpenter
- 1916 Shelton C. Adrian
Carpenter
- 1912 Shelton C. Adrian
Carpenter/contractor/builder
- 1909 Address not listed

Historical information

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Morgan have recently moved to the Adrian apartments, 409 East Monroe street.

Mrs. John Schuber has returned to her home in Houston after a visit with her children who are attending school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Estes have recently moved from 705 West Eighth street to 409 East Monroe street.

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Mrs. Barker's Studio

Mrs. Omar Baker has announced the opening of her studio at 409 East Monroe, in South Austin. Classes will begin Sept. 24, and parents have been invited to register students in time for the opening activities.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Oct 4, 1931

Three Arts Exhibit. The Austin American (1914-1973); 16 Sep 1934: A5.

Mrs. Barker Given M-G-M Screen Test

In recent screen tests given by the M-G-M traveling studio in San Antonio, Mrs. Omar Barker, 409 East Monroe street, was chosen as one of the four of over 1000 contestants whose tests were sent to the M-G-M studios in Culver City, Calif., for consideration as new screen talent.

Monday evening on the Majestic stage in San Antonio Mrs. Barker appeared with three other winners before movie cameras. To film the screen and voice tests of the campaign winners, the stage of the Majestic theatre was converted into a typical Hollywood motion picture test set.

The test negatives were shipped to the M-G-M laboratories to be developed and printed. One print will be returned to San Antonio for exhibition on the screen of the Majestic, and another print is to be shown before casting office officials and production executives of the M-G-M studio.

Mrs. Barker, who is a teacher of dramatics in her private studio here, passed successfully all of the elimination try-outs in the contest sponsored jointly by the M-G-M traveling studio, the Majestic theatre and the San Antonio Express and Evening News. She was summoned Monday for the final screen test.

Scripts were provided the entrants by G. Edward Carrier, director of the M-G-M talent seeking proceedings, and Monday evening Mrs. Barker gave an excerpt from the M-G-M film, "Manhattan Melodrama."

SHELTON C. ADRIAN

Shelton C. Adrian, 62, of 409 E. Monroe, died in Midland, Mich., Wednesday, June 6. He was born in Waco and came to Austin at the age of 2 years.

He was a cabinet maker at the University of Texas for the past 20 years and a member of Grace Methodist Church for 40 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 12 of Austin and The Scottish Rite Bodies.

His grandfather came to Texas in 1836 and was the first member of the Legislature from Smith County, Texas.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Maggie Rector Adrian of Austin; one daughter, Mrs. La Verne Buckholts of Austin; two brothers, Bert Adrian of Houston, and John Cass Adrian of Austin; and one grandchild, Harry Leslie Buckholts of Austin.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p. m. Sunday at the Chapel of the Bells, with Rev. Raymond Taylor of Grace Methodist Church officiating. Graveside services will be held in Memorial Park under the auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12 AF&AM. Burial will be under the direction of Wilke-Donnelly Funeral Home.

MRS. MARGARET R. ADRIAN

Mrs. Margaret Rector Adrian, 73, of 409 East Monroe, died Monday in a local hospital. A 55-year resident of Austin, Mrs. Adrian was the widow of the late Shelton C. Adrian. She was a member of the Grace Methodist Church and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Laverne Buckholts of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Guy Cannon of Austin and Mrs. Owen Chalmers of Bastrop; one brother, Morris Rector of Fort Worth; and one grandson, Harry Leslie Buckholts of Austin.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard MacAllister of Grace Methodist Church officiating assisted by The Rev. John Gilbert of the First Methodist Church, Lockhart.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 10 June 1951: A23.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 14 June 1965: 12.

Permits

Austin, Texas, 10-4 1951

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

S. C. Adrian at 409 E. Monroe Street,

further described as Lot 1 Block 12 F Outlot _____ Division _____

subdivision Memorial Park Plat 25, which is to be used as a _____

In this place there are to be installed _____ fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. _____

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line _____ Respectfully,

Stub Out } 44' 5" 518 of Monroe St
 Connected } 47' 5" 518 of Monroe St Owner
 (Location)

Date repaired 9-5-58

Sewer service permit, 1921

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

Sec. 10

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 548

DEC 125

M. Shelton Adrain Address 409 E. Monroe St

Plumber M. C. Alpine Size of Tap Date 8-20-31

Date of Connection 8/24/31 Foreman's Report

Water service permit, 1934

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

Sec. 125

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 549

M. Shelton Adrain Address 409 E. Monroe St

Plumber M. C. Alpine Size of Tap 1/2 Date 8-20-31

Date of Connection 8/24/31 Foreman's Report

Water service permit, 1931

Shelton Adrain " " 409 E. Monroe St.

125 12F S. pt. of 1-2

Fairview Park

Reconstruct garage (Masonry walls)

27206 - 6/15/45

\$500.00

Day labor

Building permit, 1945

Shelton Adrian

409 E. Monroe St.

135

12F

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Fairview Park

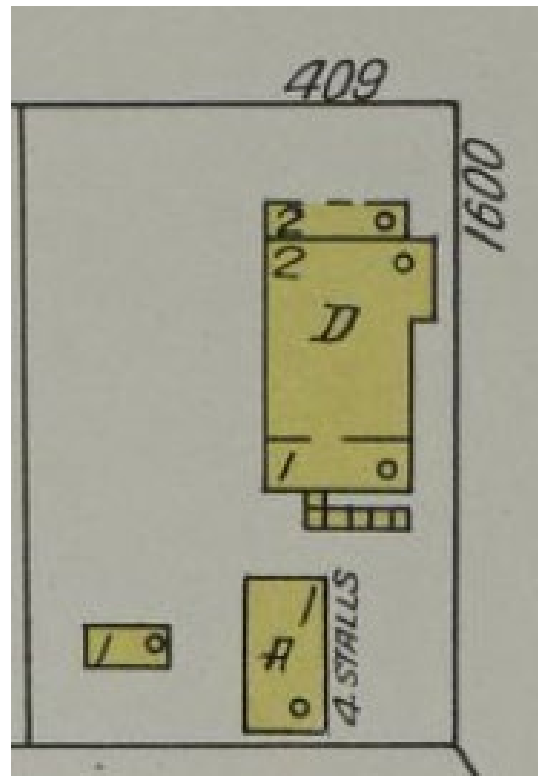
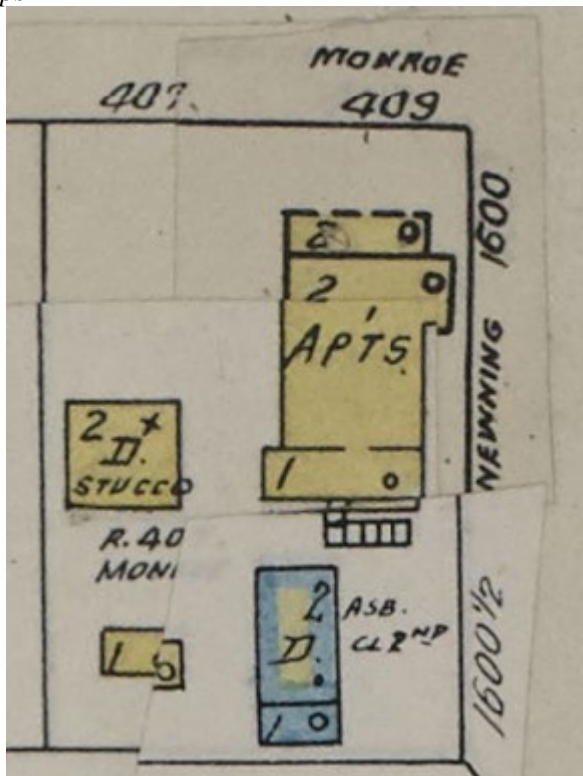
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113r - 9-23-37

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Building permit, 1937

Sanborn maps



Sanborn map, 1962 and 1935