

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
APRIL 5, 2023
PR-2023-018526; GF-2023-027671
4304 PARKWOOD ROAD

PROPOSAL

Add a second floor to a ca. 1948 house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Construct a second-floor gabled addition in front of the roof ridge and intersecting one first-floor gable. The proposed addition is centered over the front porch and features stucco cladding and casement windows.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story stone veneer house with cross-gabled roof, partial-width inset porch, and attached garage.

RESEARCH

The house at 4304 Parkwood Road was built around 1948. Its first residents were Anne and Herman Schwertner. Herman Schwertner owned and operated the Capitol Feed and Milling Company and Capitol Livestock Auction Company, as well as several ranches across the state. Schwertner also ran for civic positions on the school board.

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 at potential historic landmarks. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

Residential additions

1. Location

The proposed addition is located at the front of the building, atop the existing roof ridge.

2. Scale, massing, and height

The rear portion of the proposed addition is somewhat compatible in scale and massing, but the front of the addition does not appear subordinate due to its location and height.

3. Design and style

The proposed addition's design and style are mostly compatible.

4. Roofs

The proposed gabled roofline is compatible.

5. Exterior walls

The addition's proposed stucco exterior is mostly compatible and is appropriately differentiated from the original stone veneer.

6. Windows, screens, and doors

The simple windows visible from the street are mostly compatible.

Summary

The project somewhat meets the applicable standards. The added height and position of the proposed second floor would preclude future contributing status in any potential historic districts.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The 2021 North Central Austin survey lists the property as contributing to a potential historic 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

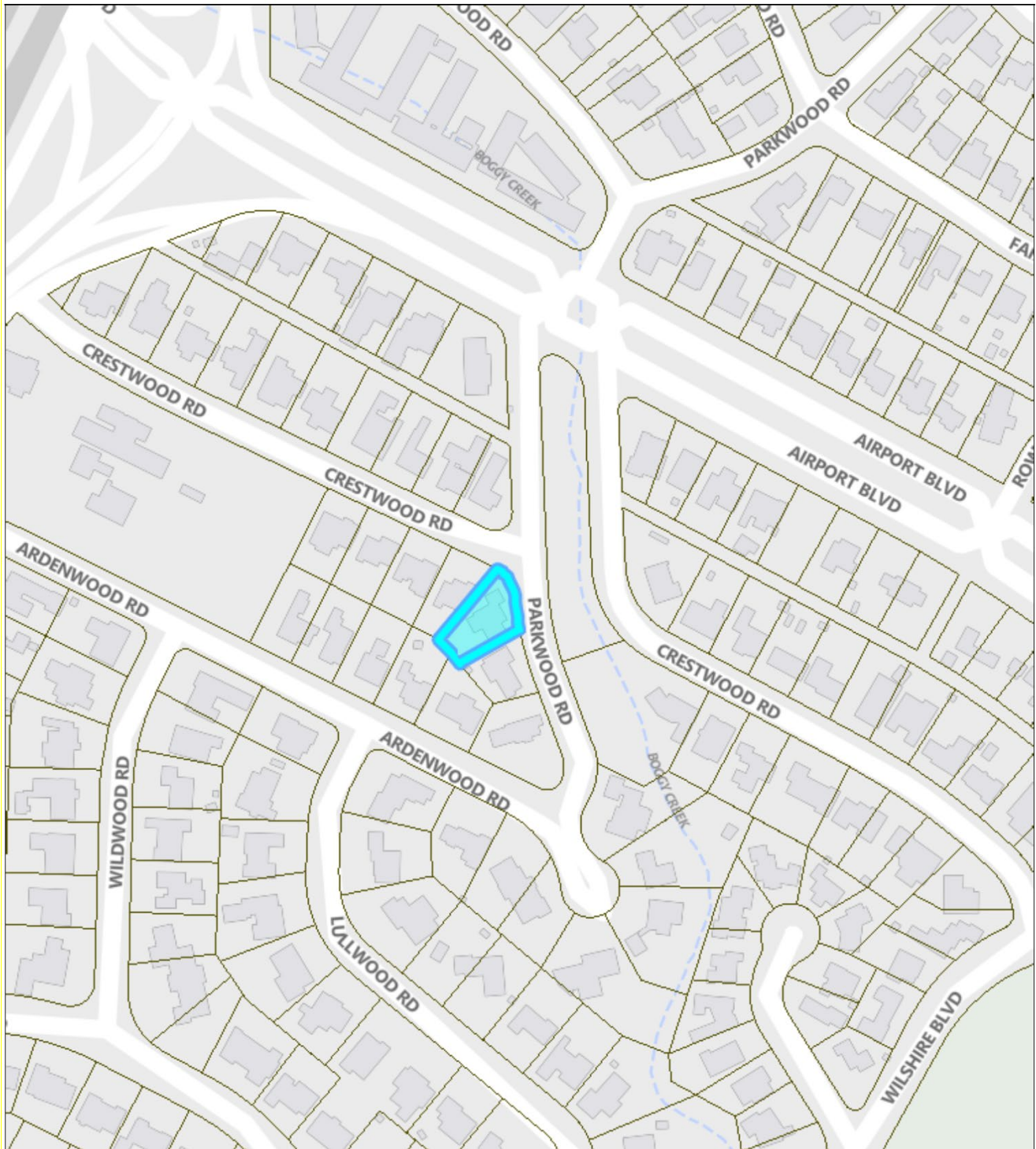
determined that it does not meet two criteria:

- a.* Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance, though it is constructed with Minimal Traditional influences.
- b.* Historical association. The property is associated with the Schwertner family, prominent Texas landowners, who owned and operated the Capitol Feed and Milling Company and Capitol Livestock Auction Company.
- 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 application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



Lot Lines

Lot Line



1: 2400

3/22/2023

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos

[Zillow.com](https://www.zillow.com)

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, February 2023

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| 1959 | Herman and Ann Tegge Schwertner, owners
President, Capitol Feed and Milling Co. |
| 1955 | Herman and Anne Schwertner, owners
President, Capitol Feed and Milling Co. |
| 1952 | Herman and Annie Schwertner, owners |
| 1949 | Vacant |

Eugene & Herman Schwertner & R. L. Wyatt say—

Dow

**"PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
I'M SERVING TEXAS WITH
DOW AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS"**



Flatonia's Tour

The Flatnoia Farm and Ranch Club will send 35 of its members, along with officers of the Flatonia Rotary Club on a tour Tuesday of the San Antonio Union Stockyards . . . The National Association of Soil Conservation Districts says the Army Engineers have called off part of their opposition to the "small dam" flood control program . . . The new maize crop is coming into Austin. Herman Schwertner's, whose Capital Milling outfit is a major buyer here, says yields are pretty low. He's guessing the harvest season will end in short order.

I am happy to tell the farmers in this area that I have been appointed a dealer in Dow Agricultural Chemicals. This is a line of special-purpose products which includes weed and brush killers, soil fumigants, insecticides and other chemical aids to better farming. For my money and your money, this is the best line of agricultural chemicals sold today in Texas or anywhere else. I know they'll show results that will bring you back for more. I'm asking my old customers and new ones to come in and get all the facts. I'll be looking for you the next time you are in town.

Capitol Milling Company

Bastrop Highway, Austin, Texas

REUBEN'S HALF ACRE. DAVE SHANKS State Editor. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); 01 July 1956: A4.

Display Ad 33 -- No Title. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); 03 Aug 1956: 10.

Merging Districts Approved

Austin voters Saturday placed Jack S. Gray on the Austin School Board of Education by a five-to-one majority over his opposition, Fred W. Adams Sr., as a light turnout of some 1,850 ballots were cast.

Pleasant Hill residents went along with Austin voters to approve consolidation of the two school districts.

Mrs. Hulon W. Black, unopposed, was the other candidate winning a school board seat.

Austin voters cast 1,711 votes for consolidation and 131 against. At Pleasant Hill the count was 131 votes in favor of consolidation and 30 opposed.

Mrs. Black received 1,792 votes in winning Place 4. She was running for her first full elective term, having been appointed in January, 1957, to succeed Mrs. James P. Hart.

In the race for Place 5, vacated by David Lamme Jr., Gray received 1,569 votes to 305 for Adams.

A total of 1,914 votes were cast in Austin school trustee election. In a Summitt Common School District election 126 votes were cast for consolidation with Austin schools, and 202 votes were cast in opposition in an unofficial vote count.

Dick Gray, Howard Payton, and Herman W. Schwertner Jr. were elected to Summitt trustee posts. They won over Howard M. Peterson, Carl T. Norwood, and Wayne Dayton.

The voting: Gracy, 186; Payton, 186; Schwertner, 179; Peterson, 145; Norwood, 135; and Dayton, 120.

Charters Given Texas Firms By Tom Reavley

By The Capitol Staff

Corporate charters just approved by Secretary of State Tom Reavley include:

Capitol Feed and Milling Company, Inc., Austin; authorized capital stock \$350,000; incorporators Pearce Johnson, T. D. Weaver, Marcia Benson; registered agent, Herman W. Schwertner.

Capitol Livestock Auction Company, Inc., Austin; authorized capital stock \$450,000; incorporators Pearce Johnson, T. D. Weaver, Marcia Benson; registered agent, Herman W. Schwertner.

Independent Investors, Inc., Austin; authorized capital stock \$10,000; incorporators John D. Reed, E. C. Baum, Harold Legge.

Charters Given Texas Firms By Tom Reavley. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 20 Sep 1956: B15.

Gray Wins School Post by 5-1 Vote: Merging Districts Approved. The Austin American (1914-1973); 06 Apr 1958: A1.

Child Labor Charge Filed Against Five

Charges of illegal use of child labor on a Williamson County cotton farm have been filed against Herman W. Schwertner of 4304 Parkwood, prominent Austin livestock dealer, and four other men.

Filed in US District Court here, the suit also names W. J. Schwertner and Thomas E. Krueger of Schwertner, and Felix and Hilario Palomares of McAllen.

The two Palomares are cited as labor contractors and the other three defendants as owners and operators of the cotton farm near Bartlett.

Both Herman W. and W. J. Schwertner and Krueger have denied that they knew of any cotton pickers under the legal 16-year-old age limit. The two Palomares, cotton picking labor contractors, are believed to be in West Texas. US marshals are seeking the two men.

The suit is scheduled for the winter federal court term here when Judge Ben H. Rice Jr., of Waco is expected to open the session shortly after Jan. 1, 1960.

Krueger and the two Schwertners have filed denials through their Georgetown attorney, W. K.

McClain. Herman W. Schwertner admitted owning the farm but had rented it to Krueger on a "one-third and one-fourth rental contract" for the 1959 crops. The Austin livestock dealer claimed he had no control over farm operations.

W. J. Schwertner, manager of the Schwertner Gin, said the two Latin American labor contractors were never in his employment.

Krueger admitted contracting with Felix Palomares to supply cotton field labor at a \$2.25 per 100 pounds rate. Krueger also claimed he did not visit the farm or see who was pulling the cotton.

US Department of Labor attorney Earl Street of Dallas said as many as six laborers under 16 had been spotted on the farm in one day between Sept. 14 and Sept. 22.

Don P. Manning, a 50-year-old Labor Department investigator from Austin, died of a heart attack Sept. 16 while checking out reports of underage workers in the Schwertner-owned fields. Manning, who lived at 1603 Wethersfield Lane, dropped in the field shortly after leaving his car.

Child Labor Charge Filed Against Five. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 13 Oct 1959: 28.

Rainfall Is Like a \$1,000 Check To Every Central Texas Farmer

By DAVE SHANKS
State Editor

Rainfall that settled over most of Central Texas from a tropical low moving inland from the Gulf of Mexico Friday bolstered income chances of thousands of area farmers who had faced until now the dreary prospect of a crop failure from a drought that had lasted for most of the growing season.

"This rain right now," says Ike Jones of the farmer-lending Production Credit Association of Austin, "is just like writing a check for \$1,000 in favor of every farmer in the region—even the little ones."

The optimism is echoed by Howard Rivers III of Elgin, a banker farmer, who said the moisture will help fill out grain for a maize crop that will have double

the yield anticipated without the rain.

"Unless a crop is early-planted and already flaring," he said, "this rain came a little late—but in good time," said Rivers.

Maize is the second-ranking acreage crop in the area and will benefit most, for though cotton crops needed moisture, too, they had withstood the drought best of all.

Fred Tegge, a banker in the Bartlett-Schwertner area of Williamson County, said the moisture had begun falling slowly early in the morning and will be a windfall "if it will just keep on for the rest of the day." This area, however, had 1.6 inches of moisture three weeks ago. But Tegge said the dry, hot wind had dissipated this uncommon windfall. "Cotton will benefit most in

this area," continued Tegge, pointing out that drought already had caused the "maize crop to be pretty sorry—and corn is already gone."

Rainfall will bolstered pastures and will cut down on the cattle runs that had sent an estimated 2,500-2,800 cattle a week to market in the three-week selling schedule at Capitol and Austin livestock auctions.

Herman Schwertner of Capitol, which had a sale scheduled Friday, said the receipts will be low because stockmen couldn't get into pastures, "but this is the kind of slow-down that we like."

He estimated the maize crop will be slightly delayed because of the new moisture, and he's guessing the big run of maize that will be harvested will begin in about 30 days.

Rainfall Is Like a \$1,000 Check To Every Central Texas Farmer. DAVE SHANKS. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 24 June 1960: 1.

2 Killed, 5 Injured In Wreck

By NAT HENDERSON
Staff Writer

A one-car accident early Monday in Williamson County killed two persons and seriously injured five to bring the traffic death toll since Sunday in Central Texas to three.

The dead in the Williamson County wreck near Granger were Patricia Ann Schwertner, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwertner Jr., Austin, and Gilbert Lynn Ischy, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ischy, Georgetown.

Injured in the accident were Sarah Ann Doerfler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doerfler of Georgetown; James Douglas Tomerlin, 17, of 309 Farley Drive in Austin; James L. Smith, 17, of 1000 Berrywood in Austin; and Jim Reynolds and John T. Long, both 20 and both of Weymouth, Mass.

Miss Schwertner, a student last spring at Lanier High School, was the granddaughter of Herman Schwertner, president of Capitol Cattle Company here.

The 13-year-old son of the manager of the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Austin was killed Sunday when a pickup truck overturned on the Lake

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HERMAN W. SCHWERTNER

Herman William Schwertner Sr., 73, of 4100 North Hills, died Friday in a Temple hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Austin for the past 25 years and was a former resident of Schwertner. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. H. W. Schwertner Sr.; three sons, Eugene Schwertner and Herman Schwertner Jr., both of Austin and Darwin Schwertner, of Temple and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Centex Crash Kills Two, Injures Five: 2 Killed, 5 Injured In Wreck. NAT HENDERSON. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 21 Oct 1968: 1.

Deaths and Services. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 14 Nov 1970: 35.

Permits

J. V. Williams 4304 Parkwood Road
 233 5 B - -
 Delwood #1
 Stone ven. res. and garage attached
 35116 9-5-47 \$10,000.00
 Owner

Building permit, 1947

Herman Schwertner 4304 Parkwood Road
 233 6 B - -
 Delwood #1
 Glazed porch addition to residence.
 50909 5-14-52 \$1000.00

Bert Reinke

Porch addition permit, 1952

Receipt No. 8376 Application for Sewer Connection N^o 22894
 Austin, Texas, 9-8-47
 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
J. V. Williams at 4304 Parkwood Street
 further described as Lot 5 Block B Outlot Division
 subdivision Delwood #1 Plat 233 which is to be used as a residence
 In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 20116-50
 I agree to pay the City of Austin the regular ordinance charge.

WATER SERVICE PERMIT N^o 34081
 Austin, Texas
 Received of J. V. WILLIAMS Date 9-8-47
 Address 4304 PARKWOOD
 Amount TWENTY AND 1/100 \$ 20.00
 Plumber MARK BURNETT Size of Tap 3/4"
 Date of Connection 2-28-48

Water and sewer tap permits, 1947-48