

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
JUNE 7, 2023
HR-2023-060136
TRAVIS HEIGHTS-FAIRVIEW PARK
301 PARK LANE

PROPOSAL

Remodel a ca. 1923 house and garage.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Construct an addition and remodel the existing accessory building. Proposed changes include replacement of existing wood siding with fiber-cement lap siding; replacing existing windows with double-hung clad-wood windows; and the addition of a shed-roofed, cantilevered central bay.
- 2) Add a screened porch to the rear of the house and replace non-original adjacent windows with double-hung clad-wood windows with divided lights.
- 3) Replace windows at non-historic attic addition with double-hung clad-wood windows with divided lights.

ARCHITECTURE

The main house is a one-story Craftsman house with wood siding, double-hung wood windows, and a partial-width porch supported by boxed columns atop brick piers. The garage is a one-story hipped-roof building with exposed rafter tails, wood siding, and replacement windows.

RESEARCH

The house and garage at 301 Park Lane were built around 1923. The first residents at this address were Ben T. and Maude Morrall, who rented the property to Nannie and Floyd Hardeman. The Hardemans divorced in 1931 and left the home. By 1935, David and Susie Wire had purchased the property. David Wire worked as a salesman and tool checker with the Walter Tips Company. In the early 1940s, the Wires' daughter Media and her husband, Fred Martin, moved to the property as well. Fred Martin worked as a government inspector and then as a manager at an orthopedic shoe shop, eventually becoming one of the partners of the business. Susie Wire lived in the home until at least 1980 after the deaths of her husband, daughter, and son-in-law.

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:

Repair and alterations

1. General standards

The proposed garage remodel removes some intact historic material from the building's exterior.

5. Windows, doors, and screens

The proposed new and replacement windows and doors appear appropriate for both the main house and the garage.

10. Accessory buildings

The proposed project retains part of the existing accessory building, but modifies it significantly. Its exterior materials and fenestration appear appropriate, though the roof form is changed significantly from the existing form.

Residential additions

7. Porches and decks

The proposed new screened porch does not appear to be visible from the primary streetscape, and appears compatible with the historic building in terms of size, style, materials, and proportions.

Summary

The project meets some of the applicable standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The buildings contribute to the Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register district.

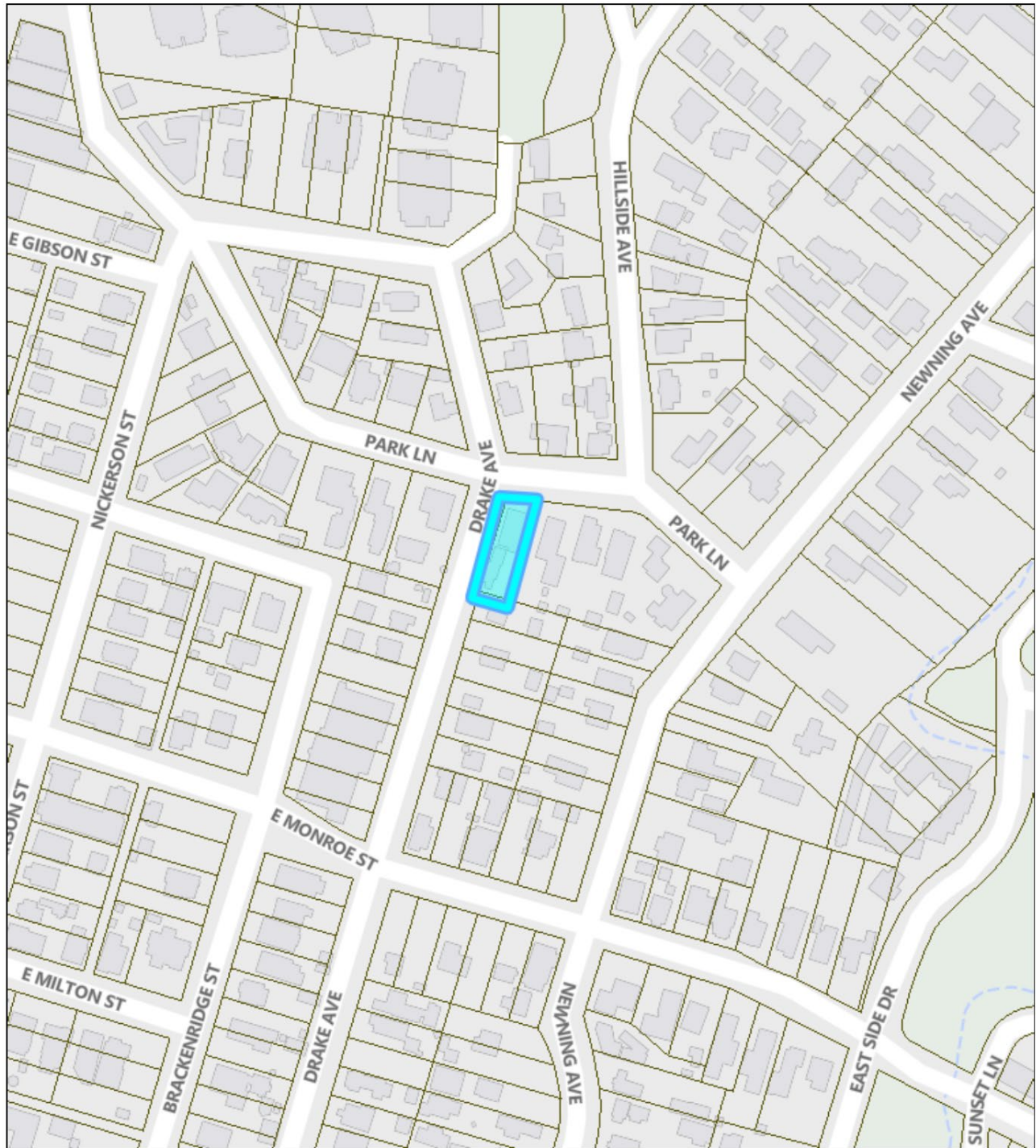
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The buildings are more than 50 years old.
- 2) The buildings appear to retain high to moderate integrity. The garage appears to have been modified during the historic period.
- 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 Craftsman bungalow.
 - 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 was not evaluated for possession of 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 does not appear to be a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Comment on and release plans.

LOCATION MAP



1: 2400

5/19/2023

Lot Lines
 Lot Line

**HR 23-060136**

301 PARK LANE



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos*Permit application, 2023*

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, May 2023

1959	Fred A. Martin, owner
1955	Susie Wire, owner
1952	David and Susie Wire, owners Fred A. and Media W. Martin, renters Vosberg and Martin Shoes
1949	David and Susie Wire Fred A. and Media W. Martin Manager, Vosberg's Foot Health Shop
1944	David and Susie Wire Fred A. and Media W. Martin, owners Manager, Dr. Vosberg's Foot Health Shop
1941	David and Susie Wire, owners Fred A. and Media W. Martin Department manager, EMS & Sons
1939	David and Susie Wire, owners Tool checker
1935	David and Sue Wire, owners Salesman, Walter Tips Co.
1932	Address not listed
1929	Floyd B. and Nannie Hardeman, renters Statistician, state comptroller's office
1927	Floyd B. and Nannie Hardeman, renters Statistician, state comptroller's office
1924	Ben T. and Maude Morrall, owners
1922	Address not listed

Historical Information

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hardeman and family have moved from 1309 Hillside Avenue, South Austin, to 301 Park Lane.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); A09 Sep 1923: A1.

MARTIN-WIRE.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wire announce the marriage of their daughter, Media, to Fred Martin, Austin, the wedding having taken place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist church, Dr. George Green officiating.

Miss Rilla Adams sang "O Promise Me" immediately preceding the ceremony, accompanied by Mrs. W. Hope Tilley at the organ. Mrs. Tilley then gave an organ number. The bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" was played for the entrance of the bridal party.

Miss Gertrude Kohn, maid of honor, entered first. The bride came in on the arm of her father. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Herbert Levy, Munroe, La., senior in the university.

As Dr. Green read the marriage lines, Mrs. Tilley softly played an air from "Thais." The bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride was gowned in powder blue georgette with touches of blonde. Accessories for the costume were attractive in their combination of the two chosen colors. She carried a bride's shower bouquet of white roses and valley lilies.

Miss Kohn, maid of honor, wore a model of pink georgette. She carried pink carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for Eastland, where they will make a short visit at the home of the groom's mother.

They will make their home in Austin upon their return. Martin is night manager of the Austin pharmacy, owned by his brother. Mrs. Martin is a popular Austin girl.

in Enfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morrall have moved from 303 Park Lane to 301 Park Lane.

Miss Bess Arnold of Galveston

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 27 Mar 1925: 5.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 02 Aug 1925: A3.

The Austin American (1914-1973); 03 Feb 1929: A1

NINETY-EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT

Judge J. D. Moore

J. C. McNair et al. vs. Farmers State bank, transferred from Kaufman county; on trial before the court.

Ferrell Swinney vs. W. W. Swinney, for divorce; tried by the court and granted.

Filed:

N. E. Garrish vs. G. D. Garrish, for divorce.

Mrs. Nannie B. Hardeman vs. Floyd B. Hardeman, for divorce.

Lucile Davis vs. R. H. Davis, for divorce.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 24 Apr 1931: 12.

Rogers-Hardeman

The marriage of Miss Kathryn Hardeman and Joe F. Rogers, was quietly solemnized Friday evening at 7 o'clock, at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hardeman, 301 Park Lane.

The Rev. W. F. Bryan of the First Methodist church, read the ring ceremony and the couple took the vows in the presence of only members of the families and a few close friends.

Bowls of sweetpeas and carnations were used throughout the house, and potted plants were an effective addition to the bridal decoration.

There were no attendants and the bridegroom and bride approached the altar together. The bride wore a spring model of grey georgette with accessories in harmonious tones, and carried an arm bouquet of pink sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Rogers is a graduate of Austin high school of the class of 1928. She came to Austin with her family, from Nacogdoches about nine years ago. Mr. Rogers is connected with the Badger Auto Supply company. He attended the university during 1920-21. His parents came to Austin from Denton and after having lived here about seven years, moved a few months ago, to Pearsall.

DAVID WIRE

David Wire, 76, a resident of Austin for the past 40 years, died at his home, 301 Park Lane, Saturday night. He was a former merchant of Driftwood. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. David Wire, Austin; one daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Martin, Austin; two brothers, Henry Wire, Austin, and Crist Wire, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Funeral services will be held at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Marion R. Massey of the Oak Hill Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Move to West Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Martin, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. David Wire, have moved temporarily to Charleston, W. Va., where Mr. Martin is a government inspector. They formerly lived in Austin at 301 Park Lane.

The Austin American (1914-1973); 11 Oct 1942: A11.

The Austin American (1914-1973); 27 July 1952: A5.

FRED A. MARTIN

Funeral for Fred A. Martin, 70, of 301 Park Ln. was 1 p.m. Friday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Dr. Robert E. Ledbetter officiating. Burial followed in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were J. C. Holcomb, Bernard Smith, Ace Sedwick, Oran Striegler, Julius Schmitz, and Gene Myler. Martin died Wednesday in a local hospital.

MARTIN, Mrs. Fred (Media), 301 Park Lane, died Tuesday. Services 3:30 p.m. today at Hyllin-Manor Funeral Chapel. Burial, Austin Memorial Park. Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Susie Wire of Austin.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); 03 June 1973: A14. deaths and services

The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 03 Jan 1980: B4

S. Austinite celebrates 100th birthday here

The granddaughter of a Central Texas pioneer settler, South Austinite Mrs. David (Susie) Wire, celebrated her 100th birthday Dec. 27 with a small party of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Wire has lived in Austin with her family since 1914 and is now survived by her only child, Mrs. Fred A. Martin, with whom she resides at 301 Park Lane. She is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Austin, and is the oldest member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 304.

Eli Clements Hinds, Mrs. Wire's grandfather, settled along with his good friend, Capt. James Callahan, in the Caldwell County-Blanco area in 1853. Callahan built his cabin on the south side of the Blanco River and Hinds settled on the north bank about one mile up stream from the present town of Blanco.

Mrs. Wire was the youngest of seven children born to Susie Hinds Cloud and Jasper Newton Cloud.



Mrs. Susie Wire

The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; 04 Jan 1979: 2.

Permits

Receipt No. _____ Application for Sewer Connection **Nº 3334**

Austin, Texas, **11-7 1916**

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 _____ at **301 Park Lane** Street, further described as Lot **12a** Block _____ Outlot _____ Division _____ subdivision _____ Plat _____, 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 } **40.5' E. of E.P.C.**
Connected } (Location) **Shake to Park Lane**

Date _____

By _____

NOTE: Connection Instruction **6" Sewer** **B406**

Sewer tap permit, 1916

David Wire

301 Park Lane

12A

Fairview Park Add'n.

General repairs to residence

119r - 2/24/38

Repair permit, 1938

WATER SERVICE PERMIT **E Nº 13022** **126**

Austin, Texas

Received of **DAVID WIRE** Date **3-25-57**

Address **301 PARK LANE**

Amount **THIRTY** \$ **30.00**

Plumber **GORDET** Size of Tap **1"**

Date of Connection **4-2-57**

Water tap permit, 1957