

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
DECEMBER 13, 2023
PR-2023-143946; GF-2023-148307
1406 JULIET STREET

PROPOSAL

Partially demolish and remodel a ca. 1938 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story Minimal Traditional cottage with 6:6 windows and 1:1 wood screens, horizontal siding, and a cross-gabled roof.

RESEARCH

The house at 1406 Juliet Street was constructed for Ralph E. and Mildred Huber in 1938. Ralph Huber, an architect, worked at the University of Texas as a draftsman and superintendent on university building projects. Huber joined the Navy during World War II and worked in the construction corps as a lieutenant, returning to the University architect's office after the war. By the early 1950s, the Hubers had moved to Tarrytown, and May and William Sellingsloh were renting the house at 1406 Juliet Street. William Sellingsloh, a dentist, operated his own office on Guadalupe before going to work at the State Farm Colony on the Colorado River as the institution grew during the 1950s.¹ The house was sold in 1959 to Horace Mayes.

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 project meets some of the applicable standards but proposes significant changes to the building's existing openings, primary façade, and materials.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

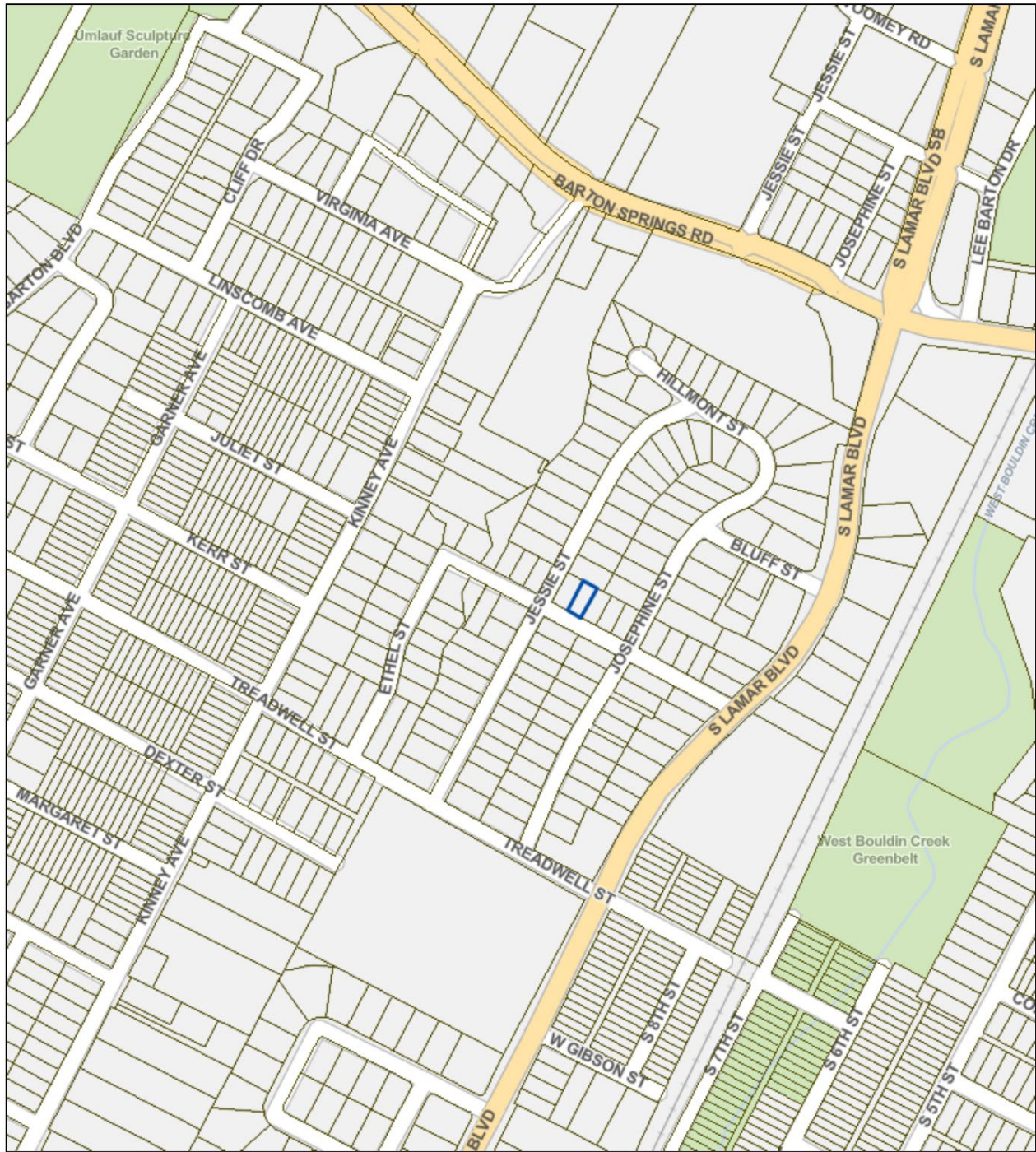
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building is constructed in the Minimal Traditional style.
 - 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 appear to 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 permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

¹“Travis State School.” Texas State Historical Association. Texas State Historical Association, 2017.
<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/travis-state-school>.

LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Google Street View, 2022

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, November 2023

1959	Horace M. Mayes, owner
1955	William C. Sellingsloh, renter – dentist, State Farm Colony Eleemosynary Institute
1952	William C. and May B. Sellingsloh, renters – dentist, 4015 Guadalupe St.
1949	Ralph E. and Mildred J. Huber, owners – architect, UT
1944	Ralph E. and Mildred J. Huber, owners – architect and office manager for American Optical Co.
1941	Ralph E. and Mildred J. Huber, owners – architect and Zales Jewelry employee
1939	Address not listed.

Historical Information

SERIAL NUMBER 1540	1. NAME (Print) Ralph Earls Huber		ORDER NUMBER 2602
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1406 Juliet Austin Travis Texas			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
3. TELEPHONE 649-0	4. AGE IN YEARS 27	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Taylor, Williamson	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
DATE OF BIRTH May 23, 1913			
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (Town or county) (State or country)			
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs Mildred Johnsona Huber			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife
(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1406 Juliet Austin Travis Texas			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME University of Texas			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 102 Architecture Bld. Austin Travis Tex			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 16-17105 Ralph E Huber			
Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification. Left index finger missing. Wears glasses.			
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:			
Registrar for 37 West 1st Austin Tex (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State) Date of registration OCT 16, 1940			

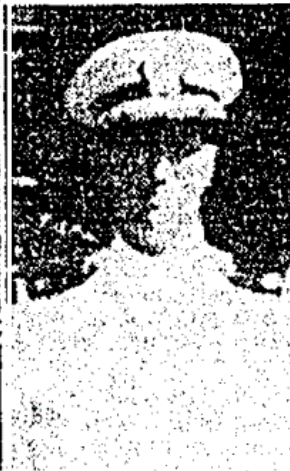
WWII Draft Cards, [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

ENSIGN RALPH EARLS HUBER, who volunteered for navy service, is in officers training school at Boston, Mass., having been transferred from deck duty in the Coast Guard to special duty in the construction corps.

He was with the office of supervising architect at the University of Texas for eight years, and was draftsman and architect's superintendent on university building. Ensign Huber, whose home is at 1406 Juliet, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Huber of Theodor Low Heights.



J. C. PETERSON



RALPH HUBER

Barnes, Lorraine. *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 30 Sep 1942: 2.

MAY 27 1950

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Out-of-State Trips (continued)

9. Mr. Ralph E. Huber, Architect, to Knoxville, Tennessee, to inspect and pass on the marble for the Experimental Science Building before it is shipped to Austin, the date for the trip being approximately April 12 through April 16.

<https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/default/files/offices/board-of-regents/board-meetings/board-minutes/5-50meeting506.pdf>

W. C. SELLINGSLOH, D.D.S.

ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF HIS OFFICE

-AT-

4015 GUADALUPE

FOR GENERAL DENTISTRY

TELEPHONE 5-0455

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 to 6:00

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 Nov 1951: 5.

MICHAEL TRAVIS

Graveside services for Michael Travis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eloyd J. Travis, were held Friday at the Forest Oaks Memorial Park. Father Eugene Dore, CSC, officiated.

Burial was in the Forest Oaks Memorial Park under the direction of the Wilke - Clay Funeral Home.

The child died Thursday in a local hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis, reside at 1406 Juliet.

Other survivors include a brother, John Barrett Travis of Austin; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goosby of Houston and Mrs. Elva Travis of Corpus Christi.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 06 Oct 1961: 10.

Permits

Ralph E. Huber

1406 Juliet St.

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Okie Hgts.

frame res. & box gar.

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Building permit, 1937