

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
JANUARY 10, 2024
PR-2023-157233; GF-2023-161494
3705 BALCONES DRIVE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One- and one-half story Ranch house with Colonial Revival influences, clad in brick with a rambling footprint and 6:6 and 8:8 replacement windows.

RESEARCH

The house at 3705 Balcones Drive was constructed in 1951. Its first long-term occupants were Stephen E. and Patricia S. Clabaugh and their children. Both Stephen and Patricia Clabaugh were geologists; Dr. Stephen Clabaugh taught at the University of Texas for 33 years and served as chairman of the Geology Department, and Dr. Patricia Clabaugh worked for the US Geological Survey before her marriage and went back to UT for her doctorate after their children entered school.

Stephen E. Clabaugh's obituary notes his professional achievements as a leading Texas geologist and dedicated instructor:

He taught at the University of Texas for 33 years. He was the Fred M. Bullard Professor Emeritus in Geological Sciences. He taught physical geology, mineralogy and petrology, metamorphic petrology, and an elementary field geology course, among others. He received the UT Student's Association Award for teaching excellence in 1957. In 1958, he received the Minnie Stevens Piper Award for "outstanding academic, scientific, and scholarly achievement and for dedication to the teaching profession." He served as Department chair from 1962 to 1966. In 1974 and again in 1978, he received UT's Carolyn G. and G. Moses Knebel Distinguished Teaching Award.... He was a member of the Geological Society of America for more than 50 years. In 2006 he was inducted into The Jackson School of Geosciences Hall of Distinction.¹

PROPERTY EVALUATION

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

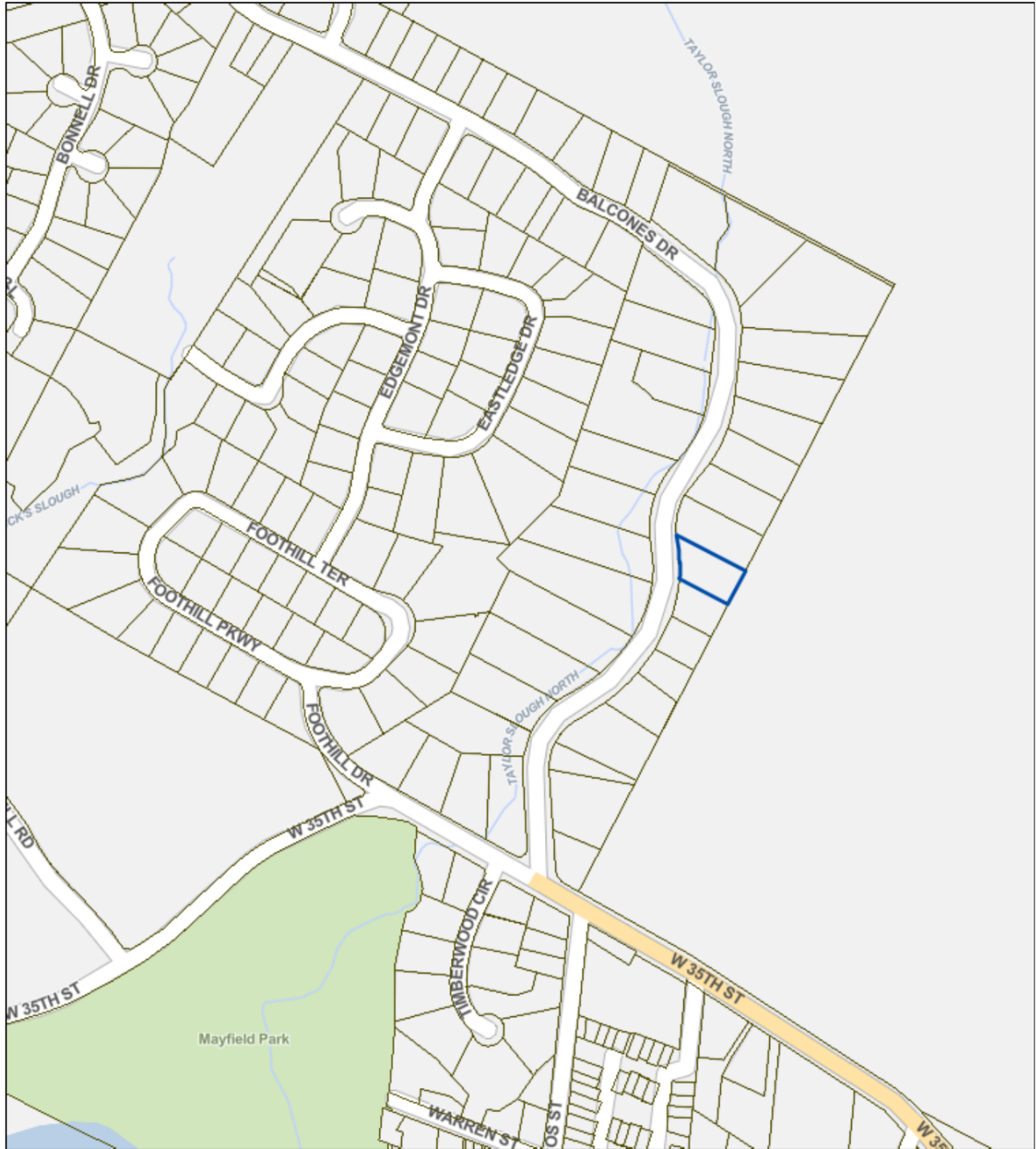
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate integrity. Windows have been replaced, and parts of the building appear to have been reconstructed.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it may meet two criteria:
 - a. Architecture. The building is constructed with Styled Ranch influences.
 - b. Historical association. The property is associated with Dr. Patricia S. and Dr. Stephen E. Clabaugh, prominent Texas geologists and University of Texas instructors.
 - 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 its ability to convey 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

Strongly encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. While the association with the Clabaugh family of geologists is strong, the building lacks architectural distinction.

¹ "Memorial: Stephen Clabaugh." <https://www.jsu.utexas.edu/news/2010/12/memorial-stephen-clabaugh/>

LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

12/27/2023

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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*



Demolition permit application, 2023

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, December 2023

1959	Stephen E. and Patricia Clabaugh, owners –professor, UT
1957	Stephen E. and Patricia Clabaugh, owners –professor, UT
1955	Stephen E. and Patricia Clabaugh, owners –professor, UT
1952	Stephen E. Clabaugh, owner – associate professor, UT

Dr. Clabaugh Heads Geology Department



DR. STEPHEN E. CLABAUGH, POINTING OUT SPOT ON GLOBE
New chairman of The University of Texas Department of Geology

Dr. Stephen E. Clabaugh, a University of Texas faculty member since 1917, has been chosen as new Geology Department chairman.

He assumed the duties Sept. 1, replacing Dr. Samuel P. Ellison. Dr. Ellison, chairman since 1952, requested reassignment to devote full time to teaching and research.

Dr. Clabaugh's effectiveness in teaching and research was recognized in 1958 by a \$1,000 award for "scholarly and academic achievement" from the Minnie Stephens Piper Foundation of San Antonio. He received an award for teaching excellence from the University Students' Association in 1957.

His research has concerned igneous and metamorphic rocks and mineral deposits, particularly tungsten, sapphires, fluorite, vermiculite and uranium. His investigations have produced 24 scientific papers and maps, four laboratory manuals and a geologic guidebook.

A native of Carthage, Dr. Clabaugh received bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from the University of Texas and his doctorate in geology from Harvard University.

He was a geologist with the US Geological Survey, 1942-46. He has held summer appointments and consulting positions with Dow Chemical Company, Zonolite Company, Shell Oil Company, the US Geological Survey and the Grollier Society, Inc.

Mrs. Clabaugh, the former Patricia Sutton of Washington, D.C., also is a geologist. She received a bachelor's degree from Smith College and was employed by the US Geological Survey for two years before their marriage in 1945. Recently she resumed geologic activities and received her Master of Arts degree in geology from the University in June.

During the past two years Dr. and Mrs. Clabaugh have prepared about 100 geologic articles for the forthcoming Grollier Encyclopedia, 1961.

Dr. Clabaugh is a fellow of the Geological Society of America, Mineralogical Society of America, Texas Academy of Science and a member of several other scientific groups.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 07 Sep 1962: 9.

Leading a GSA field trip Nov. 15 from Houston to Palestine, the Grand Saline salt dome and Dallas will be Dr. William R. Muehlberger, University geology professor, and two University graduates who did master's degree work under his direction: Mrs. Stephen E. Clabaugh of Austin and Max Hightower, Mount Pleasant consulting geologist.

UT Geologists Lead Field Trips Today. The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 10 Nov 1962: 5.

Homemakers Pursue Var

By JO ANN BARDIN

Education for female people has been taking on a new look in recent years. Thousands of married women with families have returned to college, after devoting several years to full time homemaking and child care. The reasons for the back-to-school projects are as varied as the individuals involved, ranging from a love of learning for its own sake to preparation for a specific job.

The University of Texas provides the academic setting for many of these women students.

Mrs. Stephen E. Clabaugh, now a doctoral candidate in geology at the University, completed her undergraduate work in geology at Smith College before her marriage. Then, about the time her youngest child entered nursery school five years ago, Mrs. Clabaugh resumed her college work at UT. By taking two courses a semester, she completed her master's degree last year. Her thesis subject was a study of salt crystals in the Grand Salina salt dome of East Texas.

Mrs. Clabaugh has three daughters: Kathy, 15; Cindy, 13; and Debby, 9. She says that time for studying, while keeping up with three active youngsters, means studying only while the children are in school or after they are in bed at night.

"Once your children are old enough not to need constant attention, there's a limit to how long you can go on just playing bridge and watching television," Mrs. Clabaugh explained as her reason for deciding to go back to school.

"Also, I'm very much interested in my field and I'd like to be

doing something constructive. I enjoy it thoroughly," she said.

When she completes her courses at the University, Mrs. Clabaugh hopes to work part time in geological research. Her husband, who is a geology professor at the University and chairman of the department, is as enthusiastic as she about her school project.

Another active mother, Mrs. Jerrold Kelly, returned to the University last September to continue her education in art. By taking nine hours each semester, she has attained junior standing.

Both of her daughters, Sherill, 9, and Jill, 7, love to paint and they enjoy going to the country with their mother on painting expeditions. Mrs. Kelly says she arranges her class schedule so she can be home when the children arrive from school. As far as homework is concerned, they all three just paint together!

Mrs. Kelly plans to teach art eventually, when her children are grown and gone from home. But for now, she's just enjoying painting.

Another newcomer to the University, as of last September Mrs. Harry Davidson, in July will receive her master's degree in education, with a specialization in elementary curriculum and instruction. She is now working on her thesis, a study of 30, bright, but underachieved readers. She and her husband came here after having taught in rural schools in Alaska 11 years.

The Davidsons have four children: Margaret, 12; Harry, 10; Tom, 9; and John, 5. Mrs. Davidson says the children feel their parents' school venture is a family project and they are very much interested in the whole



Jo Ann Bardin

MRS. STEPHEN E. CLABAUGH

Mother of three works toward PhD

Area Geology In New Book

Geology of the Austin and Llano areas is featured in a new guidebook for both geologists and laymen, published by The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology.

Four of the six authors are members of the University geology faculty: Drs. Virgil E. Barnes, W. C. Bell, Stephen E. Clabaugh and Keith Young.

In California

Geology Meeting Draws UT Profs

Several representatives from the University of Texas will be in San Francisco Monday through Wednesday for the meeting of the Geological Society of America and allied organizations. The representatives will be from the department of geology and the Bureau of Economic Geology.

Dr. Stephen E. Clabaugh will be attending his first GSA meeting after election to a three-year term as one of the group's 12 councilors. Prof. Clabaugh is a former chairman of the UT geology department.

Dr. William R. Muehlberger, who assumed the department chairmanship in September when Dr. Clabaugh returned to full-time teaching, will present a paper at the conference on the Pre-Cambrian development of the Central United States.

Society being held in conjunction with the GSA convention is Miss Roselle Girard, a research scientist associate for the UT Bureau of Economic Geology.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 22 May 1963: 16.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 12 Nov 1966: 8.

New Region Headed By UT Prof

Prof. Stephen E. Clabaugh of the University of Texas is chairman of a new regional section of the Geological Society of America, holding its first meeting through Saturday in Norman, Okla.

The South Central Section, one of six new regional sections of GSA, is made up of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 01 Apr 1967: 8

Davey-Clabaugh

Miss Cathy Clabaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Clabaugh, 3703 Balcones Dr., became the bride of Richard T. Davey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Davey, of Los Alamos, N.M., Saturday afternoon at the University Methodist Church Chapel with Rev. Gary W. Frederick officiating. A reception at Green Pastures followed the ceremony.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 01 Dec 1968: B11.

Geology Event

The Carolyn G. and G. Moses Knebel Award "in recognition of outstanding teaching performance" was among six awards presented recently at an alumni breakfast sponsored by the University of Texas Department of Geological Sciences.

Almost 200 UT Austin geology alumni from across the nation and around the world attended the event,

which is held each year in conjunction with the spring meeting of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

The Knebel Award was presented to Prof. Stephen E. Clabaugh. The certificate and \$1,000 check were presented by the initial recipient of the two-year-old award, Prof. Alan J. Scott. In addition, Dr. Clabaugh's name will be inscribed on a Knebel Award plaque which is permanently kept in the UT Geology Building.

The Austin American - Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; Austin, Tex.. 06 Apr 1974: 21.

Stephen E. and Patricia S. Clabaugh Fund in Geology Research

 endowments.giving.utexas.edu/stephen-e-and-patricia-s-clabaugh-fund-in-geology-research

Feb 13, 1981 |

The *Stephen E. and Patricia S. Clabaugh Fund in Geology Research* was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System on February 13, 1981, for the benefit of the Jackson School of Geosciences. Gift funds were provided by Stephen E. Clabaugh, Ph.D. of Spicewood, Texas, a 1941 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin Jackson School of Geosciences and Mr. Howard R. Lowe of Houston, Texas, a 1948 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin Jackson School of Geosciences.

Stephen Clabaugh was born in Carthage, Texas to Edmund Cumberland Clabaugh and Cosette Hawthorn on April 2, 1918. He graduated from The University of Texas in Austin in 1940 with a degree in geology. He earned his MA from UT in 1941 and his PhD from Harvard in 1950. After working for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from 1942 to 1946, he began his teaching career at UT in 1947. In 1945 he married Patricia Sutton, a geologist working for the USGS in Washington, DC. They moved to Austin in 1947 and eventually had three daughters. Through the years, their sense of adventure and widespread family led them on many travels when they were not enjoying their home on the Pedernales arm of Lake Travis.

Clabaugh's interests included gardening, growing vegetables as well as flowers, drawing and painting; he was an animal lover and an avid reader. He was, above all, a teacher and a storyteller and he loved to share his enthusiasm and interests with family and friends. He touched the lives of many people throughout his lifetime.

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Clabaugh was a member of the Geological Society of America for more than 50 years. In 1980, he was inducted into the Jackson School of Geosciences Hall of Distinction, which honors individuals who are strongly affiliated with the school and who achieve exceptional distinction and standing in industry, government and academia.

Predeceased by Patricia in 1997, Stephen Clabaugh died in December 2010.

<https://endowments.giving.utexas.edu/stephen-e-and-patricia-s-clabaugh-fund-in-geology-research/>

Memorial: Stephen Clabaugh

 jsg.utexas.edu/news/2010/12/memorial-stephen-clabaugh

December 10, 2010



Stephen Clabaugh

The Jackson School community mourns the loss of emeritus professor Stephen Clabaugh and extend their condolences to his family. Clabaugh died Thursday, December 2 at the age of 92.

He was born in Carthage, Texas to Edmund Cumberland Clabaugh and Cosette Hawthorn on April 2, 1918. He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin in 1940 with a degree in Geology. He earned his Masters from UT in 1941 and his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1950. After working for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from 1942 to 1946, he began his teaching career at UT in 1947. In 1945 he married Patricia Sutton, a geologist working for the USGS in Washington, D. C. They moved to Austin in 1947. Through the years, their sense of adventure and widespread family led them on many travels when not enjoying their home on the Pedernales arm of Lake Travis.

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His wife of 52 years, Patricia, and two brothers preceded him in death. He is survived by three daughters, Catherine Davey and husband Richard Davey of Spicewood, Texas; Cynthia Frederick and husband Steve Hempell of Lillooet, British Columbia, and Deborah DeWig and husband Michael DeWig of Portland, Oregon. There are six grandchildren, Shandra Singer (husband James), Jocelyn Dowd, Nathan Frederick (wife Karen), Ariana Frederick, Heather DeWig, and Paul DeWig; plus 5 great-grandsons, Steven, Jonathan and Zackary Singer, Hunter Dowd and Alex Frederick. He also leaves behind many nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces.

Anyone wishing to do so may make a memorial contribution to the "Stephen E. and Patricia S. Clabaugh Fund in Geology Research," an endowment established in 1981 (formerly known as The S. E. Clabaugh Fund in Hard-Rock Geology). Contributions can be sent to the University of Texas Development Office, Attn: P. Cortez, P.O. Box 7458, Austin, TX 78713.

<https://www.jsg.utexas.edu/news/2010/12/memorial-stephen-clabaugh/>

Permits

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No 8426

Received of BRADFIELD + BRUSH **INDEXED**

Address 3705 BALCONES DR.

Amount TWENTY + NO/100 \$ 20.00

Plumber V R WATTINGER Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 2-5-51 Set 3/8" meter on tap in place

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OWNER S. E. Calabaugh ADDRESS 3705 Balcones Drive

PLAT 280 LOT 3 BLK. 3 DIV _____

SUBDIVISION Colorado Foothills

OCCUPANCY Remodel & Repair Interior of Brick Ven. Res.

BLD PERMIT # 86608 DATE 1-22-63 OWNERS ESTIMATE 3,000.00

CONTRACTOR Jack Rather NO. OF FIXTURES 3

WATER TAP REC # W Tap paid on 1st SEWER TAP REC # s 39208

BATH & BEDROOM

Raise floor in garage & put up sheet-rock on walls & ceiling. Build new partition to separate bathroom from the new bedroom created.

5-2-72-129226-J. Stolje-private swimming pool 720 sq.ft.