

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**APRIL 3, 2024**  
**HR-2024-030218**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**1510 WOOLDRIDGE DRIVE**

## **PROPOSAL**

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Construct an addition to and remove a faux chimney from a ca. 1929 house.

## **PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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- 1) Remove single-story wing and dormer at rear.
- 2) Add a new single-story wing and two-story wing at rear. The proposed additions are constructed of masonry and feature divided-light windows throughout.
- 3) Add a new screened-in porch at east elevation.
- 4) Remove faux chimney at west elevation.
- 5) Construct new exterior access stair to existing non-contributing garage apartment.

## **ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story Colonial Revival house clad in brick, with 1:1 windows and a side-gabled roof clad in standing-seam metal.

## **RESEARCH**

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The house at 1510 Wooldridge Drive was built around 1929 for Eldred McKinnon and his wife, Ruby. McKinnon, president of the Republic Bank and Zenith Life Insurance, did not stay in the house for long. By 1939, long-term occupants Charles Aubrey and Mary Smith had purchased the property. C. Aubrey Smith was an accounting professor at the University of Texas for 48 years, holding the title of longest teaching career in the college of Business Administration at his retirement in 1972. Smith was also vice-president of the Texas State Bank. In 1973, he donated his personal library to the University of Texas Permian Basin campus in Odessa.

## **DESIGN STANDARDS**

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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*

#### *7. Chimneys*

The proposed project alters only a non-functional and unstable chimney, damaged during previous renovations.

### *Residential additions*

#### *1. Location*

Proposed additions are constructed to the rear and rear-side of the building.

#### *2. Scale, massing, and height*

The proposed additions appear mostly appropriate in scale, massing, and height.

#### *3. Design and style*

Design and style of the proposed additions appear compatible.

#### *4. Roofs*

The proposed roof forms appear compatible.

#### *5. Exterior walls*

Proposed exterior wall materials are compatible.

#### *6. Windows, screens, and doors*

Proposed fenestration is compatible.

Summary

The project meets the applicable standards.

**PROPERTY EVALUATION**

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The property contributes to the Old West Austin National Register district.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain moderate to low integrity. Brick has been painted, windows replaced, and the front portico removed.
- 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 for landmark designation:
  - a. Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance. It has lost character-defining features of its Colonial Revival style over the years.
  - b. Historical association. The property is associated with C. Aubrey Smith, University of Texas professor.
  - 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.

**COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

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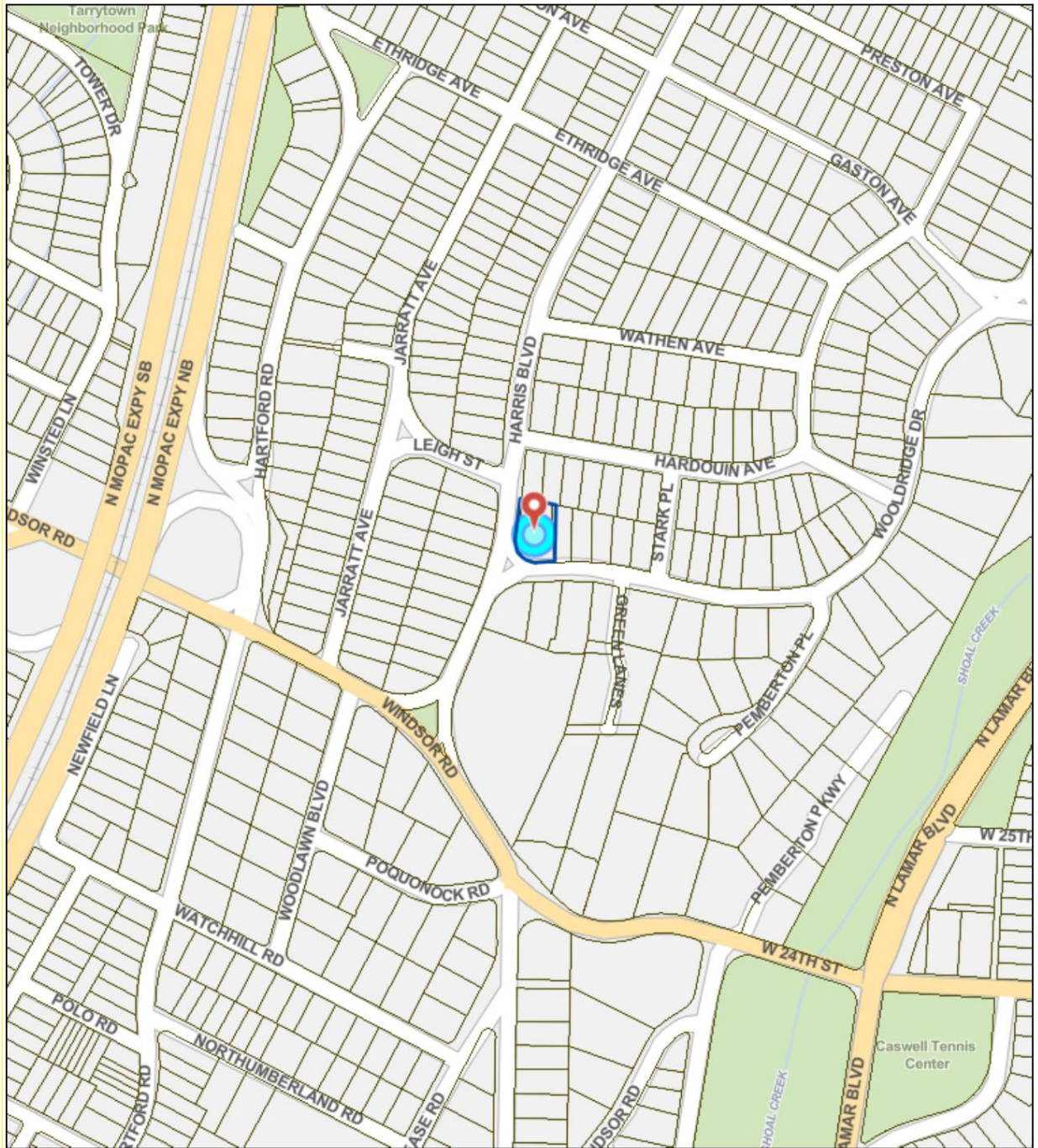
No comments.


**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Comment on plans.

# LOCATION MAP






1: 4800

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1510 WOOLDRIDGE DRIVE



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**PROPERTY INFORMATION***Photos*





*Historic review application, 2024*



*2011 façade*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, March 2024

1959	C. Aubrey Smith, owner
1955	C. Aubrey and Mary Smith, owners – Vice president, Texas State Bank
1952	C. Aubrey and Mary Smith, owners – Vice president, Texas State Bank
1949	C. Aubrey and Mary Smith, owners – Vice president, Texas State Bank C. Aubrey Smith, Jr. – student
1947	C. Aubrey and Mary Smith, owners – professor, UT
1944	C. Aubrey and Mary Smith, owners – professor, UT
1941	Charles A. and Mary Smith, owners – professor, UT
1939	Charles A. and Mary Smith, owners – professor, UT
1935	Eldred and Ruby McKinnon, owners – president, Zenith Life Insurance
1932	Eldred and Ruby McKinnon, owners – president, Republic Bank and Trust

*Historical Information*

## Dr. C. A. Smith Made Temporary Bureau Boss

### Report Planned Next Session on Schools' Administrative Work

By MARGARET MAYER  
American-Statesman Staff

Dr. C. Aubrey Smith, professor of accounting, was named acting head of the University of Texas bureau of business research Saturday by the board of regents, which also approved a plan of reorganization of the bureau to place it in the school of business administration.

The board relaxed Saturday from its previous day's strenuous session and adjourned at noon to attend the Southwestern-Texas football game. The next meeting of the board was announced for Oct. 26 and 27 in Austin.

**Administration Next**

## Citizens State Bank Elects

Election of four new directors and three new officers was announced by the Citizens State Bank Wednesday following organization meetings for 1949.

The bank recently announced plans to construct a new \$77,000 structure at 1904 Guadalupe in the University of Texas area and new directors included business and professional men in that sector.

The new directors are: J. S. Baden, retired banker; Theron J. Hemphill, bookstore operator; Jesse L. Rose, haberdasher; and C. Aubrey Smith, professor of business administration at the University of Texas.

Woodrow W. Patterson and C. Aubrey Smith were named new vice presidents and Eva Baden was named as a new assistant cashier.

The complete list of directors includes: Woodrow W. Patterson, J. S. Baden, Theron J. Hemphill, Jesse L. Rose, John D. Miller, D. M. Raley, Dr. J. V. Siegmund, Dr. C. E. Carter, and C. Aubrey Smith.

MARGARET MAYER *American-Statesman Staff*. *The Austin American* (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 30 Sep 1945: 1  
*The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 19 Jan 1949: 16.

## Death Claims Mrs. Robinson; Service Friday

Mrs. Louise H. Robinson, long-time resident of Austin and widow of the late Ed Robinson Sr., died Thursday morning in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 9 a. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Aubrey Smith, 1510 Wooldridge Drive, with the Rev. Francis Sullivan, CSC, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, officiating. Burial will be in the family plat in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dr. James C. Dolley, John Peninger, Arthur P. Bagby, W. G. Pope, E. C. McClure, Dr. Thomas D. McCrummen, North Millican and Arthur P. Watson.

Mrs. Robinson was the daughter of General and Mrs. William R. Hamby, who moved to Austin from Nashville, Tenn., when Mrs. Robinson was seven years of age. Mrs. Robinson had been a resident of Austin since that time. Her father, Gen. Hamby was a general in Hood's Brigade and was the founder of the old Citizens State Bank.

Mrs. Robinson suffered a stroke in September, 1944, and had been an invalid since that time.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Smith; one son, Edward Robinson Jr.; four grandchildren, Mrs. R. G. Umstattd of Hanover, N. H., Lieutenant C. A. Smith Jr. of Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., Elynea R. Eldred of Austin and Coad Robinson of Corsicana, and four great grandchildren.

## Aubrey Smith Group's Pick For Institute

C. Aubrey Smith of Austin has been named to the committee for the third annual "Institute on Taxation" which will be held in Houston Nov. 12, 13 and 14 under the sponsorship of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

More than 600 accountants, attorneys and business leaders from Texas and the Southwest, including local residents, are expected to attend, according to William A. Harrison, president of the Austin chapter of the society.

Particular emphasis at the Institute for study of the Internal Revenue Code will be given to such Texas and Southwest problems as oil and gas taxation, real estate, partnerships and corporations, although a number of other topics will be discussed by the nationally prominent speakers.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 18 June 1953: A1.*

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 02 Aug 1956: B15.*





**C. AUBREY SMITH**

To be honored

## Honors Set For Retired Prof. Smith

A recently retired University of Texas accounting professor with the longest teaching record in the College of Business Administration will be honored Friday evening at a special dinner.

Prof. C. Aubrey Smith, who taught more than 11,000 students in his 48 years on the UT Austin faculty, will be recognized by more than 300 of his faculty colleagues, former students and friends.

A 6:30 p.m. reception followed by a 7:30 p.m. dinner will be held at the Villa Capri.

The Department of Accounting and a special C. Aubrey Smith Recognition Committee, composed of many of his former students, are sponsors of the dinner.

Dr. Glenn A. Welsch, the John Arch White Professor of accounting at UT Austin and a long-time friend of Dr. Smith, will preside.

Others participating on the program will be Dean George Kozmetsky, Prof. Lanier Cox and several former accounting students.

Wayne Harbin of Houston, president and chief executive officer of the Marathon Manufacturing Company, will report on the Recognition Committee's progress in reaching accounting alumni to develop appropriate ways of recognizing Professor Smith's long service to the University.

A special slide presentation, recalling campus scenes during Professor Smith's tenure from 1924 until 1972, has been assembled by Prof. Charles Zlatkovich and Assistant Prof. Jack Robertson and will be shown to the dinner guests.

Professor Smith, who retired on July 15, counts among his ex-students many prominent business executives and two presidents of the American Accounting Association.

Known chiefly for his work in federal taxation, he is regarded as the "father" of UT's Master in Professional Accounting degree program.

In 1970 he received the Distinguished Scholastic Contributions Award given by the College of Business Administration Foundation advisory council.

## Prof Gives UT-Permian Own Library

Dr. C. Aubrey Smith, recently retired accounting professor at the University of Texas at Austin, has presented his personal library valued at over \$16,000 to the new University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

Prof. Smith, with 48 years on the UT-Austin faculty, holds the record for the longest teaching career in the College of Business Administration. The scholarly books, journals, and masters' and doctoral theses Dr. Smith donated to UTPB comprise a comprehensive library in business and accounting amassed during his lifetime of teaching.

Included in the valuable collection received from Dr. Smith are a number of complete bound sets of scholarly journals as well as many original masters' theses and doctoral dissertations written under his direction.

UTPB president Dr. Bill Amstead said of the gift, "Prof. Smith's presentation of his library to UTPB insures that his influence will continue to be felt for years to come. His collection contains a number of works and sets of journals that our library could not have purchased at any price, and our students will benefit immeasurably from his gift."

UTPB opens in September as an upper-level university for junior, senior, and graduate level students.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 16 Nov 1972: A24.  
The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Jan 1973: 74.*



## Permits

C. A. Smith 1510 Woolridge Drive  
 158 1 2  
 Pemberton Heights  
 Brick Veneer Addition to rear of Res. & Remodel  
 86183 12-3-62 2800.00  
 W. T. Walker & Son 5

BATH & BEDROOM  
 Convert porch into Bedroom & Add Bath & create small utility room.

C. A. Smith 1510 Woolridge  
 158 - 2 1 + -

Pemberton Heights  
 Stucco add'n. to residence

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on Seemap River  
 Connecting Charge \$  
 Application for Sewer Connection. No 8748  
 Austin, Texas, 9/11/39 192  
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas.  
 Sir:-  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises  
 owned by Eldred McKinnon  
1510 Woolridge Drive  
1-Blk 2  
 which place is to be used as a residence  
 In this place there are to be installed 1 fixtures.  
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.  
 Respectfully, John McKinnon  
 Location of Public Sewer 1510 Woolridge Drive  
3 ft deep - RRP  
 Connected 9-13 192 9