

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
APRIL 3, 2024
PR-2024-008708; GF-2024-028831
2200 WEST 9TH STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story cross-gabled early Ranch house clad in ledgerstone and painted wood shakes, with 6:6 wood windows and a partial-width porch.

RESEARCH

The house at 2200 West 9th Street was constructed in 1950 for the Lovell family, with a two-story addition built in 1957 and an underground fallout shelter added in 1961. Long-term resident Dr. Ernest James Lovell, Jr. was a University of Texas instructor and prominent scholar of Romantic literature. Lovell served as editor of the Texas Studies in Language and Literature journal; as a Lord Byron scholar and biographer, he also was a founding member of the American Committee of the Byron Society. Lovell taught at UT from 1947 until his death in 1975.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

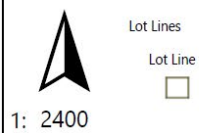
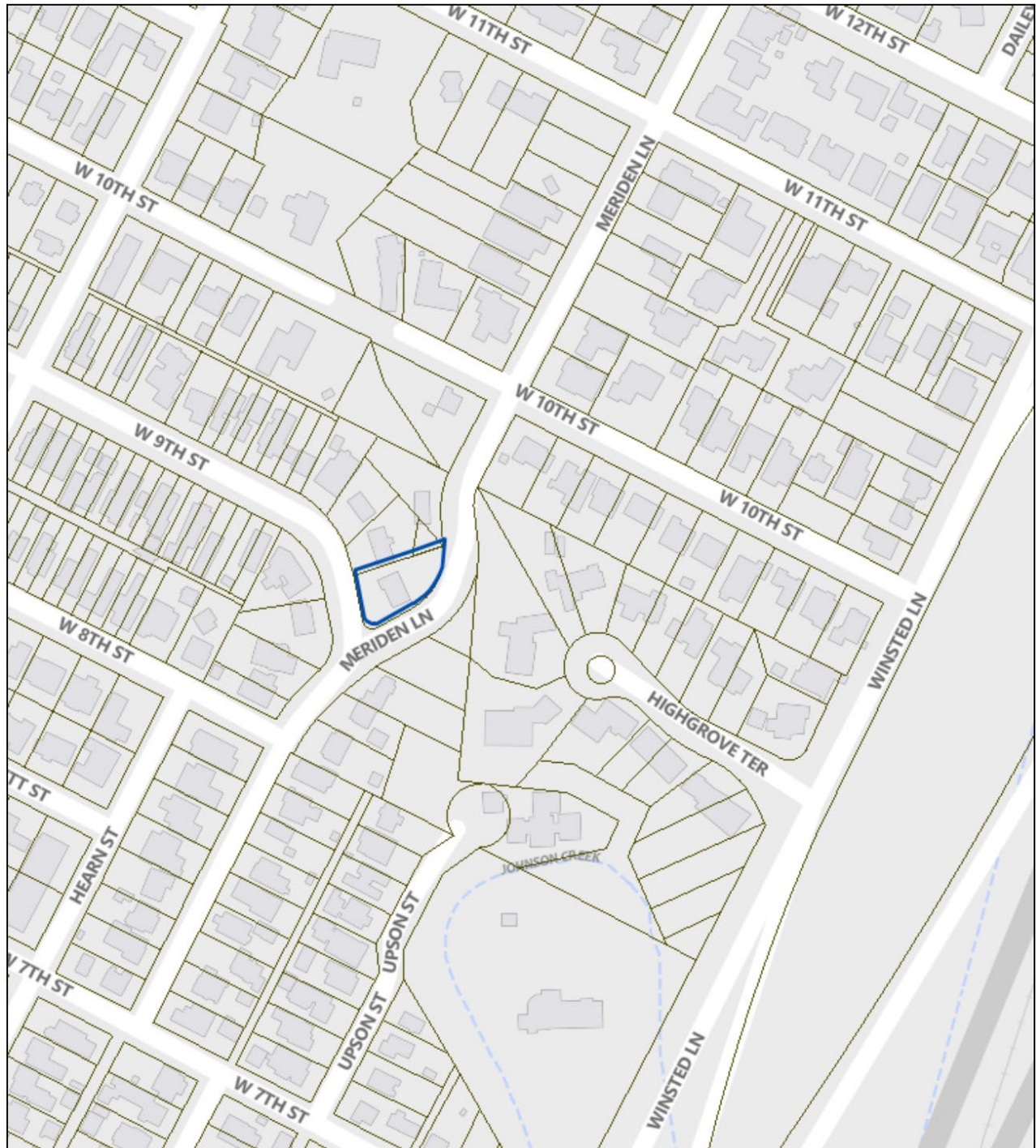
Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 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 for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - b. Historical association. The property is associated with scholar Ernest J. Lovell, editor of Texas Studies in Language and Literature, founding member of the American Committee of the Byron Society, and long-time 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 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

LOCATION MAP



3/19/2024

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2200 W 9TH STREET



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos

Demolition permit application, 2024

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, February 2024

1959 Ernest J. Lovell, Jr. — owner

1955 Ernest J., Jr. and Calista B. Lovell, owners — associate professor, UT

1952 Ernest J. Lovell, Jr. — associate professor, UT

Historical Information

Lovell's Second Book To Be Published Soon

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Ernest J. Lovell Jr., associate professor of English at the University of Texas,

Tuesday will see the publication of "His Very Self and Voice: Collected Conversations of Lord Byron" by the Macmillan Company. His earlier book, "Byron: The Record of a Quest," was published by the University of Texas Press in 1949.

Professor Lovell has already established himself as one of the outstanding younger authorities on the English Romantic Period and a number of articles by him have been published in scholarly journals.

Many Courses

At the University of Texas he has recently taught advanced courses in Shakespeare, the English Romantic Period, and the contemporary period — English and American literature since 1919. Before coming to the University of Texas he taught at Cornell, Duke University and the University of Mississippi.

In Austin Prof. Lovell lives at 2200 West Ninth, where he says his chief interests are "his children and his Bermuda grass."

"His Very Self and Voice" includes, arranged in chronological order, conversations from every year of Byron's life, from the time he entered Harrow until his death, from street brawl to death-bed scene. They have been culled from the records left by some 140 persons who talked with Byron, and they report not only his spoken words, rude or charmingly polite, humble or grossly conceited, but the intonations of his voice, his facial expressions, his gestures and his many moods.

Widely-Scattered

These reports have never before been collected and were until now widely scattered and often buried in rare or out-of-print books and periodicals.

He is a member of two committees of the Modern Language Association of America. A number of his articles on English literary figures of the early 19th century have appeared in various scholarly journals. His first book, "Byron: The Record of a Quest," was published in 1949 by the University of Texas Press.



ERNEST J. LOVELL JR.

Lovell-Matsen

The marriage of Miss Anne Figgatt Lovell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest James Lovell Jr. of 2200 W. 9th St., and Frederick Albert Matsen III, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Albert Matsen Jr. of 1800 San Gabriel, was solemnized Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Rev. Samuel N. Baxter read a double ring ceremony. A reception was held at the Parish House.

The bride, a graduate of Austin High School, will receive a BA degree in Plan II from the University of Texas in January. She returned recently from Paris where she was employed by Dowell-Schlumberger and attended Alliance Française. Formerly, she attended the University of Colorado. Her sorority is Kappa Alpha Theta.

the couple will be at home in Houston.

Dr. Lovell gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a formal gown of Ivory Alaskine. A short jacket complemented the sleeveless, high waisted dress. The bride's headdress was an ivory Venetian lace mantilla and her crescent shaped bouquet was of white jewel roses and English ivy surrounding a cattleya orchid.

Miss Donna Jensen of Austin and Washington, D.C., was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Megan Matsen, sister of the groom, and Miss Lynda B. Lovell of Charlotte, N.C. They wore two-piece moss green velvet dresses and carried bouquets of variegated holly.

Dr. Matsen was his son's best man. William C. Laws and Russell T. Crider of Hous-

HERES.

HIS VERY SELF AND VOICE, by Lord George Gordon Byron. In this fascinating volume, edited by Ernest J. Lovell Jr. of the University of Texas, 150 of Lord Byron's contemporaries record not only his spoken words, but the intonations of his voice, his facial expressions, gestures and restless and fleeting moods. Byron as he actually was—incredibly brilliant, obnoxious and worse; a man both hated and loved.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 24 Mar 1955: A9.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Austin, Tex.. 25 Dec 1966: A6.

Koch-Lovell

Miss Nancy Jean Koch, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Koch of Dallas, became the bride of James Lloyd Lovell, son of Prof. and Mrs. E. J. Lovell, 2200 W. 9th St., Saturday afternoon at Perkins Chapel, Southern Methodist University, with Pastor Carl A. Gaertner officiating.

The bride, a teacher in the San Antonio Independent School District, received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education at the University of Texas, where she was a member of the A cappella choir. The groom, also a graduate of UT, is a

sophomore medical student at UT Medical School in San Antonio. He is affiliated with Phi Delta Theta and the Bachelor's Club of Austin. After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will live in San Antonio.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Matron of honor was Mrs. Marvin Sievers of Victoria; and bridesmaids were Mrs. Frederick Matsen III of Washington, D.C., sister of the groom, Mrs. John Girard of Dallas and Miss Mary Jennings of Houston. Mr.

Lovell was his son's best man; and groomsmen were Dr. Frederick A. Matsen III of Washington, D.C., Alvin Cowan, Tom Clark, Bill Boone of San Antonio, Noble Doss of Dallas, Bill Greenhill and Bobby Wehmeyer.

The bride chose a peau de soie gown featuring Alençon lace, Juliet yoke, puff sleeves and chapel train. Her veil was tulle with appliques of French lace, and she carried white roses. Her attendants wore emerald green gowns with matching headpieces and carried yellow roses and baby's breath.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 21 June 1970: F11.

Professor Lovell Dies

Prof. Ernest J. Lovell Jr., 56, a longtime University of Texas English professor, died Sunday.

Lovell, of 2200 W. 9th St., had taught at the university since 1947, and was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Lovell did undergraduate work at Duke University before receiving a Master of Arts degree from Cornell University and a doctorate from Princeton University.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Calista Biles Lovell of Austin; a son, James L. Lovell of San Antonio; a daughter, Mrs. Ann Lovell Matson of Seattle, Wash.; a brother, William F. Lovell of Charlotte, N.C., and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

The Austin American - Statesman (1973-1980), Evening ed.; Austin, Tex.. 23 June 1975: 16

TEXAS STUDIES IN LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE. *Texas Studies in Literature and Language* is a scholarly journal devoted to literary criticism and American studies published quarterly by the [University of Texas Press](https://www.utexas.edu/press/). The press took control of the journal in 1976 and has a say in selecting its editors, who are appointed by the vice president and dean of graduate studies. Usually *TSLL* focuses each issue on a selected topic or period. Several special issues have appeared with guest editors; these include *Romanticism and Criticism* (1981), *The Puritan Imagination in Nineteenth-Century America* (1983), and *Gerard Manly Hopkins: A Centenary Celebration* (1989). The journal began in 1911 as *Studies in English* and was published in the University of Texas Bulletin series. Its first three issues (1911, 1914, 1915) were monographs; with its fourth issue (1924) it became an annual collection of scholarly essays overseen by an English department editorial committee with a rotating chairmanship. After thirty-seven volumes (1924–58) the journal was renamed and began quarterly publication. The first issue of *TSLL* appeared in spring 1959. Philip Graham was its first editor (1959–66); he was followed by Ernest C. Mossner and William B. Todd (1965–66), Ernest J. Lovell (1966–75), Edwin T. Bowden (1975–76), Bowden and William J. Scheick (1977–86), Scheick and Jerome Bump (1986–93), and Tony Hilfer (1993–).

William J. Scheick, "Texas Studies in Literature and Language," *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed March 13, 2024, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/texas-studies-in-literature-and-language>. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

Biographical Note

Ernest J. Lovell, Jr. was born in 1918 in Roanoke, Virginia. He was educated at Duke, Cornell, and Princeton, and worked at Cornell, Duke, and the University of Mississippi before joining the faculty of the Department of English at the University of Texas at Austin in 1947. A prominent Romantic scholar, Lovell was the author or editor of four published works on Lord Byron. He additionally edited *Modern Drama: An Anthology of Nine Plays*, published in 1963, and served as editor of *Texas Studies in Language and Literature*. He organized the Byron exhibition at UT during the Byron sesquicentennial year and was a founding member of the American Committee of The Byron Society. Lovell taught at UT until his death in June of 1975.

Source:

The Byron Journal, January 1976, Number 4

Scope and Contents

The Ernest J. Lovell, Jr. Papers, 1893-1969, are comprised of manuscripts, drafts, galleys, notes, and correspondence associated with Lovell's published works: *Lady Blessington's Conversations with Lord Byron*, Princeton University Press, 1969; *Medwin's Conversations with Lord Byron*, Princeton University Press, 1966; *Captain Medwin: Friend of Byron and Shelley*, University of Texas Press, 1962; *Journal of the Conversation of Lord Byron with the Countess of Blessington*, Richard Bentley and Son, 1893; and *Modern Drama: An Anthology of Nine Plays*, Ginn Publishers, 1963.

Ernest J. Lovell, Jr., *Papers*, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin.
https://txarchives.org/utcah/finding_aids/03895.xml

Permits

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Howard Hanson

E. J. Lovell

2200 West 9th Street

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Robert Joseph

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Mr. Ernest James Lovell Jr.

2200 W. 9th St.

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M. J. Schreffler

FALLOUT SHELTER

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 no projections above ground.