ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2008-0004

HLC DATE:

April 28, 2008

PC DATE:

May 13, 2008

APPLICANT: Carolyn McFarland, owner

HISTORIC NAME: Evans-Otting House

WATERSHED: Waller Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 4200 Duval Street

ZONING FROM: SF-3-NCCD to SF-3-H-NCCD

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-NCCD) combining district to single family residence - Historic Landmark, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-H-NCCD) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-NCCD) combining district zoning to single family residence – Historic Landmark, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-H-NCCD) combining district zoning. Vote: 7-0 (Limbacher absent).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence, neighborhood conservation (SF-#-NCCD) combining district zoning to single family residence - Historic Landmark, neighborhood conservation (SF-3-H-NCCD) combining district zoning. Vote: 9-0.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

CITY COUNCIL DATE: May 22, 2008

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Hyde Park Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1915 house is a classic example of an Arts and Crafts bungalow and has significant associations with Rev. Henry C. Evans, the founder of Texas Presbyterian College in Milford, Texas and Alvah Otting, a prominent grocer, dancehall operator, and insurance man in Austin.

Architecture:

One-story rectangular-plan front-gabled frame Arts and Crafts-style bungalow with a full-width front-gabled independent porch on battered posts and boxed piers and a vertical picket railing; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; Craftsman-styled sidelights at the front entry; hipped-roof screened porch at the rear left (south) elevation; standing-seam metal roof.

Historical Associations:

The house was built around 1915; the first owner and occupant was Mrs. Jennie Proctor, a widow with 9 children. Mrs. Proctor had two working children who lived with her, a daughter Mary, a stenographer, and another daughter Willie May, who worked as a clerk at the Kress Store on Congress Avenue. Mrs. Proctor lived in the house only until 1916, and the 1916 city directory shows her husband, Nathan Proctor, a bricklayer, living at 410 E. 3rd Street. Mrs. Proctor sold the house to C.E. Straub, who was the chief cashier for the International and Great Northern Railroad, although it is uncertain as to whether Straub ever lived in the house. The 1918 city directory shows the house occupied by William H. and Mamie L. Dodson, who had moved there from 1103 W. 6th Street. Dodson was the local manager of Quality Mills, Austin's largest grain operation, which produced flour and other products. Charles and Marguerite Adkins, who built several houses in College Court, purchased the house in August, 1918, and sold it a year later to Edmund Bell Stiles and Margaret Stiles. The 1920 city directory shows E.F. and Margaret E. Stiles as the owners and occupants of the house – he was an assistant in the Economic Geology Department in the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology at the University of Texas, while Margaret was the assistant to the Director of the Bureau. Edmund and Margaret Stiles were aunt and nephew - the 1922 city directory shows Edmund still residing at the house at 4200 Duval Street, while Margaret is listed as living at 307 W. 17th Street. Both had the same occupations as had been listed in the 1920 directory; and then neither of them shows up in the 1924 directory. The Stiles sold the house in July, 1921 to the Rev. Henry C. Evans and his wife Lida Evans, who also appear in the 1922 directory as the owners and occupants of the house. Rev. Evans was the founding president of the Texas Presbyterian College for Girls in Milford, Ellis County, Texas in 1902, and developed the school into Texas Presbyterian College. The library of the college was named for Rev. Evans, and a camp, was named for his wife, Lelia (Lida) Verner Evans. After serving two terms as president, and the merger of the school with Austin College of Sherman, Texas, in 1921, Evans and his wife moved to Austin, where they purchased this house, although it appears that they moved away from Austin before 1924 and rented the house out until they sold it in 1928. Their tenant in 1924 and 1927 was Max Nitschke, who was a carpenter at the Driskill Hotel. The 1916 city directory shows Max Nitschke as a contractor with his office and home on the east side of The Circle in Fairview Park.

In 1928, Rev. Evans sold the house to Henry and Lillie Maerki and his wife Lillie (Otting) Maerki. Maerki was a prominent baker in Austin, having arrived in the city from Switzerland in 1890. He worked in the Lundberg Bakery on Congress Avenue, then purchased the bakery from Lundberg's widow in 1895. He established the Maerki Bakery at 6th and Rio Grande in 1906, which was eventually sold to the Buttercrust Baking Company. Maerki never lived in the house, but purchased it to

rent to his wife's brother, Alvah Otting and his wife Lutie May, who purchased the property from Maerki in 1933. Alvah Otting (1889-1948) was born in Nebraska, and first appears in Austin city directories in 1909-10, where he is listed as a clerk for Hill and Hill, a grocery and feed business in the 1000 block of Congress Avenue. He was rooming at 610 W. 6th Street in 1910, and continued to live in that block when he established the Otting Pure Food Grocery Store, carrying "staple and fancy groceries" at 608 W. 6th by 1913. After he married, he continued to live at 608 ½ W. 6th Street, and operated his grocery store at 608-10 W. 6th Street until 1920, when he also opened the Enfield Grocery at 1201 Parkway. Lutie May Otting is listed as his book-keeper in 1916 and as the manager of the Enfield Grocery in 1920. The 1922 city directory lists the Ottings as living at Deep Eddy, where Alvah Otting was the manager of the Deep Eddy Amusement Company, which operated the dance hall and pavilion at the park on the river. Alvah and Lutie May Otting continued to operate the dance hall and to live at Deep Eddy through the mid-1920s. The 1927 city directory does not list an occupation for Alvah Otting, and they are listed as living at 1408 Colorado Street. The Ottings had moved into this house on Duval Street by 1929, and Otting entered the insurance business by 1931 as a representative of the Great Northern Life Insurance Company. Otting also worked as a car salesman at times - the 1924 city directory lists him as a salesman for Pierce Motor Company on E. 5th Street at the same time he was managing the Deep Eddy Pavilion, and he is listed as a salesman for Capitol Chevrolet in the 1937 city directory. In the directories of 1944.45 and 1947, Otting is listed as an inspector for the State Department of Health; he died in 1948. After his death, Lutie May Otting continued to live in the house until the late 1970s. In the early 1980s, the house was sold to John and Brigid Aldridge, and then in 1983 to Samuel and Carolyn McFarland, who operated it as rental property. Carolyn McFarland moved into the house in the early 1990s after her husband's death and embarked on a restoration of the house, which included the reconstruction of the front porch, painting, and the installation of a metal roof.

PARCEL NO.: 02200802140000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 15 and 16, Block B, Statesman Addition to Hyde Park

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$3,172 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$772.

APPRAISED VALUE: \$286,626

PRESENT USE: Single-family residence.

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNER:

Carolyn Margaret Aldridge McFarland 4200 Duval Street Austin, Texas 78751

DATE BUILT: ca. 1915

<u>ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS</u>: A restoration project in the early 1990s restored the original porch supports and added a standing seam metal roof to the house.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Mrs. Jennie Proctor (1915)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: The house was listed as potentially contributing in the Hyde Park National Register Historic District nomination because the original porch supports had been replaced with ornamental metal. With the restoration of the original porch in the early 1990s, the house is now contributing to the historic district.



SUBJECT TRACT
ZONING BOUNDARY
PENDING CASE

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2008-0004
ADDRESS: 4200 DUVAL ST
SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES
GRID: K25
MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS
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Evans-Otting House ca. 1915 4200 Duval Street

Criteria Qualifications for the Procter-Evans-Otting Home - 4200 Duval:

- A. Architecture. The house is an excellent example of an Arts and Crafts bungalow and characteristic for its construction date 1915-1916. The prominent front-gabled porch, tapered porch columns, shingled tympanum, multiple windows and decorative screens, deep eaves supported by triangular knee braces, and horizontal orientation of the body elements typify the Craftsman Bungalow movement. This home epitomizes the prominent architectural style of the Hyde Park neighborhood which was originally founded as a Victorian suburb. This house represents the transition in the neighborhood from the highly ornamented Victorian-era homes to the organic Arts And Crafts style.
- B. Historical Associations. (1) Jennie Proctor was a widow with nine children when she built the home, 1915-1916. This would be a considerable accomplishment for a widowed woman of the time caring for nine children who had previously nursed an invalid husband. (2) Rev. Henry Clay Evans was a member of the Texas Presbyterian Synod and a founder and first president of the Texas Presbyterian College. He moved to Austin following his service as president to Texas Presbyterian College (later merged with Austin College of Sherman, Texas). He and wife Lella (Lida) resided at 4200 Duval beginning in 1921 and owned the home until 1928. (3) The Maerid and Otting families are related as is their association with the property at 4200 Duval. Henry Maerki was an Austin Baker of Swiss origin who bought the Lundberg Bakery on Congress Ave and later incorporated Maerki Bakery which he sold to Buttercrust Bakery. Henry Maerki and wife Lillie Otting Maerki bought the home at 4200 Duvai for her brother Alvah Otting and wife Lutie. The Luttings were living in the home by 1929. By 1933 they purchased the home from their relatives. Alvah Otting was a Great Northern Life Insurance agent and was associated with the U.S. Public Health Department. After his passing in 1948 Lutie Otting continued to live in the home. The home was the center of activity for an extended family. Widow Lutie Otting lived in the home at 4200 Duval for more than 50 years. (4) This home represents a significant portrayal of typical middle-class home life in historic Hyde Park. A significant sub-class of this group represented by the ownership of this home is the single or widowed woman.
- C. Archeology, Not Applicable.
- D. <u>Community Value</u>. This property's unique location and physical characteristics represent an established and familiar visual feature of the Hyde Park Neighborhood. It is situated on Duval Street, a prominent thoroughfare in the city of Austin, and the corner of 42nd Street. This location is a gateway to the heart of Hyde Park. The home, often referred to as "the emerald green bungalow on Duval", contributes to the character and the image of the City of Austin.
- E. <u>Landscape Feature</u>. The natural landscape of this property includes several large tree specimens of significance. Pecan trees line 42rd Street with the largest on the corner at Duvai Street. Another large pecan is in the back yard.

Historic Narrative: 4200 Duval Street

Hyde Park and the Statesman Addition

"Hyde Park is Austin's oldest residential suburb, a neighborhood bounded by 38th and 45th on the north and south, Duval and Guadalupe Streets on the east and west." ¹

"The history of Hyde Park began with a definite event, the arrival in Austin of Kansas entrepreneur and streetcar expert, Monroe Shipe in 1899. Within a year or so, Shipe's street railway system was a going concern, and he turned his attention to the development of an 'elite suburb' on the old fairground north of 38th Street. Shipe developed the area he named Hyde Park as an independent community. Since Hyde Park was more than a mile from the city proper, he built the streetcar line to his development and paid for the extension of Congress Avenue to the north out of his own pocket. The new thoroughfare was known as 'the Speedway' "²

Several additions were made to Shipe's original subdivision of Hyde Park. The Proctor-Evans-Otting Home would be built on lots 15 and 16 Block B in the plat known as "the Statesman Addition to Hyde Park." The original survey and plat by G.S. Iredell a city engineer was filed with Travis County February 28, 1910. The subdivision plat included Blocks "A" and "B" between 4th Street (now 41st Street) and 5th Street (now 42nd Street) with frontage on Duval and bounded by an alley on the west. Each block included lots 1-16. Each lot had 25' of street frontage and was often combined for building. The plat was filed by A.G. Smoot on behalf of the Statesman Company.

The feet lots in the Park, with East frontage.

The best bargains in Real Estate in Austin.

For Particulars, Prices and Terms, see me at once.

Asher G. Smoot was a pioneering editor and founder of Austin publishing institutions. "On Nov. 1, 1902 he [John H. Kirby, Houston Lumber Baron] Incorporated the State Publishing Company and installed A.G. Smoot as manager." Smoot began advertising the Hyde Park properties in the Statesman Addition days

¹ Sitton, Serah and Thad Sitton. <u>Austin's Hwde Park: The First 50 Years</u>: 1891-1941, Pecan Press Publications. Austin, Texas. 1991, page III-Iv

² Ibid, pg. iti

⁵ Travis County Clerk Records, Real Property Plats, Volume 2, pg. 201

⁴ ibid

⁵ ibid

⁶ Busfield, Roger M. <u>History of the Austin Statesman 1871-1956</u>. Austin, TX.1956, pg. 109

prior to officially filling the plat with Travis County. A banner ad in the classified section of the Austin Daily Statesman states, "For Sale – 32 Lots in Hyde Park with East Frontage. The best bargains in Real Estate in Austin. For Particulars, Prices, and Terms, see me at once. Geo. B. Lucas – Real Estate Agent." "Smoot remained at the helm [The Austin Daily Statesman] until 1911 when he was replaced." A. G. Smoot continued his legacy in publishing in Austin, "A third daily entered the field in 1914, The Austin American, which had been founded by A.G. Smoot, a former Statesman manager, and Hal H. Sevier."

Vest E. Lander and Emma E. Lander. County records indicate on July 5, 1911 Mc F. Kerbey [Kirby] representing the Austin Statesman Company sold lots 7-16 of Block B of the Statesman addition to Vest E. Lander and wife Emma E. ¹⁰The Landers paid \$1900 for the 10 lots.

Vest E. Lander is listed as a collection clerk for Austin National Bank. ¹¹ Later records indicate Emma Lander was a teacher of grades 1-6 for the Eanes School District in Travis County. ¹²

Mrs. Jennie E. Proctor. The Landers transferred lots 13-16 in Block B of the Statesman Addition for the sum of \$900 to Mrs. Jennie E. Proctor April 22, 1915. 13 Jennie Proctor was the widow of Nathan G. Proctor, a bricklayer, who died March 12, 1915. Nathan Proctor had nine children with Jennie and had been an invalid for several years prior to his death. Mrs. Proctor had also purchased lots 9-14 of the same block in separate transactions. She sold several of these extra lots to S.E. Guthrie (lots 9-11 October, 1915). It is believed Mrs. Proctor built the home at 4200 Duval between April of 1915 and February of 1916. The funds for the construction of the house could have been from life insurance from her husband's death and/ or the sale of the additional properties.

The Austin City Directory of 1916 indicates the first occupation of a residence at 4200 Duval Street (lots 15 and 16 Block B of the Statesman Addition) by Mrs. Jennie Proctor; Miss Mary E. Proctor-stenographer for the firm of Bennet, Scott, Bibb, and Mathis; and Miss Willie M. Proctor – a clerk for S.H. Kress & Co.¹⁶

C. E. Straub. In February of 1916 a warranty deed was executed by Jennie Proctor as grantor of lots 15 and 16 of the Statesman Addition and C.E. Straub as grantee secured by a vendor's lien funded by W.T. Caswell. Mrs. Proctor received \$400 cash and a note for \$2350 payable in \$25 monthly increments at 8% interest. This increase in the property value and the City Directory listing of the Proctor's residence in 1916 indicate the date of construction for the Proctor-Evans-Otting Home some time between April of 1915 and February of 1916. Although Travis County Appraisal District (TCAD) records indicate an

⁷ The Austin Doily Statesman, February 13, 1910, pg. 10

Busfield, pg. 109

¹bld, pg. 112

Travis County Clerk Records, Property Records, Vol. 247, pg. 157

Austin City Directory, 1912-1913

Austin History Center, "Travis County – Texas Teachers Daily Register" File

¹⁹ Travis County Clerks Records, Property Records, Vol. 274, pg. 571

¹⁴ Austin American, March 12, 1915,

³⁵ Travis County Clerks Records, Property Records, Vol. 277, pg. 274

Austin City Directory, 1916

¹² Travis County Clerk Records, Property Records, Vol.285, pg.289

improvement date of 1912, this year coincides with sewage and street improvement assessments made by the City of Austin. The 1918 City Directory lists C.E. Straub as the Chief Clerk Cashier for the International and Great Northwestern Railroad (I&GNRR). 18 The I&GNRR was a principal railroad company in Austin with an impressive depot which once stood at 301 W. 3rd Street. 19 County records indicate that W.T. Caswell financed Straub's purchase of the property in 1916, it is uncertain whether C.E. Straub ever resided in the home at 4200 Duval.

William H. and Mamle Dodson. The city directory list William H. Dodson and wife Mamie L. Dodson as the residents of 4200 Duval in 1918.²⁰ From 1914 through 1935 Dodson held various positions with Quality Mills, a manufacturer of grain products and sawmill, including local manager, secretary, and treasurer. 21 Quality Mills was located on the southwest corner Nueces and W. 3rd Street at 208 Nueces. Quality Mills used diesel engine power to operate grain separators, mill rollers, aptivators, bolters, and a hammer driver in the manufacturing of "Quality" and "Seguin" flour. 22

William Thomas Caswell. in August 1918 C.E. Straub's promissory note to W.T. Caswell was released and Caswell briefly took ownership of the property. 25 W.T. Caswell was one of Austin's leading citizens of his time. His contributions to Austin's history include the development of Ridgeton Subdivision, Austin Athletic Club, and the W.T. Caswell Tennis Center among others.²⁶ W.T. Caswell was part founder and owner of Austin Oli Manufacturing Company in partnership with his father D.H. Caswell and brother D.H. Caswell, Jr. 25 Austin Oil Manufacturing occupied several blocks at E. 5th and Chicon and processed products from cotton seeds including cooking and salad oils, soap, and seed meal for high protein live stock feed. A building at 2012 E. 6th Street was once part of Austin Oil Manufacturing Company.²⁶ Also associated with Austin Oil Manufacturing was the W.T. Caswell Lumbervard as pictured in The Violet Crown. 27 Within the same month he took ownership of the property, August 1918, Caswell sold the property to Charles Adkins.28

Charles and Marguerite Adkins. Charles Adkins and his wife Marguerite were entrepreneurial real estate developers. They are associated with building properties in College Court, an area just south of the subject property, as well as managing others such as 4200 Duval. 20 Mr. Adkins also worked as a linotype operator and printer for the Austin Statesman from 1916-1918.30 In the 1920's he became a

¹⁸ Austin City Directory, 1918

19 Austin: City of the Violet Crown. Austin Chamber of Commerce, 1924. pg.44

Austin City Directory, 1918

²¹ Austin History Center, Austin Files, Mills MS400

²³ Travis County Clerk Records, Property Records, Vol.314, pg.209

²⁴ Austin American, January 12, 1962

²³ Austin History Center, Austin Files, Mills MS400

²⁸ Ibid

²⁷ Templeman and Reissig, <u>Austin, Texas: The City of the Violet Crown</u>, E.L. Steck Publishing, 1917. Pg.42

²⁸ Travis County Clerk Records, Property Records, Vol. 314, pg. 320

²⁸ Historic Landmark Narrative, Adkins-Tharp House, 2003

Austin City Directory, 1916 and 1918

health and accident insurance agent with offices in the Littlefield Building.³¹ Mr. Adkins secured the property by paying C.E. Straub's \$2000 note to satisfy the vendor's lien held by W.T. Caswell.³²

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Stiles and Mr. Edmund Bell Stiles. In August of 1919 Miss Margaret Stiles, "a femme sole", and Edmund Stiles, "a single man", purchased the home and property at 4200 Duval from the Adkins. The property was secured through a warranty deed with \$760 paid in cash and promissory note for \$3000 payable at \$50 per month at 8% interest. "Although the direct relationship between Miss Margaret E. Stiles and Edmund B. Stiles could not be determined it is suggested that they are probably aunt and nephew. Both are members of the early Austin Stiles and Bell families who were prominent in the First Presbyterian Church of Austin. "A Miss Margaret Stiles was the daughter of Mr. William Stiles and Mrs. Margaret Stiles and sister of Texas surveyor Arthur Alford Stiles." Miss Margaret Stiles was the secretary to the director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology at the University of Texas. "B Edmund Stiles is also listed as an "asst economic geology div bureau economic geology and technology U of T"."

Rev. Henry Clay Evans. The Proctor-Evans-Otting Home ownership passed from Edmund Beli Stiles to

Texas Presbyterian College



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Henry C. Evans in July of 1921 for a price of \$4500. The Rev. Henry C. Evans and wife Lida [Lelia Verner] are listed as owner/residents of 4200 Duvali beginning in the 1922 City Directory of Austin. As a member of the Texas Presbyterian Synod, Rev. Evans was the founding president of the Texas Presbyterian College for Girls in 1902 in Milford, Texas. Under Evan's leadership as president, the small girl's school grew to

become Texas Presbyterian College. "In 1916 the Evans Library was opened at the college in honor of Henry C. Evans. The last major development of Texas Presbyterian College was the formation of the Lelia Verner Lodge, a camp two miles from the campus in honor of the president's wife." Texas Presbyterian College was recognized in 1917-1918 as a standard college by the State Board of Examiners. *** Following Henry Clay Evan's term as president, Texas Presbyterian College was merged with Austin College of Sherman, Texas. The Evans moved to Austin and the Reverend and Mrs. Evans

Austin City Directory, 1920 - 1924

Travis County Clerk Records, Property Records, Vol. 314, pg.320

³³ Travis County Clerk Records, Property Records, Vol. 314, pg.322

First Presbyterian Church of Austin Archives, Stiles Family Records

²⁵ Austin History Center, Austin Files Biography; Stiles, Arthur A.

Austin City Olrectories, 1918, 1920 and 1922

Austin City Directory, 1920

Travis County Clerks Records, Property Records, Vol. 333, pg.30

Austin City Directory, 1922

The Handbook of Texas Online, http://www.tsha.edu/handbook/online/articles/TT/kbt21_print.html

⁴¹ lbld

⁴² Ibid

owned the owned the Proctor-Evans-Otting home from July of 1921 through May of 1928. The Evans resided at 4200 Duval until 1924 when the property was presumably rented to Max R. Nitschke. 43

Max R. Nitschke. The 1924 Austin City Directory lists the residents of 4200 Duval: Max R. Nitschke, carpenter Driskill Hotel; and Ivor E. Nitschke, picture framer Jordan Co. 4 The 1927 Directory also lists Birdie E. Nitschke as the wife of Max and Ivor employed as a clerk for C.A. Bradford Co. 45

Henry and Little Maerid. County records indicate that Henry C. Evans and wife Lida (Leila) residents of Alachua County, Florida, sold the Proctor-Evans-Otting House to Henry Maerki and wife Lille for \$4500 In May of 1928.46 The 1928 City Directory indicates the Maerki family resided at 4200 Duval.47 Henry Maerki "was born in Windisch, Cantoon Argan, Switzerland on July 2, 1871 and came to Austin in 1890 where he began working at the Lundberg Bakery on Congress Avenue. When Charles Lundberg died in 1895 Henry Maerki and partner J. Jaccard bought the bakery from Lundberg's widow. 41 in 1906 Maerki sold the Lundberg bakery and established the Maerki Baking Company at the corner of West Sixth and Rio Grande Streets. 49 He later sold the bakery business to the Buttercrust Baking Company. He was a member of the Evangelical Free Church and was on the Boards of Trustees and Deacons."50 Henry and wife Lillie Otting Maerki had two daughters, Mrs. Minna Mae Sterzing of Austin and Mrs. Dorothy Criswell of Fort Worth; one son, Stanley Maerki of San Antonio. 51

Alvah and Lutie May Otting. By 1929 it appears Henry Maerki loaned or rented the home to his wife's brother and sister-in-law Lutle May and Alvah Otting. 52 In April of 1933 the Ottings purchased the home from their relatives, Henry and Lillie Otting Maerki, for \$3445.53 Alvah Otting's obituary records,

"Born Dec 1, 1889, in Falls City, Neb., he had lived most of his life in Austin. For many years general agent for Great Northern Life insurance Company, he had been connected with the US Public Health Department. He was a 32rd Degree Mason and Shriner."54

Lutie Otting was a homemaker who was very active in her church and extended family's activities. 15 Mary Bradshaw recalls memories of her aunt Lutle, "many family activities took place here and centered around the large dining room. The little house in back was reportedly the cook's house." Lutie Otting

Austin City Directories, 1921, 1922, 1924

Austin City Directory, 1924

Austin City Directory, 1927

Travis County Clerks Records, Property Records, Vol. 417, pg. 133

Austin City Directory, 1928

Austin American Statesman. Austin Files. Maerki Family. Austin History Center

³⁰ The Austin American, Deaths and Funerals, March 26,1952, pg.24

⁵¹ ibid

⁵² <u>Austin City Directory</u>, 1929; and Austin Statesman, Obituary, March 11, 1948

⁵³ Travis County Cierk Records, Property Records, Vol.490, pg.72

⁵⁴ Austin Statesman, Obituary, March 11, 1948

¹⁹ Personal Interview with Mary Bradshaw of Austin, September, 2007

⁹⁶ The 1992 Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association tour brochure 1992

continued to live in the house following her husband's death in 1948 until the late 1970's. Mrs. Otting died at the age of 89 on July 12, 1982. 57 She lived in the home for more than 50 years.

Aldridge and McFarland Families. The Proctor-Evans-Otting Home ownership passed to John 5. and Brigid M. Aldridge in the early 1980's. In July of 1983 the home ownership again transferred to Samuel R. and Carolyn A McFarland. Following Samuel McFarland's death in June of 1989 maintained ownership of the home which was rental property at the time.

In the early 1990's Carolyn McFarland undertook a major restoration of the property to create a home for herself. Mrs. McFarland hired historic reconstruction contractor Stan Kozinski to plan and execute the project. The restoration included a new foundation, replacement of all mechanical systems (plumbing, electrical, sheet rocking, roofing, central heat and air conditioning), in addition to historically sensitive painting and reconstruction of the front porch. Concerning the restoration of the Proctor-Evans-Otting home, Peter Flagg Maxson, local architecture historian remarks, "It is pleasant architecturally and I've long admired its dark green paint, beige trim and black screens, I don't know if

it's always been painted those colors, but it's an excellent period color scheme that was popular in the 1920s."

The Craftsman Bungalow in Hyde Park

The Procter-Evans-Otting Home exemplifies the Arts and Crafts bungalow style of the Craftsman Movement of the early 20th Century. The Craftsman Bungalow "was typically a single story house with one or more broadly pitched,



overhanging gables. A smaller gable cap covered the entry porch; brackets offered support for the broad overhangs, and stone foundations and fireplaces are also typical. The exterior walls were usually clad with narrow, drop pattern clapboard or with a natural stucco skin." A bungalow's main features are: (1) a low pitched, gabled roof (occasionally hipped) with a wide unenclosed eave overhang, (2) decorative (false) beams or braces added under the gables, (3) porches, either full- or partial-width, with the roof supported by tapered square columns, and (4) columns or pedestals that frequently extend to the ground level."

⁵⁷ Austin American Statesman, Deaths and Funerals, July 14,1982, pg.88

⁵⁸ Travis County Clerks Records, Property Records, Book 6914, pg. 2062; and Book 6937, pg. 1251

⁵⁹ Travis County Clerks Records, Property Records, Book 8214, pg. 744

Personal Interview with Carolyn McFarland, 2007; and <u>The 1992 Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour</u>, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association tour brochure .1992

Maxson, Peter Flagg, E-mail correspondence, December 2007.

⁴² Williams, Kim A. "Architectural Style in Hyde Park". Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour. Austin , 1981

⁶² Black, Atkinson, and Vernooy, Hyde Park Compatibility Standards, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, Austin History Center - unpublished

The bungalow contributed greatly to the evolution of our contemporary housing as well as providing affordable housing for the emerging middle class of the early 20th Century. "It was the bungalow as much as any other kind of house that led to the general adoption of the 'living room' and the 'outdoor-indoor' living space." "The cheapness of the bungalow, first of all, gave people a chance to live in the idealized 'country' and commute to the city, rather than taking advantage of outdoor life only on the weekends. Secondly, the bungalow was so flexible that it could adapt to a variety of sites and exterior styles, suiting both the neighborhood and the individual. Thirdly, this was a period of rapid growth in many areas of the United States. Home ownership doubled from 1880 to 1920 in the United States... Hyde Park as one of Austin's first suburbs was part of this growth; as a suburb with narrow lots, a hot climate, and middle-class homeowners, Craftsman houses were especially suitable."

"The story of Hyde Park architecture is the story of bungalows. Hyde Park is a Craftsman
Neighborhood." In Hyde Park the bungalow is "the largest proportion of any single style of house ...
Although Hyde Park began as a late-Victorian suburb with many fine Victorian houses, the dominate house type is clearly the Craftsman house, or a bungalow. It dominates not only in number, but also in its dispersal throughout the neighborhood, its influence on later houses, its perseverance, and its long-lasting popularity. *67 Teas concludes, "The fact that the Craftsman homes are not as old as the Victorian

houses should not diminish their importance to historians and preservationists in Hyde Park. $^{\rm MB}$

The Proctor-Evans-Otting home is situated on a prominent corner which serves as a gateway to the heart of Hyde Park. The home on the corner of Duval and 42nd Street is strategically situated on the lot to welcome visitors through the eastern gateway to Hyde Park.

Architectural Attributes of the Proctor-Evans-Otting Home

The Craftsman bungalow characteristics exhibited by the Proctor-Evans-Otting Home present a textbook example of the Arts and Crafts Style.

Expressing the horizontality of the house — an essential element of the bungalow style - are the low spreading, multiple hip roof with wide eaves; wide porch beam; horizontal six-paned tympanum window; half height column supports and tapered columns; and lower piers hidden by skirting. Triangular knee braces appear to support the wide overhang of the eaves. Below the eaves the house body is covered with horizontally oriented clapboard of Calcasleu pine.

Single and grouped double-hung windows with multiple vertical panes over a single pane add an individual style to the home within the Craftsman vernacular. Shingle siding in the tympanum of the front porch and rear gables also add to the home's individualism within the style.

⁶⁴ Whiffen, Marcus. <u>American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to Styles.</u> Cambridge, Mass.: The MiT Press, 1969

Teas, Wendy Ann. The Bungalows of Hyde Park. Graduate Thesis: Austin History Center. May, 1987

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The front door of the home features a triple light with beveled glass separated by wood mullions and decorative woodwork below the window. Flanking the door are sidelights and decorations which mirror the front door. The original mail slot is in the wood panel of the left sidelight panel. Broad steps lead to the front porch which is enclosed by a square balustrade railing.

A small one-story carport and accessory room is located at the rear of the property. The small room is balloon type construction with board and batten siding. It has been reported to be the cook's room.

Although the original paint scheme was not determined at the time of restoration, the exterior is painted in an Arts and Crafts palette appropriate for the period. The exterior clapboard is painted emerald green. The wood trim is antique white. The widow and door screens are a traditional black.

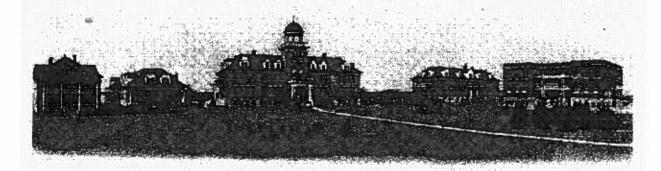
The interior of the home is a typical craftsman floor plan with functionality as its primary purpose. All rooms have original aniline stain finished or painted old growth pine woodwork. From the front door the rooms on the north side of the home are the living room, dining room, kitchen and mud porch. In the dining room is a built in sideboard in the Craftsman tradition. To the south of these rooms are two bedrooms separated by a hallway and bathroom. The sleeping porch is the southernmost room off the master bedroom.

On the floor of the master bedroom is the impression of *The Austin Tribune* newspaper from Wednesday, December 2, 1942. The newsprint of the paper was transferred to the finish and is preserved as a mirror image of the World War II period newspaper. Although the Austin History center has a collection of *The Austin Tribune*, the collection does not include this issue. This is probably the last surviving image of this particular issue. Due to the war and rationing The Austin Tribune's last issue was Tuesday, December 29, 1942.⁶⁹

Landscape Features. The subject property at 4200 Duval contains several tree specimens of significance. A row of pecan trees line the 42nd Street side of the lot. The largest of these which is on the corner of 42nd and Duval has a circumference of 82" at 3' above the ground. The other pecans are 68", 46", and 60" in circumference. A lone pine tree sits within the line of pecans. One large pecan tree over 89" in circumference is in the back yard behind the house.

es The Austin Tribune. Vol.XI No.6. December 29,1942. Austin History Center Archives

Texas Presbyterian College



HENRY C. EVANS, A. M., D. D.

Milford, Texas, April 19th 15.

Mr.John B.Cavitt, Marlin, Texas.

Pear Mr.Cavitt: Your letter with the copy of the fire escape law was received this morning. I have written to Dr.Rill today and sent the copy to him, with the suggestion that he have some Dallas firm make an estimate on the fire escapes for the rest of our buildings so that we might have something definite before us at commencement.

Mrs. Evans wants me to say that we expect you and Norman to be our guests at Commencement. We have plenty of room this year. Will you kindly pass the word to Norman. Please tell him he has gotten out of helping with the honeysuckle long enough. We shall expect him.

The time is getting short now and the weeks are fleeing by, so the girls tell us.

Thanking you for the copy of the law and with best wishes,
I am sincerely yours, Henry lebours

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ALVAR OTTING

Advant Otting. 58, died at his home.

4200 Duval. Wednesday after a
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Survivors are his widow, Mrs.
Luis Otting two sisters. Mrs.
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be Trayls Wallace, Herbert Quick,
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McGadden Sr. and R. C. Ellis.

DTING—Alvah Otting, 58, died at his home, 4200 Duval Street, after a lingering illness. Born Dec. 1, 1889, in Falls City, Neb., he had lived most of his life in Austin. For many years general agent for Great Northern Life Insurance Company, he had been connected with the US Public Health Department. He was a 23nd Degree Mason and Shriner. Besides his widow, Mrs. Lutie Otting, he is survived by two sisters, hirs. Henry Maeski of Austin, and Mrs. Daisy Sailors of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, Harry Otting, also of Los Angeles, as well as severa nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at the Hyltin Funeral Home chapel Thursday at 3 p. m. with Dr. Eidson officiating. Hallbearers will be Travis Wallace. Herbert Quick, Louis Ogden, B. B. Priest, Allen McFadden, R. C. Ellis, Charlie Bustin, Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Obituaries of Alvah Otting Austin newspapers March 10-11, 1948 Lutle Mae Otting

Lutie Mae Otting, 89, of 503 Honeycomb Ridge. died Monday.
Graveside services 10:00 AM Wednesday at Austin Memorial Park with Dr. Raiph Smith of Hyde Park Baptist Church officiating.

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San Jose, California, Bob
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Iowa. Virginia Wells,
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Obituary of Lutie Mae Otting Austin American-Statesman March 14, 1982

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D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTAL VERICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

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E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

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TAX CERTIFICATE Nelda Wells Spears Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector P.O. Box 1748 Austin, Texas 78767 (512) 854-9473

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02-2008-0214-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

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This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s): YEAR ENTITY
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ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2007 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.
The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional follback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).
Pursuant to Section 31.08 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

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Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears Tax Assessor-Collector

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