ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2008-0019

HLC DATE:

May 19, 2008

June 23, 2008

June 30, 2008

PC DATE:

July 22, 2008

APPLICANT: Historic Landmark Commission

HISTORIC NAME: Blondie Pharr House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 801 Highland Avenue

ZONING FROM: MF-4-NP to MF-4-H-NP

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence, neighborhood plan combining district (MF-4-NP) to multi-family residence, neighborhood plan — Historic Landmark (MF-4-H-NP) combining district zoning; or in the alternative, staff recommends release of the demolition permit upon completion of HABS Level II documentation. The house, while in a seriously deteriorated state due to its vacancy for approximately 20 years, is a good example of mid-1920s bungalow architecture, has distinctive shutters bearing a "P" (presumably for Pharr), and is associated with Blondie Pharr, a significant figure in music education in the city.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: May 19, 2008: Initiated the historic zoning case. Vote: 5-0 (Arend, Arriaga and Rosato absent). June 23, 2008: Postponed to a specially-called meeting on June 30, 2008. June 30, 2008: Recommended the proposed zoning change from multi-family residence, neighborhood plan (MF-4-NP) district to multi-family residence — Historic Landmark, neighborhood plan (MF-4-H-NP) combining district zoning. Vote: 8-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:

<u>DEPARTMENT COMMENTS</u>: The house is not listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: July 24, 2008

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Old West Austin Neighborhood Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1923 house is a good example of bungalow cottage design in West Austin, and is associated for over 60 years with Burnett ("Blondie") Pharr, the musical director of the University of Texas, composer of the University of Texas fight song, and leader of the first public school bands in Austin.

Architecture:

One-story rectangular-plan clipped side-gabled frame bungalow with a central, partial-width clipped front gabled independent porch on ornamental metal posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; full basement set into the slope of the lot contains additional rooms.

Historical Associations:

The house appears to have been built in 1923; the first occupants were Seth and Lola Brown, who rented the house. Seth Brown was a railroad fireman. From 1927 until the last tenancy in this house many years ago, the house was owned and occupied by Burnett "Blondie" Pharr, his wife Gladys, and daughter Gladys. Blondie Pharr (1898-1976) was the band director at the University of Texas, wrote the UT fight song, directed the first public school band at Austin High School, and managed the Caswell Tennis Center for many years. He also served as the principal and band director in Smithville schools from 1939 to 1950 while maintaining his residence here. The Blondie Pharr Tennis Center was named for him in 1976.

PARCEL NO.: 01080308010000

<u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>: Lot 3, Block C, Outlot 3, Division Z, Terrace Park

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$5,488 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$1,335.

APPRAISED VALUE: \$501,289

PRESENT USE: Vacant

CONDITION: Poor

PRESENT OWNER:

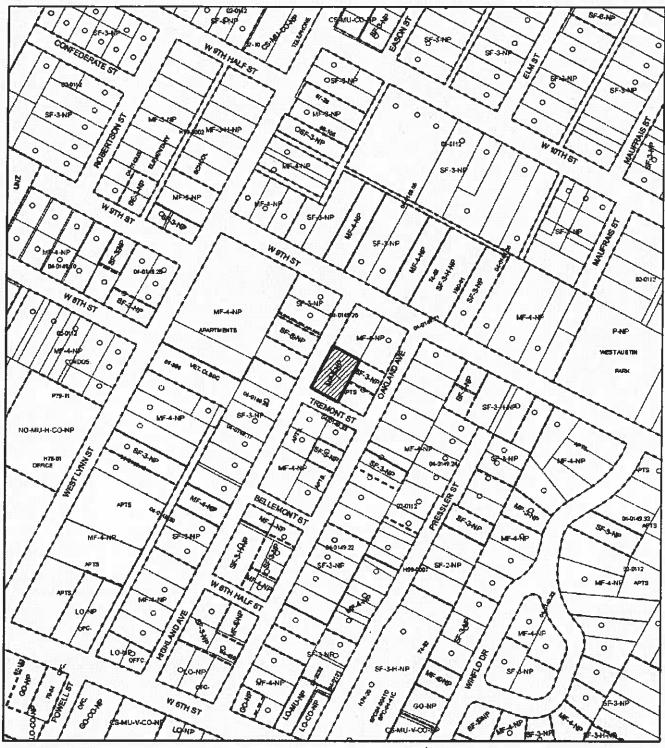
Charles R. and Martha H. Baldwin 801 Highland Avenue Austin, Texas 78703

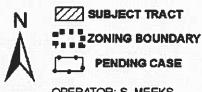
DATE BUILT: ca. 1923

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: No non-historic alterations.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Burnett "Blondie" Pharr (1927)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: The house is listed as non-contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.





NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT

ZONING CASE#: NRD-2008-0096
ADDRESS: 801 HIGHLAND AVE
SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES
GRID: H23

MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS
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1"= 200"

801 Highland Avenue ca. 1923





View of the basement and back porch built into the slope of the lot.

801 Highland Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office April, 2008

Musician

1981	Marion Pharr, owner Counselor, TEA Special School
1976	Burnett Pharr, owner Retired Also listed is Marion Pharr, a counselor at the TEA Special School
1971	Burnett Pharr, owner . Retired Also listed is G. Marion Pharr, a teacher at the TEA Special School
1967	Burnett Pharr, owner Retired Also listed is G. Marion Pharr, a teacher at the TEA Special School
1963	Burnett Pharr, owner Manager, Caswell Tennis Center Also listed is G. Marion Pharr, a teacher at the State School for the Deaf
1959	Burnett Pharr, owner Employed by the City Recreation Department Also listed is Gladys M. Pharr, a teacher at the State School for the Deaf
1955	Burnett Pharr, owner Manager, City Recreation Department Also listed is Gladys M. Pharr, an instructor at the State School for the Deaf
1952	Burnett and Gladys Pharr, owners Department manager, City Recreation Department Also listed are Gladys M. Pharr, a student at the University of Texas; and Patricia M. Pharr, a student at the University of Texas
1949	Burnett and Gladys Pharr, owners Burnett: Teacher Gladys: Office secretary, University of Texas Also listed is Gladys M. Pharr, a teacher
1947	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Band director, public schools Also listed is Gladys M. Pharr, a teacher in the public schools
1944-45	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Burnett: Principal, public schools Gladys: Stenographer, University of Texas Also listed is Gladys M. Pharr, a student at the University of Texas
1942	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners No occupation listed
1940	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Music teacher
1937	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners

1935	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Orchestra director, University of Texas
1932-33	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Orchestra director, University of Texas
1930-31	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Director, Band and Orchestra, University of Texas
1929	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Burnett: Band director, University of Texas Gladys: Student, University of Texas
1927	Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr, owners Burnett: Band director, University of Texas Gladys: Teacher, Junior High School
1924	Seth C. and Lola Brown, renters Fireman, Southern Pacific Railroad NOTE: Burnett and Gladys W. Pharr are listed as living at 2712 Guadalupe Street; both were students at the University of Texas.
1922	The house is not listed.

Building permit to Burnett Pharr for rear addition - 1948



Pharr services today

Band director, coach died Friday

Services for longtime Austin band director and tennis coach Burnett "Blondie" Pharr will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Pharr. 78. died Friday morning at St. David's Hospital.

The man who wrote and introduced the lyrics for the University of Texas fight song. Pharr also directed the UT Longhorn Band between 1921 and 1939.

He directed the UT Symphony Orchestra, helped organize and direct Austin's first public school band at Austin High School and put together the Austin Municipal Band for the cityrecreation department.

Regular summer concerts on the grass in Austin parks on e their begin-

nings to the seemingly tireless Pharr, who directed the pit occhestra for stage shows in Austin in the 1930's and broadcast a popular-radio show. "Night Club. of the Air," which featured localisates.

From 1937 to 1950, Pharr was high school principal, band director and tennis coach in Smithville, where the band and tennis team regularly won state championships and honors under his jutelage.

Returning to Austin 18, 1809, Pharr became Caswell Tennis Center's promanager until his retirement in 1863, although be briefly left retirement to manage Caswell during 1967 and 1971.

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Office 512-507-8465 Fax 512-247-4067 Cell 512-796-6962

Exterior Work Needed To Make Inter	rior Renovation Possible
Leveling of Upper Floor and Installation Retaining Walls	Of New Concrete 59,400.00
2. Remove Roofing and Repair Damaged Roof	Decking. Install New Metal 13,000.00
3. Repair As Needed Siding & Exterior Trin	m5,000.00
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9. Removal Of Old Garage (Safety Hazard) Debris	and Various Yard
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Replacements Siding: 20% 65% Windows & Down; 100% Foundation: 100%	\$249,500

CG Electric Chuck Groeninger 12814 Carrera Austin, Texas 78727

PROPOSAL

TOTAL: \$14,500.00

512.517,8848 (cell) 512.258.1249

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RH Remodeling For 801 Highland Ave Austin, Tx.

	Install construction power loop. Rewire home to existing codes. Install new 200amp service.
DESCRIPTION OF JOB:	

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Attn. SAME	Project: A/C REPLACEMENT
Fax/pH 247-4067 / 796-6962	Addresa: 801 HIGHLAND AVE.
	AUSTIN TX.

SCOPE OF WORK: INSTALL 2.5 TRANE COMPLETE SYSTEMS. 1-TRANE 2.6 TON 14 SEER UPFLOW

INSTALL SYSTEM, DUCTWORK, LINE SET, DRAIN, START UP.

ELECTRIC NOT INCLUDED TOTAL \$6800.00

EXCLUSIONS:

- ROOF PENETRATIONS
- PLUMBING
- STRUCTURAL FRAMING, SUPPORTS OR ENGINEERING
- CUTTING, PATCHING OR PAINTING
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PROPOSAL

DATE: May 15, 2008

11608 B Castle Rock Ct Austin, TX 78750 Ph: (512) 382-4287 Fax: (512) 682-2680 hhdesign@austis.rr.com www.hhdesignandconstruction.com

NAME: RH Remodeling, Inc. 18505 Rivertimber Dr Del Valle, TX 78617 Office: 512-507-8465 Fax: 512-247-4067

JOB: 801 Highland Dr.

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2	INTERIOR PAINT - HANG AND FINISH SHEET ROCK - PRIME FOR FINISH - PAINT WALLS AND CEILINGS WITH (2) COATS PREMIUM GRADE INTERIOR LATEX PAINT		\$8,800.00
3	WOOD FLOORS - PATCH HOLES - REPLACE BAD PLANKS - SAND AND RE-FINISH		\$7,304.00
4	KITCHEN COUNTERTOP & BACKSPLASH - FURNISH AND INSTALL HARD! BOARD UNDERLAYMENT - INSTALL TILE ON COUNTERTOP AND BACKSPLASH (APPROX. 55 SQUARE FEET) - TILE MATERIAL ALLOWANCE: \$385 00		\$1,210.00
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Insurance Co: NONE Claim No: Phone: Adjustor: Mortgage Co:

AGREEMENT

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Gary Whitlock Sales Representative

Mgmt Approval



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Mgmt Approval

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HOLT CONCRETE WORK'S INC. 910 PRAIRIE TRAIL AUSTIN, TEXAS 78758 (512) 339-0402 FAX (512) 834-1407

PROPOSAL/CONTRACT

R H Remodeling Inc. 18505 River Timber Dr. Del Valla, TX 78617

May 15, 2008

Ref. 801 Highland Ave, Austin

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

- 1) Re-level existing structure on excisting timbers and wells (top floor).
- 2) Install new gine laminate beams, 3 % \times 10, approximately 150 LP.
- 3) Install new joint as directed by engineer, size and quantity to be determined.
- 4) limited 6 X 6 steel columns with footings and well plates on all interior beams, approximately 27.
- 5) Domo, hand away specife and rejustable front concrete pench.
- 6) Demo, had away spoils and reconstruct and water proof front retaining wall of structure.
- Demo 2nd concrete wall under structure and hant away spoils.
- Demo slab and remove approximately 40 yards of material and hauled away.
- 9) Install new concrete cap on floor under structure.
- 10) Perimeter wells to be addressed by general contractor. Additional glac lastinates and footings may be required if need determined by HCW.
- 11) All work designed, approved and inspected by Structural Engineer/City Engineer

HCW exchades material testing, Engineer/Inspection then, pennits, & selectation of any existing stillisten. HCW is not responsible for histing any water lines or post tension cables while installing

specifications, for the sum of FTFTY NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$39,400,00)
Payment to be made as follows: 15 on first days work, Belance due upon completion of work
HCW's Authorized Signature:
Acceptance of Proposal-The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.
Signature: Date of Acceptance:

Bid for H&H Historical House on Highland

Exterior Items - \$2850

*Concrete Cap on Front Porch: \$500

-demo and remove and haul

*Shed/Garage and Contents: \$1200

-remove and haul all contents

-demo shed to ground and haul materials

*Back Stairs: \$250

-remove back stair case and haul

*North Porch and Contents: \$800

-remove and hauf all contents on and under porch - items inside screened area.

-demo and haul entire porch and structure

*Various Debris: \$100

-remove and haul planters and various large debris around exterior of house

Interior Items - \$2350

*Exterior Walls: \$1050

-remove and haul all sheetrock and/or wood on the inside of house down to stude including nails

*Interior Walls: \$700

-remove and haul all sheetrock and/or wood from one side of each interior wall down to stude including nails

*Ceilings: \$100

-remove all wailpaper to expose existing ceiling

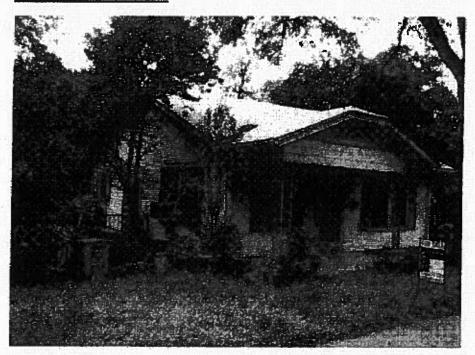
*Trim and Molding: \$500

-remove and save all interior trim and molding from doors, windows, floor boards, and ceilings

Dirty works

Steve, please find pictures of the structure at 801 Highland Ave. When I first walked in to the living room, I thought it looked in ok shape. Unfortunately, that was the only room that showed signs of salvagability. The Seller mentioned that no one has lived there in almost 40 years, and it is clear. No necessary maintenance has been done in far to long. The foundation is original and failing. The wood beams supporting the second story are not even connected, but rather are resting on the ground and against the floor of the second story. Excessive and continuous water infiltration the roof and walls has led to serious wood rot and black mold. The wiring and plumbing is original and is unsafe. I have included pictures below. Bringing this house to livable and safe condition would require complete gutting of the interior down to the studs, re-roofing (including the wood decking), electrical, plumbing, as well as leveling the house and putting in a new foundation. In addition, the bottom floor would have to be redone entirely as it looks like it had been flooded and left to decompose. Most everything would have to be replaced and as such I believe the historical nature of the house would be lost.

External Views of the House





Mold is prevalent throughout the downstairs and stairwell.

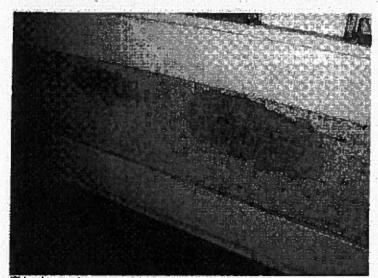




Roof Failure, and Water Leakage in Roof, Windows, and Walls





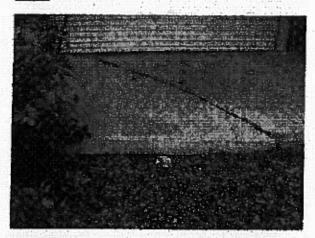


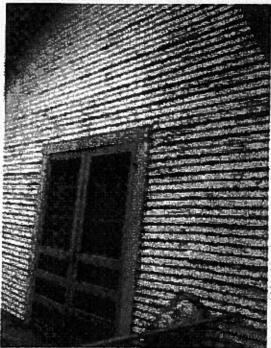
This picture shows water hat has penetrated the walls through the window.



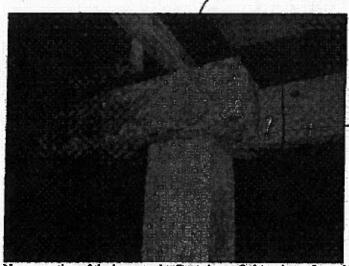


Foundation is corroded, termite ridden, shifting, and not connected to the ground/ beams





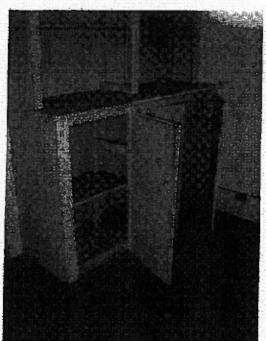
Foundation failure has led to visible bowing of external siding. Siding would have to be replaced.



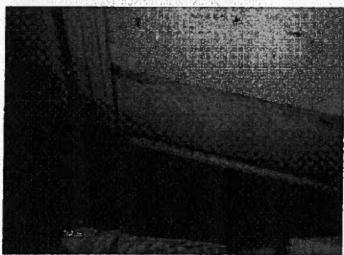
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No connection of the beam to the floor above. Only a piece of wood holds up the floor.

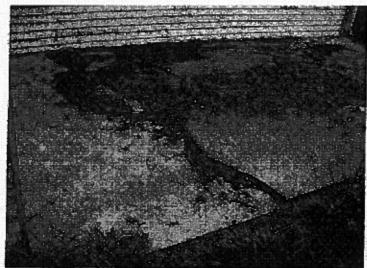




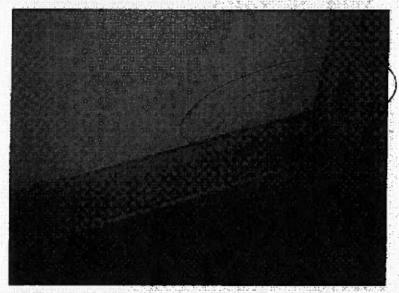
The floor is warped and is bowed due to foundation failure. The cabinets will not open.



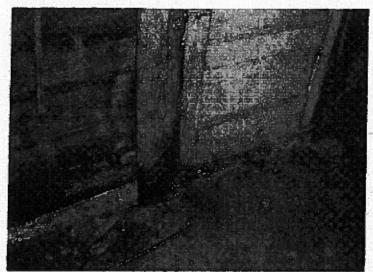
The front living room wall has separated from the floor exposing the foundation.



Patio has creaked due to foundation shifts



Step cracks indicate substantil fundamen instability.

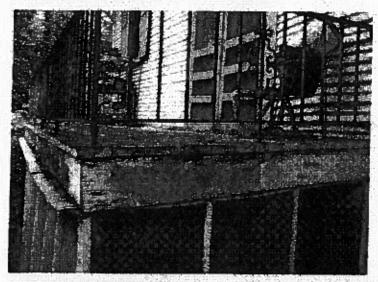


Exposed downstairs walls show water and termite damage, as well as exposure to the elements.

Electrical is original and would need to be replaced.



Wood deck and external stairs are falling down





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 and;
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From: Laura Porcaro [mailto:lauraporcaro@mac.com] Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 3:20 PM To: La Bonte, Lei Lonnie Subject: C14H-2008-0019 Blondie Pharr House

Hello Lei Lonnie,

Thank you for keeping on top of all of our neighbors parking validations last night. Very kind of you to be proactive.

I realized after leaving that one of us left the Hearing with the photos and Letter from Marian Pharr that was supposed to end up in your file. I did give you a long email correspondence in person last night, but that was extremely long and do not think anyone would want to read it. Attached is the edited version as well as the pics if you wouldn't mind placing them in the file prior to the Monday Special Meeting on the 30th @ 6:00 PM.

Thank you,

Laura

A letter from Marian Pharr: June 22, 2008

As I reflect on many wonderful events that took place at 801 Highland, I realize that the memories are so colored by World history, Austin's history, Austin's growth, and UT's growth that I realize how much this home means to me and the City of Austin.

The main thread through life in that house was music and art. My grandparents, the Pharrs, moved into 801 Highland before World War I. As children started arriving, Grandmother Pharr gave the earlier ones a strict education in music -one in which mistakes were rewarded with a thump on the head. The fiving room was a bustling place from the beginning because there was always someone playing the tall upright plane, Blondy at violin practice, and kids on various instruments added to the musical sounds. Blondy continued his interest in music until he learned to play every band instrument. In fact, the family had an orchestra.

This was the seed that led to so many offshoots in Biondy's life. During the Depression years Blondy would gather musicians, meet in a city park in Austin and have a grand concert on Summer evenings. People would bring their blankets and enjoy the music in the summer air. In time, Blondy met Beverly Sheffield and the concept evolved into the pollshed productions that are now shown at Barton's Springs in the summers.

Biondy's musical efforts in high school were directly responsible for the creation of Austin High School Band and later the first UT band.

War years intervened before Blondy became Director of the UT band. Grandmother and her children moved away, Blondy married Gladys Wornel in 1921, made their home at 801 Highland and raised daughters Marian and Patricla.

This same dwelling hosted the UT Band as well as many professional musicians on their way to and from New York after performing at the Paramount Theatre. These were exciting times in the house since Blondy directed the pit orchestra for all the performers at the Paramount.

I loved to listen to the laughter in our wonderful house. The living room, in it's role as musical gathering place, produced many surprises such as a bassoon which mother had procured in ileu of a harp that we could not fit into the space.

Blondy was a gifted conversationalist and the host of many discussions late into the night in the living room. The older I became,

the more meaningful those talks became.

A linotype operator, Grandfather Pharr's command of the politics of the day inspired Biondy to obtain degrees at UT in Law, Music, Teaching and Administration. Granddaddy was a sought after teacher in the Shrine at a time when Shriners had influence in Austin.

After ending his music career with a flourish in 1936 with the flamboyant UT band trip to advertise the Texas Centennial, Blondy went back to recreational activities and distinguished himself in tennis. Having The Burnett Blondy Pharr tennis courts named for him in recognition for his work at Caswell Tennis Center was his last distinction only months before he passed away.

I taught at the School for the Deaf in Austin for most of my career while living at 801 Highland. My Sign Language skills led me into interpreting in college, Austin TV and movies. I married, retired early to take up ranching and live on the Posey Ranch in San Marcos. I kept 801 and allowed UT students to take a room during my years of commuting between San Marcos and Austin until I sold the home in 2007. The home was never abandoned.

801 is a gentle and giving house. The Ps on the shutters were my mother's creation and they are still present surrounding the many windows. In the Spring, there is a time when the wisteria aroma blows through the house and into the living room, reminding one of little things from childhood. For me, it was the time spent on the yard swings with my mother and the croquet games with a yard full of people. I still see the garden when I look down from the balcony. The pecan trees were planted and grafted by Biondy himself. The one in the front yard is my favorite and is a native and the most prolific.

The elm tree in front of the house helped raise me by standing strong when I played cars at the foot of that tree. That tree also houses Tinker Bell brought by a high school boy who carefully cut a reflector out of a road sign that Mother tacked to the base so drivers could see the light as they came up and over the hill. The reflector is still there.

I left the stone benches, stone picnic table and stone bird bath because I was told the new owner wanted to make a garden there. I did not get to meet the buyer but the word sent to me was that he would fix the house. The thought of razing the house does make me iii. To demolish 801 Highland, that housed so much history for Austin, is unthinkable in my eyes.

Thank you.