

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2009-0030

HLC DATE:

September 28, 2009

PC DATE:

November 10, 2009

APPLICANTS: Laurens and Melanie Fish, owners

HISTORIC NAME: Wroe-Yeates House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1510 West Lynn Street

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

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

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 4-0 (Limbacher ill).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district to family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 8-0.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The house is listed as a Priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: December 10, 2009

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Old Enfield Homeowners Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The ca. 1923 house is an eclectic villa-style house associated with Hiram A. Wroe, a prominent Austin saddle-maker, banker, and businessman, and James P. Yeates, the proprietor of the Austin Laundry Company, founded by his father-in-law, A.D. Bolm.

Architecture:

Two-story U-plan hipped roof stucco villa with a deeply recessed entry on the first and second floors; single round-arched casement windows in the projecting bays at either side of the recessed central entry and paired 2:2 windows on the second story; the principal entry is round-arched with 1:1 sidelight-style windows on either side. The recessed section of the second floor contains a double-leaf glazed door with 1:1

windows on each side. The entry has a projecting flat-roofed portico with a pair of Doric columns on each side and an open railing above. The hipped roof has deep eaves with paired brackets.

Historical Associations:

The house was built in 1923 for Hiram A. ("Gus") Wroe and his wife Rosa Goldstein Wroe. Hiram A. Wroe was born in Fayette County, Texas in 1866. The 1880 U.S. Census shows him as the 13-year old son of William T. and B.J. Wroe. William T. Wroe was a merchant in Giddings, Texas. Hiram Wroe moved to Austin around 1885 and worked in the saddle trade. By 1895, he had established W.T. Wroe and Sons, which was one of Austin's largest and most prominent saddle, harness, and buggy manufacturer, with offices and salesrooms in the 400 block of Congress Avenue, and a factory in the 100 block of E. 5th Street. He married Pearl White, a niece of George W. Littlefield's, around 1899. Littlefield, who had major banking and hotel interests in Austin, had established the American National Bank in the Driskill Hotel in 1890, and served as president until 1918, when he turned the bank over to H.A. Wroe, his nephew by marriage. The 1910 U.S. Census shows H.A. and Pearl Wroe living on Whitis Avenue in Austin. H.A. was then 42, Pearl was 40, and they had been married for 11 years. Wroe is listed in the census report as a bank vice-president. Wroe became president of the American National Bank in 1919 and chairman of the board in 1925.

However, while his business life was successful, he suffered the loss of his wife, Pearl, in 1918. He re-married, to Rosa Goldstein, the bank's stenographer, on March 19, 1921. Rosa Goldstein may appear in the 1910 U.S. Census as living with her mother, Mrs. A. Goldstein at 201 E. 7th Street, but the census shows the name as Ruth Goldstein, who was then 21 and working as a saleswoman in a dry goods store. A history of the Wroe house at the Austin History Center shows that Rosa Goldstein was living at 201 E. 7th Street, and there is no other listing of a Rosa Goldstein in Austin in either the 1910 or 1920 U.S. Census reports. However, Ruth Goldstein is also a little younger than Rosa would have been, but this definitely appears to be her family. The Houston Jewish Herald Voice Index to Vitals and Family Events, 1908-2007 shows the marriage of Rosa Goldstein, the daughter of Mrs. A. Goldstein, to H.A. Wroe in March, 1921. Rosa and H.A. Wroe first lived at 611 W. 15th Street. Wroe then purchased 2 lots on West Lynn Street in Enfield in December, 1922, and constructed this house in 1923. When H.A. Wroe passed away in April, 1943, Rosa sold the house later that year to William R. and Ruby Auttenberry. William (Willie) Auttenberry was born in Columbia, Louisiana in 1896 and was working as a rural mail carrier in Mesquite, Texas when he registered for service in World War I. Texas death records indicate that the Auttenberry's were living in Grand Prairie at the time of their deaths – William in 1966, and Ruby in 1985. The Auttenberry's lived here until 1951. While living in this house, William Auttenberry was the proprietor of the P-K Grill at 108 E. 7th Street.

William and Ruby Auttenberry sold the house in 1951 to James P. and Thelma G. Yeates. James P. Yeates were living at 2601 Jarratt Avenue before moving into this house. Thelma Yeates was the daughter of A.D. and Mae Bolm, the owners of the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company at 1514 Lavaca Street. Bolm had

purchased the business from his former partner (and uncle by marriage), Phil Bosche, who had opened the first steam laundry west of the Mississippi, at 804 Congress Avenue. Yeates and his brother-in-law, Curtis Fitzpatrick, purchased the business from A.D. Bolm in 1949, and operated the laundry and dry cleaning business until 1973. Yeates was very active in various business and civic organizations. He grew up in Kaufman, Texas, where his father was a dry-goods salesman, but by 1930, the family had moved to Patterson Avenue in West Austin; 20-year old James was listed as a druggist in the 1930 U.S. Census report. Thelma Yeates passed away in Austin in March, 2005. The current owners, Laurens and Melanie Fish, have owned the house since 2006. Melanie Fish is the granddaughter of James P. and Thelma Yeates.

PARCEL NO.: 01120204050000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 25, Enfield C

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$22,884 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$3,715 (1/2 city taxes - capped).

APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,677,278

PRESENT USE: Single-family residence.

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERS:

Laurens and Melanie Fish
1510 West Lynn Street
Austin, Texas 78703

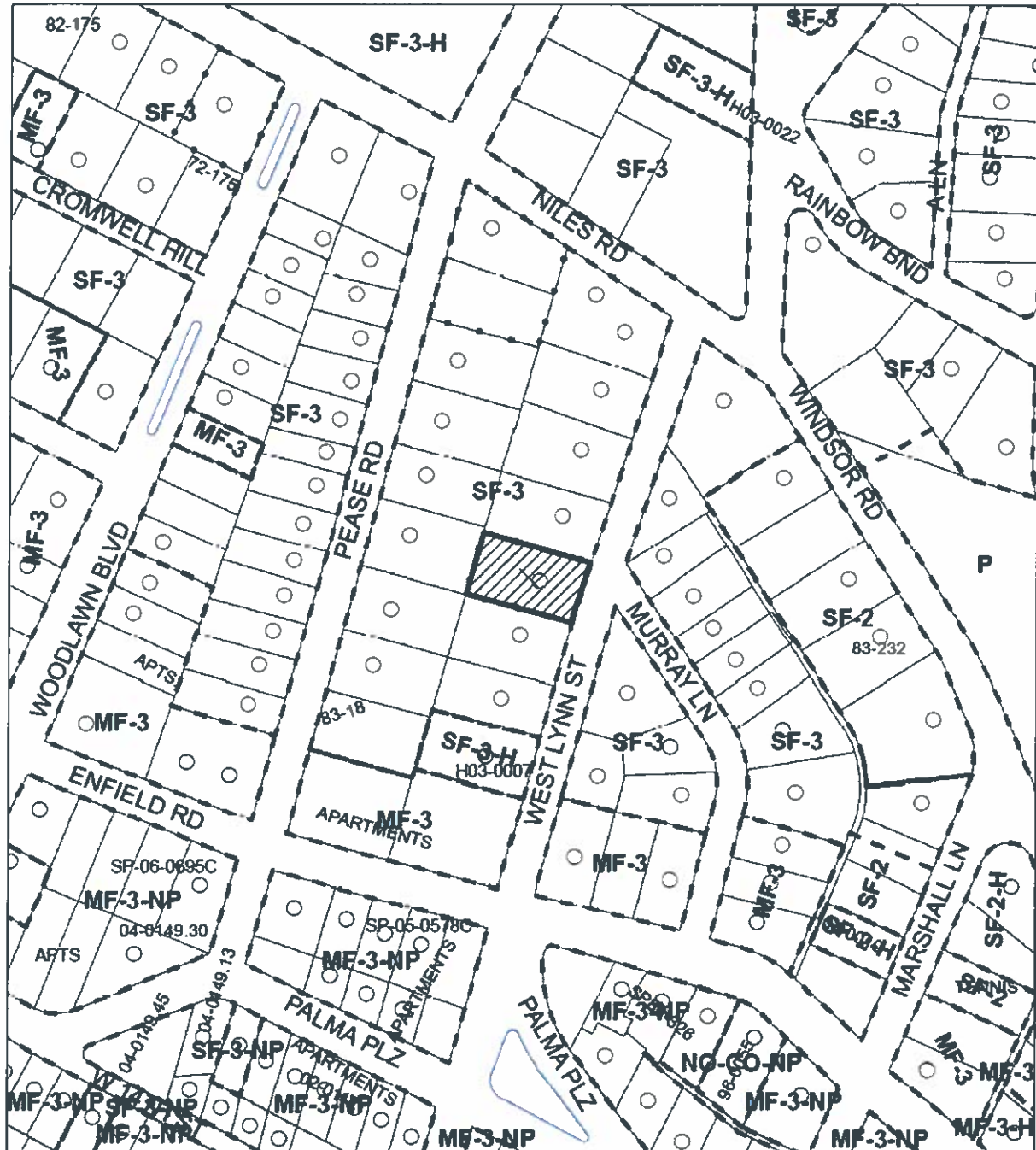
DATE BUILT: ca. 1923

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Rear additions include a covered patio, porte-cochere, and a 2nd story master suite.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): H.A. and Rosa Wroe (1923)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.

LOCATION MAP



- SUBJECT TRACT
- ZONING BOUNDARY
- PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0030
 ADDRESS: 1510 WEST LYNN ST
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES
 GRID: H23
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



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Wroe-Yeates House
1510 West Lynn Street
ca. 1923



Detail of front entry

OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1510 West Lynn Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
September, 2009

1992	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Retired
1987	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Retired
1983	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Retired
1979	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Retired
1975	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Retired
1971	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners President/manager, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 1514 Lavaca Street
1967	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners President, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 1514 Lavaca Street
1963	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners President, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 1514 Lavaca Street
1959	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Vice-president, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company (A.D. Bolm, president), launderers, dry cleaners, hatters, fur storage, 1514 Lavaca Street.
1955	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Vice-president, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company (A.D. Bolm, president), launderers, dry cleaners, hatters, fur storage, 1514 Lavaca Street; Secretary, Convenience, Inc. (Julian K. Lyles, president), washaterias, 1634 E. 1 st Street, 4207 Alice Avenue, and 105 E. North Loop Boulevard. Also listed are Mary A. Yeates, a student; and Texie Yeates, the widow of Boone Yeates, no occupation stated.
1952	James P. and Thelma G. Yeates, owners Manager, Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company (A.D. Bolm, owner), launderers, dry cleaners, hatters, fur storage, 1514 Lavaca Street.
1949	William R. and Ruby E. Auttenberry, owners No occupation listed NOTE: James P. and Thelma Yeates are listed as living at 2601 Jarratt Avenue; he is listed as the owner of Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company; A.D. Bolm is listed as the manager.

1947 William R. and Ruby E. Auttenberry, owners
Proprietor, P-K Grill, 108 E. 7th Street

1944-45 William R. and Ruby E. Auttenberry, owners
Proprietor, P-K Grill, 108 E. 7th Street

1942 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe (not listed as owners)
Chairman of the board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
Rear: Robert P. Jackson, renter
Clerk

1940 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe (not listed as owners)
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
Rear: Robert Jackson, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1937 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe, owners
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
Rear: Emory Cantey, renter
Student, University of Texas
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1935 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe, owners
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
Rear: Ira G. Abney, renter
Student, University of Texas
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1932-33 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe, owners
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
Rear: Marie Wright, renter
Maid
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1930-31 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe, owners
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
Rear: Marie Knight (colored), renter
Domestic
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1929 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe, owners
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
No rear address is listed.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1927 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe, owners
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1924 Hiram A. and Rosa Wroe (not listed as owners)
Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue
NOTE: The house is listed as 1310 West Lynn Street

1922 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Hiram and Rosa Wroe are listed as living at 611 W. 15th Street; he is listed as the Chairman of the Board, American National Bank, 601-05 Congress Avenue

H. A. Wroe, 76, Bank Board's Chairman, Dies

Funeral Services Set
Today at 3 P. M. For
Longtime Banker

Hiram Augustus Wroe, 76-year-old chairman of the board of directors of the American National bank, died Wednesday at 3 a. m. at his home, 1510 West Lynn street, after an illness from a cardiac ailment for several months.

Funeral services will be held from the residence Thursday at 3 p. m. The Rev. Conway T. Wharton, pastor of the University Presbyterian church, will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Bank To Close for Rites

Mr. Wroe is survived by his widow, one son, F. B. L. Wroe; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. McCrimmen; and one brother, S. K. Wroe of Los Angeles, Calif.

Active pallbearers will be Gordon Smith, L. D. Williams, Ben Brigham, Herman Meyers, W. R. Long, Jr., Wallace Shropshire, Fred Penick and Emil Anderson. Directors of the American National bank will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Officials of the American National bank announced that the bank will be closed at 1 p. m. Thursday in memory of Mr. Wroe.

Mr. Wroe was born in Fayette county, Sept. 9, 1888, the son of William Thomas Wroe and Jane Kennedy Wroe. He attended school in Giddings, and after leaving school he moved to Austin and engaged in the saddlery business in

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H. A. Wroe, American National Board Chairman, Succumbs

1883. Ten years later, he organized the saddlery firm of W. T. Wroe and Sons.

Mr. Wroe was one of the early associates of Maj. George W. Littlefield, organizer of the American National bank, and Jan. 13, 1900, he was elected director and vice president of the American National bank. In 1919, Mr. Wroe was elected president of the bank, succeeding Maj. Littlefield, who became chairman of the board. He was chosen chairman of the board of directors Jan. 13, 1923, being succeeded as president by Maj. R. C. Roberdeau. Following the death of Maj. Roberdeau, E. R. L. Wroe, son of Mr. Wroe, was elected president of the bank March 4, 1935, after serving as vice president for four years.

Wm. Littlefield at the time of his death gave the University of

Texas nearly one-fourth of his entire fortune, included among the \$1,500,000 in gifts to the institution were the Southern History Fund, Wrenn Library, the Littlefield home, Littlefield dormitory, Littlefield Memorial, and \$500,000 in bonds for the construction of a main building. Mr. Wrenn, one of the executors of the Littlefield will, supervised the Littlefield endowments and made the distribution of the grants.

Once U. T. Regent

Mr. Wine also served the University of Texas, for a number of years as a member of the board of regents.

During World War I Mr. Wroe served as Travis county chairman of the first Liberty Loan drive and contributed his efforts materially in all bond drives and other war activities during that war. At the time of his death he was serving as a member of the war savings committee for the state of Texas and was active in endeavoring to push the sale of war bonds, working beyond his strength to aid his country in the present war.

Mr. Kane was prominently identified in civic and fraternal activities in Austin. He served as president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce in 1917-1918. He was a member of the York and Scottish Rite Masons, and was honored by the latter group in being elected a 32nd degree honorary Mason. He also was a member of Ben Hur Shrine temple.

One of Best Known Bankers

He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, having been affiliated for a long period of years with the University Presbyterian church of Austin. He was treasurer of the Scottish Rite Educational Association of Texas and of the Texas Tuberculosis Association.

Mr. Wroe was one of the best known bankers in the entire Southwest, being a member of the Texas Bankers association and of the American Bankers association.

Mr. Wroe's first wife, Mrs. Pearl White Wroe, a niece of Maj. Littlefield, died July 10, 1915.

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Obituary of H.A. Wroe
Austin American, April 15, 1943

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DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

1. OWNER'S NAME: Melanie & Laurens Fish
2. PROJECT NAME: The Wree-Veres House
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): 1510 West Lynn
ZIP 78703 COUNTY: Travis
IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:
LOCATED _____ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF
(ROAD NAME PROPERTY FRONTS ONTO), WHICH IS
APPROXIMATELY _____ DISTANCE FROM ITS
INTERSECTION WITH _____ CROSS STREET.

4. ACRES _____ (OR) SQ. FT. _____

5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1)	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED ZONING
SF-3	Residence			Residence	SF-3-H

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE? (YES / NO)
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT? (YES / NO)
8. SUBDIVISION? (YES / NO)
9. SITE PLAN? (YES / NO)

FILE NUMBER: _____
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Entfield C
Block(s) _____ Lot(s) 25 Outlot(s) _____
Plat Book: _____ Page _____
Number: _____
10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)

DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:

11. VOLUME: _____ PAGE: _____ TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 01120204050000

OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES ☒ NO
TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) _____
13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES ☐ NO
14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES ☒ NO (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)
TRIPS PER DAY: _____
TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): _____

OWNERSHIP TYPE:

15. ☒ SOLE ☐ COMMUNITY PROPERTY ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ CORPORATION ☐ TRUST
If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

OWNER INFORMATION:

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION
SIGNATURE: Melanie Bailey Fish NAME: Melanie & Laurens Fish
FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-5562
STREET ADDRESS: 1510 West Lynn
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703
EMAIL ADDRESS: melbfish@aol.com

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION
SIGNATURE: S Deckerich NAME: Suzanne Deckerich
FIRM NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____
STREET ADDRESS: 2502 Harris Blvd.
CITY: Austin STATE: Tx ZIP CODE: 78703
CONTACT PERSON: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-2929
EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@Grande.com.net

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: _____

D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

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.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

S Deaderick 7-29-09
Signature Date

Suzanne Deaderick
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

→ Melanie Fish 7-31-09
Signature Date

Melanie Fish
Name (Typed or Printed)

Firm (If applicable)

E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

concerning
Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions,
Restrictive Covenants
and / or
Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, Suzanne Deaderick have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,
(Print name of applicant)

restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at

1510 West Lynn
(Address or Legal Description)
Austin, Tx. 78703

If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.

I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.

S Deaderick
(Applicant's signature)

7-29-09
(Date)

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

NO 1041433

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1202-0405-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

FISH MELANIE BAILEY
1510 W LYNN ST
AUSTIN, TX 78703-3448

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

LOT 25 ENFIELD C

ACRES 0.000 MIN\$.00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1510 WEST LYNN ST

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	TOTAL
2008	AUSTIN ISD	*ALL PAID*
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY	*ALL PAID*
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	*ALL PAID*
	ACC (TRAVIS)	*ALL PAID*

TOTAL SEQUENCE 0

ALL PAID

TOTAL TAX:
UNPAID FEES:
INTEREST ON FEES:
COMMISSION:
TOTAL DUE ==>

ALL PAID
* NONE *
* NONE *
* NONE *
ALL PAID

TAXES PAID FOR YEAR 2008 \$28,780.66

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2008 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback 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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 07/20/2009

Fee Paid: \$10.00

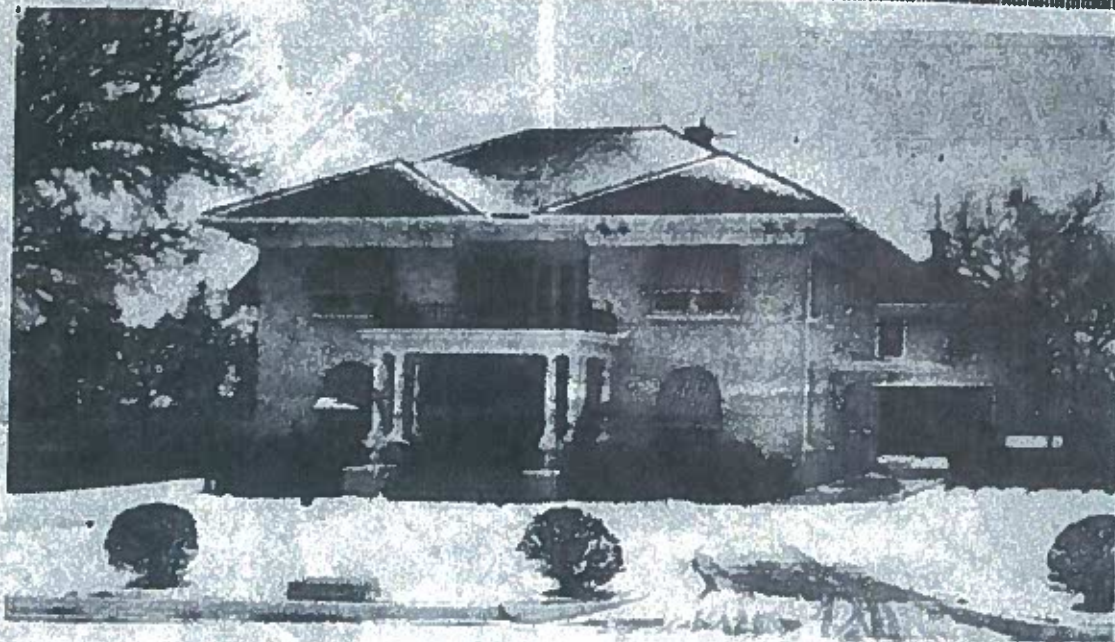
Nelda Wells Spears
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: *Jayce Henderson*

11-1-77

The Austin Citizen

The way we were



Austin, Texas — land of sunshine and warmth. Where the temperature bends a bit in the winter months but never breaks. Where the grass may not always be green — but it's never white. Or so the story goes. Truth is, that is not always the

case. As this photo taken in 1925 illustrates. This residence at 1310 West Lynn was visited by Snowy Ol' Man Winter and the white blanket made it look just like wintertime up north. Photo courtesy of the Austin-Travis County Collection.

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**The Wroe-Yeates House
1510 West Lynn**

Historical Documentation/Deed Chronology

<u>Transaction/Date</u>	<u>Volume/Page</u>
Niles & Margaret Graham to H. A. Wroe December 21, 1922 \$6,000	344/162
Rose Goldstein Wroe to William & Ruby Auttenberry November 24, 1943	733/2
William & Ruby Auttenberry to James & Thelma Yeates January 17, 1951 \$20,000	1141/354
Estate of James Yeates to Melanie Bailey Fish May 2, 2006	

Chronological Listing of Owners/Occupants
The Wroe-Yeates House
1510 West Lynn

Year	Occupant Name	Source
1923-43	Hiram A. Wroe	City Directory
1945-49	Wm. R. Auttenberry	City Directory
1952-2002	Jas P. Yeates	City Directory
2006-present	Melanie & Laurens Fish	City Directory

Biography of Hiram Augustus Wroe (1866-1943)

Hiram Augustus "Gus" Wroe was born in Fayette County, Texas to William Thomas Wroe and Jane Kennedy Wroe. He moved to Austin in 1885 and engaged in the saddlery business. Ten years later, he organized the saddlery company of W. T. Wroe and Sons at 421-23 Congress Avenue. Wroe and Sons were manufacturers and wholesalers of harnesses, saddles, shoe findings, leather and saddlery hardware.

Wroe was one of the early associates of Major George Littlefield, who organized the American National Bank in 1890. While continuing to be part of W. T. Wroe and Sons, H. A. Wroe was elected director and first vice-president of the bank in 1903. He became president of the American National Bank in 1919, and was chosen Chairman of the Board in 1925.

The American National Bank was in business at the corner of the Driskill Hotel for 21 years. As 1909 came to a close, the people of Austin were excited about the plans for two new "skyscrapers" which were to be built on diagonal corners of Sixth Street and Congress Avenue. Existing buildings were being demolished to make room for the Littlefield Building and the Scarbrough Building. The American National Bank moved into the Littlefield Building in 1911 and remained in that location for over 40 years.

In 1922, Wroe bought two lots for \$6,000 in the new Enfield addition. He built a lovely new home for his second wife, Rosa Goodstein Wroe, in 1923 on the lot which, at that time, was

numbered 1310 West Lynn Street. According to the deed restrictions, "no residence is to be erected less than the cost of \$10,000 or less than two stories."

No expense was spared on the new quarters of the bank, and among many items used were marble pillars imported from Italy. These same lovely marble pillars were also used on the front of the house that H. A. Wroe built on West Lynn Street.

H. A. Wroe was a very prominent man in the Austin community. Wroe was a member of the University of Texas Board of Regents for a number of years, and President of the Austin Chamber of Commerce in 1917-18. He was also one of the most prominent bank officials in the southwest.

George W. Spear/Speir arrived from Alabama with his family in 1835, and settled in Fayette County, La Grange, Texas. According to the colonization laws of Coahuila and Texas, he was entitled to one league of land (4,428.4 acres) and one labor of land (177.1 acres). The public land that he selected, at least in part, included what is now the Enfield area of Austin. George Spear sold this land to Norman Woods in 1838, who sold to Nicholas McArthur in 1839, who sold to Thomas G. Gordon, Joseph Moreland, and Mirabeau B. Lamar in 1840. In 1859 they sold the land to James B. Shaw, who hired Abner Cook to build him a home on the land. This is currently the home of Mrs. Shivers, widow of former Governor Allan Shivers.

On June 13, 1859, Elijah M. Pease, former governor of Texas, purchased from James B. Shaw, for \$14,000, a tract of land adjoining the city of Austin and containing about 190 acres. This sale included "all the buildings, improvements and furnishings, with the exception of a guitar, the knives, forks and spoons, and the silver plated tea set."

More than fifty years later the heirs of Governor Pease formed a company to sub-divide this land, with the exception of about four acres surrounding the Pease mansion, "Woodlawn," into town lots for the growing city of Austin. R. Niles Graham, the grandson of Governor Pease, was the vice president of the company. He gave this subdivision the name Enfield, in honor of his ancestors. The name having come from the small New England village of Enfield, which lies on the banks of the Connecticut River. This was the birthplace and early home of E. M. Pease.

Hiram Augustus Wroe purchased two lots in the new Enfield addition on December 21, 1922 for \$6,000. It was described as a tract of land 175 feet deep with a 200 foot frontage on West Lynn Street and adjoining the tract of W. H. Voss on the northeast. He built a lovely new home for his second wife, Rosa Goodstein Wroe, in 1923 on the lot which, at that time, was numbered 1310 West Lynn Street. According to the deed restrictions, "no residence is to be erected less than the cost of \$10,000 or less than two stories." The other lot, numbered 1308, was vacant until about 1930 when it was sold to M. C. Parrish. In 1926 H. A. Wroe bought the lot directly behind his home. It fronted on Pease Road, and three years later was sold to F. M. Covert.

H. A. Wroe was born in Fayette County, Texas in 1866 to William Thomas

Wroe and Jane Kennedy Wroe. He moved to Austin in 1885, and engaged in the saddlery business. Ten years later he organized the saddlery firm of W. T. Wroe and Sons. Even though H. A. Wroe was one of the early associates of Major George Littlefield, who organized the American National Bank, and in 1903 was elected director and vice president of the Bank, he continued to be a part of W. T. Wroe and Sons. In the 1906-07 Austin City Directory the company was listed as W. T. Wroe and Sons; William T. Wroe, Hiram A. Wroe and Samuel K. Wroe. Manufacturers and wholesalers of harness, saddles, shoe-findings, leather and saddlery hardware - 421-23 Congress Avenue.

George W. Littlefield came to Austin in 1883. He sold his stock in the State National Bank to Pierre Bremond, and founded and became president of the American National Bank "southern" at a meeting in the Driskill Hotel in 1890. The bank was in business at the corner of the Driskill Hotel for twenty-one years.

As 1909 came to a close, the people of Austin were excited about the plans for two new "skyscrapers," which were to be built on diagonal corners of Sixth Street and Congress Avenue. Existing buildings were being demolished to make room for the Littlefield Building and the Scarbrough Building. The American National Bank moved into the Littlefield Building in 1911, and remained in that location for over forty years.

Evidently, no expense was spared on the new quarters of the Bank. The huge, bronze, double front doors were made by Tiffany of New York. The vaulted ceilings of the main lobby were high-lighted in gold leaf, and there were six murals painted around two sides of the room. The twenty-nine marble pillars and marble wainscoting used was exquisitely veined, Breche Violette, imported from Italy.

These same lovely marble pillars were used on the front of the house that H. A. Wroe built on West Lynn Street. Possibly these were extra pillars which had not been used in the Bank lobby and were stored for some years, or Mr. Wroe may have ordered more pillars from the Evans Marble Company in Knoxville, Tennessee. This firm had imported the marble for the American National Bank.

When the new Bank opened in 1911, the personnel was listed as follows:

President - Major George W. Littlefield

1st Vice President - H. A. Wroe

2nd Vice President - Major Roger Roberdeau

Cashier - C. P. Randolph

Assistant Cashier - J. L. Schneider

Younger men doing routine work are: E. P. Cravens, J. M. Slaughter, T. H.

Bowman, D. H. Hart, Jr., E. G. Hutchings, Jas. Rogan, Carl Wiedin, Alfred

Ellison

Miss Rosa Goldstein is the capable stenographer.

H. A. Wroe and his first wife, Pearl White, a niece of Major Littlefield, lived at 2500 Whitis, at the opposite end of the block from the Major. Pearl Wroe died in 1918. Several years later 2500 Whitis became the home of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

In 1918 Miss Rosa Goldstein was listed in the Austin City Directory as assistant note teller, American National Bank, living at 201 East 7th Street. She and H. A. Wroe were married about 1921. He bought a house at 611 West 15th Street from J. Ollie Caldwell in April, 1921, and they lived there until their home on West Lynn Street was completed in 1923.

Most of the homes in the 1300 block of West Lynn Street were listed for the first time in the 1924 Austin City Directory, so they were probably built in 1922 and 1923. It wasn't until about 1940 that the street numbers were changed, and the residence of H. A. Wroe became 1510 West Lynn.

West Lynn Street was given its name by a stage-struck daughter of Judge James H. Robertson. He was district attorney of Travis County in the 1880's. One day the Judge arrived at his new red brick Victorian home, built on a hill above West Sixth Street, to tell his family that since he had donated land to the city for a street on the boundary of his property, he had been asked to name the street. When he asked his family for suggestions, his daughter immediately said East Lynne, which was the name of her favorite play. It was pointed out that this street was on the west side of the city. So, the name West Lynn was chosen.

Mr. H. A. Wroe was a very prominent man in the Austin community. He

became President of the American National Bank in 1919, and was chosen Chairman of the Board in 1925. He was a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for a number of years, and President of the Austin Chamber of Commerce in 1917-18. He was also one of the most prominent bank officials in the Southwest.

H. A. Wroe died in April, 1943, at 2 a.m. at his home. His death was caused by a cardiac ailment which he had had for several years. On November 24th of that same year his widow, Rosa Wroe, sold her home to William A. Auttenberry and his wife, Ruby. Mrs. Wroe moved to 900 West Sixth Street. She died in 1954.

James P. Yeates and his wife, Thelma, bought the house at 1510 West Lynn Street from the Auttenberrys on January 8, 1951, and are the current owners.

Biography of William Auttenberry

The 1944 city directory shows William Auttenberry as the owner of the P.K. Grill. His residence is listed as 108 E. 7th Street. He bought the house at 1510 West Lynn on 1-24-1943.

Biography of James P. Yeates

In 1933, James P. Yeates joined his father-in-law to be in the laundry business. The Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company had opened its doors at 1514 Lavaca Street in 1923, when owner A. D. Bolm bought the business and building from Phil Bosche. In 1927, the first addition was built and more additions were built through the years. By 1947, the laundry building occupied one half of a block, bounded by Lavaca, 16th and Guadalupe Streets. During World War II, the laundry turned almost exclusively to doing laundry for the military, running day and night to get all of the work out.

James Yeates and his brother-in-law, Curtis B. Fitzpatrick, bought Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning from Bolm in 1949. They operated it until 1973 when the business was sold. The building was kept by the family and rented to various businesses until it was demolished in 1984 for the new *One Capitol Square* to be built.

Yeates was president of the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaners Association during the 1960s, and was a vice president and director of the Austin Kiwanis Club in the 1940s. He was active in many other civic organizations, including Young Men's Business League, Austin Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, Austin Child Guidance, Young Life, and was the Director of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and president of Austin Country Club. James was a deacon at Hyde Park Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for twenty years.

Biography of Thelma Bolm Yeates and her father, Arthur Bolm

Thelma Bolm moved to Austin with her parents, Mae and Arthur (A.D.) Bolm, when she was five years old. She attended Pease Elementary and graduated from Austin High School in 1927. Thelma attended Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, and returned to the University of Texas where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Thelma's family had moved to Austin in 1915 to go into the laundry business with Arthur's uncle (by marriage), Phil Bosche, who was the proprietor of the well-known Bosche's Troy Laundry on Congress Avenue. That same year, Phil bought the old Model Steam Laundry at 1504 Lavaca and started the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company at that location.

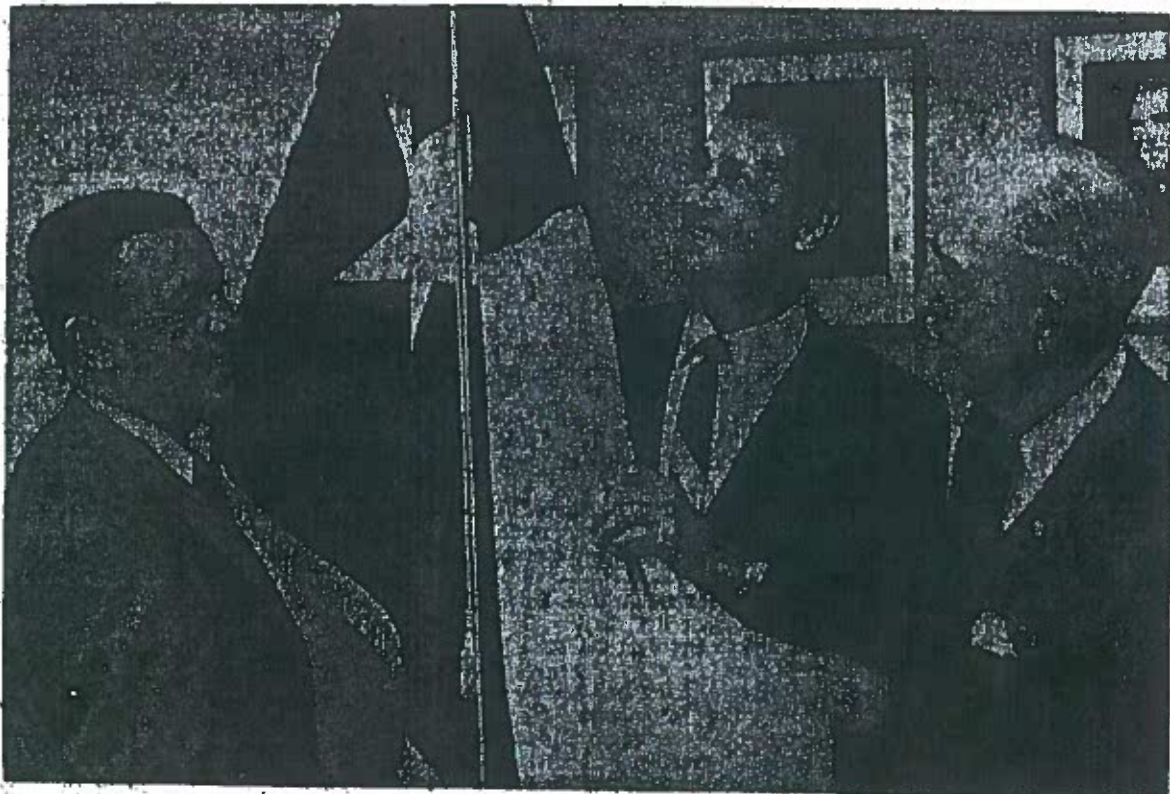
In 1923 or 1924, Arthur Bolm bought the laundry business and building on Lavaca Street from Phil Bosche and his other partners. Bosche's Troy Laundry on Congress Avenue was closed and all of the business was moved to the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company. When Arthur Bolm was a shoe salesman in St. Louis prior to coming to Austin, he drove a horse and wagon. He always liked a red wagon driven by another salesman, and said that if he ever had a business which used delivery vehicles, he wanted them to be red. Consequently, as long as he was in the laundry business, all of the delivery trucks were red.

In the 1920s, a fair was held each year at Camp Mabry. Austin Laundry was the first laundry to have the equipment to launder lace curtains. Arthur took his curtain stretcher to the fair to demonstrate how he handled lace curtains.

In 1937, Thelma married James P. Yeates who had joined Arthur Bolm in the laundry business four years earlier.

Thelma was a member of the Junior Helping Hand Home for Children, and a very active member of Hyde Park Baptist Church.

~~Austin History Center~~
Austin, Texas, Tuesday, June 14, 1966



CLEAN FLAG UNFURLED — A cleaner, brighter, Texas Flag came back to City Council chambers Tuesday—Flag Day—after being given a face lifting free of charge by the Austin Laundry and Dry Cleaners Association. Mayor Pro Tem, Louis Sparks, left, Jim Yeats, president of the local group and Lynn Shaw, right, executive sec-

retary of the Texas Laundry and Dry Cleaners Association, approve of the dry cleaning work. Statesman columnist Wray Weddell Jr. first brought up the unsightly condition of the Lone Star Flag, noting that its luster was dimmed by years of accumulated grime.

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Thelma Bolm Yeates

Thelma Bolm Yeates passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2005. She was born November, 22, 1909, in St. Louis, Missouri.

At the age of four, Thelma moved with her parents, Mae and Arthur Bolm, to the Austin area. She attended Pease Elementary and after graduating from Austin High School in 1927, she attended Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, and then returned to The University of Texas, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Thelma was a member of the Junior Helping Hand Home for Children, and a very active member of Hyde Park Baptist Church where her husband Jim taught Sunday School for 20 years. Thelma was a gracious, caring and thoughtful lady who will be remembered for always helping others in need.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, James Yeates, and her only daughter, Mary Ann Bailey.

She is survived by her sister, Arline Fitzpatrick; her grandchildren, Melanie Bailey Fish and her husband Laurens Fish III, Debra Bailey and her partner Susan Redden, and Jim Bailey and his wife, Robin Anderson Bailey; her great-grandchildren, Andrew and Bradley Bailey and Merritt and Lawson Fish.

The family would like to give special thanks to the caregivers who attended to Thelma in the last two years of her life.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Family burial will follow at Austin Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hyde Park Baptist Church, 3901 Speedway St., Austin, TX 78751 or to Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759.

Memorials and guestbook online at wcfish.com



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Biography of Melanie Bailey Fish

Melanie Bailey Fish was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She is a third generation graduate of Austin High School (1990). Her maternal grandmother and grandfather, Thelma (Bolm) Yeates and James Yeates graduated in the class of 1927, and her mother, Mary Ann (Yeates) Bailey graduated in the class of 1955. She attended the University of Texas and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design in 1994. After graduating, she moved to Dallas and worked for Brunschwig and Fils, an upscale fabric and trim manufacturer in the Dallas Design Center.

Melanie is married to Laurens Fish III, and they have three children: twins, Merritt and Lawson, ages 9, who are entering the 4th grade at Trinity Episcopal School and May, age 4, who attends Good Shepherd Episcopal School.

After marrying Laurens, Melanie worked for a residential interior designer, and then started her own interior consulting business in Austin. She also started committing her time to various organizations in the community. She was an active member of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Board for 9 years, and served as the Gala Co-chair in 2004. She is now currently an active member of the Seton Development Board and the Dell Children's Hospital Council. Melanie is currently a member the Old Enfield Homeowners Association and serves as a board member overseeing the annual picnic. Melanie is the managing general partner of a working cattle ranch and mining operation, that has been in her family for over 80 years.

At Trinity Episcopal School, Melanie has helped out as "A Night to Shine" Co-chair, classroom and library volunteer, Trinity Olympic Co-chair, and served as member at large on the Parent Council. She and Laurens are currently the Annual Fund Chairs for the upcoming school year.

Melanie and Laurens are members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Her hobbies include jewelry design, running, kickboxing, hunting, fishing, and spending time with her family.

Biography of Laurens B. Fish III

Laurens B. Fish III was born and raised in Austin, Texas. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School and The University of Texas with a Bachelors Degree in Economics. Laurens attended Mortuary School and received his degree from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. Laurens is a member of the Rotary Club of Austin, The Dell Children's Medical Center Council, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Board Member for the Central Texas Better Business Bureau and was a Board Member of the Texas Funeral Service Commission of which he was appointed the Chairman by Governor Perry. He is married to wife Melanie and they have nine year-old boy/girl twins Lawson and Merritt and a four year old daughter May. As a fourth generation funeral director, he follows in the footsteps of his father, Laurens Fish Jr., grandfather, Jack Corley, and great-grandfather John Roberts Corley. Laurens is the managing partner of Fish Funeral Services Ltd., parent company of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes and Fish Family Cremation Services, continuing a long line of family ownership which started in the Austin community in 1886.