

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-2010-0014

HLC DATE:

May 24, 2010

PC DATE:

July 13, 2010

APPLICANT: Sidney Lock, owner

HISTORIC NAME: Adams House

WATERSHED: Waller Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 4300 Avenue G

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

The Adams House qualifies for landmark designation for its significance in architecture, historical associations, and community value. The ca. 1911 house received its Colonial Revival styling in a 1930s remodel, and is a good example of Colonial Revival detailing. The house is associated with W.T. Adams, the chief clerk of the State Department of Agriculture, and has won several awards for its restoration after a long period of decline. It is now a bed and breakfast inn and a landmark in Hyde Park.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence – neighborhood conservation (SF-3-NCCD) combining district to family residence – historic landmark – neighborhood conservation (SF-3-H-NCCD) combining district zoning. Vote: 6-0 (Leary ill).

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence – neighborhood conservation (SF-3-NCCD) combining district to family residence – historic landmark – neighborhood conservation (SF-3-H-NCCD) combining district zoning.

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

CITY COUNCIL DATE: October 14, 2010

ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky

PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION: Hyde Park Neighborhood Association

Architectural Description:

Two-story rectangular-plan hipped-roof frame Colonial Revival-styled house with a two-story sunroof addition to the left of the principal block; paired 1:1 fenestration. The central front entry has a flat-roofed portico with a balustrade above consisting of a plain vertical stick railing. Leaded glass sidelights and a transom frame the front door.

**Historical Associations:**

The house was originally built in 1911 as a one-story L-plan house with a wraparound porch, when it was the home of Richard Gesswein, who was a salesman and clerk for Hill & Hill Groceries and Feed on Congress Avenue. Gesswein died in 1916, and by 1922, the house had been purchased by W.T. Adams, who had moved to Austin to take a job as Chief Clerk of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Adams remodeled the house by 1935 into a one-story square plan house. In 1939, he added a two-room, second-story addition to the house. The sunroom and front porch may have been added later, but Gregg Free, who restored the house in 1996, believes that they were a part of the 1930s additions, even though they do not appear on the 1962 Sanborn map of the property.

Adams grew up in Rusk, Texas, and became a prominent educator in Tyler. He was a teacher, principal, and eventually superintendent of schools in Tyler until 1916, when after a year as the superintendent of schools in Mexia, Texas, he took the bar exam and moved to Houston to practice law. He and his family moved to Austin around 1921 when he became the Chief Clerk of the Department of Agriculture, an executive position. He also worked as an inspector and an assistant entomologist for the Department of Agriculture, and apparently maintained a private practice of law; the 1930 U.S. Census report shows W.T. as a lawyer with a general practice. W.T. and May Adams are shown as living at this house on Avenue G along with their son, W.T., Jr. W.T. Adams was then 63 years old; May was 61.

Adams passed away in 1943; his widow, May, continued to live here until her death in 1955. The house then became a rental unit and suffered a great deal of decline until it was purchased by Gregg Free in 1996. Gregg restored the house, including the original slate and longleaf pine floors, sash windows, and 12-foot ceilings. The current owner purchased the house in 1997, and has been operating it as the Adams House Bed and Breakfast.

**PARCEL NO.:** 02200611150000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The East 91.7 feet of Lots 17-19, Block 16, Hyde Park Addition No. 1.

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$5,376 (income-producing); city portion: \$1,251.

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$769,311

**PRESENT USE:** Bed and breakfast inn

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNER:**

Sidney Lock  
4300 Avenue G  
Austin, Texas 78751

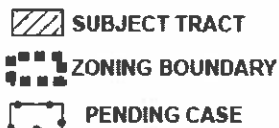
**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1911 with major alterations in the 1930s.

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** The original ca. 1911 house was a one-story wing-and-gable frame house; that house was modified to a square plan by 1935, and a second story added in 1939. The sunroom addition and front porch were added later, possibly in 1996 during an extensive remodeling of the house by Greg Free.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Richard Gesswein (1911)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS: None.

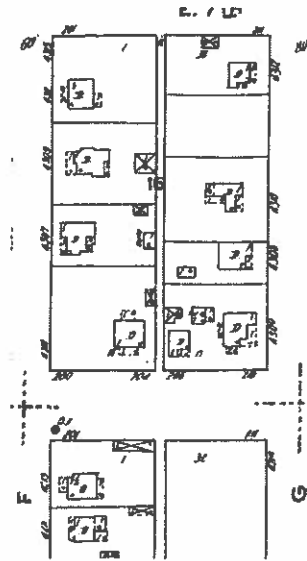


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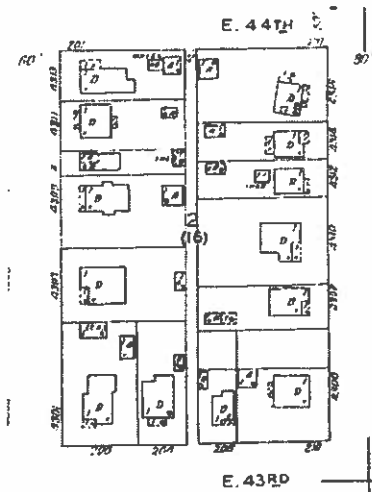
**ZONING CASE#: C14H-2010-0014**  
**ADDRESS: 4300 AVENUE G**  
**SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES**  
**GRID: K25**  
**MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY**



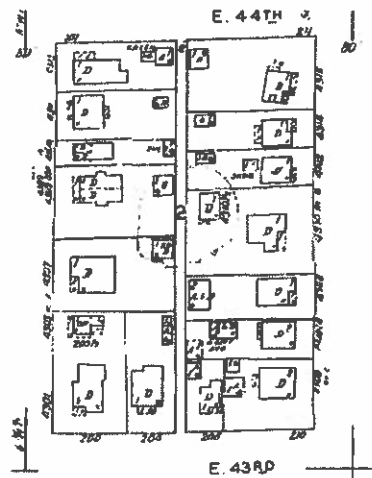
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The 1922 Sanborn map shows the house (bottom right corner of the map) as a one-story wing-and-gable plan house with a wraparound porch.



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house as a one-story square house without the sunroom addition or the front porch (bottom right corner of the map).



repair man. sd 4-2-38

12-9-82 RTHS

W. T. Adams, Sr.

4300 Avenue G  
E.pt.17-18-19

84

16

Hyde Park  
2 story, 2 room add'n. to residence -  
over open terrace

142r - 2/28/39

Building permit to W.T. Adams for the construction of a two-story addition (1939).

UNLESS the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn the water on.

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** **AUSTIN, TEXAS** **INDEXED** **NO 7112187**

M. \_\_\_\_\_ Address 4300 AVE. G

Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap 3/4 Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Mc* *Pal. Insp.*

**Foreman's Report**

No. Fittings	Size
Curb Cock	
Elbow	
St. Elbow	
Bushing	
Reducer	
Pipe	
Nipples	
Union	
Plug	
Tee	
Stop	
Bar	
Lid	
Valves	
Reg. No	

Date of Connection 6-14-37

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20'

From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 31.5'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 2.5'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 15'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-13-37 JTH

**INDEXED**

Foreman's Signature J. J. Atkinson

Water service permit (1937)

OK to go  
SS  
4-6-10

## A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

PROJECT INFORMATION:

#10430501

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY	
APPLICATION DATE: <u>4-23-10</u>	FILE NUMBER(S): <u>C14H-2010-004</u>
TENTATIVE HLC DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: _____	
TENTATIVE CC DATE: _____	CITY INITIATED: YES/NO <u>(NO)</u>
CASE MANAGER: <u>S. Sadowski</u>	ROLLBACK: YES/NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: <u>VLC</u>	

BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: <u>Sidney Lock</u>	
2. PROJECT NAME: <u>The Adams House</u>	
3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): <u>4300 Avenue G</u>	
ZIP <u>78751</u> COUNTY: <u>Travis</u>	
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.	

AREA TO BE REZONED:

4. ACRES <u>.1586</u>	(OR)	SQ.FT. _____
5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:		
EXISTING ZONING <u>SF-3</u>	EXISTING USE <u>Residence</u>	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1) _____
ACRES / SQ. FT. _____	PROPOSED USE <u>Residence</u>	PROPOSED ZONING <u>SF-3-H</u>

RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE? (YES/NO) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____
7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT? (YES/NO) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____
8. SUBDIVISION? (YES/NO) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____
9. SITE PLAN? (YES/NO) <u>(NO)</u>	FILE NUMBER: _____

SCANNED

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Hyde Park Addition No. 1, East 91.7 ft of  
 Block(s) 16 Outlot(s) 17-19 Page \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plat Book: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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. 02200611150000

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: [Signature] NAME: Sidney Lock  
 FIRM NAME: Adams House Bed & Breakfast TELEPHONE NUMBER: 453-7696  
 STREET ADDRESS: 4300 Avenue G  
 CITY: Austin STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 78751  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: Reservations@TheAdamsHouse.com

AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
 SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME: Suzanne Deaderick  
 FIRM NAME: Historic Research & Representation TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-2929  
 STREET ADDRESS: 2502 Harris Blvd.  
 CITY: Austin STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 78703  
 CONTACT PERSON: Suzanne Deaderick TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-2929  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@Grande.com.net

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY:

SCANNED



## 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 4-6-10  
Signature Date  
Suzanne Deaderick  
Name (Typed or Printed)  
Historic Research & Represent  
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.

Sidney Lock 4-15-10  
Signature Date  
Sidney Lock  
Name (Typed or Printed)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm (If applicable)

**SCANNED**

## 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

4300 Avenue G  
(Address or Legal Description)  
Austin, Tx. 78751

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)

4-6-10  
(Date)

**SCANNED**

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

NO 1054826

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 02-2006-1115-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

LOCK SIDNEY CORINNE  
4300 AVENUE G  
AUSTIN, TX 78751-3818

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

E 91.7FT LOT 17-19 BLK 16 HYDE PAR  
K ADDN NO 1

ACRES .0000 MIN+ .000000000000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 4300 AVENUE G

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
2009	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\*

( YES PAID FOR YEAR 2009 \$13,892.01

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2009 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 03/24/2010

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 

SCANNED

**The Adams House**  
**4300 Avenue G**

Turning 100 years old next year, the Adams House is located in historic Hyde Park, Austin's oldest residential neighborhood. The house was built as a single-story, L-shaped bungalow with wraparound porches on the east and south sides, probably by the first owners Richard and Gennie Gesswein. Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Adams purchased the house in 1922 and elevated it to a two-story colonial revival style house in 1931. The Adams lived in the house for over 30 years.

After Mrs. Adams died in 1955, the house was sold several times. It was turned into four apartments that were occupied by various renters for over 30 years.

In 1996, the house was renovated by historic preservation architect Gregory Free. Original floors, sash windows, slate and long leaf pine flooring and 12 foot ceilings were meticulously restored. The writing on the living room south wall (in pencil on the shiplap) read: "by Sam Payne June 10, 1911" and "Sam Payne Austin Tex. June 10, 1911."

John and Sidney Lock purchased the home in 1997 and began operating it as a bed and breakfast establishment.

The Adams House was given the Heritage Society of Austin Award for Preservation in December of 1997.

# Deed Chronology

## 4300 Avenue G

Transaction	Volume/Page	Date
Janet Gesswein to R.S. Robinson	319/191	5-14-1920
R.S. Robinson to Howard E. Snodgrass		5-17-1920
Howard E. Snodgrass to H.E. Clagett	319/514	6-14-1920
H.E. & Nora Clagett to H.B. Kinnison		10-5- <del>1920</del> 1920
H.B. & Anita Kinnison to W.T. Adams	362/255	5-12-1921
W.T. & Geneva M. Adams to Mrs. Bessie Pirtle	1597/474	7-7-1955
Estate of Bessie Pirtle to Catherine Scott & heirs of Bessie Pirtle	1823/42	6-5-1957
Heirs of Bessie Pirtle to Stafford W. McKinley	1824/434	2-13-1957

**Deed Chronology continued**  
**4300 Avenue G**

<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Volume/Page</b>	<b>Date</b>
Stafford & Novie A. McKinley to Daniel E. & Elizabeth K. Gay	2253/36	12-0-9-1960
Daniel E. & Elizabeth K. Gay to Robert J. Gay	12740/1354	7-31-96
Robert J. Gay to Michel Issa & Gregory Free	12749/0977	8-9-1996
Michel Issa & Gregory Free to John and Sidney Lock	13023/0970	9-4-1997

Chronological Listing of Owners/Occupants  
4300 Avenue G

City Directory Research  
March 2010

1913	Richard Gesswein-owner Salesman @ Hill & Hill (John W. Hill-groceries & feed-1010 Congress)
1916	Mrs. Jennie Gesswein widow of Richard R. Gesswein
1918	Rev. E.H. Mays-renter pastor-Hyde Park M.E. Church & student @ Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Note: Jennie Gesswein is listed at 206 E. 43rd Street
1920	G.C. Smith-renter Note: Mays and W.T. Adams not listed
1922	W.T. Adams-owner Chief Clerk-State Dept. of Agriculture Note: E.H. Mays not listed
1924	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Chief Clerk-State Dept. of Agriculture
1927	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Chief Clerk-State Dept. of Agriculture Note: W.T. Adams Jr.-student at U.T. & residing at this address
1929	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Chief Clerk-State Dept. of Agriculture Note: W.T. Adams Jr.-employed w/ Leonard Baker & residing at this address
1930-31	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Chief Clerk-State Dept. of Agriculture Note: W.T. Adams Jr.-residing at this address

1935	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Inspector-State Dept. of Agriculture Note: W.T. Adams Jr.-residing at this address
1939	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Inspector-State Dept. of Agriculture Note: W.T. Adams Jr. (wife Corinne)-residing @ this address and employed at Garrett & Ziller
1941	W.T. Adams (wife-May)-owner Assistant Entomologist Note: W.T. Adams Jr. (Corene) residing at this address
1945	May H. Adams (widow of W.T. Adams) Note: W.T. Adams Jr.-clerk @ State Unemployment Comp. Comm. Residence-907 E. 44th
1947	Mrs. May Adams-owner Note: 2 renters (?) listed: Edmund Dent (Adm. Assistant @ State Dept. of Health) and Sidney Curlee (waiter @ Driskill Hotel)
1949-54	Mrs. May Adams-owner
1957	Mrs. Bessie Pirtle-owner @ listed as Saleswoman
1960	DeWayne C. Brown Jr. (machine operator @ Chatliff Valve) Richard Gonzales (Construction worker)
1962	C.H. Lee (wife Clovis)-no business listed R.E. Burns (Minnie)-no business listed
1964	C.H. Lee Joe B. Brammon (wife Carol)-USAF
1966-92	Listed as apartments with various renters



### **Biography of W.T. Adams, Sr.**

- Born in 1866 in Anderson County, Texas
- Moved with his parents at the age of 3 to Rusk, Texas, where he later graduated with honors from the Rusk Masonic Institute (see <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/RR/kbr16.html>)
- Graduated from college at Sam Houston Normal with first honors as salutatorian
- Married May (really Mary Ann Yarbrough, May was a nickname) Herrin in 1897
- Instructor, principal and superintendent at Tyler High School for 21 years before moving from Tyler. (1895 or before)
- Superintendent of the Tyler Public Schools from 1905 to 1916
- Resigned to take a similar position in Mexia for one year
- Takes the bar exam in Austin in 1917
- Moves to Houston to practice law and later starts teaching at the Prosser Preparatory School for a year or so while also working for Singer Sewing Machines
- Family moves to Austin in 1921 to a house on University Avenue and takes a position with the Texas State Agriculture Department
- Family moves to 4300 Avenue G (where they live until their deaths)
- Attended/audited classes at The University of Texas
- May (Mary Ann Yarbrough Herrin Adams) was an artist and while she had given up oil painting after marriage, took water color classes in Austin. Photographs of several of her paintings are shown in the last section of this compilation.
- Was with the State Dept. of Agriculture for over 23 years
- Served as Chief Clerk for the Texas Dept. of Agriculture during the George Terrell administration (Terrell was a member of the State House of Representatives and was the Commissioner of Agriculture from 1920 to 1931)
- His mother was the niece of Sandy Horton, aide de camp of General Sam Houston at the battle of San Jacinto.
- He and May had one son, W.T. Adams, Jr.
- Adams, Sr. died at his home (4300 Avenue G) in 1943 at the age of 76
- May Adams died in 1955, and the house on Ave. G was sold shortly after

### **Biography of Richard Gesswein**

- Richard was listed in the city directories as a salesman at Hill and Hill Groceries & Feed

### Biography of Bessie Pirtle

Bessie Pirtle was listed as a Saleswoman in 1957.

### Biography of Gregory Free

Gregory Free is an historic preservation architect in Austin, Texas.

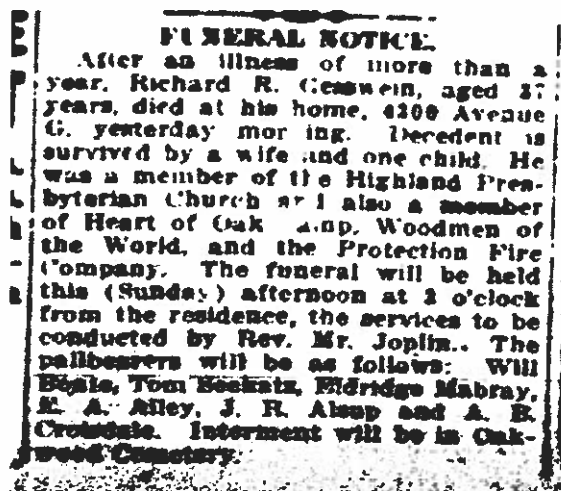
### Biography of John & Sidney Lock

John Lock was a Board Certified Estate Planning and Taxation attorney and CPA for many years in Austin. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University, and his law degree from the University of Texas.

John died on January 24, 2004 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), but for the years leading up to his death, John continued his law practice from the bungalow behind the Adams House. He is still fondly remembered by his many neighbors in Hyde Park as a man who lived and died graciously, with his glass always more than half full.

Sidney Lock received her first degree from the University of Texas in medical technology. She worked for the Dept. of Health as a microbiologist for 22 years. Returning to U.T., she received a second degree in interior design twenty years later.

Sidney and John purchased the Adams House from Gregg Free in February, 1998. Gregg is an historic preservation architect, and saved the house from ruin and disrepair.



Funeral notice for Richard R. Gesswein, the original owner of the house  
Austin American, January 23, 1916

## Mortuary

### W. T. ADAMS

W. T. Adams 76 died Suddenly at the family home, 4300 Avenue G Sunday night.

Mr. Adams had been with the state department of agriculture for over 23 years and during Mr. Terrell's administration served as chief clerk.

He graduated with first honors from Sam Houston Normal and later entered the University of Texas. He was a member of the Methodist church for many years where he served as steward and teacher. Mr. Adams was an instructor and principal in the Tyler High school for 21 years before moving to Austin.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. May Herrin Adams; one son, W. T. Adams, Jr.; two granddaughters and three sisters. The body is at the Hyatt Funeral home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

### Obituary of W.T. Adams

Austin American, September 20, 1943

#### W. T. ADAMS SR.

Funeral services for W. T. Adams Sr. will be held at the Hyatt Funeral home Tuesday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. Chester Crow officiating. Burial will be in Memorial park. Active pallbearers will be J. A. Fair, J. M. DeCurto, J. C. Powell, Robert M. West, Bryan Bell and O. H. Cline. Honorary pallbearers will be J. M. McDonald and W. W. Moore of Houston.

### Funeral notice for W.T. Adams

Austin American, September 21, 1943

#### MRS. W. T. ADAMS SR.

Mrs. W. T. Adams Sr., 85, of 4300 Avenue G, died in a local hospital Monday night. She had been a resident of Austin for the past 34 years and was the widow of the late W. T. Adams Sr.

Survivors include one son, W. T. Adams Jr. of Austin; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at the Hyatt-Memor Funeral Home Wednesday at 10 a. m. with the Rev. Edmund Heinsohn officiating.

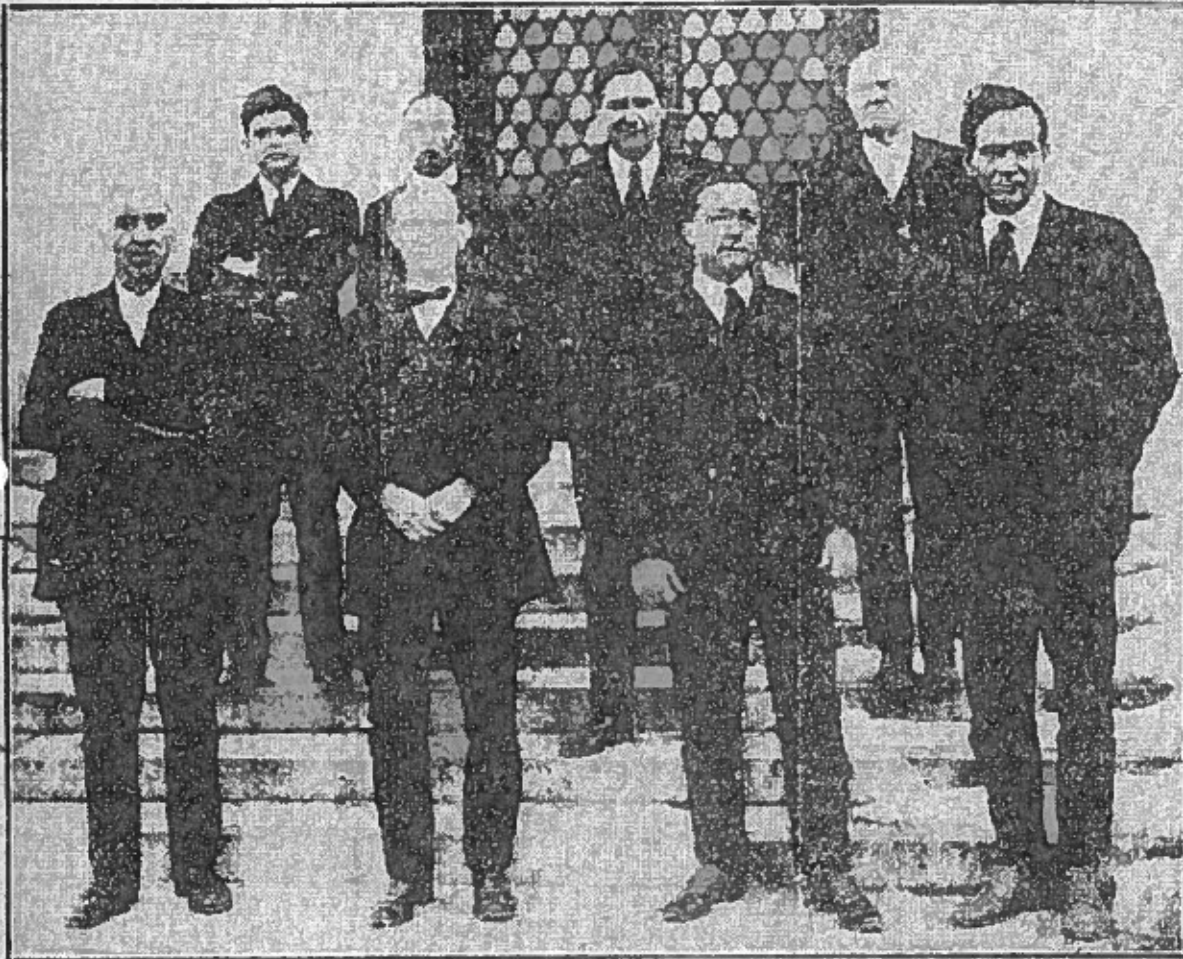
Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

### Obituary of May Adams

Austin American, February 1, 1955

ING NEWS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1928

SPECIALISTS IN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AT AUSTIN.



—News Staff Photo

Left to right, first row: J. H. Burkett, nut specialist; George B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture; J. C. Powell, inspector pink bollworm; R. E. McDonald, entomologist. Second row: J. M. Del Curto, plant pathologist; W. J. Adams, chief clerk; E. W. Cole, director bureau of markets; R. E. Yantis, statistician.

From the Dallas Morning News

*From Greg Free*

## **4300 Avenue G**

The initial research performed by Gregory Free indicates that the house was most likely built in 1912 for Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Gesswein. Mr. Gesswein, a clerk at Hill & Hill Grocers and Feed on Congress Avenue. The removal of later additions and wallcoverings on the interior of the house revealed the house's origin as a one story Victorian cottage with a projecting parlor room and a porch wrapping around the south and east sides. This was confirmed in the 1921 Sanborn Map. Between this date and 1935, the house was enlarged to two stories and given its present Colonial Revival styling by subsequent owners.

writing on the living room south wall--pencil on the shiplap:

"by Sam Payne June 10, 1911"

and

"Sam Payne Austin, Tex. June 10, 1911."

probably from the first construction period

and

"papering & finishing by Caffrey Bros. Aug. 12 1931"

"W.O. and E.B Caffrey Aug. 12-1931 Austin, Tex."

probably added during the remodeling/expansion