

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2011-0428
3103 BONNIE ROAD**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan, cross-gabled painted masonry-veneered house with minimal Tudor Revival influences, including the catslide roof on the projecting front gable containing a round-arched entryway; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1939; the first occupants were Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett, who rented the house until the early 1950s. Ernest J. Boyett was a political ally of Governor Coke R. Stevenson, and owned land in Kimble County, Texas, near the ranch of Governor Stevenson. Boyett had been born in Sabine County, in East Texas, and as late as 1930 was a farm laborer there, according to the 1930 U.S. Census. He lived with his widowed mother, but in the early 1930s, he moved out to Kimble County and served as deputy sheriff there. He moved to Austin in 1935 and became the first full-time sergeant-at-arms for the Texas House of Representatives under Coke Stevenson, who was the Speaker of the House at the time. Boyett became the governor's executive secretary in 1941 when Stevenson was elected, and served in that capacity for Stevenson's term, which ended in 1946. Boyett purchased the town of Telegraph, Texas, in Kimble County, in 1944, and by the late 1940s, while still maintaining this house in Austin, he listed his occupation as a rancher in city directories. He and Sylvia lived here until the mid-1950s. Oral Dove, a woodworker for Economy Furniture, and his wife, Helen, are listed as the owners and occupants of the house in the late 1950s. The house had a series of short-term owners through the 1960s and 1970s, including real estate man Charles A. Nye in the 1970s and 1980s.

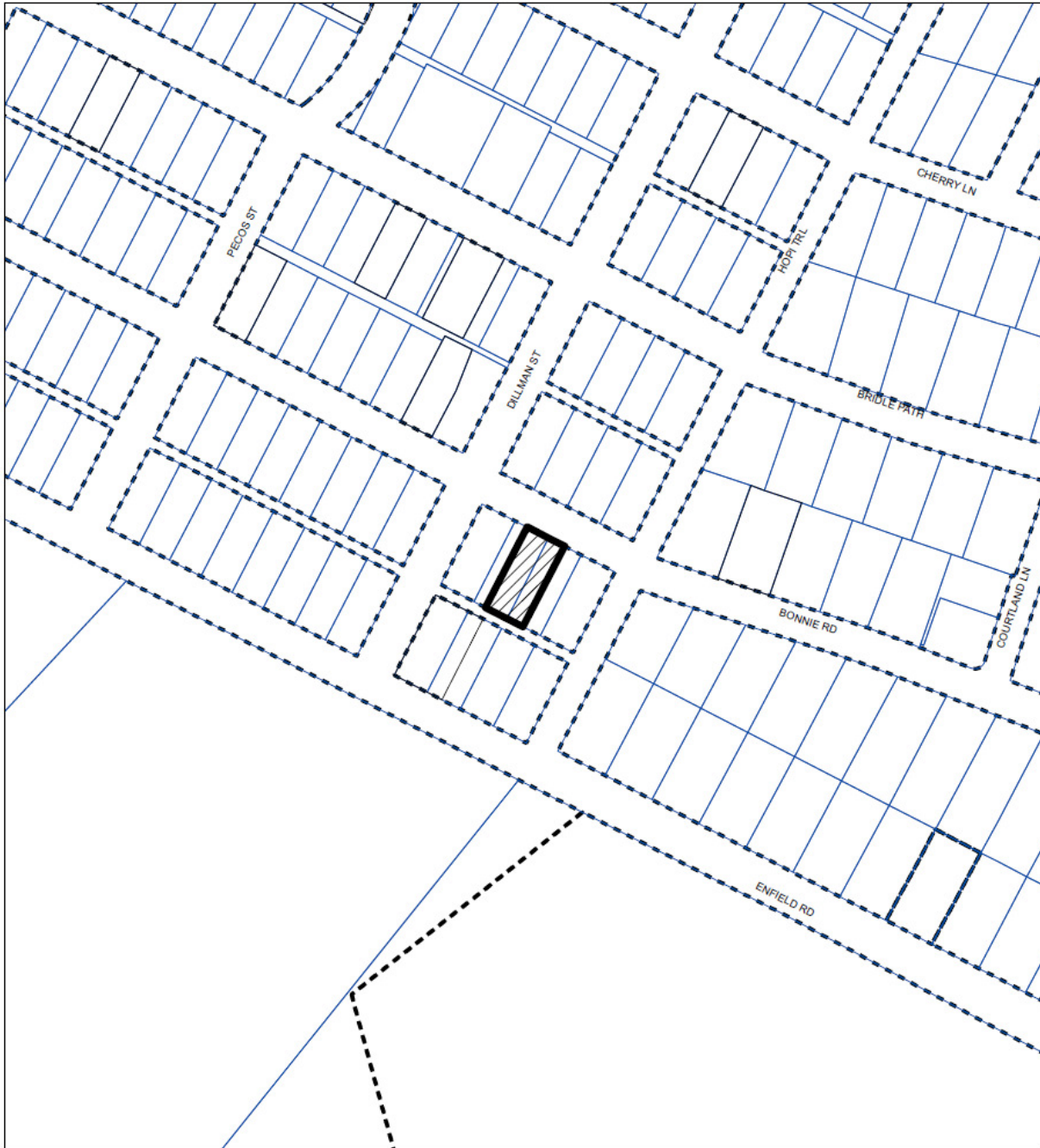
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit after completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all four elevations of the house, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the house. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but does have associations with Ernest Boyett, the principal aide to Governor Coke Stevenson, and represents a late 1930s Tudor Revival cottage typical of this neighborhood.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

HISTORICAL DEMOLITION PERMIT

CASE#: HDP-2011-0428
 LOCATION: 3103 BONNIE ROAD
 GRID: G24
 MANAGER: STEVE SADOWSKY



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3103 Bonnie Road
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY

3103 Bonnie Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
August, 2011

1992	Phillip L. DoBov, renter NOTE: Phillip L. DoBov is not listed in the directory. NOTE: The directory indicates that Phillip L. DoBov was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Charles and Leslie Nye, owners No occupation listed
1981	Charles and Leslie Nye, owners No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Charles and Leslie Nye were new residents at this address.
1977	John D. Casebier, owner Computer programmer Also listed is Charles A. Nye, IV, a real estate broker.
1972	Laura M. Davol, owner Widow, Don Davol Salesperson, Bradfield Cummins & Gore, realtors, builders, and developers, 3400 Northland Drive.
1969	J.C. Etheredge, owner No occupation listed
1963	Vacant
1957	Oral L. and Helen Dove, owners Woodworker, Economy Furniture, 5100 E. 5 th Street.
1952	Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett, renters Rancher
1949	Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett, renters Rancher
1947	Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett, renters Executive secretary, State Executive Department
1944-45	Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett, renters Executive secretary, State Executive Department
1941	Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett, renters Sergeant at arms, Texas House of Representatives

1939

The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Ernest J. and Sylvia Boyett are listed as living at 501 W. 13th Street; he was the sergeant at arms in the Texas House of Representatives.

Ernest J. Boyett purchased the town of Telegraph, Texas, in Kimble County, in 1944, and apparently held it until 1963. Ernest J. Boyett is listed as a rancher and owned land in Kimble County, in the vicinity of his mentor, former Texas Governor Coke Stevenson. His sister-in-law, Mary Bolt, operated the Telegraph Post Office from 1947 to 1950.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ernest Boyett as the 23-year old son of Clarinia Boyett in Sabine County, Texas. Ernest is shown as a farm laborer. Neither his mother nor his younger siblings had any occupations listed in the census report. The 1920 U.S. Census shows the Boyett family in Sabine County; father Robert Boyett was a general farmer, and 11-year old Ernest, the oldest son on the place, is listed as a farm laborer.

BOYETT, Mrs. Ernest, 64,
of Telegraph, died Monday.
Services 3 p.m. Wednesday at
First Baptist Church in
Telegraph. (Hodges-Fife
Funeral Home) Survivors:
husband, Ernest Boyett of
Telegraph; son, Jackson
Boyett of Austin; mother, Mrs.
Meta Bolt of Phoenix, Ariz.;
brothers, Donnie Bolt of
Junction, Bud Bolt and L. H.
Bolt, both of Phoenix, Ariz.;
sister, Mrs. Margaret
Polhanky of Phoenix, Ariz.

Obituary of Sylvia (Mrs. Ernest) Boyett
 Austin American-Statesman, October 29, 1974

Ernest J. Boyett

Ernest J. Boyett, 78, of Telegraph, Texas died Saturday.

Survived by his wife, Frances Boyett; one son and daughter-in-law, Jackson and Barbara Boyett of Austin; one step-son Ben Lindsey and wife Carol of Waco; one grandson, Matthew Lindsey of Waco; three sisters, Anne White of Austin, Willie B. Smith of Austin and Evelyn Furman of Fresno, California; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Aubrey Fife Funeral Home in Junction, Texas.

Local arrangements were handled by Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Ernest Boyett
Austin American-Statesman, August 4, 1985

Services scheduled Tuesday for aide to former governor

Services for Ernest J. Boyett, an executive secretary to former Gov. Coke Stevenson and a former sergeant-at-arms in the state House of Representatives, will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Junction.

Boyett, a resident of Telegraph in Kimble County, died Saturday at the age of 78.

Born in Sabine County, he became a deputy sheriff in Kimble County and city manager in Junction.

In 1935, he moved to Austin

and became the first full-time sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives under Stevenson, who was speaker. When Stevenson became governor in 1941, Boyett became his executive secretary, a position he held until 1946.

He served as acting sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives at the start of every session since 1935.

Boyett is survived by a son, Jackson Boyett of Austin; a step-son, Ben Lindsey of Waco; and three sisters.

News story of the funeral of Ernest Boyett
Austin American-Statesman, August 5, 1985

Ernest Boyett

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Tobin & Johnson

Add to rear porch and repair

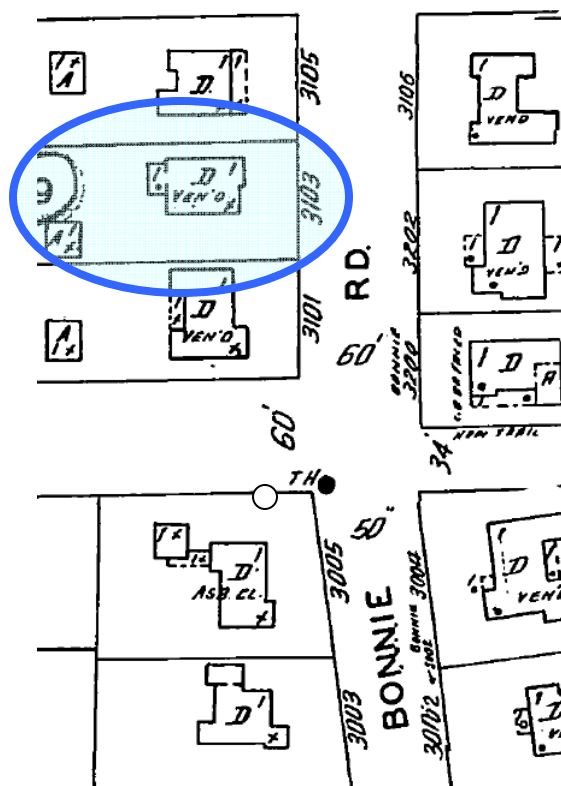
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\$156.00

Owner

None

Building permit to Ernest Boyett to construct a rear addition (1946)



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the house as a veneered structure with a small rear section; Ernest Boyett constructed the current rear addition in 1946. This area is beyond the bounds of the 1935 Sanborn map.