

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JULY 22, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0434  
2503 INDIAN TRAIL**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1941 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a front gable on the left side of the front elevation; flat, segmental-arched pediment with pilasters at the front entry; ornamental, scalloped board-and-batten fascia at the cornice across the front of the house; Colonial Revival-styled 8:8 and 6:6 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1941 by the Westenfield Development Company. The first owners and occupants were Victor and Myra Ravel, who lived here until around 1953. Victor Ravel was a native of El Paso, where his father was a fur merchant. He moved to Austin before 1940, and became a salesman for the Austin Paper Company, a wholesale paper company owned by a relative, Raphael Weiner, in what is now the Warehouse District. The Ravels were very active in Austin's business and charitable organizations, as well as prominent members of the city's Jewish community. Victor Ravel also had a business interest in Alamo Products, a janitorial supply company owned by his brother, Gene, and eventually became the general manager of the Austin Paper Company.

The Ravels sold the house to Judson and Mildred Cary, who lived here until selling to the present owner. Judson Cary was a civil engineer, and had been born in Pennsylvania. He went to work for the Bureau of Public Roads (later the Federal Highway Administration) until his retirement as District Engineer in 1973.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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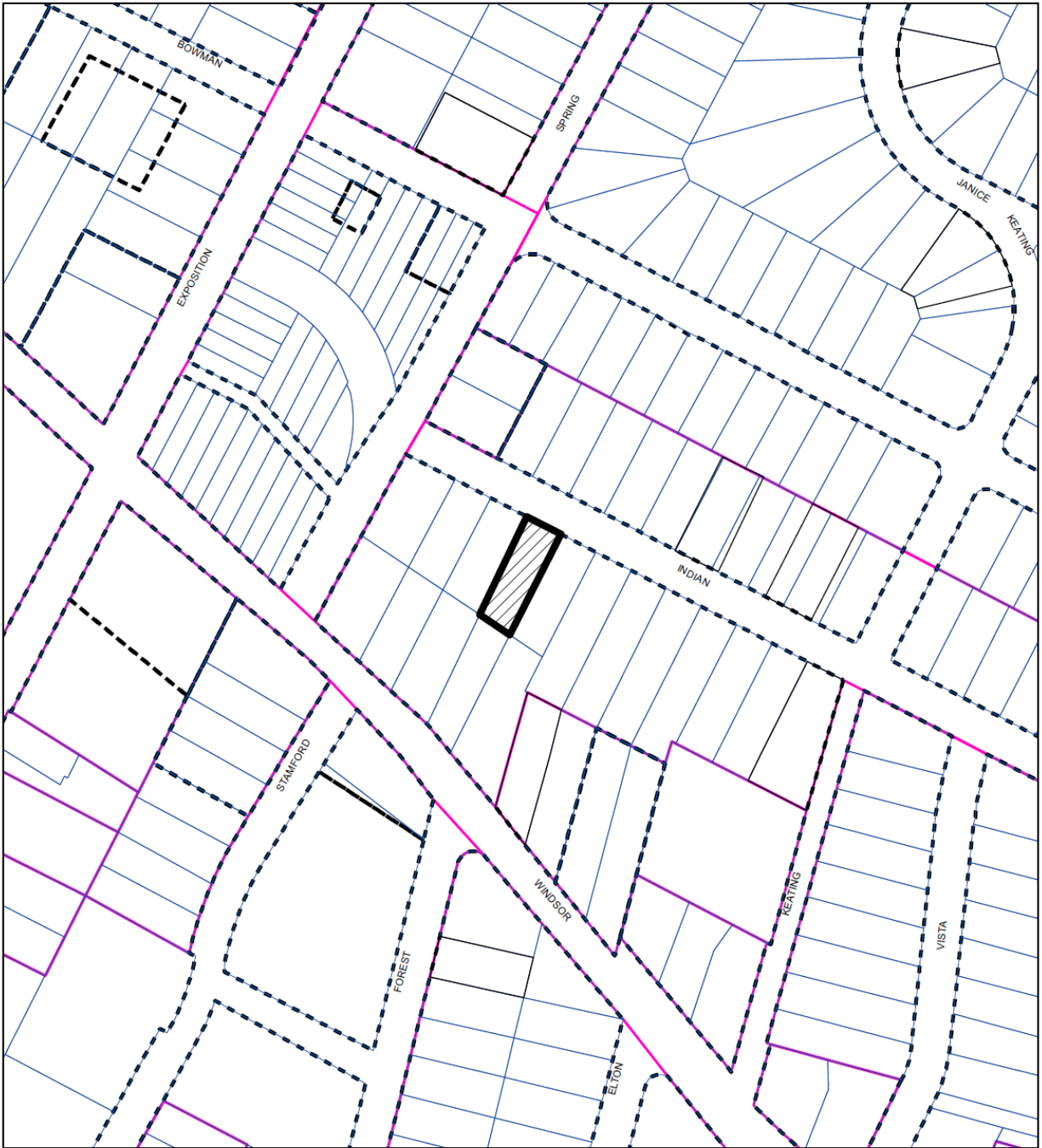
The house does not appear in any City survey.



**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

# LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT  
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0434  
 LOCATION: 2503 Indian Trail



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2503 Indian Trail  
ca. 1941



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
2503 Indian Trail

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
July, 2013

1992	Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners Retired
1985-86	Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners Retired
1981	Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners Retired
1977	Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners Retired
1973	Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners Division engineer, Federal Highway Administration

- 1968 Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners  
Assistant Division engineer, U.S. Bureau of Public Roads  
Also listed is Judson F. Cary, Jr., a student.
- 1962 Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners  
Civil engineer, Bureau of Public Roads
- 1957 Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners  
Civil engineer, Bureau of Public Roads
- 1954 Judson F. and Mildred L. Cary, owners  
Retired  
Civil engineer, Bureau of Public Roads  
NOTE: Victor and Myra Ravel are listed as living at 2525 Tanglewood Trail. He was the manager of Austin Paper Company, wholesale paper, 400 Colorado Street.
- 1952 Victor W. and Myra Ravel, owners  
General manager, Austin Paper Company, wholesale paper, 400 Colorado Street.
- 1949 Victor W. and Myra Ravel, owners  
General manager, Austin Paper Company, wholesale paper, 208 W. 4th Street.
- 1947 Victor W. and Myra Ravel, owners  
General manager, Alamo Products Company, janitorial supplies, 915 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 Victor W. and Myra Ravel, owners  
General manager, Alamo Products Company, janitorial supplies, 915 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1942 Victor W. and Myra Ravel, owners  
Salesman, Austin Paper Company (Raphael Weiner, proprietor), wholesale paper, 208 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Victor and Myra Ravel are listed as living at 527½ W. 38½ Street. He was a salesman for Austin Paper Company, where his mother, Edna, was the book-keeper.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Victor and Myra Ravel (ca. 1941 – ca. 1953)

Victor and Myra Ravel appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as renting a house at 512½ E. 38½ Street in Austin. Victor was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman for a paper company. Myra Ravel was then 24, had been born in Oklahoma, and had no occupation listed. The couple had a daughter, Judith, 1. With them lived a maid, Ester Mutscher, 24, a Texas native who had lived in Giddings in 1935. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Victor Ravel as the 15-year old son of Max and Edna Ravel of El Paso. Victor's father, Max Ravel was a fur merchant who had been born in Lithuania. Edna Ravel had been born in Missouri to Lithuanian-born parents. Victor had two brothers: Jerome, 12, and Gene, 7.



Victor W. Ravel, age 89, of Austin, Texas, died on December 6, 2003. He was born on August 22, 1914, in El Paso, Texas. He married Myra C. Caplin, August 29, 1937; they were married for 64 years. He is survived by one daughter, five grandchildren, and nine great- grandchildren. Victor graduated from El Paso High School as Valedictorian in May 1930. He received his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin in 1934, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and he received his LLB from the University of Texas in 1938. He was President of Austin Paper Company from 1960 - 1980. Victor was active in many civic and religious organizations. He was President of Southwestern Paper Merchants Association, Austin Jewish Foundation, Temple Beth Israel, Child and Family Service Association, Family Service Association of America, United Fund of Austin, Texas Mental Health Association, Project Enable, American Jewish Committee, U.S.O. of Austin, and Austin Community Foundation; he was a Board Member of National Paper Trade Association, Union National Bank, Austin Rotary Club, Human Opportunities Corporation, Social Work Foundation, Advisory Council, University of Texas, Council on Social Work Education, Pebble Project and the Children's Advocacy Center; he was a member of The Comprehensive Mental Health Planning Commission of Texas, City Charter Revision Committee, Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education, Liaison Representative to Centennial Commission - the University of Texas, House of Delegates Council on Social Work, Austin Family Mediation Society, American Arbitration Association, Town and Gown of Austin, The Foreign Affairs Committee of Austin and the Headliners Club. Victor received many awards including the National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Citation, Texas Chapter of National Association of Social Workers, Jewish Community Council of Austin, Community Leadership Award, and the Advisory Council School of Social Work, University of Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel. Burial to follow at Beth Israel II/ Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers will be David Cooper, Logan Leabo, Mike Martin Richard Parker, Marc Rosenblum, Stephen Ravel, Tom Viola, and David Weiner. Honorary pallbearers will be Maxine Hairston, Patrick Hazel, Forrest Hill, Ira Iscoe, Doris Karotkin, Bonnie Martin, Irene Parker, Jake Pickle, Carleen Ravel, Irving Ravel, Joanne Ravel, Richard Ravel, Henry Rosenblum, and Elizabeth Viola. Memorial contributions may be made to Victor and Myra Ravel Social Work Scholarship in Children's Rights or the Victor and Myra Ravel Law Scholarship in Children's Rights, C/O University of Texas, P.O. Box 7458, Austin, Texas 78713- 7458. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at [www.wcfish.com](http://www.wcfish.com)

Obituary of Victor Ravel  
Austin American-Statesman, December 9, 2003

**Judson and Mildred Cary (ca. 1953 – ca. )**

Judson and Mildred Cary appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as owning a house at 2503 Horn Lane in Austin. Judson Cary was then 30, had been born in Pennsylvania, and was an engineer for public roads. In 1935, he had lived in rural Wyoming County, Pennsylvania. Mildred Cary was then 28, had been born in Texas, and was a teacher at the State School. They had no children listed.

Judson F. Cary, age 99, of Austin, passed away January 19, 2009. He was born in Tunkhannock, PA, on May 14, 1909. Judson graduated from Penn State University in 1931, with a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked for the Federal Highway Department in Austin, Texas, for 38 years, retiring in 1973 as Division Engineer, Head of Office. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Mildred Stone Cary. Judson is survived by his son, Jud Cary of Horseshoe Bay; daughter, Judy Reese of Pearland; six grandchildren; and six great- grandchildren. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Austin Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to [savemuny.com](http://savemuny.com) Obituary and guestbook online at [wcfish.com](http://wcfish.com). <http://wcfish.com;savemuny.com>

Obituary of Judson Cary  
Austin American-Statesman, December 20, 2009

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

# PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS N<sup>o</sup> 6425

M. Westenfield Dev. Co. Address 3303 Indian Trail

Plumber \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Tap 1 1/2 Date 1-10-38

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 1-23-38

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 1/2

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ Prop. Line to Curb Cock \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Meter North

Type of Box La C

Depth of Main in St. 3

Depth of Service Line 2

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 1

Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-29-38

**INDEXED** OK

No. Fittings	Size.
1 Curb Cock	1 1/2
1 Elbow	1 1/2
1 St. Elbow	1 1/2
1 Bushing	1 1/2
1 Reducer	1 1/2
2 Pipe	3/4
1 Lead Comp.	1 1/2
1 Nipples	1 1/2
1 Union	1 1/2
1 Plug	1 1/2
1 Tee	1 1/2
1 Stop	1 1/2
1 Box	1 1/2
1 Lid	1 1/2
1 Valves	1 1/2

Req. No. 22425

38-408

C. 38-101 E

Foreman's Signature Pick

Water service permit to Westenfield Development Company for this address (1938)

CONNECTION CHARGE \$ # 3185 N<sup>o</sup> 17757  
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas 6-2 19 41

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas  
 Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions  
 on premises owned by J.C. Henderson

at 2503 Indian Trail Street,

further described as lot 96, block \_\_\_\_\_, outlot \_\_\_\_\_  
 subdivision Larrytown #5, division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 163,

which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 8

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
 charge

3' Deep Respectfully, J.C. Henderson  
at PL  
 Stub Out

Connected 8-4 19 41

Size of Main 6 inches.

Size of Service 4 inches.

8 Feet Deep in St.

15 Feet from Property Line in St.

Feet from Curb Line He. 4' E of W.L.L.

Inspected by Green D-1221

Connection made by Emmie Franklin

15-2977 Sewer at Indian Trail

Sewer connection application by J.C. Henderson (1941)