

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0890
1002 MERIDEN LANE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1956 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, shallow side-gabled frame house with a brick veneer wainscot; single and paired 1:1 and horizontally-configured 2:2 fenestration with a picture window in the center of the front elevation with 1:1 side windows; metal-framed open carport at the front of the right side of the house.

RESEARCH

The house was built in the winter of 1955-1956 by Walter Carrington, a local builder and developer, and sold by the spring of 1956 to Robert L. and Dora E. Scarborough, who had moved to town from Lufkin, Texas, where Robert Scarborough had been an attorney. After his retirement and move to Austin, he became a poet and lived in this house until his death in 1965. The house was then owned and occupied by Earl M. and Mary E. Scott. Earl M. Scott became the chief of the Legal and Claims Division for the State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in 1964, just before he purchased this house, and retired here.

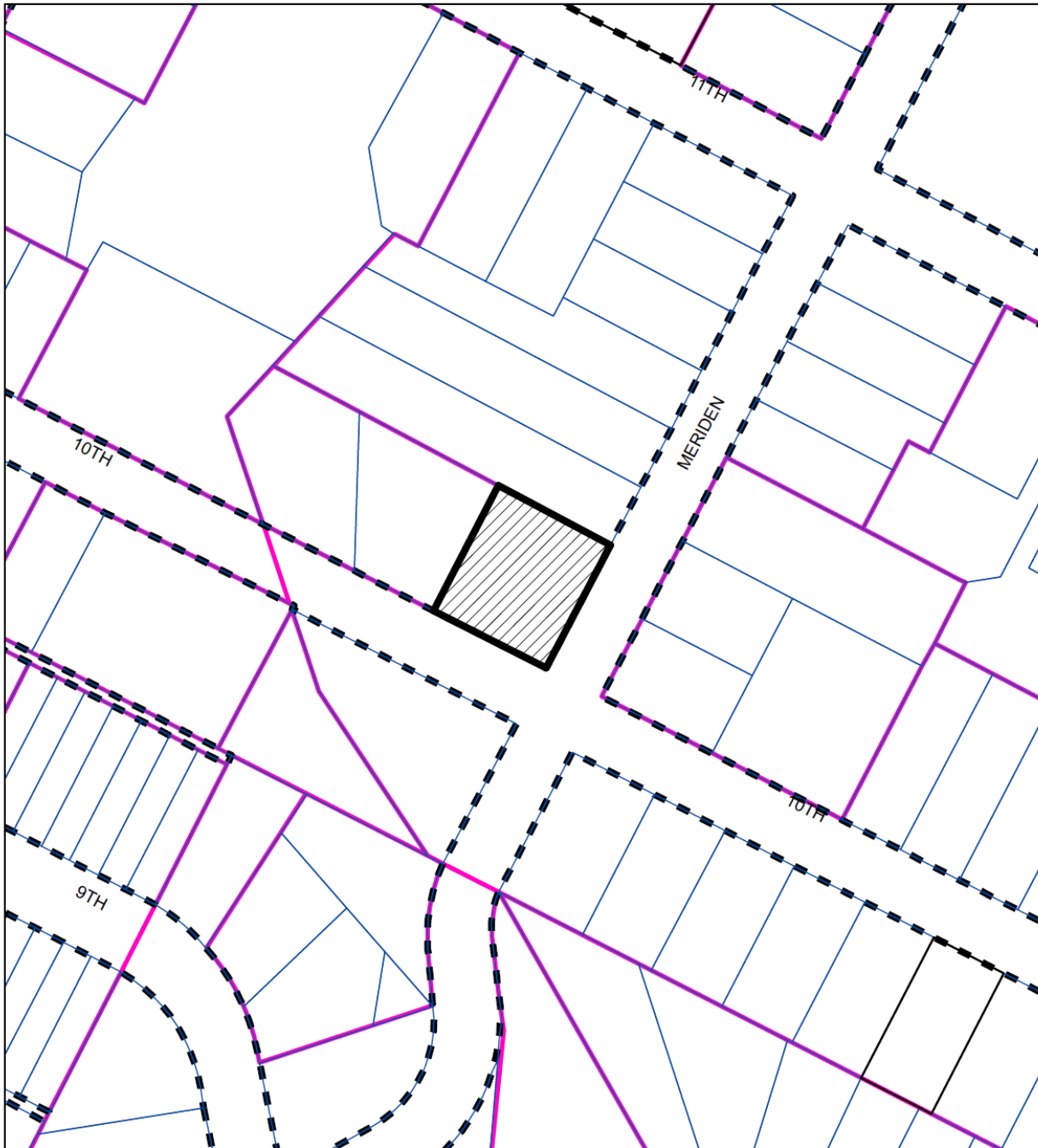
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit after 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. The house is a good example of large development-style suburban residential architecture in Austin in the mid-1950s, but lacks the architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0890
LOCATION: 1002 Meriden Lane



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1002 Meriden Lane
ca. 1956



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1002 Meriden Lane

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

1992	Earl M. and Mary E. Scott, owners Retired
1985-86	Earl M. Scott, owner No occupation listed NOTE: Mary E. Scott is not listed.
1981	Earl M. and Mary Scott, owners Retired
1977	Earl M. and Mary Scott, owners Assistant commissioner, State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.
1973	Earl M. and Mary Scott, owners Assistant commissioner, State Department of Mental Health
1968	Earl M. and Mary Scott, owners Claims chief, State Department of Mental Health

- 1962 Robert L. and Dora E. Scarborough, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: Earl M. Scott (no wife listed) lived at 1610-A Enfield Road; he was a claims officer for the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools.
- 1959 Robert L. and Dora E. Scarborough, owners
No occupation listed
- 1957 Robert L. and Dora E. Scarborough, owners
No occupation listed
- 1955 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Robert L. Scarborough is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Robert L. and Dora E. Scarborough (ca. 1956 – ca. 1965)

Poet Here Dies; Rites Set Sunday

Robert L. Scarborough, long-time Lufkin attorney and writer who came to Austin after his retirement 10 years ago, died Friday in a local hospital. He was 78.

Funeral will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weed - Corley Funeral Home with Rev. Marshall Hampton officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Park.

He is survived by his widow, Dora, 3024-A Windsor Road; five sisters, Mrs. Nora E. Flack, Houston, Mrs. Amanda Yates and Mrs. J. L. Heath, Beaumont, Mrs. Lollie Boykin, Lufkin, and Mrs. Georgia Brashear, Palestine; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Eugene Power, Oma Morris Cole, Maury Cole, William Carroll, Cue Boykin II, and Cue Boykin III.

A graduate of the University of California, Scarborough practiced law and dealt in real estate for many years in his native Lufkin.

Since coming to Austin he had devoted much time to writing poetry and short stories. He published two volumes of his poetry.

Sometime ago Scarborough's pen came to the attention of American - Statesman readers when he wrote a moving "Letter to Old Age" carried in these newspapers.

The writing traced his life through youth — "for what seemed to be an interminable visit" — to middle age — which "appeared to vanish ere I fully realized that he was my guest" — to old age — which he said he learned intended "to live with me the remainder of my sojourn upon this wondrous earth."

"I have already begun preparations for the time we are to spend together," he wrote. "I am putting up jars upon jars of memories . . . I feel that we are going to have a lot of fun together . . . Just across a deep and dark abyss from the humble woodland home which I have selected for us are the Eternal Hills . . . The Master of the Hills is the perfect Friend and Neighbor . . . at last, when palsied hands cannot obey and weary eyes become too dim, we shall grope our way to the brink of the abyss and there divest ourselves of all that belongs to Earth . . . to find unending youth among the Eternal Hills."

Obituary of Robert L. Scarborough
Austin American-Statesman, January 30, 1965

ROBERT L. SCARBOROUGH
Funeral for Robert L. Scarborough will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weed-Corley Funeral Home with Rev. Marshall Hampton officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Park.
Pallbearers will be nephews, Eugene Power, Oma Morris Cole, Maury Cole, William Carroll, Cue Boykin II, and Cue Boykin, III.

Funeral notice for Robert L. Scarborough
Austin American-Statesman, January 31, 1965

Earl M. and Mary E. Scott (ca. 1965 – ca. 2007)

Earl M. Scott appears in the 1940 U.S. Census for Coryell County, Texas as a lodger in the home of farm laborers West and Margaret Shetton. Earl M. Scott was then 22, had been born in Texas, and was a teacher.

Earl M. Scott**Lt. Col. U.S. Army, Retired**

Earl M. Scott, Lt. Col. U.S. Army, Retired, passed away on December 5, 2007 in Austin, TX at the age of 90. He was born to James Brack Scott and Osha Viola Morrow Scott in Coryell County, TX on July 5, 1917. Austin has been his home for over 50 years.

Earl is survived by his loving wife, Mary, of 46 years, and by his children, Laurie McBride and husband Butch, Kathy George and husband J.W., Beth Coffey, and Jim Brice. Earl adored his five grandchildren, Joshua and Taylor McBride, Christopher and David George and Brandon Coffey and wife Michelle. He is also survived by his sisters, Barbara Nite of Killeen, TX and Sara Smith of San Antonio, TX and numerous nieces and nephews.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Emma Parks, Mary Young, Holmes Scott, James Scott, Adrian Scott, Wesley Scott, and Ruth Botkin.

Earl graduated from Gatesville High School and attended John Tarleton College. In August of 1951, he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from UT School of Law. Earl began his career as a public servant at the Texas Board for State Hospitals and Special Schools. In 1964, he became Chief of Legal and Claims Division for Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. At retirement, as Asst. Commissioner of TDMHMR, he was serving as Acting Commissioner, as he had several times during his career. After retirement, Earl served as Interim Executive Director of the Texas Counsel of Community MHMR Centers.

Earl was a member and former President of the North Austin Civitan Club and a former member and Board Member of the Texas Public Employees Association and the Texas Retired Employees Association. He was a member of the State Bar of Texas for over 50 years.

Earl loved our Lord and was a faithful member of Tarrytown Baptist Church for more than 30 years. With Mary, he served his community by delivering meals on wheels. Earl loved to golf and refurbish furniture that Mary picked up at garage sales. He enjoyed watching football with his sons-in-law... go Cowboys!

Thank you to the staff at Christopher House for helping ease Earl's transition into heaven and for being so supportive and caring to us. We would also like to thank the many nurses and doctors at Seton Hospital who have cared for him so many times over the past years. Our thanks also go to Anita and Valerie at the Bull Creek care home and to the 2nd floor staff at The Summit.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 8th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9th, both at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. Burial will follow at Austin Memorial Park.

"Well done good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master." Matt. 25:21

Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com

WEED
CORLEY-FISH
FUNERAL HOME
3125 N. Lamar, 512/452-8811

Obituary of Earl M. Scott
Austin American-Statesman, December 8, 2007

Walter Carrington, 1002 Meriden La.

151 1. Resub of 33 & 34

Rugeley Addn.

Br. & Fr. Res. with Att. Gar.

62324 11-29-55

Owner

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Building permit to Walter Carrington for the construction of the house (1955)

*owner
with meriden
100 foot deep*

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

E No 9931 ⁷⁵¹

Received of ROBERT L. SCARBOROUGH ^{GR 76819} Date 4-11-56
Address 1002 MERIDEN LANE
Amount FIFTY AND NO/100
Plumber RAMSEY, AUSTIN No 567 Size of Tap 2"

Date of Connection 4-18-56
Size of Tap Made 1/2"
Size Service Made 1/2"
Size Main Tapped 6" CF.
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'
From No-Prop. Line to Curb Cock 5.4'
Location of Meter CURB
Type of Box LOCK
Depth of Main in St. 3'
Depth of Service Line 3'
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 8'
Checked by Engr. Dept. 5-11-56 BMS

No. Fittings	Size
1	Corp. Cock 1/2"
1	Elbow 1/2" COP
1	St. Elbow 6" x 1/2" JEP
	Bushing CLAMP
1	Reducer 1/2" x 1/2"
1	Pipe 1/2" x 3'
2	Lead Comp 1/2" x 3"
	Nipples 1/2" x 3"
	Union
	Plug
1	Rec T 1/2"
1	Stop 1/2"
1	Box 10 CW
1	Lid 1/2"
	Valves 1/2"
	Job No. 10-323-502
	Req. No. <u>5 TOLK</u>

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Water service permit to Robert L. Scarborough for this house (1956)

Receipt No. 24662 Application H.O. 58732 Sewer Connection No. 36126

Austin, Texas, 12-5 1955

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by

W. Carrington at 1002 Meriden La Street,

further described as Lot Sub of 33+34 Block 15 Outlot 1 Division Rugleley subdivision addn Plat 15, which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 9 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 16074-a
I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 1-9-56-B7

Depth at Prop. Line 2 4' at main Respectfully,

~~Stop Out~~ Connected } 47' 5" in Meriden Sonny's Pkby
(Location)

Date 1-31-56

By L. Swisher

NOTE: Connection Instruction Meriden La + 3' 6" deep
main 14" 15" W/E P Rock
New line in W 10' @ well 4' deep B-1897

Sewer connection application by Walter Carrington (1955)

Robert L. Scarbrough 1002 Meriden Lane
151 S.E. part of Resub 33&34 Lot 1
Rugleley Addition
Remodel interior of residence.
67939 11/19/57 1700.00
Clyde Matthews

Remove partitions in residence to create larger living
room & den. Replace garage doors.
10-18-77# 168121- Earl Scott- C.P. Storage & den
Remodel exist gar & addn to res. 6,700.00

Building permit to Robert Scarborough to remodel the interior and replace the garage doors
(1957) and to Earl Scott