

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
APRIL 28, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0177  
3505 MOUNT BARKER DRIVE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1957 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, irregular-plan, shallow side-gabled to flat-roofed frame house with stone veneer wainscoting and wood siding in both vertical patterns on the front of the house and horizontal patterns on other walls. The house is noted for its many floor-to-ceiling plate glass walls framed with wood posts; other windows include horizontally-sliding aluminum-framed windows. The front door is glazed and double-leaf.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1957 by J.E. McKee for Charles H. Dent. The December 28, 1956 building permit is for a brick veneered house with an attached garage; what was built was a frame house with a stone wainscoting and garage that is attached to the house only minimally with a blank wall connecting the two. Charles H. Dent had been a school principal in Garland and Dallas, Texas; he and his wife moved to Austin in 1952 when he became a professor of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education at the University of Texas; he retired from that position in 1976.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey. Efforts to determine the architect (if any) of this house have not been successful to date. Known lists of architects' work, the architectural archives at the Austin History Center and Alexander Architectural Archives at the University of Texas have not produced the identity of an architect yet.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends postponement to May 19, 2014 to more fully evaluate the historical significance of this house and for the applicant to seriously reconsider demolition. This house is a very good example of mid-century Modern architecture in Austin. The rectilinear design, low profile, stone wainscoting, vertical wood siding, glazed double doors, and large walls of glass picture windows all reflect ideals of mid-century Modern design.

## LOCATION MAP

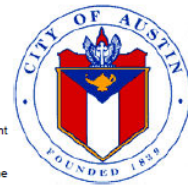


SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2014-0177  
 LOCATION: 3505 Mount Barker Drive



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3505 Mount Barker Drive  
ca. 1957







## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3505 Mount Barker Drive

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
April, 2014

1992	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1985-86	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1981	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1977	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Retired
1973	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Associate professor, University of Texas
1968	Charles H. and Mary Dent, owners Associate professor, University of Texas
1962	Charles H. and Mary B. Dent, owners Associate professor, University of Texas
1959	Charles and Mary B. Dent, owners

Associate professor, University of Texas

1958 Charles and Mary B. Dent, owners  
Associate professor, University of Texas

1957 The street is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Charles and Mary Dent are listed as living at 2104 Exposition Boulevard;  
he was an associate professor at the University of Texas.



### **Charles Herger Dent**

Charles Herger Dent of Austin, age 90, died in a local hospital on Monday, December 24, 2001.

He was born on November 14, 1911, the fourth of seven children of the Reverend Isaac and Sarah Williams Dent of Georgetown, Texas.

Mr. Dent received an Associate of Arts degree from Lon Morris Academy of Jacksonville; a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1931 and a Master of Arts degree in 1941; and a Doctor of Education degree from New York University in 1951.

From 1931 until he completed his DED degree, he was a principal in Garland and Dallas schools. From 1952 until retirement in 1976 he was Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at the University of Texas in Austin. During this tenure he had leaves of absence to serve two years in Belo Horizonte, Brazil as consultant to the Agency for International Development and one year at the American Community School in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He served as President of the Texas Elementary Principal's Association, the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum, and the National Board for Educational Development.

Dr. Dent was President of the Austin-Travis County Mental Health Society and was named Mental Health Man of the Year in 1958. He was a Danforth Fellow; a consultant in the Hogg Foundation; and an officer and life member of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Active for decades in the University United Methodist Church, he was a long-time Vice President of the Hickman Men's Bible Class who voted him to be the first recipient of the "Fisherman of Men" pin; he served as Sunday School Superintendent; and he was voted "Saint of the Church". Also, he served on the National Publication Board of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Dent served as President of the Texas Fine Arts Association. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and of Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary education fraternity.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mary Brown Freeman Dent, formerly of Garland; a son, Laurence of Toronto, Canada; a granddaughter, Sabrina of London, England; a sister, Perla Dent Davis of Henderson, Texas; two nieces, a nephew, and many cousins. An older son, Charles Freeman, died in 1974.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2001 at Westminster Manor, Harris Belle Hall.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811

Obituary of Charles H. Dent  
Austin American-Statesman, December 25, 2001

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES H. DENT

Dr. Charles Herger Dent was born on November 14, 1911, the fourth of seven children of the Reverend Isaac and Sarah Williams Dent of Georgetown, Texas, and died in Austin on December 24, 2001, at the age of 90. Mr. Dent received an associate of arts degree from Lon Morris Academy, Jacksonville, Texas, a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Methodist University in 1931, and a master of arts degree in 1941. He received an Ed.D. degree from New York University in 1951. He was married to Mary Brown Freeman Dent for 64 years. They were the parents of two sons: Laurence of Toronto, Canada, and Charles, who died in 1974.

From 1931 until he completed his Ed.D. degree, he was an elementary teacher and principal in Garland and Dallas schools. From 1952 until his retirement in 1976, he was a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education at The University of Texas where he specialized in social studies education. At the University, Dr. Dent was instrumental in promoting international understanding and public relations with particular reference to Central and South America and the University. Under his leadership, educational ties were strengthened between the College of Education and various educational institutions of Mexico. For example, he established a chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a national honorary society, in Saltillo, Mexico, and was involved in exchange teacher programs between cities in Texas and Mexico. During his tenure, he received several leaves of absence to serve two years in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, as consultant to the Agency for International Development and one year at the American Community School in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Additionally, he served as president of the Texas Elementary Principals' Association, the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum, and the National Board for Educational Development. Dr. Dent was also president of the Austin-Travis County Mental Health Society and was named "Mental Health Man of the Year" in 1958. He was a Danforth Fellow, a consultant to the Hogg Foundation, and an officer and life member of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and of Phi Delta Kappa, serving as chapter president for this honorary society for several terms. Active for decades in the University United Methodist Church in Austin, he was a long-time vice-president of the Hickman Men's Bible Class. He also served on the national Publication Board of the United Methodist Church.

No one who knew (or even briefly met) Dr. Dent would ever forget him and his positive, charming demeanor; he was the epitome of "hail fellow well met." Dr. Thomas Horn, former chairman of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, called him the department's "prime doer of good things." Responding to Dr. Dent's retirement letter, Dr. William Bennie, Dr. Horn's successor, (paraphrasing Will Rogers) paid him this richly deserved compliment: "I never met a man who didn't like Charlie

Dent." Dr. Bennie went on to say in his letter that "your kindness, your pleasant disposition, and the interest which you have taken in the hundreds of young people during your tenure at the University will be remembered by all members of the faculty and by thousands of teachers in the field."

(University of Texas Memorial Resolution)

Chas. H. Dent

3505 Mt. Barker Dr

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Balcones Park Section 8

Br. Ven Res and Att Garage

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12-28-56

40,000.00

J.E. McKee

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Water Tap Rec # 11582

Sewer Tap Rec # 26769

Building permit to Charles H. Dent for the construction of this house (1956)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT  
Austin, Texas

E N° 11582

Received of CHAS. H. DENT Date 12-28-56  
Address 3505 MT. BARKER DRIVE LOT 3, BLK 4, SEC 282  
Amount FORTY THOUSAND  
Plumber V. R. WATKINS Size of Tap 1 1/2"

Date of Connection 3-5-57  
Size of Tap Made 1 1/2"  
Size Service Made 1 1/2"  
Size Main Tapped 2" C.I.  
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'  
~~From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock~~ NO. P.L.  
Location of Meter CURB  
Type of Box LOCW  
Depth of Main in St. 3'  
Depth of Service Line 3'  
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 2'  
Checked by Engr. Dept. 6-20-56  
RM

No. Fittings	Size
2	Corp. Cock
2	Elbow 1/2" COP TO IRON
1	St. Elbow
1	Bushing
4	Reducer
4	Pipe 1/2" COP
2	Lead Comp
2	Nipples 1/2" x 1/2" BRASS
1	Union
1	Plug
1	Tee
1	Stop
1	Box
1	Lid
1	Valves 1 1/2"
	Job No. <u>11-323700-502</u>
	Req. No. <u>11-323700-502</u>

Water service permit to Charles H. Dent (1956)

## SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Nº 26769

Received of V. R. WATTINGER Date 12-28-56  
 Address 3505 Mt. Barker Drive  
 Amount TWENTY FIVE & NO 100 25.00  
 Builder or Owner CHAS. H. DENT Plumber  
 Lot 3 Block 8 Subdivision Falcone Park Sec 8 Plat No. 282  
 Date of Connection 5-6-57  
 By City \_\_\_\_\_  
 By Plumber 2.5 - NO 50  
 Checked By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size Main 8" Depth 5'  
 Main Assign. 14.5' EDWIR  
 Stub Depth 3 1/2' Prop. Line 3.5  
 Stub Location 2 1/2' N of S.R.  
 Book No. A-4029  
 Paving Cut \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
OK 5-2-57 Y.C.

No. Fittings	Price	Size
Pipe		
Pipe		
Wyes		
Bends		
Reducers		
Plugs		
Sand		
Gravel		
Remix		
Stoppers		
Castings		
Other		
Labor:	<u>2.50</u>	
Total	<u>2.50</u>	

Sewer service permit to plumber J.R. Wattinger for the home of Charles H. Dent at 3505 Mount Barker Drive (1956)

The kitchen and master bedroom were remodeled in 2002.