

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 10, 2015  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2015-0532  
510 LOCKHART DRIVE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width inset porch; glass block accents; single 1:1 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1953 for Wendell and Opal Morrow by Coy Dobbins, the proprietor of the Dobbins Lumber Company on Barton Springs Road. Wendell Morrow was a student when he and Opal built this house; Opal worked as an administrative assistant at the University of Texas. Wendell then taught in the public schools, was employed by the IRS, and was a civil engineer at Bergstrom Air Force Base. Opal Morrow continued to work as an executive assistant at the University of Texas. Opal Morrow died in 1981; it appears that Wendell Morrow moved out of this house shortly thereafter; he died in 1989.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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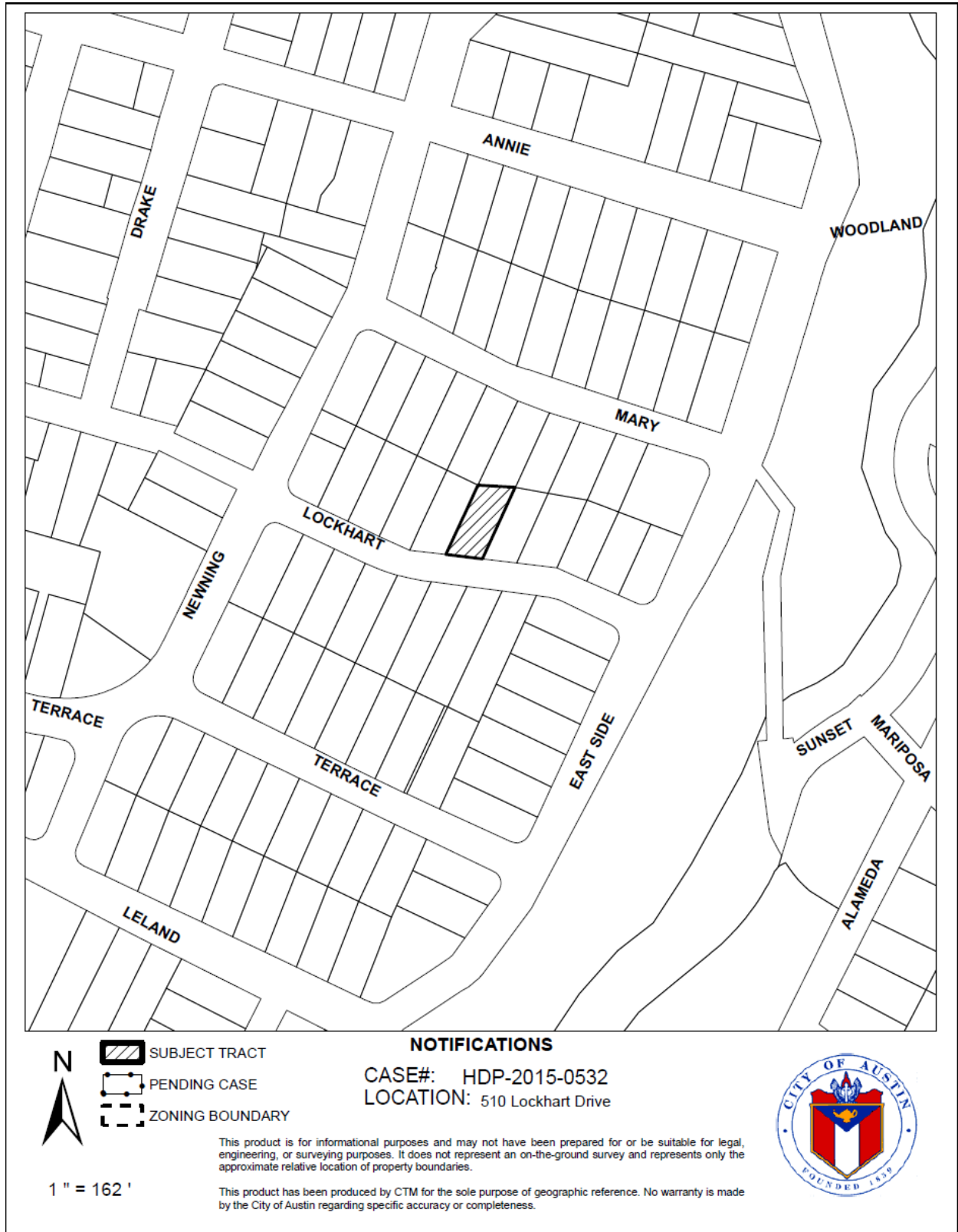
The house is not listed in any City survey. It was listed as contributing to the proposed Bluebonnet Hills Historic District, but more recent re-evaluations of the status of houses within the district will likely result in a staff recommendation that this house does not contribute to the historic character of the district due to its age and having been built after the period of significance for the district.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage the owner to reconsider demolition of the house in favor of constructing an addition and adaptive re-use; while the house is not contributing to the historic character of the district, it is of a style and scale that is compatible with the district. However, the house does not qualify as a historic landmark, so staff recommends consideration of relocation over demolition, and in either event, release of 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



510 Lockhart Drive  
ca. 1953



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 510 Lockhart Drive

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2012

1990	Ruth Alsobrook, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Ruth Alsobrook was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Terry Thoen, renter No occupation listed
1981	Wendell P. and Opal L. Morrow, owners Retired
1977	Wendell P. and Opal Morrow, owners Civil engineer, Bergstrom Air Force Base
1973	Wendell P. and Opal Morrow, owners Employed by the IRS
1969	Wendell P. and Opal L. Morrow, owners Wendell: Teacher, public schools Opal: Executive assistant, University of Texas

- 1962 Wendell P. and Opal Morrow, owners  
Wendell: CSP, 807 Scarbrough Building  
Opal: Administrative assistant, University of Texas
- 1957 Wendell P. and Opal L. Morrow, owners  
Wendell: Student  
Opal: Administrative assistant, University of Texas
- 1952 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Wendell P. and Opal Morrow are not listed in the directory.

**MORROW, Opal Lea, 69, 510 Lockhart Drive, died Sunday. Graveside services 3 p.m. today at Capital Memorial Park. Survivor: husband, Wendell Phillips Morrow of Austin. (Wilke-Clay)**

Obituary of Opal Morrow  
Austin American-Statesman, January 26, 1981

**Wendell Phillips Morrow**

Wendell Phillips Morrow, age 79, of Austin died Saturday, December 16, 1989.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Lea Gossett Morrow.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday at Capital Memorial Gardens with Readers, John and Hazel Paino officiating.

Mr. Morrow is survived by a brother, John Morrow of Pittsburg, California; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Lamar location.

Obituary of Wendell P. Morrow  
Austin American-Statesman, December 18, 1989

Wendell P. Morrow

510 Lockhart Drive

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Blue Bonnet Hills

Frame residence with carport attached.

54512 7-17-53

\$11,200.00

Ben Goldstein

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O.K. by Zoning Board on May 25, 1953.

Building permit to Wendell P. Morrow for the construction of this house (1953)

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

D N° 8855

124

Received of

COY DOBBINS

Date

8-7-53

Address

510 LOCKHART DRIVE

Amount

TWENTY &amp; 1/2

20.00

Plumber

L. L. MYERS

Size of Tap

3/4

Date of Connection

8-13-53

Size of Tap Made

3/4"

Size Service Made

3/4"

Size Main Tapped

2" C.I.

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock

25

From E - Prop. Line to Curb Cock

15

Location of Meter

CURB

Type of Box

L.C.W.

Depth of Main in St.

25

Depth of Service Line

2

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

20

Checked by Engr. Dept.

9-2-53

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No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	3/4"
1 Elbow	3/4"
1 St. Elbow	3/4"
1 Busting	3/4"
1 Reducer	2" x 3/4"
2 Pipe	1/4" 3/4" C.I.
Lead Comp.	
Nipples	
Union	
Plug	
1 Tee	1"
1 Stop	1"
1 Box	1"
Lid	
Valves	
Job No.	W 323-502
Req. No.	20-20-11

Water service permit to Coy Dobbins, the owner of the Dobbins Lumber Company, for this address (1953)

Receipt No. 20404 Application for Sewer Connection No. 31915A

Austin, Texas, 8-7- 1953

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 Coy Dobbins at 510 Lockhart Dr. Street, further described as Lot 12 Block 5 Outlot — Division — subdivision Blue Bonnet Hills Plat 124, which is to be used as a Res. In this place there are to be installed 6 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 5134-a I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'

~~Sub. Out~~

Connected

Date

By

NOTE: Connection Instruction

at approx ELL (son with L. L. Myers)  
Main 15' 5" N R (Rock)  
use (4" H.C. at 512 Lockhart Dr.) if possible

Sewer connection application by Coy Dobbins, the builder of this house (1953)

OWNER W. P. Morrow ADDRESS 510 Lockhart Dr.  
PLAT 124 LOT 12 BLK 5  
SUBDIVISION Blue Bonnet Hills, Addn.  
OCCUPANCY Bedroom & bath  
BLD PERMIT # 105423 DATE 10-11-67 OWNERS ESTIMATE 3000.00  
CONTRACTOR Matthews - Newman NO. OF FIXTURES 3  
WATER TAP REC # -- SEWER TAP REC # --  
Frm. addn. to res. & remodel

Building permit to William P. Morrow for a frame addition (1967)