

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
MARCH 28, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0073  
1306 WINSTED LANE**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame Colonial Revival-styled house with a symmetrical composition, a central entry flanked with multi-lite sidelights and fluted pilasters, single 9:9 windows with shutters on the ground floor with single and paired 6:6 fenestration on the second story; square 4-light fixed sash window on either side of the principal entry; standing-seam metal roof.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1939 by Ted Wendlandt for William S. Drake, Jr., the son of William Sherman Drake, the founder of Calcasieu Lumber Company. William S. Drake, Jr. became the president of Calcasieu Lumber Company, the largest lumber business in Austin, and became involved in several other businesses, including the Mutual Lumber Company, the Mutual Savings Institution, the Lumbermen's Investment Corporation of Texas, and Lumbermen's Underwriters. He also served as mayor of the City of Austin in the early 1950s. Eleanor Drake was very active in the Heritage Society, the Junior League., and other civic organizations. After Bill Drake passed away in 1967, Eleanor sold the house and moved to Westlake Hills, where she remained active in community endeavors, especially in the establishment of the Westlake Community Library. The house was purchased in the mid-1970s by Mike and Charlotte London, whose family established London Fabrics, a large, locally-owned fabric store.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

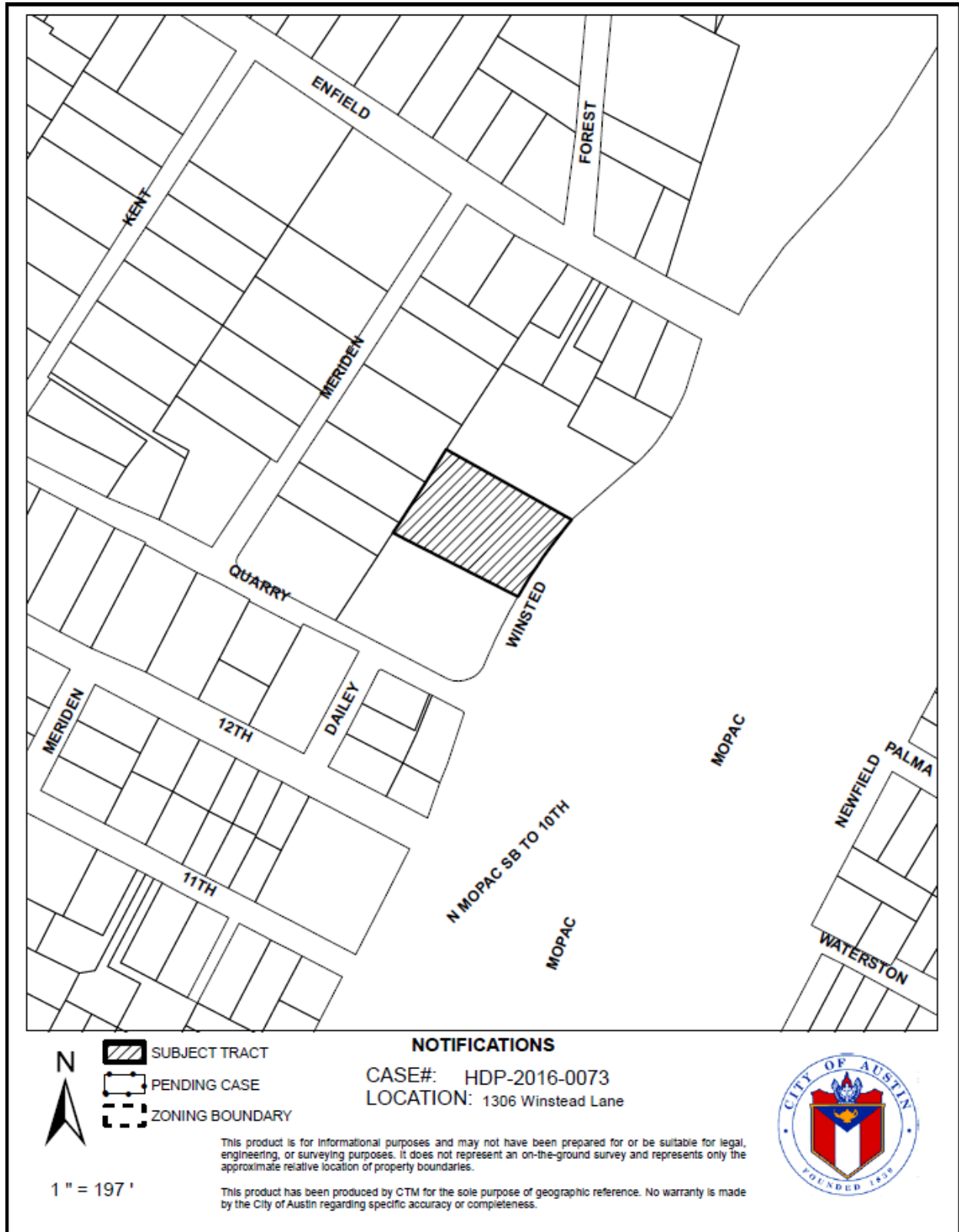
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends postponement of this case to April 25, 2016 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition. This house clearly meets the criteria for landmark designation for its architecture and its historical associations. The current owner would like to sell the house, and postponing the case will allow more time to find a buyer who will be willing to preserve the house, and perhaps seek historic zoning for it.

## LOCATION MAP



1306 Winsted Lane  
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1306 Winsted Lane

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2016

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| 1992    | Michael J. and Charlotte London, owners<br>Employed by London Fabrics (Edwin London, proprietor), 2438 W. Anderson Lane and 13945 Research Boulevard.                                    |
| 1985-86 | Michael J. and Charlotte London, owners<br>Proprietor, Chardon Leathers (not listed in the directory)  |
| 1981    | Michael J. and Charlotte London, owners<br>Proprietor, Chardon Leathers, 2438 W. Anderson Lane.  |
| 1977    | Michael J. and Charlotte London, owners<br>Vice-president, London Fabrics (Edwin London, president), 3812 N. Lamar Boulevard, 1006 W. 38 <sup>th</sup> Street, and 3811 Medical Parkway. |
| 1973    | Vacant   |

NOTE: Michael and harlotte London are listed at 1613 Preston Avenue; he was the manager of London Fabrics, 3812 N. Lamar Boulevard and 1006 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

- 1968 Robert L. and Rosemary Droke, owners  
Department manager, IBM
- 1962 William S. and Eleanor C. Drake, Jr., owners  
President, Calcasieu Lumber Company, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chatleff Controls, valve manufacturers, 205 Industrial Boulevard, Mutual Lumber Company, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, vice-president, Mutual Savings Institution (H.H. Luedecke, chairman of the board, Fred C. Morse, president), 1005 Congress Avenue, and secretary/treasurer, Lumbermen's Underwriters (Jack L. Foxworth, (Dallas, Texas), president), 2501 N. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1959 William S. and Eleanor C. Drake, Jr., owners  
President, Calcasieu Lumber Company, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chatleff Controls, valve manufacturers, 205 Industrial Boulevard, Mutual Lumber Company, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, vice-president, Mutual Savings Institution (H.H. Luedecke, chairman of the board, Fred C. Morse, president), 1005 Congress Avenue, and president, Lumbermen's Investment Corporation of Texas, 518 Scarbrough Building.
- 1955 William S. and Eleanor C. Drake, Jr., owners  
President, Calcasieu Lumber Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lavaca Streets, Lumbermen's Investment Corporation, 801-03 Scarbrough Building, and Mutual Lumber Company, 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1952 William S. and Eleanor Drake, Jr., owners  
Mayor, City of Austin, president, Mutual Lumber Company and Calcasieu Lumber Company, both at 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1949 William S. and Eleanor Drake, Jr., owners  
President Mutual Lumber Company and Calcasieu Lumber Company, both at 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1947 William S. and Eleanor Drake, Jr., owners  
President Mutual Lumber Company and Calcasieu Lumber Company, both at 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1944-45 William S. and Eleanor C. Drake, Jr., owners  
Secretary/treasurer, Mutual Lumber Company and Calcasieu Lumber Company, both at 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1941 William S. and Eleanor C. Drake, Jr. (not listed as owners)  
Secretary/treasurer and assistant manager, Calcasieu Lumber Company, 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1940 William S. and Eleanor Drake, Jr., owners  
Secretary/treasurer and assistant manager, Calcasieu Lumber Company, 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: William S. Drake, Jr. and Eleanor Drake are listed at 1702 Wethersfield Road; he was the secretary/treasurer and assistant manager of Calcasieu Lumber Company, 301-11 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **William S. Drake, Jr. and Eleanor Drake (ca. 1939 – ca. 1967)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows William S. Drake, Jr. and Eleanor Drake living in the home of her parents, Paul N. and Elizabeth Critchlow, in Sewickley Borough, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. William S. Drake, Jr., was 30, had been born in Pennsylvania, and was the general manager of a lumber company. Eleanor C. Drake was 27, had been born in Pennsylvania, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Josephine, 3, and William S. Drake, III, 2; both children had been born in Texas. Eleanor Drake's parents, Paul and Elizabeth Critchlow, were 57 and 58 respectively, and had both been born in Pennsylvania. Paul Critchlow was an attorney in private practice. A son, also named Paul Critchlow, was also an attorney in private practice.

The 1940 U.S. Census also shows W.S. Drake, Jr. and Eleanor C. Drake at this address, a house they owned, and which was worth \$6,500. W.S. Drake, Jr. was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a lumber dealer. Eleanor C. Drake was 28, had been born in Pennsylvania, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Josephine, 4; and William S. Drake, III, 3, both of whom had been born in Texas. The family had an African-American servant, Ruth Piper, 27, who had been born in Texas, and is listed as a servant doing general housework.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows "Billie S." Drake as the 20-year old son of William Sherman and Maggie M. Drake, who lived at 1005 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Billie was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Drakes' 4 children listed. William Sherman Drake was 65, had been born in Connecticut, and was a lumberman. Billie Drake had no occupation listed.

# **W. S. Drake Jr. Accepts Award**

W. S. Drake Jr., president of Calcasieu Lumber Company, was cited by the Brand Names Foundation in New York Friday as a "Brand Name Retailer-of-the-Year" award winner.

The award citation said Drake was selected "for outstanding year-round presentation of manufacturers' brand name products to the public."

In connection with the New York citation of Drake, a former mayor, Mayor Tom Miller has proclaimed this week as "Brand Names Week" in Austin.

Newspaper story on the Brand Name Retailer of the Year award to Calcasieu Lumber Company  
Austin American, May 4, 1957

## **Former Mayor W. S. Drake Succumbs Here at Age 58**

Former Mayor William Sherman Drake Jr., one of the city's most prominent civic and business leaders, died Saturday in St. David's Hospital at the age of 58.

Known as Bill Drake by many citizens of Austin, he had been president of Calcasieu Lumber Co., since 1934.

Drake was elected to the City Council in 1949 after former

Mayor Taylor Glass decided not to seek re-election. The council then named Drake mayor pro tem, and he served in that post in 1949-50.

When Drake was re-elected to the council, he then was chosen mayor. He served as mayor in 1951-52.

Among Drake's major interests was the increasing traffic problem as Austin began

a rapid growth. The Drake Bridge over the Colorado River connecting Lavaca and Guadalupe streets with South First Street bears his name.

Drake was instrumental in establishing the pattern of one-way streets in downtown Austin.

A native of Austin, Drake was the son of William S. Drake, who came here from Connecticut with his brother, Carl Drake.

The two brothers started a country-type store at the corner of second and Guadalupe in 1883 at a point where wagon trains entered Austin.

Shortly after opening the store the senior William S. Drake bought out his brother and renamed the store from Drake Brothers to Calcasieu Lumber Co. The name was chosen because Calcasieu Parish in Louisiana was synonymous with top quality long leaf yellow pine.

William S. Drake Jr. went to work on his 21st birthday on the switchboard at his father's business. In 1934, four years after graduation from Virginia Military Institute, he became president of Calcasieu upon the death of his father.

On Aug. 3, 1934, Drake was married to the former Eleanor Critchlow of Austin.

Besides the widow, Drake is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. T. McRee, Mrs. Tom Miller, Miss Margaret Drake and Miss Elizabeth Drake, all of Austin.

Other survivors include a brother and three sisters, Chester M. Drake, Mrs. Truman Morris, Mrs. James P. Hart and Mrs. R. M. Thomson Jr., all of Austin, and eight grandchildren.

Drake had been ill for some time and had undergone treatment at M. D. Anderson Hospital at Houston. He recently underwent surgery at St. David's here.

Weed-Corley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, persons desiring to do so make memorial contributions to their favorite charity or to the Episcopal Church of Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas.

Drake for many years has been active in the business community of Austin. At the time of his death he was a director of the American National Bank and a vice president of the board of The Mutual Savings Institution.

When his children were young

he was active in the Parent-Teacher Associations and was a member of the Girl Scout Board. He also was active in the National Foundation or March of Dimes.

During World War II, Drake was chairman of the foods panel of the Travis County Rationing Board. He was doing such a good job that a citywide petition was circulated to defer him from military service.

However, he enlisted anyway in the Army as a private and came out as a sergeant. The Army sent him to Yale University to study Chinese. Drake was preparing to go overseas when the war ended.

Drake was vitally interested in almost every facet of life in Austin. Several years ago he told a reporter:

"If I were 21 again, there wouldn't be too many changes I'd want to make. I wouldn't work quite as hard, perhaps; I'd save more time for things like fishing and hunting.

"But I'd want to go right on living right here in Austin all my life and keep all the same friends. As far as I'm concerned, this is the greatest place on earth, and you couldn't run me off."

News story and obituary of William S. Drake, Jr.  
Austin American-Statesman, July 16, 1967

## **Eleanor Critchlow Drake**

Eleanor Critchlow Drake, age 86, of West Lake Hills, died Friday, January 15, 1999.

Born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, on June 23, 1912, she was the daughter of Paul and Elisabeth Critchlow. She graduated from Wellesley College, was a member of the Junior League of Austin and the Heritage Society and volunteered many hours at the 1886 Room.

Since first conceived in 1963, the Westbank Community Library played an important part in Eleanor's life. From a dream created by Doris Walcutt and nurtured by Eleanor Drake, the Library was recognized this week as one of the best public libraries of its size in the nation. An avid reader, Eleanor was part of the library's growth through every phase. She attended the first meeting, served on the original steering committee, and was an officer on the first library board as well as numerous subsequent boards, volunteered for every imaginable task, and participated in an endless stream of fundraisers. Eleanor quietly solved problems, wrote hundreds of thank you notes, and championed the library at every turn. Ten years ago, the Library established the Eleanor C. Drake Extraordinary Volunteer Award which is presented annually to one of the 70 weekly volunteers. Although home bound for the last several years, Eleanor stayed involved through a steady stream of special projects, including managing all banking deposits for the library. While her library family will miss seeing this wonderful, classy, loving person, her extraordinary spirit can be found any day at the Library.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W. S. Drake Jr., former Mayor of Austin and former President of the Calcasieu Lumber Company; her son, W. S. Drake III; and her brother, Paul N. Critchlow.

Survivors include her daughters, Jody McRee, Cary Miller, Peggy Graham-Hoermann and husband, Bill, and Elisabeth Maples; her sister, Dorothy Davol and husband, John; sister-in-law, Katherine Drake Hart; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Mrs. Drake's request, there will be no services. Her daughters will gather for a celebration of her life at 2518 Tanglewood Trail from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 1999.

In lieu of flowers, her daughters request donations be made to the Westbank Community Library, 1309 Westbank Drive, Austin, Texas 78746; or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

Obituary of Eleanor C. Drake  
Austin American-Statesman, January 16, 1999

*W. S. Drake, Jr.*  
Ted Lundlandt 1306 Winsted Lane  
151 - 3 2 -  
Westfield  
2 sty. frame residence-frame garage &  
servants quarters  
257n - 2/5/39

**WATER SERVICE PERMIT**  
Austin, Texas

N<sup>o</sup> 13396  
15/ June 8, 1939 151

Received of Ted Wendlandt Date June 8, 1939

Address 1306 Winsted Lane

Amount Ten and no/100 - - - \$ 10.00

Plumber ????? Size of Tap 1"

Date of Connection 6-9-39

Size of Tap Made 1"

Size Service Made 1"

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'

From 8 Prop. Line to Curb Cock 30'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box h o c/k

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 18

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 13'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 8-4-39 LE

No. Fittings	Size	Material
1	Curb Cock 1"	1"
1	Elbow 1"	1"
1	St. Elbow	1"
2	Bushing 1"	1"
1	Reducer 1" to 1/2"	1"
1	16' Pipe 1"	1"
1	Lead Comp 1" to 1/2"	1"
1	Nipples 1" to 1/2"	1"
1	Union	1"
1	Plug	1"
1	Tee	1"
1	Stop	1"
1	Box	1"
1	Lid	1"
1	Valves	1"

Job No. C-39-192-F  
Reg. No. 26947

CHANGED TO 10" MAIN AND RENEWED  
SERVING PERMIT 12-030

**INDEXED**

Water service permit to Ted Wendlandt for this address (1939)

W. S. Drake, Jr.

1306 Winsted Lane

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Westfield "A"

Open shelter shed and barbecue pit.

50686 4-18-52

\$1000.00

Day labor

5-10-76-#156859-Mike London-frm. addn & remodel

\$15,000

514 sq.ft.

Building permit to W.S. Drake, Jr. for an open shelter shed and barbecue pit (1952) and to Mike London for a frame addition (1976)