

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
APRIL 25, 2016
NRD-2016-0025
1715 Enfield Road
West Line

PROPOSAL

Partial demolition of the rear of the house and construction of a multi-family rear addition.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes to partially demolish the rear of the house in order to build a contemporary multi-family, multi-story rear addition. No work is proposed to the façade of the existing house. The proposed addition will be to the rear of the existing house, and will be three stories, with covered parking under the addition. A new driveway will be required on the right side of the house to access the parking area.

The proposed addition will be flat-roofed, and there will be a rooftop terrace attached to the back of the existing house, which may be visible from the street. Otherwise, the addition will be set back behind the ridgeline of the existing roof. The addition will have a combination of styles of vertical smooth hardi-siding with stucco accents. The addition will have bands of windows and some open areas for exterior corridors between the units.

RESEARCH

The existing house was built in 1931 in a monumental Southern Colonial Revival style, with a full-height two-story front gallery, a symmetrical composition with two windows on each side of the central entry, which is framed by a broken swan's neck pediment and fluted pilasters. The 1:1 windows are covered with multi-pane wood screens.

The house was the home of David Houston Doom and his wife, Nellie, from 1931 until Nellie's death in 1948, when David H. Doom moved to Houston to live with his son. David H. Doom was a native Austinite, and the son of Judge D.W. Doom. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School and was admitted to the Texas bar in 1896. David H. Doom had a private law practice, and served as president of the Austin Bar Association in the 1930s. In 1945, he served as district judge for Travis County, then returned to his private practice. He had his office at the Old Masonic Temple at 7th and Colorado Streets until around 1940, when he moved his office to this house. After he moved to Houston around 1948, the house was rented out until the mid-1950s, when it was then purchased by Andre W. and Zella Abbate, who lived here until the late 1970s. Andre Abbate was the proprietor of a beauty shop on Guadalupe Street, and went into real estate around 1959, when he converted this house into a 7-unit apartment house. He is listed as a real estate broker in city directories from the late 1960s and early 1970s, then went into apartment management with the apartment building next door to this house at 1713 Enfield Road.

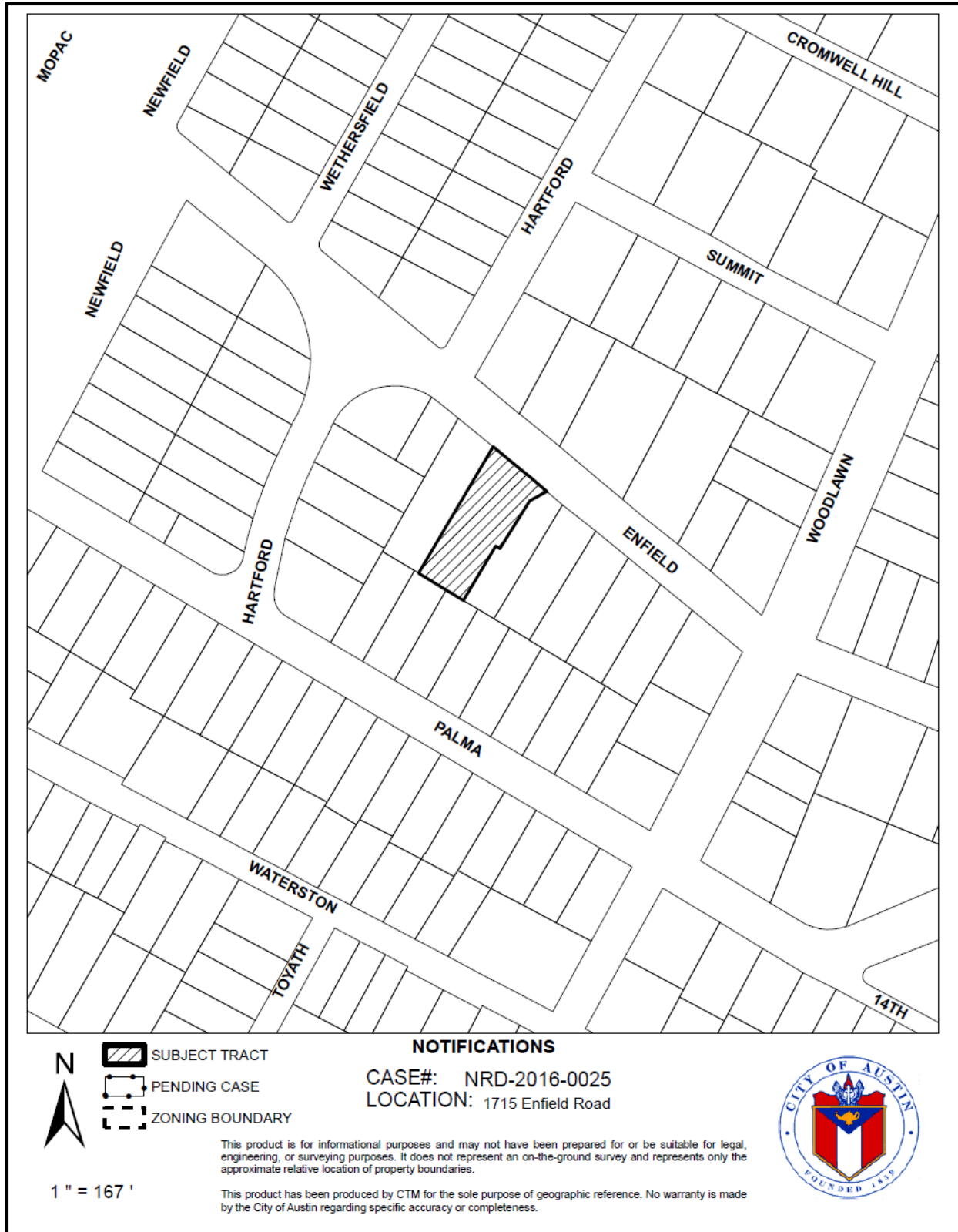
STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no specific design guidelines for additions. General design philosophy for additions to contributing buildings within historic districts emphasize compatibility with the size, scale, materials, fenestration patterns, and floor-to-ceiling ratio of the existing building, to set additions back from the existing building to the greatest extent possible, to retain the existing building as the focal point of the site, or to avoid constructing additions that overwhelm the existing building, and to retain as much historic fabric as possible in the construction of the addition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed addition is large, and portions of it will be visible from the street; however, the applicant has met with staff on a number of occasions, and has revised the design of the addition to lessen its visual impact. The addition is behind the house, and will have vertical hardi-plank siding, which will complement the material on the existing house. The design of the addition is very contemporary, but it is a multi-family addition that requires parking under the residential structure, so has its limitations on functionality with a more traditional-looking addition. Staff recommends approval of the proposed addition, with the additional recommendation to lower the roofline of the addition and deck so that it does not rise over the existing roofline. Staff further recommends the 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, prior to release of any permits.

LOCATION MAP



1715 Enfield Road
ca. 1931



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1715 Enfield Road

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

1992	William Davidson, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that William Davidson was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Vacant
1981	No return
1977	Andre W. and Zella Abbate, owners Apartment manager, 1713 Enfield Road.
1973	Andre W. and Zella Abbate, owners Real estate (office at the house)
1968	Andre W. and Zella Abbate, owners Real estate

- 1962 Andre W. and Zella Abbate, owners
No occupation listed
- 1959 Andre W and Zella Abbate, owners
Andre: Proprietor, Andre Beauty Shop, 2422 Guadalupe Street.
Zella: Operator, Andre Beauty Shop, 2422 Guadalupe Street.
- 1955 Wiley J. and Pauline Dunken, renters
Proprietor, Bargain Store, women's clothing, 639 E. 6th Street; and proprietor,
Disabled American Veterans Industries, general merchandise, 633 E. 6th Street.
NOTE: Andre and Zella Abbate are listed at 1609 Hartford Road; he was the
proprietor of the Andre Beauty Shop, 2422 Guadalupe Street; she was a beauty
operator there.
- 1952 Jim and Betty Hazeltine, renters
Salesman
- 1949 David H. Doom, owner
Lawyer (office at the house)
- 1947 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer (office at the house)
- 1944-45 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer (office at the house)
NOTE: The house is listed as 57 Enfield Road.
- 1941 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer (office at the house)
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- 1939 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer, 7-8-9 Masonic Temple, 7th and Colorado Streets.
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- 1937 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer, 7-8-9 Masonic Temple, 7th and Colorado Streets.
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- 1935 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer, 7-8-9 Masonic Temple, 7th and Colorado Streets.
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- 1932-33 David H. and Nellie H. Doom, owners
Lawyer, 6-9 Old Masonic Temple, 7th and Colorado Streets.
NOTE: The house is listed as 59 Enfield Road.
- 1930-31 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: David H. and Nellie H. Doom are listed at 800 Blanco Street; he was a
lawyer with offices at 6-9 Old Masonic Temple, 7th and Colorado Streets.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

David H. and Nellie H. Doom (ca. 1931 – ca. 1949)

David H. and Nellie Doom appear as the owners of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. The house was worth \$14,000. David H. Doom was 64, had been born in Texas, and was a lawyer with a general civil practice. Nellie H. Doom was 63, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no other people listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows David H. and Nellie H. Doom as the renters of the house at 800 Blanco Street in Austin. David H. Doom was 54, had been born in Texas, and was a lawyer. Nellie H. Doom was 50, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows D.H. and Nellie H. Doom as the owners of the house at 202 E. 24th Street in Austin. D.H. Doom was a 42-year old lawyer. Nellie H. Doom was 40 and had no occupation listed. They had two children: W.H., 21; and Esther H., 14. Neither had an occupation listed.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows David H. and Nellie H. Doom at their home at 202 E. 24th Street. David H. Doom was a 34-year old lawyer with his own office. Nellie H. Doom was 33, and had no occupation listed. Their children were William H. Doom, 11; and Esther H. Doom, 4. Both had been born in Texas.

Mrs. D. H. Doom Succumbs At Galveston After Short Illness

Mrs. D. H. Doom, 72, lifelong resident and prominent in civic and social activities in Austin, died Sunday morning at St. Mary's Hospital at Galveston, following a short illness.

At the time she was taken ill, Mrs. Doom was visiting her daughter at Galveston. Mrs. J. M. McGivney.

She is survived by her husband, D. H. Doom of Austin and a son, W. H. Doom of Houston.

Mrs. Doom was born March 20, 1875. She was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Austin Woman's Club, Federated Women's Club of Austin and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The body will arrive in Austin Monday morning. Funeral services will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Tuesday at 10 a. m. The Rev. R. A. Renfer will officiate and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Story on the death of Nellie Doom\
Austin American, March 15, 1948

Death Claims Former Judge Of Court Here

David Houston Doom, 78, former judge of the Travis County-Court-at-Law and a well-known figure in Texas legal circles for half a century, died Thursday morning in a Houston hospital.

He was a past president of the Travis County Bar Association, a past master and life member of Austin Lodge No. 12, AF and AM, and served as county judge for eight months during 1945.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Summers Friday at 4 p. m. in the Weed - Corley Funeral Home. Graveside services in Oakwood Cemetery will be under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which he was a member.

Surviving are one son, W. H. Doom of Houston; one daughter, Mrs. Ester D. McGivney of College Station, and two grandchildren.

Doom was born in Austin on Sept. 12, 1875, the son of Judge and Mrs. D. W. Doom. He was educated in Austin public schools was graduated from the University of Texas Law School, and was admitted to the Texas bar in 1896.

When District Judge Charles O. Betts, then county judge, resigned to enter the military service, Doom was named to take Betts' bench. He filled the post from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1945.

After the death of his wife, Doom moved to Houston to live with his son.

Story on the death of David H. Doom
Austin Statesman, September 2, 1954

Judge Doom Rites Set Today at 4

Funeral services will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the Weed-Corley Funeral Home for David Houston Doom, 78, former judge of the Travis County Court at Law and a well-known figure in Texas legal circles for half a century.

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Funeral notice for David H. Doom
Austin American, September 3, 1954

The following is from the Index of Church Members from the Congregational Church of Austin:

D. H. Doom

Doom, David Houston, Birth-September 12, 1875, died September 2 1954 in Houston, TX. Son of David William and Esther Pusey Houston Doom. He was born in Austin and was an Attorney there, starting 1896. Married to Nellie Gertrude Home (1876-1948). Was Clerk of the church in 1904-08. Served as President of Austin Bar Association in 1932.



6. **Nellie Gertrude Horne Doom**, (1876-1948), wife of David Houston Doom. Dr. William T. Horne (b. 1817) was the son of A. Ogden Horne, Sr. (d. 1876) and his wife Elizabeth. His siblings included A. Odgen, Jr., and Mary. Dr. Horne practiced medicine in Columbus, Lone Jack, and Rocksprings, Missouri, before moving to Texas in 1848. During the Civil War, he served with the 19th Texas Regiment in the Confederate Army. After living in various towns throughout Travis and Williamson counties, he finally settled in Austin in 1864. Here Dr. Horne and his wife, A. A., daughter of E. S. Vinson, lived with his father for a few years. The Hornes had two daughters Mattie and Nellie G. Nellie married Austin judge David Houston Doom. She actively supported women's rights and was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter in Austin.

Connecting Charge \$ 12.00 ✓

Application for Sewer Connection. N^o **11184**

Austin, Texas, May 17, 1933

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

Sir: 2nd 2nd 2nd 2nd

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Mrs. Nellie H. Doom at 1715 Fairfield Rd. Street which place is to be used as a Lat 48 servants quarters

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures.

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

Respectfully,
Mrs. Nellie H. Doom

Location of Public Sewer By M. C. Reed

Sub-Office

Connected 6-13-33 1933 EASMENT LOT 33
PALMA PLAZA
2'6" E. OF W. P.L.

Size of Main 4" inches

Size of Service 4" inches

4" Feet Deep

Feet from Property Line 2'6"

Feet from Curb Line 7'11" line of curb

Inspected by A. L. Harrison A3797

Connection made by A. L. Harrison A998

RIGHTERS AUSTIN 10-8-33

Sewer connection application by Nellie H. Doom for the servant's quarters at the house (1933)

Andre Abbate 1715 Enfield Rd.
91 47 & 48

Enfield E

Apartment house (frame)

73437 7-14-59 \$60,800.00

Charles Hoffman plans

W. on lot

S. on lot

7 UNIT APT. HOUSE

EIGHT OFF STREET PARKING

SPACE PROVEDED

Building permit to Andre Abbate for the construction of a 7-unit apartment house on the site
(1959)