

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 25, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0452
3904 PETE'S PATH**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan, frame house with minimal traditional styling; partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch on metal supports; single and paired 1:1 fenestration, with a tri-partite picture window in the wing section of the façade.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1950 by Frank Rundell, a prominent Austin homebuilder, whose main work was in South Austin in the Zilker neighborhood. The first owners and occupants were Austin Graydon Taylor, and his wife, Margene Taylor. Austin Graydon Taylor was raised at Pond Spring, just over the county line in Williamson County. His father was a carpenter, and Austin Graydon Taylor became a fireman. He died unexpectedly in an automobile accident in 1961. Margene Taylor continued to live in this house until very recently. Margene Taylor was a secretary for the Texas Brewers Institute for many years, and devoted her later years to volunteering at an elementary school.

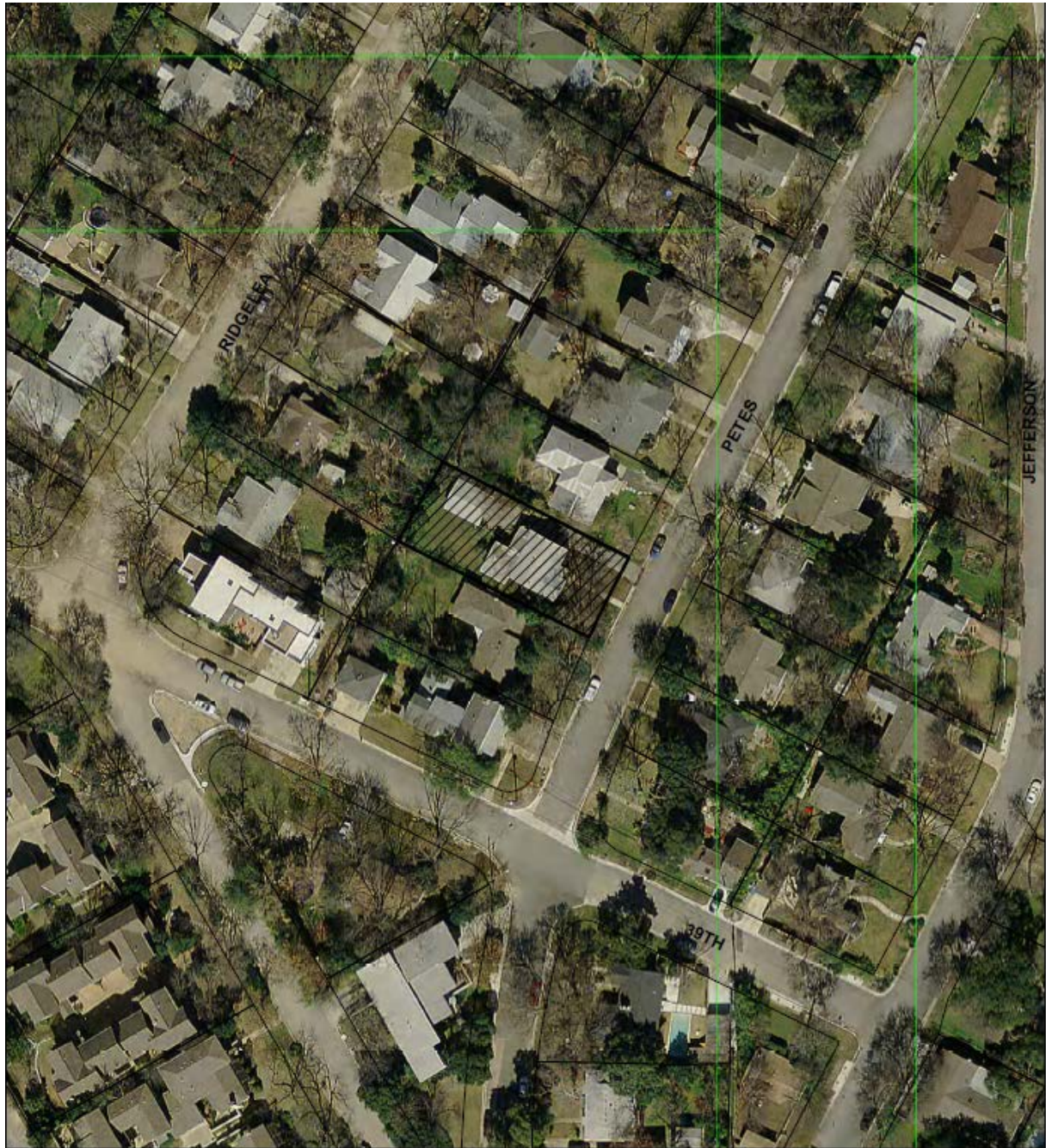
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as this is a good example of post-World War II minimal traditional residential design, but release 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. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but would be contributing to any potential historic district in this neighborhood.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 83'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0452
LOCATION: 3904 Pete's Path

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3904 Pete's Path
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
3904 Pete's Path

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

1992	Mrs. Austin G. Taylor, owner Retired
1985-86	Mrs. Austin G. Taylor, owner Retired
1981	Mrs. Austin G. Taylor, owner Retired
1977	Margene Taylor, owner Widow, Austin G. Taylor Retired
1973	Margene Taylor, owner Widow, Austin G. Taylor Office secretary, Texas Brewers Institute, 210 Vaughn Building, 807 Brazos Street.
1968	Margene Taylor, owner Widow, Austin G. Taylor

- Office secretary, Texas Brewers Institute, 210 Vaughn Building, 807 Brazos Street.
- 1965 Margene Taylor, owner
Widow, Austin G. Taylor
Office secretary, Texas Brewers Institute, 505 Perry-Brooks Building 121 E. 8th Street.
- 1962 Margene Taylor, owner
Widow, Austin G. Taylor
Office secretary, Texas Brewers Institute, 505 Perry-Brooks Building, 121 E. 8th Street.
- 1959 Austin G. and Margene Taylor, owners
City firefighter
- 1955 Austin G. and Margene Taylor, owners
City firefighter
- 1952 Austin G. and Margene Taylor, owners
City firefighter
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Austin G. and Margene Taylor are listed at 1514 W. 31st Street; he was a city firefighter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Austin G. and Margene Taylor (ca. 1950 -

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Austin G. Taylor as the 14-year old son of C.P. and E.E. Taylor, who lived at Pond Spring in Williamson County, Texas. Austin G. Taylor had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, C.P. Taylor, was 46, had been born in Texas, and was a house carpenter. The Taylors rented their home. Austin G. Taylor was the 2nd oldest of the couple's 7 children.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Austin and Margene Taylor as the owners of the house at 2007 Hopi Trail in Austin, a house that was worth \$6,000. Austin Taylor was 34, had been born in Texas, and was a fireman with the City Fire Department. Margene Taylor was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a secretary at an insurance company. The couple had two of Margene's sisters living with them: Avis Henry, 26, who had been born in Texas and was a secretary at the Brewers' Association; and Zetta Lee Henry, 24, who had been born in Texas, and was a secretary at the State Insurance Commission.

According to his 1961 death certificate, Austin Graydon Taylor was born in 1905 in Pond Springs, Texas. He was a fireman for the City of Austin, and was living in this house at the time of his death from an automobile accident.

City Fireman Dies In 3-Car Collision

A 55-year-old fireman with 32 years service in the fire department died Wednesday afternoon in a three-car collision to become the city's first traffic fatality of 1961.

Austin Graydon Taylor, lifetime resident of Austin, was dead on arrival at Brackenridge Hospital following the accident at North Lamar Boulevard and 24th Street.

Police Lieutenant J. C. Fann said Taylor had stopped his auto at a red light and was struck from the rear by a car driven by 27-year-old Mrs. Lois Walker Atwood, 4611 Bandera Road.

Lt. Fann said Taylor's car then lurched forward and struck another auto in front of him.

Taylor, who lived at 3904 Pete's Path, had been with the fire department since June 25, 1929. He was stationed at Station 10 on Windsor Road.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Jerry Taylor and Danny Taylor, of Austin; daughter, Libby Taylor of Austin; parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taylor of Merriltown; three brothers, Frank W. Taylor of Merriltown, Sam C. Taylor and Ford E. Taylor of Austin; and three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Bandy Jr., Mrs. C. H. Petri Jr., and Mrs. E. F. Hogan, all of Austin.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

News story on the automobile accident that killed Austin G. Taylor
Austin American, February 16, 1961

AUSTIN G. TAYLOR

Funeral services for Austin G. Taylor, 55, 3904 Petes Path, will be held at Weed-Corley Funeral Home Friday at 2 p.m. Dr. Marvin Vance will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Park under auspices of Austin Lodge No. 12, AF&AM.

Funeral notice for Austin G. Taylor
Austin American, February 17, 1961



Margene Henry Taylor

Born September 22, 1911 in the South Texas farming community of Hope to William Oscar Henry and Mittie Williams Henry. Mrs. A. G. (Margene) Taylor passed away at the age of 96 years on March 10, 2008, at her Austin home.

Margene is survived by her brother, William O. "Bill" Henry of Austin; sons, Jerry Taylor and wife Marv Ann of Duncanville, Dan Taylor and wife Nelda of Austin; and daughter, Elizabeth Taylor of Austin. She is also survived by grandsons, John Taylor of Myrtle Beach, Bryce Taylor and wife Kelli of the Dallas area, Troy Taylor and wife Mariah of Houston, and D. J. Taylor, a student at Northwestern University; granddaughter, Courtney Taylor of Austin, and three great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband A. G. Taylor, sisters Lee Ham and Avis Henry, her parents, and her grandson Michael Robert Taylor.

Throughout her long and eventful life Margene was committed to all children and worked tirelessly to help them more fully develop their potential. A life-long Methodist, she taught Sunday School at Austin's First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She actively encouraged her children during their years in the music programs at O. Henry Junior High and Austin High Schools. Active in the band parents' organization at both schools, she served as a chaperon on trips and outings. In 1970, her contributions were recognized by Austin High Maroon band director LaFalco Robinson with the designation of "Band Mother."

She and Graydon were married on October 6, 1934 in Austin. Throughout her career, Margene worked as a secretary for the Texas Brewers' Institute under the leadership of Homer Leonard and R. H. "Dick" Cory. In her early 80s, she began to volunteer as a teachers' aide at Bryker Woods Elementary. The school recognized her many hours of service in 1995 by naming an outdoor area on the school grounds "Taylor's Cove." Margene's volunteer work was recognized by KVUE TV in 1995 when she was named an honoree of the "Five Who Care" program.

Because of her steadfast love for children, Margene was known as "Grandma Taylor" by several generations of the city's kids and their parents.

Life was full of challenges for Margene. In 1961, her husband was the first traffic fatality of the year, killed in an automobile accident on February 15 after being hit by a drunk driver. With her own children in high school, junior high, and elementary school, she devoted herself tirelessly as a single parent and role model. Strengthened by her strong faith in God and in Jesus Christ, Margene always believed that there was grace sufficient for every need. Her deep faith and hard working attitude inspired all who knew her.

Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Weed-Corley Fish Funeral Home at 3125 N. Lamar Blvd. The memorial service will be Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Weed-Corley Fish Chapel with the Rev. Kathleen Jones of First United Methodist Church officiating. A graveside service will follow at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, 2800 Hancock Dr.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution in Margene's memory may do so to Hospice Austin or to First United Methodist Church in Austin.

Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com

Obituary of Margene Taylor
Austin American-Statesman, March 13, 2008

Allen R. Rundell

3904 Petes Path

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Frame residence and garage.

45776 8-2-50

\$8000.00

Frank R. Rundell

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Building permit to Allen R. Rundell for the construction of this house by contractor Frank Rundell
(1950)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

C No. ¹⁶⁰ 6837

Received of FRANK RUNDALL Date 7-28-50

Address 3904 ~~3804~~ PETES PATH

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20⁰⁰

Plumber BASEY Size of Tap 3/4"

8-7416
STUB
SEE

Date of Connection	No. Fittings	Size
Size of Tap Made	1 Curb Cock	3/4" Lead
Size Service Made		
Size Main Tapped		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock		
From Prop. Line to Curb Cock		
Location of Meter		
Type of Box		
Depth of Main in St.		
Depth of Service Line		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main		
Checked by Engr. Dept. <u>8-25-50 RW</u>		

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Water service permit for this address by Frank Rundell (1950)

Received No. 14977 Application for Sewer Connection No. 26623

Austin, Texas, 7-28-50

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 Frank Rundell at 3904 Potosi Path Street, further described as Lot 83 Block — Outlot — Division — subdivision Ridgelea Plat 160, which is to be used as a res. In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 39710. I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3'

4' at main - 11-50
Respectfully,

Stub Out

~~connected~~

49' S of NLL
(Location)

Date

9-1-50

By

Sealer

NOTE: Connection Instruction

6" main in Potosi Path

main 1.5' E of WFL ± 3' deep

B-1672

Sewer connection permit for this house by Frank Rundell (1950)

A. G. Austin

3904 Potosi Path

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Ridgelea

Fr. Addn. to Res.

63796

5-24-56

\$2,500.

Frank Rundell

Building permit to Austin G. Taylor [sic] to construct a frame addition built by Frank Rundell (1956)

Ridgelea Neighborhood Association Support Letter

RE: 3409 Pete's Path

Historic Case Number: HDP-2016-0471

Review Case Number: PR-2016-075255

Dear Historic Landmark Commission,

We support the application for a demolition permit of 3904 Pete's Path.

The structure has no distinguishing architectural features. It was not designed by a known Architect and has no modifications by a known Architect to earn a historical designation. It is not located in a Historical District.

The home as it stands is a burden to the the neighborhood. Ridgelea would benefit by replacing this aging structure with a neighborhood-centric design in line with the character of Ridgelea.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cerie Harvard
Harvard Vice Chair Ridgelea Neighborhood Assn.

Charlotte B. Cooper
Executive Committee at large member
Charlotte B. Cooper
W. J. Cooper - secretary.

Adrian
Gene Kincaid - Treasurer