

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
NRD-2016-0055
1712 Windsor Road

PROPOSAL

Rebuild and enlarge the existing garage and add a second story connecting to the primary residence; remove the existing one-story rear addition and add a two-story addition in its place; remove the existing portico and construct a new entry.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed additions will have 631 square feet on the first floor and 1,813 square feet on the second floor. The basement will be increased from 160 square feet to 626 square feet. The additions will be made primarily to the back of the house, taking the place of an existing one-story addition. There will be a covered porch and a pavilion to the left side of the house, and the garage and second story will connect to the back of the house on the West Lynn Street side. There will be a new covered entry in the place of an existing covered entry that does not appear to be original to the house. The proposed entry will have Tudor Revival massing and details to complement the style of the house.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions to contributing buildings. General design principles in historic district encourage additions that complement the size, scale, materials, and fenestration patterns of the existing house, and discourage changes to the front of the house to the greatest extent possible.

RESEARCH:

The ca. 1925 house was built by Edmund P. and Norma Cravens, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Edmund P. Cravens was involved with an investment firm with F.W. Sternenberg, of Kuntz-Sternenberg Lumber Company, a downtown furniture store, and finally as a banker with Capital National Bank in the Norwood Tower at 7th and Colorado Streets. Cravens rose to become chairman of the board of the bank.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit as proposed with the exception of the new covered entry – staff recommends either removing the existing entry and not replacing it at all, or replacing it with something more minimal than proposed, such as a canvas awning to provide shade and protection from the elements. While the proposed entry is in keeping with the Tudor Revival style of the house, there is no documentary evidence to show what, if any, entry treatment there was before the construction of the existing entry. The additions are well-designed and are compatible with the historic character of the house and the district. 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, of the existing conditions of the house, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



1" = 125'



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2016-0055
LOCATION: 1712 Windsor Rd.

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1712 Windsor Road
ca. 1925



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1712 Windsor Road

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

1992	No return
1985-86	Edmund P. Cravens, owner Director, Real Estate Inspection and Appraisal
1981	Edmund P. Cravens, owner Advisory director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7 th Street.
1977	Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners Advisory director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7 th Street.
1973	Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners Director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7 th Street.
1968	Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners Director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7 th Street.
1965	Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners Director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7 th Street.

- 1962 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1959 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Director, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1955 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Chairman of the board, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1952 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
1st vice president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1949 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1947 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1944-45 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1941 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Proprietor (with Clarence McCullough), Cravens & McCullough, investment securities, 405 Norwood Building, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1939 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Investments, 801 Congress Avenue.
- 1937 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
With Security Trust Company, 801 Congress Avenue.
Also listed is Edmund P. Cravens, Jr., a student at the University of Texas.
- 1935 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Bowman-Cravens Furniture Company (with Thornton Bowman), 412-14 Congress Avenue; and vice-president, Security Trust Company (C.F. Gibson, receiver), 801 Congress Avenue.
- 1932-33 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Bowman-Cravens Furniture Company (with Thornton Bowman), 412-14 Congress Avenue, vice-resident, Security Trust Company (F.W. Sternenberg, president), 801 Congress Avenue; and treasurer, Travis County.
- 1930-31 Edmund P. and Norma G. Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Bowman-Cravens Furniture Company (with Thornton Bowman), furniture, rugs, stoves, draperies, complete line of home furnishing goods, 412-14 Congress Avenue, vice-resident, Security Trust Company (F.W. Sternenberg, president), 801 Congress Avenue; and treasurer, Travis County.
- 1929 Edmund P. and Norma Cravens, owners
Vice-president, Home Furniture Company (Thornton Bowman, president), furniture, rugs, stoves, draperies, complete line of home furnishing goods, 412-14 Congress Avenue, vice-resident, Security Trust Company (F.W. Sternenberg, president), municipal bonds, loans, and investments, 801 Congress Avenue; and treasurer, Travis County.

- 1927 Edmund P. and Norma Cravens, owners
Vice-president and cashier, Security Trust Company, municipal bonds, loans,
and investments, 801 Congress Avenue; and treasurer, Travis County.
NOTE: Thornton H. Bowman owned the Home Furniture Company, located at
408 Congress Avenue.
- 1924 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Edmund P. and Norma Cravens are listed at 1305 Brazos Street; he was
the vice-president and cashier, Security Trust Company, municipal bonds, loans,
and investments, 801 Congress Avenue; and treasurer, Travis County.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Edmund P. and Norma Cravens (ca. 1925 – ca. 1987)

His 1918 World War I draft registration card shows Edmund Powell Cravens living at 1305 Brazos Street. He was born in 1891 in Austin and was a bank teller for the American National Bank. He was short and stout with brown hair and eyes.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Edmund and Norma Cravens living with her mother, Laura L. Endicott (?) at 1305 Brazos Street. Edmund Cravens was the cashier at a bank. Norma Cravens had no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Edmund P and Norma G. Cravens as the owners of this house, which was worth \$20,000. The house is listed with its old address of 1324 Windsor Road. Edmund P. Cravens was 38, had been born in Texas, and was the vice-president of a bank. Norma G. Cravens was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a son, Edmund P. Cravens, Jr., 10, who had been born in Texas. The family had a live-in servant, Selma Wolff, 22, who had been born in Texas.

Edmund P. and Norma G. Craven appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which is listed as 1712 Windsor Road, and which was worth \$19,000. Edmund Cravens was 49, had been born in Texas, and was a bondsman with Cravens and McCullough. Norma Cravens was 45, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their son, Edmund P. Cravens, Jr. was 21, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. The family had a live-in servant, Minnie Renick, 24, who had been born in Texas and is listed as a maid.

CRAVENS, Mrs. E.P. (Norma G.), 88, 1712 Windsor Road, died Wednesday. Services 3 p.m. today at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Burial, Austin Memorial Park. Survivor: husband, Edmund Powell Cravens of Austin.

Obituary of Norma Cravens
Austin American-Statesman, December 14, 1979

Edmund Powell (Ed) Cravens

Edmund Powell (Ed) Cravens, age 95, of Austin, died Saturday.

Mr. Cravens was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Griffiths Cravens, and his son, Edmund P. Cravens, Jr.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was elected Chairman of the Administrative Board in 1950. He also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Board of Trustees of Foundation, and chairman of the Investment Committee. He was a past-president of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, past-district governor of the Austin Lions Club, vice-president and president of the Founders Lions Club of Austin, charter member of the Austin Heritage Society where he served as treasurer from 1953 to 1977 except for a two-year period during which he served as president. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of St. David's Hospital where he also served as chairman of the Finance Committee. In 1942, Mr. Cravens was employed by the Capital National Bank as vice-president and a member of its Board of Directors. In 1953, he was elected chairman of the Board of Directors until his retirement in 1958.

Mr. Cravens is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM, Tuesday at Weed-Corley, Dr. Jack Heacock officiating. Burial, Austin Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

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

Obituary of Edmund P. Cravens
Austin American-Statesman, February 9, 1987

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Building permit to Edmund P. Cravens to construct a second-story addition (1951)