

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
OCTOBER 24, 2016
NRD-2016-0077
1613 Mohle Drive
Old West Austin

PROPOSAL

Construct a second-story addition to the one-story house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of a full second-story addition to the house that will be flush with the existing house front. The wing-and-gable configuration of the house will be retained, but the house will be two stories, clad in brick veneer, and will have a contemporary awning over the principal entry. The house will feature large casement-style windows in the projecting gable on both stories, and floor-to-ceiling windows on the ground floor.

RESEARCH

The one-story wing-and-gable plan house was built in 1940; the first owner and occupant was sporting goods salesman Walter Allen, and his wife Mary Jane. They lived here until around 1943. From the mid-1940s through the early 1950s, the house was owned and occupied by John S. and Hallie Burns; he was a vice-president of Capital National Bank in the Norwood Building.

Around 1951, the house was purchased by Rosalie Godfrey, a professor of home economics at the University of Texas. Professor Godfrey had previously been the business director of the women's dormitories at the University, and joined the faculty of the Department of Home Economics in 1928. She did considerable research in the area of large quantity food production, and supervised a study on the cooking of meats in the late 1950s. She lived here until her death in 1966.

The house was a rental unit in the late 1960s and early 1970s until it was purchased by Rodney and Carol Green, who lived here through the 1990s. Rodney Green was a salesman for the William Gammon Insurance Agency.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Old West Austin National Register Historic District has no design guidelines for additions to houses. General design principles for contributing houses in historic district discourage transforming one-story houses into two-story houses, and further discourage any changes to the front of contributing structures.




STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff must recommend 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, and with the following provisions:

1. Reduce the size and scale of the proposed addition, and set it at least 15 feet back from the front of the house.
2. Retain the original façade of the house to the highest degree possible.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 208'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2016-0077
1613 MOHLE DRIVE

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1613 Mohle Drive
ca. 1940



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1613 Mohle Drive

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

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| 1992 | Rodney M. and Carol E. Green, owners
Associate, William Gammon Insurance Company, 1615 Guadalupe Street. |
| 1985-86 | Rodney M. and Carol E. Green, owners
Salesman, William Gammon Insurance Company, 1615 Guadalupe Street. |
| 1981 | Rodney M. and Carol E. Green, owners
Salesman, William Gammon Insurance Company, 1605 Lavaca Street. |
| 1977 | Rodney M. and Carol E. Green, owners
Specialist, State Commission for the Blind |
| 1973 | G. Gordon and Cyzygy Kemmet, renters
No occupation listed
NOTE: Rodney and Carol E. Green are not listed in the directory. |
| 1968 | Robert R. Mollenauer, renter
Associate professor, University of Texas
Rear: Penelope Warren, renter
Student |
| 1965 | Rosalie S. Godfrey, owner |

- Associate professor, University of Texas
Rear: Carol McMutry, renter
Staff writer, Austin American-Statesman, newspaper.
- 1962 Rosalie S. Godfrey, owner
Associate professor, University of Texas
Rear: Elsie Inks, renter
Saleslady, Yaring's, complete department store for women and children,
506 Congress Avenue.
- 1959 Rosalie S. Godfrey, owner
Associate professor, University of Texas
Rear: Vacant
- 1955 Rosalie S. Godfrey, owner
Associate professor, University of Texas
Rear: Robert H. Francis, renter
Student
NOTE: John S. and Hallie H. Burns are listed at 3603 Balcones Drive; he was a
vice-president of Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1952 John S. and Hallie Burns, owners
Vice-president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.

Rosalie S. Godfrey, owner
Associate professor, University of Texas

NOTE: There is no rear residential unit listed in the directory.
- 1949 John S. and Hallie Burns, owners
Vice-president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
NOTE: Rosalie Godfrey is listed at 2503 Whitis Avenue; she was an associate
professor at the University of Texas.
- 1947 John S. and Hallie Burns, renters
Assistant vice-president, Capital National Bank, 114 W. 7th Street.
- 1944-45 Robert L. and Effie Hoover, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: John S. Burns is listed at 1708 Guadalupe Street; he was not married
and in the U.S. Army.
- 1941 Walter L. and Mary J. Allen, owners
Salesman, C&S Sporting Goods, 2120 Guadalupe Street.
- 1940 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Walter L. and Mary J. Allen are not listed in the directory. However, they
are listed in the 1939 city directory at 2505 Stamford Lane; he was the retail
manager for C&S Sporting Goods, 2120 Guadalupe Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Walter L. and Mary J. Allen (ca. 1941 – ca. 1943)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Walter and Mary Jane Allen as the renters of the house at 2831 San Gabriel Street in Austin. Walter Allen was 29, had been born in Texas, and was a

salesman in a retail sporting goods store. He had lived in Luling, Texas in 1935. Mary Jane Allen was 25, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. She had lived in San Antonio, Texas in 1935. They had a son, Walter, 1, who had been born in Texas.

His 1961 death certificate shows that Walter Lewis Allen was living in Victoria, Texas at the time of his death. He was a service station operator, who had been born in 1909 in Prairie Lea, Caldwell County, Texas. He was buried in the Luling Cemetery in Luling, Texas.

Rosalie S. Godfrey (ca. 1951 – ca. 1966)

Rosalie Godfrey is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the business director of the Littlefield Dormitory on the University of Texas campus. She was 45, had been born in South Dakota, and was single. She lived in the dormitory.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Rosalie S. Godfrey as a lodger in the home of Martha C. Lockett at 300 W. 26th Street in Austin. Martha Lockett was the directory of the girls' dormitory at the University of Texas; Rosalie Godfrey was the 35-year old South Dakota-born business director of the girls' dormitory.

Her 1966 death certificate shows that Rosalie Seneca Godfrey was living at this house at the time of her death. She had been born in Hot Springs, South Dakota in 1895, and was an associate professor emeritus at the University of Texas.

UT Prof Godfrey Succumbs

Miss Rosalie J. Godfrey, associate professor emeritus of home economics at The University of Texas, died Monday night in Brackenridge Hospital following a long illness.

Miss Godfrey, who lived at 1613 Mohle Drive, had been associated with UT since 1927.

For a number of years she was business director of residence halls at UT. She served on building committees for many of the dormitories, women's gymnasium and other buildings. She retired from the faculty in June, 1965.

Born in Hot Springs, D. S., Miss Godfrey was reared in Holton, Kan. She received a bachelor of science degree from Kansas State College and a master of arts from the University of Washington.

Miss Godfrey was a member of a number of national committees and boards as well as the American and Texas Dietetic Associations, American Association of University Professors and State Nutrition Council. She belonged to the University Methodist Church.

She is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Roy Melendy of Sterling, Colo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

IN MEMORIAM
ROSALIE S. GODFREY

Rosalie S. Godfrey, Associate Professor Emeritus of Home Economics at The University of Texas died in Brackenridge Hospital in Austin on February 28, 1966, after a long illness. She is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Roy Melendy of Sterling, Colorado.

Miss Godfrey was born on February 22, 1895, in Hot Springs, South Dakota. She was reared in Holton, Kansas, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from Kansas State College. Following graduation she taught for two years in Hutchinson High School and then taught for several years at the University of Missouri as an assistant professor of institutional administration. From 1920 to 1922 she worked as a research assistant for the United States Department of Agriculture. Her third year in Washington was spent as Director of Food Services for the Grace Dodge Hotel. While in Washington she took advantage of her proximity to George Washington University and enrolled in night courses in journalism. Never for the rest of her life was she to lose her interest and enthusiasm for journalistic writing.

Following a year of graduate study at the University of Washington during which she earned a Master of Arts degree with a major in institutional administration and a minor in business administration, Miss Godfrey returned to the University of Missouri to fill a research position. She came to The University of Texas in the fall semester of 1927 where she remained until her death.

For many years she was the business director of all residence halls on The University campus and served on the building and furnishing committees for Andrews and Carothers dormitories; Roberts, Prather, and Brackenridge Halls; the Women's Gymnasium; and the Home Economics Building. She was appointed to the faculty of the Department of Home Economics in 1928 and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in institutional administration. Her research interest was, in the area of large quantity food production. From 1955 to 1958 she

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

No 12306 61
Sec 61
Feb 20, 1939

Received of H. F. Green Date Feb 20, 1939

Address 1613 Mohle Drive

Amount Two and 50/100 - - - - - \$ 2.50

Plumber Gissell Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection	<u>3-11-39</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>5"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>1"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>6'</u>
From E-Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>33.5'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>back of curb line</u>
Type of Box	<u>Lock</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>2.5'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>1.4"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>1.5'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>4-11-39 LE</u>

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 5"
	Elbow
	St. Elbow 2 1/2"
1	Bushing 2 1/2"
1	Reducer 1"
2	Pipe 2" copper
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples 2 1/2" galv
1	Union 2 1/2" galv
1	Elbow 2 1/2" galv
	Tee
	Stop
1	Box
1	Lid
1	Submain Tile 8" x 8"

Job No. 599-101E
Req. No. 33171-33435-33433

Brainster

NDICED

Water service permit for this address (1939)

Connection Charge \$ 22.62 No 16822

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, 7-23 1940

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

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instruction on premises owned by Walter Allen at 1613 Mohle Dr Street further described as lot 24E10 of 1, block _____, outlet _____ subdivision Bradenburg, division _____, plat 64 which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures

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

Respectfully,
Walter Allen

Stub Out _____

Connected 3-3-40

Size of Main 6 inches 4-23-40

Size of Service 4 inches 5-1-40

2 Feet Deep in ST

12 1/2 Feet from Property Line

Feet from Curb Line _____

Inspected by Boothright

Connection made by H. G. ...

3431 Walter Allen
1613 Mohle Drive
L. H. B.

Sewer connection application by Walter Allen for this house (1940)

OWNER	Rosalee S. Godfrey	ADDRESS	1613 Mohle
PLAT	61	LOT	2 and 10* of 1
		BLK	6
SUBDIVISION	Edgemont Summit		
OCCUPANCY	Remodel and Repair Residence		
BLD PERMIT #	92063	DATE	5-21-64
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	25.00
CONTRACTOR	Owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
RESIDENCE	Sheetrock interior		
Building permit to Rosalie Godfrey to remodel and repair the house (1964)			