

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0742
1221 MADISON AVENUE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1951 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, side-gabled brick-veneered frame house with single multi-light aluminum framed casement windows.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1951 by Howard Pringle, a local developer. The first owners and occupants were Charles and Billie Lu Marek, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Charles Marek was born in Marlin, Texas, but the family moved to Austin when Charlie was around 10. He came back to Austin after serving in World War II, and was employed as a tile setter for several different companies until the mid-1960s, when he went to work for the Texas Employment commission as a mechanic and maintenance man. He passed away in 2008; his widow, Billie, a book-keeper, passed away in 2015. According to Charles Marek's obituary, he and Billie bought this, one of the first houses in Crestview.

STAFF COMMENTS




The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, as this house represents the residential development in Crestview, a post-World War II neighborhood. However, the house lacks the architectural and historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, so 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.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0742
LOCATION: 1221 Madison Ave



1" = 167'

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1221 Madison Avenue
ca. 1951



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1221 Madison Avenue

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

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| 1992 | Charles E. and Billie F. Marek, owners Retired |
| 1985-86 | Charles E. and Billie F. Marek, owners Maintenance mechanic, Texas Employment Commission |
| 1981 | Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners Maintenance mechanic, Texas Employment Commission |
| 1977 | Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners Maintenance mechanic, Texas Employment Commission |
| 1973 | Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners Maintenance mechanic, Texas Employment Commission |
| 1968 | Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners Maintenance mechanic, Texas Employment Commission |
| 1965 | Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners Maintenance mechanic, Texas Employment Commission |

- 1961 Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners
Tile setter, Chester's Tile Service, ceramic tile contractors, 1710 Aggie Lane.
- 1957 Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners
Tile setter, Bounds Floor and Tile Company (not listed in the directory)
- 1953 Charles E. and Billie Marek, owners
Tile setter
- 1952 Vacant
NOTE: Charles and Billie Marek are listed at 2022 Goodrich Avenue. He was a tile setter for Modern Tile Service, 4406 Lamar Boulevard; she was a book-keeper for Marie Antoinette, women's fashions, 504 Congress Avenue.
- 1949 The street is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Charles and Billie Marek are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**Charles and Billie Marek (ca. 1951 -)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Charles E. Marek as the 13-year old son of Vincent R. and Mary A. Marek, who rented their home at 608 Driskill Street in Austin. Charles had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His father, Vincent Marek, 43, was a junior interviewer for the Texas State Employment Service. His mother had no occupation listed. Charles was the 3rd of the couple's 4 children. His oldest brother, Vincent T. Marek, 18, was a carpenter's helper in building construction. The family had lived in Marlin, Texas in 1935.



Charles Edward Marek
Jan. 1, 1927 - Dec. 10, 2008

Charlie Marek passed away somewhat unexpectedly due to a heart attack on Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

He was born January 1, 1927 in Marlin, Texas to Vincent Rudolph and Mary Amalia (Portele) Marek. The family relocated to Austin in 1937. Charlie attended Saint Mary's Catholic School and Austin High School. Shortly after graduation in 1945, he joined the U.S. Navy and served for 16 months. He then returned to Austin and worked as a tile setter.

In June 1951, he wed the love of his life, Billie Lu Floyd. They bought one of the first homes in the Crestview neighborhood where they spent many happy years together raising their family. From the early 1960s, until his retirement in 1989, he worked as an AC mechanic and repairman with the Texas Employment Commission. He was a long-time member of St. Louis Catholic Church and remained close to Monsignor Matocha over the years.

Retirement gave Charlie and Billie Lu more time to spend with family, friends, and neighbors, and pursue other interests including daytrips around central Texas. They enjoyed volunteering at the RNC Retirement Center and helping with bingo and special events. In recent years they've taken great joy cheering on their grandsons at football and soccer games and school activities.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, his brother V.T. Marek, his sister Mary Anne Allen, and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Lorraine and Nolan Von Roeder.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Billie Lu; his daughter, Susie; his son and daughter-in-law, Vince and Suzanne; his son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Helen Mary; and grandsons, Harrison Collin, and Hudson. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Partain of Austin; brother-in-law, Taylor B. Allen of Virginia; and many other family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Larry Caldwell, Hap Feuerbacher, Larry Vanston, Rex Wier, Bill Von Roeder, Eric Von Roeder, and Steve Wehring. Honorary pallbearers will be Charlie's long-time friends, Dick Childers, Steve Childress, Donald Ray Francis, and Bob Webb.

Charlie will be greatly missed, but remembered fondly as a wonderful husband, brother, father, uncle, grandfather, friend, and neighbor.

Visitation will be Friday, December 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Austin Peel and Son Funeral Home at 607 East Anderson Lane (I-35 and Hwy 183). Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the RNC Retirement Center in Austin or a charity of your choice.



Austin Peel & Son Funeral Home
512-419-7224

Obituary of Charles Marek
Austin American-Statesman, December 12, 2008

Billie Lu Floyd MAREK
1929 - 2015



MAREK, Billie Lu Floyd

Our Billie Lu Marek passed away on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 just shy of her 86th birthday. She was born in Austin on Sept. 21, 1929 to Everett and Novella Floyd. Her family sometimes traveled where her father was stationed with the Army, but Austin was their home. She graduated from Austin High School, attended Nixon Clay Commercial College, and worked as a bookkeeper at Marie Antoinette in Austin.

She married Charles Marek (son of Mary & V. R. Marek) in 1951 in Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. They bought a home in the new Crestview neighborhood in Austin where they raised daughter Susie and sons Vince and Henry. Later daughters-in-law Suzanne (Wier) and Helen Mary (Vanston) joined the family and the addition of grandsons, Harrison, Collin, and Hudson, brought more joy to their lives.

Charlie and Billie Lu enjoyed 57 years of marriage until his death in 2008. Several months later, Billie Lu fell very ill, but with the loving care of family, friends, and the staff at RNC, she recovered enough to happily move back to her home where she lived until two weeks ago. Billie Lu enjoyed reading, road trips, her collections of clowns, pencils, and rocks, old movies, talk shows, football, golf, NASCAR, anything Texas, and visiting with family and friends. We are grateful for her long and happy life, but will greatly miss her.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Charlie as well as her parents, parents-in-law, sister and brother in-law Lorraine and Nolan Von Roeder, brother-in-law VT Marek, sister-in-law Mary Anne Allen, niece Nancy Von Roeder, and niece Sandy Marek Weiss. She is survived by her children, their wives and her grandsons, as well as her sister-in-law Dorothy Partain, brother-in-law Taylor Allen, many nieces and nephews, and dear friends and neighbors.

Visitation: Friday Sept 18, 6-8pm, Funeral: Saturday, Sept 19, 2pm. Austin-Peel & Sons Funeral Home, 607 E Anderson Ln. Burial: Assumption Cemetery, 3650 S I-35, Austin, TX. Pastor Delton Weiser of Point of Grace Church will be officiating.

Obituary of Billie Lu Marek
Austin American-Statesman, September 18, 2015

Howard Pringle

1221 Madison Avenue

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Crestview #5

Brick veneer residence and garage.

48058 4-12-51

\$8000.00

Owner

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Building permit to builder Howard Pringle for the construction of this house (1951).

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

C No. 9212

Received of HOWARD PRINGLE Date 5-30-51

Address 1221 MADISON Avenue

Amount TWENTY AND NINE \$ 20.00

Plumber L.L. MYERS Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 6-6-51

Size of Tap Made _____

Size Service Made _____

Size Main Tapped _____

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5'

From E- Prop. Line to Curb Cock 40'

Location of Meter PURIS

Type of Box LOW

Depth of Main in St. _____

Depth of Service Line _____

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main _____

Checked by Engr. Dept. 7-10-51 RS

| No. Fittings | Size | Description |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| | Curb Cock | |
| | Elbow | |
| | St. Elbow | |
| | Bushing | |
| | Reducer | |
| | Pipe | |
| | Lead Comp. | |
| | Nipples | |
| | Union | |
| | Plug | |
| | Tee | <u>3/4" SUPPLY</u> |
| | Stop | |
| | Box | <u>TILE</u> |
| | Lid | |
| | Valves | |
| | Job No. | <u>W-323-502</u> |
| | Perq. No. | <u>417011</u> |

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Replaces Stub D-357

Water service permit for this address (1951)