

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0805
4202 RAMSEY AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-and-a-half story, side-gabled frame Cape Cod-style house with front-gabled dormers and single, paired, and triple 6:6 fenestration; attached garage was built in 1986.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1939 by Trenton and Rosalie Rieth, who lived here until around 1943. Trenton Rieth was a native of Louisiana, and was a salesman for a wholesale food company; he later became a life insurance agent. Edith Vernon, a spinster public school teacher, and her sister, May Vernon, another spinster public school teacher, owned and occupied the house in the mid-1940s. From around 1946 until around 1950, the house was owned and occupied by C.B. and Merle B. Murrah. C.B. Murrah was in the insurance business while living in this house. His 2004 obituary states that he was a director of the Texas State Board of Insurance, from which he retired. From the early 1960s through the mid-1970s, the house was owned and occupied by Herndon and Sharon Bailey. Herndon Bailey was a civil engineer. He and Sharon divorced in 1976. The house was a rental property in the 1980s, and then purchased by a professor at the Episcopal Theological Seminary; she lived here in the 1990s.

STAFF COMMENTS





The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use; this house is a very good example of late 1930s Colonial Revival residential architecture, and appears to be in good condition. It would also be contributing to a potential historic district in Rosedale. If the house cannot be re-used on-site, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, but 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



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0805
LOCATION: 4202 Ramsey Ave.



1" = 137'

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4202 Ramsey Avenue
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4202 Ramsey Avenue

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

1992	Sonya I. Ingwerson, owner Professor, Episcopal Theological Seminary
1985-86	Graham Hutchison, renter No occupation listed
1981	No return
1977	No return
1973	Herndon C. and Sharon Bailey, owners Consulting engineer
1968	Herndon C. and Sharon Bailey, owners Design engineer, City Water and Sewer Department
1965	Herndon C. and Sharon Bailey, renters Engineer, City Water and Sewer Department

- 1961 Claude E .and Mary B. Harkins, renters
 Claude: Employed by Ballard's Drive-In, groceries (multiple locations)
 Mary B.: Teacher, public schools
 NOTE: Herndon C. Bailey is listed at 1700-B Houston Street; he had no wife listed with him, and was an engineer for the City Water and Sewer Department.
- 1957 Harvey R. and Patricia L. Boyd, renters
 Program director, KNOW Radio
- 1953 J.T. and Sara Rutherford, renters
 No occupation listed
- 1949 Clarence B. and Merle B. Murrah, owners
 Vice-president, International Life Insurance Company, 204 American-Statesman Building, 200 W. 7th Street.
- 1947 Clarence B. and Merle B. Murrah, owners
 Office manager, Union Reserve Life Insurance Company, 309-109 Nash Building, 618 Colorado Street.
- 1944-45 Edith B. Vernon, owner
 Teacher, public schools
 Also listed is May Vernon, a public school teacher.
 NOTE: Clarence and Merle B. Murrah are not listed in the directory.
- 1942 Trenton A. and Rosalie Rieth, owners
 Insurance, National Life and Accident Insurance Company, 602-03 Norwood Building.
- 1941 Trenton A. and Rosalie Rieth, owners
 No occupation listed
- 1940 Trenton A. and Rosalie Rieth, owners
 Food distributor
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Trenton and Rosalie Rieth are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Trenton and Rosalie Rieth (ca. 1939 – ca. 1943)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Trenton and Rosalie Rieth as the owners of this house, which was worth \$6,000. Trenton A. Rieth was 39, had been born in Louisiana, and was a salesman for a wholesale food company. Rosalie Rieth was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. The Rieths had lived in Lockhart, Texas in 1935. They had a lodger, Zeta Drew, 30, a Texas-born divorcee who had lived in Denver, Colorado in 1935, and was a saleslady in a retail dry goods store.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Trenton Rieth as a single roomer living in San Angelo, Texas, where he was a salesman for a bakery.

Trenton Rieth died in New Orleans in 1974. Rosalie Rieth died in 1992.

Edith Vernon (ca. 1943 – ca. 1946)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Edith Belle Vernon as a lodger in the home of Beulah Cannon at 2100½ San Gabriel Street in Austin. Edith Belle Vernon was 44, single, and had been born in Texas. She was a public school teacher.

According to her 1961 death certificate, Edith Belle Vernon was living at 2311 Rundell Place at the time of her death. She had been born in 1894 in Fate, Rockwall County, Texas, and was a teacher and librarian for the Austin public schools. She had never married. May Vernon was her sister.

MISS EDITH VERNON

Miss Edith Vernon, 2311 Rundell Place, died in a local hospital Sunday. She had been a resident of Austin 42 years and was a member of Central Christian Church.

Miss Vernon was librarian for Zilker School and was a member of Austin Teachers Association, Texas State Teachers and National Teachers Associations, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Survivors include a sister, Miss May Vernon, Austin; a niece, Mrs. Wesley Tucker, Dallas and a nephew, Randall Vernon, California.

The body is at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Obituary of Edith Vernon
Austin American, November 6, 1961

MISS EDITH VERNON

Funeral services for Miss Edith Vernon, 2311 Rundell Place, will be held at Weed-Corley Funeral Home Tuesday at 4 p.m. Rev. Eugene Dye will officiate and and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Arthur Amundson, Charles L. Jones, R. K. Wimberley, Henry Horton, Hollis Sanders and Robert Howell.

Funeral notice for Edith Vernon
Austin American, November 7, 1961

Clarence Boyd Murrah and Merle Murrah (ca. 1946 – ca. 1951)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Boyd and Merle Murrah living in a house they owned in Los Angeles Heights, a suburb of San Antonio, Texas. Boyd Murrah was 28, had been born in Texas, and was a book-keeper for an insurance company. Merle Murrah was 31, had been born in Texas, and was a public school teacher. They had no children listed with them.

Her 1976 death certificate shows that Merle B. Murrah was living at 1805 Palma Plaza at the time of her death. She had been born in 1907 in Denton, Texas, and had no occupation shown on the certificate. She died at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

MURRAH, Mrs. Merle, 68, 1805 Palma Plaza, died Friday. Services pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Survivors: husband, Clarence B. Murrah of Austin; son, Clarence Boyd Murrah Jr. of Richardson; daughter, Mrs. Walter (Ann) Lilie of Austin; sister, Mrs. Florence Higdon of San Antonio; two grandchildren; two nephews.

Obituary of Merle Murrah
Austin American-Statesman, September 4, 1976

**MURRAH, Mrs. Merle, 68, 1805 Palma Plaza,
died Friday. Services 5 p.m. Sunday at Weed-Cor-
ley Funeral Home.**

Funeral notice for Merle Murrah
Austin American-Statesman, September 5, 1976

**Clarence Boyd Murrah, Sr.
"C.B."**

Jan. 30, 1911 - Aug. 19, 2004

C.B. Murrah passed away on Thursday, August 19, 2004, at the age of 93. He was born in Mason County, Texas, to Charles Nathaniel Murrah and Ellender Mae Sanders Murrah. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

He retired from the Texas State Board of Insurance where he worked as a Director. He also worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas.

Mr. Murrah was an avid hunter and fisherman, who enjoyed teaching his family about his experiences growing up in the State of Texas.

He is survived by his son, C. Boyd Murrah, Jr.; daughter, Ann Murrah Lilie; grandchildren, Nathan Lilie, Keith Lilie and Elisabeth Murrah.

Mr. Murrah was preceded in death by his wife, Leta Merle Bain Murrah and his brother, Arcy Lloyd Murrah.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, August 23, 2004, at the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. The family will receive friends prior to services beginning at 1:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery.

Please join us in honoring Mr. Murrah by visiting his memorial at www.cookwalden.com. Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

Obituary of Clarence B. Murrah
Austin American-Statesman, August 22, 2004

Herndon and Sharon Bailey (ca. 1962 – ca. 1976)

Herndon Bailey, Jr. is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 11-year old son of Herndon and Celeste Bailey, who rented their home in San Antonio, Texas. Herndon Bailey, Jr. was born in Texas. His father, Herndon Bailey, Sr., 33, had been born in Texas and was the proprietor of an auto park. His mother, Celeste Bailey, 29, had been born in Texas and had no occupation listed. Herndon, Jr. was the oldest of the couple's 3 children.

Herndon and Sharon Bailey were married in 1961 and divorced in 1976. Herndon Bailey then married Mary Guerrero in 1981.



**Mr. Herndon Chrystal
Bailey, Jr.
Sept. 17, 1928 - Nov. 24, 2006**

Herndon Chrystal Bailey, Jr. was called to heaven by his savior on Friday, November 23, 2006. Herndon was born on September 17, 1928 to the late Celeste Alexander and the late Herndon C. Bailey, Sr. Our beloved husband, father, and friend was well known and respected due to his kind character and profession, as a Civil Engineer.

Herndon graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked and retired from the City of Austin's Water and Wastewater Department, when he joined the engineering firm of Hunter and Associates. In 1974, he opened his Civil Engineering office and practiced until his heavenly call. Mr. Bailey also served in the capacity as a City Engineer for several surrounding cities and communities.

Mr. Bailey is survived by his wife, Mary Guerrero Bailey of Austin, sons, Travis Scott Bailey of Austin, Herndon Brandon Bailey of Georgetown, daughter, Sharyon Williams of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and grandchildren, Halton, Emily, and Jamison Williams, and step-grandchildren, Justin, Zachary, Austin, Michael and Bailey Weinel, and many family members from New Orleans, Louisiana.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the Angel Funeral Home. Mr. Bailey was a member of the Hill City Lodge #456.AF & AM.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at The Scottish Rite Temple (207 W. 18th St.), with Gordon Bergstrom officiating. Immediately following funeral services at the The Scottish Rite Temple, Mr. Bailey will be transported for Masonic graveside services at the San Jose Burial Park Cemetery in San Antonio under the auspices of Hill City Lodge.

The family wishes to thank Mr. Bob Schmidt and many other friends for their devoted and unconditional friendship clearly demonstrated during Herndon's extended illness.

"What God has taken us to, God will take us through"

Please visit this obituary at angel-funeralhome.com

Obituary of Herndon Bailey

Austin [American-Statesman](#), November 30, 2006

T. H. Rieth 4202 Ramsey Avenue
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 frame residence & frame garage
 260n - 2/20/39

Building permit to Trenton Reith for this house (1939)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

Sec. 187 N^o 12277

Received of T. H. Rieth Date Feb 14, 1939

Address 4202 Ramsey Avenue

Amount Two and 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber Cm. Lanier Size of Tap 1/2

Date of Connection	<u>2/17/39</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>3/4</u>
Size Service Made	<u>3/4</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>6"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>7' 6"</u>
From <u>S₁</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>19'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>CURB</u>
Type of Box	<u>LOCK</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>CURB 26"</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>12"</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>OVER 11-M</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>2-27-39</u>

No. Fittings	Size.
1	Curb Cock: 5/8"
	Elbow
	St. Elbow
1	Flushing
1	Reducer
9	Pipe 3/4" 2 1/2' 1 1/2' 5' 2'
1	Lead Comp. 2 1/2' 1 1/2' 5' 2'
	Nipples
1	Union 3/4" 1 1/2' 1 1/2'
	Plug
	Tee
1	Stop
1	Box
1	Lid
	Valves
	Job No. <u>12277</u>
	Req. No. <u>22945</u>

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Water service permit to Trenton Rieth for this house (1939)

OWNER Herndon Dailey ADDRESS 4202 Ramsey Ave
 PLAT 187 LOT 2 BLK 11
 SUBDIVISION Rosedale
 OCCUPANCY Attached open carport
 BLD PERMIT # 116176 DATE 3-4-70 OWNERS ESTIMATE 140.00
 CONTRACTOR Owner NO. OF FIXTURES none
 WATER TAP REC # existing SEWER TAP REC # existing
 Frame addn to A Residence
 544 sq ft
 Building permit to Herndon Bailey to construct a carport (1970)

The garage was built in 1986. There is a permit to add a laundry room and to convert the existing laundry room to a breezeway dating from 2002.