

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 23, 2017
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0799
2506 GREAT OAKS PARKWAY**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1958 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, side-gabled mid-century Modern-styled brick house with flared eaves at the side gables, a prominent brick chimney, and casement windows with transoms.

RESEARCH

There is a 1953 building permit for this address, but this house does not appear to have been built at that time. There is no listing in the city directories prior to the edition of 1959, which shows E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall as the owners and occupants of this house. The style of this house more accurately reflects design principles of the late 1950s with the flared eaves, the long, low composition, the prominent brick chimney, and the casement windows with transoms, all of which define mid-century Modern design principles.

E. Wayne Hall was a field representative for the Associated General Contractors, who then became the assistant manager, manager, and finally executive director of the organization.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, 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, while a very good example of the mid-century Modern design ethic, does not have the requisite historical significance for designation as a historic landmark.

E-mail from Emily Payne:

Hi there, Andrew and Steve -

I've been looking into 2506 Great Oaks, and I've found some significant information that seems to be missing from your backup packet for tonight's HLC agenda. First off, the house was indeed constructed ca. 1953, and it is listed in the 1954 City Directory (see image below). (Great Oaks just wasn't yet listed by address, likely because 2506 was one of the first houses, but that makes it all the more significant). Also, based on the original building permit from 1953, the builder was Andrew S. Patton. There is an existing landmark application for 1507 Woolridge Drive that establishes the significance of builder Andrew S. Patton (<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=146570>). The architect has not yet been found, but Patton typically worked on architect-designed houses, and this house appears custom-designed, unlike any other house in the subdivision. Andrew S. Patton's

own house was nearby on Shoal Creek Boulevard and designed by architect C. Coatsworth Pinckney (<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/aushc/00310/ahc-00310.html>). Time for additional research is needed to try to identify the architect of 2506 Great Oaks. Research should also explore the "Patton" Austin File at the History Center and Pinckney's papers at UT.

As for the original owners, it seems that the backup documentation dismissed Mr. and Mrs. T. Eugene Wood because of the incorrect assumption that the house wasn't built until 1959. Mr. T. Eugene Wood was a founding partner in the Dunwood Service Company (*Statesman*, 06/21/1954, pg. 19), which apparently managed memorial gardens. (Perhaps City PARD files would show a link with nearby Austin Memorial Park, which has been determined eligible. Or there might be something in the Austin Memorial Park file at the History Center.) By 1959, City Directories list Wayne Hall at 2506 Great Oaks (also known as E. Wayne Hall). By 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hall served as co-presidents of the Rosedale School PTA (*Statesman*, 10/12/1962, pg. 7). Per TCAD, E.W. Hall lived in the house until 2004. The backup does include Hall's 2012 obituary, but it doesn't acknowledge the potential significance of his role as an influential builder who also worked to change statewide legislation regarding building codes (<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?pid=159183711>). Again, more time for research is necessary to assess the significance of both Wood and Hall.

Please make sure that the HLC is aware of this new information prior to tonight's hearing. I'll be at the HLC hearing tonight, and I'm available to discuss the property this afternoon if that would help.

All the best,

Emily

Good morning, Andrew and Steve. I just wanted to talk with you about your research plan for 2506 Great Oaks. I don't want to duplicate effort. My own research plan is below. I've also asked the folks at MidTex Mod to chime in if they know anything. Is there anything that you'll be looking at as well that I can cross off my list?

- Track down surviving family members
 - Builder - Andrew S. Patton
 - Owners - Mr. and Mrs. T. Eugene Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hall
 - [Neighbors - Already contacted Claire McAdams, member of MidTex Mod and daughter of Nancy and Kelly McAdams (owners and architects of nearby 2607 Great Oaks per <http://rosedaleaustin.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Rosedale-Ramble-1994.pdf>) (also known to have designed E-Z's on N. Lamar)]
- Subdivision plats
 - For Great Oaks Sections 1 and 2
 - For similar small Modernist subdivisions
 - [Have Highgrove Terrace on file at HHM]
 - La Ronde (La Ronde Street, 78731)
 - Beau Site (Greenway Street, 78705)
 - Vance Park (Vance Circle, 78701)
 - Belmont (Belmont Parkway, 78703)

- Any others identified by HPO?
- Contextual information regarding small-scale Modern subdivisions in Austin
 - HHM citywide context of Austin
 - HHM MoPac survey
 - Wilshire Historic District NRHP Nomination
- *Statesman* archive search
 - [Owners' names previously searched and information included in my email from 11/21/16]
 - "Great Oaks"
 - Builder's name - Andrew S. Patton (builder of 23 out of 29 lots in subdivision per <http://rosedaleaustin.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Rosedale-Ramble-1997.pdf>)
 - Developers' names - W. Landon Bradfield and G. Harris Brush (per <http://rosedaleaustin.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Rosedale-Ramble-1997.pdf>)
 - Potential architects' names
 - Kelly and Nancy McAdams [obituary already located at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?pid=169563639>]
 - C. Coatsworth Pinckney
 - Leads from MidTex Mod
 - "Austin Memorial Park"
- History Center
 - Builder files - Andrew S. Patton
 - Austin Files
 - *Rosedale Rambles* in Rosedale (also at <http://rosedaleaustin.org/about-rosedale/rosedale-history/>)
 - Log Cabin: Kelly McAdams
 - Austin Memorial Park
 - Real Estate Business: Bradfield, Cummins and Gore
 - Biography Files
 - Kelly McAdams
 - C. Coatsworth Pinckney
 - Architects' names based on leads from MidTex Mod
 - Architectural archives/TARO search
 - Kelly McAdams (worked for Fehr & Granger for indeterminate time)
 - C. Coatsworth Pinckney
 - Leads from MidTex Mod
- UT
 - Avery Index search based on leads from MidTex Mod [no hits to date for search of "Austin AND ('Great Oaks' OR Patton OR Pinckney OR McAdams)"]

All the best,

Emily

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 208'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0799
2506 GREAT OAKS PKWY

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2506 Great Oaks Parkway
ca. 1958



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
2506 Great Oaks Parkway

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

1992	E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners No occupation listed
1985-86	E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners Executive directory, Associate General Contractors, 609 S. Lamar Boulevard.
1981	E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners Executive director, Associated General Contractors, 609 S. Lamar Boulevard.
1977	E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners Executive director, Associated General Contractors, 704 Perry-Brooks Building, 121 E. 8 th Street.
1973	E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners Manager, Associated General Contractors, 1202 Perry-Brooks Building, 121 E. 8 th Street. Also listed is Duncan W. Hall, an accounting clerk at the State Comptroller's Office.
1968	E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners

Manager, Associated General Contractors, 1202 Perry-Brooks Building, 121 E. 8th Street.

- 1965 E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners
Assistant manager, Associated General Contractors, 609 S. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1961 E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners
Field rep, Associated General Contractors, 609 S. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1959 E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall, owners
Field rep, Associated General Contractors, 609 S. Lamar Boulevard.
- 1958 The street is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: E. Wayne and Mary R. Hall are not listed in the directory.

NOTE: T. Eugene and Dorothy Wood, the owners of the property on the 1953 building permit, according to the 1953 city directory, lived at 1034 E. 44th Street. He was the manager of the Capital Memorial Gardens cemetery. The 1954 San Angelo, Texas city directory shows T. Eugene and Dorothy Wood living in Austin, but with their business, Dunwood Service, Inc., a book-keeping service, in San Angelo.

The 1954 Austin city directory shows T. Eugene Wood living at this address; he was the district manager for Capitol Memorial Gardens. T. Eugene and Dorothy Wood are not listed in the 1957 Austin city directory. T. Eugene and Dorothy Wood are listed in the 1958 directory for Longview, Texas. T. Eugene Wood was the manager of the Gregg County Memorial Gardens.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Emory Wayne and Mary Marshall Root Hall (ca. 1958 -)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Emory W[ayne]. Hall as the 15-year old son of Seidel S. and Adele Hall, who rented an apartment at 104½ Laurel Lane in Austin. Emory W. Hall was born in Texas. His father, Seidel S. Hall, 47, had been born in Texas, and was a salesman for a wholesale oil company. His mother, Adele Hall, 47, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Emory had an older brother, Seidel Hall, Jr., 18, who had been born in Texas, and was a service attendant at a filling station.

HALL, Mary R., 78, of Austin died Tuesday. Visitation 10 a.m. Friday, Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Services 2 p.m. Saturday, Tarrytown United Methodist Church. Burial will be private.

Death notice for Mary R. Hall
Austin American-Statesman, December 4, 2003

Mary R. Hall

Mary R. Hall, age 78, of Austin passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 2003. She was born May 24, 1925, in York, Pennsylvania.

She was a graduate of York Collegiate Institute and Wellesley College, class of 1947. Mary was a devoted Christian and longtime member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church. She was active all of her adult life in the United Methodist Women. In addition, she was a faithful member of the Settlement Club.

Her parents, Benjamin T. Root and Frances Snyder Frick Root; a sister, Frances Shorb; and brothers, Benjamin M. Root and John Root preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, E. Wayne Hall of Austin; her children, Duncan W. Hall of Denver, Colorado; Julie Pierro and husband, Don of Austin; Alan E. Hall and wife, Chris of Houston and Richard F. Hall and wife, Jocelyn of Washington, DC; grandchildren, Lauren Timberlake, Brandon Timberlake, Katherine Ann Hall, Allison Hall, Stephen Hall, Miranda Hall, Christian Hall, Nathaniel Hall, Spencer Pierro, Sam Pierro and Anna Frances Pierro; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary will lie in state for open visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2003, at Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition with Dr. James Mayfield and Dr. Jack Hooper officiating. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions can be made to Tarrytown United Methodist Church or The Settlement Home.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 452-8811.

Obituary of Mary R. Hall

Austin American-Statesman, December 5, 2003



E. Wayne Hall. E. Wayne Hall passed away August 13, 2012 at the age of 88. He was born August 9, 1924 in San Antonio to Seidel S. and Mary Adele Hall. A longtime Austin resident, Wayne graduated from Austin High School in 1941

and went on to attend the [University of Texas](#) where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. Like so many young men of that generation, the college years were interrupted by his country's call to military service in 1942. Wayne served in the Air Force until 1945 at which time he returned to UT to finish his degree in Business Administration in 1948. He went on to do graduate studies at Boston University. It was in Boston that he met the love of his life, Mary Root. They married May 20, 1950 in York, PA and relocated back to Texas where they remained happily married for the next 53 years until Mary's death in 2003. Their first stop in Texas was Corpus Christi where Wayne went to work for Texaco for the next 8 years. In 1958, he moved back to Austin where he began what would become a 30 year career for Associated General Contractors. He initially went to work for the Texas Highway branch of AGC as a Field Representative and Safety Director, before being promoted to Assistant Secretary. In 1966, he transferred to the Houston AGC Building Chapter to open a Legislative Office in Austin. Wayne became the Executive Director of the Texas Building Branch AGC with its establishment in 1974, serving in that role until his retirement in 1988. It was under Wayne's leadership that the Texas Building Branch AGC began influencing legislative issues for the twelve Texas AGC Building Chapters. He also was active at the national level of AGC of America, serving on the executive committee of the Executive Leadership Council, which is comprised of the nation's executive AGC staff personnel. Wayne was a longtime member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church, where he was active in church affairs including having served as Chairman of the Administrative Board. For years he was a member of Austin County Club where he pursued his passion for golf, playing weekly with friends. Lesser known hobbies included a talent for woodworking and an artistic side that was expressed through water color painting. Wayne was a gentleman of great character and integrity who will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. In addition to his wife Mary, he was preceded in death by his mother and father, brother Ike, sisters-in-law Ceocia Hall and Frances Shorb, and brothers-in-law Benjamin Root and John Root. He is survived by his children, Duncan W. Hall of Denton, Julie Pierro of Austin, Alan Hall and wife Chris of Brea, CA, and Richard F. Hall and wife Jocelyn of Washington D.C. Also surviving are grandchildren Lauren Timberlake, Brandon Timberlake and wife Emily, Katherine Goldberg and husband John, Allison Hall, Stephen Hall, Miranda Hall, Christian Hall and Nathan Hall; great-grandchildren Courtney Goldberg and Brady Timberlake. The family wishes to thank the administration and staff of Westminster Manor for the warmth and kindness shown towards Wayne during his 8 years as a resident. Additionally, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the gracious loving care provided to Wayne over the last month by the staffs of Westminster's Arbour Health Care Center and Buckner Hospice. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17th at Tarrytown United Methodist Church, 2601 Exposition Blvd. followed by a reception at the church. A separate graveside service will be held privately for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Tarrytown United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 2601 Exposition Blvd., Austin, TX 78703.

Obituary of E. Wayne Hall
Austin [American-Statesman](#), August 15, 2012

Mr. & Mrs. T. Eugene Wood

2506 Great Oaks
Parkway

Map

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Great Oaks #2

Brick veneer and frame residence with
garage attached.

53807 4-27-53

\$20,000.00

Andrew S. Patton

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Building permit to T. Eugene Wood for the construction of this house (1953)

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Great Oaks
Sec 2

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

D No 8200

Received of **ANDREW S. PATTON** INDEXED Date 5-5-53

Address **2506 GREAT OAKS PARKWAY**

Amount **TWENTY** \$20.00

Plumber **NEW DEAL PLUMBING** Size of Tap **3/4**

Date of Connection **7-6-53**

Size of Tap Made **3/8"**

Size Service Made **3/4"**

Size Main Tapped **6"**

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **7'**

From Curb Prop. Line to Curb Cock **1'**

Location of Meter **FRONT CURB**

Type of Box **FR**

Depth of Main in St. **3'**

Depth of Service Line **30"**

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **36'**

Checked by Engr. Dept. **9-3-53**

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	3/4" COP
1	Elbow	3/4" COP
1	St. Elbow	3/4" COP
	Bushing	
	Reducer	
38	Pipe	3/4" COP
	Lead Comp.	
	Nipples	
	Union	
	Plug	
	Tee	
	Stop	
1	Box	
1	Lid	
	Valves	
	Job No.	W 323-502
	Req. No.	9-3-53

W. O. F. 2358

Water service permit to Andrew S. Patton for this address (1953)