

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
APRIL 24, 2017
NRD-2017-0026
906 Robertson Street
West Line Historic District

PROPOSAL

Construct an addition to the front and side of the house.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes the construction of a one-story addition to the front of the existing house. The proposed addition will be 106 square feet and will be built to the right of the existing front door. The front door will be relocated slightly to the south. The siding, trim, and roofing materials on the proposed addition will match those on the existing house.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The West Line Historic District has no design guidelines for additions to contributing buildings. General design principles encourage no changes to the front façade of a contributing house, and compatibility of materials, scale, massing, and fenestration patterns with the house and the contributing houses within the district.

This proposed addition is very compatible with the materials, scale, and massing of the existing house, but is located on the front of the house, thus triggering review by the Commission.




STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the applicant consider the installation of a small window in the front of the addition to break up the proposed blank wall on the front of the house. If there were room, staff would also recommend setting the addition further behind the front wall of the house, but judging from the plans, there is no extra room in the addition to accommodate this suggestion. Staff recommends 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



1" = 172'

-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2017-0026
LOCATION: 906 Robertson St.



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906 Robertson Avenue
ca. 1922



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
906 Robertson Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
September, 2015

1992	Molly A. Napper, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Molly A. Napper was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Gail L. Morton, owner Astrologer
1981	Gail L. Morton, renter Astrologer
1977	V. Musgrove, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that V. Musgrove was a new resident at this address.

1973	Vacant
1968	Ethel Goodwin, owner Widow, A.J. Goodwin No occupation listed
1962	Ethel Goodwin, owner No occupation listed
1959	Ethel Goodwin, owner Widow, Alvin J. Goodwin No occupation listed
1955	Alvin J. Goodwin, owner No occupation listed NOTE: Ethel Goodwin is not listed in the directory.
1952	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Produce dealer (at the house)
1949	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Produce dealer (at the house)
1947	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Produce dealer (at the house)
1944-45	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Market grower (at the house)
1941	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Huckster
1939	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Retail produce
1937	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Huckster
1935	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Huckster
1932-33	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Huckster
1930-31	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners No occupation listed
1929	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners Huckster
1927	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners No occupation listed
1924	Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin, owners

Huckster

1922 The street is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Alvin J. and Ethel Goodwin (ca. 1922 – ca. 1969)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alvin J. and Ethel L. Goodwin as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,500. Alvin J. Goodwin was 54, had been born in Texas, and was a retail produce salesman. Ethel L. Goodwin was 49, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had no children listed with them.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Alvin J. and Ethel L. Goodwin as the owners of this house, which was worth \$4,500. Alvin J. Goodwin was 44, had been born in Texas, and was a produce merchant. Ethel L. Goodwin was 39, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Jennie Marie, 14, who had been born in Texas. In addition, Ethel Goodwin's brother, LeRoy L. Munson, 38, lived in the house. He had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a furniture store.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Albin [sic] J. and Ethel Goodwin as the renters of a farm on Del Valle Road in rural Travis County. Albin J. Goodwin was 33, had been born in Texas, and was listed as a farmer. Ethel Goodwin was 28, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Their daughter, Jennie Marie, was 4. With them lived Ethel Goodwin's brother, Leroy Munson, 27, who had been born in Texas, and was a farm laborer.

His 1918 World War I draft card shows that Alvin James Goodwin was living on Route 8, Austin. He was married to Ethel Goodwin. He was of medium height, slender build, and had brown eyes and brown hair.

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Alvin J. and Ethel L. Goodwin living on a farm they owned on Burdett's Prairie in Travis County. Alvin J. Goodwin was 24; Ethel L. Goodwin was 19. He is listed as a farmer; she had no occupation listed.

According to his 1958 death certificate, Alvin James Goodwin was living at this house at the time of his death at the age of 72. He had been born in Travis County and was a wholesale produce distributor.

ALVIN JAMES GOODWIN

Funeral services for Alvin James Goodwin will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Cook Funeral Home, Dr. Carlyle Marney officiating.

Goodwin, a lifelong resident of Austin, died at his home, 906 Robertson, Tuesday. He was a member of a pioneer Texas family who owned and were instrumental in the development of the Govalle section of Austin. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church 35 years and a member of the Woodmen of the World 50 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel Munson Goodwin; one daughter, Mrs. Forest S. Pearson of Austin; two sisters, Miss Anna Goodwin and Mrs. Charles Pickle Sr. of Austin; a brother, W. P. Goodwin also of Austin; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lydia Munson of Oklahoma City; and three granddaughters.

Pallbearers will be W. C. Goodwin Jr., A. L. Purcell, D. Harry Randolph, Dr. Frank Pearce and Charles Pickel. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Alvin J. Goodwin
Austin American, February 5, 1958

MRS. ETHEL M. GOODWIN

Mrs. Ethel (A. J.) Munson Goodwin, 78, of 906 Robertson St., died at her residence Tuesday. She was the widow of the late A. J. Goodwin, a lifetime resident of Austin, and a member of the First Baptist Church for 47 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Forest S. Pearson, Austin; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Leroy Munson, Austin; four sisters, Mrs. A. H. Ritter, Austin, Mrs. Bess Munson New, Denver, Colo., Mrs. Munson Dabney, Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Naomi Munson Culbertson, Morrilton, Ark.

Funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Cook Funeral Home. Dr. W. E. Denham Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Obituary of Ethel Goodwin
Austin American, January 29, 1969