## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JULY 22, 2019 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2019-0380 2110 TRAVIS HEIGHTS BLVD.

#### PROPOSAL

Partially demolish and construct additions to a ca. 1938 house and ADU.

#### ARCHITECTURE

1-story brick-clad, cross-gabled Tudor Revival house with asbestos roof; paired and single 1:1 and multi-lite wood windows; and arched doorway and fanlight at main elevation. 2-story ADU with horizontal fiber cement cladding, 1:1 and 6:6 windows, and side-gabled composition shingle roof.

#### PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The proposed project consists of:

- 1) A two-story addition to the main house. The addition is clad in stucco and brick, and includes 2:1 and 3:1 mulled and single windows, arched windows at the east and south elevations, a garage at the south elevation, and a hipped metal tile roof with dormers at the north and south elevations. The addition is set back approximately 2'2" from the main elevation.
- 2) Replacement of windows on north and rear elevations; moving window on north elevation.
- 3) Replacement of roof on the main house with metal tile to match existing asbestos.
- 4) Opening the shed-roof enclosure at the rear of the house to use as a porch.
- 5) A three-story addition to the existing ADU. The side-gabled addition has a dormer at the east elevation and is clad in board-and-batten and stucco, and features a combination of arched mulled multi-lite casement windows, 2:1 and 3:1 paired casement windows, fixed windows, and transom windows. It includes decorative brackets, exposed rafter tails, and a decorative curved roofline. The existing garage door will be removed.

#### RESEARCH

The house was built in 1938 by Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann. Emil Spillmann was the superintendent of the South Austin post office, where he worked for 39 years. Mildred Spillmann was a statistician with the Texas Education Agency's vocational division for over 40 years. The Spillmanns were the home's sole occupants from 1938 to at least 1992; they moved in shortly after they were married, and Mildred Spillmann remained in the house after her husband's death in 1979 until her own death in the early 1990s. The Spillmanns were active in a variety of civic and community groups: Mildred Spillmann was a lifelong member of several women's organizations, as well as the national and state Rehabilitation Associations; Emil Spillmann served as a member of the Planning Commission during the 1960s, and as a leader of the Oak Hill-Cedar Valley Pioneers Association, the South Austin Civic Club, and the Onion Creek Masonic Lodge, among other organizations. Both served as officers of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society, receiving honors for their contributions to the group.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The property does not appear in the 1984 Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey. The property is contributing to a potential National Register Historic District.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain a high degree of integrity.

- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352).
  - a. **Architecture.** The building appears to be an intact example of the Tudor Revival style.
  - b. **Historical association**. There do not appear to be significant historical associations, though the Spillmanns' civic contributions may warrant Commission consideration.
  - c. **Archaeology**. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. **Community value**. The property does not appear to have a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular group.
  - e. Landscape feature. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to consider design revisions to the main house addition in order to enhance the project's sensitivity to the existing historic fabric of the building, including revisions to materials, scale, and setback; and to use the existing style and materials of the ADU as the basis for constructing an addition that is compatible with the historic structures on the lot. Consider postponement of the case to the August hearing; otherwise, 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.

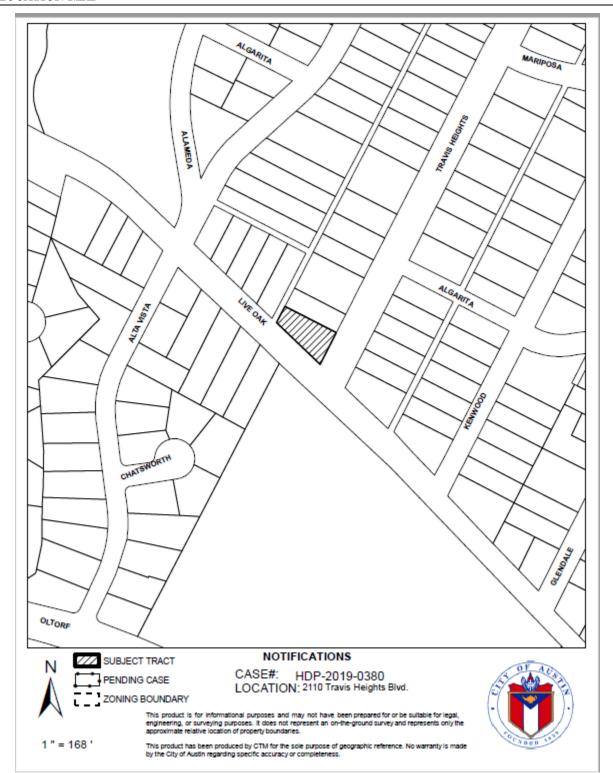




Photo: Google Street View, 2018

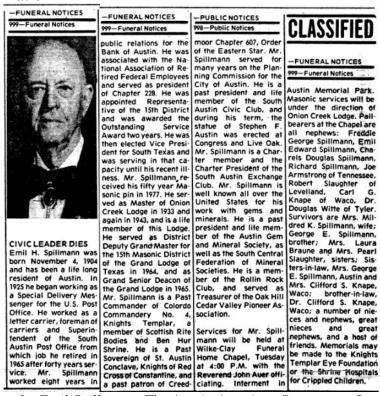
#### Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office, June, 2019

1992	Mildred K. Spillmann, owner
1985-86	Mildred K. Spillmann, owner Retired
1981	Mildred K. Spillmann, owner Retired
1977	Emil H. Spillmann, owner Retired
1973	No return
1968	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Special representative, Austin Statistician, Texas Education Agency
1965	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Station superintendent, post office Statistician, Texas Education Agency
1962	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Station superintendent, post office

1959	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Station superintendent, post office, South Austin station
1955	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Superintendent, post office Administrative assistant, State Education Agency
1952	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Supervisor, post office Administrative assistant, State Education Agency
1949	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Clerk in charge, post office Statistician, State Department of Education
1947	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Employee, post office Statistician, State Department of Vocational Education
1944-45	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Foreman, post office Office manager, State Board of Vocational Education
1941	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Carrier, post office Secretary, State Department of Education
1939	Emil H. and Mildred K. Spillmann, owners Carrier, post office Secretary, State Department of Education
1935	Address not listed.

#### Background Information



#### Mildred Knape Spillmann

Mildred Knape Spillmann, age 85, of Austin passed away October 24, 1994.

She was a life-long resident of Austin. Mrs. Spillmann had lived in only two homes - the one in which she was born, September 9, 1909, and the one that she and Mr. Spillmann built when they married on August 27, 1938.

Mrs. Spillman was the second person employed by State Superintendent of Education, the late S.M.N. Marrs, for the Vocational Rehabilitation Division when the law went into effect in September, 1929. She retired from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission in September, 1973, after 44 years of

She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, formerly Central Methodist Church. listed in Who's Who in Vocational Rehabilitation.

She was a charter member, life member and past queen of Ruh Neb Temple No. 64, Daughters of the Nile; Charter member and past president of

Austin Assembly No. 125, Social Order of the Beauceant; Charter member and life member of Austin Gem and Mineral Society and Williamson County Gem and Mineral Society; Life member of National Rehabilitation Association, and Texas Rehabilitation Association; member of Chapter No. Carl G. Knape, Austin; great nephews. 228, National Retired Federal Employees; and Chapter No. 149, Retired ler; nieces, Mildred and husband, Dr. State Employees; and Past Queen's Doug Witte, Tyler, Ms. Sabra Knape, Club.

She served as Secretary-Treasurer merous other nieces and nephews of the State Mineral Society of Texas and the South Central Federation of Mineral Societies.

Mrs. Spillmann was preceded in officiating. death by her parents, Carl and Edla Knape; sister, Jewel Westelle; broth-ers, Carl Knape Jr., and Dr. Clifford Arrell, Col. James D. Berry, James Stanley Knape; and by her husband of Jackson, Ted Lockwood, Roye Mulhol-40 years, Emil H. Spillman, in January land, Walter Neitsch, Clarence Nie-

She is survived by her nephew, Dr. Nathan Kevin, and Gareth Witte, Ty-Tyler; great nieces, Emily, Monica and Madeline Witte, Tyler; and nu-

Graveside services are 10:00 AM, Wednesday, Austin Memorial Park with Reverend Gordon Bergstrom

bohr and Ray Powell.

Obituary for Mildred Knape Spillman. The Austin American Statesman; October, 1994

Election judge hopes her job will be hard

Although an election judge doesn't have a gavel or a bench and doesn't wear a black robe, hers is the key position in keeping elections honest, ac-cording to Mildred Spillmann.

Spillmann, of 2110 Travis Heights Blvd., has worked as a Pct. 422 election worker, alternate judge and election judge for more than 30 years. She considers the job her civic duty and the elections a "social" affair.

"After working with elections for so "After working with elections to say
many years, you know practically all
of the people in your precinct," she
said at a Wednesday meeting for the
200 judges hired for Saturday's nuclear power election. "You get to see all the folks you haven't seen in a while and everyone will gather around to talk and bring out snapshots of their grandchildren." grandchildren.

The election judges are responsible for verifying names of registered voters and for upholding state election laws, such as those prohibiting cam-paigning within certain distances of the polling place.

For \$2 an hour, they also have the duties of picking up the voting materials before the election and delivering the locked boxes of ballots after the

"Sure, it takes some work," Spillmann, a retired state employe, ex-plained. "You have to get an election crew together, train them and start at 6:30 in the morning so that the polls can open at 7 a.m."

But now that the city tabulates the votes by computer, the judges are at least rid of the responsibility of tally-ing the hand-written ballots, a task which used to keep election workers busy until midnight.

"When they used to vote by hand.



MILDRED SPILLMAN

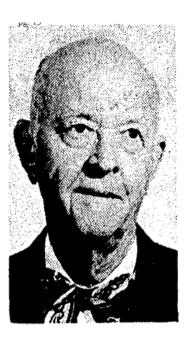
Pct. 422 election judge

you put your 'x' or your check in a box next to what you were voting for," she said. "Some people would feel like they had to completely scratch out the thing they were voting against. It was

"But you know there are still people who complain that they don't feel like they've voted against something unless they've blackened something out on paper."

After a "very disappointing" show-ing of about 200 of the precinct's 2,100 voters in spring school board elec-tions, Spillmann said she fears another low turnout for the nuclear plant voting.

"As far as the election workers are concerned, we'd like to see long lines at the polls all day," she said.



NEW 'ORGANIZER' - Emil Spillman, District 15 organizer of the National Association of Retired Federal Employes, will speak to the Employes at a 2:30 p.m. meeting Thursday in the Educational Building Congress Ave. Baptist Church, 1511 S. Congress. He, others along with attended the recent national convention, will give reports.

The Austin American Statesman; Sep 15, 1974

## Emil Spillman Ends 39 Years With PO

urday, to honor Spillman.

The employes presented him a United States Savings Bond. The presentation was made by Walter V. Cartwright, assistant superintendent of mails.

Postmaster O. N. Bruck presented Spillmann with a Certificate of honorary Recognition for "... devotion to duty in the course of an honorable career at the United States Post Office..." signed by Postmaster General John A. Gronouski who conveyed his official commendation and a cordial expression of esteem from co-workers in the Service. Postmaster O. N. Bruck pre

Emil II. Spilmann, superintendent of the South Austin Post Office, retired Monday after Scompleting 39 years, 4 months has done during his tenure at and 24 days of service. and 24 days of service. The Austin post office, spillmann A special ceremony was held received congratulations and exact the South Austin Station, 108 pressions of good wishes from West Elizabeth Street, on Sathis fellow workers and super-

visors.

Spillmann was born and reared in Austin. He attended the public schools here and grad

uated from Austin High School. Spillmann entered on duty at the post office July 6, 1925, as a substitute carrier; he was

Texas. She is currently em-ployed as statistician in the Rehabilitation Division of the Tex-

as Education Agency.

Spillmann is a member of the following:

Austin, City Planning Com-mission;

mission;
Treasurer, The Oak Hill Cedar Valley Pioneer Association;
member of the South A u s t i n
Civic Club; member of State
Minerologist Society of Texas;
member of York Rite Bodies
— Scottish Rite Bodies and Ben
Hur Shrine, AAONMS; Ontion Creek Lodge No. 220, AF&AM, member of Creekmore
Chapter 607 OES; Branch 9,
National Association of Postal
Supervisors; also a member of Supervisors; also a member of the Merit Badge Committee for Boy Scouts in Geology; and a member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church.

Spillmann is a collector of antique clocks and semi-precious stones. Mr. and Mrs. Spillmann reside at 2110 Travis Heights Boulevard.



EMIL SPILLMAN, RIGHT, RETIRES FROM POST OFFICE CAREER He is presented certificate of recognition by Postmaster O. N. Bruch

The Austin Statesman; Dec 2, 1964.

# Emil Spillman Next Year's Pioneer Boss

General chairman for next year's meeting of the Oak Hill-Cedar Valley Pioneer Association will be Emil Spillman.

Spillman was elected recently at the 27th annual meeting to succeed Archie Patton, who will serve as assistant chairman.

Re-elected president was Mrs. Mary Mowinckle Johnson of Houston.

Re-elected with Mrs. Johnson were D. Morgan, first vice president; L. E. Moursund, second vice president; Miss Ada Nolen, third vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, secretary; Mrs. Erelene Enochs, assistant secretary; Ernest Rissman, treasurer; William J. Weeg, publicity chairman; Miss Ethel Morgan, historian and Miss Nina Morgan, memorials chairman. The nominating committee for next year will comprise Buster Enochs, chairman; Mrs. Ann Ayers, and Mrs. Jessie Grumbles.

Also elected were 10 new directors for three - year terms. They include Mrs. Dewey Alexander, Ed Harris, John Brandt, Will Kemp, G. E. Spillman, Mrs. F. L. Long, Mrs. H. E. Brodie, Carl Dittmar, Mrs. H. P. Hensel and Homer Grumbles.

Holdover directors re - elected

One-year term—Nolen Young, Miss Bettie Bonner, Mrs. M. H. Grumbles, Walter F. Gunn, Roy Grumbles, Victor Buans, Russell Glasscock, William J. Weeg, Dudley White and Frank McBee.

Two-year term—Buster Enochs, Mrs. Mildred Morgan, Frate Barker, Miss Mary E. Davis, Mrs. Mildred Spillman, Tom Eskew, Mrs. Jessie Grumbles, Mrs. Norena Patton, Mrs. Joe Miller and J. Howard Ayers.

## South Austin Civic Club Will Install

An address by District Attorney Les Procter and installation of new officers by Clyde E. Smith Sr., associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court, will highlight the annual banquet of the South Austin Civic Club next Friday at 7 p. m.

The affair will be held in the cafeteria of the William B. Travis High School with Emil Spillman, president, presiding. Music will be provided by the William B. Travis Rebel dance band. The Rev. David Larson, pastor of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, will give the invocation.

Officers to be installed for 1956 are Lawson Boothe, president; Al Ehrlich, first vice president; E. T. Howell, second vice president; Clyde Cravens, third vice president and Stanley Moos, secretary-treasurer. Directors are L. J. Struhall, Ed St. John, Clyde Hill, James Clay, Odas Jung and Emil H. Spillman.

### ROCKS AREN'T JUST ROCKS, YOU KNOW



MRS, EMIL SPILLMAN . . . from the rocks, peace of mind

By CLARE OGDEN DAVIS

Texas has a brag very few people fie know much about.

But for those who are aware of it.

But for those who are aware of 1, it is outstanding.

In addition to oil and cattle and cotton, Mother Nature has provided some of the extras, here just for the picking up. On the broad prairies and river banks can be found some of the most valuable gems which jewelers polish and set into fine metals to adorn Madame. Emeralds -which cost more than diamondsand glowing topazes, amythesis, gar-nets are here for the wary who seek them. So are agates and jasper down by the Rio Grande river, and in the Blg Bend country

A showing of some of these stones will be offered at the Art Mart, which will be a general art display sponsored by the Texas Fine Arts Association at the City Coliscum May 8 and 9, There is in Austin an organization called the Gen and Mineral Society. It has more than 200 members among whom are 10 200 members, among whom are 10 or 12 professors from the University of Texas. These enthusiasts meet monthly to talk about their find-ings, and make frequent excursions into likely fields.

Out at 2110 Travis Heights Boulevard, in a flower filled corner lot, live Mildred and Emil Spillmann, backbone members of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society. Mrs. Spillmann served as secretary-treasurer of the state mineral society for four years, and as a director for two years. Spillmann is a past presi-

two years, Spillmann' is a past presi-dent of the local group, and is now a director of the Texas Regional Federation of Mineral Societies. They have been "rock hounds" for eight years, it is a hobby eager-ly shared by these two. As Spill-mann remarks: "Mildred is a delicate woman. She got chiggers when she golfed and she got sunburn when she sat beside a lake fishing. But when she discovered an excavating pick to dig out pretty rocks, she became an Amazonian expert The Spillmanns are both natives of Austin. They have collected rocks or Austin. They have confected rocks in practically every popular collecting center in the country. They attend all the gen shows, where they trade and barter eagerly with other rock hounds. If they had one single ounce of materialism in their characters, they could make mucho dinero. But they construct charm-ing brooches and bracelets and ash trays from their stones-and give them to pet friends. They have just completed a brooch constructed from opalized palm wood that is a

completed a brooch constructed from opalized palm wood that is a trinket of beauty.

Their house is a collector's factory. A pile of uncut and rough stones lies in the side yard, the living rooms hold fine collections artfully displayed in cabinets, the basement has a series of saws and polishing machines where they turn a rough pebble into a gleaming jewel. They have case after case of cabachons and faceted stones; one case shows both the rough and the finished, polished cabachon. There is another with 8 cowboy boots which have been cut from Texas agate; these will be shown for the first time at the Fine Arts Show.

Many of their stones have been mounted in Jewelry which both of them enjoy wearing. A very interesting ring is an emerald cut alex-andrite which changes from emerald green in daylight to red in arti-ficial light. Another ring is set with a nine carat blue Texas topaz which was cut from a topaz found in the area around Streeter.
In addition to collecting, cutting

and polishing gem stones, the fluor-escent exhibit in the Spillmann basement is an outstanding one.
There, the rocks which under ordinary light look like common "throwing rocks" are revealed as one of nature's truly wonderful spectacles in brilliant cascades of caler.

"We only bring out in these speci-mens the beauty God placed there,"

mens the beauty God placed there,"
says Mrs. Spillmann.
"And after you have had a hard
day making a living and your
nerves are doing a ligsaw dance,"
added her husband, "make a facet
cut in one of your good rocks. You
find you are at peace with the
world!"





Miss Ella Dittmar

Miss Mildred Knape

Two brides-elect whose engagements are announced this week are Miss Mildred Knape and Miss Ella Dittmar.

Miss Ella Dittmar.

Miss Knape, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knape, will be married to Emil H. Spillman, son of Mrs. Rosa Spillmann, Saturday, Aug. 27, at the

Marriage announcement. The Austin American; Jul 31, 1938.

#### **Permits**

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