

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 14, 2020
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2020-0479
5613 PATTON RANCH ROAD**

PROPOSAL

Deconstruct and move a log cabin of undetermined age to Pioneer Farms.

ARCHITECTURE

The main portion of this building is a log cabin with a stone fireplace and foundation. The house has several more modern additions, and windows have been replaced.

RESEARCH

The only information available at this time on the house is that it is the old Miller Ranch House, but no correlation to families, or a date of construction for the house has been established.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the limit of any city survey to date.

Staff has evaluated this house for designation as a historic landmark and has determined that absent the identification as a log cabin, there is no other information available that would justify designation of this structure as a historic landmark. This cabin is on property owned by St. Andrew's Episcopal School.

Staff has consulted with Pioneer Farms, which is willing to accept the cabin for future use and interpretation on their museum property. The applicant and representatives from Pioneer Farms have met to ink the deal for the relocation of the cabin to the museum property. The applicant had originally filed an application for demolition of the structure, which will need to be converted to a relocation application. The contractor has provided a detailed methodology for deconstructing the cabin, labeling its parts, and moving it to Pioneer Farms, where it will be reconstructed at a later date.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

5901 Southwest Parkway

Austin, Texas 78735

December 8, 2020

Mr. Steve Sadowsky
Historic Preservation Officer
Planning and Zoning Department
City of Austin, Texas
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

**Re: Demolition of building located at 5613 Patton Ranch Road (HDP-2020-0479),
in Abstract 2, Survey 17 Anderson, in Travis County, Texas (the
"Structure") by St. Andrew's Episcopal School (the "School")**

Dear Mr. Sadowsky:

By this correspondence, the School hereby agrees to deconstruct the small log-built portion of the Structure and deliver the remaining log materials in deconstructed form to Pioneer Farms or its designee at the School's expense in exchange for and conditioned upon the City of Austin's and the Historic Landmark Commission's support and issuance of a demolition permit to the School for the demolition of the Structure. Pioneer Farms' representatives inspected the log-built portion of the Structure on 12/5/2020 and agreed to accept the log materials in their AS-IS condition upon deconstruction, and they have indicated that they will further photograph and measure the Structure prior to deconstruction to assist with the reconstruction on their location at their expense. They have also agreed to allow the School's students and faculty to join in the learning process surrounding the reconstruction which is a great opportunity for the School. Also, pursuant to this agreement, the School will demolish and dispose of the remainder of the Structure at its expense.

Please let us know if these terms of this agreement are not acceptable. Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

By: 

Brandon Armbruster, Chief Operating Officer

E-mail from contractor for relocation:
Hi Tom and Brandon,

After careful analysis of best methods to relocate the cedar log structure at 5613 Patton Ranch Rd, we have determined that the best method will be to disassemble and transport to Pioneer Farms for reassembly by Pioneer Farms staff. We have determined this best method due to the fragile nature of the structure built on a rock and mortar footing without a modern foundation that could be transported with the log structure. Disassembly will also give Pioneer Farms an opportunity to make necessary repairs which would likely require disassembly to achieve.

DAR will remove the portion of the house and roof added and built around the cabin. All modern framing will be removed to isolate and expose the original walls of the cabin. The footprint and walls will be carefully measured in detail and photographed. All cedar logs will then be tagged with metal numerical tags and again photographed. The cedar logs will then be disassembled by hand, cleaned of the modern stucco style mortar and stacked in a container for storage and transport. Pioneer Farms will assist with cataloging of the logs if needed. After all disassembly is complete, the container will be transported to Pioneer Farms for temporary storage and reassembly.

Give me a call if you have further questions...

Thank you!

D A R Demolition

David Rodewald

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package that will also encompass an old hay crib that is not stable enough to be deconstructed and moved. The documentation package will be provided by staff to the Austin History Center and will also constitute a part of the interpretation of the cabin at Pioneer Farms.





Non-original addition will not be relocated












Hay crib

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 292'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 20-159810
LOCATION: 5613 PATTON RANCH DR



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