

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**MAY 24, 2021**  
**HR-2021-064125**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
**2518 HARRIS BOULEVARD**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1937 house and garage.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, side-gabled stone veneer residence with partial-width, flat-roofed porch supported by boxed columns; three gabled dormers; and 6:6 wood windows.

**RESEARCH**

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2518 Harris Boulevard was constructed in 1937 for Judge F. L. Hawkins, who went on to head the state court of criminal appeals. The Hawkins family may have built the home as a rental property, as they do not appear to have been residents in Austin directories; by 1938, UT law professor Edward Crane and Donna Roberts Crane were renting the home. After his wife died in 1939, Professor Crane remained at 2518 Harris until 1941. Until the early 1950s, the house was occupied by short-term renters including an assistant state attorney general, a Texas Supreme Court justice, and an attorney. In 1952, oil company salesman Charles E. Derrick and his family had moved into the home, staying until at least 1957.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The primary building contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

*Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

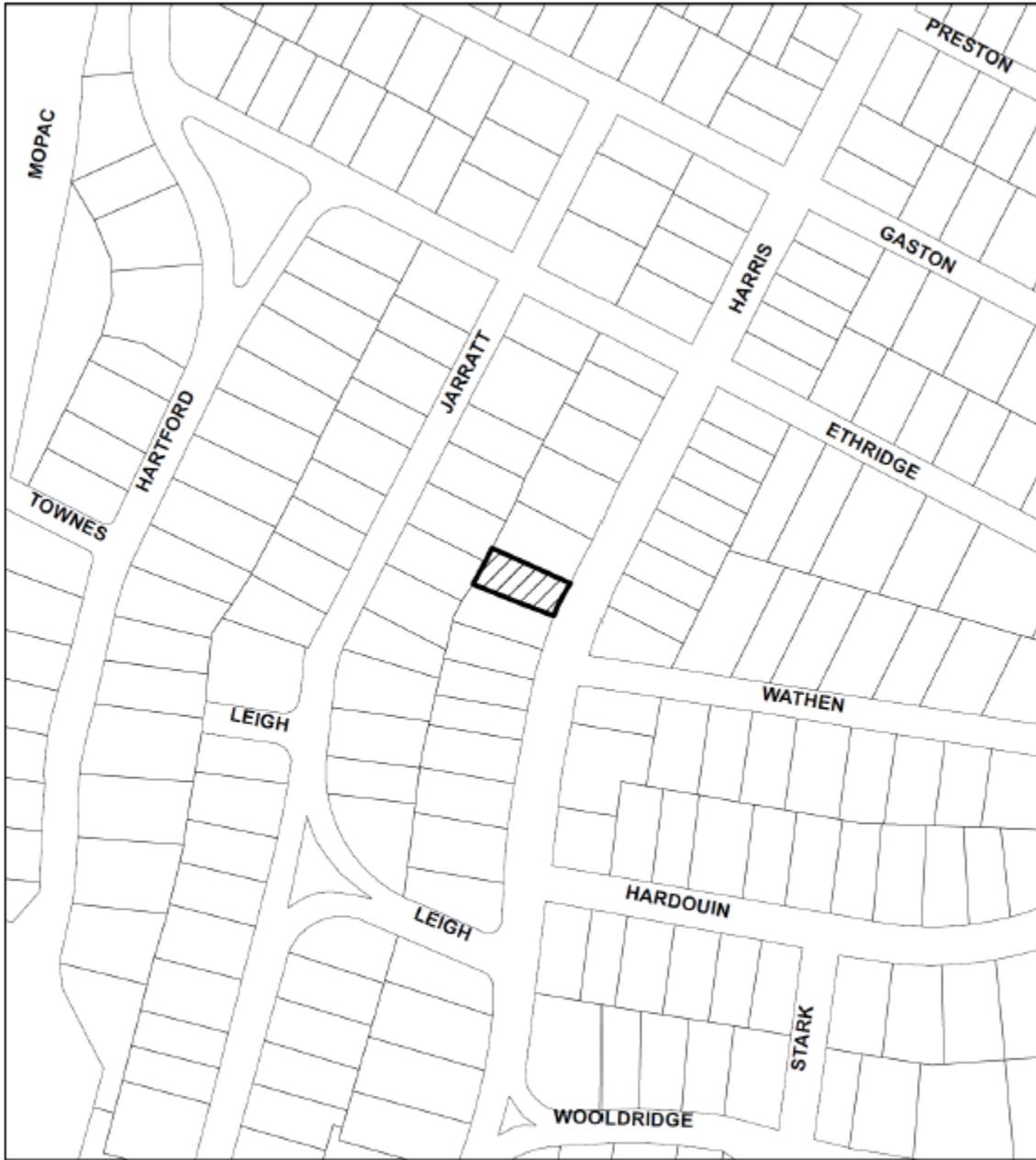
- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. *Architecture*. The building displays Colonial Revival and Texas vernacular influences.
  - b. *Historical association*. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations; while several prominent Austinites lived in the house, there were no long-term significant associations.
  - 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 possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
  - e. *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, then relocation, but release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Commission review of new construction plans is required prior to issuance of a demolition permit in National Register districts.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
CASE#: HR 21-064145  
LOCATION: 2518 HARRIS BLVD.



1" = 208'

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**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

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*Photos*





*Applicant, 2021*

*Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, April 2021

- 1959 John E. Castle, renter
- 1957 Charles E. and Opal Derrick, renters  
Salesman, Cato Oil Co.
- 1955 Charles E. and Opal M. Derrick, renters  
Salesman, Cato Oil and Grease
- 1952 Charles E. and Opal Derrick, renters  
Salesman
- 1949 M. B. and Margret Blair, renters  
Lawyer, 907 Congress
- 1947 Alfred J. and Blanche B. Folley, renters  
Associate justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- 1944 Thomas B. and Tyler Duggan, renters  
Assistant state attorney general
- 1941 Edward Crane, renter  
Professor at University of Texas
- 1939 Edward Crane, renter  
Professor at University of Texas
- 1937 Address not listed

*Biographical Information*

### Architects and Contractors Are Busy in Home Building Program

Permits for private building in Austin are still showing a steady increase over those of last year, which was considered a very good building year in Austin, said Mrs. M. Hill, secretary of Austin Builders Exchange.

Permits for May of this year show an increase of over \$100,000 over May of 1936, and for June to date an increase over the same period in June, 1936, amounts to \$20,000, she said. About two-thirds of the contracts included in the May and June permits for this year are for residences, and one-third for remodeling and building commercial structures.

The residence contracts include all types of construction, but a sharp increase in brick, stucco, concrete and stone houses is noticed. Here are a few for which contracts have just been awarded:

Brick veneer residence for H. F. Green, which is being built at 1518 Northwood road. This is a one-story residence with six rooms and bath, and costs about \$5,000.

Brick veneer residence for Louis Groos, manager for SAMSCO in Austin. He is building at 2514 Harris boulevard. This is a two-story residence with five rooms and two baths, and costs about \$5,000. This house was designed by Dreieroll and Groos, Austin archi-

been awarded the contract to build it.

Edwin C. Kriesle, Austin architect, designed the brick veneer residence being built by the Pemberton Heights company at 1508 Preston avenue. This residence will be one-story, containing six rooms and bath and will cost about \$4,500.

Mrs. W. J. Hannaford, owner of the Longhorn cafe, has just awarded a contract to Jim Pribble to build her home. It is a frame residence with five rooms and bath and will cost around \$4,000.

A. P. Roberts, general contractor, has just started a brick veneer residence for Miss Amelia Fattore to be built at 1501 Wethersfield road, costing \$2,850. This home will be one story, with five rooms and bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Brush have awarded the contract for a stone residence to be built at 1715 Niles road. The general contractor is Claude Traweek, and the architect, H. F. Kuehne. The house is one and one-half stories with eight rooms and two baths and will cost \$8,500.

Judge F. L. Hawkins is building a stone veneer residence at 2518 Harris boulevard to cost \$6,200. Claude Traweek is the general contractor.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Jun 13, 1937*

### In New House

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crane have moved from 1803 Palma Plaza to the attractive new stone house at 2518 Harris boulevard where they are at home for the winter.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Oct 17, 1937*

## When A Crane Loses His Shirt — To Some Wrens, That's Som'p'n

By LORRAINE BARNES

**W**HEN a wren family moves in on a couple of Cranes, you don't have to be an ornithologist to know something has happened in the way of news.

Indeed, no one was more surprised than the Carnes themselves—Mr. and Mrs. Edward of 2518 Harris boulevard—and the business was all the more amazing to Mr. Crane when he found Mama Wren right up his sleeve.

**IT HAPPENED** this way:

Mr. Crane, a law professor at the University of Texas, likes to work in his yard these spring days and when he's through he hangs his khakis on the clothesline. And that's what he did one evening not so long ago.

The next day the wrens, Mr. and Mrs., had built themselves a nest in the rolled up sleeve of the Crane work shirt. There followed, in the natural course of events, six tiny eggs over which Mama Wren is happily nesting these days, and, if calculations are correct, there'll be a lot of little wrens up the Crane sleeve on Easter Sunday.

**PERFECT HOSTS**, the Cranes have bolstered the clothesline and put a protective bit of canopy overhead. The wrens enjoy free running water at a nearby bird bath.

Only drawback that Mr. Crane has encountered is a mean advantage the weeds are taking while his work shirt stays on the line.

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Apr 12, 1938*

# FUNERAL IS SET SATURDAY AT 11 A. M.

Mrs. Donna Roberts Crane, well-known and popular Austin club woman, welfare worker and wife of Prof. Ed Crane of the University of Texas law faculty, died here Friday after an illness of about a week.

Mrs. Crane was the widow of the late Col. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, famed Texas newspaperman and editorial writer for the Austin American and Austin Statesman.

She became critically ill about a week ago, suffering with a cerebral hemorrhage, but rallied slightly at midweek, then became worse and succumbed Friday at 8:38 a. m. at her home, 2518 Harris boulevard.

#### Born in Dallas

Mrs. Crane was born April 6, 1890 at Dallas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Roberts, and spent her girlhood there. During the early years of her life she was engaged in newspaper work in Dallas and Fort Worth.

On April 30, 1921 she married the late beloved Col. Fitzgerald and moved with him to Austin when he took up residence here as editorial writer for the American and Statesman and other newspapers.

Possessed with boundless energy, enthusiasm, keen wit and intelligence, and with a magnetic personality she immediately began to take an active part in women's club work and welfare work in Austin, continuing this activity until she was stricken a few days ago. She was an active worker in the Junior league and was intensely interested and active in the work of the Home of the Holy Infancy.

Col. Fitzgerald died May 6, 1936.

On June 12, 1937 Mrs. Fitzgerald and Prof. Edward Crane of the university law faculty were married. Surviving her are her husband, Prof. Crane of Austin; her father, Walter M. Roberts of Pasadena, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Theodore

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## MRS. CRANE DIES; FUNERAL IS SET

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Herlihy of Pasadena, and one brother, Milton Roberts of Sunland, Cal.

Funeral services were set for Saturday at 11 a. m. from the funeral home at 1100 Colorado street with the Rev. Walter O'Gorman, assistant pastor of St. Austin's chapel, officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial park.

The Rev. O'Gorman was scheduled to recite the rosary Friday at 9 p. m. at the funeral home.

# Judge Hawkins, Stickler For Law, Slated to Head Appeals Court, Best Yarn Spinner

By HOWARD C. MARSHALL

Associated Press Staff

A great judge, eminently fair, a stickler for following precedent and the best yarn spinner in the capital is the description applied by persons who know him well to F. L. Hawkins, slated soon to be made presiding judge of the state court of criminal appeals.

"He knows more about the law as the court of criminal appeals held it to be than any living man," said an attorney closely associated with the judge for years.

A member of the court since 1921, Hawkins is expected to be elected by court members to succeed W. C. Morrow as presiding judge. Morrow has resigned from the court to retire and Secy. of State Tom L. Beauchamp was named by Gov. O'Daniel to succeed him.

The governor makes appointments to fill vacancies on the court but the court itself chooses the presiding judge, who signs orders of the tribunal, presides at its proceedings and otherwise acts as its administrative head.

Born in Waxahachie, Nov. 18, 1866, Hawkins had served 15 years on the bench of the 40th district court when Judge W. L. Davidson died and he was appointed to the vacancy by Gov. Pat Neff. He has been elected three times; the last two times he was unopposed.

## Pistol for Order

William J. Lawson, known all over the capitol as "Bill," walked into the office of Bob Barker, secretary of the senate. Lawson is secretary to Gov. O'Daniel.

He picked up a toy six-shooter that lay on Barker's desk, snapped it and inquired:

"What is this for?"

The veteran senate secretary, who for years has been calling the rolls and performing other functions of the senate, had a prompt reply.

"Why," said he, "Coke said he couldn't be here for the start of the special session and sent that along to call 'em to order."

Lieut. Gov. Coke Stevenson of Junction by virtue of the fact he is lieutenant-governor also is president of the senate and its presiding officer.

## Senate Quorum

At the start of this week it almost looked as if there was a quorum of the senate in Austin.

Monday there were 10 senators in town as follows: Morris Roberts of Pettus, John Redditt of Lufkin, Rogers Kelly of Edinburg, Clint Small of Amarillo, Wilbourne Collic of Eastland, Claude Isbell of Rockwall, Joe Hill of Henderson, A. L. Aikin, Jr., of Paris, Will Pace of Tyler and Olan Van Zandt of Tioga.

Sens. Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo and L. J. Sulak of La-Grange arrived Tuesday.

Oil hearings, a meeting of the legislative committee on rural school aid and personal business brought the unusual number of senatorial visitors.

## Lt. Derrick Graduates

FORT LEE, Va., March 17 — First Lieutenant George E. Derrick, son of Charles E. Derrick, 2518 Harris Boulevard, Austin, Texas, recently was graduated from the procurement officer course at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va.

In the eight-week course, Lt. Derrick was trained to conduct the procurement of supplies, equipment and services. Such subjects as contracts, specifications and standards, and inspection were included in the course.

The lieutenant entered the Army in July 1953.

He was graduated in 1953 from the University of Texas and is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

*The Austin American (1914-1973); Mar 18, 1956*

**Harvey Campi has joined Raymond Campi as Sales Manager. Prior to returning to Austin, Harvey was Sales Manager of the Condominium Division of Great Western Corp. in Corpus Christi. In 1969 he was awarded special recognition for exceeding the million dollar mark in land sales. He welcomes you to contact him whenever you plan to buy or sell Real Estate, either commercial, land or a home.**

**17 years serving Austin is your assurance of reliability and integrity.**

## Raymond Campi & Son, Realtor

1118 WEST SIXTH STREET

PH. 472-0969

ASSOCIATES: HELEN TEGGE—OPAL DERRICK

*The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Oct 18, 1970*

### MRS. WINNIE GRACE (FRANKE) CALDWELL

Mrs. Winnie Caldwell, age 87, of 2518 Harris Blvd., died Tuesday. A member of the University Avenue Church of Christ, Mrs. Caldwell is the widow of Frank E. Caldwell, well known Texas historian.

She is survived by her daughter, Grace Caldwell, Austin; one son, John Caldwell, Port Arthur and a number of nieces.

Services will be held at 10am Thursday, Weed-Corley Funeral Home, with Basil D. Shilling and Lanny Henninger officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery; memorials may be made to a favorite charity or the University Avenue Church of Christ Library.

*The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980); Feb 26, 1975*

Permits

Judge F.L. Hawkins 2518 Harris Blvd.  
 157 - 8 9,8, -  
 Pemberton Hts.  
 Stone-veneer residence - box garage  
 190 - May 11, 1937

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

**PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE** AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 5421 157  
 M. F. L. Hawkins Address 2518 Harris Blvd  
 Plumber Jno. L. Martin Size of Tap 1/2 Date 5-6-37

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 6/7/37  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4  
 Size Service Made 3/4  
 Size Main Tapped 8"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 19'  
 From N Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6'  
 Location of Meter A7-CUBA 9  
 Type of Box LOCK  
 Depth of Main in SP. CUBA 9 26"  
 Depth of Service Line 12"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main OVER M.  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 6-9-37

No. Fittings	Size	
1 Curb Cock	5/8"	
1 Elbow	3/4"	
1 St. Elbow	3/4"	
1 Bushing	3/4" x 1/2"	
1 Reducer	3/4" x 1/2"	
1 Pipe	1/2"	
1 Teat Comp.	1/2"	
1 Nipples		
1 Union		
1 Plug		
1 Tee		
1 Stop Box	ANNEALED	
1 Box	LOCK	
1 Lid		
1 Valves		
Req. No.		<u>16604</u>

Foreman's Signature J. L. Martin

Connection Charge \$ 12.00  
 Application for Sewer Connection. No. 13641A

Austin, Texas, Aug 14 1937  
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
 City of Austin, Texas

Sir:-  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by Judge F.L. Hawkins at 2518 Harris Blvd Street, 2518 Harris Blvd further described as lot 8-9 block 8 outlot subdivision Pemberton Hts division 157 plat 157 which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 7 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.

Respectfully,  
Jno. L. Martin  
 Stub Out

Connected 8-23 1937 Permit OK  
 Size of Main 4 inches. 8/14/37  
 Size of Service 4 inches. OK 8-15-37