

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
OCTOBER 25, 2021
HR-2021-144378
OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
1617 WESTOVER ROAD

PROPOSAL

Construct new front and rear porches, second-story addition, and detached garage and carport. Replace front door.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Demolish existing partial-width front porch and replace with larger front porch. The proposed porch has a hipped roof clad in standing-seam metal and supported by painted wood columns. Decorative corbels are visible at eaves. Construct matching rear porch.
- 2) Replace front door with fully glazed door.
- 3) Construct second-story addition at south elevation. The proposed addition is constructed behind the ridgeline of the house and is clad in wood siding with a gabled shingle-clad roof to match existing. It features 4:4 and 6:6 divided-light windows.
- 4) Construct rear garage, carport, and driveway. The proposed structure is clad in fiber-cement horizontal siding with limestone accents and capped by a hipped, standing-seam metal roof with decorative corbels.

ARCHITECTURE

Two-story Colonial revival house clad in horizontal siding and capped with a side-gabled roof. It features 6:6 wood windows and a covered entryway with a gabled roof supported by boxed columns.

RESEARCH

The house at 1617 Westover Road was either moved onto the lot or constructed to replace an existing fire-damaged building in 1939, according to conflicting permit records and newspaper reports.

Its first residents were Truett B. and Leone L. Marshall. Truett B. Marshall served as Austin's tax assessor and collector for two multi-year terms: 1928 to 1947, and 1952 to 1963.

By 1949, the Marshalls had sold the house to its next owner-occupants, the Nelsons. Dr. Ellis C. Nelson worked as a professor at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary and authored several books on religious instruction during his tenure there.

DESIGN STANDARDS

The City of Austin's [Historic Design Standards](#) (March 2021) are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and are used to evaluate projects in National Register districts. The following standards apply to the proposed project:

Repair and alterations

1. General standards

The proposed porch modification removes the original front porch and replaces it entirely.

5. Windows, Doors, and Screens

The proposed modifications replace an unglazed front door with a fully glazed front door, which is less appropriate for the house's era and style.

6. Porches

The proposed porch modification does not retain the original porch's dimensions or roofline and contains decorative corbels and exposed rafter tails, which are not appropriate for the house's style. It appears to retain the original porch's height and be constructed of compatible materials.

Residential additions

1. Location

The proposed second-floor addition is located to the rear of the main house alongside an existing addition. It preserves the

shape of the primary house from the street and is appropriately set back at the main elevation. Though it is not set back at the secondary elevation, it will simplify the massing of the existing addition.

2. Scale, massing, and height

The proposed addition is compatible in scale, massing, and height. It does not overwhelm the original structure.

3. Design and style

The addition's design, materials, and style are all compatible with the existing historic building and streetscape. It is appropriately differentiated by a "hyphen" at the secondary street frontage.

4. Roofs

The proposed addition's roof has similar massing, pitch, and materials as the existing roof, and does not appear to be visible from the street.

5. Exterior walls

The proposed addition's siding will match the existing siding. The limestone accents are less appropriate, but do not appear to be highly visible.

6. Windows, screens, and doors

The proposed divided-light windows are appropriate in design and rhythm, complementing the existing windows' materials, configuration, and placement.

7. Porches and decks

The proposed first-floor back porch is mostly compatible with the historic building in terms of size, style, materials, and proportions; however, the decorative corbels and exposed rafter tails are not appropriate for the style of the house.

9. Attached garages and carports

The proposed garage appears to be compatible in size, massing, proportions, style, and materials, and does not appear as though it was constructed simultaneously with the historic building.

Summary

The addition meets most of the applicable standards, while the front porch alterations do not meet the standards.

PROPERTY EVALUATION

The property 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 moderate integrity. Permit records indicate that it was moved onto the lot in 1939, but newspaper records suggest that it was rebuilt from an earlier structure.
- 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 does not appear to convey architectural significance.
 - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical 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

Comment on and release the permit, encouraging the applicant to retain the existing front porch and choose a partially glazed front door.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 417'

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: HR 21-144378
LOCATION: 1617 WESTOVER RD

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PROPERTY INFORMATION*Photos*



Application, 2021

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2021

1959	Vacant
1955	Vacant
1952	C. Ellis and Nancy G. Nelson, owners Professor, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
1949	C. Ellis and Nancy G. Nelson, owners Professor, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
1944	Truett B. and Leone Marshall, owners City tax assessor and collector
1941	Truett B. and Leone Marshall, owners City tax assessor and collector
1939	Truett B. and Leone Marshall, owners City tax assessor and collector
1937	Not listed

Biographical Information

frame garage, 4407 Duval street, \$3,800.
T. B. Marshall, rebuild residence dam-
aged by fire and rebuild garage, 1617
Westover road \$2,750.
Charles Schuetsler, rock residence, 3305
Neal street \$300.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Jan 29, 1939

SEMINARY SENDS STUDENTS TO NEW ROLES

Students of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary have accepted pastoral roles in churches from New Mexico to Georgia for

the summer, Professor C. Ellis Nelson, director of student field work, announced.

Three of the four students from Austin have accepted summer pastoral positions in South and Central Texas. Norman Dow, son of Mrs. Norman Dow, 4701 Avenue F, will conduct weekly services at Bartlett; H. C. Foster, son of Mrs. Eulalia Foster, 4406 Speedway, will be pastor of the Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Church, and Jim Wharton of 100 W. 27th Street, will serve the

First Church of San Juan.

John Craven, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gus. J. Craven, 1307 West Avenue, will attend summer school and act as supply pastor to Central Texas churches as needed.

Seminary students have been placed in the summer pastoral positions as a part of their regular ministerial training, Prof. Nelson explains.

One student, however, will spend the summer in Europe. He is John Elder of Dallas who will be in the Italian Alps for his second summer as a worker in a World Council of Churches consultation and rehabilitation camp. The project is called AGAPE, Greek for Christian love.

The seminarians will return from their "vacations" in September for the 1949-50 school year.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 31, 1949

Revision Group Picks Localites

Seven outstanding church leaders of Austin have accepted a place on the speaker's bureau for the Revised Standard Version Bible observance in the fall of 1952 from Sept. 20 to Oct. 9, when the entire Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be published.

They are Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of the University Methodist Church; Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller, 1105 Angelina, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Fred E. Brooks, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. John Barclay, pastor of the Central Christian Church; the Rev. Lawrence W. Bash, pastor of the University Christian Church; Dr. Paul Wasenich, director of the Texas Bible Chair, University of Texas; and Professor C. Ellis Nelson, 1617 Westover Road, professor of Christian education at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Change Made In Tax Office At City Hall

Truett B. Marshall will return to the city tax assessor-collector's job he left five years ago for a municipal research post.

City Manager Walter Seaholm said Marshall will become head of the tax office on Jan. 16. The present head, Clifford Stohl, will return to a deputy's post.

MARSHALL SERVED as chief of the tax office from 1928 until 1947 when he resigned to join a private tax consulting agency.

Seaholm said Stohl does not want the responsibility of the top tax job and is "delighted" with the change.

Stohl a year ago expressed a desire to leave the top post and return to his old duties as an assistant, but was persuaded to remain until a replacement could be found.

The city manager announced that with Marshall's return as head of the office the tax department will become a separate division with the tax assessor-collector reporting directly to the city manager. Up to the present, the office has been a part of the finance department.

New Book Discusses Religion

If a person has religious faith, he has gained it through communication with another person, explains C. Ellis Nelson in his book "Where Faith Begins" which has recently been released from John Knox Press.

Discussing the role of the Bible, doctrine, preaching, evangelism, and Christian education, Dr. Nelson describes the process by which the church can more deliberately and intelligently communicate its faith. The process begins, he says, in the congregation where the child is socialized by adults and where earliest sentiments are given direction.

Formerly a professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Dr. Nelson has prepared an index of scripture passages, subjects, and names to make the volume more useful for the student and professional churchman.

The author is the Skinner and McAlpin professor of practical theology and head of the department of religious education at Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. He has also served as director of Youth Work for the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and as Presbyterian minister to University of Texas students.

A native of Beaumont, he holds degrees from Austin College and Austin Presbyterian Seminary. He earned his doctorate from Columbia University. He is author of *Love* and the *Law* and numerous articles on religious education.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Nov 20, 1950; Dec 27, 1951; Oct 19, 1967

Ex-tax collector dies

Truett B. Marshall, longtime City of Austin tax assessor-collector, died Saturday in California.

Marshall held the position here from 1928 until 1947 and again from 1952 until his retirement in 1963.

Survivors include his wife, Leone Lloyd Marshall; a son, John Marshall of Sunnyvale, Calif.; a brother, J. M. Marshall of Dallas; sisters, Martha Glenn of New Jersey, Mozell Crowder of Los Angeles, Calif., Louisville Marshall and Dorothy Lawrence, both of Austin; and three grandchildren.

The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980); Sep 1, 1976

