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Zoning and Neighborhood Plan Amendments (Public Hearings and Possible Action)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 62

**Subject:** C14H-04-0006 – Splitrock - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 2815 Wooldridge Drive (Shoal Creek Watershed) from family residence (SF-3) district zoning to family residence—historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Staff recommendation: To grant family residence—historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Historic Landmark Commission recommendation. To grant family residence—historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Zoning and Platting Commission recommendation: To grant family residence—historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning Applicant. Jayne Klein City Staff. Steve Sadowsky, 974-6454.

Additional Backup Material

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D Staff Report and Ordinance

For More Information: Steve Sadowsky, 974-6454

#### ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-04-0006

H.L.C. DATE:

April 26, 2004

Z.A.P. DATE:

July 20, 2004

September 5, 2006

AREA: 1.05 acre (1.05 acre of Block 3, Jones & Sedwick Addition)

**APPLICANT**: Jayne Klein

AGENT: NA

HISTORIC NAME: Splitrock

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 2815 Wooldridge Drive

**ZONING FROM: SF-3** 

ZONING TO: SF-3-H

<u>SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district, to family residence – historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district, to family residence – Historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 7-0 (Leary absent; Bunton and Hooper off dais).

**ZONING AND PLATTING ACTION**: Recommended the proposed zoning change from family residence (SF-3) district, to family residence – Historic (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 8-0 (Shieh absent).

#### **DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:**

The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District. It is located outside of the survey areas of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

CITY COUNCIL DATE: November 16, 2006 ACTION:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD ORDINANCE NUMBER:

<u>CASE MANAGER</u>: Steve Sadowsky <u>PHONE</u>: 974-6454

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:**

Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

#### BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Ca. 1893 Splitrock was one of the first houses on the west bank of Shoal Creek. Named for the swimming hole on Shoal Creek, Splitrock is significant for its traditional center-hall house plan and its associations with pioneer stone mason Thomas F. Burns.

Staff evaluated the property for historic landmark designation and determined that the house meets Historic Landmark Designation Criteria 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 9:

(1) Character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City of Austin, State of Texas, or the United States.

Splitrock was one of the first houses on the west bank of Shoal Creek. Built outside of the city limits in 1893, the house was a rural retreat until the development of West Austin neighborhoods in the 1920s after construction of the Shoal Creek bridge on 24th Street.

The house, which originally faced Shoal Creek, was re-oriented in the 1920s with the development of Pemberton Heights, and the dedication of "Splitrock Avenue" (now Wooldridge Drive) on the west side of the house.

- (2) Recognition as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, a National Historic Landmark or entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

  Splitrock is a contributing property to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.
- (3) Embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen.

The house has a traditional center hall plan, with three rooms on each side. Representative of the ideals of prominent nineteenth century ruralist architect Andrew Jackson Downing, the house has a simple yet spacious design, a tall roof, and small upstairs bedrooms designed for hard working farm families to rest in, rather than spending leisure time

- (5) Embodiment of elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation.

  The ca. 1953 in ground "free form" swimming pool in the back yard was the first in Austin to be built without the traditional method of formed and poured concrete.
- (6) Relationship to other distinctive buildings, sites or areas which are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on architectural, historical or cultural motif. Splitrock is a contributing property to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.
- (8) Archeological value in that it has produced or can be expected to produce data affecting theories of historic or prehistoric interest.

The house is located on Shoal Creek, which was a favorite camping site of Native Americans. Owners of the property have discovered numerous arrowheads, scrapers, and other Native American implements on the site.

# (9) Exemplification of the cultural, economic, social, ethnic, or historical heritage of the city, state or the United States.

The house was built by Thomas F. Burns, who was born in Scotland in 1853, and emigrated to the United States in 1870. Burns was living in Austin by 1876, when he married in Travis County. He lists his occupation as a railroad worker in the 1880 Census, which also lists 3 Irish immigrants living with him and his family; all of the Burns' boarders listed their occupations as railroad workers as well. Burns became a stone mason in Austin, and may have worked on the construction of the Texas Capitol in the late 1880s. He became a successful Austin businessman, operating the Capitol City Marble Company on West Sixth Street. Burns' story and this house represent the growth of Austin after the coming of the railroad in the 1870s, the influx of European immigrants into the city, and the need for skilled craftsmen in Austin in the late nineteenth century.

# (12) A building or structure that because of its location has become of value to a neighborhood, community area, or the city.

Splitrock was one of the first houses on the west bank of Shoal Creek, pre-dating the development of Pemberton Heights by 30 years. Built above a natural "split" in the rock walls of the Shoal Creek bluff, the house originally overlooked the creek. There are also two ancient live oak trees on the site, one of which is a City of Austin Bicentennial Tree and recognized by the Austin Men's Garden Club.

PARCEL NO.: 0217000412000 DEED RECORD: Vol. 757, Page 93 (1945)

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$10,593 (total – all taxing authorities) – owner-occupied rate. City property tax exemption: \$2,789.

APPRAISED VALUE: \$931,669

PRESENT\_USE: Residence

<u>CONSTRUCTION/DESCRIPTION</u>: One and a half story rectangular plan pyramidal hipped roof frame house with full width independent porch, central, hipped roof dormer, and 2:2 fenestration.

**CONDITION**: Excellent

#### PRESENT OWNERS

Jayne Klein 2815 Wooldridge Drive Austin, Texas 78703

DATE BUILT: ca. 1893

<u>ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS</u>: House re-oriented from facing east to facing west in 1920s; original gangerbread front porch removed and new porches added to the east

and west sides in the 1920s. The east wall of the center hall was enclosed and a bathroom installed ca. 1911.

A workroom and storage area were added to the north side of the house, the front porch was extended, and a small balcony was added to the sun room on the east side of the hose between 1949 and 1952. A large concrete patio was added on the east side of the house, and a free-form swimming pool built in 1953. The house maintains its original roofline and siding, and original windows on the west, south, and north sides.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Thomas F. Burns (1891)

#### OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:

NATIONAL REGISTER: The house is listed as contributing to the Old West Austin

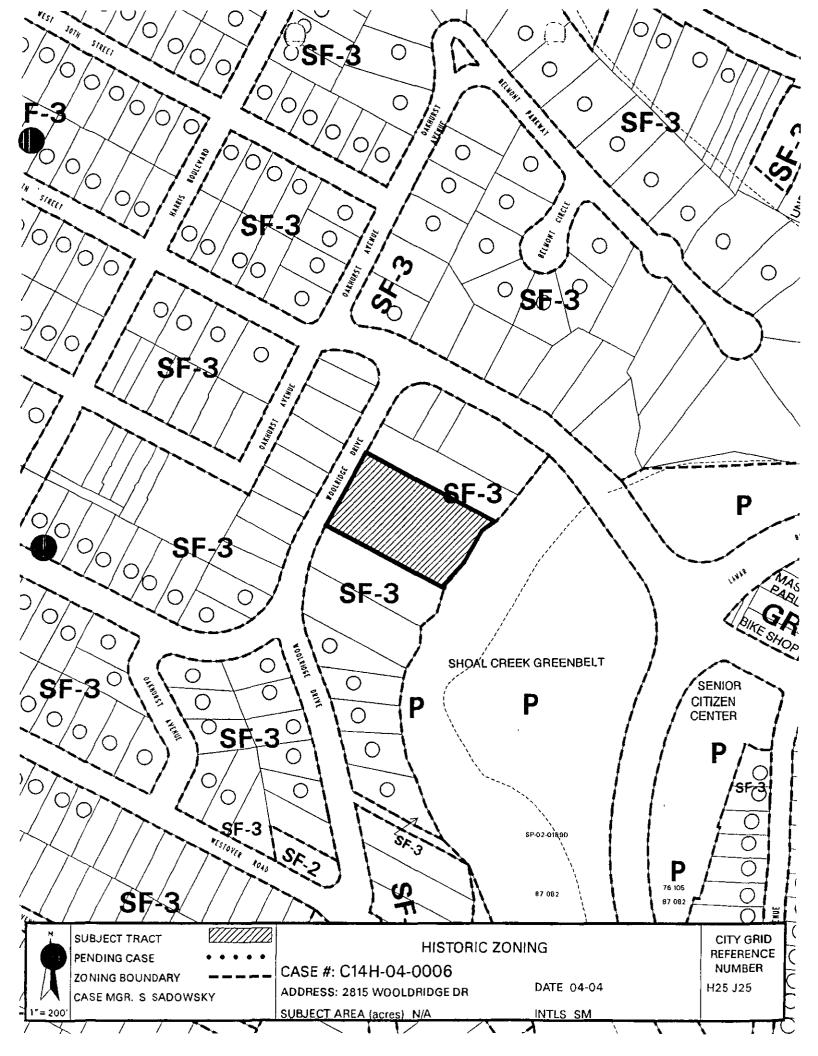
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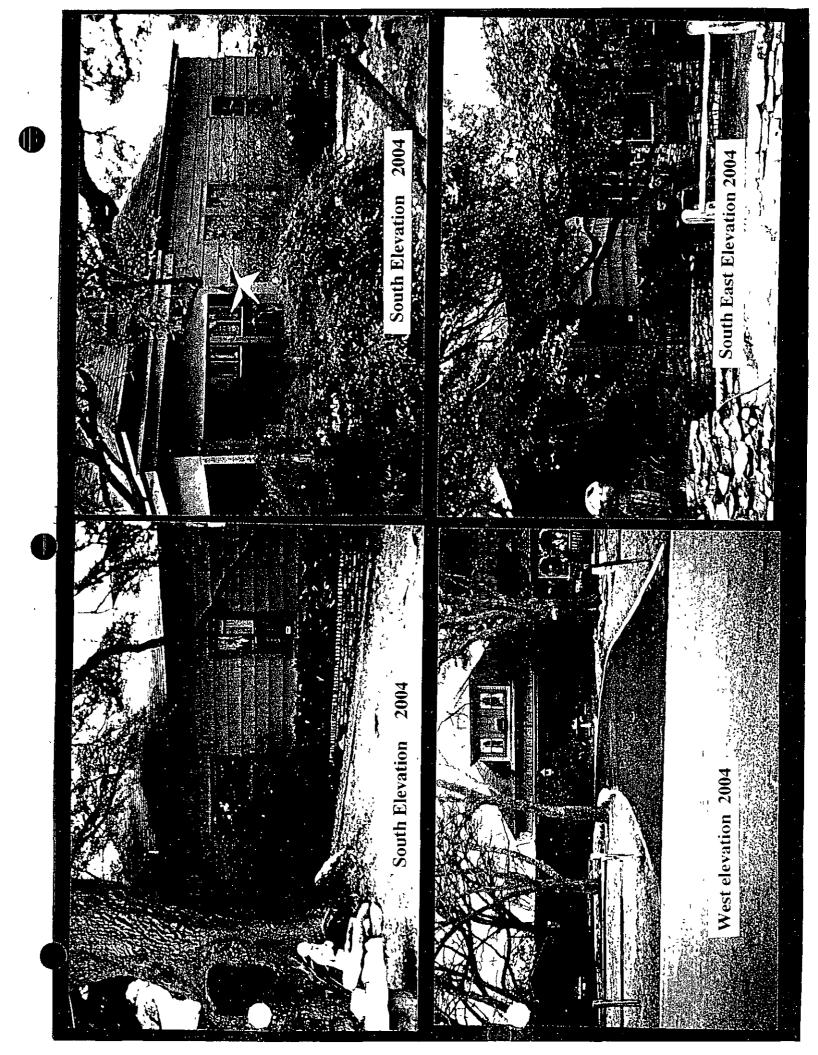
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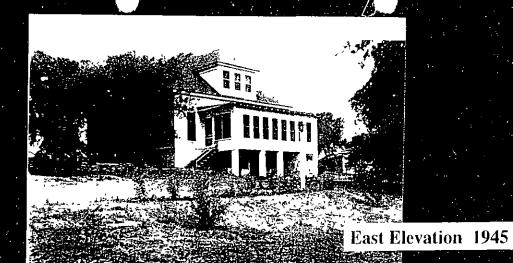
NATIONAL LANDMARK: No

LOCAL SURVEYS: No. The house is outside the bounds of any City historic

structure surveys..







East Elevation 2004



East Elevation 1945

# **SPLITROCK**

Burns- Klein House



2815 Wooldridge Drive Austin, Texas A Brief History, 1893-2004

Application for City of Austin Historic Landmark Designation April 2004

# A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING



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# D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

#### SUBMITTAL VERICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

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# **E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

# concerning Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions, Restrictive Covenants and / or Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, <u>JUDIE KLEIN TASCH</u> have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions,
(Print name of applicant)
restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at
2815 WOOLD RIDGE DRIVE (Address or Legal Description)
If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.
I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property
(Applicant's signature)  (Applicant's signature)  (Applicant's signature)

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# Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association

Austin, Texas

1907 West 34th Street Austin, TX 78703

April 23, 2004

Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Officer Transportation, Planning & Sustainability Department P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767-8835

Re: File Number C14H-04-0006

Dear Mr. Sadowsky,

At its April 20, 2004 meeting the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association (BWNA) Executive Board voted unanimously to support the request for a zoning change from SF-3 to SF-3-H, for the structure known as the Burns-Klein House, 2815 Wooldridge Drive, owned by Joe H. and Jayne Klein.

The Burns-Klein House, built in 1893, is a significant contributor to the Old West Austin Historic District, which includes Bryker Woods, Pemberton Heights and Old Enfield neighborhoods. BWNA respectfully asks the Historic Landmark Commission to recommend the requested zoning change to the City Council.

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Thank you,

Joyce Basciano, President

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Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association



**BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association** 

August 30th 2006

Date: August 30th, 2006

To: Historic Landmark Commission

From: BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association

Re: "Splitrock" 2815 Wooldridge (#C14H-04-0006)

The BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association fully supports the rezoning of 2815 Wooldridge (#C14H-04-0006) from SF-3 to SF-3-H. We are thrilled that such a historic and unique home will be a permanent feature of the neighborhood and the city of Austin. Thank you for your efforts to assist in the preservation and protection of historic homes in Austin.

Sincerely,

Edward Tasch, President

**BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association** 



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Sincerely,

Edward Tasch, President

**BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association** 

# F.7: Reproductions of Historical Photographs & Maps



Original Historical Photographs, which date 1911 to 1929 are in the collection of current owner, Mrs. Jayne L. Klein.

The Reproduction Pages include personal notes and memoirs written by Mrs, Klein in 1984.

Also included in this section are the Memoirs of James and Dorothy Quinlan, 1984.

Original Maps can be found at Austin History Center.



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#### **FOOTNOTES**

- Barkley, Mary Starr. <u>History of Travis County and Austin</u>, <u>1839-1899</u>. 1967
   Located Austin History Center & Texas State Genealogy Collection. Call No GEN/976.431/246
- 2. Map of Austin, 1877, Located in Austin History Center
- 3. Travis County Tax Records, 1887-93, Reel 1227-04 & 1893-93, Reel 1227-05
- 4. <u>Industrial Advantages of Austin</u>, Board of Trade, 1894 p 36 Located Austin History Center. Call No. A/917.6411/Au
- 5. Travis Co. Marriage Records, Vol 4, p. 420
- 6. Barkley, p. 237
- 7. City Directory 1893-1894
- 8. Sanborn Map of Austin, 1894, Located in Austin History Center
- 9.Travis Co. Marriage Records, Vol. 12, p.35
- 10. Travis County Probate Records, Book 321, p. 635-637
- 11. Letters of Jayne L. Klein
- 12. Fey, Emmett. New Braunfels: Founding Families
- 13. City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department
- 14. Fish, Jeanctte Long

# F.1: Chronological List of Owners

### **Deed Chronology**

	Transaction	Vol./Page	Date
	Original Grantee, George W. Spear (One League) Land Grant Patent	Abstract No. 697 Patent Vol 1, No. 136	31 March 1841
	George W. Spear to Norman Woods Bond for Title	Vol A, p.4	10 July 1838
	Norman Woods to Nicholas McArthur Deed	Vol A, p.5	9 March 1839
	George W. Spear to John W. Scallorn & Rebecca J. Spear Letters of Administration	Vol 313, p. 90 Fayette Co.	12 Oct 1839
	Rebecca J. Spear and Miriam Scallorn Agreement and Partition of the Estate	Vol 13, p 90 Fayette Co.	26 Nov 1840
•	N. McArthur to Thomas G. Gordon, Joseph Moreland and Mirabeau B. Lamar Transfer	Vol A, p.5	10 Feb 1840
	Thos. G. Gordon to Dickerson & McFarlane Mortgage	Vol A, p. 108	11 Aug 1840
	A.C. McFarlane to Thomas G. Gordon Release of Mortgage	Vol A, p.108	1 Sept 1840
	Thomas. G. Gordon to James A. Colwell Warranty Deed	Vol A, p. 145	2 Sept 1840
	Mirabeau B. Lamar & Thomas G. Gordon to Joseph Moreland. Deed	Vol E, p. 101	10 Nov 1849
	Joseph Moreland to Wm F. Moreland Power of Attorney	Vol E, p. 108	27 April 1850
	R.J. Spear, Miriam Scallorn & T.J. Scallorn to Joseph Moreland. Warranty Deed	Vol E, p. 122	16 Aug 1850

Joseph Moreland to James. B. Shaw Deed	Vol F, p. 391	26 Nov 1851
Rebecca J. Spear, Thomas J. Scallorn to Mirabeau B. Lamar. Warranty Deed	Vol F, p. 330	2 Oct 1852
Mirabeau B. Lamar to Washington L. Hill Power of Attorney	Vol F, pp. 330-331	10 Nov 1853
Mirabeau B. Lamar by W.L. Hill to James B. Shaw Special Warranty Deed	Vol F, pp.331-332	28 Nov 1853
James B. Shaw Vs. James A. Caldwell heirs Order for Partition	Minute Book E, p. 62	4 Nov 1854
Shaw Vs. Caldwell Partition Decree	Record Book E, p. 158	20 Nov 1857
Rebecca J. Spear & T.J. Scallorn to James B. Shaw Warranty Deed, Vol M, p. 137-138	Vol M, p. 137-138	28 Feb 1858
John S. Young & wife Jane L.J, Wm L. Paine & wife Mary, Thomas Balck & wife Emma, Frank R. Young & wife Jane (children of John S. Young) To C. R. Johns & Co. Power of Attorney	• • •	3 Sept 1869
H.N. Duble, C.R. Johns (for the Children of John S. Young & McFarland to Deed of Compromise and Partition	) Record Book T, p. 194	2 Sept 1869
H.N. Duble to B.J. Jones and J.B. Sedwick Special Warranty Deed	Record Book T, p.256	10 Sept 1869
Jane McFarland to Clement R. Johns Power of Attorney, Record Book T, p. 287	Record Book T, p. 287	10 Jan 1870
A.M McFarland, P.J. McFarland, & M.J. McFarland by C.R. Johns to Jane McFarland Quitclaim Deed	Book T, p. 155	2 April 1870
Jane McFarland to H.N. Duble Quitclaim Deed	Book T, p. 155	2 April 1870

R.J. Jones to J. R. Sedwick Partition Deed 87 Acres	Book T, p. 259	2 May 1870
J.B. Sedwick to I. W. Johnson General Warranty Deed 4 Acres	Book V., p. 541	5 April 1871
J.B. Sedwick to Isiah .W. Johnson General Warranty Déed 3/4 Acre	Book V, p. 727	7 Dec 1871
Isiah W. Johnson to G. V. Bareck General Warranty Deed One Acre	Book 61, p.418	16 Aug 1884
Isiah W. Johnson & W.W. Johnson to T.F. Burns Warranty Deed 3 & 3/4 Acres	Book 100, pp.521-524	19 Mar 1891
Tom Bareck, Walter Bareck and Mrs. Emerson to T.F. Burns Warranty Deed One Acre	Book 171, pp.514-515	5 July 1901
Thomas F. Burns to H. Dittlinger Warranty Deed 4 & 3/4 Acres	Book 245, p.360	28 April 1911
H. Dittlinger to N.V. Dittlinger Warranty Deed 4 & 3/4 Acres	Book 374, p.283	19 May 1913
N.V. Dittlinger to Anita Dittlinger Quinlan Bequeaths to daughter Anita 4 & 3/4 Acres	Probate Records Book 321, pp.635-637	11 Oct 1920
James P. Quinlan & Anita Dittlinger Quinlan to Joseph H. Klein, Jr. & Jayne L. Klein General Warranty Deed 1.16 Acres	Vol 757, p. 93	17 Feb 1945

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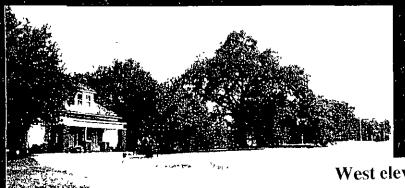
# F. 2: Chronological List of Occupants/Tenants/Residents

# **City Directory Listings**

YEAR(s)	Listing	Page
1893-94	Burns, T.F. (T.F. Burns & Co) res. w bank of Shoal Creek 4 blocks south of Mf. Bonnell Road	80
1893-94	Capitol City Marble Works, 211 W 6 <sup>th</sup> St. T.F. Burns & CO. proprietorsmonuments, tombstones, Also stone contractors, builders r. West Bank of Shoal Creek	105
1895-96	Burns, Thomas FStonemason, r. w bank of Shoal Creek, 4 blocks south of Mt. Bonnell Road	105
1897-98	Burns, Thomas F Stonemason, r.w bank of Shoal Creek 4 blocks south of Mt. Bonnell Road	103
1912-1913	Burns, Thomas FStonecutter Res. 1300 W 29 <sup>th</sup> St., 2 blocks West of Shoal Creek	266
1912-13	Quinlan, James A. salesman- r. West 29th St, 2 blocks West of Shoal Creek	251
1914	Quinlan, James, -Salesman res 1300 West 29th St.	657
1916	Quinlan, James W. Butcher, res 1300 West 29th St.	355
1918	Quinlan, James W. (Anita) res 1300 West 29th St	362
1920	Quinlan, James W.(Anıta) res 1300 W 29th St.	
1930-31	Quinlan, James W.,real estate – res 1300 West 29th St.	43

1932-33	Quinlan, James W. (Anita) -res 1300 West 29th St.	388
1935	Quinlan, James W., Anita, Jas P, Vincent J. Res. 2815 Splitrock Ave.	450
1937	Quinlan, James. W, Anita, Vincent J. res. 2815 Splitrock Ave.	527
1939	Quinlan, James W., Anita, David J., James P & Dorothy Res. 2815 Splitrock Ave.	495
1939	Lay, Chester F.(Harriet) Prof University of Texas Res 2815 Splitrock Ave. TENNANT	403
1942	Lay, Chester F.(Harriet) - University of Texas Professor h 2815 Wooldridge Drive TENNANT	377
1944-45	Lay, Chester F.(Harriet) Prof U of Texas res 2815 Wooldridge Drive TENNANT	298
1947	Klein, Joe H. Jr. & Jayne- (Austin & Central Texas Amusement Co). res. 2815 Wooldridge Drive	411
1948-1996	Klein, Joe H. Jr. and Jayne Res. 2815 Wooldridge Drive	475
1996-2004	Jayne L. Klein Res. 2815 Wooldridge Drive	389
NOTE: 1885-1886	Burns, Frank, stone quarry, r. Mt. Bonnell Road sw of the Lunatic Asylum There is high probability that this listing is <b>Thomas F. Burns</b>	97

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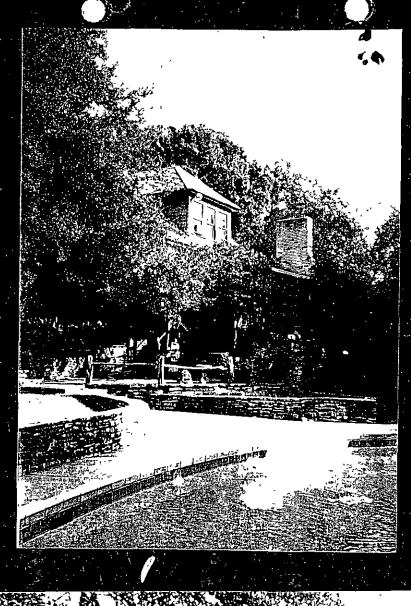
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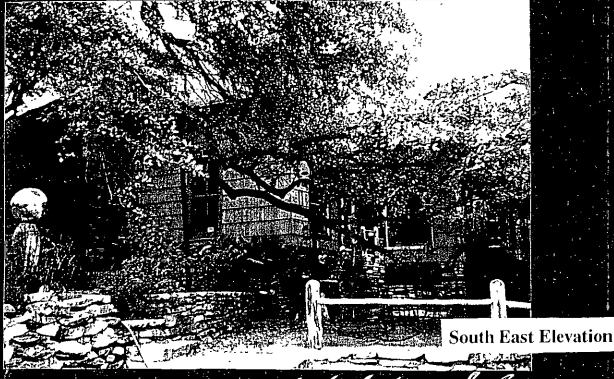


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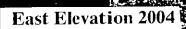








East Elevation 1945





East Elevation 1945



**BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association** 

August 30<sup>th</sup> 2006

Date: August 30th, 2006

To: Historic Landmark Commission

From: BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association

Re: "Splitrock" 2815 Wooldridge (#C14H-04-0006)

The BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association fully supports the rezoning of 2815 Wooldridge (#C14H-04-0006) from SF-3 to SF-3-H. We are thrilled that such a historic and unique home will be a permanent feature of the neighborhood and the city of Austin. Thank you for your efforts to assist in the preservation and protection of historic homes in Austin.

Sincerely,

Edward Tasch, President

BrykerWoods Neighborhood Association

ORDINANCE NO	)
PROPERTY GENERALLY KNOWN WOOLDRIDGE DRIVE IN THE OLD	HANGING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE AS SPLITROCK LOCATED AT 284 WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ICE (SF-3) DISTRICT TO FAMILY IBINING DISTRICT.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY	COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
change the base district from family reside (SF-3-H) combining district on the propert on file at the Neighborhood Planning and Z A 1.16 acre tract of land, more or Subdivision, in the City of Austin, Tra	Pless, out of Lot 3. Jones and Sedwick Vis County, the tract being more particularly
described by metes and bounds in Exhi	bit "A incorporated into this ordinance,
generally known as Splitrock, locally know Austin neighborhood plan area, in the/City identified in the man attached as Exhibit "B	vn as 2815 Wooldridge Drive, in the Old West of Austin, Fravis County, Texas, and generally
PART 2. The Reoperty is subject to Ordi	nance No. 020926-26 that established the Old
West Austin neighborhood plan combining	district.
PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on 1	, 2006.
PASSED AND APPROVED	} }
, 2006	Will Wynn
	Will Wynn

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David Allan Smith City Attorney Shirley A. Gentry City Clerk

Draft 11/6/2006

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