

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only

received AUG 14 1985

date entered SEP 17 1985

Continuation sheet

Item number all

Page 40

Site No. 23

Photo No. 27

Name: Southgate-Lewis House

Historic Name: ✓ Southgate-Lewis House

Address: 1501 East 12th Street

Date: 1888

Present Owner: Duane G. Albrecht
1501 East 12th Street
Austin, Texas 78702

Legal: Blocks 15 & 16, lots 1 & 2,
Outlot 57, Division B, Patterson
Subdivision

Original Use: Residential

Acreage: Less than one

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Austin East,
Texas, 1:24,000, 1966
Photorevised 1973

Current Use: Residential

UTM Reference: 14:622820/3349520

Architctural Description:

Physical Condition: Excellent

Date(s) of Alterations: Carport of rear of house added after 1935.

The Southgate-Lewis House is a late Victorian, wood-frame house with projecting eaves and gables and a prominent, projecting front bay which has a dentiled cornice. Siding and trim used in the construction of the house is unusually ornate and varied. There is a continuous band of vertical siding at the base of the building which is capped with a horizontal band at the window sill. Drop siding occurs up to the sills of the second-story windows, above which multiple rows of fish-scale and rectangular shingles alternate. Ornamental barge trim with brackets is located at the eave line and the roof is covered by wooden shingles. An ornamental brick chimney rises far above the roof line on the north side of a small dormer on the east elevation. The dormer has brackets and crossed barge trim. The main entrance is located on the north elevation of the house facing East 12th Street, but a secondary entrance faces west toward Comal Street. A small board and batten carriage house with four-over-four windows is located on the southern part of the property, and appears to be contemporaneous with, and compatible with, the residence.

Significance:

Dates: 1800-1899, 1900-

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Communications

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number all

Page 41

1501 East 12th Street is an excellent example of a richly textured late Victorian house. Few residences of its period, style and complexity remain in East Austin where simple, vernacular buildings were the rule and high-style structures, such as the Southgate-Lewis House, were the exception.

The House is also significant because it was constructed by R. C. Lambie, a well-known real estate developer and contractor associated with the construction of a number of landmark public buildings in Central Texas; and because it was occupied by several important Austin residents. John Southgate, the first owner, was a printer and bookbinder who eventually associated with publisher Eugene Von Boeckmann. In 1913, the house, like many others in the Robertson Hill area, was acquired by Blacks. An historically accurate series of children's books relating to Black history in East Austin and authored by local resident Ada De Blanc Simond, uses the Southgate-Lewis House and the Lewis family for their inspiration.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 8/14/85

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name East Austin Multiple Resource Area
State TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Briones, G.P., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Reject (letter to be written)

Attest

2. Swedish Hill Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 5/12/86

Attest

3. Willow-Spence Streets
Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

4. Southgate-Lewis House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

5. Barnes, Charles W., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

6. Community Center

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

7. State Cemetery of Texas

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 5/12/86

Attest

8. Bailetti House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 8/17/85

Attest

9. House at 1170 San
Bernard Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

10. Irvin, Robert, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/17/85

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ref #
8502265

Southgate-Lewis House (East Austin MRA)
Travis County
TEXAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86
Date Due: 9/12/85 - 9/28/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-17-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Historic Resources of East Austin
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Site No. 23, Southgate-Lewis House, 1501 East 12th St.
Photo by Joe Freeman, 1984, neg. with Texas
Historical Commission, Austin

Northwest view
camera facing southeast

photo 27 of 60

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000840