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Swedish Hill Distoric District

Name: Swedish Hill Historic District, Austin, Travis County, Texas

Location: The Swedish Hill Historic District consists of a small neighborhood of houses which fronts on the 900 block and a portion of the 1000 block of East 14th Street and on the 900 block of East 15th Street. Olander Street forms the western boundary of the District, and Waller Street cuts through it on the east.

Acreage: 4

UTM References: A- 14/622140/3349740

B- 14/622320/3349780

C- 14/622320/3349620

D- 14/622140/3349600

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

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Significance:

Architecture. Located on lots in the Original City of Austin and subdivided and developed earlier than most other parts of East Austin, Swedish Hill was a residential neighborhood occupied by downtown business people and tradesmen. Its significance derives not only from the broad range of architectural styles which is represented in the District, but also from the fact that each building is an excellent example of its own particular style. Architectural details are complete, and in many cases original plans have not been obscured by later additions. As a result, the Swedish Hill Historic District is the best example in East Austin of a late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century, residential neighborhood which remains intact.



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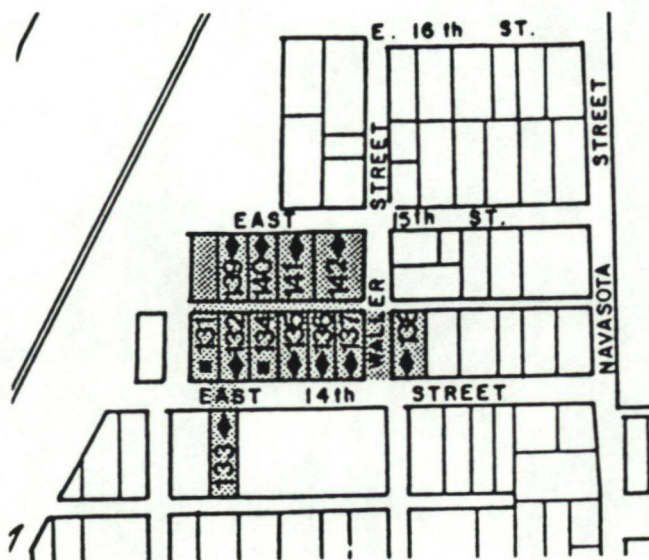
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SWEEDISH HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT





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Site No. 131

Address: 900 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 6, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: William Maddox, 900 East 14th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Category: Noncontributing

Site No. 132

Address: 902 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 5, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: James Campbell and Don Neumann, P.O. Box 3466, Austin, Texas 78764

Date of Construction: 1888

Owner at Time of Construction: Mrs. N. N. Gammel (N. N. Gammel, steamship ticket agent, book dealer)

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-story, late Victorian cottage with early twentieth-century additions on the rear. Steps leading to the entrance are cement, but other original details are intact. Metal skirting around the base of the building has been made to look like rusticated stone.

Site No. 133

Photo No. 56

Address: 903 East 14th Street

Legal Description: The east 50 feet of lot 55, Outlot 41, Division B

Owner: Lorenzo Rodriguez and Mary Louise Maya, 2901 South 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78704

Date of Construction: ca. 1920s; present house appears to represent the second improvement on the lot.

Owner at Time of Construction: [not known]

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-story bungalow with a broad front porch supported by short pyramidal wooden columns which rest on stuccoed columns. The structure is covered by a gabled roof; the off-center front entrance has been altered from its originally centered configuration.

Site No. 134

Address: 904 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 4, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: James Campbell, P.O. Box 3466, Austin, Texas 78764

Category: Noncontributing



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Site No. 135

Photo No. 57

Address: 906 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 3, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Oscar Morris Free, 3208 Hemlock, Austin, Texas 78722

Date of Construction: ca. 1880

Owner at Time of Construction: [S.M. and W.M. Gaines?]

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One story, late Victorian, board-and-batten structure with additions to the rear constructed by 1935. A porch spans the front facade. The location of the front door appears to have been slightly altered.

Site No. 136

Photo No. 57

Address: 908 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 2, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Marie Basey, 908 East 14th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: [late 1890s-early 1900s] Improvements on the lot by 1879; present house must represent second improvement.

Owner at Time of Construction: [Mrs. Nancy Robinson, 1879-1890s]. Residing at the same address 1885-1888: John M. Robinson, carpenter.

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-story, late Victorian, wood-frame house with original front porch, projecting gabled wing, and hipped roof.

Site No. 137

Address: 910 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 1, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: James Campbell, P.O. Bix 3466, Austin, Texas 78764

Date of Construction: 1891

Owner at Time of Construction: John Johnson, carpenter

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-story, late Victorian cottage with gabled roof. Brick piers, covered on a portion of the front by board-and-batten sheathing, are original as is the interesting mixture of different sidings on the house. Fine carpentry details are intact.



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Site No. 138

Photo No. 58

Address: 1000 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 3, lot 6, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Maude S. Johnson Estate, 1000 East 14th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: ca. 1886

Owner at Time of Construction: Mrs. Hedwig Sandahl

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Distinctive two-story, Cumberland-plan, wood-frame residence with an early board-and-batten, one-story addition on the rear of the building. Intact original or early features include a wood-shingle roof, simple but fine carpentry details, and a one-story porch supported by four columns which spans most of the width of the front facade.

Site No. 139

Address: 903 East 15th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 8, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Theodore Bogisch Estate, % Elizabeth Bogisch, 903 East 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: ca. 1915

Owner at Time of Construction: William G. Clarkson, carpenter (resident)

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Good example of a small, one-story, frame cottage with a hipped roof and front porch. Metal skirting has been fabricated to look like rusticated stone.

Site No. 140

Photo No. 59

Address: 905 East 15th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 9, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Peter J. and Kathy Fears, 905 East 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: ca. 1912

Owner at Time of Construction: Christopher C. Bullock, carpenter (resident)

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Good example of a small, one-story, frame cottage with a gabled roof and front porch.

Site No. 141

Address: 907 East 15th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 10, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Gustave Hermanson, 2018 Singing Brook, Austin, Texas 78723

Date of Construction: ca. 1938

Owner at Time of Construction: Gustave Hermanson, janitor at Brackenridge Hospital

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Good example of a small, one-story, wood-frame bungalow with a gable roof and front porch. Simple brackets occur at the front eaves.



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Site No. 142

Photo No. 60

Address: 1406 Waller Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lots 11 and 12, less the north 10 feet and east  
10 feet of lot 12, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: M. D. Lowe, 2306 Cypress Point West, Austin, Texas 78746

Date of Construction: ca. 1912

Owner at Time of Construction: Carl Berkman

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-and-a-half, late Victorian, wood-frame  
house with a complex gabled and hipped roof. Columns are equally  
spaced along a porch which wraps around a portion of the structure.



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Swedish Hill Historic District (East Austin)

MRA)

Travis County  
TEXAS

Substantive Review

AUG 14 1985

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 9/12/85 - 9/28/85

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-17-85

☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Reviewer's comments: District, containing 10 residences dating from 1880s to 1938 (contributing) and 2 noncontributing residences is significant for its excellent representation of architectural styles and types typical of East Austin development in late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer McClelland

Discipline Arch Hist

Date 9/17/85

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☒ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category

Ownership  
Public Acquisition

Status  
Accessible

Present Use

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

- ☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ 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
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- ☐ other

Please expand the contextual discussion of bungalows to clarify the period when significant examples would have occurred and to discuss the architectural merit or stylistic distinction of late examples, such as #141. There is no justification for extending district's period of significance to 1938, within less than 50-year period. Only one building (#141) dates to 30s (1938 bungalow), one to 1930s, while the remaining were built between 1880 and 1910. Please explain the exceptional importance of 1930s house or period in relationship to district's architectural merit, and please clarify the district's importance in the late 1910s and 1930s. Period of significance may need to be revised, as well as status of contributing bldgs related to the years being disputed.

## 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 Linda McClelland Date Sept 17, 1985 Phone: 202-343-9544



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*Period of significance, has not been fully justified, particularly the exceptional importance of the northern section of the period, 1935-1938, or the exceptional importance of #141, a 1938 bungalow.*

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*3-14-1986*  
*Substantive objections have been made by making property #141, a 1938 bungalow, non-contributing. Changes have been made throughout this section to reflect this change, on pp. all-74, all-75, all-78.*

*See Johnson*



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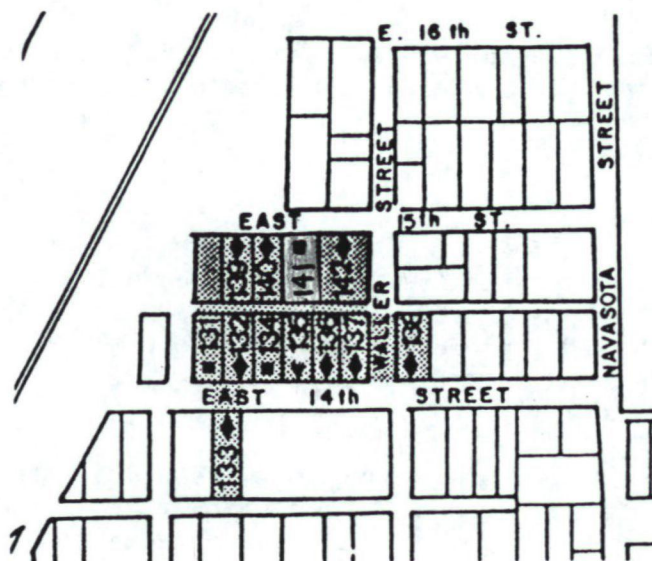
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Category: Contributing

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Site No. 136

Photo No. 57

Address: 908 East 14th Street

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Owner: Marie Basey, 908 East 14th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: [late 1890s-early 1900s] Improvements on the lot by 1879; present house must represent second improvement.

Owner at Time of Construction: [Mrs. Nancy Robinson, 1879-1890s]. Residing at the same address 1885-1888: John M. Robinson, carpenter.

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-story, late Victorian, wood-frame house with original front porch, projecting gabled wing, and hipped roof.

Site No. 137

Address: 910 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 1, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: James Campbell, P.O. Bix 3466, Austin, Texas 78764

Date of Construction: 1891

Owner at Time of Construction: John Johnson, carpenter

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-story, late Victorian cottage with gabled roof. Brick piers, covered on a portion of the front by board-and-batten sheathing, are original as is the interesting mixture of different sidings on the house. Fine carpentry details are intact.



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Site No. 138

Photo No. 58

Address: 1000 East 14th Street

Legal Description: Block 3, lot 6, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Maude S. Johnson Estate, 1000 East 14th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: ca. 1886

Owner at Time of Construction: Mrs. Hedwig Sandahl

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Distinctive two-story, Cumberland-plan, wood-frame residence with an early board-and-batten, one-story addition on the rear of the building. Intact original or early features include a wood-shingle roof, simple but fine carpentry details, and a one-story porch supported by four columns which spans most of the width of the front facade.

Site No. 139

Address: 903 East 15th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 8, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Theodore Bogisch Estate, % Elizabeth Bogisch, 903 East 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: ca. 1915

Owner at Time of Construction: William G. Clarkson, carpenter (resident)

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Good example of a small, one-story, frame cottage with a hipped roof and front porch. Metal skirting has been fabricated to look like rusticated stone.

Site No. 140

Photo No. 59

Address: 905 East 15th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 9, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Peter J. and Kathy Fears, 905 East 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Date of Construction: ca. 1912

Owner at Time of Construction: Christopher C. Bullock, carpenter (resident)

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: Good example of a small, one-story, frame cottage with a gabled roof and front porch.

Site No. 141

Address: 907 East 15th Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lot 10, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: Gustave Hermanson, 2018 Singing Brook, Austin, Texas 78723

Date of Construction: ca. 1938

Owner at Time of Construction: Gustave Hermanson, janitor at Brackenridge Hospital

Category: non-contributing

Description and Significance: Good example of a small, one-story, wood-frame bungalow with a gable roof and front porch. Simple brackets occur at the front eaves.



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Site No. 142

Photo No. 60

Address: 1406 Waller Street

Legal Description: Block 2, lots 11 and 12, less the north 10 feet and east  
10 feet of lot 12, Outlot 42, Division B

Owner: M. D. Lowe, 2306 Cypress Point West, Austin, Texas 78746

Date of Construction: ca. 1912

Owner at Time of Construction: Carl Berkman

Category: Contributing

Description and Significance: One-and-a-half, late Victorian, wood-frame  
house with a complex gabled and hipped roof. Columns are equally  
spaced along a porch which wraps around a portion of the structure.



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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 5/15/86      |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 3.  | Willow-Spence Streets<br>Historic District | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 4.  | Southgate-Lewis House                      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 5.  | Barnes, Charles W., House                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 6.  | Community Center                           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 7.  | State Cemetery of Texas                    | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | Linda McClelland 5/15/86      |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 8.  | Bailetti House                             | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 9.  | House at 1170 San<br>Bernard Street        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |
| 10. | Irvin, Robert, House                       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | Delores Byrum 9/17/85         |
|     |  |                                     | Attest     |                               |



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Swedish Hill Historic District (East ~~Substantive Review~~)  
Austin MRA)  
Travis County  
TEXAS

Working No. 8/14/85  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 5/12/86  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 5-12-86  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

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

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Reviewer's comments:

OK 1938 bldg made  
non-contributing

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer L. C. Cleveland  
Discipline A. Hist  
Date 5/12/86  
\_\_\_\_ 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



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## 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_







Site (133)

Photo (56)

Swedish Hill Historic District  
Historic Resources of East Austin  
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Site No. 133, 903 East 14th Street  
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Historical Commission, Austin

Northeast view  
camera facing southwest

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Site Nos. (135, 136)

Photo No. (57)

Swedish Hill Historic District  
Historic Resources of East Austin  
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Site Nos. 135, 136, 906-908 East 14th Street  
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Southeast view  
camera facing northwest

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Site (138)  
Photo (58)

Swedish Hill Historic District  
Historic Resources of East Austin  
Austin, Travis County, Texas

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South view  
camera facing north  
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Site (140)  
Photo (59)

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North view  
camera facing south

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Site (142)

Photo (60)

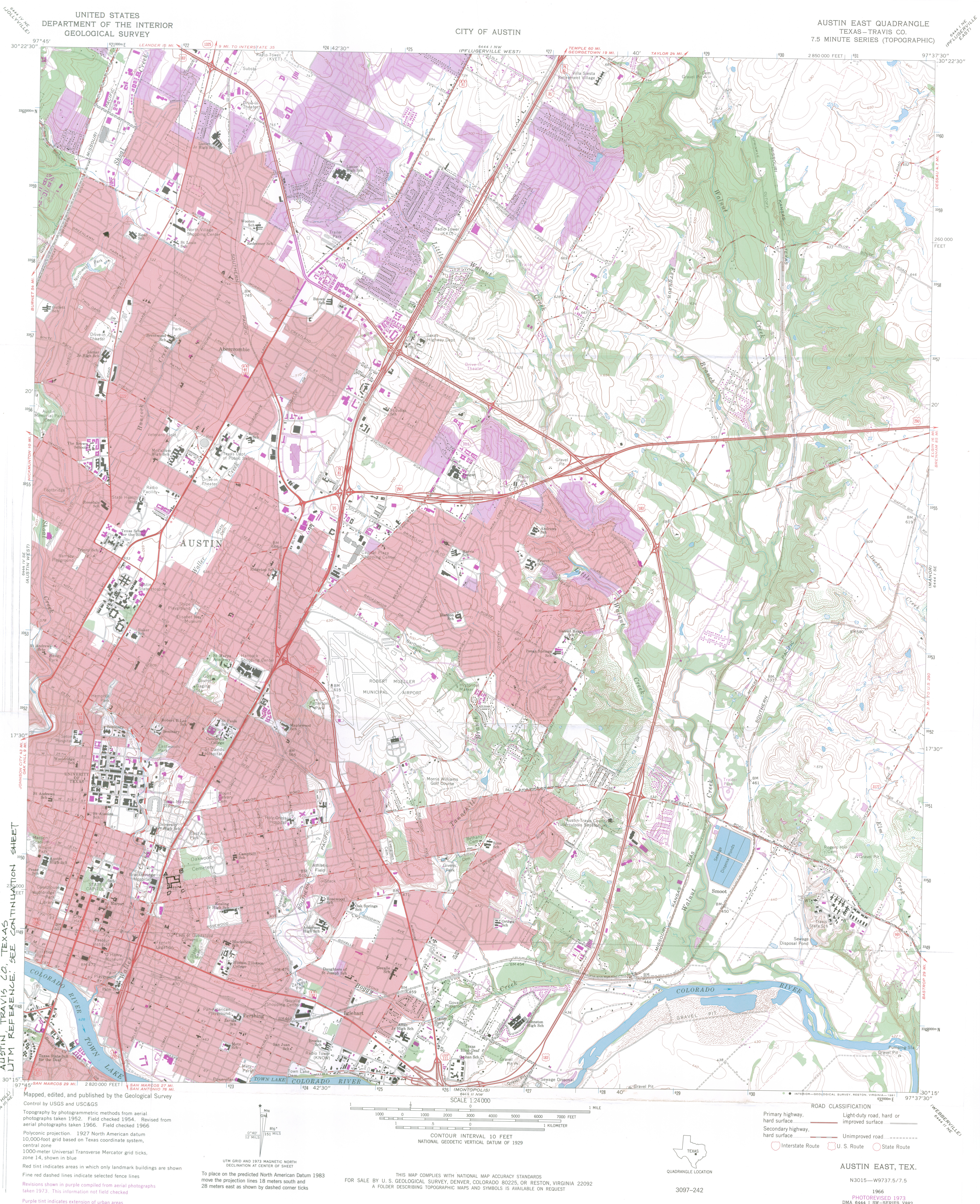
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Northeast view  
camera facing southwest

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

CITY OF AUSTIN

AUSTIN EAST QUADRANGLE  
TEXAS—TRAVIS CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 17, 1984

Mr. Curtis Tunnell  
Executive Director  
Texas Historical Commission  
P. O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Tunnell:

This is in regard to Mr. Joe Oppermann's letter dated September 25, 1984, regarding our property at 907 East 15th Street, Austin.

As one of the heirs to this property, you are hereby notified that I object to the listing of this property in the National Register of Historic Places.

Very truly yours,

*Mary Lee Bryant*

Mary Lee (Hermanson) Bryant

*Dated this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1984.*

*Maria White  
Notary Public*



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October 18, 1984

Texas Historical Commission  
Joe Oppermann, Director  
National Register Programs  
P. O. Box 12276  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Oppermann:

In reference to your letter dated September 25, 1984, please be advised that I do not wish to have my property considered by the State Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. I am aware of the advantages and disadvantages of this nomination.

I am the sole owner of this property listed at 908 East 14th St. It is however willed to my five children, only at the time of my death.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly

Marie Basey  
MARIE BASEY, 908 East 14th St.  
Austin, TX 78702 (477-4309)

THE STATE OF Texas  
COUNTY OF Lewis

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 18 day of Oct., 19 84 personally appeared Marie Basey who being by me sworn, states that the above and foregoing information is true and correct.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 18 day of Oct., 19 84.

seal

Wanda Townsend  
Notary Public

Austin, Travis County, Texas

My Commission Expires 12/22/85



October 23, 1984

Mr. Curtis Tunnell  
Executive Director  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: 907 East 15th Street, Swedish  
Hill Historic District, Austin,  
Texas, National Register  
Nomination

Dear Mr. Tunnell,

As one of the owners of the property located at 907 East 15th Street, Austin, Texas, and listed on your records as owned by Gustave Hermanson, I hereby state that I am an owner of the property and further state that I object to the property being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

*Clara Imogene Thompson*  
Clara Imogene Thompson

State Of Texas  
County Of Travis

Before Me, The undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CLARA IMOGENE THOMPSON, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that the statements contained therein are true and accurate, and that she executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

My Commission Expires 8-13-85

*Theodore E. Combs*  
THEODORE E. COMBS  
Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas



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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Curtis Tunnell  
Executive Director  
Texas Historical Commission  
P. O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: House located at 907 E. 15th St.  
Swedish Hill Historic District  
Austin, Texas 78722

Dear Mr. Tunnell:

As one of the owners of the property located at 907 East 15th Street, Austin, Texas, and listed on your records as owned by Gustave Hermanson, I hereby state that I am partial owner of the property listed above and further state that I object to the property being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

My late husband, Herman Frank Hermanson, now deceased, was the son of Gustave Hermanson.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. H. F. (Gladys) Hermanson*

Mrs. H. F. Hermanson  
2018 Singing Brook  
Austin, Texas 78723

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STATE OF TEXAS     X  
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS   X

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, on this day personally appeared Gladys J. Hermanson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing statement and acknowledges to me that the statement contained therein is true and correct.

EXECUTED on this the 25th day of October, 1984.

*L. W. Ward Shivers*

Notary Public in and for  
The State of Texas

*L. W. WARD SHIVERS*  
(Printed or stamped name of Notary)

My Commission expires:

11/22/84



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Mr. Joe Opermann, Director  
National Register Programs  
Texas Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

NATIONAL REGISTER DEPARTMENT

RE: Objection to Historic Designation of  
906 East 14th Street, Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Operman:

This objection is based on incomplete knowledge of the  
advantages and disadvantages of a historic designation to my  
property.

This information is not satisfactory available from your office.

At this time, I object to a historic designation of 906 East  
14th Street, Austin, Texas.

Sincerely,



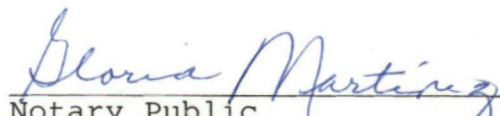
Morris Free  
3208 Hemlock Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78722

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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The above objection was subscribed and sworn to before me on this the  
26th day of October, 1984.

  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: November 25, 1984

  
(Printed or stamped name of Notary)





JONES & SMITH  
*Attorneys at Law*  
710 WEST AVENUE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

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ROBERT D. JONES  
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October 26, 1984

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Mr. Joe Oppermann, Director  
National Register Program  
Texas Historical Commission  
P. O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: 902, 904, 910 East 14th Street, Austin,  
Travis County, Texas


Dear Mr. Opperman:

Please be advised that I represent James Campbell and Don Neumann, the owners of the above described property in Austin, Texas. They are the sole owners of the above mentioned property.

Please be advised that my clients object to listing their property in the National Register of Historical Places.

I am forwarding this notice to Mr. Curtis Tunnell, Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission, P. O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711.

Yours very truly,

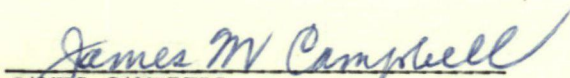
  
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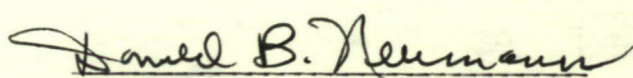
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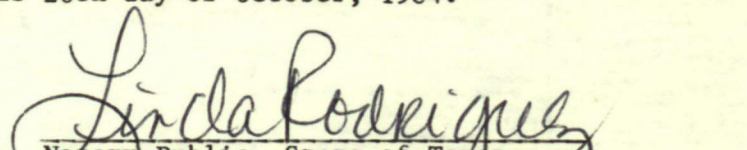
COUNTY OF TRAVIS       §

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JAMES CAMPBELL and DON NEUMANN, and each of them under oath stated that the above facts are true and correct.

  
JAMES CAMPBELL

  
DON NEUMANN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 26th day of October, 1984.

  
Notary Public, State of Texas  
My Commission expires: 12-12-84