



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic Assessment

Property Address: 824 West Magnolia Avenue

1. Application Details

Applicant: Duncan Hayse
Type: Historic Landmark Designation
Date Received: 27 January 2024

2. Findings

The property at 824 West Magnolia Avenue is a two-story Colonial Revival style residence located in the Beacon Hill Area neighborhood conservation district (NCD-5) of City Council District 1. Duncan Hayse and Sheila Black currently own the property. Beacon Hill evolved during San Antonio's first and greatest expansion, which began in the 1850s and continued with few interruptions until the Great Depression. The neighborhood grew around the San Antonio Street Railway Trolley lines that originally provided access to historic San Pedro Springs Park.

The subject property was built circa 1919. The address first appeared in the 1921 City Directory as the home of F.J. & Margaret Tips, owner and manager of the Tips Hardware Company. The Tips family managed hardware stores at various locations in San Antonio beginning in the late nineteenth century. F.J. Tips managed a store located at 114 West Commerce Street in the late 1910s.

Mr. Tips is listed at this address in the City Directory as late as 1927. In the 1929 City Directory, the address is listed as the home of Leon N. Walthall, owner and manager of the Walthall Music Company, which sold musical instruments, radios, records players, equipment in San Antonio for decades. Walthall was very active in music education and public presentations, coordinating music for concerts and parades. In the mid- to late-1920s, Walthall operated stores at multiple locations, including 217 West Commerce Street and at the corner of Market and Navarro Streets. Dr. Marjorie Walthall later served as the chair of the music department at San Antonio College in the 1960s.

3. Architectural Description

The subject property is a north-facing house, situated near the middle of a block bound to the north by West Magnolia Avenue, the east by Aganier Avenue, the south by West Mistletoe Avenue, and the west by Blanco Road. The block includes other two-story Colonial Revival residences, as well as one- and two-story Craftsman bungalows. A divorced sidewalk runs through large front yards; driveways appear as either full-width concrete or ribbon driveways. The backyard is enclosed by a chain-link fence with a swinging gate adjacent to the ribbon driveway.

The subject property is a two-story Colonial Revival style residence with a side-gabled roof and wood-simulation vinyl siding. The front porch features square red clay tiles, with three steps leading up to the front door, which is covered by a portico topped with a wooden segmental pediment supported by decorative iron columns. The front door has glass panes and is flanked by sidelights, topped with transom windows.

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The lower level of the front façade features a group of two cottage windows to the right of the front porch, flanked by two single-sash wooden windows. The upper level features a group of two smaller single-sash wooden windows in the center with wooden flower boxes below the sill, plus two separate single-sash windows. The left façade includes a brick chimney. In the rear is a raised wooden deck with latticed skirting and wood railing.

Character-defining features of 824 West Magnolia Avenue include:

- Two-story Colonial Revival style
- Portico over front porch
- Brick chimney

4. Landmark Criteria

The property meets six criteria under UDC 35-607(b):

- **3: Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation;**
- **8: Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship;**
- **13: It bears an important and significant relationship to other distinctive structures, sites, or areas, either as an important collection of properties or architectural style or craftsmanship with few intrusions, or by contributing to the overall character of the area according to the plan based on architectural, historic or cultural motif;**

5. Staff Recommendation

A property must meet at least three of the 16 criteria used to evaluate eligibility for landmark designation, and this assessment determines that 824 West Magnolia Avenue meets this threshold. Further research may reveal additional significance associated with this property.



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1. 824 West Magnolia Avenue – Front façade

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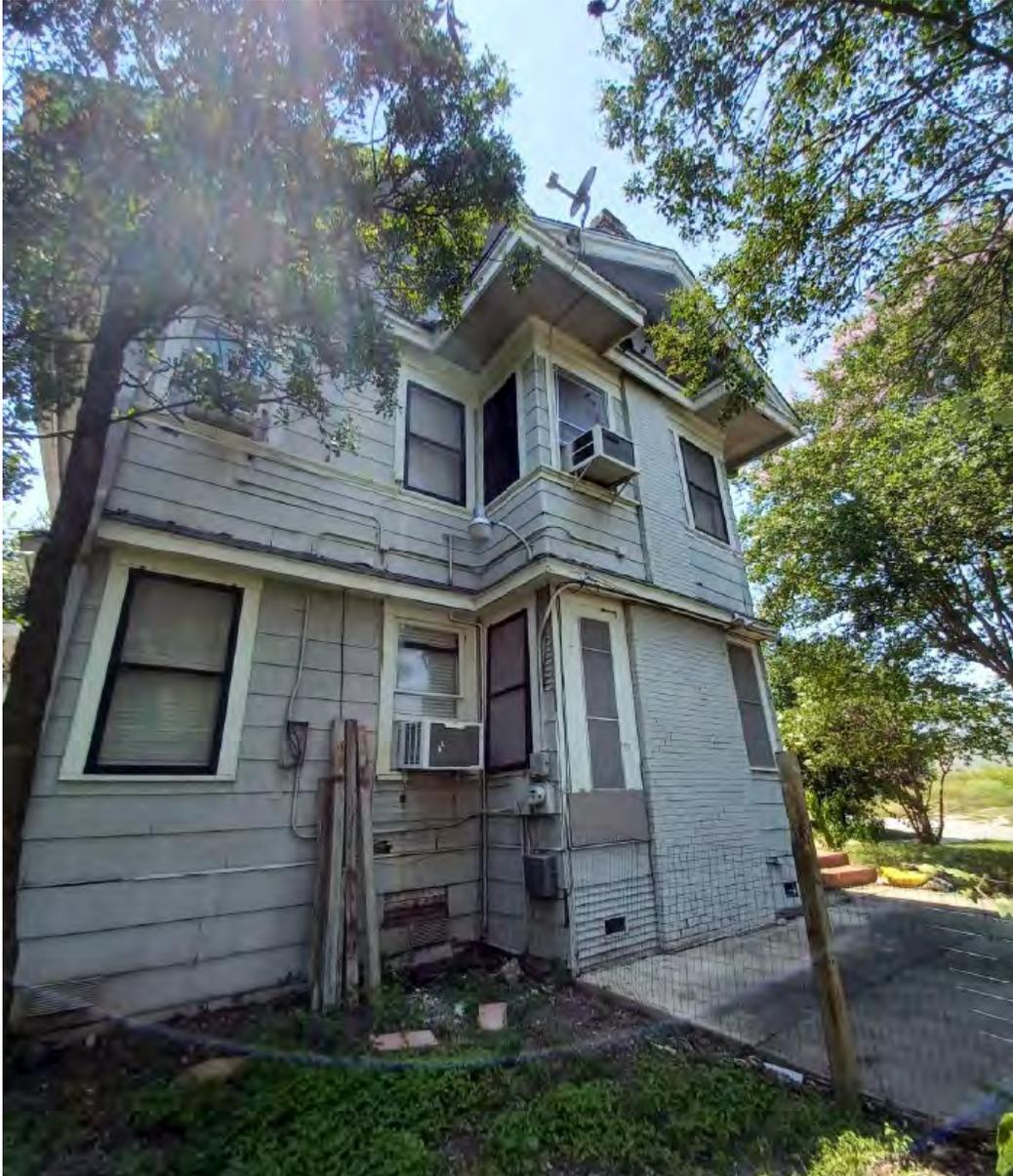
2. 824 West Magnolia Avenue – Right side (West)

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3. 824 West Magnolia Avenue – Left side (East)

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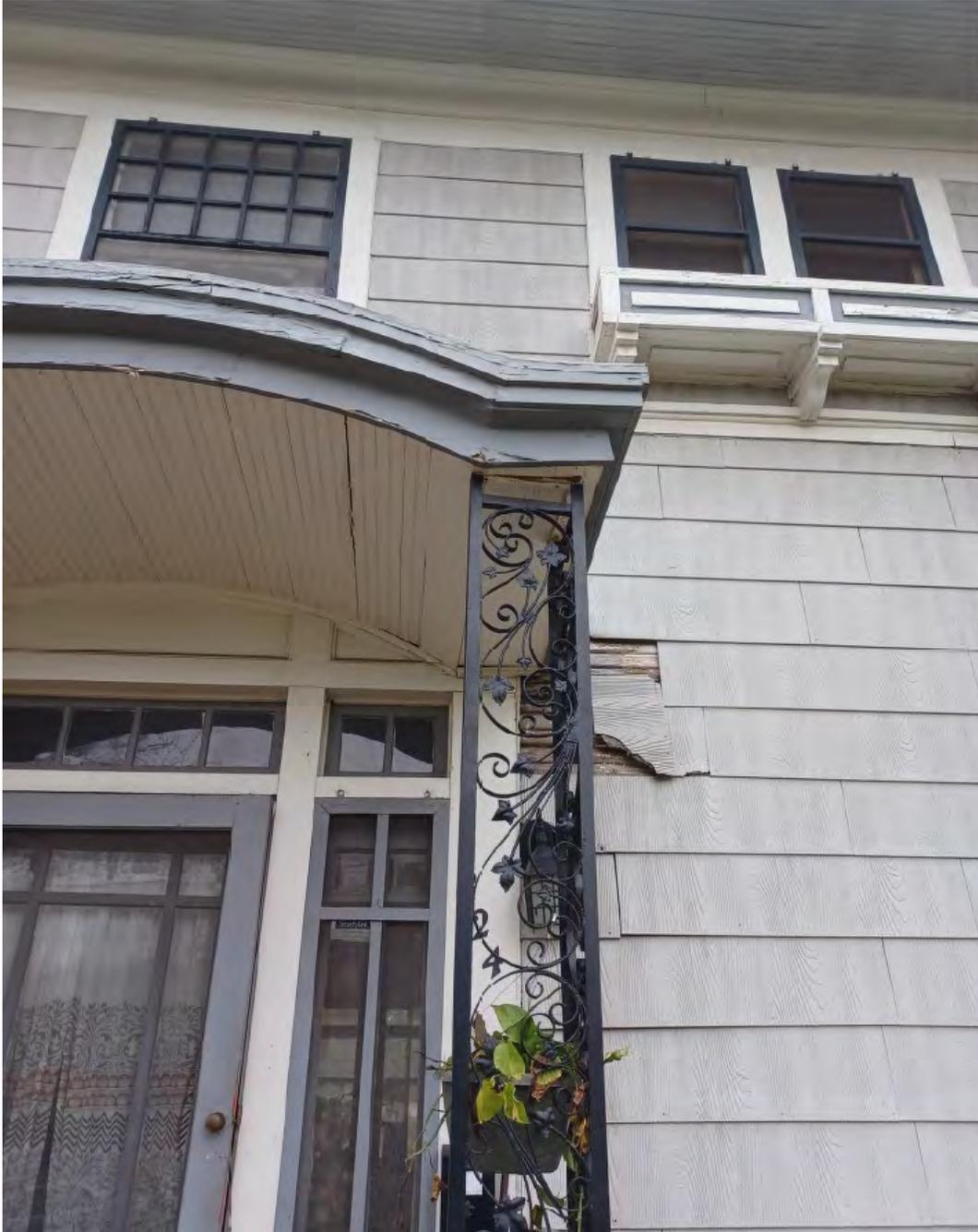
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4. 824 West Magnolia Avenue – Rear (South)



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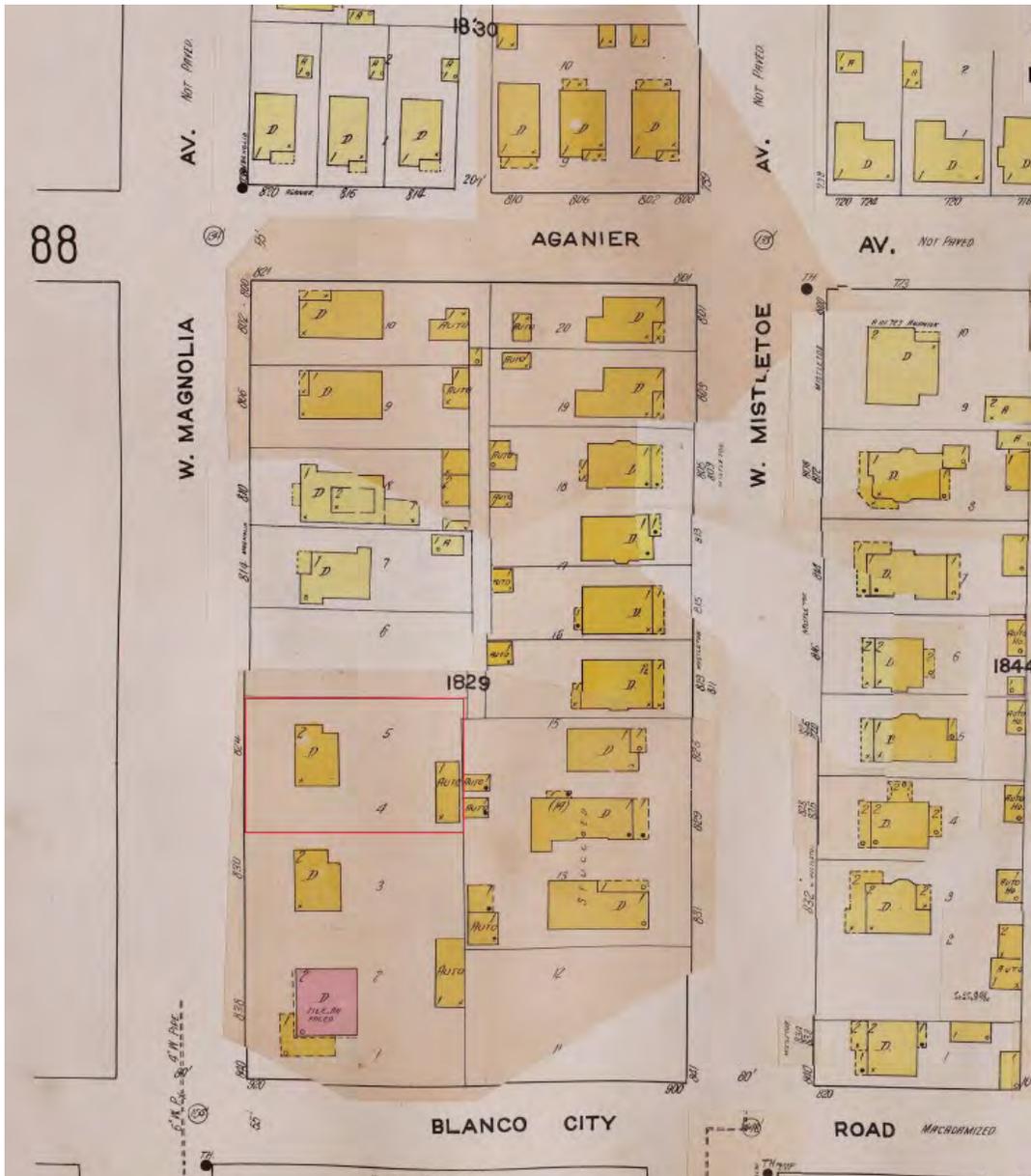
5. 824 West Magnolia Avenue –detail

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6. Sanborn Map (1931), Vol.1, Sheet 89

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SUNDAY, THE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT, MAY 6, 1917. 39

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"Own Your Own Home and remember the gas most important side to better living—gas and electricity."

ALAMO FURNITURE CO.
I. B. HOLLOWELL, Manager.
All furniture for one of the bed rooms.

NEWTON-WELLER & WAGNER.
Furnishers of all Crockery, chinaware, dishes and glassware for this home.

PEDEN IRON & STEEL CO.
All finish hardware and door fixtures.

NICHOLSON & FURNISH.
Owners of beautiful Beacon Hill, where attractive homes are the rule and not the exception.
Contributed \$100 for construction expense.

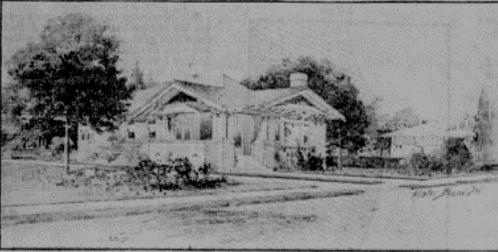
ALAMO IRON WORKS.
EUGENE HOLMGREEN, President.
Reinforcing and structural steel for the building, together with \$25 check for the labor account.

CIBOLO GRAVEL CO.
Gravel for the sidewalks and foundation given for this house by H. J. Hatch, President.

C. W. Ling Sand & Crushed Stone Co.
This firm contributed sand and crushed stone for walks and foundation.

C. F. Parker, Concrete Contractor.
Sidewalk construction for this home will be supervised by Mr. Parker.

CENTRAL TRUST CO.
J. O. TERRELL, President.
Contributors of \$100 towards the general expense fund.



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Furnish it easily with up-to-date furniture, carpets and rugs. Even Park's dining, living, and your bedrooms will be complete. We have a special department, with no extra charge.
L. P. PECK.

ADAMS & ADAMS
and C. T. Boelhaave, associate architects draw plans for the house.

WRIGHT & SANDERS
JACK SANDERS.
Will build the house in one day.

MARTIN WRIGHT.
We are donating the electric wiring and fixtures complete, together with a "Diamond Jewel" gas stove and heater.

San Antonio Machine & Supply Co.
PAUL KRUEGER, Manager.
All galvanized water piping.
Distributors of "Rees" Pipe.

BEITEL LUMBER CO.
BY ROY M. BEITEL.
\$120 worth of lumber towards "The House That Jack Built."

POST LUMBER CO.
BY C. M. CAIN, President.
\$120 worth of lumber for the house.

MISSION LUMBER CO.
GUS ZALMANZIG, President.
Lumber of \$120 value.

VAUGHAN LUMBER CO.
BY GEO. O. VAUGHAN.
Contributors of \$120 worth of lumber for the house built in a day.

PETRICH-SAUR LUMBER CO.
LEE PETRICH.
We give \$120 worth of lumber.
See us when you want to own your home.

DOYLE DECORATING CO. \$100 Cash. HENRY A. SCHOENFELD \$100 Cash. TEXAS GLASS & PAINT CO. \$100 Cash.	WM. S. SENG, Building Material. Will furnish enamel, medical cabinet.	B. J. LANGE JR. THE "SAFE MAN." Donated "Hall" health safe.	MISSION LUMBER CO. GUS ZALMANZIG, President. Lumber of \$120 value.
Texas Trap Rock Co. A. H. MUIR. Trap rock for paving driveway.	Tips Hardware Co. F. J. TIPS, Manager. All Rough Hardware.	Kuntz-Albaugh Lbr. Co. ELIUS ALBAUGH, President. \$120 worth of lumber for the house.	VAUGHAN LUMBER CO. BY GEO. O. VAUGHAN. Contributors of \$120 worth of lumber for the house built in a day.
WOLFF & MARX CO. W. C. RIGBY. All rags, draperies and linoleums will be furnished by us	ED STEVES & SONS. ALBERT STEVES SR. Lumber amounting to \$120 in value for the house.	PETRICH-SAUR LUMBER CO. LEE PETRICH. We give \$120 worth of lumber. See us when you want to own your home.	

6. San Antonio Light, May 06, 1917, pg. 104

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6. San Antonio Light, April 21, 1925, pg. 5

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AND EXHIBITED ALIVE

SEA ELEPHANT
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6. San Antonio Light, September 23, 1928, pg. 25

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