

Old Enfield Saturday, May 8, 2004

HERITAGE HOMES TOUR



Old Enfield



Old Enfield, one of Austin's oldest and most prestigious central city neighborhoods, is the site of the 2004 Heritage Homes Tour. The Tour reaches south across Windsor Road from the site of last year's event, which focused on the Pemberton Heights neighborhood, the central portion of the Old West Austin Historic District. The southern tract of this enclave, formally referred to as "Old Enfield" and "Woodlawn," spawned residential development in the area in the early 1920's and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. The 2004 Heritage Society Homes Tour celebrates the past and present of this remarkable and important Austin resource.

The Old Enfield area is bounded by Mopac Expressway to the west, 24th Street (Windsor Road) to the north, Shoal Creek to the east and Enfield Road to the south. Six historic homes will be featured and the Tour Headquarters will be situated on the grounds of the Pease Mansion, which is now undergoing extensive restoration by new owners Laura and Jeff Sandefer.

Architecture in Old Enfield, which originally was platted in 1922, represents an eclectic mix of styles with the centerpiece of the neighborhood being the Pease Mansion, also known as Woodlawn, built in 1853. The area was patterned after the prosperous suburbs in the North and East, such as New York's Westchester County and Chicago's North Shore. All of these magnificent areas had been influenced by the "City Beautiful" movement which allowed topography to dictate the layout of streets and lots rather than a rigid grid. The residential ambiance of Old Enfield was preserved through deed restrictions. Land donated by the Pease Family along Shoal Creek became Pease Park in the early 1900's, a greenbelt buffer that would add further to the suburban allure of development along the bluffs.

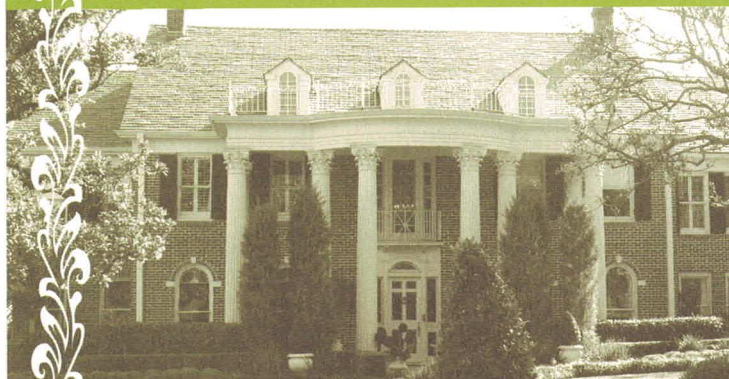
Neighborhood History



The 1920's were a prosperous and dynamic time for Austin as the population grew by more than fifty percent to a city of 53,000. Longtime residents and newcomers alike sold their homes in Central Austin, which was crowded and without protective zoning or deed



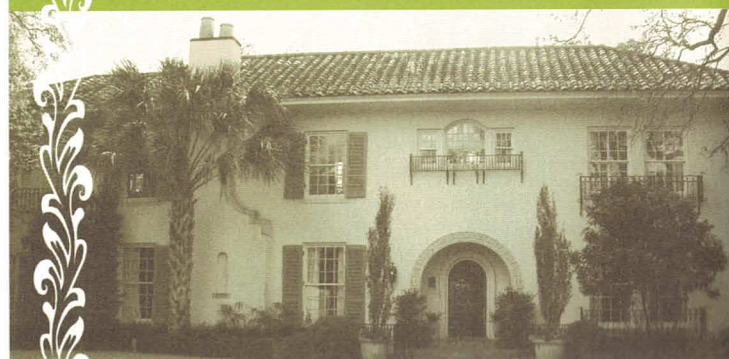
a: 2211 Windsor Road East



b: 3 Niles Road



c: 1710 Windsor Road



Developer R. Niles Graham was fortunate in inheriting Woodlawn, the plantation and Greek Revival mansion of his maternal grandparents, Gov. Elisha and Lucadia Pease. In 1914, on this large tract due west of the Capitol, Graham platted a residential development on his family property south of Enfield Road. In 1922, aided by architect Hugo Kuehne, he subdivided the pastures surrounding the Abner Cook-designed mansion into a most prestigious neighborhood.

The Pease family hailed from Connecticut and they named many streets in the new area for Nutmeg State towns, including Windsor, Enfield, Hartford and Meriden. Furthermore, the development approximated fashionable suburbs in New York and Philadelphia in both layout and architecture. There were winding lanes instead of a grid pattern and homes built in the popular revival styles of the day: Colonial, Tudor, Spanish Colonial and Mediterranean. Notable architects included Kuehne, Edwin Kreisle and Giesecke & Harris as well as John Staub (Houston), Atlee Ayres (San Antonio) and Hal Thomson (Dallas). These middle and upper class homes were protected from commercial development by deed restrictions and as such the area developed its own identity and character.

The Great Depression years slowed development, but in the 1950's homes were added to the last available lots. The Old Enfield/Woodlawn area became perhaps the most desirable in the Capital City. The first generation homes of the area are now 75 years old and are often important in their own right through their architecture and associations with significant individuals. However, as in Dallas' Park Cities or Houston's River Oaks, the beauty and convenience of the neighborhood has led to the destruction of or unsympathetic alterations to many fine old homes.



e: 1504 Marshall Lane



f: 1505 Windsor Road

“MEMORIES WITH MOTHER”

Garden Tea Party, Saturday, May 8, 2004

\$30 Per Person, \$20 Children 12 and Under
There is a 1:00pm and 3:30pm seating.

(Seating is limited and expected to sell out, please reserve your space today on the ticket form enclosed.)

Tickets to the Homes Tour



Discount tickets are available by mail in advance from the Heritage Society or online at www.heritagesocietyaustin.org. Advance tickets for members are \$15 and for non-members \$20. Tickets on tour day will be available for \$25. Tickets for children aged 12 and under are \$15. Advance tickets are also available at the following consignment locations:

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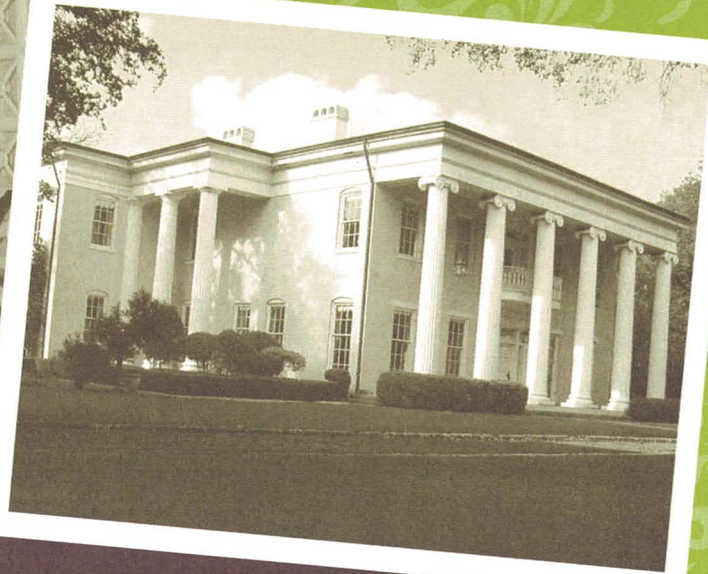
The Menagerie – Jefferson Square, 1601 W. 38th St., #7

Gypsy Treasures at Whit Hanks Antiques – 1009 W. 6th St.

Sweet Charity Gifts & Cards – 1206 W. 38th St.

Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Visitors Center – 209 E. 6th St.

Northwest Hills Pharmacy – 3910 Far West Blvd.



Woodlawn



Architecturally and historically, Woodlawn is one of the great homes of Texas. Designed by Master Builder Abner Cook for bachelor James Shaw in 1853, it was owned by Gov. Elisha Marshall Pease, his wife Lucadia Niles and their descendants 1857-1957. Then acquired by Gov. Alan and Marialice Shary Shivers, it was their home for almost forty years. Subsequently property of the State of Texas, Woodlawn is now being renovated for Laura and Jeff Sandefer. While the grounds have been reduced from the original 650-acre plantation, the Greek Revival mansion with its handsome Ionic portico remain the focus of the neighborhood. Because of construction, the mansion will not be open. But the owners have made the front lawn available as Tour headquarters.

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