

**NOTICE OF MEETING
LANDMARK COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 - 4:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL
823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS
REGULAR MEETING**

**One or more members of the Landmark Commission may attend the meeting by
videoconference.**

**A quorum of the members of the Landmark Commission will be physically present at the
meeting location.**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Attendance
3. Conflict of Interest
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.A **December 1, 2025**
 - 4.B **December 15, 2025**
 - 4.C **February 2, 2026**
5. Public Comment

Request to Address Commission on Agenda Items Without Public Hearings and Non-Agenda Items (three-minute maximum per speaker. If speaking through a translator, six-minute maximum per speaker)
6. New Business and Associated Public Hearings
 - 6.D **LANDMARK DESIGNATION**
 1. **26LC-002 (2116 Ursuline / Avenue N)** Request for designation as a Galveston Landmark. Property is legally described as Abstract 628 M.B. Menard Survey, Lot 11, Southeast Block 18, Galveston Outlots, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.
Applicant: Gregory Sendejas
Property Owner: Margie Sendejas
7. Adjournment

I certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted in a place convenient to the public in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code on 02/24/2026 at 04:00 PM

Karina Rosales, Planning Technician

Note: An aggrieved applicant must file a letter requesting an appeal to the Historic

Preservation Officer within 20 days of the rendition of the Commission's decision.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), PERSONS IN NEED OF A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHALL, WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY PROCEEDING, CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SUITE 201, 823 ROSENBERG, GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550 (409 797-3510)

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL MAY BE ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING



City of Galveston

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON REGULAR MEETING – December 1, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Allen (Alternate), Bourgeois, Chastain, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Thierry, Ex Officio CM Lewis

Members Absent: Stetzel-Thompson, Smith (Alternate)

Staff Present: Teresa Evans, Special Assistant to the Executive Director of Development Services; Catherine Gorman, AICP, Asst. Director/HPO; Daniel Lunsford, Planning Manager; Donna Fairweather, Interim City Attorney; Karina Rosales, Planning Technician.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 17, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

25LC-050 (201 20th Street) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the structure including a balcony rebuild and changes to door openings. Property is legally described as Abstract 628 M.B. Menard Survey, Lots 5 and 6, Block 620, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Brax Easterwood, AIA

Property Owners: 20th & Strand, LLC.

Staff presented the report and noted that 15 public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Click opened the public hearing on the case. The applicant, Brax Easterwood, gave a presentation to the Commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Commissioner Thierry made a motion to approve the request with Staff's Recommendations.

Chairperson Click seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor: Allen (Alternate), Bourgeois, Chastain, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Thierry
Opposed: None
Absent: Smith (Alternate), Stetzel-Thompson
Non-voting participants: Ex Officio CM Lewis

The motion passed.

LANDMARK DESIGNATION

25LC-049 (3427 Sealy / Avenue I) Request for designation as a Galveston Landmark. The property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey, Part of Lot 1 (1-1), Block 214, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.
Applicant: James and Pearlie Josey
Property Owner: James and Pearlie Josey

Staff presented the report and noted that 30 public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Click opened the public hearing on the case. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Commissioner Chastain made a motion to recommend approval of the request with Staff's Recommendations.

Commissioner Fitz seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor: Allen (Alternate), Bourgeois, Chastain, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Thierry
Opposed: None
Absent: Smith (Alternate), Stetzel-Thompson
Non-voting participants: Ex Officio CM Lewis

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:08 PM



City of Galveston

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON REGULAR MEETING – December 15, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:	Allen (Alternate), Chastain, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Stetzel-Thompson, Smith (Alternate), Thierry
Members Absent:	Bourgeois, Ex Officio CM Lewis
Staff Present:	Teresa Evans, Special Assistant to the Director of Development Services; Catherine Gorman, AICP, Asst. Director/HPO; Donna Fairweather, Interim City Attorney; Karina Rosales, Planning Technician.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

25LC-051 (2114 Avenue O) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for modifications to the site including a new garage apartment. The property is legally described as Abstract 628 M.B. Menard Survey, Lot 11, Southwest Block 43, Galveston Outlots, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Cate Black Architecture Studio

Property Owners: Cindy and Jim Laufer

Staff presented the report and noted that six public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Click opened the public hearing on the case. The applicant, Cate Black, gave a presentation to the Commission. See the attached list of presentations made to the Commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Commissioner Chastain made a motion to approve the request with Staff's Recommendations including changes to specific condition 1.a. – the foundation should be enclosed only on the alley side.

Commissioner Thierry seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor:	Chastain, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Smith (Alternate), Stetzel-Thompson, Thierry
Opposed:	None

Absent: Bourgeois, Ex Officio CM Lewis
Non-voting participants: Allen (Alternate)

The motion passed.

LANDMARK DESIGNATION

25LC-052 (2210 31st Street) Request for designation as a Galveston Landmark. Property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey, Part of Lots 1 & 2 (2001-2), Southwest Block 114, Galveston Outlots, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Emily Barbe

Property Owner: Jerry and Shelly Willis

Staff presented the report and noted that 32 public hearing notices were sent, and none returned.

Chairperson Click opened the public hearing on the case. The applicant, Emily Barbe, was unable to give a presentation to the Commission via video conference due to technical issues. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Chairperson Click made a motion to recommend approval of the request with Staff's Recommendations.

Commissioner Fitz seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor: Chastain, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Smith (Alternate), Stetzel-Thompson, Thierry

Opposed: None

Absent: Bourgeois, Ex Officio CM Lewis

Non-voting participants: Allen (Alternate)

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:20 PM



City of Galveston

MINUTES OF THE LANDMARK COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON REGULAR MEETING – February 2, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Allen (Alternate), Bourgeois, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Stetzel-Thompson, Svendsen (Alternate), Thierry, Ex Officio CM Lewis

Members Absent: Chastain

Staff Present: Teresa Evans, Executive Director of Development Services; Daniel Lunsford, Planning Manager; Donna Fairweather, Interim City Attorney; Mehran Jadidi, Assistant City Attorney; Karina Rosales, Planning Technician.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARINGS

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

26LC-001 (1027 Postoffice / Avenue E) Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the structure including the replacement of roofing material. Property is legally described as M.B. Menard Survey, Lot 1 Block 430, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

Applicant: Louis Cutaia

Property Owner: Cutaia Family Partnership, Ltd.

Staff presented the report and noted that four public hearing notices were sent, and one returned in favor.

Chairperson Click opened the public hearing on the case. The applicant, Louis Cutaia, gave a presentation to the Commission. The public hearing was closed, and the Chairperson called for a motion.

Chairperson Click made a motion to approve the request, per specific condition one, due to surrounding homes having composition roofs that were built around the same time.

Vice-Chairperson Bourgeois seconded.

The Chairperson called for questions or comments from the Commission. The following votes were cast:

In favor: Allen (Alternate), Bourgeois, Click, Fitz, Langdale, Stetzel-Thompson, Thierry
Opposed: None
Absent: Chastain, Ex Officio CM Lewis

Non-voting participants: Svendsen (Alternate)

The motion passed.

*** Donna Fairweather and Ex Officio CM Lewis arrive at 4:12 p.m.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:13 PM



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26LC-002

STAFF REPORT

ADDRESS:

2116 Ursuline / Avenue N

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Property is legally described as Abstract 628 M.B. Menard Survey, Lot 11, Southeast Block 18, Galveston Outlots, in the City and County of Galveston, Texas.

APPLICANTS/REPRESENTATIVE:

Gregory Sendejas

PROPERTY OWNERS:

Margie Sendejas

ZONING DISTRICT:

Urban Neighborhood, Neighborhood Conservation District, Zone 1 (UN-NCD-1)

HISTORIC DISTRICT:

None

REQUEST:

Request for designation as a Galveston Landmark

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval with Conditions

EXHIBITS:

A – Applicant's Submittal

STAFF:

Rebekah Annan
 Planner
 409-797-3645
 rannan@galvestontx.gov

Public Notice and Comment:

Sent	Returned	In Favor	Opposed	No Comment
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Zoning and Land Use

Location	Zoning	Land Use
Subject Site	Urban Neighborhood, Neighborhood Conservation District, Zone 1 (UN-NCD-1)	Residential
North	Urban Neighborhood, Neighborhood Conservation District, Zone 1 (UN-NCD-1)	Residential
South	Urban Neighborhood, Neighborhood Conservation District, Zone 1 (UN-NCD-1)	Residential
East	Urban Neighborhood, Neighborhood Conservation District, Zone 1 (UN-NCD-1)	Residential
West	Urban Neighborhood, Neighborhood Conservation District, Zone 1 (UN-NCD-1)	Residential

Executive Summary

The applicant is requesting designation of the above referenced address, as a Galveston Landmark (the Charles Howard Heuman House).

Analysis

As per Article 10 of the Land Development Regulations, the following criteria should be considered during the Landmark Designation review process:

1. The character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City of Galveston, Galveston County, the State of Texas, or the United States.

The Charles Howard Heuman House was built in 1923, after the 1900s residential development. The house belonged to Charles Howard Heuman who was the first and, for many years only, full-time parcel carrier. This house features Greek revival characteristics and sits on brick columns.

The 3-story, 8 bed 1 bath house stayed in Hueman's name until he died, then passed down to his wife Edith. When she died, in 1993, the house went to Margie Sendejas. For many generations, the house kept the history and culture of the Sendejas household. Unfortunately, in the late 90s the house sustained major damage in a fire but was restored.

2. Properties that are associated importantly with the lives of persons historically significant in the history of the United States, the State of Texas, or the City of Galveston.

Charles Howard Heuman was a native Galvestonian married to Edith Cordray Heuman, living two blocks away from his grandfather's truck farm in the 1880s. They had seven children together and 11 grandchildren. Throughout his career he worked two jobs to support his family; one as a city employee, furnishing a horse and wagon

and the second as a postal employee. Fortunately, his grit for self-improvement led him to be the first employee appointed by the City of Galveston post office.

After forty-three years of service, Mr. Heuman retired at the age of 70. He is remembered for his love for people and carrying on a tradition of using a delivery whistle. In his last years, he and his wife travelled throughout the US enjoying Broadway shows and spending time with their children. His position in Galveston strengthened the history of postal service, transportation, and neighborhood life.

3. Retention of historic integrity, meaning that the property possesses several, and usually most, of the following aspects of integrity: location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association.

Greek Revival homes were common from 1825 – 1860 and known to have prominent features. The Heuman home is characterized by a hipped shingle roof, supported by protruding brick columns, and decorative corbels under the roof overhang. In the backyard, the house has an original water cistern on a brick foundation.

Financial Incentives for Historic Properties

The property is not located in a historic district and is eligible for the Financial Incentive for Historic Properties for new Galveston Landmarks.

Other Reviews

The Planning Commission will hear this request at the March 3, 2026 meeting. City Council has the final decision regarding the request for a Landmark Designation. The request will be heard at the regular meeting of March 26, 2026.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval with the following conditions:

Standard Condition:

1. As with all properties containing a Historic Overlay Designation, including Landmark Designations, exterior alterations to the property will be subject to review and approval by the Landmark Commission and must conform to the Design Standards for Historic Properties of Galveston, Texas.

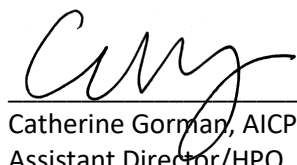
Respectfully Submitted:



Rebekah Annan
Planner

2/19/26

Date



Catherine Gorman, AICP
Assistant Director/HPO

02/20/2026

Date

Landmark Designation Submission Packet

Property: 2116 Avenue N, Galveston, TX 77550

Year Constructed: 1923

Architectural Period: Early 20th Century Galveston Residential

Original Owner: Charles Howard Heuman

Applicant / Representative: Gregory Sendejas

Constructed in 1923, 2116 Avenue N is an intact example of Galveston's post 1900 residential development, reflecting the city's rebuilding and expansion in the early twentieth century. The property retains its historic form, scale, and relationship to the street, and includes surviving site features associated with early domestic infrastructure.

The residence was built for Charles Howard Heuman, a documented Galveston postal employee whose long career includes serving as Galveston's first (and for many years only) full time parcel carrier, transitioning from horse and wagon deliveries to a model T car, which provides additional historical context to the property. Supporting materials in the exhibits address both the architectural character of the house and its association with a locally significant individual.

Historical documentation, photographs, family records, and contemporaneous newspaper coverage are included in the exhibits that follow.

Exhibit A — Primary Historic Ownership & Construction Record

Property: 2116 Avenue N, Galveston, Texas Historic Owner: C. H. Heuman Year Recorded: 1923

This exhibit consists of an original historic valuation and inspection record identifying C. H. Heuman as owner and documenting the construction of the two story residence in 1923. The document establishes the verified construction date and early ownership of the property and serves as the historical baseline for 2116 Avenue N.

DESCRIPTION AND ESTIMATE of the Present Cash Value

11 SB 1/2 Blk. 18

Of the 2 story metal roofed frame building,
Situat~~ed~~ on Lot No. 11 in Block No. SB 1/2 Blk. 18 No. 2114-16 N Street,
in the City of Galveston, owned by C. H. Heuman, Fire Engine

Occupancy: Basement 5/4' bk piece for
First Floor by 10 to be raised for deck
Second Floor by 10 " " for
Third Floor by " " for L.F.B. 11/4/29

DESCRIPTION:
When built? 1923 Last repaired or painted? Aug 20 day to complete
Is it on leased ground? No When does lease expire?
What is used for lighting? Cabot Is gasoline used?
Size of building? 29' x 47' 2' x 14' 2' 1/2' 8' 5' x 15' 2' x 10' 8'
Number of rooms 8 Halls 2 Bath room 1
Number closets? 2 Porches? 2 Mantels and grates? ☒
Number of flues and construction thereof? 1 bk to front
Is public Fire Hydrant within 500 feet? Yes Within 1000 feet?
The above described building would cost, at present value of materials and labor \$
Deduct for depreciation from age, use or location per cent \$
Making the present Cash Valuation \$
OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:
Deduct for depreciation from age, use or location per cent \$
Making the present Cash Value \$
REMARKS: App. house owned by C. H. Heuman
L.F.B. 9/22/23, N. H. & H. H. H.
Galveston, Texas, day of 1923

INSPECTOR.

DESCRIPTION AND ESTIMATE of the Present Cash Value

Of the 2 story Metal roofed frame building,
 Situated on Lot No. 11 in Block No. SE 1/4 Q. 18 No. 2114-16 N Street,
 in the City of Galveston, owned by C. N. Heusman FILE 3190

Occupancy:

Basement 5/8' bk pins for
 First Floor by 10 to be owner for dwg
 Second Floor by 10 " " for
 Third Floor by for L.F.B. 11/4/29

DESCRIPTION:

When built? 1923 Last repaired or painted? day 20 day to complete

Is it on leased ground? No When does lease expire?

What is used for lighting? Elect Is gasoline used?

Size of building? 29' x 17' 2' x 14' 2' 1/2' 8' 8' x 15' 2' x 16' 2'
 Plastered

Number of rooms 8 Rough ceiled and papered 8 Halls 2 Bath room 1
 Ceiled and painted

Number closets? 2 Porches? 2 Mantels and grates? ✓

Number of flues and construction thereof? 1 blk to front

Is public Fire Hydrant within 500 feet? Yes Within 1000 feet?

The above described building would cost, at present value of materials and labor \$

\$

Deduct for depreciation from age, use or location per cent \$

Making the present Cash Valuation \$

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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Deduct for depreciation from age, use or location per cent \$

Making the present Cash Value \$

REMARKS: Old house owned by T. L. 11/4/29

Galveston, Texas, 9/21/23

day of 192

INSPECTOR.

STEWART TITLE COMPANY

GAC 8524342 2 Ltr No. 11671

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SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED
WITH VENDOR'S LIEN

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF GALVESTON

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT LILLIAN P. DUNCANSON, Independent Executor of the ESTATE of EDITH K. HEURAN, Deceased (whether one or more, hereinafter called "Grantor"), for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid by MARGIE SENDEJAS as her sole and separate property, (whether one or more, hereinafter called "Grantee"), whose mailing address is 2116 AVE N, GALVESTON, TX 77550

the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration of the execution and delivery by said Grantee of one certain Promissory Note (hereinafter called "Note") in the principal sum of Fifty Six Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$56,000.00), of even date herewith, payable to the order of CHARTER MORTGAGE COMPANY (hereinafter called "Mortgagee"), bearing interest at the rate therein provided; said Note containing various attorney's fee and acceleration of maturity clauses in the event of default, and being secured by the Vendor's Lien and Superior Title retained herein in favor of said Mortgagee, and also being secured by Deed of Trust of even date herewith from Grantee to RON HARPOLE, Trustee, Grantor has GRANTED, SOLD and CONVEYED, and by these presents does GRANT, SELL and CONVEY, unto said Grantee, the following described property (hereinafter called "Property") located in GALVESTON County, Texas, together with all improvements located thereon, all easements, rights-of-way, privileges, hereditaments, strips and gores, streets, alleys, passages, rights and appurtenances thereto, to-wit:

LOT ELEVEN (11) IN THE SOUTHEAST BLOCK OF OUTLOT EIGHTEEN (18), LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS.

GRANTEE, by her acceptance hereof, agrees that the Property is conveyed by Grantor to Grantee in its present condition, "AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS" and without any express or implied warranty, except for Grantor's special warranty of title set forth herein.

Mortgagee has, at the special instance and request of Grantee, paid to Grantor a portion of the purchase price of the Property hereinabove described, as evidenced by the above described Note, and thus said Vendor's Lien and Superior Title against said Property securing the payment of said Note, are hereby assigned, transferred and delivered to Mortgagee, and said Mortgagee is specifically subrogated to all the rights and remedies of Grantor in the Property by virtue of said Vendor's Lien and Superior Title.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereunto in anywise belonging to said Grantee, Grantee's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, forever. AND Grantor does hereby bind Grantor, Grantor's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, forever.

Exhibit B — Front Elevation of 2116 Avenue N, Galveston, TX

Photograph of the primary facade showing architectural integrity, two-story porch structure, and original form dating to the 1920s.



Original Rainwater Cistern, 2116 Avenue N, Galveston, TX”



Exhibit C: Charles Howard Heuman Sr. and the Origins of 2116 Avenue N

Charles Howard Heuman Sr. was a lifelong Galvestonian and a foundational figure in the city's postal history. In the early twentieth century, Heuman had the residence at **2116 Avenue N** constructed as his family home, where he lived and worked for decades while serving the community.

Heuman was **Galveston's first full-time parcel post carrier** and, for many years, **the only individual assigned to that role**. At a time when parcel delivery was still evolving, he established the city's earliest consistent system for residential package delivery. He began his service using a **horse and wagon**, later transitioning to a **Model T mail truck**, reflecting the technological shift of the era and his continued service through that transition.

During Heuman's early years of service, parcel carriers customarily **blew a whistle** to signal their arrival so residents would know a package had been delivered. As delivery methods modernized, this practice disappeared. Heuman is historically recognized as **the last postal worker in Galveston to use a delivery whistle**, marking the end of a distinctive civic tradition.

After more than **43 years of continuous service** with the Galveston Post Office, Heuman retired in 1957. Contemporary newspaper coverage documented his retirement and noted both his longevity and his role in bridging Galveston's transition from nineteenth-century delivery methods to modern postal service.

The association of Charles Howard Heuman Sr. with **2116 Avenue N** directly ties the property to an individual whose work contributed meaningfully to Galveston's civic development and daily life. His residence remains a tangible link to the evolution of postal service, transportation, and neighborhood life in the city during the early twentieth century.



Exhibit D — 1999 Family Letter and Fire Article (2116 Avenue N)

Family letter referencing the October 15, 1999 Galveston Daily News article about the house fire at 2116 Avenue N. This document captures the home's generational importance and a verified historical event tied to the property. The letter and clipping together serve as both emotional and factual documentation of the home's long family heritage.

10/15/99

Dear Mommy,

I'm not even sure how to start this letter, as the tears keep getting in the way. But greater than a flood of tears is my aching heart. There have been times in my life when I felt I've never quite grown up and this is one of those times...losing Granny & Grandpa's homestead to a devastating fire. Don't ask me why it hit me so hard, like a ton of bricks. It's ironic, but I almost feel this worse than their death. Perhaps it is because, although I wished my grandparents would live forever, reality told me they would someday die. But with a sturdy and stalwart home such as theirs, I somehow envisioned it outliving me. And if I feel so deeply crushed, it must be just a tip of the iceberg compared to what you must be going through—and so close in time to having lost your closest sister. You have my heart! I realize that's not the same as having either of these previous pieces of your life returned to make you whole again, anymore than it could bring Granny and Grandpa back to life. I suppose the reality of it all is that life goes on, with or without our prized possessions and loved ones.

We have so many valued memories—of deceased family members and wonderful times spent at 2116 Avenue N. For you it was as special as 4912 Avenue O will always be to me. I cannot truly know your sorrow. I can only imagine the pain you must be feeling.

You and I are very much alike. In most ways, that's good. We both care so deeply, but it cuts like a knife when we must bear up under difficult times. I have always been so very proud to have you for my mother (and daddy for my father), most especially at times like this afternoon. It was so like you to have sent the anniversary newspaper clipping, just one of your many thoughtful ways that is so endearing to others. Tears came to her eyes when she said your sweet note and clipping had been destroyed in the fire.

Granny and Grandpa's home was very special, but not half as special as you (and daddy) are to me. Material things can usually be replaced. And while Granny & Grandpa, Aunt Nan & Uncle Dunc are gone from this earth forever, they will live on eternally in our memories... the wonderful, cherished memories that make us little children in God's eyes.



Exhibit E — Family Photograph on Staircase, 2116 Avenue N

Mid 20th century family photograph taken on the interior staircase of 2116 Avenue N. This image demonstrates long term family occupancy and the preserved interior layout, including original staircase placement and decorative elements visible in the background wallpaper.



WHISTLE'S STOPPED



Charles Howard Heuman Sr. took his last ride in a mail truck last week. After more than 43 years of service to the Galveston Post Office, 70-year-old Heuman retired. A native Galvestonian, he remembers using a horse and wagon to deliver parcel post packages.

Last Whistle-Tooter Has Tooted His Last

By PHYLLIS GREEN
News Staff Writer

No longer in Galveston does the friendly sound of a whistle denote the arrival of mail at citizens' residences. The last mail carrier to signal his appearance with a whistle has retired.

Charles Howard Heuman Sr., who celebrated his 70th birthday Jan. 6, retired Jan. 31 after 43 years and three months of service in the employ of the U. S. Post Office Department.

All those years were spent in Galveston, where residents learned to cherish the faithfulness of this beaming parcel post carrier. Probably a principal reason for Heuman's popularity with the post office patrons is his own characteristic love of people.

"My only regret in retiring is that I know I am going to miss so many wonderful people whom I have met and who have been so good to me over the years.

I feel I will miss the people more than my job itself," he admitted.

His last delivery was to Mrs. William J. Schreiber at 723 Ball. Heuman had delivered packages to the Schreiber family as long as he had been on the job.

A native Galvestonian, the ex-mail carrier and his wife, Edith Cordray Heuman, live at 2116 avenue N — just two blocks from where his grandfather had a truck farm in the early 1880's.

A memory teeming with vivid pictures of the past is one of Heuman's treasures. A 50-year subscriber of The Galveston News, he recalled selling papers when he was seven or eight years old.

"One election day I made a dollar. I thought I was the equal of a millionaire," he remembered with a chuckle.

In the past 53 years, he has held only two jobs. The first 10

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years of his working career were spent as an employe of the city, furnishing a horse and wagon and his services for which he received \$18 a week.

"In an effort to better myself, I took an examination for employment with the local post office and as a result, received an appointment effective Nov. 1, 1913," Heuman recounted.

He was the first employe of the Galveston post office to receive an appointment as a regular parcel post carrier. In this capacity, he alone covered the entire city — business and residential areas — for five years, working about 14 hours per day six days a week.

"My first means of delivering mail was with a horse and wagon, for which the government made an allowance of \$30 per month," he said.

Beginning in 1915, Heuman changed to a Model T Ford, which he furnished with an allowance made to him by the government.

All Used Whistles

Back in those days, all carriers used whistles to denote to patrons the delivery of their mail. Right up to the last day he worked, Heuman used his original whistle—the only mail carrier in Galveston to do so.

"I continued this practice because so many housewives told me it was a great help to them to know it is a signal denoting mail delivery," he explained. Whistles are no longer government regulation and have faded from use.

He considers the most responsible part of his job during his entire service to have been the daily delivery of post office cash receipts to a local bank.

All parcel post carriers are required to keep a monthly record of parcels delivered. Heuman's deliveries averaged 4000 parcels a month, which means he delivered approximately 2,076,000 packages during his period of service.

Future Plans

Now, does he plan to settle back in a rocking chair with his pipe and slippers for a restful retirement?

On the contrary, Heuman and his wife plan to spend these coming years travelling. Two years ago, the couple hopped a train and headed for New York, where they took in all the Broadway shows. They've made trips to California to see their son, Charles H. Heuman Jr., a letter-carrier in Lakewood, Calif.

The other six of the Heuman's children live in Galveston. The younger son, William T. Heumann, is employed with the American Oil Co. The daughters are Mrs. Edith Cannon, Mrs. Lillian Duncanson, Mrs. Gertrude Kirschner, Mrs. Ethel Mae Male and Mrs. Mildred Mantzel. There are two grandsons and nine granddaughters.