

Todd – Budd Home Historic Profile 805 Park Avenue

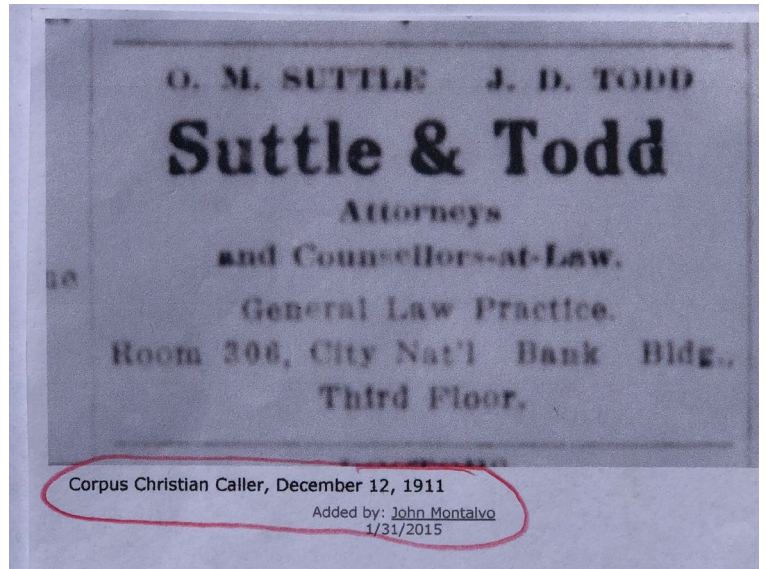
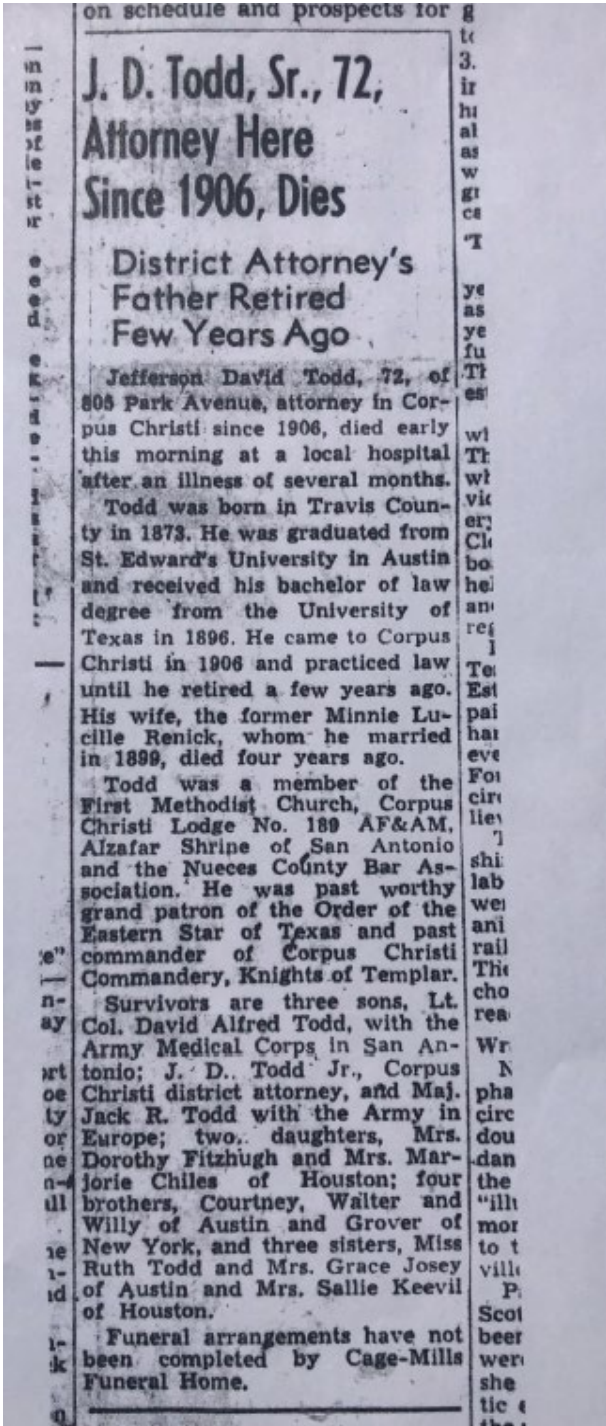
The home was built in 1909. It is a Craftsman Bungalow architectural style. Features include a shingled pyramidal roof with a dormer at the front of the house and 2 brick chimneys, one for a fireplace and one for a wood burning stove. The wide overhanging eaves have exposed rafters underneath. The front porch runs the width of the house with integral boxed wooden shingled columns supporting the porch. The sides of the porch are also wood shingled. The foundation is pier and beam. It has a back enclosed porch also the width of the house.

Todd Family

- Residence of Corpus Christi attorney Jefferson D. Todd Sr. (b. 1873 -d.1945) and his wife Minnie Lucille Renick (b.1876- d.1941) from 1910 until J.D. Todd's death in 1945.
- In 1911 J.D. Todd Sr. and O.M. Suttle had a law firm, at City National Bank Building. J D Todd Sr. was also associated with CC Abstract Company.
- The City's 1910 census shows J.D. Todd Sr. and his family living at 805 Park Avenue with wife Minnie, daughter Dorothy L., son David Alfred, son Jeff D. Jr, and son Jack R. J.D. Todd Sr.'s occupation was listed as a lawyer.
- Children of J. D. Todd Sr.: Dorothy Lucille Todd Fitzhugh (b.1899- d.1985), David A. Todd, Jefferson David Todd (b.1906-d.1978), Jack Renick Todd (b.1909-d. 1990), Marjorie Rebekah Todd Childes (b. 1913-d. 1996).
- 1913-1914 City Directory listed Jefferson D. Todd and wife Minnie L. residing at 805 Park Avenue.
- His son Jefferson D. Todd Jr. was raised at 805 Park Ave and was listed in the 1923-24 Corpus Christi City Directory as a student. The 1930 Census shows J.D. Todd Jr., age 23, still living at 805 Park Ave. J.D. Todd Jr. served as Nueces County attorney, District Attorney, and a district court judge (Corpus Christi Times, August 5, 1954). He was married in 1933 to Crescenz Forrester Smith Todd (b.1906- d.1976).
- The home is located on the 1914, 1919 and 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps of Corpus Christi.

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October 11, 1945, Corpus Christi Times, Front Page.



Jefferson D. Todd Sr.

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Law Office of Jefferson D. Todd Jr. Photo: Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas.



The Budd Family (courtesy Sylvia G. Budd)

Robert H. Budd's father, Charles A. Budd immigrated to the U.S. as a child with his parents. Charles A. and his parents arrived at Ellis Island on July 23, 1873. Charles lived in Bozeman, Montana until adulthood. He left Bozeman to work in the silver/gold mines of Mexico. While in Mexico, he met Esther Campusano and they were married in 1903. According to family lore, the children would play around the mine and would come home dusty with gold dust on their clothes. Esther would always carefully wash their clothes and would collect the gold dust.

Robert H. Budd was born in 1909 in Mexico. He was the 4th of 5 boys. Esther and her children fled from Mexico in 1917 during the Pancho (Francisco) Villa Revolution and made Corpus Christi, Texas their home. Charles joined his family in Corpus Christi shortly afterwards. Mrs. Budd was an artist and rolled all her oil paintings for transport. According to her son, Robert, she also sewed as many coins as possible into her

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petticoat. She brought a massive amount of belongings and was concerned about a search of what she was transporting so she asked her children to purposely misbehave in order to possibly avoid a thorough search prior to boarding their transportation. Esther volunteered many hours to the Catholic Church by restoring many of the church's statues and paintings. She sent one of her paintings to Pope John XXIII and one to President John F. Kennedy and received their acknowledgement. Charles died in 1930 in Corpus Christi and so Esther went to live with her son Robert and his family in several residences prior to purchasing 805 Park Avenue from J.D. Todd Jr. in 1971. Both Esther C. Budd and her son Robert H. Budd lived at 805 Park Ave until their deaths. The Budd family still owns the home.



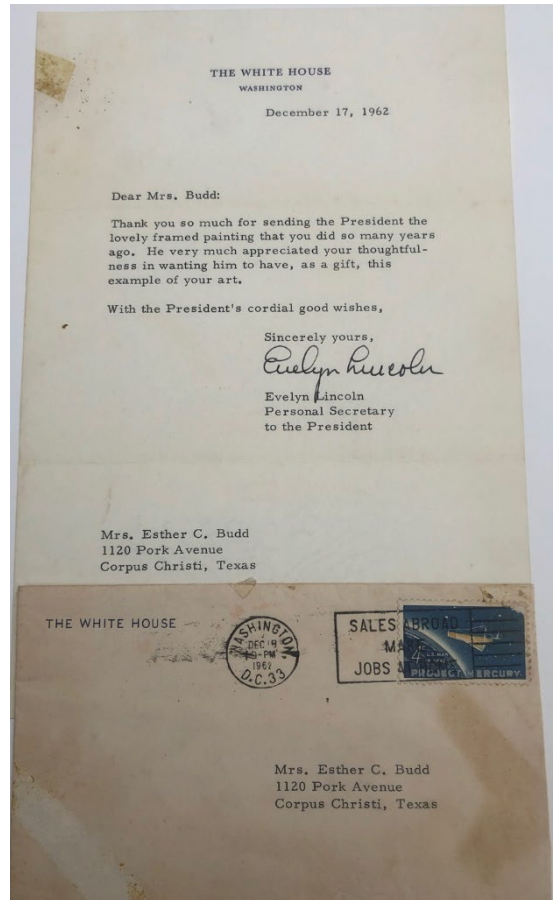
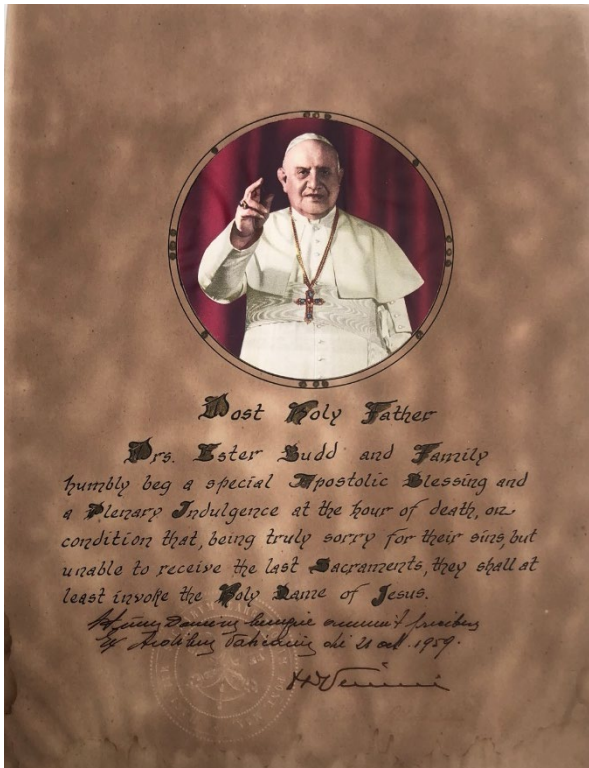
Charles A. Budd and Esther C. Budd 1903

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Robert H. Budd

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Acknowledgements of Esther C. Budd's paintings

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Esther C. Budd Obituary

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Pre-Rehabilitation, 1990s Historic Resource Survey



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Post-Rehabilitation 2022



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