HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION

DEMOLITION / RELOCATION PERMITS

HDP-2010-0209

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1917 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan hipped-roof frame cottage with a partial-width inset porch; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The original house appears to have been built around 1917 for Ben and Ida Saul (or Sauls), who are shown in the 1920 U.S. Census report as residing here. Saul appears for the first time in the 1918 city directory, working as a carpenter, and living at this house which was then numbered 2112 E. 9th Street. Neither the house nor Ben Saul appears in the 1916 city directory. Ben Saul did not list an occupation in city directories through 1929, although the 1920 U.S. Census report, which shows him and Ida at this address, list him as a 52-year old janitor. Ida Saul is shown in the 1920 census report as a laundress for a private family. The 1930-31 directory shows only Ida Saul at this house, which then had the address of 2210 E. 9th Street, the address maintained until 1932-33, when it changed to the current 2110 E. 9th Street. Ida Saul had no occupation listed in directories through the 1930s, but the 1930 U.S. Census shows her as a native of Mississippi who was then 85 years old and worked as a laundress for a private family. An Ida Saul is listed as the wife of a Willie Saul in the 1939 city directory, but it is unclear whether this Ida is the same Ida who was married to Ben Saul, or whether this listing is in error. If it were the same Ida Saul, according to the 1930 census report, she would have been 94 years old in 1939. Anne B. or Annie Bell Saul is listed as the owner and resident of the house in the 1940s. Anne is listed as a cook in the 1944-45 directory. She married Rudolph Franklin in the mid-1940s; they lived here. Franklin was a warehouseman for Gulf Oil Corporation, he retired by the early 1970s, but worked as a gardener at Arnold's Nursing Home in the mid-1980s. He passed away in 1995. Annie Bell Franklin passed away at the age of 95 in 2009.

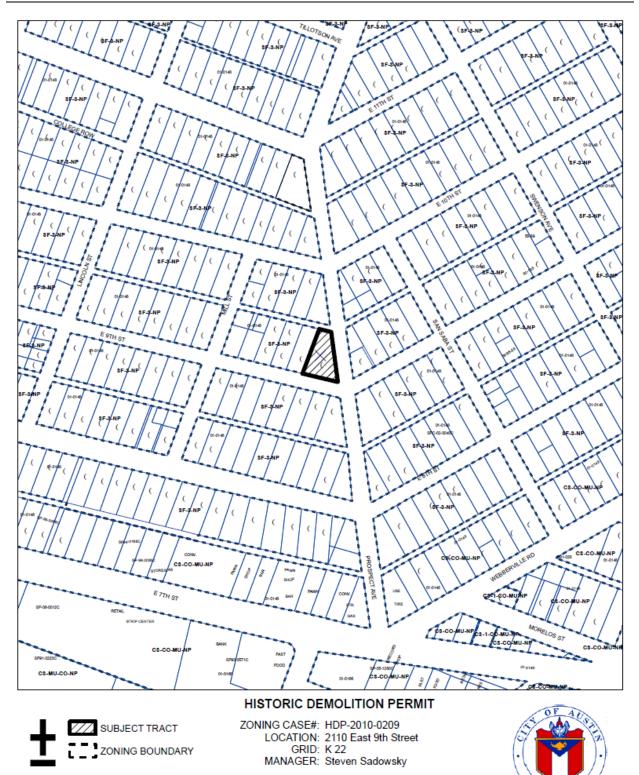
STAFF COMMENTS

The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Although the house has a significant African-American lineage, it is a fairly common architectural type. Staff recommends encouraging the applicant to rehabilitate the house, or relocation, over demolition.

LOCATION MAP



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OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2110 E. 9th Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office May, 2010

1992	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Retired
1985-86	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Gardener, Arnold's Nursing Home, 3101 Govalle Avenue
1981	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Retired
1977	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Retired
1973	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Retired
1969	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Porter, Gulf Oil Company, 1135 Springdale Road
1966	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Porter, Gulf Oil Company, 1135 Springdale Road

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1963	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Porter, Gulf Oil Company, 1135 Springdale Road
1960	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners No occupation listed
1957	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Helper, Gulf Oil Company, 1135 Springdale Road
1954	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Assistant warehouseman, Gulf Oil Corporation, 1135 Springdale Road
1952	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin, owners Assistant warehouseman, Gulf Oil Corporation, 1135 Springdale Road
1949	Rudolph and Annie B. Franklin (not listed as owners) Assistant warehouseman, Gulf Coil Corporation, 1135 Springdale Road
1947	Rudolph and Annabell Franklin (not listed as owners) Employed by the Gulf Oil Company, 500 Chicon Street
1944-45	Anne B. Saul, owner Cook NOTE: Rudolph Franklin is not listed in the directory.
1941	Annie B. Saul, owner No occupation listed
1939	Willie and Ida Saul, owners No occupation listed NOTE: Annie B. Saul is not listed in the directory.
1937	Ida Saul, owner No occupation listed
1935	Ida Saul, owner No occupation listed
1932-33	Ida Saul, owner No occupation listed Also listed are William and Odessa Saul; he is listed as a chauffeur. NOTE: The address is listed as 2210 E. 9 th Street.
1930-31	Ida Saul (colored), owner No occupation listed NOTE: The address is listed as 2210 E. 9 th Street.
1929	Benjamin and Ida Saul (colored), owners No occupation listed NOTE: The address is listed as 2210 E. 9 th Street.

1927	Benjamin and Ida Saul (colored), owners No occupation listed NOTE: The address is listed as 2210 E. 9 th Street.
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1922	Benjamin and Ida Saul (colored), owners No occupation listed NOTE: The address is listed as 2112 E. 9 th Street.
1920	Benjamin and Ida Saul (colored), owners No occupation listed NOTE: The address is listed as 2112 E. 9 th Street.
1918	Benjamin and Ida Saul (colored) Carpenter NOTE: The address is listed as 2112 E. 9 th Street.
1916	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: Benjamin and Ida Saul are not listed in the directory.

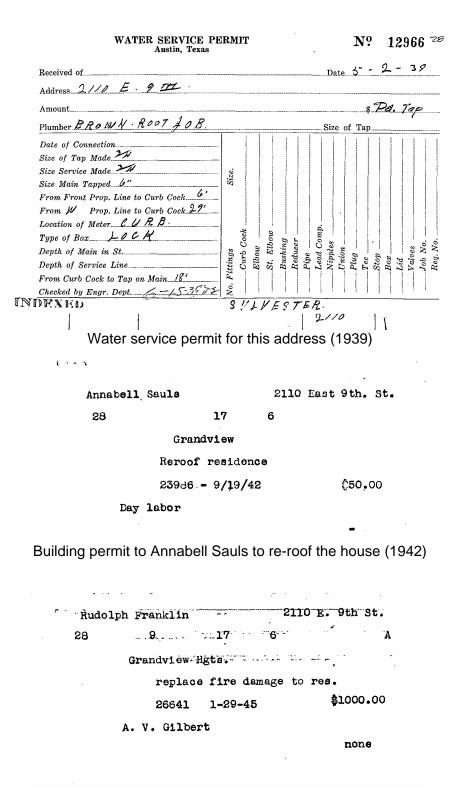
The 1930 U.S. Census shows Rudolph Franklin as a 22-year old lodger in the home of Will Carmel, a farmer on the Austin-Lockhart Road. Franklin was born in Texas and was listed as a farm laborer in the census report.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Ben and Ida Sauls at this address; Ben Sauls was then 52 years old and had been born in Texas. He worked as a janitor. Ida Sauls worked as a laundress. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ida Sauls at this address. She was 85 years old and had been born in Mississippi. She was a widow. She owned the house and worked as a laundress for a private family. She had two roomers at the house: Stella Alexander, a 53-year old widow who worked as a laundress for a private family; and Ellis Carley, a 30-year old yardman for a private family.

FRANKLIN, Rudolph, 87, of Austin died Monday, Services 2 p.m. Friday, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Burial Evergreen Cemetery. (King Tears)

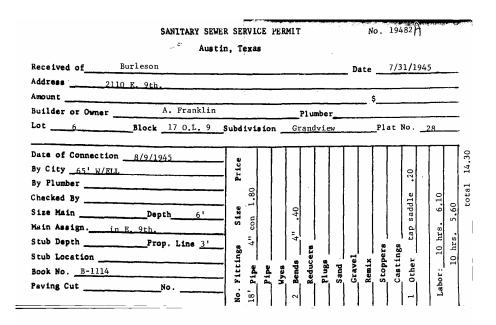
Obituary of Rudolph Franklin Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, February 23, 1995

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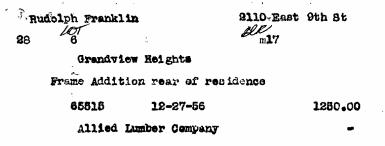
Building permit to Rudolph Franklin to repair fire damage (1945)

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Sewer service permit to Anna Franklin (1945)

The 1944-45 city directory lists the owner and occupant of the house as Anne B. Saul; this 1945 permit reflects her marriage to Rudolph Franklin.



Building permit to Rudolph Franklin for the construction of a rear addition (1956)