## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2011-0452 4107 ROSEDALE AVENUE

## PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1937 house to 6611 Grover Avenue.

## ARCHITECTURE

One-story side-gabled rectangular-plan frame cottage with a projecting front gable with a catslide roof containing the round-arched entryway; 1:1 fenestration with 6:1 wood screens.

### RESEARCH

The house was built around 1937; the first owners and occupants of the house were John D. and Elsie Grubbs, who moved here from 201 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street. John D. Grubbs was an auto parts salesman, working for Cross-Allen Auto Electric, which later became Cross-Allen Company, and began diversifying into shop and service station equipment by the late 1950s. John D. Grubbs worked for Cross-Allen from the time he and Elsie bought this house until the late 1950s; he then became the manager of a Texaco gas station, and by the mid-1960s, was the proprietor of a Conoco service station. He died in 1968; Elsie Grubbs lived here until the mid-1970s. After that time, the house became a rental unit.

### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the relocation permit.



ca. 1937 

4107 Rosedale Avenue

# OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4107 Rosedale Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office September, 2011

1992	Marilyn Carten, renter Proprietor, Carten & Associates (not listed in the directory)
1985-86	Kahty Hampton, renter Legal appraisal, Johnson & Wason (not listed in the directory) NOTE: The directory indicates that Kahty Hampton was a new resident at this address.
1981	Sharon J. Deprang, renter Administration clerk, University of Texas
1977	Vacant
1972	Elsie Grubbs, owner Widow, John D. Grubbs Retired
1969	Elsie Grubbs, owner Widow, John D. Grubbs No occupation listed
1963	John D. and Elsie Grubbs, owners Proprietor, J. Grubbs Conoco Station (not listed in the directory).
1957	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Manager, Texaco station
1952	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, shop and service station equipment, 214 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1949	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, wholesale auto supplies, 214 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1947	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, wholesale auto supplies, 214 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1944-45	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, wholesale auto supplies, 209-11 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1941	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, wholesale auto supplies, 209-11 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1939	John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, wholesale auto supplies, 209-11 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.

- 1937 John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs, owners Salesman, Cross-Allen Company, wholesale auto supplies, 209-11 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: John D. and Elsie B. Grubbs are listed as living at 201 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street; he was a salesman for Cross-Allen Auto Electric Company, 209-

John D. Grubbs' 1918 World War I draft registration card shows that he was living in Coolidge, Texas at that time. The 1920 U.S. Census shows John D. and Elsie Beatrice Grubbs living with her brother, P.W. Chunn, on W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Hubbard, Texas. John and Elsie Grubbs had a daughter, Gladys Elsie Grubbs. John D. Grubbs was then 22; Elsie Grubbs was then 20, and their daughter Gladys was not quite 2. All had been born in Texas. The census report shows John D. Grubbs was the driver of an oil truck. Elsie's brother, P.W. Chunn, with whom the Grubbs family lived, was an oil agent. By the time of the 1930 U.S. Census, John and Elsie Grubbs were living in a rented house in Waco; in addition to Gladys, they had another daughter, Johnnie. John D. Grubbs is listed as an auto parts salesman. The 1910 U.S. Census reveals that John D. Grubbs was the son of Navarro County farmer John H. Grubbs and his wife, Geneva.

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JOHN D. GRUBBS
John D. Grubbs, 71, of 4107 Rosedale,
died Saturday morning. He was a
member of Shettles Memorial Methodist
The is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie
Grubbs; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Lacy;
of Beaumont, and Mrs. Johnisue Knudseni
of Tyler; and four brothers, Mack Grubbs;
of Dallas, Otls Grubbs, Ray Grubbs, both
of Grand Prairie, and Hubbard Grubbs of:
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Funeral services will be at 3 p.m.
Sunday from Shettles Memorial Methodist
Church with Rev. D. Rhea Allison
Misioling Borlat, under direction of
Cook Funeral Home, will be in Capital
Memorial Gardens.
Pallbearers will be Sam Bennett,
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Sprutell, James Rowley and Franklig
Spruiell.
Obituary of John D. Grubbs

Austin American-Statesman, November 24, 1968

GRUBBS, Elsie B., 79, 2218 Martin Lane, Tyler, died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday at Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Burial, Capital Memorial Park. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. M. (Red) Knudsen of Tyler, Mrs. Ray S. Lacy of Beaumont; sisters, Mrs. Effie Loveless of Bryan, Mrs. W.E. Shillings of Waco; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Austin American-Statesman, May 7, 1979

