

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
1208 HILLSIDE AVENUE
HDP-2012-0342**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan side-gabled frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal posts; 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

According to city records, the house was built in 1946 by E.L. Brooks, who apparently never lived in the house. There was a previous house on this site, built around 1931. Since 1946, the house has had a series of owners and renters, with the longest occupancy by Virgil and Janice McElroy, from the mid-1950s until around 1970. Virgil and Janice McElroy apparently divorced around that time; Janice McElroy is listed as the sole owner and occupant of the house in the 1968 city directory; then she may have married Thomas Hunt; she is listed again as his wife in the 1974 city directory. Thomas Hunt was a gas station attendant.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any city survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin documentation package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP

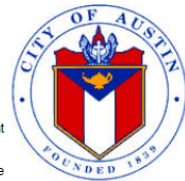


SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0342
LOCATION: 1208 Hillside Avenue



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1208 Hillside Avenue
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
1208 Hillside Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
October, 2012

1992	Jana C. McElroy, owner Operator, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
1985-86	Jana C. McElroy (not listed as owner) No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jana C. McElroy was a new resident at this address.
1980	Jana C. McElroy, renter Operator, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
1974	Thomas and Janice M. Hunt, owners Employed by the Terrace Gulf Service Station (not listed in the directory).
1968	Janice McElroy, owner File clerk, State Teacher Retirement System

1963	Virgil C. and Janice S. McElroy, owners No occupation listed
1957	Virgil C. and Janice S. McElroy, owners Welder, Shell Pipeline
1952	George W. and Nola Taylor, renters Superintendent, Collins Construction Company, 2821 E. 19 th Street (at the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks). NOTE: Virgil C. and Janice S. McElroy are listed as living at 907 Columbus Street; he was a welder.
1949	John T. and Elizabeth Davis, owners Electrician
1947	Vacant

NOTE: The house was built in 1946. There was a ca. 1931 house on the site prior to this time.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

VIRGIL and JANICE McELROY (ca 1955 – ca. 1965)

Virgil McElroy appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 17-year old grandson of Leona McElroy, a farmer in Cherokee County, Texas. Virgil McElroy had been born in Texas and is listed as a farm laborer. The 1930 U.S. Census shows that William and Leona McElroy had 3 grandsons living with them on their Cherokee County farm; Virgil was the youngest of the three and the only one listed in the 1940 census report still on the farm. Virgil McElroy is believed to have died in Houston, Texas in October, 1988.

E. L. Brooks 1208 Hillside Avenue
126 - - N. 50' x 94' -
Travis Heights
Frame residence and box garage
29307 3-4-46 \$3,500.00
Ed Kretzmar

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Building permit to E.L. Brooks for the construction of the house (1946)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT N^o B. 489

Austin, Texas

Received of E. L. BROOKS Date 3-20-46

Address 1208 HILL SIDE

Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber AAA PLUMBING CO Size of Tap 1/2"

Date of Connection 4-18-46

Size of Tap Made <u>24</u>	Size No. Fittings 1 Curb Cock 1 Elbow 1 St. Elbow 1 Bushing 1 Reducer 3" Pipe 1 Lead Comp 2 Nipples 1 Union 1 Plug 2 Tee 2 Stop 1 Box 1 Lid 1 Valve Job No. <u>4123-502</u> Reg. No. <u>GENEY</u>
Size Service Made <u>24</u>	
Size Main Tapped <u>6" 24"</u>	
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>13'6"</u>	
From <u>N</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>20'</u>	
Location of Meter <u>CURB</u>	
Type of Box <u>7.1K</u>	
Depth of Main in St. <u>2'</u>	
Depth of Service Line <u>2'</u>	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main <u>6'</u>	

Checked by Engr. Dept. M.B.F. 10-11-46

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Water service permit to E.L. Brooks (1946)

Receipt No. 5727 Application for Sewer Connection N^o 20277B

Austin, Texas, 4-2 1946

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by E.L. Brooks at 1208 Hillside Street, further described as Lot 30 of 90 Block 126 Division 126 subdivision Travis which is to be used as a Res.

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 21961

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. 4-24-46

Depth at Prop. Line 3'

Sub-Outlet Connected 3' N. & S. L.L. (Location)

Date 15-4-46

By Mendoza

NOTE: Connection Instructions 6" Sewer in Hillside Ave. (No. 126)

Respectfully,
AAA Plb Co

B-399

Application for a sewer connection by E.L. Brooks (1946)