

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2012
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2012-0408
2118 BRACKENRIDGE STREET – 208 EAST LIVE OAK STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1930 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, flat-roofed, Spanish Colonial Revival-style stucco house with a partial-width inset porch with segmental arches; 1:1 fenestration; several rear additions.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1930 by G.A. Kennedy, who never lived in the house. The first occupants of the house were renters, Andrew and Elizabeth Holden, who appear in the 1930-31 city directory. Andrew Holden was an auditor in the State Comptroller's Office. By 1932, the house had been purchased by Ernest C. and Clevie Cox, who lived here until around 1938. Ernest Cox was originally from North Texas, growing up in Ellis and Cleburne Counties, around Dallas and Fort Worth. He was a farm laborer and truck driver in his youth, but by the time he had married and moved into this house, he was working in the State Adjutant General's Office. He and Clevie must have divorced around 1938 – the 1939 city directory shows the house owned and occupied by Lonnie Lee and Clevie Brasfield, and Ernest C. Cox appears as a single man living in Alexandria, Virginia in the 1940 U.S. Census, where he was an organizer for a veterans' organization.

Lonnie Lee Brasfield was the son of a watch repairman in Austin, and in 1930, he was working as an advertising salesman. He then sold cars for Capitol Chevrolet and then the Goad Motor Company before World War II. After the war, he went into real estate. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1954. Clevie Brasfield remained in the house until around 1958; she passed away in 1993.

After Clevie Brasfield moved out of the house, it became a nursery, kindergarten, and day care center, which it remains to this day. With the kindergarten use, several additions have been made to the back of the building.

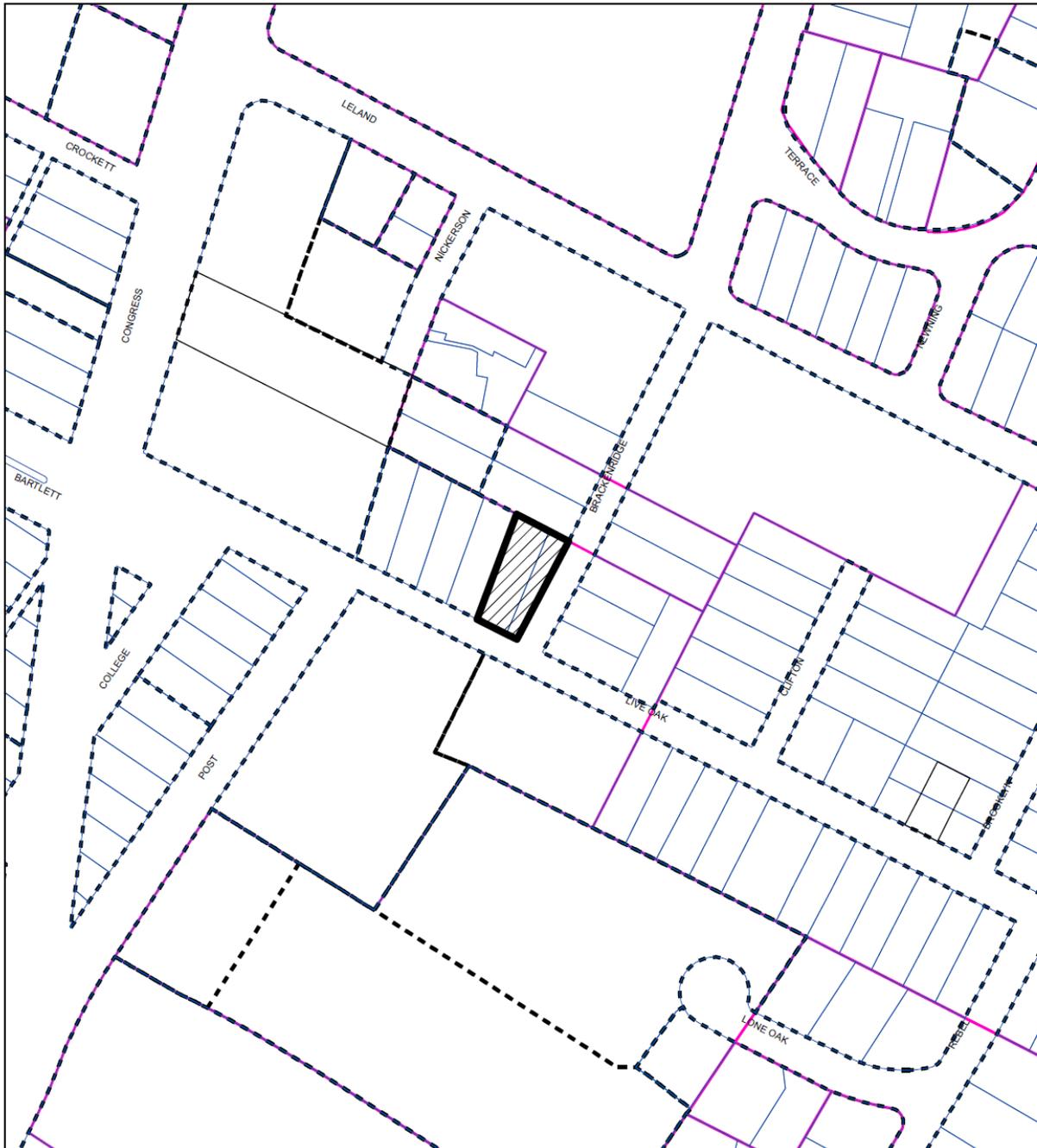
STAFF COMMENTS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit after completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the property for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0408
LOCATION: 2118 Brackenridge Street



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208 East Live Oak Street – 2118 Brackenridge Street
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
208 East Live Oak Street

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

1992	Southside Nursery and Kindergarten Claudette Stripling, proprietor
1985-86	Southside Nursery and Kindergarten Claudette Stripling, proprietor
1981	Southside Nursery and Kindergarten Claudette Stripling, proprietor
1974	Southside Nursery and Kindergarten Claudette Stripling, proprietor
1969	South Austin Nursery and Kindergarten Mariam Cogbill, proprietor NOTE: Claudette Stripling is not listed in the directory.
1963	South Austin Nursery and Kindergarten Mrs. Mariam Cogbill, proprietor "Complete facility for children – Infants thru 6 years. Licensed, qualified staff."
1958	Mrs. Clevee R. Brasfield, owner No occupation listed
1954	Clevie Brasfield, owner Widow, Lee L. Brasfield No occupation listed
1952	Lee L. and Clevee S. Brasfield, owners No occupation listed
1949	Lee L. and Clevie Brasfield, owners Real estate agent
1947	Lee L. and Clevie Brasfield, owners Real estate agent, 606 Brazos Street.
1944-45	Verner A. and Patricia Reed, renters U.S. Army
1941	Lee and Clevie Brasfield, owners Salesman, Goad Motor Company, Cadillac, LaSalle, and Oldsmobile cars, 2 nd and Guadalupe Streets.
1939	Lee and Clevie Brasfield, owners Salesman, Capitol Chevrolet, 218-24 E. 5 th Street.
1937	Ernest C. and Clevie Cox, owners No occupation listed NOTE: Lonnie L. Brasfield (no wife listed) was a salesman for Capitol Chevrolet; he lived at 2408 Sabine Street.

- 1935 Ernest C. and Clevie Cox, owners
No occupation listed
NOTE: The house is listed as 112 East Live Oak Street.
- 1932-33 Ernest C. and Clevie Cox, owners
Inspector, State Adjutant General's Office
NOTE: The house is listed as 112 East Live Oak Street.
- 1930-31 Andrew W. and Elizabeth Holden, renters
Auditor, State Comptroller's Office
NOTE: Major Ernest C. and Clevie Cox are listed as living at 911 W. 12th Street;
he was the personnel officer for the Adjutant General's Office.
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Andrew W. and Elizabeth Holden are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

ERNEST C. and CLEVIE COX (ca. 1932 – ca. 1938)

Form 640 REGISTRATION CARD		REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1 Name in full: Ernest Clevie Cox	Age in yrs: 21	1 Tall medium, or short (specify which): Tall	Stature medium, or stout (specify): Slender
2 Home address: R th 6 Box 16 Cleburne Texa.		2 Color of eyes: brown	Color of hair: brown
3 Date of birth: April 15 th 1896		3 Has person had gun, by hand, but, or both (specify):	no
4 Are you (1) a single free citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien? (1) or have you declared your intention (specify which):	Natural born	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
5 Have you ever (1) been in the U.S.A.	U.S.A.	<p>President: J. D. Jackson</p> <p>State: Texas</p> <p>June 5 1917</p>	
6 If not a citizen of what country are you a citizen or subject?			
7 What is your present trade, occupation, or other? (Specify)	Student and farm laborer		
8 To whom employed? (Specify)	W. J. Cox		
9 Where employed? (Specify)	R th 6 Box 16 Cleburne		
10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)?	no		
11 Married or single (specify which):	single		
12 What military service have you had? (Specify)	private U.S.A.		
13 Do you have any other military service? (Specify)	yes		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.			
E. C. Cox			

Ernest C. Cox' World War I draft registration card shows that he was living in Cleburne, Texas, was single, and a student and farm laborer.

The 1920 U.S. Census report shows Ernest C. Cox as a 24-year old single truck driver living in Palmer, Texas. By 1930, he had married (according to the 1930 census report), and lived with his wife, Clevie in an un-numbered rented house on Jarratt Avenue in Austin. Ernest Cox was then 33, had been born in Texas, and was a major in the Texas National Guard. Clevie Cox was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was the general secretary of the Texas Treasury Department. They had a boarder, Florence Hughes, 60, a Texas-born widow with no occupation listed.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Ernest C. Cox as a lodger in the home of Thomas and Jessie Finney in Alexandria, Virginia. Ernest C. Cox had lived in Austin in 1935, and was an organizer for a veterans' association.

LONNIE LEE and CLEVIE BRASFIELD (ca. 1938 – ca. 1958)

Lonnie and Clevie Brasfield appear in the 1940 U.S. Census at this address, a house they owned, which was worth \$4,400. (By comparison, the house at 206 East Live Oak was worth \$7,000). Lonnie Brasfield was then 31, had been born in Alabama, and was a salesman for a car company. Clevie Brasfield was then 34, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. The couple had a son, Robert Stanford, 3 months old. With them also lived Lonnie Lee Brasfield's mother, Nannie, a 60-year old widow who had been born in Texas, and had lived in Dallas in 1935. Lonnie Lee and Clevie Brasfield had been living in this same house in 1935.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Lonnie Lee Brasfield as the 21-year old son of L.L. and Minnie Brasfield, who lived in a rented house at 700 W. 13th Street in Austin. L.L. Brasfield was a 50-year old Tennessee-born watch repairer. Lonnie Lee Brasfield was an advertising salesman.

Real Estate Man Fatally Injured In Car Turnover

An Austin man was fatally injured and his brother seriously injured late Wednesday afternoon when the car in which they were riding overturned on Highway 290 approximately two miles west of Oak Hill. (Photo, Page 7).

Dead is L. L. (Lee) Brasfield, 46, of 208 East Live Oak. He died of a cerebral concussion and hemorrhage in Brackenridge Hospital. His brother, Sam Brasfield, 39, of 308 West Johanna Street, suffered internal injuries, fractures of the ribs and cuts and bruises about the body.

Highway Patrolman Hank Logsdon reported that the car carrying the two men was headed toward Austin when it overturned at approximately 5 p. m. The vehicle, a 1956 Oldsmobile, overturned several times and was listed as a total loss.

Both men were thrown from the car, which came to rest on its wheels inside a barbed wire fence which runs alongside the highway. They had been on a fishing trip.

Lee Brasfield was a real estate man, while his brother, who was listed by Logsdon as the driver of the car, is a salesman here.

Lee Brasfield's survivors include his widow; two sons, Lonnie L. Brasfield Jr. and Bobby Brasfield, both of Austin; his brother, Sam; and a sister, Mrs. Dorothea Hice of Midlothian.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. at Wilke-Thurman-Clay Funeral Home with the Rev. Sidney Hawkins of the South Austin Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

News story on the car wreck that killed Lonnie Lee Brasfield
Austin American, February 18, 1954

Funeral Services Set Saturday For L. L. (Lee) Brasfield, 46

Funeral services for L. L. (Lee) Brasfield, 46-year-old real estate man killed in a car accident Wednesday, will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of the

The Rev. Sidney Hawkins of the South Austin Christian Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park under the direction of the Wilke-Thurman-Clay Funeral Home.

Brasfield was a member of the Austin Real Estate Association and the South Austin Lions Club.

Also injured in the accident near Oak Hill was his brother Sam Brasfield, 39, who is in "fairly good" condition at Brackenridge Hospital with fractured ribs and internal injuries.

Vernon Resident Dies in Hospital

John E. Coffee, 73, a resident of Vernon, died in a local hospital Thursday night. He was a member

Funeral notice for Lee Brasfield
Austin American, February 19, 1954

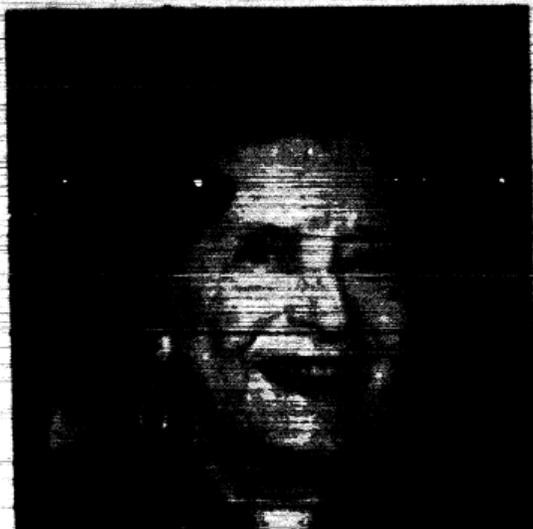
L. L. (LEE) BRASFIELD
Funeral services for L. L. (Lee) Brasfield, 46, of 208 East Live Oak St. will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. at the Wilke-Thurman-Clay Funeral Home with the Rev. Sidney Hawkins of the South Austin Christian Church officiating.
Pallbearers will be Jim H. Miller,

Fred Beeman, Ernest Hawkins, Cecil Cabiness, Dub Barnhill, D. D. Johnson, Frank McBee, Vasco Hice of Midlothian, J. H. Lightfoot of Houston, L. D. Keen of Houston, and Dave Bassist.

Honorary pallbearers are Merle Goodnight, Brice Taylor, and the members of the Austin Real Estate Board.

Burial will be at the Austin Memorial Park.

Funeral story for Lee Brasfield
Austin American, February 20, 1954



Clevie Stanford Brasfield

Clevie Stanford Brasfield died Wednesday morning, February 3, 1993.

She was born June 22, 1905, in Trinidad, Texas. After attending school in Corsicana, she was graduated from the College of Industrial Arts in Denton, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Austin, having lived here 67 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, realtor, L. Lee Brasfield Sr.

She is survived by her son, Robert Stanford Brasfield of Austin; her sister, Sidney Stanford Lightfoot of Houston; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Brasfield was an active member of Central Christian Church and was a volunteer at Austin's Senior Activity Center.

Services will be held at Central Christian Church Friday, February 5, 1993, at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at Austin Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar. 452-8811.

James D. Hart

Obituary of Clevie Brasfield
Austin American-Statesman, February 4, 1993

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

No. A 2824 381

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M: G. A. Kennedy Address 2726 Live Oak St.
 Plumber Howell Size of Tap 1/2 Date 11/1/29

5 EC 703

72-06

Changed to 8" main, 3/4" tap on top of it 18671

Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection	11/14/29	No. Fittings	1
Size of Tap Made	3/4	1. Curb Cock	1
Size Service Made	3/4	1. Elbow	1
Size Main Tapped	8"	1. St. Elbow	1
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	ant	1. Bushing	1
" " " "	90'	1. Reducer	1
Location of Meter	on P line	1. 1/2" Pipe	1
Type of Box	lock	1. ahead Comp.	1
Depth of Main in St.	16"	1. 1/2" Tee	1
" " Service Line	18"	1. Union	1
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	20'	1. Plug	1
Checked by Engr. Dept.	12-5-29	1. Stop	1
		1. Box	1
		1. Lid	1
		1. 2" x 1/2" Tap	1
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Foreman's Signature Berman

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Water service permit to G.A. Kennedy for this address (1929)