

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JANUARY 28, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
5800 JIM HOGG AVENUE
HDP-2012-0455

PROPOSAL

Relocate a ca. 1930 house to San Marcos, Texas.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan front-gabled frame bungalow with a partial-width, projecting, front-gabled partially-inset porch on slightly tapered square wood posts and plain square wood piers; simple baluster wood railing; single and paired 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1930 for Ben A. and Elizabeth Sieck, who lived here almost their entire lives. Ben Sieck was a Texas-born chicken farmer, who had previously lived in El Paso as an oil lease agent. He does not appear in Austin city directories until that of 1930-31, and the address is listed variously as the north end of Jim Hogg Avenue, a rural free delivery route, and on the Upper Georgetown Road. The Sieck family was hit with early tragedies: their young son, Ben A. Sieck, Jr., suffocated in a refrigerator he and his sister were playing in at the family home in 1933, and in 1934, Ben Sieck was struck down by Central Texas' first recorded case of sleeping sickness, which paralyzed him and led to his death at the age of 38. Elizabeth Sieck continued the family's chicken farm and raised her remaining children in the house. She moved to Pasadena, Texas about a year before her death in 1991. The next listed owners and occupants of the house were relatives on her side of the family, Paul and Barbara Kieschnick.

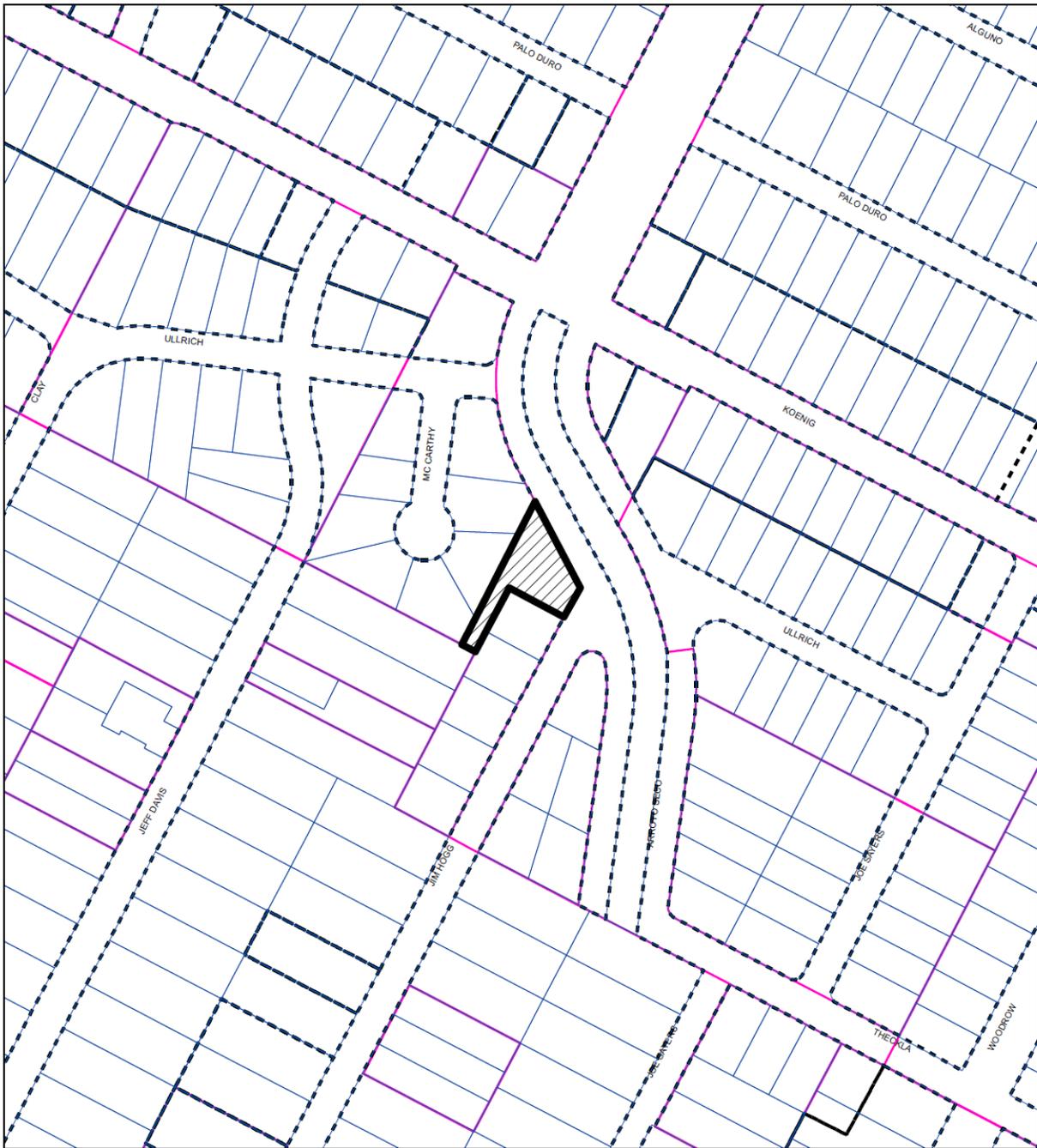
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the relocation permit upon completion of a City of Austin documentation package consisting of photographs of all four elevations of the house, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house does not have sufficient historical or architectural significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT

ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2012-0455
LOCATION: 5800 Jim Hogg Avenue



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5800 Jim Hogg Avenue
ca. 1930



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 5800 Jim Hogg Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2013

1992	Paul D. and Barbara Kieschnick, owners Paul: Accountant Barbara: Employed by the State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
1985-86	Elizabeth K. Sieck, owner Retired
1981	Elizabeth K. Sieck, owner Retired
1977	Elizabeth K. Sieck, owner Retired
1973	Curtis McCauley, owner Student NOTE: The directory indicates that Curtis McCauley was a new resident at this address. NOTE: Elizabeth K. Sieck is not listed in the directory.
1969	Elizabeth Sieck, owner Widow, Ben A. Sieck Retired
1962	Elizabeth Sieck, owner Widow, Ben A. Sieck No occupation listed
1958	Elizabeth Sieck, owner Widow, Ben A. Sieck No occupation listed
1954	Elizabeth Sieck, owner Widow, Ben A. Sieck No occupation listed
1952	Elizabeth Sieck, owner Widow, Ben A. Sieck No occupation listed
1949	Elizabeth Sieck, owner Widow, Ben A. Sieck Chicken farmer

- 1947 Elizabeth Sieck, owner
Widow, Ben A. Sieck
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Elizabeth Sieck, owner
Widow, Ben A. Sieck
Poultry
- 1941 Mrs. Ben A. Sieck, owner
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as RD 4, Box 138, Austin.
- 1939 Elizabeth Sieck, owner
Widow, Ben A. Sieck
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 5424 N. Jim Hogg Avenue.
- 1937 Elizabeth Sieck, owner
Widow, Ben A. Sieck
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 5424 N. Jim Hogg Avenue.
- 1935 Elizabeth Sieck, owner
Widow, Ben A. Sieck
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 5424 N. Jim Hogg Avenue.
- 1932-33 Ben and Elizabeth Sieck, owners
Poultry breeder
NOTE: The address is listed as 5424 N. Jim Hogg Avenue.
- 1930-31 Ben and Elizabeth Sieck, owners
Poultry man
NOTE: The address is listed as the end of Jim Hogg Avenue.
- 1929 Ben and Elizabeth Sieck are not listed in the directory.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Elizabeth Sieck as a 43-year old widow living at 5726 Jim Hogg Street in Austin, with two daughters, Helen, 13, and Catherine 5. Elizabeth Sieck had been born in Texas, owned the house, which was worth \$2,000, and had lived in this same house in 1935. She was a poultry farm owner. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Ben and Elizabeth Sieck living on the Upper Georgetown Road in Austin, with their daughter, Helen, 3, and son, Ben A. Sieck, Jr., 2.. Ben and Elizabeth Sieck were both 33 at the time of the census report. Ben Sieck had been born in Texas to German-born parents. He was listed as a poultry farmer. Elizabeth had no occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Ben A. Sieck living as a lodger in the home of Joel Simsbury in El Paso. His brother, John Sieck, a clergyman, also lived as a lodger in the Simsbury house. Ben Sieck was an oil lease agent.

Boy Suffocates In Refrigerator At Home Here

**Little Sister, Locked In
With Him, Revived
By Doctor**

**Children Caught in Box
In Afternoon of Play**

**Parents Discover Children
Unconscious After
Long Hunt**

An afternoon of pleasure for little 7-year-old Helen Sieck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sieck, ended in sorrow early Friday night when her 5-year-old brother, Ben Jr., was suffocated in a refrigerator at their home.

The tragedy followed an afternoon of play in the back yard of the Sieck home, which is located on the upper Georgetown road, just north of the reservoir. Mr. Sieck conducts a poultry farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Sieck first became alarmed when they noticed that they had not seen either of the children for approximately an hour.

Both Found Unconscious

Then followed a period of search which culminated in the discovery of the children in the refrigerator.

The parents said they hunted about in the well and outhouses. Finally they decided to go to the home of a Mexican woman who had been working at the house during the afternoon and ask her as to whether she had seen the children or knew where they had gone.

The woman told them that the last she had seen of them was when they were playing near the refrigerator. This gave the parents the clue that the children might be in the refrigerator.

Returning to their home the father unlocked the refrigerator and found both children unconscious.

Door Latched Behind

They took both of the bodies to the residence of Dr. R. V. Murray in Aldridge place where efforts at resuscitation saved Helen, but failed to revive the boy.

After she had regained consciousness, Helen told her parents that earlier in the afternoon she had locked her brother in the refrigerator.

The last time both of them decided they would get in the box together. When they crawled into the ice chest the latch on the door caught, making it impossible for them to escape.

The body of the boy is being held at the Thurlow Weed Funeral home pending completion of funeral services, which are to be held Sunday.

Story on the death of young Ben A. Sieck, Jr.
Austin American, May 6, 1933

Ben Sieck Dies After Being Ill For Forty Days

Case Only One of Strange
Malady Ever Recorded
Here

Death Comes After Man
Seems to Be Recovering

Funeral for Operator of
Chicken Ranch Set
For Monday

By **ROY L. WADE**

American-Statesman Staff

Ben Sieck died of sleeping sickness Saturday, at the time he had been expected to be fully recovered.

It was the only known case of its kind ever recorded in Austin, and one of the strangest types of disease known to the medical world. Sieck, who resides on the Georgetown road, suffered with the malady for 40 days.

It was only a week ago that he showed distinct signs of early recovery, although the type of sleeping sickness he had was declared the most serious type.

The case had its beginning July 1 when Sieck noticed a tightening in his throat muscles, which caused difficult swallowing. There also was a numbness of the face. Then he started dropping objects, and decided to consult a physician.

Unlike most forms of paralysis that caused by sleeping sickness works gradually. For almost a week after Sieck incurred the disease he was conscious and mentally normal. Slowly the paralysis increased, and he began to lapse into sleep. Then he slept practically 24 hours a day, and could be aroused only by loud talking, or some other unusual disturbance.

Symptoms of the case were severe headaches, nausea and twitching of the right side muscles.

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Sleeping Malady Victim Succumbs

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The left arm and leg were paralyzed.

Sleeping sickness is a swelling of the brain parts. The swelling varied; when it was increased, he became more drowsy, and when it decreased he was more nearly normal. Dr. R. V. Murray, his physician, said.

From the beginning, the patient complained of the "terrible" taste of all food offered him. He could not tell salt from sugar, nor heat from cold.

Mentally Sound

During the last week the paralysis began to affect the throat muscles. This condition was caused through the brain swelling reaching that section which controls the throat and respiratory organs, his doctor said. Although in most cases the lungs and other respiratory parts are effected, Sieck's remained normal. Then the nerves controlling the left eye were effected.

He became unable to swallow and had to be fed through the blood vessels. He was completely exhausted, but never lost his mental normalcy. When the patient could not talk, he would respond to direct questions with nods of the head to show that he understood, Dr. Murray declared.

Among the most unusual symptoms was declared to be Sieck's pulse rate, which varied from 36 to 40. Normal pulse rate is around 85 for men and higher for women.

Treatment like that used by physicians in the St. Louis sleeping sickness epidemic was used on Sieck. It was the conclusion of the St. Louis medics that the streptococcus germ is the cause of the disease.

Funeral Monday.

Sieck was 38, and operated a chicken ranch on the upper Georgetown road. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a. m. from the Thurlow Weed Funeral home and at 10:30 a. m. from the St. Paul Lutheran church. The Rev. K. G. Manz will officiate, and burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

He was a resident of Austin for several years. Survivors include his widow, two young daughters, Helen and Catherine; his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Sieck of Weir; four brothers, the Rev. John Sieck of Shawneetown, Mo., H. E. Sieck of Vernon, and Charles and Louis Sieck of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Sophie Meyers of St. Charles, Mo., and Mrs. E. F. Winkening of Austin.

Story on the death of Ben Sieck
Austin American, August 12, 1934

BEN SIECK
Ben Sieck, who died Saturday from sleeping sickness, will be buried Monday in Oakwood cemetery. Services will be held at 10 a. m. from the Thurlow Weed Funeral home, and at 10:30 from St. Paul's Lutheran church, with the Rev. K. G. Manz in charge.
- Sieck was a corporal in Company H, 137th Infantry, and possessed a good war record, it was disclosed Sunday.
- Pallbearers will be C. A. Peters, August Wukasch, Sam Kieschnick, Carl Horn, Harry Maschke, and Oscar Thorsen.

Funeral notice for Ben Sieck
Austin American, August 13, 1934

CONGRESS AVE. 7770700.

Elizabeth Kieschnick Sieck

Elizabeth Kieschnick Sieck, 94, of Pasadena, Texas, and a former 62 year resident of Austin died Sunday, November 24, 1991, in Pasadena.

She was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Austin; and was a current member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pasadena.

Survived by daughters and son-in-law, Helen Kraus of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Cathy and Bill Leimbach of Pasadena; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Walter Jacob of Walburg, Texas.

Graveside service and interment 11:00 AM, Wednesday at Oakwood Cemetery Annex, Austin. Memorial service will follow at 1:00 PM, Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1207 West 45th, Austin, with

Pastor Thomas Peterson officiating.

In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to The Lutheran Hour or the Texas District Church Extension Fund.

Arrangements by Pasadena Funeral Chapel, 713-473-6206.

Obituary of Elizabeth Sieck

Austin American-Statesman, November 26, 1991

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. **7547**
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Received of **MRS BEN A SIECK** Date **10-30-50**

Address **5800 Jim Hogg Ave.**

Amount **TWENTY & NO/100** **20/100**

Plumber **NEITSCHE PLBR** Size of Tap **3/4"**

Date of Connection **11-3-50**

Size of Tap Made **3/4"**

Size Service Made **1"**

Size Main Tapped **8"**

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **75'**

From *N* - Prop. Line to Curb Cock **50'**

Location of Meter **CURB**

Type of Box **LOCW**

Depth of Main in St. **3'**

Depth of Service Line **2'**

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main **10'**

Checked by Eng. Dept. **11-17-50 RW**

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	3/8"
1 Elbow	3/4" COP
1 St. Elbow	3/4" SUCCK
1 Bending	3/4" COP
1 Reducer	
12 Pipe	3/4" COP
Lead Comp	
Nipples	
Union	
Plug	TLC
Stop	" LIO
Box	LOCW
Lid	"
Valves	
Job No.	W-323-502
P. & Q. No.	1 Bek

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Water service permit to Elizabeth Sieck (1950)

Receipt No. **17583** Application for Sewer Connection No. **29136**

Austin, Texas, **10-4-51**

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 **Mrs Ben A. Sieck** at **5800 Jim Hogg** Street, further described as Lot **unplatted** Block **unplatted** Outlot **unplatted** Division **unplatted** subdivision **Ben A Sieck Tr. 364**, which is to be used as **res**.

In this place there are to be installed **san** fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. **41242**

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line **3'**

Sub-~~Out~~ Connected } **5' - Not seen** (Location)

Date **11-7-51**

By: **S. Swinburg**

NOTE: Connection Instruction **Extension Permitted to 5. lot line in Jim Hogg A-2232**

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Sieck

Sewer connection application by Elizabeth Sieck (1951)

Mrs. Ben Sieck

5800 Jim Hogg Ave.

364

Breezy Hollow

Frame Addn. to Res. & Demolish present garage

82601

1-29-62

1800.00

John H. Arldt

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CARPORT & BREEZEWAY

Install new fixtures in present closet to create bath.

Building permit to Elizabeth Sieck for the construction of a carport and breezeway and for demolition of the existing detached garage (1962)