

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 22, 2013**  
**DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS**  
**1910 E. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**HDP-2013-0183**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1929 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled board-and-batten frame bungalow with a partial-width inset porch; single 2:2 and 4:1 wood-frame, wood-sash fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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The address does not appear in city directories before the edition of 1930-31, when the house is listed as vacant, but city utility permits date from late 1928. Booker T. and Cession Moore rented this house in the early- to mid-1930s. Booker T. Moore was described in his 1997 obituary as a self-made man who had to leave school in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to help support his family. He astutely acquired a cart, and began selling ice cream on the streets of Austin. He then worked for a rubber company for a short period of time, then went back into business for himself, selling ice and wood from a truck he purchased. After he married, he opened a produce market and wood yard, and later became Austin's first and only African-American bonded house mover.

By 1937, the house was rented to Henry and Sarah Hill; he worked for the City Street and Bridge Department, but is not listed in city directories after 1937. Sarah Hill, who worked as a cook and a maid, stayed in this house until the early 1940s. The house continued to be rented by African-American cooks, laborers, and maids through the 1990s.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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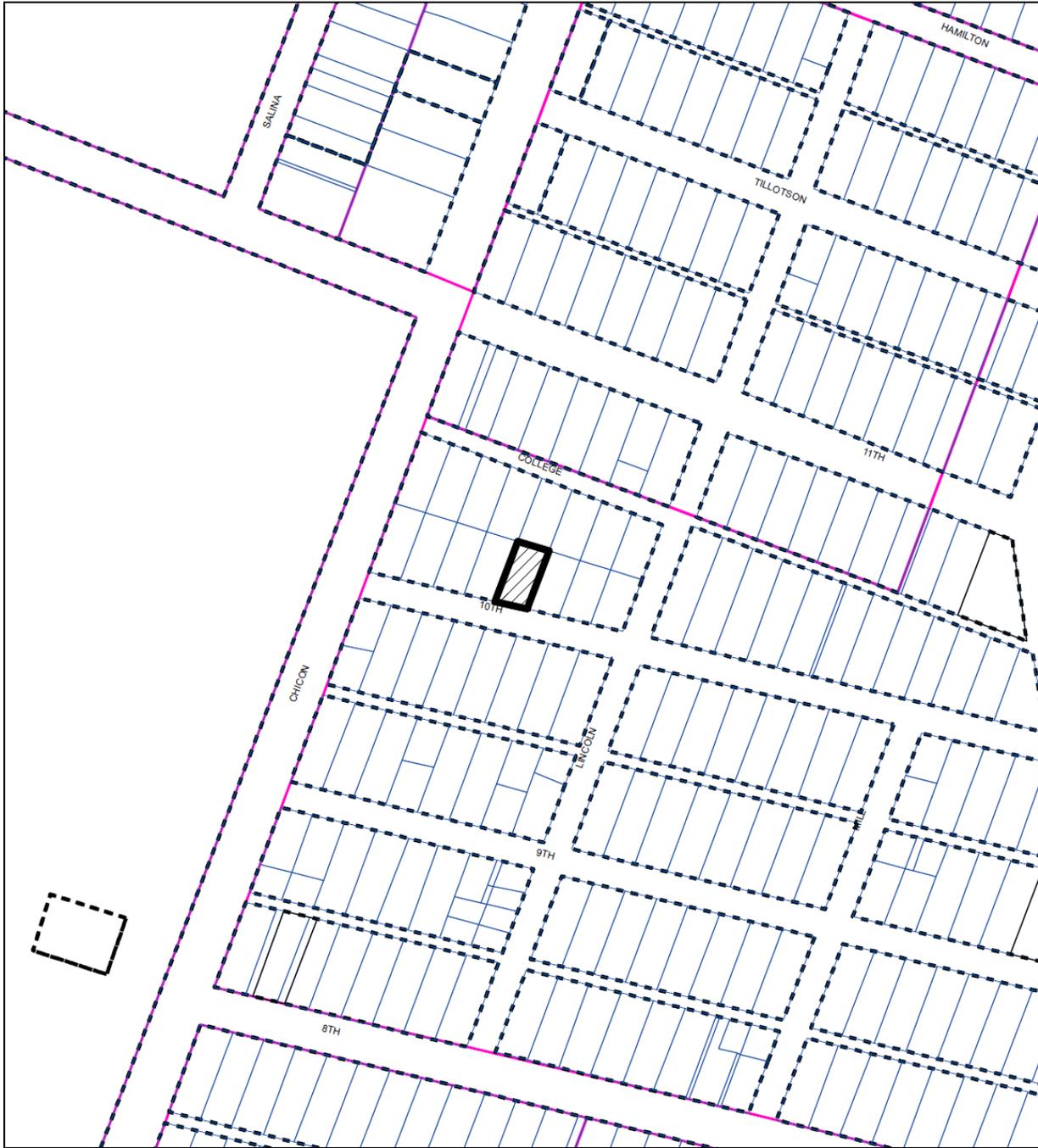
The house appears in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Postpone to May 20, 2013 to explore alternatives to demolition. This house represents a relatively intact example of a working-class cottage in a historically African-American neighborhood; these cottages are becoming more scarce in the City and staff encourages measures to preserve this house, if not on site, then within an appropriate context. The house also has some significance as an early, though rented, home of an African-American entrepreneur.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0183  
LOCATION: 1910 East 10th Street



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1910 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
ca. 1929



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1910 E, 10<sup>th</sup> Street

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

1992	Vacant
1985-86	Robert and Esther M. McCullough, renters Employed by Pi Beta Phi Sorority, 2300 San Antonio Street.
1981	Robert and Esther M. McCullough, renters Employed by Pi Beta Phi Sorority, 2300 San Antonio Street.
1977	Marle Moore, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Marle Moore was a new resident at this address.
1973	Vacant
1968	Vacant
1962	Celestine Jones, renter Maid

- 1957 Mazie Kirby, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1952 Gus Houston, renter  
NOTE: Gus Houston is not listed in the main directory.
- 1949 Gus and Kate Houston, renters  
Laborer
- 1947 Kate Thompson, renter  
Cook
- 1944-45 Clarence and Cora Walker, renters  
U.S. Army
- 1941 Sarah Hill, renter  
Maid
- 1939 Sarah Hill, renter  
Cook
- 1937 Henry and Sarah Hill, renters  
Laborer, City Street and Bridge Department  
NOTE: Booker T. Moore (no wife listed) is listed as a fruit dealer at 1419 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, where he also lived. The 1939 city directory shows Booker T. and Pinkie Moore living at 1419 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, where they had a fruit business.
- 1935 Booker T. and Cession Moore, renters  
Fruits, 1417 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 1932-33 Booker T. and Cession Moore, renters  
No occupation listed
- 1930-31 Vacant  
NOTE: Booker T. and Cession Moore (colored) are listed as living at 1306 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; he had no occupation listed.
- 1929 The address is not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Booker T. and Cession Moore (ca. 1931 – ca. 1936)**

Booker T. Moore appears in the 1920 U.S. Census as the 13-year old son of Lula Moore, a 44-year old North Carolina-born widow who lived in a rented house at 1162 Angelina Street. She had no occupation listed in the census report. With her lived her three children, Mamie, Booker, and Celia, and her brother, Whiley, 35, who also had no occupation listed.

Booker T. (spelled Brooks in the census report) and Cession Moore appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as lodgers in the home of Solomon and Laurine Hanna, an African-American couple who lived at 1306 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Booker T. Moore is listed as a taxi operator with his own license; Cession Moore had no occupation listed. Both Booker and Cession Moore were then 23, and both had been born in Texas.

**Henry and Sarah Hill (ca. 1936 – ca. 1943)**

Henry and Sarah Hill appear in the 1930 U.S. Census report; they rented a house at 405 W. Annie Street in Austin. Henry Hill was then 50 years old, had been born in Pennsylvania, and was a street laborer. Sarah Hill was then 46, had been born in Texas, and was a laundress for a private family. They had two adult children: J.B. Toles, 25, was a yardman for a private family; Lorenzo Toles, 23, a truck driver for an automobile yard; and Lorenzo's wife, Mary, 22, a laundress for a private family.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Sara Hill as the 57-year old renter of this house. She is listed as a widow, who worked as a maid in a private home. With her lived her son, J.B. Toles, then 36, a construction laborer, his wife, Mary, 31, a maid for a private family, and their daughter, Sara Alice, 9. The household also included a roomer, Lullaby Revata (?), a 25-year old, Texas-born African-American maid for a private family.



### Booker T. Moore

Hard work, dedication made him a self-made man.

History books are filled with biographies of self-made men. Mr. Booker T. Moore was one of them. Born in 1907 in Austin, Mr. Moore credited his heritage and inheritance to his mother, Mrs. Lula Moore, his teachers at Gregorytown School, Jenny Lampkin, Minnie Brewer, Norma Dotson, G.W. Norman, and his two strong hands.

Mr. Moore's teachers saw his potential, gave him special attention because of vision problems and along with his mother urged him to stay in school. But Mr. Moore dropped out after the sixth grade to help support his family.

With his mother's permission, a neighbor gave him a horse. He then went to the Shoal Creek Laundry where they were ungrading their mode of transportation from wagons to trucks. He offered the owner one dollar and fifty cents for a wagon. The owner told him if he could find enough parts to make a good wagon he could have it and use the money as an investment in his business. With his wagon in operation, he persuaded the Violet Crown Ice Cream Co. to stock him with three flavors which he peddled at five cents a cone for three years.

At age 15, Mr. Moore became friends with Mr. Sherman Edwards and joined the taxi business. At the age of 19, he married Cession Raymond. To this union was born one child, Frances Elizabeth. After marriage he worked a short time for Hicks Rubber and B.F. Goodrich. He earned enough money to buy a truck and went into business selling ice and wood. He and his wife, Cession opened a produce market and a woodyard at Comal and 12th Streets. His wife and daughter after school, mother and sister operated the produce market while Mr. Moore operated the woodyard. In 1940 he learned the moving business from Mr. Sam Larremose, and around 1960, he became the first and only black bonded house mover in Austin. His inventory of equipment, his skill in management and his performance as a house mover gained him wide respect.

He was a well-known, respected businessman. Many in his line of business, considered Mr. Moore the "tall corn" of Austin.

Mr. Moore built his own house, except for the electrical wiring and the tiling. He hauled his own lumber from Bastrop and carried his own rocks from a rock quarry in Round Rock.

He was not a joiner. He liked to think of himself as the man in "the house by the side of the road," a friend to all mankind. Not much of a talker, Mr. Moore said a man should know when to talk, when to stop and when to speak up for himself.

Mr. Booker T. Moore was a self-made man.

Historical data was gathered by Historian Ada Simond.

He leaves to mourn his passing, one daughter, Frances Elizabeth Moore-Pierce; two sisters, Mammie Elder and Celia Pearson; one niece, Gertrude Britton; personal friend for 25 years and caregiver, Lonnie Waldon, all of Austin. A host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Moore was 89 years old.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Dr. Douglas Terry, St. David skilled nursing center, Elder Haven Senior Day Care.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 9, 1997, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Phillips-Upshaw and Richard Funeral Home Chapel, 1410 East 12th Street. Funeral service will be January 10, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. East Side Church of Christ, 3106 East 14½ St.

Obituary of Booker T. Moore  
Austin American-Statesman, January 8, 1997

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

N<sup>o</sup>.A 2069

# PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. M. G. Bell Address 1910 ~~1910~~ 610  
 Plumber W. G. Andrewatha Size of Tap 1/2 Date 12/17/28

### Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 12/17/28  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4  
 Size Service Made 3/4  
 Size Main Tapped 2"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 6.6"  
 " " " " 3"  
 Location of Meter at curb  
 Type of Box lock  
 Depth of Main in St. 14"  
 " " Service Line 18"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 14"

No. Fittings	Size	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Req. No.
1	Curb Cock 5/8"								
1	Elbow 3/4"								
1	St. Elbow 3/4"								
1	Bushing 3/4"								
1	Reducer 3/4"								
1	Pipe 3/4"								
1	Lead Comp 3/4"								
1	Nipples 3/4"								
1	Union 3/4"								
1	Plug								
1	Tee								
1	Stop								
1	Box								
1	Lid								
1	Valves 2" x 3/4"								
									1646

Checked by Engr. Dept. John

Foreman's Signature Beverman

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Water service permit for this address (1928)

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N<sup>o</sup>.A 2071

# PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. B. G. Left Address 1910 610  
 Plumber Schulze Size of Tap 1/2 Date 12/11/28

### Foreman's Report.

Date of Connection 12/11/28  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4  
 Size Service Made 3/4  
 Size Main Tapped 2"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.6"  
 " " " " 7"  
 Location of Meter at curb  
 Type of Box lock  
 Depth of Main in St. 14"  
 " " Service Line 16"  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 12"

No. Fittings	Size	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Req. No.
1	Curb Cock 5/8"								
1	Elbow 3/4"								
1	St. Elbow 3/4"								
1	Bushing 3/4"								
3	Reducer 3/4"								
1	Pipe 3/4"								
1	Lead Comp 3/4"								
1	Nipples 3/4"								
1	Union 3/4"								
1	Plug								
1	Tee								
1	Stop								
1	Box								
1	Lid								
1	Valves 2" x 3/4"								
									1688

Checked by Engr. Dept. John

Foreman's Signature Beverman

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Changed to 6" main on 2-3595

Water service permit for this address (1928)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

No. 10367

Austin, Texas

Received of owner Date 8/21/1931  
 Address 1910 E. 10th.  
 Amount Twelve Dollars \$ 12.00  
 Builder or Owner B.T. Moore Plumber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot 12 Block 8 Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Plat No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Connection <u>located 1966</u>	No. Fittings	Price
By City <u>5' W/ELL</u>	16" Pipe	4"
By Plumber _____	Pipe	
Checked By _____	1 Myes	6x4
Size Main <u>6"</u> Depth <u>5'</u>	1 Bends	
Main Assign. <u>15' in St.</u>	Reducers	
Stub Depth _____ Prop. Line <u>2'</u>	Plugs	
Stub Location _____	Sand	
Book No. <u>B-978</u>	Gravel	
Paving Cut _____ No. _____	Remix	
	Stoppers	
	Castings	
	Other	
	Labor:	

Sewer service permit to Booker To Moore (1931)

OWNER Mrs. Jessie Mosby ADDRESS 1910 East 10th St.  
 PLAT 29 LOT 12 BLK 8  
 SUBDIVISION Grandview Place  
 OCCUPANCY bedrom & kitchen  
 BLD PERMIT # 109927 DATE 9-27-68 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$3,000  
 CONTRACTOR Oliver Street NO. OF FIXTURES yes  
 WATER TAP REC # existing SEWER TAP REC # existing  
remodel & repair res. & bring to min. stdrs. & addn. 176 sqf  
4-13-77 163556 repair and remodel res and bring tom in standards

Building permit to Jessie Mosby to remodel, repair, and construct a small addition (1968)