

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 24, 2013
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2013-0408-D
816 SAN MARCOS STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled frame house with a front-gabled over-door hood on triangular knee braces at the front door; single and paired fenestration. The front windows have been replaced with non-historic 2:2 wood-frame, wood-sash windows; there are two windows (not paired) to the left of the front door and one to the right. Fenestration on the rest of the house consists of single and paired 6:6 wood-frame, wood-sash windows and 1:1 wood-frame, wood-sash windows.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built by local businessman Joe Franzetti as a rental house in 1935. The address first appear in city directories in 1937; it was rented by Judd B. and Ethel Rhodes. He was a truck driver for the Sinclair Refining Company; he and Ethel later moved to her mother's farm in rural Travis County. They lived here from around 1935 until around 1938. A stenographer, Mabel Woodall, rented the house in the late 1930s; from around 1940 to around 1950, the house was rented by Clifford and Blanche Stohl. Clifford Stohl had just gotten out of school at the time that he and Blanche married and moved into this house. She worked as a saleslady in a dry goods store; he started as a clerk in the City Tax Assessor and Collector's office; by the time he and Blanche moved from this house around 1950, he was the City Tax Assessor. They moved to a house in French Place. Nora Arechiga, a widow who had previously lived in San Antonio, rented the house on and off from the early 1950s through the mid-1960s. She never had an occupation listed in the city directories. Her husband, Felix, had been a janitor in a garage in San Antonio before he died. Then, from the mid-1960s through the early 1980s, the house was rented by Willie and Gracie Bradshaw. Willie Bradshaw was an African-American taxi driver who worked for the Harlem Cab Company, an African-American taxi service in East Austin.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend rehabilitation on site; if that is not feasible, then recommend relocation over demolition and completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package prior to release of any permits. While staff does not believe that the house retains sufficient integrity of materials (the windows have been replaced) nor the requisite historical significance for individual designation as a historic landmark, the house would likely be contributing to a potential historic district in this area of Robertson Hill, encompassing San Marcos, Waller, and Navasota Streets between 7th and 9th Streets. Additionally, the house has served as the home for Anglo, Hispanic, and African-American families, representing residential trends in near East Austin over the past 80 years.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0408
LOCATION: 810 San Marcos Street



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816 San Marcos Street
ca. 1935



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
816 San Marcos Street

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

- 1992 German and Frances Espinoza, renters
 No occupation listed
 NOTE: The directory indicates that German and Frances Espinoza were new residents at this address.
- 1985-86 Ruben Pina, renter
 Painter
- 1981 Willie Bradshaw, renter
 Driver, Harlem Cab Company (Odis C. Axel, proprietor), 1129 E. 11th Street.
- 1977 Willie Bradshaw, renter
 Maintenance worker, City Electric Department
- 1973 Willie and Grace Bradshaw, renters
 Driver, Harlem Taxi Service, (George Knox, proprietor), 1129 E, 11th Street.

- 1968 Willie and Gracie Bradshaw, renters
Driver, Harlem Taxi Service (George Knox, proprietor), 1129 E. 11th Street.
- 1962 Nora Archiga, renter
Not listed in the main directory
NOTE: Willie and Gracie Bradshaw are listed as living at 1616 E. 7th Street; he was a driver for Harlem Taxi Service, 1129 E. 11th Street.
- 1959 Nora Arrechiga, renter
Widow, Felix Arrechiga
No occupation listed
- 1955 Frank V. and Margaret S. Lopez, renters
Linotype operator, Steck Company, printers, lithographers, and bookbinders, office furniture and office supplies, 205 W. 9th Street.
NOTE: Nora Arechiga is listed as living at the rear of 1009 E. 9th Street; she had no occupation listed.
- 1952 Nora Arechiga, renter
No occupation listed
Also listed is Margaret Arechiga, a clerk at Reynolds-Penland, men's clothing, 709 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: Clifford and Blanche Stohl are listed as living at 3106 French Place; he was the City Tax Assessor and Collector.
- 1949 Clifford A. and Blanche Stohl, renters
City Tax Assessor
NOTE: Nora Arechiga is listed as the widow of Felix Arechiga; she lived at 904 E. 6th Street and had no occupation listed.
- 1947 Clifford A. and Blanche Stohl, renters
Appraisal clerk, City Tax Assessor
- 1944-45 Clifford A. and Blanche Stohl, renters
Assessor, City Tax Office
- 1941 Clifford A. and Blanche Stohl, renters
Clifford: Clerk, City Tax Assessor and Collector
Blanche: Saleslady (no place of employment listed)
- 1939 Mabel Woodall, renter
Stenographer
NOTE: Clifford A. Stohl is listed as a student living at 1005 E. 9th Street.
NOTE: Judd B. and Ethel Rhodes are listed as living in rural Travis County; he was a truck driver for the Sinclair Refining Company.
- 1937 Jud B. and Ethel Rhodes, renters
Truck driver, Sinclair Refining Company, 209 Nueces Street.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Jud B. and Ethel Rhodes are listed in the directory, but without an address. He was a truck driver for the Sinclair Refining Company.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**Jud and Ethel Rhodes (ca. 1935 – ca. 1938)**

Jud and Ethel Rhodes appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as living with her mother, Kate Platt, on her farm in rural Travis County. Kate Platt had no occupation listed, but her son, James Platt, is listed as a farmer. Jud Rhodes was then 31, had been born in Texas, and was a beverage operator at the Sandahl Beverage Company. Ethel Rhodes was then 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had two children: Kate, 6, and Donald, an infant. The 1930 U.S. Census shows an unmarried Judd Rhodes living with his sister, Elva, and her husband, Harry Severn, at 3204 Harris Park Boulevard in Austin. Judd was 21 and had no occupation listed. His brother-in-law, Harry Severn, owned the house they lived in, and was a 36-year old agent for an oil refining company. Judd Rhodes died in Travis County in 1977; Ethel Rhodes died in Travis County in 1981.

Clifford and Blanche Stohl (ca. 1940 – ca. 1950)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Clifford and Blanche Stohl as the renters of this house. Clifford Stohl was then 25, had been born in Texas, and was a book-keeper at City Hall. Blanche Stohl was then 24, had been born in Texas, and was a saleslady at a dry goods store. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Clifford Stohl as the 15-year old son of Charles and Helen Stohl, who rented at house at 905 E. 9th Street in Austin. Charles Stohl was then 59, had been born in Sweden, and was a shoemaker. Helen Stohl was then 57, and had been born in Sweden. She had no occupation listed. Clifford Stohl had no occupation listed. With them lived the Stohls' daughter, Naomi, 26, and her husband, Oscar Olson, 30, a book-keeper for a railroad. The Olsons had a 6-year old daughter, Kathleen.

Clifford Stohl died in Travis County in April 1983; Blanche Stohl died in Austin in March, 2005.

Clifford A. Stohl

Clifford A. Stohl, 68, of 3106 French Place, Austin, died Monday.

He was a lifelong resident of Austin. He married the former Blanche Johnson, December 9, 1939. He was an employee with the City of Austin for 36 years and for the past 34 years was Assistant Tax Assessor and Collector.

Survivors: wife, Blanche Johnson Stohl of Austin; son and daughter-in-law Randy and Martha Ann Stohl of Austin; daughter and son-in-law, Christine (Tina) and Alan Nagel of Austin; Four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. O.T. Olson and Mrs. C.W. Kimmons of Austin. He was preceded in death by a brother, Verner Stohl and a sister, Ruth Stohl Taylor.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home with Dr. Ralph Smith officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery Annex.

Obituary of Clifford Stohl
Austin American-Statesman, April 19, 1983

Blanche Johnson Stohl

Blanche Johnson Stohl passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. She was born July 25, 1915, to C.B. and Ellen Johnson. She was a lifelong resident of Austin. Blanche was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Clifford Stohl. She was one of eight children of the C.B. Johnson family who all preceded her in death. Blanche is survived by her son, Randy Stohl and his wife Martha Ann of Austin; daughter, Tina Nagel and her husband Alan of Austin; two grandsons, Ryan Stohl of Austin and Todd Nagel and his wife Sarah of Little Rock, Arkansas; two granddaughters, Kristen Stohl and Lisa Henke and her husband Matt; seven great-grandchildren; many cherished nieces and nephews; and her best friend of 83 years, Marguerite Johnson. Blanche's Christian faith was strong from her early years. She was a lifelong member of Decker United Methodist Church where she faithfully served in many capacities. She will be remembered as a kind, loving, gracious "Swedish Hostess" who loved to entertain. Blanche was a lady with spirit, a delightful sense of humor and a smile for family and friends with unwavering support and love. She had a very upbeat and positive personality and lived a sacrificial life for others. Blanche was the heart of the family and a cherished friend who will be greatly missed. Throughout her struggle

with Alzheimer's disease, she felt peace knowing she would be reunited with her Savior, Jesus Christ, and her loved ones who have gone before her. Private family burial will be followed by a memorial service on Saturday March 5, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at Decker United Methodist Church on Decker Lane. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Decker United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice. Austin-Peel and Son, 607 E. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX. (512) 419-7224

Obituary of Blanche Stohl
Austin American-Statesman, March 4, 2005

Nora Arechiga (ca. 1958 – ca. 1965)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Felix and Nora Arechiga living in a rented house in San Antonio. Felix Arechiga had been born in Texas to parents born in Mexico. He was then 44 years old, and was a janitor in a garage. Nora Arechiga had been born in Texas to Texas-born parents. She was then 34 years old, and had no occupation listed. They had 8 children ranging in age from 17 to infancy. Their oldest son, Felix, Jr., 17, was a mechanic's assistant in a garage. Nora Arechiga died in Travis County in 1968.

Willie and Gracie Bradshaw (ca. 1965 – ca. 1983)

Willie Bradshaw appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 12-year old son of Aldonia Bradshaw, who lived with her parents, Henry and Martha Franklin, on a rented farm in rural Travis County. Willie was the oldest of Aldonia Bradshaw's 5 children living with her; none had an occupation listed, but Aldonia is listed as a farm laborer.

BRADSHAW, Willie Jr., 83, entrepreneur, of Austin died Tuesday. Survived by wife Gracie Batts. Services pending with Phillips-Upshaw & Richard.

Obituary of Willie Bradshaw
Austin American-Statesman, October 6, 2011

BRADSHAW, Willie Jr., 83, entrepreneur, of Austin died Tuesday. Survived by wife Gracie. Visitation 1 p.m. Monday, Phillips-Upshaw & Richard Funeral Home. Services 11 a.m. Tuesday, Mount Zion Baptist Church. Burial Williamson Creek Cemetery.

Obituary of Willie Bradshaw
Austin American-Statesman, October 9, 2011

PERMITS

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

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS

No. 3138

SEC 31

M. Joe Franzetti

Address 816 San Marcos

Plumber Gissell

Size of Tap 1/2

Date 9-13-34

Date of Connection 9/14/35
 Size of Tap Made 3/4
 Size Service Made 3/4
 Size Main Tapped 6"
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 14'
 From N. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 32'6"
 Location of Meter at curb
 Type of Box 100
 Depth of Main in St. 2'6"
 Depth of Service Line 2'
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 6'
 Checked by Engr. Dept. MP-107-35

Foreman's Report

No. Fittings

Size

1 Curb Cock 5/8
 1 Elbow
 1 St. Elbow
 1 Bushing 1/2 x 1/2
 1 Reducer 1/2 x 1/2
 1 Tee 1/2
 1 Stop 1/2
 1 Box
 1 Lid
 1 Valve

Foreman's Signature

Burman

Req. No.

4834

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Water service permit to Joe Franzetti for this address (1935)

OWNER Joe C. Franzetti ADDRESS 816 San Marcos ST.
 PLAT 31 LOT NE 145 x 158' of 1t 1 div B BLK
 SUBDIVISION Unplatted
 OCCUPANCY res
 BLD PERMIT # 153019 DATE 11-5-75 OWNERS ESTIMATE \$890. 00
 CONTRACTOR J.M.Harp NO. OF FIXTURES yes
 WATER TAP REC # Existing SEWER TAP REC # existing
 repair and remodel existing res to min std.

Building permit to Joe Franzetti (?) to repair and remodel the house (1975)