

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JUNE 24, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0378  
1014 HARWOOD PLACE**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-and-a-half story, L-plan, frame residence with a projecting front gable and partial-width, shed-roofed, partially-independent front porch; 8:8 and 6:6 Colonial Revival-styled fenestration; the window on the left side of the front façade has been replaced with a fixed-sash, plate glass window.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1939-40 by James C. Barnett, Sr., who apparently built it for his son, James C. Barnett, Jr., who, at the time the house was built, was just getting married, and worked at a gas station on South Congress Avenue, James C. Barnett, Jr. soon became a city police officer, rising to the level of lieutenant before his retirement in 1980. In the mid-1950s, he and Jack Teitelbaum also operated a used car lot on E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. James C. Barnett, Jr., and his wife, Mary K. Barnett, lived here until around 1970; the house was then rented by their daughter, Merigay Joseph, and her husband Stephen Joseph. Stephen Joseph was a salesman; they lived here until around 1980. The house has been a rental unit since that time.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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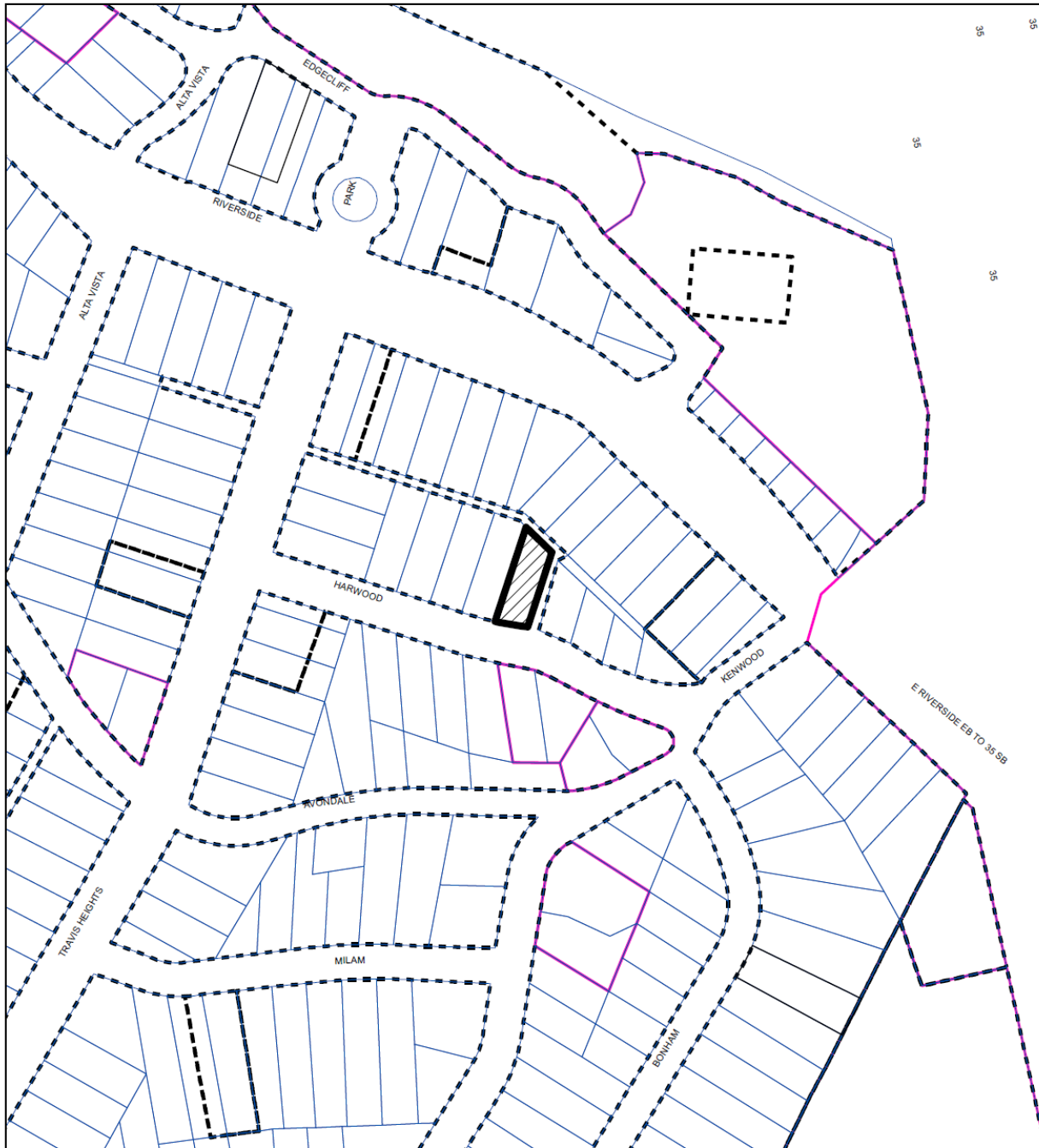
The house does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned ketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but is likely contributing to a potential historic district in Travis Heights.

# LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0378  
LOCATION: 1014 Harwood Place



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1014 Harwood Place  
ca. 1939



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1014 Harwood Place

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

1992	Rita K. Hamilton, renter Therapist, San Marcos Treatment Center
1985-86	Vacant
1981	Hugh A. and Patricia Standifer, renters Data systems administrator, City Administration
1977	Stephen E. and Merigay Joseph, renters Salesman
1973	Stephen E. and Merigay Joseph, renters Salesman NOTE: The directory indicates that Stephen E. and Merigay Joseph were new residents at this address.
1968	James C. and M. Kate Barnett, Jr., owners City policeman

1962	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners City policeman
1959	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners Lieutenant, City Police Department
1955	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners Employed by the City Police Department, and also the proprietor (with Jack L. Teitelbaum), J&J Used Cars, 1504 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1952	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners Sergeant, City Police
1949	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, owners City policeman
1947	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners City policeman
1944-45	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners Station attendant, Estin A. Brown Service Station, 329 South Congress Avenue.
1941	James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr., owners Station attendant, Estin A. Brown Service Station, 329 South Congress Avenue.
1939	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: James C. and Mary K. Barnett, Jr. are not listed in the directory.

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**James C. Barnett Jr.**

James C. Barnett Jr., age 79, of Elgin, died Sunday, July 20, 1997.

Jake graduated from Austin High School where he was a Golden Gloves boxing champion and played football and baseball. He married Mary Kate Bryan of Rice's Crossing on September 29, 1940. A year later he became an officer with the Austin Police Department. Jake served in World War II as a Sergeant with the U.S. Army, Criminal Investigation Division in the Philippines. Upon his return from military service he resumed his duties with APD until he retired in 1980, as a Police Lieutenant. In retirement Jake kept busy at the "Old Broken Down Farm" outside Elgin, Texas, where he enjoyed time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include: wife, Mary Kate Barnett of Elgin; sons, James Barnett III, and Bryan Shirley, both of Austin; daughters, Merigay Joseph of Spring, Texas, and Lynn Shirley-Sinclair of Los Angeles, California; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a very special friend, Lisa Gonzales of Austin.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Capital Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Austin Police Association.

Arrangements by Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 S. Congress, 442-1446.

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Obituary of James C. Barnett, Jr.  
Austin American-Statesman, July 22, 1997

## Mary Kate Bryan Barnett

Mary Kate Bryan Barnett, also known as "Auntie Kate" or "Mamaw", put death behind her on August 14, 2000.

Mary Kate was born on July 26, 1915, to Charles Page Bryan and Sudie Lee Elkins, on the River's Ranch farm, near Hoxie, in Williamson County. She was the eldest daughter of the six children produced by the farming couple. Accordingly, she had to learn how to cook, keep house, and be a surrogate mother to her siblings.

On September 29, 1940, she married James C. Barnett Jr., and started a family of her own. After the kids got old enough, Katie began a lengthy career with the Austin Carbonic Co., waiting on customers and keeping the books. The experiences of her youth, and the historical events through which she lived as a young adult, helped to prepare her for the roles she would play for the rest of her life: wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, educator, poet, confidant, financier, friend, and the "glue" that held the family together.

Other than her family, she most loved reading; doing crossword puzzles; spoiling children; and puttering around the "Old Broken Down Farm" in Elgin, Texas.

She is predeceased by her parents; her brothers, Noble, Charles, and Woodrow; her sisters, Lee Page and Laverne; and her husband of 56 years, James C. Barnett Jr.

She is survived by sons, James C. III (Donna) and Bryan Shirley, both of Austin; daughters, Lynn Shirley-Sinclair (Warren), of Los Angeles, California, and Merigay Joseph (Steve), of Rockdale, Texas; grandchildren, Loretta Kate, James C. IV, and Joshua Barnett, Katherine, Amanda, Stephen, and Bryan Joseph; great-grandchildren, Mary, Joshua, and Carleigh; sisters-in-law, Patricia Boudny Bryan and Waydean Montoya Bryan; numerous nieces and nephews; and a large extended family.

No funeral services are planned. After cremation, the ashes will be scattered at several locations with special meaning to the family.

The children plan to hold an informal celebration of Katie's life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78759.

Obituary of Mary K. Barnett  
Austin American-Statesman, August 16, 2000

	J. C. Barnett Sr.	1014 Harwood Place
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Travis Hgts.

frame res. & gar.integral underneath

290n - 10-6-39

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10-24-77# 168239- Steve Joseph- Den- Elevated addn to rear of res.

Building permit to J.C. Barnett, Sr. for the construction of the house (1939) and to Steve Joseph for the construction of the den addition (1977)

	J. C. Barnett, Jr.	1014 Harwood Pl.
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Travis Heights

Frame addition to rear of residence.

40418 3-9-49

\$1675.00

Curtis O. Bryan

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Building permit to J.C. Barnett, Jr. for the construction of a rear, frame addition (1949)

Connection Charge \$ 1653 No 162060

APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.

Austin, Texas, 10-6 1939

To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,  
City of Austin, Texas

Sir:—

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions  
on premises owned by J.C. Barnett Sr.  
at 1014 Harwood Place Street,  
further described as lot 38, block 28, outlet \_\_\_\_\_,  
subdivision Travis Ht. division \_\_\_\_\_, plat 134  
which is to be used as a Res

In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures.

I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance  
charge.

H. DEE Respectfully,  
AT-PLA 1193 Austin Plumbing Co.  
Stub Out 0

Connected 11-6 1939 Per Rd  
Size of Main 4 inches. 10-6-39  
Size of Service 4 inches. 10-24-39  
4 Feet Deep in st 0.6 ✓  
21 Feet from Property Line A-1193  
Feet from Curb Line Stub out  
Inspected by Boatright 4. P. M.  
Connection made by Barnett House  
12526 Sewer in Harwood St.  
E.H.B.

Sewer connection application by J.C. Barnett, Sr. for this address (1939)