

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

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a partial-width over-door hood on triangular knee braces over the front door. Fenestration is 1:1 wood-frame, wood-sash windows, arranged in single and paired configurations; there are two windows (not paired) to the left of the front door, and one window to the right.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built around 1935 as a rental property. The first tenants were Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, who lived here from approximately 1935 until around 1951. Chester Kimmons was a sheet metal worker, who eventually had his own company, Farris and Kimmons, which was at 4401 Guadalupe Street. Mildred Kimmons was the sister of Clifford Stohl, who, with his wife, rented the house next door at 816 San Marcos Street, for approximately the same time period as Chester and Mildred Kimmons rented this house. From the early 1950s through the late 1960s, there was a succession of tenants in the house, including a restaurant manager, a highway laborer, and a tile setter. From the early 1970s through the mid-1990s, the house was rented by Eleanor Houston, who had retired from the Texas State Teachers' Association.

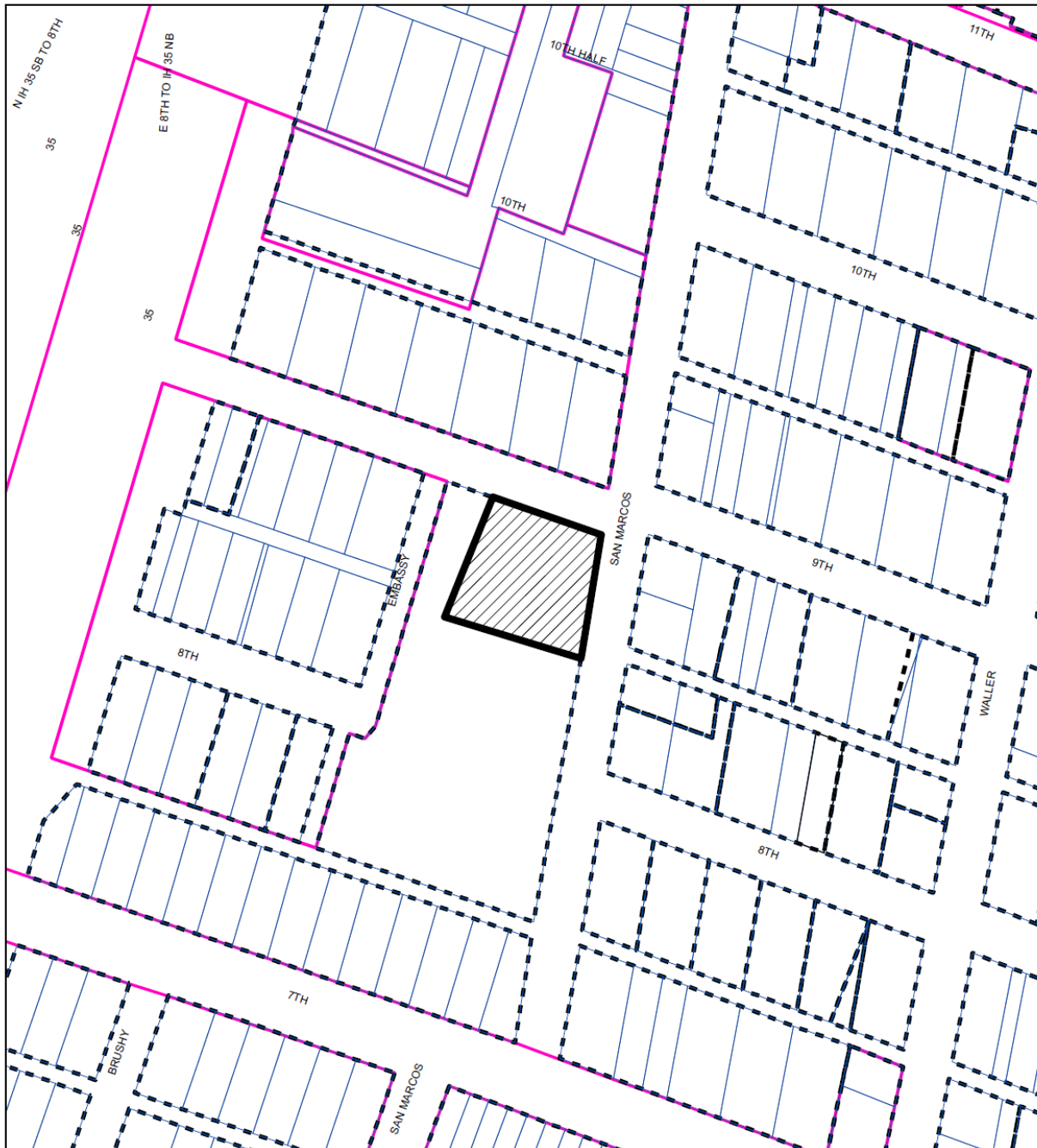
STAFF COMMENTS

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 the release of any permit. While staff does not believe that the house has the requisite historical or architectural 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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

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



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814 San Marcos Street
ca. 1935



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 814 San Marcos Street

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

1992	Eleanor M. Houston, renter Retired
1985-86	Eleanor M. Houston, renter Retired
1981	Eleanor M. Houston, renter Employed by the Texas State Teachers' Association, 316 W. 12 th Street.
1977	Eleanor M. Houston, renter Employed by the Texas State Teachers' Association, 316 W. 12 th Street.
1973	Eleanor M. Houston, renter Employed by the Texas State Teachers' Association, 316 W. 12 th Street.
1968	Ruby Houston, renter Widow, James Houston Maid Also listed is Elenore Houston, no occupation stated.
1962	C.B. and Rosie Cermano, renters Tile setter
1959	Frank and Bessie Flores, renters Laborer, State Highway Department
1955	Mrs. Soledad Lujan, renter No occupation listed
1952	Roy C. and Florence Gonzalez, renters Manager, Sammie's Restaurant, 807 w. 6 th Street. B: Vacant
1949	Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, renters Proprietor, Farris & Kimmons, sheet metal works, 4401 Guadalupe Street. B: Vacant
1947	Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, renters Construction superintendent, Nash-Thomas, air conditioning, 3208 Guadalupe Street.
1944-45	Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, renters Sheet metal worker, Luther L. Farris, 3208 Guadalupe Street.
1941	Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, renters Tinner, McGraw Roofing Company, 400 Colorado Street.

- 1939 Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, renters
Sheet metal worker, J.O. Buaas & Son, roofers and sheet metal work, 407-11
Lavaca Street.
- 1937 Chester W. and Mildred Kimmons, renters
Sheet metal worker, J.O. Buaas & Son, roofers and sheet metal work, 407-11
Lavaca Street.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Chester and Mildred Kimmons are listed as living at 1402 Alta Vista
Avenue in Travis Heights; he was a sheet metal worker for J.O. Buaas and Son.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Chester and Mildred Kimmons (ca. 1935 – ca. 1951)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Chester and Mildred Kimmons as the renters of this house. Chester Kimmons was then 34 years old, had been born in Texas, and was a sheet metal worker. Mildred Kimmons was also 34, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a 4-year old daughter, Eleanor Ann, and two roomers: Harold Carlson, 22, a Texas-born ice-cream maker in a confectionary, and Malcolm Carlson, 19, a Texas-born clerk in a retail grocery store. Mildred Kimmons' maiden name was Stohl; she was the sister of Clifford Stohl, the City Tax Assessor and Collector, who rented the house next door at 816 San Marcos from around 1940 to around 1950, approximately the same years that Chester and Mildred Kimmons rented this house.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Chester and Mildred Kimmons living in a rented apartment at 308 W. 14th Street in Austin. Chester is listed as a tinner; Mildred had no occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Chester Kimmons as the 14-year old son of Elmer and Jennie Kimmons, who rented a house at 306 Willow Street in Austin. Elmer Kimmons was a 52-year old Illinois-born house carpenter. Jennie Kimmons was 35, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Chester's older brother, Eroy, who was then 16, was a messenger boy for the International and Great Northern Railroad. The 1910 U.S. Census shows that Elmer and Jennie Kimmons, and their two sons, lived on a farm in Burnet County, where Elmer is listed as a general farmer.

Chester Kimmons died in Travis County in 1977; Mildred Kimmons died in Travis County in 2002.

(Funeral-Home)

KIMMONS, Chester W., 71, 1010 E. 38½ St., died Monday. Services 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: wife, Mildred Kimmons of Austin; daughters, Mrs. J.C. (Eleanor) Shore of San Marcos, Mrs. Richard (Donna) Lamson of Dallas; brother, Eroy Kimmons of Austin; 7 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Obituary of Chester Kimmons
Austin American-Statesman, May 3, 1977

Mildred Stohl Kimmons, 96, of Austin, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 24, 2002. She was born on November 9, 1905, in Austin, to Carl Severus and Helen Christina Johanson Stohl, both of whom

came to Texas from Sweden in the late 1800s. After attending public schools and the University of Texas, Mildred began teaching school in Manor, Texas. She married Chester Kimmons, of Austin, and they had two daughters, Eleanor Ann and Donna Ruth. In addition to being a homemaker she spent many years as a substitute teacher for the Austin Independent School District. She loved the Lord Jesus Christ and was a member of the First Evangelical Free Church for many years. Her other interests were her family and her pet dogs, which she enjoyed very much. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester, brothers, Verner and Clifford, and sisters, Ruth and Naomi. Survivors include her daughters, Eleanor Kimmons Shore of San Marcos, and Donna Kimmons Lamson and her husband, Richard of Plano, Texas; her seven grandchildren, Alan Colley and his wife, Jan, and his children, Michael and Cayce, and her daughter, Jennifer Wynn, all of Austin; Rodney Colley and his wife, Deanne and his daughter, Lauren, of New Braunfels, and their children, William and Brenna, of Trophy Club, Texas; Terry Colley and his wife, Jennifer and their children, Travis and Kate, of Austin; Steve Colley of Richmond, Virginia; Nancy Shore Howard and her husband, Frank and their children, Ashley, Jay and Brianna, of Carrollton, Texas; Karen Lamson Chambers and husband, Steve and their children, Bridgette and Samantha, of Plano, Texas; Stephen Michael Lamson and his wife, Lily, of San Antonio, Texas; sister-in-law, Blanche Stohl of Austin; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2002, at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Terry Colley and the Rev. Glen Howe officiating. Burial will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery Annex. Memorials may be made to a church or a charity of your choice.

Obituary of Mildred Kimmons
Austin American-Statesman, October 27, 2002

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. 2951
SEC 31

M. Chas. W. Coney Address 814 San Marcos
Plumber Hissell Size of Tap 1/2 Date 7-11-35

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 7-12-35
Size of Tap Made 1/2
Size Service Made 3/4
Size Main Tapped 6"
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 12'6"
From N Prop. Line to Curb Cock 27'
Location of Meter Curb Line
Type of Box Lock
Depth of Main in St. 2'6"
Depth of Service Line 18"
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 7'6"
Checked by Engr. Dept. C.W.H. 7-30-35

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	1/2"
1	Elbow	1/2"
1	St. Elbow	1/2"
1	Bushing	1/2"
1	Reducer	1/2"
1	Pipe	3/4" Copper
1	Lead Comp.	3/4" Copper
1	Wipples	3/4" Copper to iron
	Union	
	Plug	
	Tee	
	Stop	
	Box	
	Lid	
	Valves	
	Req. No.	5309

Foreman's Signature West

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Water service permit to Charles Coney for this address (1935)