

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JULY 22, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0480  
4303 MAYBELLE AVENUE

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with an ornamental front gable and a partial-width, front-gabled independent entry hood; synthetic siding; single and paired 6:6 fenestration.

**RESEARCH**

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There is a notation in City utility permits that a water service permit was issued for this address in 1936, but the permit no longer exists; city directories show that the address first appears in the 1937 edition, as a house rented by Roscoe Cooper, a paint salesman, and his wife Jean. Around 1939, the house was purchased by Albert C. and Laura Crippen, who lived here for the rest of their lives. Albert Crippen was originally from Caldwell County, Texas, and by 1920, he and Laura were operating a grocery business in Lockhart. He became a teacher, and moved to Austin before 1930. City directory listings through the early 1940s show him as a teacher; listings after that until his retirement show him as a building contractor. His son, Albert C., Jr., was a painter and a roofer. Albert Crippen died in 1970; the house became a rent house after that.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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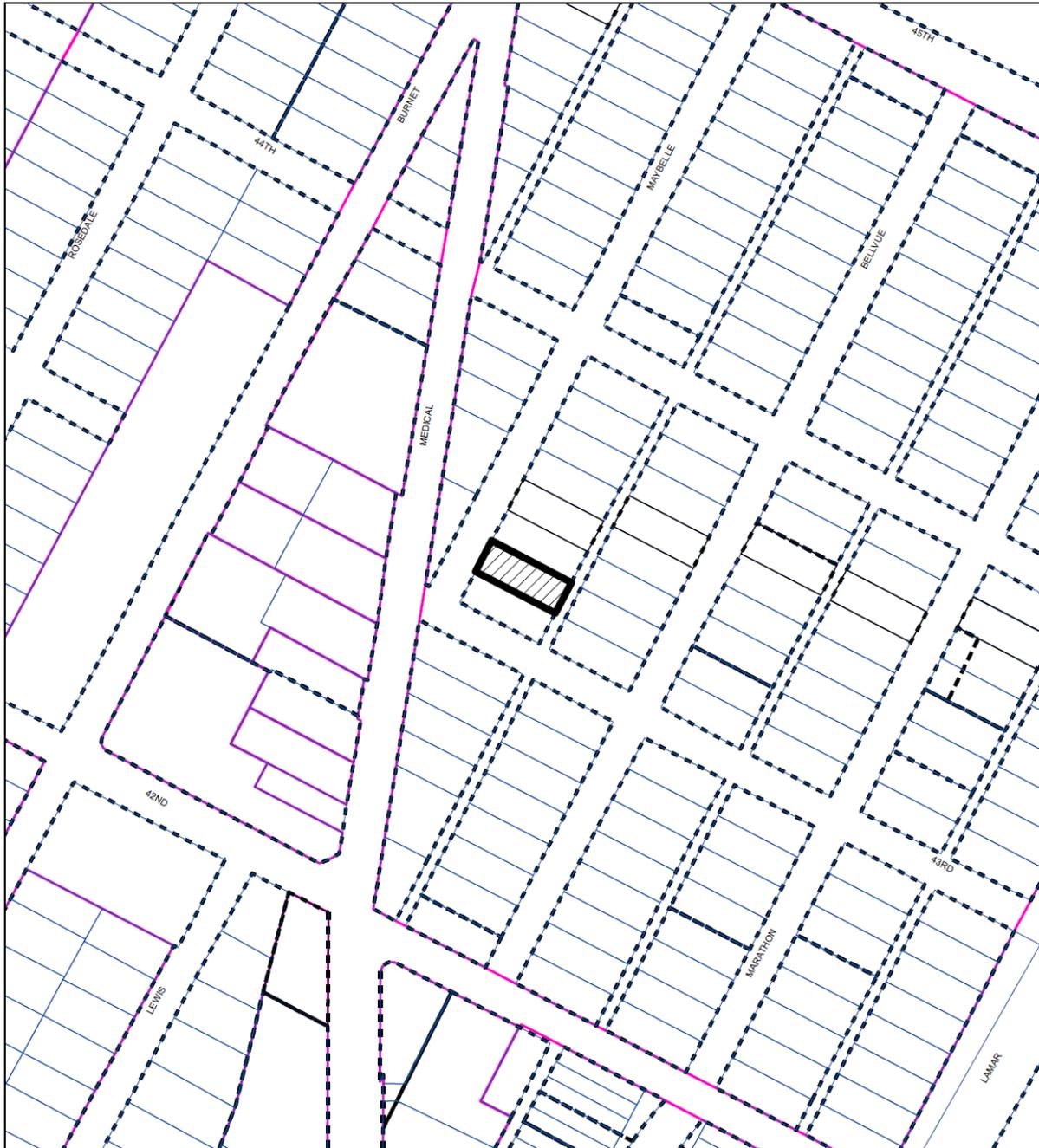
The house does not appear in any City survey.

**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 sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0480  
LOCATION: 4303 Maybelle Avenue



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4303 Maybelle Avenue  
ca. 1936



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4303 Maybelle Avenue

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

1992	Sally Kauffman, renter Artist
1985-86	Thomas J. and Susan Ganshirt, renters No occupation listed
1981	Robert P. Watson, renter Cabinetmaker, Unique Cabinets (not listed in the directory)
1977	Warren A. Watson, renter No occupation listed
1973	David and Nancy Guillet, owners Student
1968	Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners Retired

- 1962 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1957 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1954 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1952 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1949 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1947 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1944-45 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Building contractor
- 1942 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Teacher  
Also listed are Albert C. and Lita Crippen, Jr., he was a roofer.
- 1939 Albert C. and Laura Crippen, owners  
Teacher  
Also listed is Albert C. Crippen, Jr., a painter.
- 1937 Roscoe and Jean Cooper, renters  
Salesman, Sherwin Williams Paint Company  
NOTE: Albert C. and Laura Crippen lived at 803 W. 22½ Street; he was a teacher.
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

#### **Albert and Laura Crippen (ca. 1939 – ca. 1970)**

Albert C. and Laura Crippen appear in the 1930 U.S. Census for Red Rock, Bastrop County, Texas. Albert Crippen was then 46. Had been born in Texas, and was a house carpenter. Laura Crippen was then 41 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had two children: Bessie Lee, 18; and Albert C., Jr., 13. Neither had an occupation listed. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Albert and Laura Crippen living on Pecos Street in Lockhart, Texas, where Albert is listed as the proprietor of a retail grocery store. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Albert and Laura Crippen living on a farm in Caldwell County, Texas.

**ALBERT C. CRIPPEN**

Funeral for Albert C. Crippen, 81, of 4303 Maybelle, will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hytlin-Manor Funeral Home with Rev. A. D. Eberhart officiating. Burial will be in the McMahan Cemetery near Lockhart.

Mr. Crippen died in a local hospital Sunday evening. He was a retired school teacher and contractor, a member of the Baptist Church and had been a resident of Austin for 40 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. O. W. Mobley of Houston; one brother, Ed Crippen of Lockhart; three sisters, Mrs. Shuford Alexander of Lockhart, Mrs. Walter Baden of Austin and Mrs. George Harion of Longview, Wash.; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Albert Crippen  
Austin American, July 28, 1970

A. C. Crippen 4303 Maybelle Avenue

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Alta Vista

Repair rear porch.

38381 7-21-48

\$100.00

Owner

Building permit to A.C. Crippen to repair the back porch.

A. C. Crippen

4303 Maybelle Ave.

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Alta Vista

Frame garage.

50574 4-7-52

\$100.00

Owner

9-25-73 138488 Mrs. M Mobley frame addn. to acc. bldg. (enlarge gar.) 204 sq.ft.

Building permit to A.C. Crippen for the construction of a detached frame garage (1952), and to Mrs. Mobley for a frame addition to the garage (1973)