

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 26, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0509  
4306½ RED RIVER STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1939 garage apartment.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-story, rectangular-plan, hipped roof frame garage apartment with two open garage bays on the left side of the lower story, a front-gabled entry hood; single and paired 1:1 fenestration with 3:1 wood screens; synthetic siding.

**RESEARCH**

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The garage apartment was built in 1938-39 by Grace Grist, the widow of John Grist, superintendent of the Steck Company, a large commercial printing company which also handled office furniture and office supplies at 9<sup>th</sup> and Lavaca Streets. John and Grace Grist bought the Red River Street property around 1933. John Grist died in 1936; Grace Grist lived in the now-demolished house at 4306 Red River Street until her death in 1949. Her tenants in the garage apartment ranged from a mail carrier to the plant supervisor at an ice cream company. The house at 4306 Red River was then owned by Edward F. and May Barnes; he was the proprietor of a hardware store. Tenants of the garage apartment since that time have included teachers and students, with a high turnover in residents.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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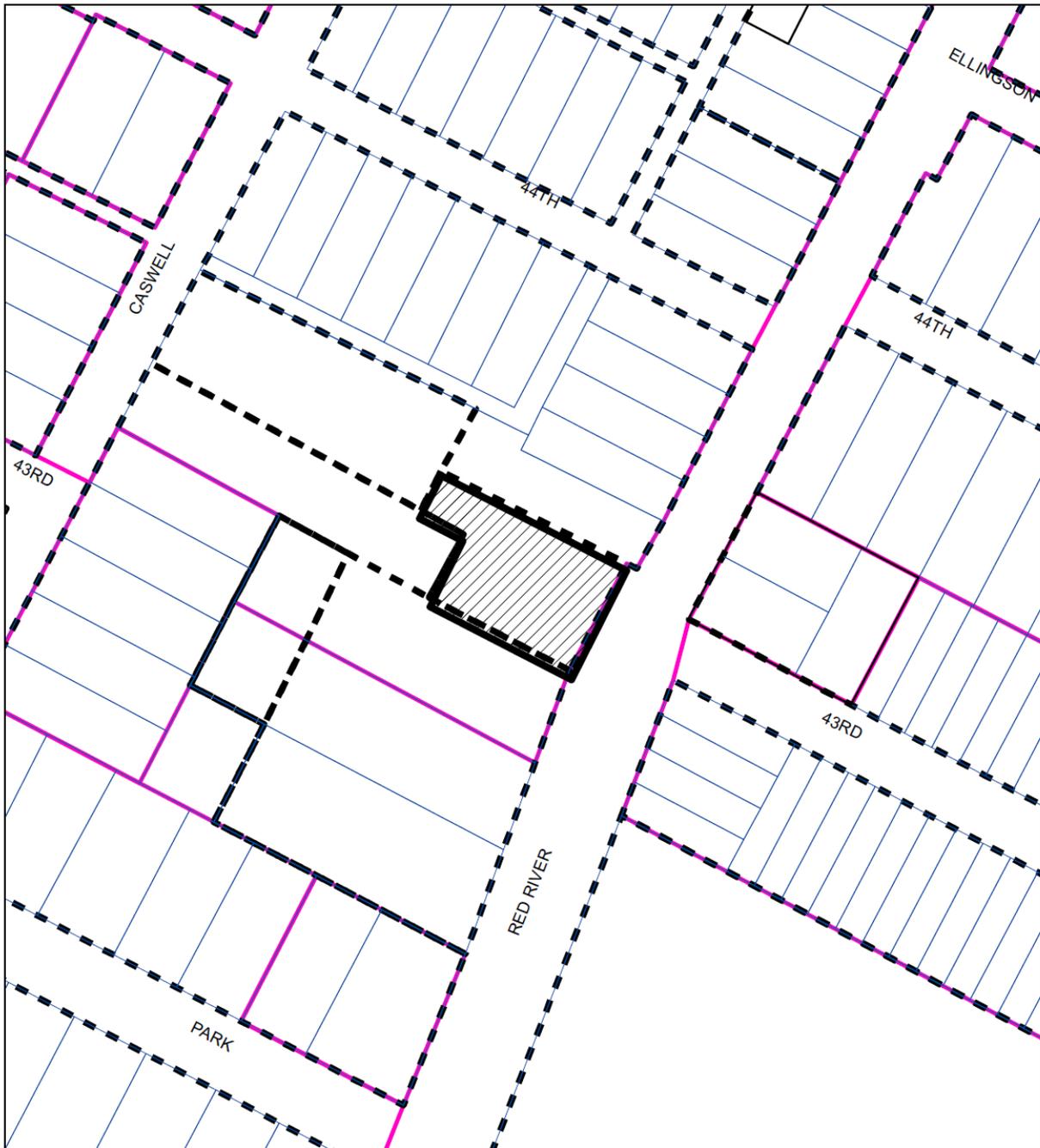
The garage apartment does not appear in any City survey.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit. The garage apartment does not qualify for individual designation as a historic landmark and has neither the architectural nor historical interest to justify completion of a documentation package.

LOCATION MAP



 SUBJECT TRACT  
 ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0509  
LOCATION: 4306 1/2 Red River Street



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4306½ Red River Street  
ca. 1939



### OCCUPANCY HISTORY 4306½ Red River Street

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

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| 1992    | A: Tom Horn, renter<br>Student   |
|         | B: Beth Andras, renter<br>No occupation listed<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Beth Andras was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Terry J. Hyslop, renter<br>No occupation listed  |
| 1981    | No return  |
| 1977    | E.M. Ellis, renter<br>Student<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that E.M. Ellis was a new resident at this address.                   |
| 1973    | A: Floyd Ploeger, renter<br>Student<br>NOTE: The directory indicates that Floyd Ploeger was a new resident at this address.          |

- B: E.M. Ellis, renter  
Student  
NOTE: The directory indicates that E.M. Ellis was a new resident at this address.
- 1968 ½: Jay R. Davis, renter  
Administrative secretary, State Elementary School Principals Association  
(not listed in the directory).  
B: Etta Mae Ellis, renter  
Teacher, public schools
- 1962 Vacant
- 1959 Nadyne Y. Morrow, renter  
Widow, Charlie E. Morrow  
Maid, Robert E. Lee School, 3308 Hampton Road.
- 1955 Ross E. Morrow, renter  
Student
- 1953 Luther M. and Lois Archer, renters  
Teacher, Austin High School
- 1949 Louis and Beatrice A. Ligon, renters  
Louis: Clerk, Kuhn's Pharmacy, 410 E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street.  
Beatrice: Clerk, State Highway Department
- 1947 Rennie L. Allen, renter  
Plant superintendent, Austin Maid Ice Cream, 2610 Speedway.
- 1944-45 Norman A. and Nelle Mills, renters  
Mail carrier, Post Office
- 1941 Arthur O. and Hertha M. Kleen, renters  
Arthur: President, Electrical Service Company, used electrical motors,  
205-07 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Hertha: Stenographer, Retail Merchants' Association, 506 Scarbrough  
Building.
- 1939 The address is not listed in the directory.

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

#### **Grace Grist (owner and builder), ca. 1939 – ca. 1949**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Grace Grist as the owner of the now-demolished house at 4306 Red River Street. Grace Grist was then a 52-year old Kansas-born widow with no occupation listed. She lived in the house with her son, Harold, 21, who had been born in Texas, and was an estimator for a printing company. Listed as renters at the same address were Robert and Estelle Mills, with their daughter, Mary Jane. Robert Mills was a 30-year old Texas-born butcher in a retail grocery store; Estelle was 31, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Mary Jane was 2. The family had lived in Thorndale, Texas in 1935. Listed in a rental unit at the rear of the property were Arthur and Hertha Kleen. Arthur Kleen was then 39, had been born in Texas, and was the owner of an electrical company. Hertha Kleen was then 34, had been born in Texas, and was a stenographer for a retail merchants' association.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows John and Grace Grist as the owners of the house at 1012 Shelley Avenue; he was a 43-year old Texas-born superintendent of a printing company; city directories confirm that his position at the Steck Company, which handled commercial printing, office furniture, and office supplies.

## John H. Grist, Jr. Taken by Death

### Funeral Services Set For Sunday

John H. Grist, Jr., 49, well known resident of Austin, and for several years associated with the E. L. Steck company, died at a local hospital Saturday.

Survivors are his widow; three sons, John R. Grist, Harold Grist and Edgar Grist; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grist, Sr., all of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. H. M. Clark of McCamey, Mrs. D. C. Boce of Bisbee, Ariz., and Mrs. W. H. Tilley of Austin.

Funeral services will be held from the Cook Funeral home Sunday at 5:30 p. m. with the Rev. C. M. Ashmore officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery under the auspices of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F.&A.M., of which he was past worshipful master.

Honorary pallbearers will be H. G. Donoho, Lee O. Mueller, Frank James, Carl M. Mayer, Felix Kruger, C. J. Baldwin, T. R. Eastman, Ora M. Davis, E. L. Steck, George S. Dowell, R. H. Porter, E. W. Jackson and E. B. Moody. Active pallbearers will be Luther Thompson, J. W. Elder, R. E. Eggeling, Leslie A. Colwell, W. B. Sullivan and George E. Lilley.

**MRS. JOHN GRIST JR.**

Funeral services for Mrs. John Grist Jr., widow of the late John Grist Jr., will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. W. H. Arnold of Houston officiating assisted by Rev. John Mueller. Mrs. Grist died early Monday at a local hospital following a lengthy illness. She has been a resident of Austin for 45 years. Survivors are three sons, John R. Grist of Austin, Dr. E. A. Grist of College Station and Harold M. Grist of San Antonio, and two sisters, Mrs. Fred R. Thomas and Mrs. Charles Minton.

Pallbearers will be R. L. Allen, J. C. Murphy, James H. Green, Walter Boatright, Dr. Paul M. Moore and W. H. Lehmann. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

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Story on the funeral of Grace Grist  
Austin American, March 23, 1949

PERMITS:

Mrs. John Grist 4306 B Red River St.

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Ridgetop annex

Frame garage apartment

251n - 12/14/38

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Building permit to Mrs. John (Grace) Grist for the construction of the garage apartment (1938)

E. F. Barnes

4306-B Red River St.

82 John Grist Tract

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Perry Estates

Frame addn. to rear of gar. apt. to make duplex.

41753 8-19-49

\$2200.00

Capitol City Lbr. Co.

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Building permit to E.F. Barnes for the construction of a rear addition (1949)