

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2013-0650  
3706 CLAWSON ROAD

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1966 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled stone-veneered frame house with metal-framed multi-light casement windows; recessed central entry; several one-story, rectangular-plan, gabled frame additions to the rear.

**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1966 (although the penultimate owner of the property has stated that the house was moved to the site in 1966). There is no building or relocation permit on file, as this area of the city was not within the city limits in 1966; there are water and sewer permits dating from 1966 for this address. The first owners and occupants were Ben H. and Audrey Roberts, who lived here until 1976, when they divorced. Ben Roberts is believed to have died in Travis County in 1977, although there is no obituary for him in the Austin newspapers. After the tenancy of the Roberts family, the house became a rental unit.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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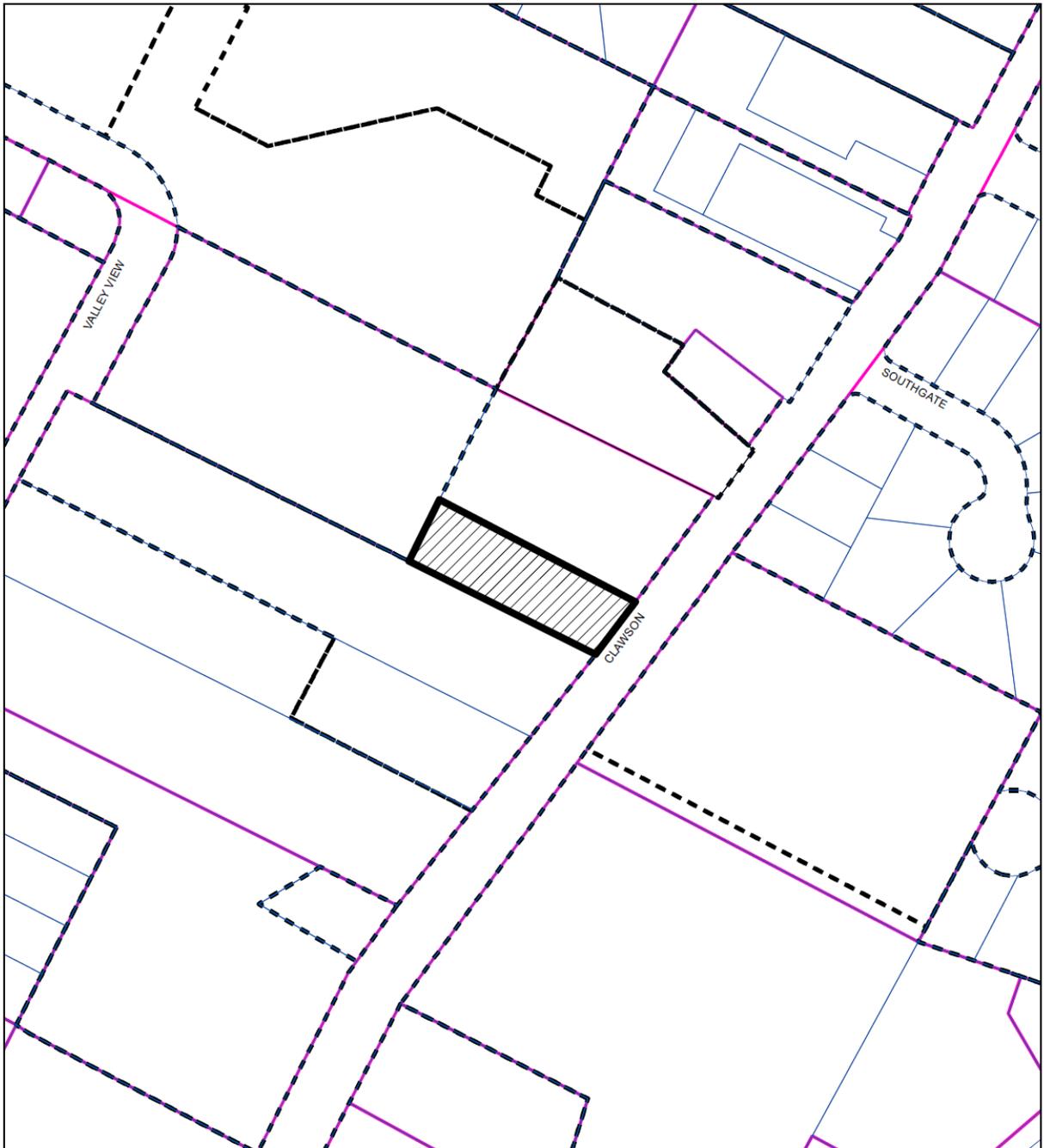
The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

**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 of the property, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT  
ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2013-0650  
LOCATION: 3706 Clawson Road



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3706 Clawson Road  
ca. 1966





## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 3706 Clawson Road

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

- 1992            The address is not listed in the directory.
- 1985-86        James R. Barnett, Jr., renter  
No occupation listed
- 1981            James R. Barnett, Jr., renter  
No occupation listed
- 1977            Ben H. and Audrey E. Roberts, owners  
Retired
- 1973            Ben H. and Audrey E. Roberts, owners  
Retired
- 1968            Ben H. and Audrey E. Roberts, owners  
Ben:            Construction worker  
Audrey:        Teller, Austin National Bank, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1967            Ben H. and Audrey E. Roberts, owners  
Ben:            Construction worker  
Audrey:        Teller, Austin National Bank, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue.
- 1966            The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Ben H. Roberts is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Audrey E. Roberts is listed as a clerk at Austin National Bank, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue; she lived at 4401 Merle Lane, the same address as recorded for Ben H. and Audrey Roberts in prior city directories.

NOTE: In earlier directories of the 1950s, Ben Roberts is listed as either a carpenter or a cabinet maker. In the late 1950s, he and Audrey lived at 4401 Merle Lane; in the early 1950s, he and Audrey lived at 2600 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

NOTE: Ben and Audrey Roberts divorced in 1976. He died in Austin in August, 1977, but there was no obituary in the Austin newspapers. Audrey Roberts is believed to have passed away in Livingston, Texas in 2000.

Benjamin Roberts appears in the 1930 U.S. Census as the 11-year old son of Hardy and Rachel Roberts, who lived in a rented house in Devine, Texas. Hardy Roberts was an oil drilling contractor; Rachel had no occupation listed. In addition to Benjamin, there were two daughters in the family: Mary, 14, had been born in Louisiana, and Sue, 10, had been born in Texas, as had Benjamin.



ADDRESS: 3706 Clauson Rd PER-MIT 99834 PLAT 581

LOT: \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ SUB. 167110

Portion of lot 41 less 0.5 ac. OUTLOT The Low Low Hgts

FIRE ZONE: 3 USE DIST: A-1 OCCUPANCY: more Res. into City Repair

	LAYOUT		FRAMING		7-18-66	FINAL		ROOF OVERHANG
<u>call</u>		<u>9-1-77</u>			<u>OK</u>			
<u>8-1-66</u>	PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.		PRINC. BLDG.	ACC. BLDG.		PRINC. BLDG.	<u>24</u>
<u>8-31-77</u>			FLOOR JOIST SIZE & O.C.	<u>2x8</u>		NECESSARY BLDG. CONN.		ACC. BLDG.
FOUNDATION	<u>Per</u>	<u>Per</u>		<u>16"</u>				<u>24'</u>
FR. SETBACK	<u>72</u>	<u>151'</u>	CEILING JOIST SIZE & O.C.	<u>2x4</u>	<u>2x4</u>	ROOM VENTILATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAVED PARKING
				<u>16"</u>	<u>16-24"</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
TOTAL & MIN. SIDE YD.	<u>45</u>	<u>99'</u>	STUD SIZE & O.C.	<u>2x4</u>	<u>2x4</u>	STAIRS REQ. & NO.		
	<u>9</u>	<u>8'</u>		<u>16"</u>	<u>16-24"</u>			
SIDE STREET YARD			MASONRY WALL			ATTIC FIRE STOPS REQ.		

OWNER: JIM BARNETT CONTRACTOR:  JAMES KRAN

Ben Roberts

(24x40 Greenhouse) 28x46

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Inspection report for the construction of the greenhouse (1977)