

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0066  
814 W. JAMES STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1934 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled board-and-batten frame bungalow with a partial-width inset porch forming the left half of the front façade; single and paired 4:4 wood-frame, wood-sash fenestration; two front doors at right-angles to each other.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built around 1934 by Allie Byrd Wusterhausen, and his wife, Gertrude. Wusterhausen, a native of Bastrop County, was a used car dealer in Austin for many years. An ad for his used car lot in a 1948 Austin American-Statesman, states that he would trade cattle for cars, and that he was closed on Sunday to be in church, and asked the reader if they did the same. Allie's brother, Theo Wusterhausen, lived next door at 812 W. James Street; the Wusterhausen family had a pattern of living close to each other: the 1930 U.S. Census shows him on W. Gibson Street, with another family member living next door. The Wusterhausens lived here until around 1940. The house was then rented to William T. and Genevieve Bayer for a year or two – William T. Bayer was one of the proprietors of Fordex Service, an auto repair shop at 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. George M. Turner, a farmer-turned burial insurance salesman from Milam County, and his wife, Anna Marie, are listed as the renters of this house in the 1944-45 city directory; George Turner died in 1948, and his widow, Anna, continued to live here until around 1960. Anna M. Turner never listed an occupation in the city directories, and earlier census records from Milam County do not reveal an occupation for her. Since Anna M. Turner moved out around 1960, the house has remained a rental property.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey; nor does any Sanborn map cover this area of the city.

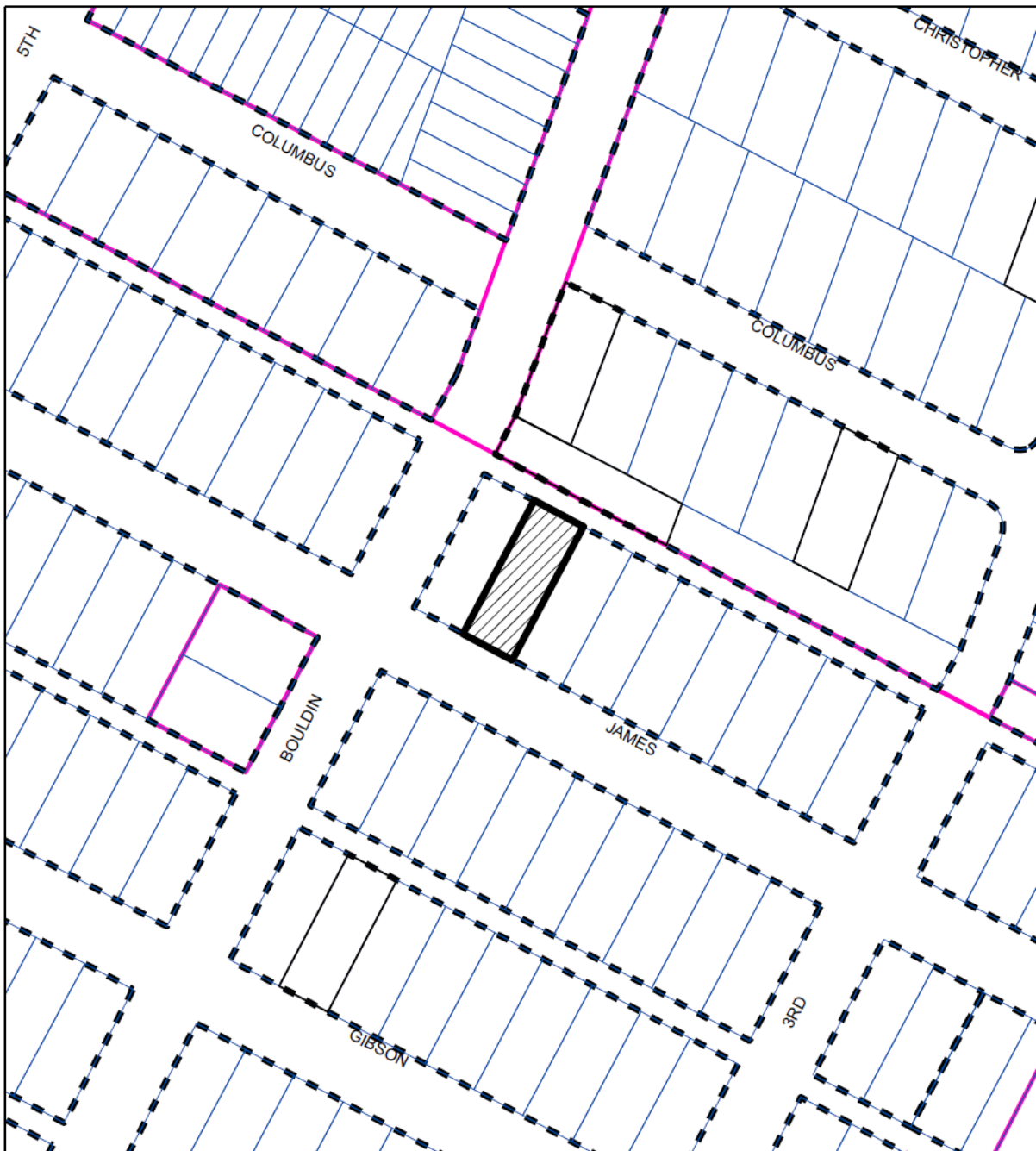
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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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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-2014-0066  
 LOCATION: 814 W JAMES STREET



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814 W. James Street  
ca. 1934



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 814 W. James Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
February, 2014

1992	Petra A. Chonczynski, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Petra A. Chonczynski was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Gaumesinko Lopez, renter Retired
1981	No return
1977	Gunicedo and Frances Lopez, renters Retired
1973	Gunicedo and Frances Lopez, renters Retired\
	NOTE: The directory indicates that Gunicedo and Frances Lopez were new residents at this address.
1968	Gigi Valdez, renter Clerk, Texas Employment Commission

- 1962 Ruby Alvarado, renter  
Employed by San Jacinto Laundry and Cleaners, 1600 San Jacinto Boulevard.
- 1959 Anna Turner, renter  
Widow, George Turner  
No occupation listed
- 1955 Anna Turner, renter  
Widow, George Turner  
No occupation listed
- 1952 Anna Turner, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1949 Anna Turner, renter  
Widow, G.M. Turner  
No occupation listed
- 1947 Anna Turner, renter  
No occupation listed
- 1944-45 George M. and Annie Turner, renters  
Watchman, Quality Mills, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Noces Streets.
- 1941 William T. and Genevieve Bayer, renters  
Proprietor (with Louis F. Machu and C.E. Green), Fordex Service auto repairs,  
201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 1939 Allie W. and Gertrude Wusterhausen, owners  
Used cars, 708 Red River Street  
NOTE: Theo A. and Rosa Wusterhausen are listed at 812 W. James Street. He  
was a produce merchant at the City Market House.
- 1937 Allie W. and Gertrude Wusterhausen, owners  
Used cars, 515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.  
NOTE: Theo A. and Rosa Wusterhausen are listed at 812 W. James Street.
- 1935 Allie W. and Gertrude Wusterhausen, owners  
No occupation listed  
NOTE: The house at 812 W. James Street was occupied by another family.
- 1932-33 The address is not listed in the directory.  
NOTE: Allie W. and Gertrude Wusterhausen are listed at 209 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, where  
they had a used car lot.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**

##### **Allie W. and Gertrude Wusterhausen (ca. 1933 – ca. 1940)**

Allie and Gertrude Wusterhausen appear in the 1940 U.S. Census for Precinct 5, Travis County, Texas. Allie Wusterhausen was then 36, had been born in Texas, and was a used car salesman. Gertrude Wusterhausen was then 33, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had two children: Nadine, 13, and Louis, 8. Both children had been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Byrd and Gertrude Wusterhausen as the owners of a house at 910 W. Gibson Street in Austin. Byrd Wusterhausen was a buyer and seller of used cars. Their daughter, shown as Nadine in the 1940 U.S. Census, is here listed as Maxine.

The 1920 U.S. Census shows Byrd Wusterhausen as the 16-year old son of A.W. and Julie Wusterhausen, farmers in Bastrop County, Texas. This census report shows Thaddeus (Theo) Wusterhausen as the younger brother of Byrd Wusterhausen – Theo Wusterhausen lived next door to Allie Byrd and Gertrude Wusterhausen in the late 1930s on James Street.

## Buy A GOOD Used Car With CONFIDENCE

OUR STOCK IS LARGE AND COMPLETE  
IN ALL MODELS

48 Ford V-8 1/2 Ton Pick-Up, local farm use. It's clean and sound	\$1,850
47 Ford 8 Fordor R&H, one owner, clean	1,850
46 Ford V-8 Fordor, R&H, one owner. It's A-1	1,798
47 Dodge 1-ton Pick-up, low mileage, duals, overload springs, stake body	1,575
46 Mercury Tudor, new paint, Jam up	1,750
42 Ford 8 Tudor, local bus. car. It's slick	1,200
46 Dodge 1/2-ton Pick-up, sound throughout	1,290
41 Ford Tudor, a real cream puff	1,185
40 Chevrolet 2-door, solid and sound	985
39 Ford Coupe, new motor, good transportation	785
42 International 1/2-ton Pick-up, it's sound	985
38 Chev. 2-door, new motor. It's solid	650
39 Chev. 2-door, R&H, good motor, rough body	575
39 Nash 2-door, solid transportation	485
36 Pontiac 2-door, good tires, fair otherwise	280
34 Chevrolet 2-door, looks and runs good	275
33 Plym 4-door, good rubber and solid	250
35 Chevrolet 1 1/2-ton Truck, good body, runs fair	250
Last but not least, 30 Ford A Coach, new motor and tires. It's too high, but likeable.	350

### MR. FARMER AND RANCHER—

I'll trade for your cattle, too.

Our Motto "A SQUARE DEAL"

We close all day Sunday and go to Church, DO YOU.

## A. B. WUSTERHAUSEN

(USED CARS SINCE 1928)

ODES KISSMAN  
210 E. 2nd St.

LOUIS WUSTERHAUSEN  
Phone 2-4646

Ad for A.B. Wusterhausen Used Cars (Since 1928)  
Austin American-Statesman, October 10, 1948

# Auto Dealer Is Claimed; Rites Friday

A. B. Wusterhausen, 59, of 404 East 35th Street, died in a local hospital Wednesday.

He was owner of Austin Speed-O-Rama, and had been in the automobile business here since 1928.

He had been a resident of Austin and Travis County 42 years and was a member of Central Assembly of God Church, South Austin Civic Club, and IOOF Capital Lodge 23 of Austin.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Edna Wusterhausen of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Maxine Kissman of Austin, and son, Louis Wusterhausen of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Velma Hobbs of Austin and Mrs. Bessie Johnsey of Driftwood; and grandson, Kenneth Kissman of Austin.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. from Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. J. Paul Joyner officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery with services under auspices of Capital Lodge

Obituary of A.B. Wusterhausen  
Austin American, May 16, 1963

**A. B. WUSTERHAUSEN**

Funeral services for A. B. Wusterhausen, 59, will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Paul Joyner officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery under auspices of Capital Lodge No. 23 IOOF.

Pallbearers will be Don Crumley, Bill Wusterhausen, Fred Calvert, Ray Frushay, Jerry Hobbs, and Albert Wusterhausen.

Wusterhausen, of 404 East 35th Street, died in a local hospital Wednesday afternoon. He was owner of Austin Speed-O-Rama and member of Central Assembly of God Church, South Austin Civic Club, and the IOOF Lodge.

Funeral notice for A.B. Wusterhausen  
Austin American, May 17, 1963



**MRS. G. WUSTERHAUSEN**

Mrs. Gertrude Beatrice Wusterhausen, 47, died at her home, 4001 Manchaca Road, Saturday night. She was a life-long resident of Austin.

Survivors include her husband, A. B. Wusterhausen; one son, Louis Wusterhausen of Austin; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Kismasn of Austin, one brother, Henry Umscheid of Austin and her mother, Mrs. Ida Umscheid of Austin, and one grandchild.

The body is at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home pending the completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of Gertrude Wusterhausen  
Austin American-Statesman, December 28, 1952

**MRS. A. B. WUSTERHAUSEN**

Funeral services for Mrs. A. B. Wusterhausen, 47, who died at her home, 4001 Manchaca Road, Saturday night, will be held at the Evangelistic Temple, 207 East Fifth Street, Monday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. E. M. Putnam of the Assemblies of God, her former pastor, officiating. He will be assisted by Mildred Wicks and the Rev. W. A. Baker. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. The body will be at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home until 12:30 p. m.

Survivors include her husband,

and her mother, Mrs. Ida Umscheid of Austin; one son, Louis Wusterhausen; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Kissmann, and one brother, Harry Umscheid, all of Austin.

Pallbearers will be Felix Williams, Jerome Cox, Frank Christal, Edgar Kissmann, Billy Wusterhausen and J. C. Davis.

Obituary of Gertrude Wusterhausen  
Austin American, December 29, 1952



**MRS. A. B. WUSTERHAUSEN**

Funeral services for Mrs A. B. Wusterhausen, 47, who died at her home, 4001 Manchaca Road, Saturday, were held at the Evangelistic Temple, 207 East Fifth Street, Monday with the Rev. E. M. Putnam officiating. He was assisted by Mildred Wicks and the Rev. W. A.

Baker

Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Funeral notice for Gertrude Wusterhausen  
Austin American, December 30, 1952

**George M. and Anna Turner (ca. 1944 – ca. 1960)**

The 1940 U.S. Census shows George M. and Anna Marie Turner in Milam County, Texas, where George Turner was a salesman for burial insurance. He was then 58 and had been born in Texas; Anna Marie was 54 and had been born in Texas. She had no occupation listed. They had 4 children: Gilbert, 18, was a fence salesman; Eugene, 16, had no occupation listed; Anna, 12, had no occupation listed; and Ella Marie Bland was a 22-year old widow with a 2-month old daughter, Barbara Ann. Ella Marie had no occupation listed.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows George M. Turner as a farmer in Milam County, and lists the couples' older children: Lucinda, 18; Wilbern, 16; Marie, 12; and Claude, 10. Anna Marie's father, Paul Gurstmann, an 86-year old German-born widower, lived with the family. Besides George's listing as a farmer, no other family member had an occupation noted in the census report.

**GEORGE MANLY TURNER**

George Manly Turner, 66, of 1008 West Milton Street, died in a local hospital late Saturday. He is survived by his widow; four sons, Wilburn Turner of Smithville, Gilbert Turner of Houston, Eugene Turner of Ohio, and Paul Hoffter of San Antonio; and four daughters, Mrs. Elmer Keltner of McGregor, Mrs. Lucida Elliott of Thorndale, Mrs. Marie Bland and Mrs. Ann Patterson of Austin. The body is at the Wilke Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of George M. Turner  
Austin American-Statesman, October 10, 1948

**GEORGE MANLEY TURNER**

George Manly Turner, 66, of 1008 West Milton Street, died in a local hospital Saturday. He is survived by his widow; four sons, Wilber Turner of Smithville, Gilbert Turner of Houston, Eugene Turner of Ohio and Paul Turner of San Antonio; four daughters, Mrs. Elmer Keltner of McGregor, Mrs. Lucinda Elliott of Thorndale, Mrs. Marie Bland and Mrs. Ann Patterson, both of Austin; one brother, Riley Turner of Leander and three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Cook of Elemendorf, Mrs. Frona Cook of Austin and Mrs. Jennie Hall of Marble Falls.

Funeral services will be held at the Wilke Funeral Home Tuesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. L. R. Cole officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Obituary of George M. Turner  
Austin American, October 11, 1948

**MRS. ANNA M. TURNER**

Mrs. Anna Marie Turner, 85, of 4802 Ramsey Avenue, died Tuesday in a local hospital. Mrs. Turner had been a resident of Austin and Travis County 30 years and formerly was of Milam County. She was a member of Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Marie Bland of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Lucinda Elliott, of Austin, and Mrs. Anna Belle (Ann) Patterson, of Austin; four sons, Paul Hofstetter, of Boerne; Wilburn Turner, of Smithville; Gilbert Turner, of Houston; and Eugene Turner, of Painsville, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Emma Rosenbusch, of Georgetown; and 23 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral is pending at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Anna Marie Turner  
Austin American, March 10, 1971

**MRS. ANNA M. TURNER**

Funeral for Mrs. Anna Marie Turner, 85, of 4802 Ramsey Ave., will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, with the Rev. Charles Petty, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be L. O. Butts, L. R. Parsons, J. W. James, Vardy Wheelless, G. W. Elliott and David Elliott.

Mrs. Turner died Tuesday in an Austin hospital.

Funeral notice for Anna Marie Turner  
Austin American, March 11, 1971

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE		AUSTIN, TEXAS	Nº 2112
Mrs. A. W. Wusterhausen		Address 814 West James	
Plumber - Carl Compton	Size of Tap 1/2	Date 4-19-34	
Foreman's Report			
Date of Connection 4/24/34	Size of Tap Made 1/2		
Size Service Made 1/2	Size Main Tapped 2"		
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 11'	From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 10'6"		
Location of Meter at curb	Type of Box lock		
Depth of Main in St. 20"	Depth of Service Line 20"		
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 26'6"	Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-25-34		
INDEXED W.P.H. 11-8-61 S.N.P.		Foreman's Signature B. W. Wusterhausen	

Water service permit to A W. Wusterhausen for this address (1934)

Connect Charge \$ 12.20 N<sup>o</sup> 13081A ✓  
**Application for Sewer Connection.**  
 Austin, Texas, JAN. 2 1936  
 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 A.B. WUSTERHAUSEN  
 at 814 W. JAMES Street,  
 further described as lot 8, block 6 outlot —,  
 subdivision SOUTH HILLS, division —, plat 1064,  
 which is to be used as a RESIDENCE.  
 In this place there are to be installed 2 fixtures.  
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.  
 I'DEEY Respectfully A.B. Wusterhausen  
 AT. P. L.  
 Stub Out  
 Connected 1/21 1937 Con 4' West  
 Size of Main 6 inches.  
 Size of Service 4 inches. of East  
4 1/2 Feet Deep in st cut line  
18 Feet from Property Line.  
 Feet from Curb Line 8  
 Inspected by B. B. Wright  
 Connection made by Perdy  
B-1069 ✓

Sewer connection application by A.B. Wusterhausen (1936)