# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION FEBRUARY 24, 2014 NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT NRD-2013-0066 & NRD-2014-0004 Clarksville 1607 W. 10th Street

#### **PROPOSAL**

Relocate a contributing house and construct a 2,100 sq. ft. two-story house.

#### RESEARCH

Please see the backup for Case A.1 for all information about this house.

#### PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The existing ca. 1950 house is a 528 sq. ft., one-story cottage with a side gable roof and centered, projecting, covered porch with a front facing gabled roof supported by squared columns with simple capitals. The house is clad with narrow horizontal siding, with wide siding in the gable ends. The windows are 4:4, double hung, wood sash.

The applicants propose to relocate the house to outside the city and construct an approximately 2,000 sq. ft. two-story house. The house will have a multi-pitch roof and horizontal siding. There will be a centered front entry with a small porch with gabled roof supported by columns salvaged from the existing house that will sit on masonry piers. The new porch gable, although narrower, will have similar proportions to the porch on the original house. To one side of the entry will be a pair of double-hung windows with four-lite windows above. Other windows will be predominately double-hung with 1:1 sash. To the other side of the entry will be an inset carport under a second story projecting gable. The corner of the carport will be supported with a column that matches the salvaged porch columns.

#### STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The existing property is contributing to the Clarksville National Register Historic District. Applicable general design review guidelines state:

• Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties are appropriate when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historic, architectural, or cultural material and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

The applicant had previously proposed demolishing the existing house, but a new applicant has submitted a permit application to relocate the house outside the city with the intent to rehabilitate it. Relocation within the National Register Historic District would have been preferred as the removal of the house from the District will have a detrimental impact on the integrity of the district, but available lots in Clarksville are virtually non-existent, and unless the house could be moved adjacent to the house at 1609 W. 10th Street, its context will be diminished, as these are the two houses associated with Mary Freeman Baylor in the neighborhood.

Although Mary Frances Freeman Baylor made significant contributions to the Clarksville community and the City of Austin, the period during which she made those contributions appears to have been from 1964 to 1997, at which time, according to city directories, she

was living at 1609 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Mary Baylor's children contend that Mrs. Baylor continued to live at 1607 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street until the early 1970s, but there is little documentary evidence to prove this.

The applicant, in response to neighborhood representatives, staff and Historic Landmark Commission comments, has made changes to the proposed design for new construction in an effort to be more compatible with the character of the neighborhood. The design as most recently proposed uses columns salvaged from the original house, has a front porch with a similar gable form to the historic house, and has a more simple roof form than was originally proposed, making it more compatible with the character of the neighborhood. However, it will be important to salvage these materials from the house after relocation if the Commission approves the permit, and to rebuild the porch at the new relocated location.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permits 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. Staff further recommends that the applicant erect a marker in the front yard of the new house commemorating the history of the house proposed for relocation and its associations with Mary Freeman Baylor.



1607 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street



1609 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Properties adjacent to and across from 1607 W.  $10^{\rm th}$  Street:





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## $\begin{array}{c} OCCUPANCY \ HISTORY \\ 1607 \ W. \ 10^{th} \ Street \end{array}$

### From City Directories, Austin History Center

City of Austin Historic Preservation Office August 2013

1973	Nancy Chambers, widow of Mart Chambers, retired
1969	Nancy Chambers, widow of Mart Chambers, retired
1966	Nancy Chambers listed in address directory but not in name directory.
1964	Note: Charles E. Baylor and Mary F. Baylor listed at 1609 W. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street
1963	Charles E. Baylor, Porter, Missouri & Pacific & Mary F. Baylor, no occupation listed
1961	Charles E. Baylor, Porter, Missouri & Pacific & Mary F. Baylor, no occupation listed
1959	Charles E. Baylor, Porter, Missouri & Pacific & Mary F. Baylor, no occupation listed
1957	Charles E. Baylor, Trucker, Missouri & Pacific Lines & Mary F. Baylor, no occupation listed
1955	Charles E. Baylor, Trucker, Missouri & Pacific Lines & Mary F. Baylor, no occupation listed
1953	Charles E. Baylor, porter & Mary F. Baylor, no occupation listed
1952	Charlie Williams, laborer & Essie, no occupation listed
	Note: Charles and Mary Baylor are listed at 1606 W. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street
1949	No listing for 1607 W. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street

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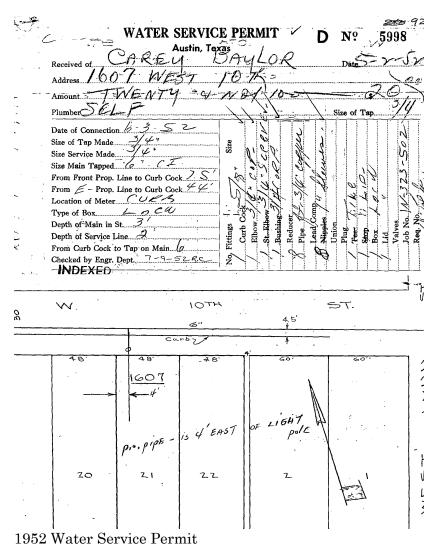
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