

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
MARCH 24, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0159
601 ELMWOOD PLACE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1929 house now converted to multi-family use.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, side-gabled stuccoed Tudor Revival-styled frame house with a projecting front gable and a partial-width inset porch to the left of the front-gabled section of the house; single and triple 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1929 by John Q. and Mary Smith as their residence. John Q. Smith was a traveling salesman, selling boots and shoes. After he died around 1938, Mary Smith continued to live in the house until the mid-1960s. She divided the house into student apartments and made additions to the rear for more apartments. The majority of her tenants were students at the University of Texas.

STAFF COMMENTS




The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage re-use of the house in the new multi-family project, 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. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 165'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0159

LOCATION: 601 Elmwood

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601 Elmwood Place
ca. 1929



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
601 Elmwood Place

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

1992	Student apartments (6)
1985-86	Student apartments (6)
1981	Student apartments (6)
1977	Student apartments (6)
1973	Student apartments (6)
1968	The address is not listed in the directory.
1962	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed
1959	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed
1955	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed

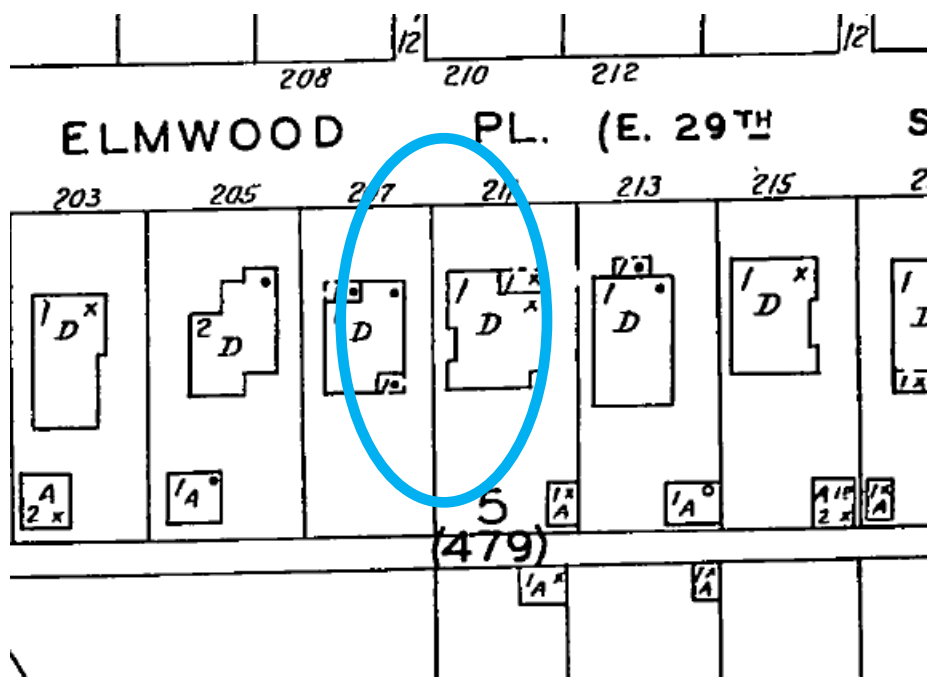
1952	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed
1949	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed
1947	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed Rear: Fred and Helen Stone, renters Student, University of Texas
1944-45	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1941	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1939	Mary J. Smith, owner Widow, John Smith No occupation listed NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1937	John Q. and Mary Smith, owners Salesman NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1935	John Q, and Mae Smith, owners Traveling salesman NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1932-33	John Q. and May J. Smith, owners Traveling salesman NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1930-31	John Q. and May J. Smith, owners Traveling salesman NOTE: The house is listed as 211 Elmwood Place.
1929	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: John Q. and May J. Smith are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**John Q. and Mary J. Smith (ca. 1930 – ca. 1965)**

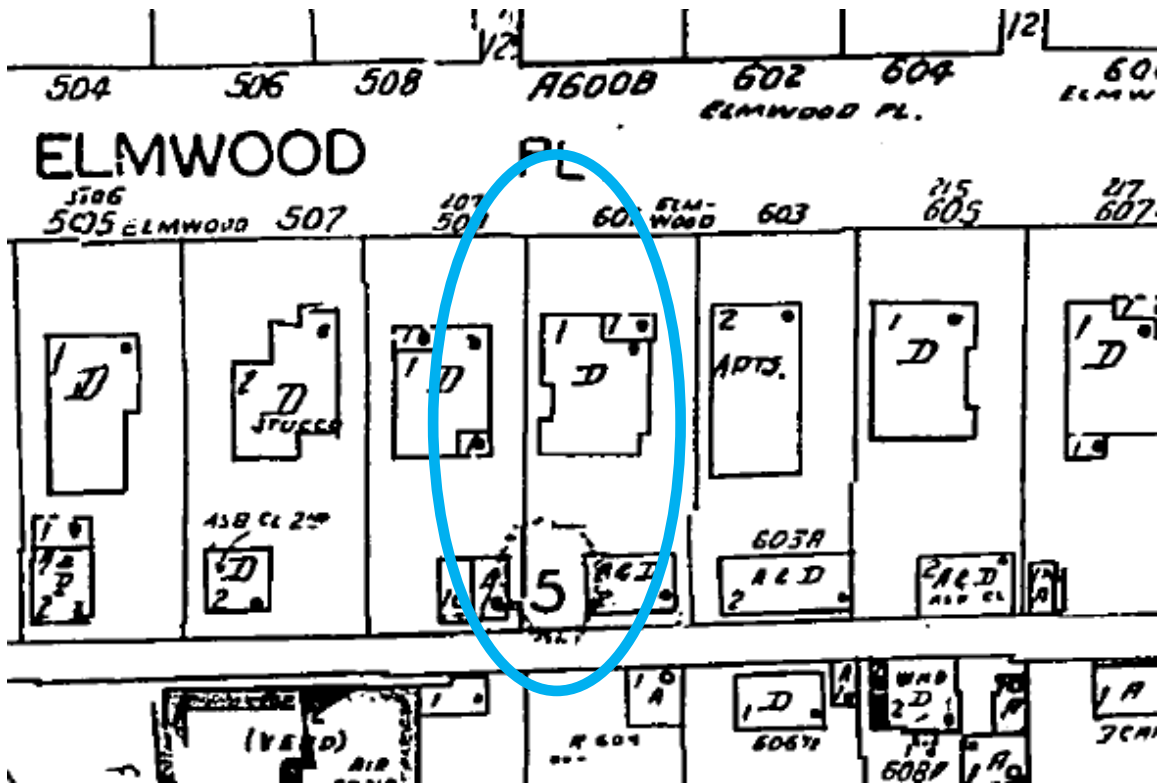
The 1940 U.S. Census shows Mary J. Smith as a renter of this house – she was a 47-year old widow with no occupation listed. The 1930 U.S. Census shows John Q. and Mary J. Smith as the owners of this house, which is listed as 211 Elmwood Place. The house was worth \$4,000. John Q. Smith was then 50, had been born in Georgia, and was traveling salesman selling

The 1920 U.S. Census shows John J [sic] and Mary J. Smith living in the home of her parents, Zachary and Lula Stevens, south of Gilmer in Upshur County, Texas. Zachary Stevens was a farmer; John Smith was a dry goods merchant. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Quince and May Smith in Upshur County, Texas, where they farmed.

Obituary of Mary J. Smith
Austin American-Statesman, June 20, 1975



The 1935 Sanborn map shows the house with its pre-1940s address of 211 Elmwood Place.



The 1961 Sanborn map shows the same configuration for the house but with the two-story rear apartments. The address is shown as 601 Elmwood Place.

Connecting Charge \$ 1.25
 No. 8727
 Application for Sewer Connection.
 Austin, Texas, 8/29-1929
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
 City of Austin, Texas.
 Sir:- 601
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises
 owned by J. Q. Smith
 at 1311 Elmwood Street
 which place is to be used as a residence
Lot 55.
 In this place there are to be installed 2 fixtures.
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.
 Respectfully, R. P. Hamrell & Son
 Location of Public Sewer M. Hamrell
 Connected 9-6 1929
 Size of Main 6 inches
 Size of Service 4 inches
4 Feet Deep inst.
35 Feet from Property Line
Feet from Curb Line
Fernan Herygo
 Connection made by:
 Plat. 56
 A 456
 DIAGRAM
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 8/30/29

Sewer connection application by J.Q. Smith for this house (1929)