HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MARCH 24, 2014 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2014-0126 1603 SANCHEZ STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1945 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled, rock-veneered frame house with a partial-width inset porch; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1944-45 by Ernest Watrous, Jr., who had lived with his parents further south on Sanchez Street prior to the construction of this house. The building permit for this house references the construction of an outhouse as well. Ernest Watrous, Jr. worked for the City Street and Bridge Division for many years. His first wife, Onderee, died in 1968; he married Alvessor Colvin in 1969; after Ernest's death in 1983, Alvessor continued to live in the house.

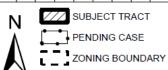
STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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.





NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#:HDP-2014-0126 LOCATION: 1603 Sanchez Street

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1"=158'

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1603 Sanchez Street ca. 1945



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1603 Sanchez Street

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

1992	Alvessor Watrous, owner Retired
1985-86	Ernest H. and Alvesssor Watrous, Jr., owners Retired
1981	Ernest H. and Alvessor Watrous, Jr., owners Retired
1977	Ernest H. and Alvessor Watrous, Jr., owners Retired
1973	Ernest H. and Alvessor Watrous, Jr., owners Public service leadman, City Street and Bridge Division NOTE: Onderee Watrous died in September, 1968; Ernest H. Watrous, Jr. married Alvessor Colvin in 1969.
1968	Ernest H. and Onderee H. Watrous, Jr., owners Foreman, City Street and Bridge Division

1962	Ernest H. and Onderee H. Watrous, Jr., owners Laborer, City Street and Bridge Division
1959	Ernest H. and Onderee H. Watrous, Jr., owners Foreman, City Street and Bridge Division
1955	Ernest H. and Onderee H. Watrous, Jr., owners Employed by the City Street and Bridge Division
1952	Ernest H. and Andrea Watrous, Jr., owners Driver, City Street and Bridge Division
1949	Ernest H. and Onderee Watrous, Jr., owners. Laborer, City Street and Bridge Division
1947	E.H. and Onderee Watrous, Jr., owners Driver, Home Mix Feed Company, 102-06 W. 2 nd Street. NOTE: The address is listed as 1601 Sanchez Street.
1944-45	The address is not listed in the directory. NOTE: There is a 1603 Sanchez Street listed in the directory, which was owned by Taylor and Tommie Keys, but the building permit for this house dates from 1945, so the Keys house was next door to the north.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Ernest H. and Onderee Watrous, Jr. (ca. 1948 – ca. 1968) Ernest H. and Alvessor Watrous, Jr. (ca. 1969 – ca. 1995)

Ernest H. Watrous, Jr. appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 28-year old son of Ernest and Fannie Watrous, who lived at 1411 Sanchez Street, a house the family owned. Ernest, Jr. was a laborer in food store; his father was a laborer in building construction. All members of the family had been born in Texas.

Onderee Watrous died in 1968; Ernest H. Watrous, Jr. then married Alvessor Colvin in 1969

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of Austin, died Sunday. Services 3 p.m Friday at
Greater Mount Zion Baptist
Church. Burial, Evergreen
Cemetery. (King-Tears
Mortuary)

Obituary of Ernest Watrous, Jr. Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, February 3, 1983

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Building permit to Ernest Watrous to construct the house and an outhouse (1944)

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Water service permit to Onderee Watrous for this address (1945)