

**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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 158'

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0126

LOCATION: 1603 Sanchez Street

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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 Alvessor 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. 2nd 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

**WATROUS, Ernest, 71,
of Austin, died Sunday. Ser-
vices 3 p.m Friday at
Greater Mount Zion Baptist
Church. Burial, Evergreen
Cemetery. (King-Tears
Mortuary)**

Obituary of Ernest Watrous, Jr.
Austin American-Statesman, February 3, 1983

Ernest Watrous 1603 Sanchez St.

254 28 8.1/4 ac. of 11 B

unplatted

rock veneer res. & box outhouse

26206 9-29-44 \$200.00

day labor

none

wood

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

WATER SERVICE PERMIT No. 19594 Sec. 25-2

Austin, Texas

Received of ONDEREE WATROUS Date 10-30-44

Address 1603 SANCHEZ

Amount TWO + 50/100 \$ 250

Plumber 7 Size of Tap 5/8

Date of Connection 2-8-45

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 5/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 2'

From S. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 30 1/2"

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box DAIRY

Depth of Main in St. 2'

Depth of Service Line 2'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 14 1/2"

Checked by Engr. Dept. M.R. 9-3-45

No. Fittings	Size
1 Curb Cock	5/4
1 Elbow	3/4 COOP
1 St. Elbow	3/4 COOP
1 Bushing	3/4 STEEL
1 Reducer	3/4 COOP
1 Pipe	3/4 COOP
1 Lead Comp.	3/4 COOP
1 Nipples	
1 Union	
1 Plug	
1 Tee	1 1/4 PP
1 Stop	1 1/4 PP
1 Box	1 1/4 PP
1 Lid	1 1/4 PP
Valves	
Job No.	19594-502
Req. No.	19594

CHANGED TO 6" MAIN AND RENEWED SERVICE WITH 3/4" COPPER ON 700.729

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