# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MARCH 24, 2014 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2014-0150 2601 HIDALGO STREET

#### **PROPOSAL**

Demolish a ca. 1935 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story, L-plan, board-and-batten frame house with a projecting front gable and a partial-width, front-gabled, independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; side-gabled wing has a porch running along the front of the house.

#### RESEARCH

The house was built in 1935 by Fred C. Morse, a local builder and developer. The first owners and occupants were Roy E. and Alma Ross, who lived here from around 1935 to around 1942. Roy E. Ross was an auto body man. In the mid- to late 1940s, the house was owned and occupied by Allen C. and Tomasa Ledesma; he was a barber with a shop at 1009 E. 6th Street. The house then became a rental unit until the early 1980s, with a series of tenants including a gravel truck driver, a city policeman, a machinist, and a state hospital employee. By the early 1980s, the house has been purchased by Mary Castaneda, who was retired.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any City survey.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit after 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.



### 2601 Hidalgo Street ca. 1935



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 2601 Hidalgo Street

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

1992	Mary L. Castaneda, owner Retired
1985-86	Mary L. Castaneda, owner Retired
1981	Mary L. Castaneda, owner No occupation listed
1977	Mary L. Irlas, renter Employed by Austin State Hospital NOTE: Mary L. Castaneda is not listed in the directory.
1973	Joe and Mary Irlas, renters No occupation listed
1968	Esiquio and Mary L. Gonzalez, renters Machinist, Nalle Plastics, 108 W 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street. NOTE: Joe Irlas is not listed in the directory.

1962	Vacant
1959	Joe and Lana Salas, Jr., renters Driver, R.E. Janes Gravel Company, 120 Miller Street.
1955	Joe and Cipriana Salas, Jr., owners Drive, R.E. Janes Gravel Company, 120 Miller Street.
1952	Joel V. and Anita Quintanilla, renters City policeman
1949	Rumaldo Montez, renter No occupation listed
1947	Allen C. and Tomasa Ledesma, owners Barber, 1009 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street. Rear: Jose and Anita Pineda, renters Baker, Austin Baking Company, wholesale, 300 Lamar Boulevard.
1944-45	Allen C. and Tomasa Ledesma, owners Barber, 1009 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> street.
1941	Roy E. and Alma Ross, owners Metal worker, Stelfox Body Works, 220 S. Congress Avenue. NOTE: Allen and Tomasa Ledesma are listed at 1202 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street; he was a barber at 1009 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1939	Roy E. and Alma Ross, owners Auto mechanic
1937	Roy E. and Alma Ross, owners Foreman, Haston Body Works, 220 S. Congress Avenue.
1935	The address is not listed in the directory.  NOTE: Roy E. and Alma Ross are listed at 1601 Eva Street; he was a body worker at Texas Motors, 502 Colorado Street.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### Roy E. and Alma Ross (ca. 1936 – ca. 1942)

Roy E. and Alma Ross are listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of this house, which was worth \$1,400. Roy Ross was then 27, had been born in Texas, and was an automotive body man. Alma Ross was then 26, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Roy's father, Jacob, a 57-year old Texas-born widower who was a sanitation worker for the city. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Roy E. Ross as a 17-year old inmate in the Edwards County Jail in Rocksprings, Texas. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Roy Ross as the 7-year old son of Jacob and Ethel Ross, who rented a house at 1014 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Austin. Jacob Ross is listed as a city laborer. There were 6 children in the family.

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.
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Water service permit to Fred C. Morse for this address (1935)

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Connection Charge \$ No 11847
Application for Sewer Connection.
Austin, Texas, 27,7/1/3, 193.5
To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
Sir: - 18 City of Austin, Texas
I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on
premises owned by Fred 6. Morse
at 2601 Hidaigo Street
further described as lot 35, block, outlot 11
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In this place there are to be installed
I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance charge.  Respectfully,
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Inspected by
Connection made by Muss Honors

Sewer connection application by Fred C. Morse for this house (1935)