HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION APRIL 28, 2014 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2014-0227 809 W. LIVE OAK STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1936 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width, front-gabled independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; front door has triple glazing in the upper section.

RESEARCH

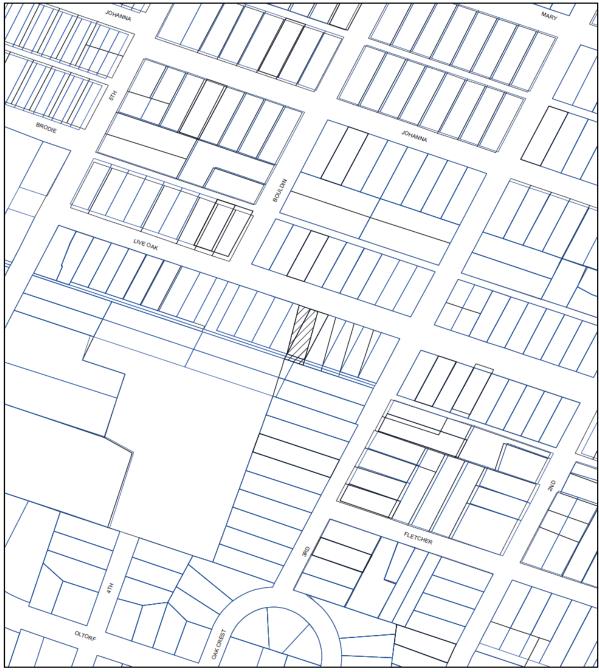
The house was built in 1936 by J. Thomas and Irene Beard. James T. Beard was a meat cutter by the time he had moved into this house; he had previously been a meat cutter, and by 1940, he and Irene were living in the 1600 block of S. 1st Street, where the operated a grocery store – that section of S. 1st Street had a number of "mom-and-pop" groceries in the first half of the 20th century. The Beards lived here until around 1938. The house was then owned and occupied by Elizabeth Hardy, who had lived in rural Gonzales County prior to moving into this house, and had lived in San Antonio in 1930 where she was a seamstress. She had been a seamstress in Austin as well, according to the 1937 city directory, just prior to buying this house. She and her daughter Beatrice lived here until around 1943. From 1943 until her death in 1956, the house was owned and occupied by Alice Rachel Williamson, the widow of a farmer who had lived on the Old Lockhart-Austin Road. She lived here with her son, William, who was a court clerk for the City Police Court for many years. After her death in 1956, William lived here until his death in 1963. The house then became a rental unit.

STAFF COMMENTS

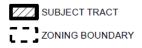
The house does not appear in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Rehabilitate and adaptively re-use the house if possible; the house is a good and intact example of a 1930s cottage, which is a common house type in Austin, but one which is increasingly threatened with removal. If re-use of the house is not possible, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, but to 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.







CASE#: HDP-2014-0227 LOCATION: 809 W Live Oak Street

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809 West Live Oak Street ca. 1936



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 809 West Live Oak Street

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

1992 Plutarce P. and Ophelia P. Virgil, renters

Retired

1985-86 Plutarce P. Virgil, renter

NOTE: Plutarce Vigil is not listed in the main section of the directory.

1981 No return

1977 Virgil Plutarco, renter

No occupation listed

NOTE: The directory indicates that Virgil Plutarco was a new resident at this

address.

1973 Julian and Louisa Calderon, renters

No occupation listed

1968 David and Carolyn Stark, renters

No occupation listed

1962 William A. Williamson, owner

No occupation listed

1959 William A. Williamson, owner

Court Clerk, Corporation Court

1955 Alice Williamson, owner

Widow, A.B. Wiliamson No occupation listed

Also listed is William A. Williamson, a court clerk for the City Police Department

1952 Alice Williamson, owner

Widow, Arthur B. Williamson

No occupation listed

Also listed is William A. Williamson, a clerk in the City Corporation Court.

1949 Alice Williamson, owner

Widow, Arthur B. Williamson

No occupation listed

Also listed is William A. Williamson, a clerk in the City Corporation Court.

1947 Alice Williamson, owner

Widow, Arthur B. Williamson

No occupation listed

Also listed is William A. Williamson, an assistant clerk in the City Police

Department.

1944-45 Alice Williamson, owner

Widow, Arthur B. Williamson

No occupation listed

Also listed is William A. Williamson, an assistant clerk in the Corporation Court.

1941 Elizabeth Hardy, owner

No occupation listed

Also listed is Beatrice Hardy, a clerk in the State Department of Public Safety. NOTE: Alice Williamson is listed at 1300 W. 5th Street; she was the widow of

A.B. Williamson and had no occupation listed

1939 Elizabeth Hardy, owner

No occupation listed

NOTE: J.T. and Irene Beard are listed at 2002 Poquito Street; he was a meat

cutter with no place of employment listed.

1937 J. Thomas and Irene Beard, owners

Meat cutter, University Market, 2500 Guadalupe Street.

NOTE: Elizabeth Hardy is listed as a dressmaker living at 1004 San Jacinto

Boulevard.

1935 The address is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPICAL NOTES:

J.T. and Irene Beard (ca. 1936 – ca. 1938)

J.T. and Irene Beard are listed as the renters of the house at 1611 S. 1st Street in the 1940 U.S. Census. J.T. Beard was then 33, had been born in Texas, and was the operator of a grocery

store. Irene Beard was also 33, had been born in Texas, and was a clerk in a grocery store. They had 4 children: Thomas, 13; Betty Jo, 11; Doris, 9; and Stelloise, 6. All the children had been born in Texas. The 1930 U.S. Census shows James and Irene Beard renting a house at 1205 E. 3rd Street in Austin. James Beard was a meat cutter in a market. Irene had no occupation listed.

Elizabeth Hardy (ca. 1938 - ca. 1943)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Elizabeth Hardy as the owner of this house, which was worth \$2,500. Elizabeth Hardy was then 58, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With her lived her daughter, Beatrice, 24, who had been born in Texas and worked as a stenographer for the State of Texas. Elizabeth and Beatrice Hardy had lived in rural Gonzales County in 1935. In 1930, according to the U.S. Census, Elizabeth Hardy was renting a house in San Antonio with her daughters, Juanita and Beatrice. Elizabeth Hardy was a seamstress in a shop; Juanita, then 24, was a stenographer in a doctor's office; Beatrice, then 15, had no occupation listed.

MRS. ELIZABETH L. HARDY Funeral services for Mrs. 178. beth Lucioda Hardy, 78, of 715. Deep Eddy, will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. from Wilke-Thurman-Car Binera Home with Dr. vn vace officialing. . Mrs. Hardy a resident of A tin 20 years, was a member of the First Methodist Church. She is survived by two daughters. - Mrs. Charles Schmidt of Austin and Mrs. J. J. Wrobleski of Bryan; and one grandson. After services here the body will be taken to Nixon for grave side services at 4 p.m.

Obituary of Elizabeth Hardy Austin American, February 10, 1956

Alice Williamson (ca. 1943 – ca. 1956)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Alice Williamson as the owner of the house at 1300 W. 5th Street in Austin, where she lived with her son, William. Alice Williamson was then a 65-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. William A. Williamson was then a 44-year old Texas-born superintendent for a WPA Road Crew. Alice owned her house, which was worth \$3,000. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Anton B. and Alice Williamson on a farm on the Old Lockhart-Austin Road in rural Travis County. Anton B. Williamson was a 59-year old Texas-born farmer. Alice had no occupation listed. They had a lodger, 22-year old Boyce Cluck, a Texas-born farm laborer. William A. Williamson was not listed as living with them.

MRS. ALICE WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Alice Williamson, 81, died in an Austin hospital Sunday night.

She is survived by one son, W. A.

(Bill) Williamson of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. L. D. Sassman of Robstown, Mrs. M. C. Chisholm of Littlefield, Mrs. Tom Puryear of Dripping Springs and Mrs. Ida Greer of Austin; and two brothers, E. E. Scott and H. W. Scott of Austin.

Funeral services will be held
Monday at 4 p.m. at Cook Funeral
Home, with Rev. L. R. Cole officiating. Burial will be at Cedar
Valley.

Obituary of Alice Williamson Austin American, April 23, 1956

MRS. ALICE WILLIAMSON

Funeral service for Mrs. Alice Rachel Williamson were held Monday at Cook Funeral Home with Rev. L. R. Cole officiating.

Mrs. Williamson, 809 West Live Oak, died in a local hospital Sunday. She had been a resident of Austin since 1896.

She is survived by one son, W. A. (Bill) Williamson of Austin; four sisters, Mrs. L. D. Sassman of Robstown, Mrs. N. C. Chisnolm of Littlefield, Mrs. Tom Puryear of Dripping Springs and Mrs. Ida Greer of Austin; and two brothers, F. F. Scott and H. W. Scott of Austin.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Moran, Dan Sassman, Sam Allred, Melyin Scott, Jimmie Sandberg, and J. D. Ragland. Burial was in Cedar Valley Cemetery.

> Funeral story on Alice Williamson Austin <u>American</u>, April 24, 1956

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