

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
APRIL 28, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0272
509 LOCKHART DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1937 house and a ca. 1940 rear house.

ARCHITECTURE

The front ca. 1937 house is a one-story, L-plan frame house with vertical siding and single 6:6 fenestration. The rear ca. 1940 house was an addition to the original garage and is a XX

RESEARCH

The houses were built by Mrs. Abbie Allen, the widow of Moses J. Allen, who is listed in early city directories as Rev. Moses Allen. Moses and Abbie Allen lived in various rental houses in South Austin, for a long while on Nickerson Street. Moses Allen died in 1934, and by 1940, Abbie Allen was living as a lodger in the home of Mrs. M.J. Thornberry on W. Johanna Street (M.J.'s son was Homer Thornberry, who later rose to prominence in the legal profession). While still living on W. Johanna Street, Abbie Allen built the front house on this property in 1937 as a rental property. She then built the second house as an addition to the existing garage around 1940, and moved into the rear house around 1946. She lived here until her death in 1955. Since that time, the houses have been rented out to a variety of tenants.

STAFF COMMENTS

Neither house appears in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Neither house warrants individual landmark designation due to a lack of architectural or historical significance, but both houses would be contributing to a probable historic district in this neighborhood; staff recommends retention and re-use of the houses if possible in an effort to maintain the historic character of Lockhart Drive.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

CASE#: HDP-2014-0272
LOCATION: 509 Lockhart Drive



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509 Lockhart Drive
ca. 1937 front house; ca. 1940 back house



Front house – ca. 1937



Back house – ca. 1940
OCCUPANCY HISTORY
509 Lockhart Drive

- 1952 Wenfield C. and Eldora M. Sundbeck, renters
Repairman
B: Abbie F. Allen, owner
 Widow, Moses J. Allen
 No occupation listed
- 1949 William H. and Dorothy Mallard, renters
Director, Bedding Department Division, State Health Department
B: Abbie F. Allen, owner
 Widow, M.J. Allen
 No occupation listed
- 1947 William H. and Dorothy Mallard, renters
Director, Bedding Division, State Health Department
B: Abbie F. Allen, owner
 No occupation listed
- 1944-45 Marion E. and Martha Spry, renters
Engineer, Phillips Petroleum, 807-09 Brown Building
NOTE: Abbie F. Allen is not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Marvin and Dorothy Hawkins, renters
Assistant director, School Census, State Department of Education
NOTE: Abbie F. Allen is listed at 109 W. Johanna Street; she was the widow of
Moses J. Allen and had no occupation listed.
- 1940 Marvin and Dorothy Hawkins, renters
Chief clerk, State Department of Education
- 1939 Marvin and Dorothy J. Hawkins, renters
Assistant department manager, no place of employment listed.
- 1937 Vacant
- 1935 The address is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Mrs. Abbie Allen (ca. 1946 – ca. 1955)

Moses and Abba Allen appear in the 1930 U.S. Census as the renters of the house at 1604 Nickerson Street in Austin. Moses Allen was then 65, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Abba Allen was then 53, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. With them lived Billy and Sally Bruns; Billy Bruns was a baking teacher at the School for the Deaf. Moses J. Allen died in 1934.

Abigail Allen is shown as a lodger in the home of M.J. Thornberry at 109 W. Johanna Street in the 1940 U.S. Census. Abigail Allen was then a 64-year old Texas-born widow with no occupation listed. M.J. Thornberry was also a 64-year old widow; her son, Homer Thornberry, a lawyer, also lived with the women.

MRS. ABBIE FAUBION ALLEN

Mrs. Abbie Faubion Allen, 509B Lockhart Drive, died in a local hospital Monday morning.

She was the widow of the late Rev. M. J. Allen.

Survivors are a nephew, Bill Faubion of Leander, and three nieces, Mrs. Weldon Shows of Houston, Mrs. Margaret White of Austin and Mrs. Agnes Stanford of Burnet; four step-daughters, Mrs. T. N. Barton of Taft, Mrs. W. A.

Dykes of Lubock, Miss Lola Allen of Lubbock and Mrs. C. C. Pinson of San Antonio, and three stepsons, M. J. Allen of San Antonio, Lee O. Allen of Brownfield and J. Rector Allen of Austin.

Services will be on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at Cook Funeral Home with Dr. C. W. Hall and Rev. Melton Bohmfalk officiating.

Obituary of Abbie Allen
Austin American, October 18, 1955

MRS. ABBIE FAUBION ALLEN

Funeral services for Mrs. Abbie Faubion Allen will be held Wednes-

day at 2:30 p. m. at Cook Funeral Home with Dr. C. W. Hall officiating, assisted by Rev. Milton Bohmfalk.

Pallbearers will be F. J. Amsler, Dr. E. C. Baum, Walter Faubion, Louis Giddens, E. D. McCullough, and Clarence McCullough. Burial will be in Bagdad Cemetery, Leander.

Funeral notice for Abbie Allen
Austin American, October 19, 1955

Marvin and Dorothy Hawkins (ca. 1938 – ca. 1943)

Marvin and Dorothy Hawkins appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Marvin Hawkins was then 31, had been born in Texas, and was the chief clerk in the State Department of Education. Dorothy Hawkins was then 30, had been born in Alabama, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Mabel Jane, 5; and Marvin John, 1. In addition,

Dorothy's sister, Rebecca Simpson, 24, lived with them. Rebecca was a stenographer in the State Department of Education.

Mrs. Abbie F. Allen 509 Lockhart Drive

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Blue Bonnet Hills

Residence & garage

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Building permit to Abbie F. Allen for the construction of the house and garage (1937)

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water.

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS No. 5118 124

Mrs. A. F. Allen Address 509 Lockhart Dr
 Plumber Gissel Size of Tap 1/2 Date 2-15-37

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection	2/16/37	No. Fittings	1
Size of Tap Made	1/2	Curb Cock	5/4
Size Service Made	3/4	Elbow	
Size Main Tapped	2"	St. Elbow	3/4 x 1/2
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	2' 0"	Bushing	3/4 x 1/2
From F. Prop. Line to Curb Cock	10' 6"	Reducer	3/4 x 1/2
Location of Meter	47-CURB	Pipe	1/2" Comp 24.00 P.P.P.P.
Type of Box	Lock	Nipples	
Depth of Main in	14"	Union	
Depth of Service Line	12"	Plug	
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	1'	Tee	1 Stop BOX-24x-24x-24x-24
Checked by Engr. Dept.	4-9-37	Box	1 Lock
	INDEXED	Lid	1
		Valves	1-24x24 TAPS
		Req. No.	14579

Foreman's Signature DENSON

Water service permit to Mrs. A.F. Allen for the house at 509 Lockhart Drive (1937)

Mrs. Abbie Fabian Allen

509 Lockhart Dr.

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stucco res. attached to gar.

19799 - 6-14-40

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Building permit to Mrs. Abbie Fabian Allen for the construction of the stucco rear house attached to the garage (1940)

WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No 18044 A
Sec. 124 Jul 13, 1940

Received of Mrs. A. F. Allen Date

Address 509 Lockhart, near
Twelve and no/100

Amount Twelve and no/100 \$ 2.50

Plumber Frey

Date of Connection 7-5-40

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'

From Prop. Line to Curb Cock 21'

Location of Meter CURB

Type of Box V.C.M.

Depth of Main in CURB 18"

Depth of Service Line 12"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 1'

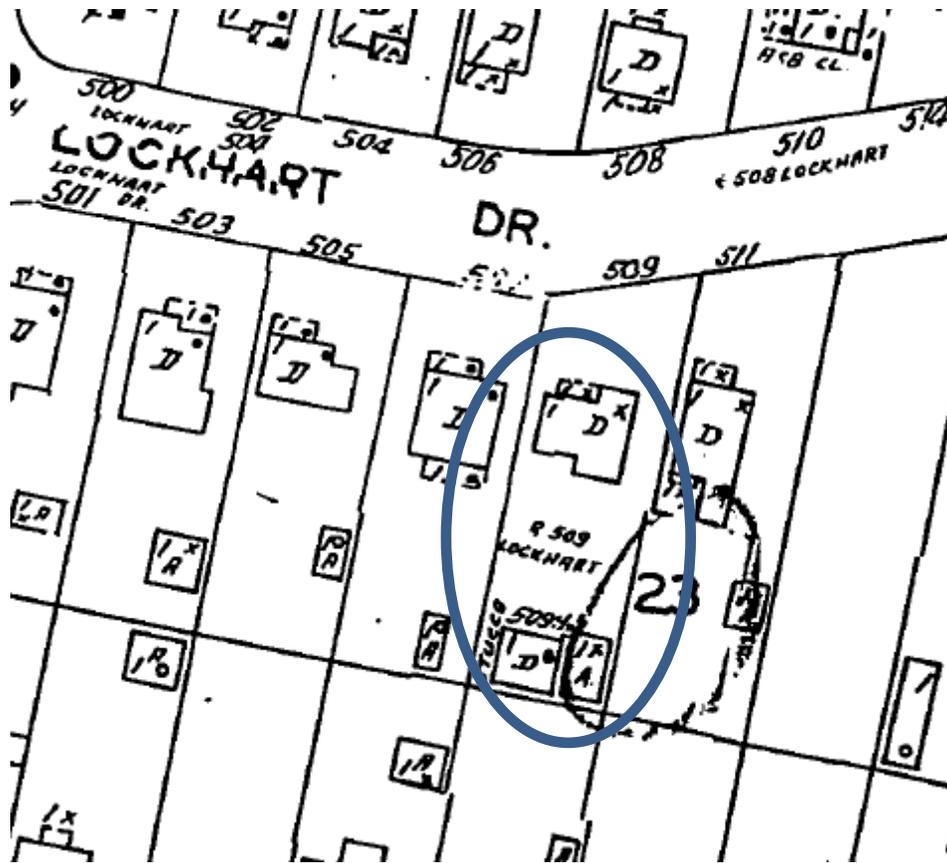
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No. Fittings	Size	Tap
1	Curb Cock 5/8"	1/2"
1	Elbow	
1	St. Elbow	
1	Bushing 3/4x1/2"	
1	Reducer 3/4x1/2"	
1	Pipe 3/4 CAP PER	
1	Lead Comp. 3/4 CONNECTION	
1	Nipples	
1	Union 3/4x1/2"	
1	Plug 3/4x1/2"	
1	Te 2 1/2"	
1	Stop	
1	Box	
1	Lid	
	Values	
	Job No. 1218	
	Req. No. 48643	
	PERSON	

Water service permit to Mrs. Allen for the rear house (1940)



The site of the current house is shown as vacant on the 1935 Sanborn map.



The 1962 Sanborn map shows the current house and the back house.