## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION JULY 14, 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 one-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled stuccoed frame building with 1:1 fenestration.

### RESEARCH

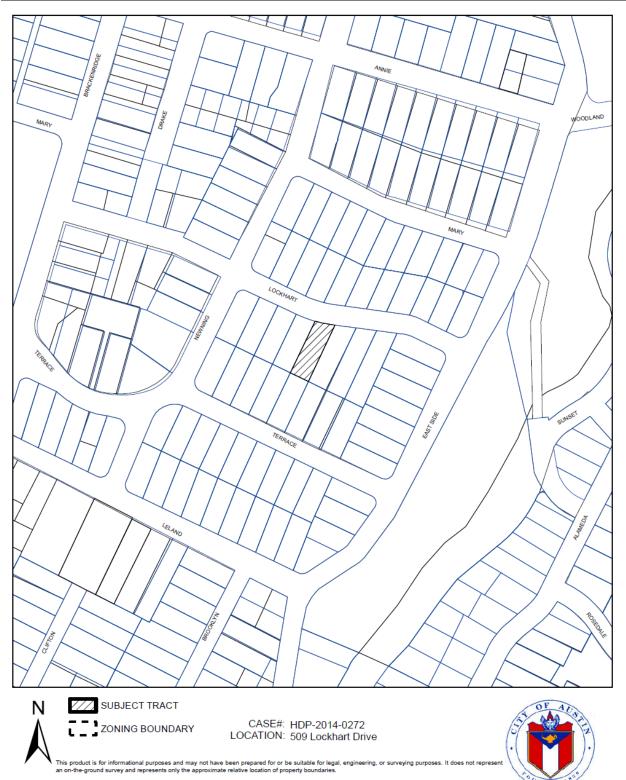
The houses were built by Mrs. Abbie Allen, the widow of Moses J. Allen, who is listed in early city directories as Rev. Moses Allen. Moses and Abbie Allen lived in various rental houses in South Austin, for a long while on Nickerson Street. Moses Allen died in 1934, and by 1940, Abbie Allen was living 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; while staff is sympathetic to the creation of a locally-designated historic district in this neighborhood, and the front house would probably be contributing to that proposed district, this case needs to be decided more immediately than in the time necessary to nominate a historic district. Staff recommends release of 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.



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509 Lockhart Drive

Back house – ca. 1940 OCCUPANCY HISTORY 509 Lockhart Drive City Directory Research, Austin History Center By City Historic Preservation Office February, 2012

1990	A: B:	Ruben Haga, renter Technician NOTE: The directory indicates that Ruben Haga was a new resident at this address. Shirley Smith, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Shirley Smith was a new resident at this address.	
1985-86	A: B:	Kelli A. Baxter, renter Manager, University of Texas Terence Peak, renter Student	
1981	A: B:	No return Vacant	
1977	A: B:	Heath and Janet Nuckolls, renters Manager (named), Denny's Restaurant, 7100 N. Interregional Highway. Susan E. Wallace, renter Student NOTE: The directory indicates that Susan E. Wallace was a new resident at this address.	
1973	A: B:	Ann Olmstead, renter Technician, Texas School for the Deaf Allen Feld, renter Librarian, Austin <u>American-Statesman</u> NOTE: The directory indicates that Allen Feld was a new resident at this address.	
1969	A: B:	Douglas and Marilyn Ross, renters Surveyor, City of Austin B.S. Crump, renter No occupation listed	
1962	A: B:	Eva Owens, renter Widow, John C. Owens No occupation listed Jeffrey and Lois E. Harrell, renters Field assistant, State Game and Fish Commission	
1957		<ul> <li>C. and Earlene Faubion, renters</li> <li>Post Office</li> <li>Winston and Margaret Faubion, renters</li> <li>Winston: Book-keeper, City Meat market, wholesale meats, 2425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.</li> <li>Margaret: Cashier, E.M. Scarbrough &amp; Sons, department store, 522 Congress Avenue.</li> </ul>	

1952	Wenfield C. and Eldora M. Sundbeck, renters Repairman B: Abbie F. Allen, owner Widow, Moses J. Allen No occupation listed		
1949	<ul> <li>William H. and Dorothy Mallard, renters</li> <li>Director, Bedding Department Division, State Health Department</li> <li>B: Abbie F. Allen, owner</li> <li>Widow, M.J. Allen</li> <li>No occupation listed</li> </ul>		
1947	<ul> <li>William H. and Dorothy Mallard, renters</li> <li>Director, Bedding Division, State Health Department</li> <li>B: Abbie F. Allen, owner</li> <li>No occupation listed</li> </ul>		
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 Bohmfolk-officiating.

Obituary of Abbie Allen Austin <u>American</u>, 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.

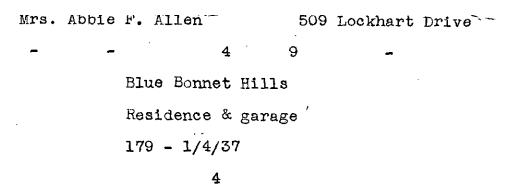
Pallbearers will be F. J. Amsler, Dr. E. C. Baum. Walter Faubion, Louis Giddens, E. D. McCullough, and Clarence McCullough, Burial will be in Bagdad Cemetery, Leander.

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.



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

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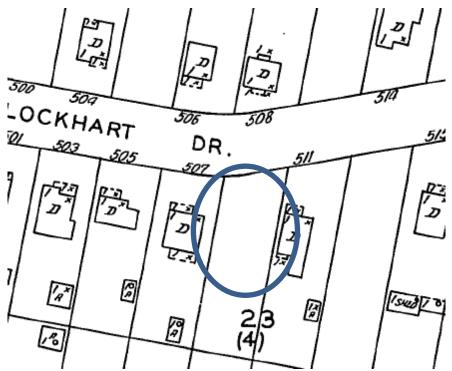
Water service permit to Mrs. A.F. Allen for the house at 509 Lockhart Drive (1937)

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

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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.

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