

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 14, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0100
502 E. MONROE STREET**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1926 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, clipped side-gabled frame house with a central, partial-width, clipped front-gabled independent porch on ornamental metal posts; double front doors; single 1:1 fenestration with double 6:6 modern vinyl windows on the sides; the replacement windows do not fit the original window openings and there is wood infill around them; synthetic siding.

RESEARCH

The house was built ca. 1926 by Travis County Clerk Fred Malone as an investment property. Malone built several houses in the neighborhood, including the house just to the west at 500 E. Monroe Street, which has been rehabilitated and preserved; it is a city historic landmark. The first occupants of the house were Charles W. and Bertha Schubbert, who rented the house from the time of its construction until around 1936. Charles Schubbert was an electrician and a movie projectionist at the Queen Theater, which was at the northwest corner of 7th Street and Congress Avenue. They moved around 1936, when they bought a house on Kerr Street in the Zilker neighborhood. The house was then rented through the early 1950s to a variety of tenants, including a highway patrolman, a recorder for the State Highway Planning Survey, the manager of a processed cheese plant, a stenographer, and a printing press operator. By the mid-1950s, the house had been purchased by Louie J. and Irene Castillo Roberts, who lived here until around the time of Irene's death in late 1988. Louie J. Roberts had a series of jobs while he and Irene lived in this house – he was a building custodian at the University of Texas and a laborer for the State Highway Department. He spent his retirement in this house.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984) but without a priority for research.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage the applicant to rehabilitate and preserve the house and to made additions to the house rather than demolish it. While the house does not appear to qualify as a historic landmark, it should be given great consideration as a rehabilitation project rather than a tear-down, as Monroe is a very visible street cutting across the heart of South Austin, and its historic character should be retained to the greatest extent possible. If the Commission votes to release the demolition permit, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, and in any case, before release of the permit, the preparation of a City of Austin Documentation Package consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history of the house for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0100

LOCATION: 502 E Monroe Street

1" = 179'

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502 E. Monroe Street
ca. 1926



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 502 E. Monroe Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
January, 2008

1992	Penny MacCalla, owner No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Penny MacCalla was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Louie J. and Irene C. Roberts, owners Retired
1981	Louie J. and Irene C. Roberts, owners Retired
1976	Louie J. and Irene S. Roberts, owners Retired
1971	Louie J. and Irene S. Roberts, owners Retired
1967	Louie J. and Irene S. Roberts, owners Laborer, State Highway Department

1963	Louis J. and Irene Roberts, owners Custodian, University of Texas
1959	Louie J. and Irene Roberts, owners Building maintenance, University of Texas
1957	Louie J. and Irene Roberts, owners Salesman, State Blind School
1954	Winifred A. Watterson, renter Stenographer, State Industrial Accident Board
1952	Winifred A. Watterson, renter Clerk, State Commission for the Blind
1949	Daniel H. McDowell, renter Pressman, Capitol Printing Company, 616 Lavaca Street
1947	Virginia Doherty, renter No occupation listed
1944-45	Fred A. and Virginia Doherty, renters Fred: No occupation listed Virginia: Clerk, State Board of Insurance Commissioners, Casualty Division
1942	Marshall C. and Pauline L. Smith, renters Recorder, State Highway Planning Survey
1941	Vacant
1940	Charles B. and Doris Thompson, renters Manager, Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corporation, 509 E. 7 th Street
1939	Charles B. and Doris Thompson, renters Manager, Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corporation, 509 E. 7 th Street
1937	Eugene M. and Anona L. Wells, renters Patrolman, State Highway Patrol
1935	Charles W. and Bertha Schubbert, renters Operator, Queen Theater, 700-02 Congress Avenue
1932-33	Charles W. and Bertha Schubbert, renters Projectionist
1930-31	Charles W. and Bertha Schubbert, renters Projectionist
1929	Charles W. and Bertha Schubert, renters Electrician
1927	Vacant

NOTE: Charles Schubbert (Bertha is not listed) is listed as living at 605 Highland Avenue; he listed his occupation as an operator at the Queen Theater, 700-02 Congress Avenue.

1924 The address is not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Charles W. and Bertha Schubbert (ca. 1928 – ca. 1936)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Charles W. and Bertha Schubbert as the renters of this house. Charles W. Schubbert was then 36, had been born in Texas to a German-born father, and was a motion picture projectionist. Bertha Schubbert was then 30, had been born in Texas to German-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Doris, 4; and Rosemarie, 2. The 1940 U.S. Census shows the family as the owners of the house at 1700 Kerr Street in South Austin. Charles Schubbert was listed as a theater projectionist. Bertha Schubbert had no occupation listed.

CHARLES N. SCHUBBERT

Charles N. Schubbert, 77, of 606 W. 8th St., died in a local hospital Wednesday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Schubbert of Austin, a step-daughter, Mrs. T. Shuffield of Austin; a step-son, C. L. Stobaugh of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Rose Lock of Houston and Mrs. Doris Butler of Austin.

Funeral is pending at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home.

Obituary of Charles W. Schubbert
Austin American, August 27, 1970

CHARLES W. SCHUBBERT

Charles W. Schubbert, 77, of 605 West 8th St., died in a local hospital Wednesday.

He had been a resident of Austin for 53 years, was a charter member of VFW No. 806, a member of Woodman of the World for 52 years, a veteran of World War I, and for 51 years was a movie projectionist in Austin.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elise Schubbert of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Rose Lock of Houston and Mrs. Doris Butler of Austin; step daughter, Mrs. T. Shuffield of Austin; and step son, C. L. Stobaugh of Tulsa; and three grandchildren.

Funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Wood-Corley Funeral Home. Rev. Ken Thompson will officiate, and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be John C. Beckham Jr., Charles W. Root, W. E. Simpson, Jr., Louis L. Derrick, James H. Maloy and H. W. Myerly.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of IATSE and Local No. 205, and E. J. Miller, international vice president of I.A.

SCHUBERT, Bertha, 1215 Arcadia, died Sunday. Graveside services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Austin Memorial Park. Survivors: daughters, Doris Butler of Austin, Mrs. W.G. Lock of Houston; four grandchildren. (Weed-Corley)

Obituary of Bertha Schubbert
Austin American-Statesman, December 27, 1977

Charles and Doris Thompson (1938 – ca. 1940)

Charles and Doris Thompson appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the owners of the house at 4403 Duval Street in Austin. Charles Thompson was then 30, had been born in Oklahoma, and was the manager of a cheese products business. Doris Thompson was then 31, had been born in Oklahoma, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters: Betty, 7; and Carol, 2. With them lived Doris Thompson's mother, Mertie Attaway, a 63-year old Georgia-born widow with no occupation listed.

Unless the Plumbing is done in strict accordance with City Ordinances, do not turn on the water. No. A 883

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE Austin, Texas

M. Fred Malone Address 5028 Mammoth St.

Plumber Shunkham Size of Tap 1 1/2 Date July 16 '26

Date of Connection 7/17/26

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 6"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 81 ft.

Location of Meter in Side Prop.

Type of Box Small

Depth of Main in St. 14"

" " Service Line 10"

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 26'

Checked by Engr. Dept. [Signature]

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Foreman's Report.

No.	Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock	3/4
1	Elbow	3/4
2	St. Elbow	3/4
2	Bushing	3/4
2	Reducer	1 1/2
1	Lead Comp.	1 1/2
2	Nipples	3/4 x 3/4
1	Union	1 1/2
1	Plug	1 1/2
1	Stop	1 1/2
1	Box	1 1/2
1	Lid	1 1/2
1	Valves	1 1/2
	Req. No.	6376

Foreman's Signature Herring

Water service permit to Fred Malone for this address (1926)

130 Mrs. Joe Lung " 502 E. Monroe
 131 - 12M 50x100 -
 Fairview Park
 Addition to garage & relocate present bldg
 218n - 3/4/38
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Building permit to Mrs. Joe Lung for a garage addition and to relocate the existing garage (1938)

OWNER	Louie Roberts	ADDRESS	502 East Monroe St.
PLAT	130	LOT	2
		BLK	12M
SUBDIVISION	Fairview Park		
OCCUPANCY	Residence		
BLD PERMIT #	11029	DATE	10-8-68
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$990.00
CONTRACTOR	Texas Lumber Co.		NO. OF FIXTURES
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
Remodda exist. res.			

Building permit to Louie Roberts to remodel the house (1968)

NOTE: The windows on both side elevations of the house have been replaced with smaller, non-historic windows that have required infill in the original window openings.