

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2014
NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT PERMITS
NRD-2014-0068
806 PATTERSON AVENUE
WEST LINE

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1917 house that is contributing to the Historic District.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled raised bungalow with a central, partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch; single 1:1 fenestration with 3:1 wood screens.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1917; the first known occupants were L. (Leander) Fletcher and Nannie Walker, who lived here until 1919. L. Fletcher Walker was a Louisiana-born carpenter who had come to Austin and was living with his carpenter brother before he got married. He worked at Kuntz-Sternenberg Lumber Company. James T. and Katie Logue lived here in 1920 – he was from San Antonio, where he had worked as a trunk-maker; while living here, he was a trunk-maker for Robert Mueller and Brother, the city's largest luggage manufacturer at the time. Around 1921, the house was owned and occupied by William R. and Neffie Warrick. William R. Warrick was a clerk with the U.S. Post Inspector's Office. He later moved to Fort Worth and continued in the same occupation there. The Warricks lived here until around 1934. Norman and Jessie Metz rented the house in the late 1930s. Norman Metz was originally from New Braunfels, and was an accountant and rate clerk for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. From just after World War II until their deaths in the 1970s, the house was the home of Russell and LaVada Rees. Russell Rees worked for the State Employment Commission for many years. After LaVada Rees died in 1979, the house was rented out for a short time, but then occupied by their daughter, Annette, who was married to Dave Troxell; they are listed as the residents in the 1992 city directory.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is listed as contributing to the West Line National Register Historic District.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Postpone to September 22, 2014 to fully evaluate alternatives to demolition of this house. The house is contributing to the historic district, has a high level of integrity, and represents an architectural style that was typical of the neighborhood at the time of its early development; the house is also one of a few on Patterson that are set on the hillside, making this block of Patterson unique in the city for its architecture and the adaptation of houses to the terrain.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: NRD-2014-0068
LOCATION: 806 Patterson Avenue



1" = 101'

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806 Patterson Avenue
ca. 1917



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 806 Patterson Avenue

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

1992	Dave K. and Annette Troxell, renters Sales clerk, 7-11
1985-86	Vacant
1981	No return
1977	LaVada Rees, owner Widow, Russell Rees Retired
1973	LaVada Rees, owner Widow, Russell Rees Retired
1968	Russell and LaVada Rees, owners Retired
1962	Russell L. and LaVada Rees, owners Employed by the State Employment Commission

- 1959 Russell L. and LaVada Rees, owners
Interviewer, State Employment Commission
- 1955 Russell L. and Mollie L. Rees, owners
Interviewer, State Employment Commission
- 1952 Russell L. and Vada Rees, owners
Clerk, State Employment Commission
- 1949 Russell L. and LaVada Rees, owners
Clerk, Texas Employment Commission
- 1947 Russell L. and Mollie Rees, owners
Claims examiner, Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission
- 1944-45 James T. and Wilma Estep, renters
Driver, Austin Transit Company
- Charles Lindgren, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: Russell and LaVada Rees are not listed in the directory.
- 1941 Norman A. and Jessie Metz, renters
Clerk, Missouri Pacific Lines
- 1939 Norman A. and Jessie Metz, renters
Clerk, Missouri Pacific Lines
- 1937 Norman A. and Jessie Metz, renters
Rate clerk, Missouri Pacific Lines
NOTE: The address is listed as 806 Avenue C.
- 1935 Unknown
NOTE: Norman A. and Jessie Metz are listed at 1620 Barton Springs Road; he was a rate clerk for the Missouri Pacific Railroad.
NOTE: The address is not listed on Patterson Avenue, and there is no Avenue C listed in the directory except for the Avenue C in Hyde Park.
- 1932-33 William R. and Neffie Warrick, owners
Clerk, U.S. Postal Inspector
- 1930-31 William R. and Neffie Warrick, owners
William: Clerk, U.S. Postal Inspector
Neffie: Manager, American Baker and Café No. 3, 410-12 W. 6th Street.
- 1929 William R. and Neffie Warrick, owners
Clerk, U.S. Postal Inspector
- 1927 William R. and Neffie Warrick, owners
Clerk, Post Office
- 1924 William R. and Neffie Warrick, owners
Clerk, Post Office

- 1922 William R. and Neffie Warrick, owners
Clerk, Post Office
- 1920 James T. and Katie Logue, renters
Trunkmaker, Robert Mueller & Brother, 510 Congress Avenue.
NOTE: William R. and Neffie Warrick are listed at 608 Patterson Avenue; he was a clerk at the Post Office.
- 1918 L. Fletcher and Nannie Walker, owners
Carpenter, Kuntz-Sternenberg Lumber Company, 601-05 E. 5th Street.
- 1916 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: L. Fletcher and Nannie Walker are not listed in the directory. In the 1914 city directory, L. Fletcher Walker is listed as a carpenter boarding at 112 W. 30th Street.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

L(eander) Fletcher and Nannie Walker (ca. 1917 – ca. 1919)

Leander Fletcher Walker's 1917 World War I draft registration card shows that he was living at this address. He was born June 1, 1892 in Washington, Louisiana, and that he was a carpenter for Kuntz-Sternenberg Lumber Company in Austin. He was married and had a child.

Fletcher Walker appears in the 1910 U.S. Census living with his brother, J.F. Walker at 1016 E. 6th Street in Austin. He was 16, had been born in Louisiana, and was a carpenter doing odd jobs. His brother, J.F., was 26, had been born in France, and was also an odd jobs carpenter.

James T. and Katie Logue (ca. 1919 – ca. 1921)

James T. and Katie Logue appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. James T. Logue was 35, had been born in Tennessee, and was a trunk-maker in a trunk factory. Katie Logue was 32, had been born in Kansas, and had no occupation listed. They had a 4-year old daughter, Ruth, who had been born in Texas. He and Katie were living in San Antonio in 1918, according to his World War I draft registration card, which shows that he was working as a trunk maker there. By 1930, he and Katie were again living in San Antonio, where he was working as a salesman. James T. Logue died in San Antonio in 1957.

William R. and Neffie Warrick (ca.1921 – ca. 1934)

The 1930 U.S. Census shows William Ross and Neffie Warrick as the owners of this house, which was worth \$3,500. William R. Warrick was 33, had been born in Texas, and was a Post Office clerk. Neffie Warrick was 34, had been born in Texas, and was a saleslady in a store. They had 2 children together: Dorothy Warrick, 10; and William A. Warrick, 8, as well as Neffie's son, Ben Henry Derson, 14. All of the children had been born in Texas.

The 1940 U.S. Census shows that William R. Warrick was now married to a woman named Margaret, and they were living in Fort Worth. William R. Warrick was an inspection clerk for the Post Office. Margaret Warrick was 29, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. Margaret had a daughter, Sylvia Ballard, 5. With them also lived Margaret's mother, Lydia Eastment, a 60-year old Virginia-born widow with no occupation listed.

Norman A. and Jessie Metz (ca 1936 – ca. 1943)

Norman and Jessie Metz appear as the renters of this house in the 1940 U.S. Census. Norman Metz was 38, had been born in Texas, and was a rate clerk and accountant for the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Jessie Metz was 31, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had a daughter, Mary Lynn, 1. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Norman Metz as the 28-

year old son of August and Ellie Metz of New Braunfels, Texas. Norman Metz was a ticket clerk for the railroad. His father was a butcher in a butcher shop.

Norman A. Metz

Norman A. Metz, 89, of Austin, passed away Wednesday.

Mr. Metz was an active member of the University Presbyterian Church for over 50 years.

Survivors include wife, Jessie Metz, Austin; daughter, Mary Sewell, Waco; grandchildren, Lisa Harper, Dallas and Mark Sewell, Germany; great-grandchild, Jessica Harper, Dallas; and a niece, Ellen Armstrong, Houston.

Funeral service, 10:00 AM, Monday at Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home,

with Reverend Woody Berry officiating. Burial, Comal Cemetery, New Braunfels, 12:00 noon.

Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Friendship Fund of University Presbyterian Church, or American Cancer Society.

Services under the direction of Wilke-Amey-Clay Funeral Home.

Obituary of Norman A. Metz
Austin American-Statesman, February 16, 1991

Russell L. and LaVada Rees (ca. 1946 – ca. 1979)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Russell and Lavada Rees living in Albany, Texas, where they owned a home. Russell Rees was 42, had been born in Illinois, and was a tool dresser for an oilfield drilling company. Lavada Rees was 38, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 daughters, Marjorie, 11, and Ilene, 2. Both girls had been born in Texas. His World War I draft registration card shows that Russell L. Rees was born in Chicago in 1897, and was a cream tester for the Edmonton City Dairy in Edmonton, Alberta. The 1920 U.S. Census shows him living in Spokane, Washington, where he was the book-keeper for a lumber company.

R. L. REES

R. L. Rees, 73, of 806 Patterson, died Friday in a local hospital.

Lees was a member of the United Pentecostal Church, and the Hill City Lodge No. 456 AFEAM. He had been a resident of Austin and Travis County 26 years and was retired as a claims adjuster with The Texas Employment Commission, after 16 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lavada Rees of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. E. D. (Marjorie) Troxell of Austin, and Mrs. Dan (Ilene) Uzzell of Austin; a sister, Mrs. Russell Fischer of Clenda; a brother, William H. Rees of San Angelo; and five grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, with the Rev. Edith Sharpe, pastor of United Pentecostal Church, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be E. D. Troxell, Dan Uzzell, Norman Boggs, Jimmy Krebs, Sonny Sharpe and Gene Simpson.

Obituary of Russell L. Rees
Austin American-Statesman, June 5, 1971

REES, Lavada, 77, of Austin, died Sunday. Services pending at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home. Survivors: daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Troxell, Mrs. Ilene Guthrie, both of Austin; sister, Mrs. Alice Courtney of Cisco; brother, Boone Boggs of Cisco; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Obituary of LaVada Rees
Austin American-Statesman, November 12, 1979