

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 25, 2014
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2014-0690
91½ RED RIVER STREET

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1904 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with a partial-width, shed-roofed, independent porch on plain, square wood posts; single and paired 1:1 fenestration; standing seam metal roof.

RESEARCH

The house was built around 1904. The first known occupant was Page McDannell, who had a wholesale liquor business on E. 6th Street. He lived here until 1906, when he passed away. The house was occupied by Mrs. E.J. Harvill for a few years, and then by a candy maker for McNamara Brothers, a local confectioner; then from around 1913 to around 1920, the house was occupied by Domenico Milice (variously spelled as Milicia, Melicia). Domenico was a native Italian, who ran saloons in and around the current Warehouse District (but at that time, in the city's red light district) before opening a grocery business on the east side, where he later moved. Michele (Mike) and Lydia Falcone then occupied the house from around 1920 until their deaths in the early 1960s. Mike Falcone was also a native of Italy, and first work in a granite mine, like many of his compatriots. He then worked for the City utilities in various capacities, and finally became a tile setter, first with Trafton Tile and Marble, and later with Capitol Tile Service, and his son's business, Modern Tile Service. After Mike and Lydia Falcone's deaths in the 1960s, the house became a rental property.

STAFF COMMENTS





The house is not within the Rainey Street National Register Historic District, but is listed as a priority 2 for research in the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but 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.

LOCATION MAP



-   SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0690
LOCATION: 91 1/2 Red River Street

1" = 176'

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91½ Red River Street
ca. 1904



OCCUPANCY HISTORY
91½ Red River Street

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

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| 1992 | Miller Sparks, renter
No occupation listed
NOTE: The directory indicates that Miller Sparks was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | Doug Breeding, renter
No occupation listed |
| 1981 | The address is not listed in the directory. |
| 1977 | Vacant |
| 1973 | Vacant |
| 1968 | Delia Meece, renter
Proprietor, Del's Tavern (not listed in the directory) |

- 1962 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
No occupation listed
- 1960 Michael Falcone, owner
No occupation listed
- 1955 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
No occupation listed
- 1952 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Helper, Modern Tile Service (Delis Falcone, proprietor), 4406 Lamar
Boulevard.
- 1949 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Mechanic.
- 1947 Michael and Lidia E. Falcone, owners
Helper, Modern Tile Company (not listed in the directory)
Also listed are Jack R. and Amy M. Falcone; he was an apprentice at
Modern Tile.
- 1944-45 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Helper, Capitol Tile Company, 610 W. 6th Street.
- 1942 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Helper, Capitol Tile Service, 203 E. Riverside Drive.
- 1940 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
No occupation listed
- 1939 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Helper, Trafton Tile and Marble Company, 219 W. 4th Street.
- 1937 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Helper, Trafton Tile and Marble Company, 203 Congress Avenue.
Also listed is Mrs. Nettie F. Bradshaw, no occupation stated.
- 1935 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Operator, City Water, Light, and Power Department
NOTE: The house is listed as 93 Red River Street; consistent with
Sanborn maps
- 1932-33 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Laborer, City Water, Light and Power Department
Also listed is Delis Falcone, a helper at Trafton Tile and Marble Company.
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1929 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
No occupation listed
Also listed is Delis Falcone, tile worker

NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.

- 1927 Michael and Lydia Falcone, owners
Coal passer, City Water and Light Department
Also listed is Delis Falcone, no occupation stated.
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1924 Vacant
NOTE: Michele and Lydia Falcone are listed at 3700 West Avenue, where they had a grocery. Victoria Falcone is listed at 93 Red River; she was an operator with Mrs. Frithlof Schneider, beauty shop, hair dressers, massage, manicuring, permanent waves, Turkish baths, art goods, and toilet articles, 612 Colorado Street.
- 1922 Michael and Lydia Falcone, renters
Clerk
Also listed is Victoria Falcone, no occupation stated.
NOTE: Domenico Milice is listed as a grocer living at 2707 E. 5th Street.
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1920 Domenico and Cruz Milice, owners
Grocer, 2707 E. 5th Street
NOTE: Of the Falcones, only Victoria is listed in the 1922 directory. She is listed as a student residing at 94 Red River Street.
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1918 Domenico and Cruz Milice, renters
Saloon, 309 E. 5th Street
NOTE: Michael and Lydia Falcone are listed at 507 E. 3rd Street; he had no occupation listed.
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1916 Domenico Milice
Saloon operator, 309 E. 5th Street
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1914 Domenico Milice
Saloon operator, 201 W. 2nd Street
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1912-13 Vacant
NOTE: Domenico Milice (shown in the directory as Melicia) was the proprietor of a saloon at 308 Colorado Street; he lived at 1422 Willow Street.
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1910-11 John S. Kemper
Candy maker, McNamara Brothers, 318 Congress Avenue.
- 1909-10 The address is not listed in the directory.

- 1906-07 Mrs. E.J. Harvill
No occupation listed
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
NOTE: Page McDannell is listed at 94 Red River Street; he was a dealer in wholesale liquors at 413 E. 6th Street.
- 1905 W. Page McDannell
Wholesale liquors, 209 E. 6th Street
NOTE: The address is listed as 93 Red River Street.
- 1903-04 Unknown. W. Page McDennell is listed at 209 E. 6th Street, his place of business. He sold liquors, wines, and cigars.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:**W. Page McDannell (ca. 1904 – ca. 1906)**

Page McDannell.

Page McDannell, aged 77 years, and one of Austin's oldest and best known business men, died yesterday afternoon shortly after 6 o'clock at his residence, 209 East Sixth street.

Mr. McDannell had been in bad health for two years or more, though the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, which he contracted some two weeks ago.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Will McDannell of this city, and a brother in San Angelo. Announcement of the funeral will be made later.

Obituary of Page McDannell
Austin Statesman, January 7, 1906

Domenico and Cruz Milice (ca. 1913 – ca. 1920)

The 1910 U.S. Census shows Domenico and Cruz Milice living at 1412 Willow Street; Domenico was the proprietor of a restaurant. Domenico and Cruz Milice appear in the 1920 U.S. Census at an unlisted address, but they are shown to own the house. Domenico Milice was 42, had been born in Italy, and is listed as a merchant. Cruz Milice was 28, had been born in Texas to Mexican-born parents, and had no occupation listed. They had 5 children, ranging in age from 2 to 13. All of the children had been born in Texas.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Domenico and Mary Milice living at 2733 E. 5th Street, a house they owned, and which was worth \$1,000. Domenico Milice is listed as the proprietor of a grocery store. Mary Milice (Cruz) had no occupation listed, but is now shown as a native of Mexico. Their 5 children lived with them; son Angelo, 21, was a truck driver for the State Highway Department, and son Joe, 17, was a helper in a tile business.

DOMENCIO MILICIA

Domencio Milicia died at his home, 98 Lynn, Monday. He is survived by his wife, Mary C. Milicia; four daughters, Mrs. Mary M. Moreno, Mrs. Angelina Lopez and Mrs. Connie Flores, Austin, and Mrs. Ann Jones, San Angelo; and four sons, Angelo Milicia, Joe Milicia and Raymond Milicia, Austin, and Toney Milicia, Fort Worth.

Rosary services will be said at 6 p. m. Tuesday at Cook Funeral Home. Mass will be held 8 a. m. Wednesday at the Christo Rey Catholic Church. Burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Obituary of Domenico Milicia
Austin American, August 23, 1955

DOMENCIO MILICIA

Mass for Domencio Milicia, Austin groceryman for 15 years, will be held Wednesday at 8 a. m. in the Christ Rey Catholic Church with Father Goertz officiating. Burial will be in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Notice of the funeral mass for Domenico Milicia
Austin American, August 24, 1955

Mike and Lydia Falcone (ca. 1920 – ca. 1964)

Mike and Lydia Falcone appear in the 1920 U.S. Census as the renters of this house. Mike Falcone was 46, had been born in Italy, and was a foreman in a granite mining operation. Lydia Falcone was 36, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 3 children: Charles, 21; Debo, 9; and Victoria, 16. All the children had been born in Texas. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Michael and Liddie Falconi living at 1705 Willow Street; they had 3 children: Amelia, 12, Charles, 10, and Victoria, 7. Michael was a saloon keeper.

The 1930 U.S. Census shows Mike and Lydia Falcone as the owners of this house, which has the old address of 93 Red River Street. The house was worth \$1,000. Mike Falcone is listed as a 53-year old Italian-born general laborer. Their son Debbs, 19, was a tile-setter's helper. No other family member had an occupation listed. The 1940 U.S. Census shows Mike and Lydia Falcone as the owners of this house, which has the current address of 91½ Red River Street. The house was worth \$1,500. Mike was a tile setter's helper; Lydia had no occupation listed. With them lived their son, Jack, 15, who had no occupation listed.

MICHELE FALCONE

Michele (Mike) Falcone, 89, of 91½ Red River died in a local hospital Tuesday. He has been a resident of Austin 62 years and was a retired tile-setter. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Victoria Roberts of Austin and Mrs. C. T. Pollard of Llano; three sons, Charles Falcone of Shreveport, La., Debs Falcone and Jack Falcone of Austin; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home Thursday at 10 a.m. with Rev. Frederick Juby officiating. Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Obituary of Mike Falcone
Austin American, August 22, 1962

MICHELE (MIKE) FALCONE

Funeral services for Michele (Mike) Falcone, 89, of 91½ Red River, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m., from the Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Frederick Juby of the Jehovah Witnesses Church, officiating. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 62 years and was a retired tile-setter.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lydia E. Falcone of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. Victoria Roberts of Austin and Mrs. Amelia Pollard of Llano; three sons, Charles Falcone of Shreveport, La., Debs Falcone and Jack Falcone, both of Austin. Burial will be in the Capital Memorial Gardens.

Funeral notice for Mike Falcone
Austin American, August 23, 1962

MRS. LYDIA E. FALCONE

Mrs. Lydia Elizabeth Falcone, 82, of 91½ Red River, died in a local hospital Monday. She had been a resident of Austin 64 years, was a member of Capital Plaza Jehovah's Witnesses Congregation and retired employe of The University of Texas.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. C. T. Pollard, Llano, and Mrs. Victoria Lester, Johnson City; three sons, Jack Falcone and Debs M. Falcone, Austin, and Charles Falcone, Shreveport, La.; sister, Mrs. Annie Haley, San Antonio; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. Frederick Juby officiating. Burial will be in Capitol Memorial Gardens.

Obituary of Lydia Falcone
Austin American, December 1, 1964