

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
AUGUST 25, 2014  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2014-0686  
1107 W. MONROE STREET**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

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**ARCHITECTURE**

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Two-and-a-half story, rectangular-plan, side-gabled raised frame house with numerous additions; combination of board-and-batten and horizontal wood siding; central entry with a front-gabled entry hood; single fenestration with 2:2 horizontal configuration.

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**RESEARCH**

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The house was built in 1946 by Lloyd Payne, a partner in Payne & Wiley, real estate developers. The first owner of the house was a young widow, Bethel Viola Prather, and her 6 children. Mrs. Prather had no occupation listed in the city directories. She lived here until around 1953. The house was then a rental property through the mid-1970s, when it was purchased by Jesse Masso, who is listed as the owner in the 1973 city directory. Jesse Masso was a salesman for the Kroger Family Center, a variety store. The house was a rental property again from the mid-1970s onward.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

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The house does not appear in any City survey.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has neither the architectural nor the historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, and has had alterations that do not justify documentation.

## LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2014-0686

LOCATION: 1107 W Monroe Street

1" = 148'

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1107 West Monroe Street  
ca. 1946



OCCUPANCY HISTORY  
1107 West Monroe Street

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

1992	George Macias, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that George Macias was a new resident at this address.
1985-86	Vacant
1981	Scott Hitzfield, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Scott Hitzfield was a new resident at this address.
1977	Jesus Avila, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Jesus Avila was a new resident at this address.
1973	Jesse Masso, owner Salesman, Kroger Family Center (several locations)

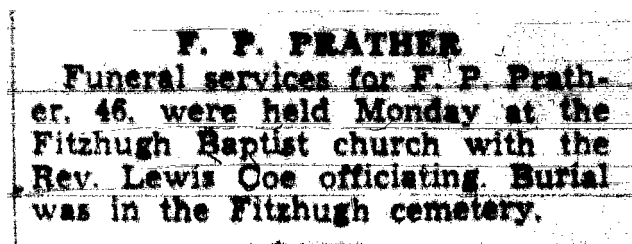
NOTE: The directory indicates that Jesse Masso was a new resident at this address.

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| 1968    | Vacant  |
| 1962    | Maria G. Sanchez, renter<br>Maid  |
| 1959    | Daniel and Sarah Villarreal, renters<br>Salesman, Bill-Jack Combs Autos, used cars, 301 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street.  |
| 1955    | Micla Alvarado, renter<br>Maid, William D. Blunk, assistant dean, University of Texas, 6400 Wilbur Drive.   |
| 1952    | Mrs. Bethel V. Prather, owner<br>No occupation listed   |
| 1949    | Mrs. Bethel V. Prather, owner<br>Not listed in the directory  |
| 1947    | Mrs. Bethel V. Prather, owner<br>Widow, Felix P. Prather<br>No occupation listed  |
| 1944-45 | The address is not listed in the directory.<br>NOTE: Bethel V. Prather is listed at 309 E. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street; she was the widow of Felix Prather and had no occupation listed. |

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Bethel V. Prather (ca. 1946 – ca. 1953)

Bethel V. Prather appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renter of the house at 2206 Willow Street in Austin. She was a 34-year old Texas-born widow whose occupation was driving passengers for a travel bureau. She had 6 children: Willie James, 15; Herbert, 13; Dosie, 10; Beverly, 6; Tommie Jean, 3; and Charles Larry, 1. All the children had been born in Texas and none had an occupation listed. The family had lived in rural Travis County in 1935. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Felix P. and Bethel Viola Prather living on a rented farm in rural Travis County. Felix Prather was 34 and had been born in Texas. He is listed as a farmer on a general farm. The 1920 U.S. Census shows Felix Prather as the son of F.H. and L.C. Prather, who farmed near Dripping Springs in Hays County, Texas. The census shows 75-year old F.H. Prather as a farmer; no other family member had an occupation listed. According to his death certificate, Felix Prather died of tuberculosis in 1939.



Obituary of Felix P. Prather  
Austin American, February 21, 1939

**MRS. BETHEL V. PRATHER**

Mrs. Bethel V. Prather, 65, of 103 W. Elizabeth, died Saturday in a local hospital. She was the widow of the late Felix Perry Prather and was a member of Fitzhugh Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Voydell Hayes, Mrs. Beverly Poehl, and Mrs. Tommie Horton, all of Austin; one son, Charles Larry Prather, also of Austin; 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the Chapel of Wilke-Clay Funeral Home, with Rev. A. D. Eberhart, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fitzhugh Cemetery.

Obituary of Bethel V. Prather  
Austin American-Statesman, November 14, 1971

**MRS. BETHEL V. PRATHER**

Funeral for Mrs. Bethel V. Prather, 65, of 103 W. Elizabeth, will be at 3 p.m. Monday from the Chapel of Wilke-Clay Funeral Home with Rev. A. D. Eberhart, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fitzhugh Cemetery.

Palbearers will be Edward Perry Prather, Jimmy Wayne Pohl, James W. Lyle, Ernest Ray Carter, George Kelley and Al Jabour.

Mrs. Prather, a longtime Austin resident, died Saturday in a local hospital.

Funeral notice for Bethel V. Prather  
Austin American, November 15, 1971

Lloyd Payne

1107 West Monroe St.

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Capitol Heights

Frame residence

29222 2-25-46

\$1,000.00

Owner

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Building permit to Lloyd Payne for the construction of the house (1946)

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

No. B- 341

Sec. 114

Received of LLOYD PAYNE Date 3-1-46  
 Address 1107 WEST MONROE St.  
 Amount TWO AND 50/100 \$ 2.50  
 Plumber A.A.A. Size of Tap 1/2"  
 Date of Connection 3-21-46  
 Size of Tap Made 3/4"  
 Size Service Made 3/4"  
 Size Main Tapped 2"  
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7'6"  
 From E. Prop. Line to Curb Cock 20'  
 Location of Meter CURB  
 Type of Box LOCK  
 Depth of Main in St. CLUB 2'11"  
 Depth of Service Line 2'  
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main OVER M.  
 Checked by Engr. Dept. M.B. 10-3-46

No. Fittings	Size	Job No.	Req. No.
1	Curb Cock 5/8"	208 223 502	515000
1	Elbow		
1	1 St. Elbow 3/4" CP		
1	Bushing		
1	1 Reducer 3/4" CP		
1	2" Pipe 3/4" CP		
1	1 Teat Comp 3/4" CP		
1	Nipples		
1	Union		
1	1 Plug 1/2" CP		
1	1 Tap 1/2" CP		
1	1 Stop		
1	1 Box		
1	1 Lid		
1	Valves		

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Water service permit to Lloyd Payne for this address (1946)

Receipt No. 53844 Application for Sewer Connection No. 20114A  
 Austin, Texas 3-5 1946  
 To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.  
 Sir:—  
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by  
Lloyd Payne at 1107 West Monroe Street,  
 further described as Lot 10 Block F Outlot Division  
 subdivision: Capital Hg Plat 114, which is to be used as a Res  
 In this place there are to be installed 5 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 21925  
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge 3-5-46  
 Depth at Prop. Line 3-4' at Main  
 Connected } 6 1/2' W of ELL  
 (Location)  
 Date 3-19-46  
 By Lug  
 NOTE: Connection Instructions 6" sewer to W. Monroe + 3 ft deep  
main 17' 5" J.N.P.  
 Respectfully B.A.A. Thompson  
aw. A1344

Sewer connection application by Lloyd Payne for this address (1946)