# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS HDP-2014-0770 1803 SINGLETON AVENUE

#### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story rectangular-plan, side-gabled frame house with vinyl siding; single 1:1 windows; partial-width entry cover on plain, square wood posts.

#### RESEARCH

The house was built in 1950 by Reuben Ake, who, with his wife, Geneva, lived here for the rest of their lives. Reuben Ake was a native of Texas, and worked as a groundskeeper for the City Parks and Recreation Department at the time he and Geneva built this house. The 1940 U.S. Census shows that he was a "common laborer" at Marshall Ford Dam at the time of the census report. Geneva Ake died in 1980; Reuben worked as a laborer in San Marcos for the next year or two, and then passed away in 1982.

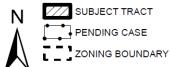
#### STAFF COMMENTS

The house does not appear in any City survey.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage relocation over demolition, but release the permit. The house has been modified with the application of vinyl siding, and has neither the historical nor the architectural significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, nor as a good candidate for documentation.





CASE#: HDP-2014-0770 Address: 1803 SINGLETON AVE

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1"=200'

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# 1803 Singleton Avenue ca. 1950



## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1803 Singleton Avenue

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

1992	Wilhelmina Vaughn, owner Retired
1985-86	Wilhelmina Vaughn, renter Retired
1981	Reuben Ake, owner Laborer (in San Marcos, Texas)
1977	Reuben and Geneva Ake, owners Employed by the City
1973	Reuben and Geneva Ake, owners Retired
1968	Reuben and Geneva Ake, owners Employed by Austin Livestock Company (not listed in the directory)
1962	Reuben and Geneva Ake, owners Groundskeeper, City Parks and Recreation Department

1959	Reuben and Geneva Ake, owners Park keeper, City Parks and Recreation Department
1955	Reuben and Geneva Ake, owners Employed by the City of Austin
1952	Reuben K. Ake, owner Park keeper, City of Austin
1949	The address is not listed in the directory.

NOTE: Reuben Ake is not listed in the directory.

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### Reuben and Geneva Ake (ca. 1950 – ca. 1982)

Ruben and Geneva Ake appear in the 1940 U.S. Census as the renters of a duplex at 1206 Bob Harrison Street in Austin. Ruben Ake was 43, had been born in Texas, and was a "common laborer" at Marshall Ford Dam. Geneva Ake was 41, had been born in Texas, and was a cook in a sorority house. They had no children listed with them. Geneva Ake died in 1980.

AKE, Reuben, 83, 1803 Singleton Ave., died Thursday. Services 11 a.m. today at King-Tears Mortuary. \* Burial, Evergreen Cemetery.

Obituary of Reuben Ake Austin <u>American-Statesman</u>, September 18, 1982

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Building permit to Reuben Ake for the construction of the house (1950)

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