

**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.

LOCATION MAP



SUBJECT TRACT



PENDING CASE



ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 200'

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

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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 Thurs-
day. Services 11 a.m. today
at King-Tears Mortuary.
Burial, Evergreen
Cemetery.**

Obituary of Reuben Ake
Austin American-Statesman, September 18, 1982

Reuben Ake	1803 Singleton Avenue
38 10	2 - -
Glenwood Addn.	
Frame residence.	
44577 5-17-50	\$3200.00
Ralph Carrington	

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

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WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

Received of REUBEN AKE Date 9-7-50

Address 1803 SINGLETON

Amount TWENTY AND 7/100 \$20.00

Plumber E. MOONEY Size of Tap 3/4"

Date of Connection 9-18-50

Size of Tap Made 3/4"

Size Service Made "

Size Main Tapped 8"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock

From ☒ Prop. Line to Curb Cock 9'

Location of Meter

Type of Box LOCK

Depth of Main in St. 2'

Depth of Service Line 11'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 28.5'

Checked by Engr. Dept. 10-2-50 BZ

No. Fittings	Size
1	Curb Cock 3/4"
1	Elbow 3/4" and 5 from EOP
	St. Elbow
	Bushing
	Reducer 3/4" and 1"
	30" Pipe 3/4" cap
	Lead Comp.
	Nipples
	Union 3/4" and 1"
	Plug 3/4"
	Tee
	Stop
	Box
	Lid
	Valves 6" Fello + cone
	Job No. 4323-502
	P. & T. No.

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Water service permit to Reuben Ake for this address (1950)

Receipt No. 15301 Application for Sewer Connection No. 26848

Austin, Texas, 9-7-50

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 Reuben Ake at 1803 Singleton Street, further described as Lot 10 Block 2 Outlet 3 Division B subdivision Glennwood Plat 38, which is to be used as a store

In this place there are to be installed 2 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 40099

I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge. OK 9-8-50

Depth at Prop. Line 5'

Respectfully,

Stub Out } 5' S. of N. L.
Connected }
(Location)

Date 9-12-50

By Calderon

NOTE: Connection Instruction 6' Sewer in Alley ± 5' deep

mean 7' deep W.R.

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Sewer connection application by Reuben Ake for this address (1950)